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Helpful Hands

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The Gimli Kiwanis club supplied the Wave's kids and staff with hi-vis vests, garbage bags and other supplies for their volunteer cleanup project along Highway 9, south of Gimli. See story on pg. 5.

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Woman turning Arborg into Halloween Town

By Evan Matthews

If only it were ghouls, ghosts and goblins to be afraid of this Halloween, but for so many whose lives have been turned upside down by a pandemic, health has been a scarier subject than any hauntings.

But for Arborg's Gail Mather, Halloween is the best time of year, and she's doing all she can to bring spooky season back for the kids. She's asking for Main Street businesses and residents to help.

"At one point, we weren't sure whether or not traditional trick-or-treating would even go ahead. ... Now it sounds like it might be a family's decision to make," said Mather, who is also the Arborg Legion's clubroom manager.

At press time, despite local case numbers rising of late, neither the federal nor provincial governments have put a ban on door-to-door trick or treating. However, many governments across the country have come up with guidelines for how to celebrate safer.

Some of those suggestions from gov-

ernment websites have included using costume props to knock on doors, putting sidewalk markers down to help maintain distancing, and helping kids to avoid crowded doorways and steps.

"Regardless, we want to make sure kids have something, even if it's not traditional," she said.

"So, a small group of volunteers have called on Main Street businesses to decorate outside their store and have someone outside in costume handing out candy on Halloween," she said, emphasizing, of course, the need to maintain all the aforementioned safety suggestions as they relate to transmission mitigation.

The Arborg Bakery has offered to run its food truck during the event, offering free hot dogs and hot chocolate for the kids. At the truck, a donation bin will be placed for the Arborg Christmas Cheer Board.

A photographer is also expected to be present, according to Mather.

However, some businesses such as the Co-op (and its kids' club), have decided against participating due to



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Several Arborg businesses will be handing out treats for children from 4:30 to 6 p.m. on Oct. 31.

COVID concerns.

"We totally understand those concerns," said Mather, adding the importance of empathy, attempting to understand everyone's perspective during difficult times.

"We want to do everything we can to keep our kids and their parents safe, but we want to give them something to be excited about, too — an outing."

Mather said her passion for the season comes from being a young person, and she said when she realized she wouldn't be able to trick-or-treat for the first time, she was devastated.

In Mather's case it was due to age, but she said she'd like to avoid premature devastation for any young person who also loves the season.

The event is planned for Halloween night, Oct. 31, from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Main Street in Arborg.

Though Mather has put the call out, by press time, she said she was still awaiting responses from many businesses. She encouraged anyone with questions or interest to call her at 204-960-9131.

Northern Remote numbers continue to rise in Interlake-Eastern region

Submitted

Public health officials advise the 41st and 42nd deaths due to COVID-19 have been reported, a female in her 80s and a male in his 70s, both from the Winnipeg health region and linked to the Heritage Lodge outbreak. These cases were previously announced.

The current five-day COVID-19 test positivity rate is 4.2 per cent and 80 new cases of the virus have been identified as of 9:30 a.m., bringing the total number of cases in Manitoba to 3,382.

Today's data (Oct. 19) shows:

- four cases in the Interlake-Eastern health region;
- five cases in the Northern health region;

- six cases in the Prairie Mountain Health region;

- 14 cases in the Southern Health-Santé Sud health region; and

- 51 cases in the Winnipeg health region.

The data also shows:

- 1,743 active cases and 1,597 individuals who have recovered from COVID-19;

- there are 28 people in hospital and six people in intensive care; and

- the number of deaths due to COVID-19 is 42.

The Interlake-Eastern breakdown by districts is as follows: A total of 275 cases, 122 active cases, 152 recovered, three currently in the hospital and one death. Arborg/Riverton, 20;

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**ARBORG BIFROST-RIVERTON RECREATION MASTER PLAN
– COMMUNITY WORKSHOP NOTICE**

Dear Resident,

The Town of Arborg and the RM of Bifrost-Riverton have recently initiated a comprehensive Recreation Master Plan process. Stakeholder engagement and public consultation are key components of this recreation planning process, and the project team is interested in receiving your input. We would like to invite you to a community workshop, the goals of which will be to:

- Introduce the project and share preliminary findings;
- Understand specific user group and demographic needs;
- Gauge satisfaction with existing facilities and programming;
- Establish recreation priorities;
- Develop the long-term vision/philosophy for recreation in Arborg and Bifrost-Riverton; and,
- Receive your feedback and input into the Recreation Master Plan process.

Please join us at one of the following community workshops:

Riverton (Riverton-Bifrost Community Hall) 175 Reggie Leach Dr., Riverton, MB	Arborg (Arborg Bifrost Community Centre) 409 Recreation Centre, Arborg, MB
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Riverton Workshop #1: Monday, November 2nd, 5:00 PM• Riverton Workshop #2: Monday, November 2nd, 7:30 PM	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Arborg Workshop #1: Tuesday, November 3rd, 5:00 PM• Arborg Workshop #2: Tuesday, November 3rd, 7:30 PM

Due to ongoing COVID-19 considerations, we ask that you RSVP at either **204-453-8008** or info@landmarkplanning.ca to let us know which community workshop session you are planning on attending. While all four workshops will feature the same presentation materials, the interactive discussion portion of each will be geared towards the host community. To help ensure your safety, social distancing and other protocols will be in effect.

If you are unable to attend, or would like to discuss the Recreation Master Plan further, please don't hesitate to contact us. A community recreation survey will be launched in early November, offering additional opportunities to provide feedback and input. Thanks again, and we look forward to meeting with you soon!

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Interlake Breast Cancer Support Group in need of donations

By Sydney Lockhart

The Liliane Baron South Interlake Breast Cancer Support Group cancelled their annual fundraising event due to COVID-19.

Every year, the Liliane Baron South Interlake Breast Cancer Support Group hosts a walk around Teulon with prize draws and a barbecue to raise money for women who are battling breast cancer.

Because of the pandemic restrictions, the 19th annual event cannot take place. However, the group's organizers are hoping to be able to hold the event next year in time for their 20th walk but are still taking donations in the meantime.

"It (the walk) was started by women who had been diagnosed," said volunteer organizer Eileen Wood.

"We normally have monthly meetings and we're a very upbeat group. The women are free to talk about whatever is going on in their life."

Wood has never had breast cancer but chooses to help out because she is close friends with many survivors, including founder Claudette Griffin.

Griffin lost her mom Liliane Baron to breast cancer in 2001.

"We've helped over 50 women and a lot of younger women are now being diagnosed as well," said Wood.

The group helps Interlake breast cancer patients pay for things such as childcare, prosthesis, travel, meals and wigs while going through treatments.

"You don't want to join this group; if you do, it means you have cancer. You join if you need the support," said cancer survivor Lori Mott. "I'm proud to say I'm 50 because at 45, I didn't know if I would."

Mott was diagnosed with breast cancer at the age of 45. One of her friends had heard about the Liliane Baron South Interlake Breast Cancer Support Group and suggested she go.

Mott didn't reach out to the group; she said a part of her didn't want people to know.

"Sometimes when you find out, you don't want to tell anyone because saying it makes it feel real. Claudette reached out to me and told me when the next meeting was and I went," she said.

Mott said she is glad she went to that meeting five years ago because she has been going ever since.

"The ladies all get together and ev-

eryone shares their stories and how they dealt with things and different treatments," she said. "Someone from the group will reach out or send a care package or a phone call when they hear someone is diagnosed."

Many women in the group come to the monthly meetings when they are going through treatments, but many also continue to come to the meetings after being cancer-free.

"I still go as much as I can to be there to listen to people because they were such a good group to me," said Mott.

All of the money raised stays within the group and goes to the local ladies who are in need of financial help or support.

Mott says the group is great for giving each other advice.

"I went through 29 radiation treatments and I was burnt really badly. Some of the ladies gave me some tips to help that," she said.

Through tears, Mott said she is very

thankful for the friends she has in her life.

"I have amazing friends. One of my friends arranged a ride for me every day, for 29 days of treatments. It was so hard for me. It was incredible that she came to me with that. I'll never be able to repay her," she said.

Most cancer societies take a portion of donations and use them for administration or advertising costs. Mott said the Liliane Baron South Interlake Breast Cancer Support Group gives all their donations directly to Interlake women.

"It could be your sister or your mother or your aunt. No one thinks of it until it affects someone they know," she said.

Mott and her husband own the service station in Inwood and sell sets of pink valve stem covers for \$5. They donate this money back to the support group.

Liliane Baron South Interlake Breast Cancer Support Group is encouraging people to donate and give pledges at this time since October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

Their donation numbers have been lower than normal due to the pandemic.

Donations can be dropped off at L.J. Baron Realty located at 62 Main St., Teulon, or mailed to Liliane Baron, South Interlake Breast Cancer Support Group, Box 56, Teulon, MB, R0C 2Z0.

"I HAVE AMAZING FRIENDS."



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Lori Mott, left, and her friend Nicole Kowalchuk gathered last year at the Liliane Baron South Interlake Breast Cancer Support Group fundraiser.

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Printing subjected to backlash after making face masks optional

By Patricia Barrett

After the owner of Splash Printing in Gimli posted a sign in his window indicating face masks are optional for customers, he and his wife were subjected to attacks on social media and backlash from some people in the community.

Steve Affleck, who has operated Splash for 20 years, said he wanted to let people decide for themselves whether or not they should don a face mask in his Centre Street business, so he stuck up a sign saying, "Face Diapers Not Required! Everyone Welcome."

"I want people to know they're welcome to come in with a face diaper or not. It's completely up to them. We will not judge them," said Affleck last Friday by phone. "People are perfectly welcome to come in [wearing a mask]. I have no issue with that."

He said he uses the term face diaper rather than face mask to avoid having his views censored by social media administrators.

"The reason I call them face diapers instead of masks is because when you use the word mask on social media in a derogatory way or in a negative way, they pull [the post] right away; you're censored," he said.

It was on social media where Affleck and his wife were subjected to put-downs and threats after they put up the sign in their storefront window.

"People were saying we are ignorant, we hope you get COVID, we hope you die. My wife had a death threat the first day," said Affleck. "We had another guy threaten to come in and take the sign down for us. It's just been absolutely horrific. And some of this is

coming from Gimli, our own town."

In addition to the sign, Affleck was criticized for being a Donald Trump supporter. Affleck had spoken to media in 2016 about his support for Trump. Those opposed to his sign encouraged others to boycott his business, which offers black and white and colour printing, booklets, cards and scanning, among other services.

"I saw posts that said, 'Don't shop there, he likes Donald Trump, he's a Donald Trump supporter,'" said Affleck. "What does that have to do with anything? After that, I thought the goddamn sign stays on the window."

He said the COVID-related shutdown in March and the subsequent cancelling of events has affected his bottom line as spring and early summer are his busiest times. To now have people encouraging others to avoid his business because of his interest in Trump and American politics is "ridiculous and unacceptable."

Despite the attacks, Affleck said he has far more supporters than critics. And he has distributed across the Interlake and southern Manitoba 18,000 business-sized cards that state a person is exempt from wearing a face mask under the Canadian Human Rights Act and the Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

Affleck said he's personally not worried about contracting the virus or having people from communities that have high COVID numbers come into his shop.

"I don't deny that we have this thing called COVID-19 out there. I think it's dangerous. However, I think it's no more dangerous than the regular flu," he said.



EXPRESS PHOTO BY STEVE AFFLECK

Masks not mandatory in Gimli's Splash Printing.

There are currently no specific public health restrictions that apply to Gimli, he said. The province's "mandate" has extended only as far as Dunnottar.

"Face diapers aren't mandated here so you don't have to wear them if you don't want to," he said.

According to the province's sector-based guidance on its COVID website, businesses must prevent the transmission of the virus: "Businesses must operate in accordance with the public health order and in a manner that prevents transmission of COVID-19." They're also expected to keep customers two metres apart except for "brief exchanges."

Affleck says his store has "plenty of room," enabling people to maintain the recommended distance.

"We've been practising this from the very beginning," he said. "And you can't get within six feet of me. We have hand sanitizer and we clean the counter every day. We're doing everything that everyone else is doing."

When he travels to Winnipeg, which requires mandatory mask-wearing indoors, Affleck said he doesn't wear a face mask and that's led to his being hassled.

"We go into Winnipeg and my wife and I both have medical issues and we can't wear [a face mask]. We get such a hassle from people and from store owners or managers and from COVID-Nazis standing at the door. We're so sick and tired of being treated like lepers," he said.

Even if the province made face masks mandatory in Gimli, Affleck said he wouldn't enforce it in his shop.

"You don't have to. Everyone is exempt. If people would look at the rules, they would realize that every Canadian citizen is exempt from wearing masks. It's against your charter of rights and freedoms," he said.

"You can't be discriminated against if you have a health condition. And if you can't wear a mask because you have a health condition, it's your right not to wear one."

Last Thursday, Manitoba saw a record-breaking 173 new positive cases and chief provincial public health officer Dr. Brent Roussin saying, "we've lost our way with the fundamentals," which include wearing face masks.

As of last Sunday, there were 29 people with COVID in hospital, including six in intensive care. The province has had 40 deaths, including a male in his 40s with no underlying health conditions.

Winnipeg and surrounding communities, including Dunnottar, Selkirk, Stonewall, Teulon, Rockwood and St. Andrews, are under public health's orange (restricted) level, which makes face masks in indoor public places mandatory and no more than five people at gatherings.

A spokesperson for public health said if businesses don't fall under the designated restricted area, "they have their own discretion to make mask use optional. Optional implies it is requested but not mandatory."

Gimli remains under yellow (caution) at present. But rural people who travel to the city for work or appointments or to shop are being asked by the province to wear masks.

Affleck's sign and stance on face masks has some residents of Gimli offended and concerned about the message he's sending. The *Express* spoke with two people, both of whom asked for anonymity because Gimli is a small town where everyone knows everyone else.

"This boils down to the fact that

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Community stewardship; Gimli's Wave kids clean up trash along Highway 9

By Patricia Barrett

Kids who are part of the Wave Youth Drop-in Centre in Gimli are picking up trash to protect the environment and preventing items made of plastic from making their way from ditches into Lake Winnipeg.

Supported by the Kiwanis Club of Gimli & District, Wave kids have started to remove the trash that's accumulated south of Gimli, along Highway 9.

"We teamed up with Kiwanis and they gave us garbage bags, vests and gloves. They're awesome. It's so nice they've provided us with these supplies," said Anders Kuusselka, who has been the Wave's director in Gimli for about a year. "Right now, we're cleaning up Highway 9 from Minerva Road through to Sandy Hook."

The kids are trying to complete a three-mile or so stretch each time they're out. After school, on Tuesdays and Thursdays, they hit the highway with Wave staff.

"It's a lot of work because there's a lot of garbage there," said Kuusselka, a retired Gimli High School media arts teacher who still subs when needed. "We leave the bags on the side of the road and the RM of Gimli picks them up. We'll be doing the cleanup over a

period of time because we can't do it all at once."

The Wave's after-school program has no designated building it can call home. It has to rely on donated or rented space in schools, municipal buildings or hotels to offer programming that keeps youth occupied and focused on fun after-school activities and engaged in socially responsible endeavours.

The program also arms kids with practical job skills and offers a popular music program — the NexGen Garage Band — where kids can play and perform together.

The non-profit group is currently raising money to build its own youth centre, which will be situated on land near the Gimli Recreation Centre, the skateboard park and two schools. Wave kids have stepped up to help raise funds through various initiatives.

"It's a lot of money and [the fundraising] is going to be a slow process unless we have a big donor step in," said Kuusselka. "But we're doing all kinds of things to raise money for the building. We've already had a Tim Horton's fundraiser, a 50-50 draw and we operated the Snack Shack on the



EXPRESS PHOTO BY ANDERS KUUSSELKA

The Wave highway cleanup crew.

beach. We've also held coffee houses in the past where the kids perform with NexGen."

And the Gimli community, with "a lot of nice generous people," has been helping the group achieve its goal, he said.

With provincial public health minimizing group sizes because of COVID-19, Kuusselka said the kids are divided into small groups. And they wear masks and practise social distancing.

Despite COVID having changed the way we operate, Kuusselka said there's an upside to the Wave not having its own building at the moment. Had they already built one and then

had to cancel or cut back programming, they'd still have utilities and taxes to pay.

"There's a blessing in this. There's a good side to everything," he said. "All the money we raise can go towards the centre we want to build rather than paying hydro and other expenses."

The kids' response to the highway cleanup was amazing, he said.

"The kids love helping the community. We were shocked at how many kids we got for this cleanup. They just showed up when the word got out," said Kuusselka. "If we have nice weather, we'll keep cleaning up until the snow comes."

> SPLASH, FROM PG. 4

they're ridiculing people who are trying to do the right thing, [which is wearing a face mask]," said the first resident. "Especially since the mask isn't protecting the wearer; it's protecting people around them. We're trying to be responsible and we're being ridiculed for that. It's insulting."

Affleck is not breaking any law by making masks optional, said the resident, but everyone can help minimize the chances of spreading the virus by wearing one.

"We believe everyone should do their part," said the resident. "It's so easy to be responsible and we feel that those who are being responsible are being mocked. The sign is unnecessary; it's a slap in the face."

Despite disagreeing with Affleck's stance, the resident said he/she thinks Affleck and his wife are nice people but won't be using their services should the need arise.

The second Gimli resident who the Express spoke with said he/she won't be patronizing the printing store after seeing his sign.

Affleck and his wife are "good people who've made a bad judgment call," said the resident, and respects their right to freedom of speech.

"They're free to say whatever they want to, but they're saying this in an offensive way," said the resident. "They could have just said face masks are not required, but they choose to be offensive."

Many people the resident said he/she has spoken to said they won't be using Splash's services.

"We've heard an awful lot of push-back from people and from stores around town who are upset about it," said the resident. "A few have said, 'We're just not going to deal with them any more.' We were starting to find out that everyone else was just as offended about it as we are."

Following some of the public comments about Affleck's sign on a local

Facebook page, the resident said tempers flared and the debate escalated quickly. It was "vicious" and the "F-bomb was not a rarity."

Splash's sign was taken down at night last week, the resident said, but it was put back up every morning.

"Maybe they were afraid someone would smash their window. My obvious question is if you're afraid someone is going to throw a brick through your window because of your sign, then why the heck do you have it up in the first place?"

Public health has been exhorting the public on a daily basis to adhere to its directives. And the province, through media announcements and advertisements mailed out to residents, is asking Manitobans to stick to four fundamentals — wear a mask in public indoor settings, stay home if sick, stay two metres away from others, wash your hands frequently — to reduce the chance of spreading the virus that has so far killed over 1.1 million people worldwide.

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Help put 'community' in community newspaper

By Evan Matthews

Times have been so tough for everyone amidst this global pandemic, and now more than ever, society needs positive stories and the sense our communities care for one another.

This week, we heard an amazing story out of St. Laurent School, in which a community member told a school staff member about a President's Choice grant that gave the school an additional \$5,000 toward its snack program.

If not for the community member coming forward, the school wouldn't have the money.

It's pretty awesome to think about our communities, and the organizations within them, working together in such a way — a way that helps everyone benefit in our communities.

Which leads to this reminder and/or appeal: you, our readers, are the community in community newspaper.

Without you, your stories and your willingness to share them, our papers

would be empty.

We are thankful for the opportunity to share your stories, and we hope you as a reader — as an active community member — are thankful to have them chronicled.

Our newspaper industry has not been immune to this virus, as we've seen other news groups shut their doors for good.

We've been very fortunate to have the local support that we have. Yes, we've seen advertisers and organizations cancel their advertising and events to save their own bottom line, and, yes, we have had to watch our expenses to save our bottom line, but that doesn't change the fact that we still have to report the news. With a little juggling from here to there, we have been able to continue printing and publishing every week.

Things have changed, but one thing we know for sure is the same: there are still stories — positive stories, at that — to be told.

It is worth acknowledging the barriers in acquiring them, in our present time.

Without being in our communities, seeing and engaging with our readers on a daily basis, the stories are not at our fingertips in the way they once were.

Consider this an appeal or an invitation: what is going on in your community, or your life, that makes you proud?

Who is doing good things in your community?

Why do they matter to you?

Contact us, share with us, celebrate with us. The social fabric of our communities has seen better days than right now, as connection is hard to come by, but we can and want to help.

Our news group's mission is to connect people through stories, to build stronger communities.

Each and every week, this being another example, we invite you to be a part of that.

> NORTHERN REMOTE, FROM PG. 2

recovered; Beausejour, 16 recovered; Eriksdale/Ashern, 3 active cases; Fisher/Peguis, 28 active and 14 recovered; Gimli, 1 active case and 1 recovered; Northern Remote, 62 active cases; Pinawa/Lac du Bonnet, 6 recovered; Powerview/Pine Falls, 3 active case and 3 recovered; Selkirk, 2 recovered; Springfield, 4 active cases and 33 recovered; St. Clements, 4 active cases and 2 recovered; St. Laurent, 1 recovered; Stonewall/Teulon, 6 active cases, 29 recovered and 1 death; Unknown District, 4 active cases and 6 recovered; and Winnipeg Beach/St. Andrews, 7 active cases and 19 recovered.

Laboratory testing numbers show

1,677 tests were completed yesterday, bringing the total number of lab tests completed since early February to 226,594. Case investigations continue and if a public health risk is identified, the public will be notified.

Possible exposure locations are listed online by region at the province's #RestartMB Pandemic Response System webpage. For up-to-date information on possible public exposures to COVID-19 in regions, visit www.gov.mb.ca/covid19/updates/flights.html#event and click on your region.

With the growing number of cases in the Winnipeg Metropolitan Region, the province is introducing targeted measures under the Restricted

(orange) level of the #RestartMB Pandemic Response System to reduce community spread of the virus by reducing close, prolonged contact between people. These measures came into effect Monday and will be in place for a minimum of two weeks. For more information, visit <https://manitoba.ca/covid19/restartmb/prs/winnipeg/index.html>.

The chief provincial public health officer strongly encourages Manitobans to reduce the number of close contacts outside their household and avoid closed-in or crowded spaces. In addition, they should focus on these

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Governments invest in new affordable housing project for seniors

Submitted by Manitoba government

Construction is nearly complete on a new \$12.9-million affordable housing project in Gimli for seniors who want to live independently in their community while enjoying the natural beauty of the region, federal Families, Children and Social Development Minister Ahmed Hussen and Manitoba Families Minister Heather Stefanson announced last week.

"Every Canadian deserves a safe and affordable place to call home," said Hussen. "Senior citizens have brought so many contributions to our society that making sure that they have a safe and affordable home is one way to give back to them. Now more than ever, it is important that we come together to support our seniors. This is why our government is proud to support projects such as this one."

This is an important milestone for the community, for Manitoba seniors and for our government, said Stefanson at an event in Gimli.

"Strategic investments like this will make an incredible difference in the lives of seniors who live in Gimli, ensuring they have another affordable housing option that is close to their families, community organizations and services they rely on."

The new Gimli Seniors' Residence will be a four-storey, 48,000-square-foot complex featuring 40 one-bedroom and two-bedroom rental units. The affordable, independent-living complex for people aged 55-plus will be conveniently located next to a seniors centre and other amenities to help keep residents active and connected to the community.

Community support for the project has been led by the Gimli Seniors' Residence (GSR) group. Once it is complete, the Manitoba government will retain ownership of the building

and will establish a sponsor-management arrangement with the GSR group to handle the operations of the property.

"This project means that 40 more families can choose Gimli as the place they would like to live," said Lina Allegro, GSR group president. "We started our work with many stakeholders in 2011. Today, we have the privilege of naming the apartment complex built by the federal and provincial governments and supported by the RM of Gimli."

Some units will offer accessible features to support seniors who may have mobility issues, ensuring they can continue to live in the community. It will also offer a shared multipurpose room, common room, kitchen and outdoor patio for tenants. All units will be available at affordable rates.

Recognizing the importance of affordable housing for seniors in the community, the Rural Municipality of Gimli donated the land and has been involved throughout the design process. The RM will help offset property taxes for the complex for the next 10 years.

"The RM of Gimli is very grateful to the provincial and federal governments for their support," said Mayor Lynn Greenberg, Rural Municipality of Gimli. "Without them, this important housing project would not have happened. This will be an important addition to our community and will benefit many seniors who want to call Gimli home."

Construction is expected to be complete in early 2021, with the first tenants expected in the spring, Stefanson noted. The building will follow the province's accessible design standards and will exceed the requirements set out by Manitoba Hydro's



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Manitoba Families Minister Heather Stefanson was in Gimli last week to update the community on the affordable housing project for seniors.

Power Smart designation for new buildings.

Have your say on measures to stop rural crime in Manitoba

The Manitoba government is seeking feedback on proposed measures to combat rural crime and metal theft.

Four legislative initiatives have been proposed based on recently passed legislation in Saskatchewan, Alberta and B.C to reduce rural crime.

- Amendments to The Petty Trespasses Act (PTA)
- Amendments to The Occupiers' Liability Act (OLA)
- Amendments to The Animal Diseases Act (ADA)
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fundamentals to help stop the spread of COVID-19:

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- If you cannot physically distance, wear a mask to help reduce the risk to others or as required by public health orders.

Unless recommended by public health officials, only individuals experiencing COVID-19 symptoms should go for testing. Individuals with symptoms are asked to seek testing as soon as possible once symptoms are pres-

ent. Employers are asked to only send employees for testing if they have symptoms or if testing has been recommended by public health officials.

The online assessment tool can be found at <https://sharedhealthmb.ca/covid19/screening-tool/> and COVID-19 symptoms can be found at www.gov.mb.ca/covid19/updates/about.html#collapse4.

For up-to-date information on COVID-19 in Manitoba, visit www.manitoba.ca/COVID19.

For up-to-date information on the #RestartMB Pandemic Response System, visit <https://manitoba.ca/covid19/restartmb/prs/index.html>.

IERHA preps for flu season

'Heightened importance for immunization'

By Evan Matthews

As people continue to construct their own COVID defence mechanisms, the Interlake-Eastern Regional Health Authority is cautioning people from letting their guard down to other common illness.

This year may be more important than ever for people to get an annual flu shot, according to the IERHA, as the organization is emphasizing its efforts to help avoid what it is calling a "twindemic."

"There will be larger numbers of people becoming ill with influenza, while the coronavirus is (still) circulating at the same time," said a press release from the IERHA.

"While the seasonal flu shot won't protect you from COVID-19, getting immunized is still important. Since everyone who is experiencing flu-like symptoms should be tested for COVID-19, the less people that have the flu, the better," the press release reads.

As has been the narrative since March, the flu shot is just one more proactive tool in Manitoba's public health arsenal to avoid an increased demand for COVID-19 testing, as well as on the health-care system.

The other proactive public health pillars include frequent hand washing and hygiene, avoiding touching one's face, social distancing, and wearing a mask in situations where

social distancing is not possible.

Changes to 2020 flu shot procedure

To avoid congestion and high demand for a flu shot, the IERHA said this year residents are being asked to book an appointment.

Appointments can be booked by calling 1-877-979-9355 between 8:30 a.m. and 6 p.m., seven days a week in October, or between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday to Friday in November.

The IERHA is asking residents when booking a flu shot this year to please note:

- Only limited walk-ins are available this year. Call 1-877-979-9355 to book an appointment;
- Some flu clinic locations may have changed due to COVID-19. Please check online listings at www.is.gd/fluclinics;
- You must wear a face mask to your appointment;
- Please practise good hand-washing and social distancing;
- Do not come to your appointment if you are experiencing flu-like symptoms;
- Please come right at your appointment time to avoid congestion;
- Bring your Manitoba Health Card, and wear a short-sleeved shirt.

For more information on this year's flu clinics, residents can visit www.is.gd/fluclinics or



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An IERHA nurse delivers a flu shot in 2019.

find listing of clinics in respective community newspapers the last week of October.

Oak Point Community Hall nears completion

By Evan Matthews

It's a big day for the St. Laurent and Oak Point communities, as the rebuilt Oak Point Community Hall is nearing completion.

St. Laurent Reeve Cheryl Smith said the community is anxious to open its once oft-used community centre, which has been completely reconstructed with funding from insurance.

"The framing is up, the roof is on, (we've) just went through architectural and engineering inspections and all was good, and electricians and plumbers have started their work," said Smith.

"The windows are ready, but the siding — which will be installed shortly — has to go in first. As for completion, we're on track for end of January or early February," she said, adjusting the original completion date from the end of November.

The new building is located at the same location as the old, about a kilometre and a half southwest of the Hwy 6 Hotel, on the corner of Sutherland Avenue and Road 511.

The RM awarded the contract to

Winnipeg Builders.

"It's going to be a fabulous building, just beautiful," said Smith. "They've been doing such a wonderful job."

The original Oak Point Community Hall burned to the ground on Oct. 5, 2019.

The original building was constructed in 1926, 93 years ago.

"It was our only gathering place in Oak Point," said Donny Halldorson, an Oak Point Community Club board member and vice-president.

"Without a building, there is nowhere else for us to go. We'll be very happy to see it constructed."

Dianne Appleyard, Oak Point Community Club Oak Point Community Club board treasurer, said a local man did the original construction for \$20, with the kitchen not seeing another renovation until the 1960s.

In 1970, Appleyard said the club added an addition onto the building's west side, which included an indoor bathroom and a bar.

Having been used for old time dances, potluck suppers, weddings, funerals, baby showers, bridal show-



EXPRESS PHOTO BY CHERYL SMITH

An interior view of the Oak Point Community Hall as of Sept. 13.

ers, birthday parties and more, the community will welcome a new event centre and hub.

At the time of the fire, community leaders said the new building would

be privy to upgrades the old facility did not have, things like air conditioning, new hardwood floors, a new kitchen and updated washrooms with wheelchair accessibility.

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Gimli man earns highest mark from ACC for heavy equipment technician course

By Patricia Barrett

A Gimli man was honoured with an award for receiving the highest mark in a technician course offered at Assiniboine Community College and also earned his journeyman credentials.

Tyson Rudney, 26, completed Level 4 of ACC's heavy equipment technician course last November, receiving the highest mark (in the mid-90s) out of eight classes.

"I feel pretty good about getting this award," said Rudney by phone last week. "I did my best as usual, and I was lucky enough to get the highest mark. My family is pretty proud."

Rudney found out in May that he had earned the award but was unable to pick it up because COVID-19 had shut down the campus.

ACC presented him a framed certificate for his achievement, and Kubota Canada donated a toolbox.

It's not the first time Rudney has come out on top. In 2017 he earned a gold medal from the 20th Annual Skills Manitoba Competition for heavy equipment service.

ACC's course teaches students the skills they need to diagnose and repair agricultural equipment, trucks

and other heavy equipment. Students learn about diesel engines, electrical and computerized systems, and hydraulics, to name a few areas, and undertake an apprenticeship. The course prepares them for work in industries such as agriculture, mining, logging, construction and transport.

Level 4 is the final level of the course. After that, students can write an inter-provincial exam. If they score above 70 on the exam, they earn their journeyman's red seal ticket, said Rudney.

"That means I can work anywhere in Canada and that I'm certified as a journeyman for repairing heavy-duty equipment," he said. "I'm getting my journeyman's ticket this November — you have to wait for the fourth-year anniversary of the start of your apprenticeship."

Rudney said he doesn't have to worry about finding a job as he had started working for SMS Equipment in Winnipeg in 2017.

SMS is an international dealership for heavy-duty equipment brands such as Komatsu. It serves the construction, forestry, mining and utility industries. It also provides service for the equipment it sells.

With the arrival of COVID-19, Rud-



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Gimli's Tyson Rudney, left, received the highest mark in his class at Assiniboine Community College while earning his journeyman's certificate as a heavy equipment technician.

ney said he has to follow strict hygiene protocols at work.

"I mostly work in the shop, but I'm usually not working with others and I don't generally work with the public," he said. "But we still have pretty tough restrictions like social distancing, hand washing and sanitizing and

I do wear a face mask."

With his journeyman's certificate, Rudney can move anywhere in Manitoba or Canada for work, but he said he's not planning on leaving SMS.

"I'm happy working at SMS," he said.



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St. Laurent School receives nutrition food funding

By Evan Matthews

St. Laurent School announced a huge addition to its snack program last week.

The program has an additional \$5,000 this school year, which was made possible through the President's Choice Children's Charity School Nutrition Grant, according to the school's vice-principal Jesse Thomaschewski.

"This funding is really going to help make ends meet for certain meals and help us invest in other efficiencies, so to speak, when it comes to the program," said Thomaschewski.

"We get very generous donations from Winnipeg Harvest and Maple Leaf Meats already, but where I think this grant will really help is to fill in items missing from certain meals, to make examples of full snacks or full meals."

Thomaschewski thanked the community for its involvement in the school and its programs, even adding it was an educational assistant who had been told by a community member about the President's Choice Children's Charity School Nutrition Grant.

Had the staff not received the tip from an educational assistant who passed it on from a community member, he said the school's food program would have \$5,000 less than it does today.

"We got super lucky, and it's going to help. We've had to get a bit creative amidst COVID. In a typical year, as an example, we'd have volunteers come in to help and right now it's just not feasible," said Thomaschewski.

"Our educational assistants who have food handling certificates have



A sample of an afternoon snack, put together by educational assistants.

been handling a lot of the preparation."

Lisa Bruce, a teacher at the school, spearheaded the food program's origins a few years ago while doing her post-bacc — a 30-credit-hour program developed for teachers; depending upon interests, needs and/or areas of expertise, students then design their own highly personalized program of studies — at the University of Winnipeg.

"I took an Indigenous studies class, and it was taught by a principal in Edmonton," said Bruce, adding the school's population was largely Indigenous, not dissimilar to the popula-



EXPRESS PHOTOS JESSE THOMASCHEWSKI

St. Laurent School students line up for snack time, as staff emphasized the importance of breaking bread together and the important role positive nutrition plays in keeping students engaged with school.

tion of St. Laurent School.

"The school emphasized a lot of cultural activities, but they also had a meal prepared every day at 1 p.m., and the teachers would eat with the students. It was all about building connection and how food brings people together."

Immediately, Bruce said the idea resonated and she wanted to implement the idea locally. After acquiring Winnipeg Harvest and Maple Leaf Meats as sponsors, the program began.

It was a much-needed program, as Bruce said teachers would see kids going hungry regularly.

"I was often giving my own lunch

away," said Bruce. "Poverty does exist, and we needed to bring in a free program. Now our kids, our Grade 7s this year, volunteer at Winnipeg Harvest in order to give back."

PC Grant background

The President's Choice Children's Charity school grants provide funding to publicly funded schools to deliver nutritious food and food-based education across the country, according to the organization, in order to fuel learning and empower kids to make healthier choices.

Intake for the 2021-22 school year starts in the spring of 2020.

WCF to take part in second round of Emergency Community Support

Submitted by WCF

Westshore Community Foundation WCF is announcing that it will be providing \$30,000 to support local charities responding to COVID-19 as part of an ongoing partnership with Community Foundations Canada, funded through the Government of Canada's \$350M Emergency Community Support Fund (ECSF).

This vast national effort is a second round of funding that aims to support vulnerable populations disproportionately affected by COVID-19.

WCF vice-president David Douglas said, "As infection rates start to rise again in communities across the country, ongoing support is vital in the fight against COVID-19. Local charities and non-profit organizations are pillars in this community. For over six months, they have been working tirelessly to support those who need it most but the reality is, they're struggling with increased demand



at the same time as revenues have decreased. We're thrilled to be able to flow additional emergency funding their way through the ECSF, so they can continue their good work within our communities over the long haul."

The Prime Minister of Canada initially announced the Emergency Community Support Fund on April 21, 2020. It is part of a broad series of emergency response measures by the Government of Canada.

A first round of funding was disbursed through the community foundation network across Canada in June and July. WCF awarded a total of \$40,000 to eight organizations within our catchment area.

WCF is accepting applications for funding from qualified donees. The deadline to submit an application is Oct. 30, 2020. Grants can be used for a variety of purposes, including covering staffing or resource needs, purchase assistance and more. Charities and community organizations are invited to visit our foundation website for eligibility and application details.

WCF is an enduring charitable organization created to build a permanent capital fund, which supports registered charities and individuals along the west shore of Lake Winnipeg.

For more information on Round 2 of the ECSF, please visit westshorefoundation.com or call David Douglas at 204-642-8467.

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Daniels-Webb hoping to end junior career with a league championship

By Brian Bowman

Keewan Daniels-Webb had a great season a year ago, leading the Stonewall Jets in goals scored and points while also finishing seventh overall in points in the Manitoba Major Junior Hockey League.

He hopes — and expects — to be even better in his final season of junior hockey. Daniels-Webb could not wait to get the regular season started last Sunday. He feels with the Jets' leadership group, this team can go a long way in the playoffs.

"It's going to be awesome," said Daniels-Webb, now in his third season with the Jets, last week. "For myself, I just want to make sure that we're on the winning track this year. I want to make sure that the room is good and we have very good leaders this year so that will play a big part with our team. We have a lot of vocal leaders and a lot of older guys to take control of the room."

Daniels-Webb scored 23 goals and had 59 points in just 43 regular-season games. He hopes to increase that offensive production this season.

"The goal that I set for myself is to increase putting the puck in the net," he said. "I have to think shot first and hopefully put a few more pucks in the net."

He really clicked on a line with James Maxwell and Marcus Dewey last season but Daniels-Webb found himself playing on a line with Carson Ouellette and Jaxon Blight during this year's preseason.



EXPRESS PHOTO BY LANA MEIER
Stonewall Jets' high-scoring forward Keewan Daniels-Webb (19) is looking to have a breakout season in his final year of junior hockey.

"I do think we have a lot of depth on our line this year," said Daniels-Webb, who is 6-foot-4 and 230 pounds. "We have speed, size and skill. Hopefully, it all plays in our favour but we just have to work hard."

Daniels-Webb likes to use his size to his advantage as an offensive threat. He piled up a team-high 113 penalty minutes which was, by far, the highest total on the Jets last season.

Blight has Junior "A" experience and so does Daniels-Webb. Daniels-Webb played 46 games over three seasons with the Manitoba Junior Hockey League's OCN Blizzard and then suited up for six more games with the Selkirk Steelers.

He also played Junior "B" hockey for the Peguis Juniors of the Keystone Junior Hockey League.

Daniels-Webb started his junior year at the tender age of 16.

"I had the best time of my life my first year with OCN," said Daniels-Webb, who was born in Winnipeg, grew up in Peguis First Nation, and now lives in Gunton. "It was unbelievable. Out there it's just a different hockey community and the atmosphere at every home game was wild. I had never been in an arena like that and I learned a lot from the coaching there. They notice the little things and they'll explain things to you so you get a lot better."

Daniels-Webb said the MJHL is a faster league than the MMJHL. Still, the competition and skill level in the MMJHL is very good and is getting better and better every year, he said.

"I love playing for the Stonewall Jets," he said. "I've had nothing but a good time since I came. At first, I was kind of on edge with everything but as soon as I went to the team I felt really welcomed and welcomed with open arms when I went into that room."

WHL pushes back regular-season start date

Staff

The Western Hockey League Board of Governors announced last Thursday that the WHL regular season will begin Jan. 8.

Details regarding the schedule of games in each of the four WHL divisions will be announced at a later date.

The WHL has agreed that all regular-season games during the 2020-21 season will be played exclusively within the boundaries of each of the four divisions.

The East Division will consist of the seven Saskatchewan and Manitoba-based teams; the Central Division will include the five Alberta-based teams; the B.C. Division will consist of the five B.C.-based teams; and the U.S. Division will feature the five teams located in Washington and Oregon.

"The WHL is very excited to be opening our WHL regular season on Jan. 8," said WHL commissioner Ron Robison in a media release. "The WHL is a world-class development league and we remain fully committed to providing our players with the highest level of training, coaching and competition in the system."

All WHL players will be reporting to their respective clubs following the Christmas break where they will begin training in preparation for the opening of the regular season. A final determination had not yet been made as to whether spectators will be permitted to attend WHL games as this will be subject to the approval of the Health Authorities in each jurisdiction, said the release.

U15 Lightning tie, lose to Norman

By Brian Bowman

The Interlake Lightning earned one out of four possible points in The Pas last weekend.

Interlake played the Norman Wolves to a 2-2 tie on Saturday evening and then lost 5-2 on Sunday.

In the first game, Aidan Mayer gave Norman a 1-0 first-period lead and then the Wolves' Matt Otuole made it 2-0 with a power-play goal at 6:23 of the second.

But Interlake's Russell Watts tallied just 29 seconds

later and then the Lightning's Brandon Burak scored at 5:12 of the third.

Alex Myers had a strong game in goal for the Lightning, making 45 saves.

On Sunday, Burak and Blake Forthing, on the power play, scored for the Lightning.

Wyatt S (no last name given), with a pair, Otuole, Rachlan Hay and M. Ryder (no first name given).

Meanwhile, the U17 Lightning began their regular season Saturday against the Winnipeg Wild in

Warren.

Interlake then hosted the Eastman Selects on Monday in Stonewall. No score from either game was available at press time.

Eastman and Interlake will meet up again Wednesday at 8 p.m. in Niverville. The Lightning will host the Wild again Friday (7:30 p.m.) in Warren and then Interlake will battle Eastman once again in Niverville on Sunday (1:15 p.m.).

Einarson leads Virden in wins over Portage

Staff

Jack Einarson scored a pair of shorthanded goals in the third period to lift the Virden Oil Capitals to a 7-3 road victory over the Portage Terriers in Manitoba Junior Hockey League action last Friday.

Einarson, a Gimli product, earlier assisted on a Hunter Cloutier goal in the opening frame. He now has two goals and four points in four games this season.

Trevor Hunt, Owen Blocker, Josh Belcher and Brett Paddock also scored for Virden.

Jacob Piller, Rhys Raeside and Peyton Gorski replied for Virden.

On Sunday, Virden edged Portage 4-3 in a shootout. Former Interlake Lightning goaltender Chris Fines made 31 saves in the losing cause.

Canada West cancels multiple sports seasons

Submitted from the University of Manitoba website

Canada West announced last Thursday that no conference regular season, playoff or championship events will be staged during the 2020-21 season in men's and women's basketball, volleyball, hockey and wrestling, along with women's rugby 7s.

Decisions on the staging of 2020-21 Canada West championships in curling, track and field, and swimming have been deferred to a later date.

"Despite Canada West regular season, playoff and championship events being cancelled in the aforementioned sports, conference members have been empowered to explore competitive opportunities for their student-athletes, based on the principle of regional cohort play," read a statement. "Learnings from the relaunch of fall sports will be applied,

as competitions are explored on a member-by-member basis through the remainder of the 2020-21 season, with hopes of paving a path for the full resumption of Canada West play in the fall of 2021."

A vote of the conference's 17 members formally made the cancellations and deferrals, following recommendations from the Canada West Board of Directors based on information provided by the Canada West COVID-19 Task Force.

The task force was comprised of Canada West athletic directors, along with medical professionals.

"While this decision is disappointing for our teams, we support the members' vote and decisions announced by Canada West," said Gene Muller, director of athletics and recreation at the University of Manitoba on the school's website. "Our top priority

is the health and safety of everyone involved in competition and delivery of our programs. We will continue our work with Canada West, UM and government health authorities to strive for a future return to competition.

"I couldn't be more proud of our student-athletes and the character they have demonstrated through this unusual year. I am encouraged and inspired by their commitment to their studies and to each other," he continued.

All Canada West fall team competition had previously been cancelled on June 8 while the conference's golf championship was cancelled due to travel restrictions on Sept. 22.

The decision to cancel these sports wasn't easy.

"This isn't the outcome any of us wanted; however, it has become increasingly clear over the last few

weeks that the environment wasn't going to change sufficiently to ensure safe competition in traditional conference formats in these sports," said CW president Clint Hamilton.

"Ultimately our members saw no feasible path to staging traditional Canada West conference events during the 2020-21 season in these sports. With today's decision, our members have opted to provide clarity to our stakeholders, most importantly our student-athletes.

"Collectively, we didn't take the decision to cancel fall competition lightly in June, and today's announcement is equally disappointing to everyone involved in university sport. Our members will now shift their focus to finding new ways of delivering non-conference sport competition for our student-athletes."

U18 Lightning win season opener in a shootout

By Brian Bowman

The Interlake Lightning's season opener could not have been more exciting. Lucas Brennan scored in the eighth round of a shootout to propel the Lightning to a 4-3 victory over the Central Plains Capitals in Manitoba U18 AAA Hockey League action Saturday evening in Portage la Prairie.

"It was really good and I was really proud of our boys," said Lightning head coach Scott Wong. "They battled back a bunch of times. We took the lead in the third period and then gave it up (18) seconds later. We got the jitters out and the first game is over with. There were a lot of mistakes made on both teams' side."

Karson King and Ashton Fisher also scored for the Lightning in the shootout while Riley Borody and Austin Peters replied for the Capitals.

Carson Buydens gave Central Plains a 1-0 lead with a goal just 3:28 into the game but Brennan sniped a goal with the man advantage midway in the second period.

Central Plains' Sam Molloy tallied a power-play goal with 5:03 remaining in the middle frame.

But the Interlake came out strong in the third period, taking a 3-2 lead with goals from Zac Halldorson and Jacob Plett. Plett's goal came at 14:32 of the third but Central Plains' Nolan Moroz tied the score just 18 seconds later.

Tazio Cianflone had a strong game for the Interlake with two assists. Brennan was also very good, said Wong.

Central Plains outshot the Lightning 55-42 as Dawson Cowan was outstanding in goal for the Interlake.

"I don't know how accurate the shots were but my goalie made a lot of good saves," Wong said.

The Lightning will host the Capitals this Friday at 8 p.m. in Teulon and then the two teams will clash Saturday at 6:30 p.m. in Portage la Prairie.

Interlake will then visit the Pembina Valley Hawks next Wednesday at 8 p.m. before hosting four straight home games.

In U18 Manitoba Female Hockey League action last weekend, Interlake was defeated 7-2 by the Winnipeg Ice on Saturday in Stonewall.

Winnipeg, which held period leads of 1-0 and 2-0, broke the game wide open with five third-period goals.

On Sunday, the Lightning lost 8-2 to the Eastman Selects in Ste. Anne.

Eastman led 3-1 after the first period and then 7-2 going into the third.

No Interlake goal scorers were available from either game.

The Lightning will host the Winnipeg Avros this Friday (7:30 p.m.) in Stonewall and then will play the Central Plains Capitals on Sunday (11 a.m.) in Portage la Prairie.

Falcons fly to a pair of weekend wins

By Brian Bowman

The Lunder Falcons could not have asked for a better start to their Capital Region Junior Hockey League regular season.

Lunder finds itself in a tie for first-place after a pair of victories last weekend.

On Sunday, Lunder skated to a solid 5-2 home win over the North Winnipeg Satellites.

Dennon Sichewski, Tyler Earl and Jayden Timlick scored to give the Falcons a 3-0 first-period lead.

North Winnipeg's Kolden Schwenzer and Lunder's Ryan Gleich (on the

power play) traded second-period goals. Colby Choken scored with the man advantage to stake Lunder out to a 5-1 lead in the third before the Satellites' Brett Williams closed out the scoring with a shorthanded marker in the game's final minute.

Sichewski led Lunder with three points while Timlick and Earl each had two points.

Chris Lesage made 25 saves for the win.

Last Friday, Lunder defeated the Arborg Ice Dawgs 3-2 in overtime.

Gleich scored the game winner in OT. Sichewski tallied the Falcons' oth-

er two goals while Shayne Desjarlais had two assists. Troy Gutowski and Tyson Barylski replied for Arborg.

Lunder outshot Arborg 44-21 as Lesage earned the victory.

Lunder played the North Winnipeg Satellites this past Tuesday but no score was available.

The Falcons will host the St. Malo Warriors this Saturday (7:30 p.m.) and then will visit the Selkirk Fishermen on Sunday (2:30 p.m.).

On Saturday evening, the Ice Dawgs were edged 2-1 by the Fishermen in Arborg.

Reece Tessier scored the game win-

ner early in the OT. Fishermen defenceman Josh PoPONICK had tied the score at 1-1 with a power-play goal midway in the third period. Tessier, PoPONICK, and Travis Spratt each finished the game with two points. Daron Monkman scored Arborg's goal late in the second period.

The Fishermen were 1-for-8 with the man advantage while the Ice Dawgs were blanked in four opportunities.

Selkirk outshot Arborg 57-23 as Brendon Hocaluk earned the win in goal. Despite the loss, Brandon Kowalchuk was very good in goal for the Ice Dawgs.

Arborg will host St. Malo this Sunday at 2:30 p.m. and then will visit North Winnipeg next Tuesday (8 p.m.).

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Town of Arborg PUBLIC NOTICE CHANGE IN MEETING DATE

The November 11th, 2020, Meeting of Council has been changed to

November 10th, 2020

Meeting will commence at 9 AM

Cindy Stansell, CAO
Town of Arborg



RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF GIMLI PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 194 of The Municipal Act, that the report of the Municipal Auditors and related Financial Statements for the year 2019 for the RM of Gimli have been deposited in the office of the Rural Municipality of Gimli at 62 2nd Ave, Gimli, Manitoba and are available for inspection by any person or their agent between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, inclusive.

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Dated at Gimli, Manitoba this 15th day of October, 2020.

Lynn Greenberg, Mayor
Rural Municipality of Gimli



PUBLIC NOTICE

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Roll Number	Description	Assessed Value	Amount of Arrears & Costs for Which Property May be Offered for Sale
39550	ALL THAT PORTION OF NW 1/4 OF SECTION 3-23-9 WPM BOUNDED AS FOLLOWS: ON THE SOUTH BY THE NORTHERN LIMIT OF A ROAD RUNNING EAST AND WEST AS SAME IS SHOWN COLOURED PINK ON PLAN 532 WLTO (P DIV) ON THE WEST BY THE EASTERN LIMIT OF SAID ROAD RUNNING NORTH AND SOUTH AS SAME IS SHOWN ON SAID PLAN 532 ON THE EAST BY A LINE DRAWN EAST OF 208.7 FEET PERP FROM THE EASTERN LIMIT AND ON THE NORTH BY A LINE DRAWN NORTH OF 208.7 FEET PERP FROM THE SAID NORTHERN LIMIT	L - \$1,100 B - \$40,000	\$9,812.53
86340	BLOCK 4 PLAN 43391 WLTO EXC ALL MINES AND MINERALS AS SET FORTH IN TRANSFER NO. 2375961 WLTO IN FRAC NE 1/4 15-24-10 WPM - 6 SKINNY DIP DRIVE, SIGLUNES	L - \$82,700	\$14,614.42
86391	LOT 7 BLOCK 8 PLAN 43391 WLTO EXC ALL MINES AND MINERALS AS SET FORTH IN THE ORIGINAL GRANT FROM THE CROWN IN FRAC NE 1/4 15-24-10 WPM - 26 SKINNY DIP DRIVE, SIGLUNES	L - \$35,500	\$4,687.46
86400	BLOCK 3 PLAN 43391 WLTO EXC ALL MINES AND MINERALS AS SET FORTH IN TRANSFER NO. 2375961 WLTO IN FRAC NE 1/4 15-24-10 WPM - LOT 3 PLAN 43391, SIGLUNES	L - \$78,700 B - \$277,900	\$38,516.62
86411	LOT 2 BLOCK 10 PLAN 43391 WLTO EXC ALL MINES AND MINERALS AS SET FORTH IN THE ORIGINAL GRANT FROM THE CROWN IN FRAC NE 1/4 15-24-10 WPM - 5 AUSSI RD S, SIGLUNES	L - \$19,000	\$3,268.23
86413	LOT 4 BLOCK 10 PLAN 43391 WLTO EXC ALL MINES AND MINERALS AS SET FORTH IN THE ORIGINAL GRANT FROM THE CROWN IN FRAC NE 1/4 15-24-10 WPM - 9 AUSSI RD S, SIGLUNES	L - \$18,900	\$3,218.61

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- The Municipality makes no representations or warranties whatsoever concerning the properties being sold.
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 - ii) If the purchase price is greater than \$10,000, the purchaser must provide a non-refundable deposit in the amount of \$10,000 and the balance of the purchase price must be paid within 20 days of the sale; AND
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- The purchaser is responsible for obtaining vacant possession.
- If the property is non-residential property, the purchaser must pay GST to the Municipality or, if a GST registrant, provide a GST Declaration.

Dated this 22nd day of October, 2020.

Managed by:

Courtney Roehl
Chief Administrative Officer
Municipality of West Interlake
Phone: (204) 768-2641 Fax: (204) 739-2073



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NOTICE OF APPLICATION RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF WEST INTERLAKE REVISED WATER AND WASTEWATER RATES ASHERN WATER AND WASTEWATER UTILITY

October 9, 2020

The Rural Municipality of West Interlake (RM) has applied to the Public Utilities Board (Board) for revised water and wastewater rates for the Ashern Water and Wastewater Utility (Utility) as set out in By-Law No. 16-2020, read the first time on August 18, 2020. Rates were last approved in 2006 in Board Order No. 68/06. Interim rates were approved in April 2020 in Board Order No. 22/20.

The current and proposed rates are as follows:

	Interim Rates	Proposed Rates		
	By-Law No. 7-2019	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3
Quarterly Service Charge	\$ 4.91	\$ 14.67	\$ 19.55	\$ 24.43
Water (per cubic meter)	\$ 1.14	\$ 1.79	\$ 2.11	\$ 2.43
Wastewater (per cubic meter)	\$ 0.97	\$ 1.07	\$ 1.12	\$ 1.16
Minimum Quarterly Charge*	\$ 34.45	\$ 54.71	\$ 64.77	\$ 74.69
Wastewater Only Customers - Flat Rate	\$ 78.00	-	-	-
Wastewater Only Customers (per REU)	-	\$ 54.57	\$ 57.12	\$ 59.16
Minimum Quarterly Charge Wastewater Only**	-	\$ 69.24	\$ 76.67	\$ 83.59
Bulk Water Sales (per cubic meter)	\$ 1.22	\$ 2.45	\$ 2.80	\$ 3.10
Septic Hauler Fees (per 1,000 gallons)	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00

*Based on 14 cubic meters

**Current rates are based on a flat rate. Proposed rates are based on 1 REU, where 1 REU shall be 51 cubic meters (per quarter).

Details of the RM's application are available for review at the RM's office or the Board's office. Any questions concerning the application for revised rates, or the operation of the Utility, should be sent directly to the RM.

If you have concerns/comments regarding the RM's application for water and wastewater, rates please go to www.pubmanitoba.ca and provide your comment. Please note all comments will be forwarded to the RM.

Questions or comments should be sent on or before **November 9, 2020**

The Public Utilities Board is the provincial regulatory agency that reviews and approves rates for water and wastewater utilities in Manitoba, with the exception of the City of Winnipeg. The Board's review process involves:

- the Utility filing a rate application to the Board,
- a public notification of proposed rate changes,
- the Board's review of the application through a public hearing or paper review process, and
- the issuance of an Order which outlines the Board's decision on the rate application and the rates to be charged.

The Manitoba Ombudsman has privacy guidelines for administrative tribunals. The Board is mindful of its obligations under those guidelines. Its decisions in respect of the application being considered will be sensitive to the guidelines. Personal information will not be disclosed unless it is appropriate and necessary to do so. However, the Board advises participants that these proceedings are public and that as a result, personal information protections are reduced.

The Board will then decide whether any further notice is required and whether to proceed with a public hearing or paper review process. All concerns received by the Board will be considered in the Board's decision on rates to be charged.

PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT IN CONSIDERING THIS APPLICATION, THE PUBLIC UTILITIES BOARD MAY OR MAY NOT FIND IT NECESSARY TO DETERMINE RATES DIFFERENT FROM THOSE APPLIED FOR BY THE APPLICANT.

Note: All proceedings will be conducted in accordance with the Board's Rules of Practice and Procedure, which the Board may vary in order to constrain regulatory costs. The Rules are available at www.pubmanitoba.ca.

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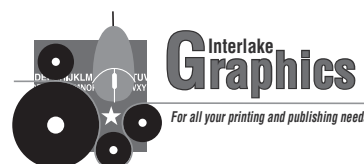
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> MEAL IDEA



Chipotle Veggie Chili

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3 tablespoons olive oil
1 medium yellow onion, chopped
5/8 teaspoon sea salt, divided

1/4 teaspoon pepper, divided
2 garlic cloves, minced
1 red bell pepper, chopped
1 can (14 ounces) diced fire-roasted tomatoes
1 can (14 ounces) red beans, drained and rinsed
1 can (14 ounces) pinto beans, drained and rinsed
1 cup vegetable broth
1 can (7 ounces) chipotles in adobo sauce
2 cans (15 ounces each) sweet corn with liquid
2 limes, juiced
guacamole (optional)

sour cream (optional)
jalapeno slices (optional)
cilantro (optional)

In large dutch oven, heat oil over medium heat. Add onion, 1/2 teaspoon salt and 1/8 teaspoon pepper. Stir and cook 5 minutes until onion is translucent. Add garlic and red pepper. Stir and cook 8 minutes until soft.

Add tomatoes, red beans, pinto beans, broth, chipotles in adobo sauce, corn, remaining salt and remaining pepper. Simmer 25 minutes, stirring occasionally, until chili has thickened.

Squeeze lime juice into pot; stir. Serve with guacamole, sour cream, jalapeno slices and cilantro, if desired.

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We would like to thank everyone for all the phone calls, texts, phone messages, cards, flowers, donations to CancerCare Manitoba and all the support shown at the loss of our loved one. We would also like to thank the doctors, nurses and ambulance attendants involved in Les' care, and for making him as comfortable as possible. Les was a very well known and loved man, and with a limit as to the number of people allowed to attend a service during these difficult COVID times, it was impossible to have everyone there, and very hard to make an invitation list, but we thank you all for your understanding. Once again, your love and support was overwhelming and for that, we are forever grateful. Thank you!

-Lydia Marchak and family

OBITUARY



Albert Edward Robert Murray
Born July 18, 1930 passed away at 90 on October 10, 2020.

Albert worked hard all of his life in mixed farming west of Eriksdale and then moved into town at Lindell Manor. He was the last surviving member of his direct family. Both of his parents, his sisters Dorothy Langtved and Vera Backman, and his brother Guy predeceased him.

He leaves to mourn his long-time devoted care-giver and partner Harriet Kartinen; his niece Dorothy (Backman) Hunter in Virden; his Backman nephews Charles in Winnipeg, Winston (Diane) in Anola and Earl (Candace) in Midland, Ontario.

Albert was a generous, kind, caring man with a heart of gold who was there for many people including Harriet's family. One thing he enjoyed doing most was going for truck rides with family and friends. Alvin Kartinen was the one to always say "Yes" no questions asked.

We thank all the Home Care and PCH staff, medical and nursing crews for their dedicated support towards making Albert feel as comfortable as possible during his final days. We also send special thanks to the paramedics and Dr. Thomas.

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