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Ashern students pie teachers in the face for Terry Fox fundraising

By Becca Myskiw

Ashern Early Years School students raised the most money the school has ever raised for the Terry Fox Foundation this year.

After three weeks of fundraising, the 80 Ashern Early Years School students collectively raised more than \$3,200 in honour of Terry Fox. Grade 1 teacher Andrea Gryba organizes the school's fundraising campaign for the Terry Fox Foundation each year. She said this year's total is the biggest it's ever been — by two times the previous amount.

"We want to raise money for cancer research, of course, but Terry said he never wanted this to end," she said. "Someone has to keep it going. He always said, 'one step at a time,' so that's what we do to keep it going."

Each year, the school gives students some incentive to fundraise for the cause. This year, the student who fundraised the most money would be able to put a pie in the teacher of their choice's face. The school's done this incentive a time or two before, but it garnered results like never before this year.

At the beginning of their fundraising efforts, two brothers in Ashern Early Years School posted a video to their mom's Facebook account explaining their fundraising challenge and what they would win if they fun-



Every teacher, including Erin Bay, got a pie to the face at least once.

draised the most. At the end of their video, the brothers pied each other in the face — their efforts gave them the win, and the pair raised more than \$600 on their own.

The next highest fundraiser brought in around \$500; together, the top seven fundraisers brought in about \$2,000. The students who fundraised the most money in each class (kindergarten to Grade 4) then got to pie the teacher of their choosing. Gryba said each teacher got the pie to the face at least once, but she and a few other staff members got it upwards of three times. There were eight pies, each a type of pudding and topped with



Ashern Early Years School student Addilyn Choken, who was one of the highest fundraisers for the Terry Fox Foundation, got to pie Melisa Koch, while teacher Karen Carmichael has a good laugh.



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Teachers Amberly Scott and Andrea Gryba were good sports when they got one of the chocolate, butterscotch or lemon pudding pies in the face.

whipped cream.

"I couldn't stop laughing," said Gryba. "And then we had pudding in our nose and burning eyes from the whipped cream, but it was totally worth it."

Gryba said lots of family members of school students came to watch the teachers get pies in the face, and the

gym was unbelievably loud throughout the entire event, making the afternoon one to remember.

As she starts to plan next year's fundraising campaign, Gryba is considering the idea of students choosing between pie-ing their teacher or having their teacher pie them, though nothing is confirmed yet.



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Loni Beach artesian well enhanced and recognized by residents' association

By Patricia Barrett

The Loni Beach Residents' Association (LBRA) recently put the finishing touches on a four-year project to enhance and recognize a unique feature in the Loni Beach subdivision, north of Gimli.

Residents can now read about the history and significance of the last remaining public artesian well in the area after the LBRA had an interpretive panel installed by the well last month. The association had protected the well with a stone cairn that was built in the summer of 2021.

"We wanted to pay tribute to the well and its function and recognize the significance of site where the first people to live here — Margret Brynjolfsdottir and Gisli Sveinsson — later sold land for cottage developments, which was how Loni Beach was formed," said Carol Klein, who sits on the LBRA's executive board and co-ordinated the artesian well project.

There were several artesian wells in Loni Beach that used to provide fresh water to cottagers, but they were eventually shut down.

"Artesian wells were the main water source for people way back in the 1900s. There used to be wells here for every five cottages or so. It's a wonderful source of water," said Klein. "This well comes in handy when I open my cabin in the spring and I can't get a plumber out right away, and in the fall if I shut everything down too soon and there's still some beautiful weather to enjoy."

The Loni Beach Residents' Asso-



Construction work on the cairn that surrounds the artesian well.



The cairn surrounding the well.

ciation is a non-profit organization formed in 1992 to pursue the concerns of Loni Beach residents and act as a liaison between residents and the RM of Gimli.

With a background in art, Klein created an illustration for the interpretive panel that shows how artesian wells work. She researched how they



EXPRESS PHOTOS BY CAROL KLEIN

The interpretive panel was completed in September and includes an illustration of how artesian wells work, historical information and a photo of Loni Beach cottages circa 1920.

work and included textual information. The wells are formed when layers of heavy rock or clay press down on an underground aquifer or stream, forcing the water up to the surface without the aid of a pump. The panel also has a circa 1920 photograph of cottages standing near the site of Margret Brynjolfsdottir and Gisli Sveinsson's two-storey farmhouse.

Klein said there were different

groups of community members who worked on the cairn in 2021 and the interpretive panel, and it was "wonderful how it all worked out."

The cairn was constructed by Cheryl Hahlweg, Richard Hurak and Klein herself, and the interpretive panel was completed by Andy Blicq (historical information, photo), Leanne

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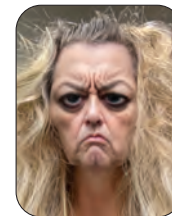
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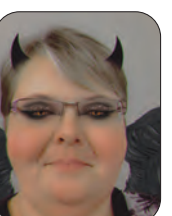
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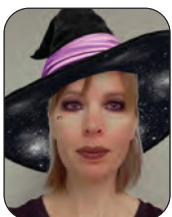
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Flood outlets for Lake Manitoba and Lake St. Martin put on hold



The flood of 2011 on Lake Manitoba washed away a natural ridge with vegetation situated between the lake and cottages and homes. Some properties in Laurentia Beach (shown here in 2015) in the RM of St. Laurent had cement piles installed in the breach in a bid to protect their properties from high waves and further erosion.



FILE PHOTOS BY PATRICIA BARRETT

The province installed geotextile tubes and super sandbags (shown here in 2015 at Laurentia Beach) between the lake and homes and cottages to help prevent the further loss of land and property.

By Patricia Barrett

After several years of planning and consultation, the provincial NDP government is putting the breaks on the Lake Manitoba and Lake St. Martin outlet channels project after a federal assessment concluded the outlets could have significant adverse environmental effects on Indigenous peoples' use of land and impact their Aboriginal and treaty rights.

The delay, which the NDP are calling a "pause," has one Lake Manitoba community association feeling unnerved and the opposition Conservatives critical of the NDP "squandering" a project over 10 years in the making with millions already invested.

The 2011 flood on Lake Manitoba destroyed and damaged homes, cottages and Indigenous communities and was estimated to have cost about \$1 billion. Another flood in 2014 had property owners along the lake thinking of bailing out.

Both floods were the result of the province releasing excessive volumes

of water into the lake from the Portage Diversion, a 29-kilometre-long (18 miles) water-control structure that diverts water from the Assiniboine River to the lake. Built in 1970, the diversion helps prevent the flooding of farmland in southern Manitoba, communities such as Portage la Prairie and Headingley, and the City of Winnipeg. Without an outlet at the other end of the lake that's able to shunt huge volumes of water into Lake St. Martin and out to Lake Winnipeg, people living along Lake Manitoba — and Lake St. Martin — may be subject to future flooding disasters.

The provincial and federal governments announced in June 2018 they'd cost share up to \$540 million for the construction of two outlets that were deemed a "major priority" and would help provide flood protection to communities and farmland around the lake and reduce flood damage to First Nations along Lake St. Martin.

Under the requirements of the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act [CEAA], the Impact Assessment

Agency of Canada (IAAC) evaluated the two proposed outlets, gathered feedback from stakeholders and released a report in June titled Lake Manitoba and Lake St. Martin Outlet Channels Project Environmental Assessment Report.

"The Agency [IAAC] concludes that the Project is likely to cause direct and cumulative significant adverse environmental effects, as defined in section 5 of CEAA 2012, on Indigenous peoples' current use of lands and resources for traditional purposes, physical and cultural heritage, and structures, sites, and things of historical, archaeological, paleontological, or architectural significance despite the implementation of mitigation measures, monitoring, and follow-up programs," states the report, and it's "likely to cause impacts to the exercise of Aboriginal and treaty rights, including moderate to high severity of impacts to fishing rights and cultural continuity of those Indigenous

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RM of Gimli's new chief administrative officer starting in December

By Patricia Barrett

After a few years of upheaval at the senior management level, the RM of Gimli announced last week it had hired Trilbee Stirling-Kattler as its new chief administrative officer.

Stirling-Kattler, who has worked with municipal governments in Manitoba and Ontario, will be starting on Dec. 16.

"Trilbee joins the RM of Gimli from the Municipality of Red Lake where she is currently the CAO, and where, until recently, she also held the role of treasurer. She worked for several years as a senior accountant and manager with MNP LLP in Dauphin, where she consulted and worked with several RM's as they worked through amalgamation," said the RM in a news release. "She started her municipal career working as the CAO, chief financial officer and assistant administrative officer in Grand-

view, Manitoba."

The RM of Gimli has seen a number of changes at the CAO and assistant CAO levels after the new iteration of council was elected in 2022. Former CAO Kelly Cosgrove stepped down from her position this summer and took on the role of assistant CAO after former assistant CAO Kristin Strachan, who had returned to the municipality, resigned after several months on the job. Interim chief administrative officer Jim Fenske, who was hired in July, resigned in September. Council then appointed DJ Sigmundson as its interim CAO in September. The municipality also saw assistant CAO Doreen Steg resign in 2023 and take a job in finance.

Stirling-Kattler's past experience includes financial, operational and team leadership in the municipal, corporate and non-profit sectors.

"Ms. Stirling-Kattler has enjoyed

a successful and diverse career including financial and operational and team leadership in municipal, non-profit, corporate and full-service public accounting and consulting environments," states the RM's release. "She possesses her Certificate in Manitoba Municipal Administration with honours, and her Executive diploma in Municipal Management with honours from Ontario. Also, a Certified Professional Accountant, Trilbee is joining the RM of Gimli with more than six years in leadership roles in municipal governments in Manitoba and Ontario."

After Stirling-Kattler takes up the operational helm, the RM of Gimli's current interim CAO, DJ Sigmundson will stay on in the role of the RM's strategic project co-ordinator, said assistant CAO Kelly Cosgrove last week.



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Trilbee Stirling-Kattler, currently CAO of the Municipality of Red Lake, will be assuming the position of CAO at the RM of Gimli in mid-December.

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IAAC. Some of consultation occurred at the start of the COVID-19 pandemic and the government offered online tools to support Indigenous feedback."

The IAAC's report lists numerous concerns raised by Indigenous communities about the outlets, including the adequacy of modelling and baseline data, lack of Indigenous engagement in the EIS [environmental impact statement] development, lack of meaningful Indigenous engagement by the proponent [provincial government] in the development of methodology, project planning, and the mitigations and accommodations process, the effects to fish, habitat and fishing (e.g., lake sturgeon), lack of consideration of effects to Indigenous health and socio-economic conditions (e.g., methyl mercury and human health), the effects to sites and resources of heritage and cultural importance, adequacy and anticipated effectiveness of the proponent's proposed mitigation and follow-up and monitoring measures, lack of Indigenous knowl-

edge incorporation on project design, changes to resource use (e.g., land use and fishing), the effects to wildlife including terrestrial plants, birds and species at risk, and changes to water, including groundwater and surface waters.

Although the report states Indigenous groups were consulted, several — including the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs, Dauphin River First Nation, Interlake Reserves Tribal Council and the Manitoba Métis Federation — indicated they weren't satisfied with the process.

"In particular, Indigenous groups raised concerns regarding the Proponent's lack of meaningful engagement, lack of responsiveness, inadequate consideration of Indigenous Knowledge in the Project design and studies, and lack of engagement in the consideration of alternatives to the Project," states the IAAC.

The Express reached out to the Interlake Reserves Tribal Council for comment but did not receive a response.

In addition to Indigenous groups opposing the outlets, the RM of Gramdale is not onside. It said it "welcomes" the provincial government's

decision to pause the project and consider alternatives.

Chief administrative officer Shelly Schwitek said the RM agrees with the province that some form of flood mitigation is needed for residents along the Assiniboine River and Lake Manitoba, but the RM is "opposed to the current route and design of the Lake Manitoba Outlet Channel," and feels water retention options on the Assiniboine River weren't fully explored.

The RM's involvement with the outlet project goes back to 2016 and it has "repeatedly" raised a number of important concerns that it feels were "never adequately addressed" by the province.

"The proposed Lake Manitoba to Lake St. Martin portion of the channel splits our municipality in half, and required the province to expropriate approximately 5,200 acres of deeded agricultural land from our residents," said Schwitek. "This has been a source of terrible stress for a number of our farmers, forced to fight for fair compensation for their land, and in some cases losing homes, and being forced to completely relocate their farm operations."

Whether or not the outlets move forward, Schwitek said the RM feels the province has "an obligation to work with our expropriated landowners in good faith, and make them whole."

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Gimli council signals possible revival of defunct CDC

By Patricia Barrett

Gimli council discussed the future of the Gimli Community Development Corporation at its regular meeting on Oct. 23, signalling the corporation may live to see another day.

The CDC became non-operational after a majority of its board members stepped down late this summer. The resignations, which were not announced publicly, came after the CDC's sole shareholder — the RM of Gimli — rejected the board's strategic plan.

The CDC had experienced financial losses of just under \$1 million since about 2019. Coun. Andy Damm brought the situation to the public's attention in April (see April 25, 2024, online edition of the *Express*).

The RM of Gimli's interim chief administrative officer DJ Sigmundson said the CDC will remain a legal entity for now (i.e., the RM won't embark on dissolving the corporation), and it could be revived in future.

"The CDC will continue as a legal entity for the foreseeable future. A new mandate may be developed over the next few years, at which time the council of the day would consider a new structure to achieve that mandate," said Sigmundson.

Other council news:

- Council held a public hearing on Oct. 23 to consider a request for the establishment of a home occupation named This Guy, which will offer computer and telephone repairs.

Applicant Dmytro Kozyr rents a home at 39 Fourth Ave. and said he had obtained the owners' approval for the business, which he wants to operate seven days a week.

There would be an anticipated maximum of two to three customers at a time at the residence, with a maximum of 20 customers a day, ac-

cording to Kozyr's application. There would be a minimal increase to traffic flow in the area. The home would not generate noise, dust or fumes and can accommodate onsite parking in the back.

Third Avenue residents across the lane from the proposed business said in a letter they have concerns about increased traffic flow down the back lane and would prefer that customers park on Fourth.

Other Third Avenue residents who also live across the back lane from the proposed business said in a letter they'd support the home occupation if customers were restricted to parking on Fourth rather than at the back of the house as vehicles down the back lane generate dust.

"If the maximum of 20 customers a day (as suggested in the application) were to occur, coming and going, seven days a week via the gravelled back lane, it would greatly increase the amount of air polluting dust dispersing to neighbouring properties. This increase in dust thereby would have the potential to greatly decrease the opportunity for neighbours to continue to enjoy our outdoor space in the same manner as which we do now," said the residents.

Council approved the business with a parking stipulation.

"He is to receive customers off Fourth Avenue versus the lane," said Sigmundson.

- The RM of Gimli had submitted a letter of support late this summer to the Association of Manitoba Municipalities regarding a 2024 provincial agricultural disaster financial assistance program after producers in certain areas of the province experienced losses from too much moisture.

The AMM in turn wrote a letter to the province in September, indicating



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Climate extremes can bring either too much moisture (Highway 8 and 67 shown in 2022) or too much heat (Inwood shown in 2021) to parts of the Interlake region.

it had received Gimli's resolution of support and encouraged the province to respond to Gimli regarding supports available to municipalities.

"On August 28, 2024, the AMM Board of Directors reviewed the attached resolution and kindly request that your department provide an official written response directly to the RM of Gimli that outlines how the provincial government is responding to this issue and what supports are available to municipalities," said AMM president Kam Blight in the letter dated Sept. 6.

In his October response letter to the RM of Gimli, provincial agriculture minister Ron Kostyshyn said the department is monitoring the situation and outlined a number of programs already in place to help agricultural producers cope with losses from adverse climate events.

"We understand the challenges and empathize with producers facing such difficult circumstances," said Kostyshyn.

There are several programs through the Manitoba Agricultural Services Corporation that support producers, and producers are encouraged to

reach out to their local MASC representatives for information about coverage options and the claims process. AgriStability is another program that helps offset declines in farming income by providing financial support. And the AgriInvest program also offers support for income declines. Producers can get counselling support through the Manitoba Farm, Rural & Northern Support Services (1-866-367-3276).

Although the RM of Gimli supported a call for the creation of a provincial agriculture disaster assistance program, the number of producers in the RM of Gimli itself that submitted excess moisture claims was not substantial.

"We looked into agriculture disaster financial assistance claims from the RM and were told they had no indication of a large number of excess moisture claims from the RM of Gimli," said Sigmundson. "There may have been a few spots where the owner would address the matter with their insurer. Provincially, there is currently no agricultural DFA in effect at this time."

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groups that are more directly impacted by the Project."

The IAAC said it recognizes the project's aim is to reduce flooding, but Indigenous groups feel the outlets would "enable the continued flooding of the region" and they "remain in opposition" to it.

Manitoba's transportation and infrastructure minister Lisa Naylor said during house proceedings on Oct. 16 that she had asked the federal government to "pause" the project given the IAAC's conclusions.

"So there were very strong cautions from the federal government. They

had not yet passed, and may not have passed ... the legislation that would be required for us to proceed with this project," said Naylor in response to a request for an update on the two outlets. "And ... we have asked the federal government to put a pause on the environmental assessment because we want to address those problems first. Ultimately, we want the federal government to be able to give us a go-ahead on the environmental assessment. ... we think that the concerns that they raised about the impact on Indigenous people was a substantial priority. And so we've asked them to pause."

The province needs federal approval to move forward with the cost-shared

project.

Naylor added that the "failing" of the previous Conservative government is the reason for "why we are at this point," with respect to Indigenous groups, and that the NDP will have to "start again with building relationships."

After the 2011 flood, the then NDP government started the process of identifying ways to reduce flood risks along Lake Manitoba and Lake St. Martin, and the process continued when the Conservatives took power in 2016.

The proposed outlets will each be 24 kilometres long. The Lake Manitoba outlet would be built west of Moosehorn, on the lake's east shore at Wa-

tchorn Bay — where lakefront lots are currently for sale. It would carry water northward to Birch Bay on Lake St. Martin. The second outlet on Lake St. Martin would convey the water north to Sturgeon Bay on Lake Winnipeg.

Both outlets would provide "additional capacity" to move water from Lake Manitoba to Lake St. Martin and into Lake Winnipeg during flood events, and they'd reduce "extreme flooding" around Lake Manitoba and Lake St. Martin communities, according to the IAAC report.

The Conservatives finalized consultations with 39 Indigenous communities and groups, according to the

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New online feed sharing livestreams of Interlake wildlife

By Becca Myskiw

Interlakers will soon be able to watch the lives of local wildlife any time they like.

An Interlake family is sharing their new favourite hobby: watching wildlife. They've set up cameras in and around the northern Interlake to see the natural world's goings-on. After sharing their livestream with friends, the family realized this type of TV was something more than just what they wanted to see.

"We thought, 'did we just turn into mega nerds?' But no, this is so cool," said Shawna, mom of the family. "We thought maybe everyone else would like it."

The family got rid of regular television programming 18 years ago and has been using streaming services ever since. Shawna said they've started watching their wildlife livestream more than the streaming services now.

So they've created the Interlake Critter Chronicles, an online presence that will share the live streams of Interlake wildlife. Currently, they have two cameras set up with continuous live feeds, but they can only actually live stream on YouTube once they reach 1,000 subscribers. As of Oct. 19, they had 26 subscribers on the platform.

Shawna isn't worried about how long it will take to reach 1,000 subscribers, though. While they work

to get there, the family will be sharing clips they gather from the live feeds they personally have right now. So far, they've shared videos of blue jays, squirrels, eagles, a black bear and more.

"I don't know how this became a thing so quickly with us, but we just love it and we thought other people would," said Shawna.

She said the goal is to eventually have eight live-feed cameras on the channel at all times. Shawna hopes the Interlake Critter Chronicles grows so they can connect with people in all corners of the Interlake region and share videos from all parts.

"We want to show anywhere you can witness nature at its finest," she said. "Some animals live above the trees and some live in the trees and some are on the ground. We want to see all that."

Shawna said watching the live feeds is meditative for them.

"It's so interesting to see wildlife without going to the zoo," she said. "To see a blue jay finding that tricky way to get a peanut out of a container is amazing. To see them determining whether they prefer pumpkin seeds or peanuts."

As soon as Interlake Critter Chronicles has 1,000 subscribers on YouTube, their two cameras will go live immediately. From there, they'll keep adding what they can when they can.



EXPRESS PHOTO SUBMITTED

The Interlake Critter Chronicles will be live streaming Interlake wildlife 24/7 once their YouTube channel reaches 1,000 subscribers.

To get in touch with the page, email interlakecritterchronicles@gmail.com.

Gypsumville RCMP discharge firearm in stolen vehicle investigation

By Lana Meier

Gypsumville RCMP were patrolling for a stolen vehicle on Oct. 24, at approximately 12 p.m., which was linked to a series of criminal activities that occurred overnight in the city of Thompson.

Officers located the stolen vehicle on Highway 6 south of Pinaymootang First Nation and attempted a traffic

stop. The driver refused to pull over.

Following a brief pursuit, the vehicle came to a halt on Highway 6. The male suspect then stepped out of the stolen vehicle with a firearm and tried to hijack another car that was stopped. At this time, an officer discharged their firearm, striking the male suspect.

After entering the stopped car, the

suspect drove a short distance before coming to a stop in the ditch along Highway 6, where he was subsequently apprehended.

Officers provided immediate medical assistance to the suspect, a 39-year-old male from Thompson.

He was then transported by STARS to hospital with serious injuries.

The officers involved did not sustain any physical injuries.

The Independent Investigation Unit of Manitoba has taken carriage of the investigation.

> LONI BEACH, FROM PG. 3

Squires (information overseer), Ron Lambert (QR code) and Klein (illustration). It was installed last month by General Signs from Selkirk.

The QR code on the panel will allow people to share stories about what they know about the well, which will contribute to a more robust history of the neighbourhood.

The project was made possible with funding support from the RM of Gimli.

"We got two grants from the municipal government and we were able to complete the project," said Klein. "I think this will bring the community closer together. I go by it all the time and I think it's wonderful for the little well and for Loni in general."

She added that the LBRA may possibly hold an official unveiling ceremony next summer.

For more information about Loni Beach and events, visit www.loni-beach.org



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IMRA awards recognize community volunteers

By Annaliese Meier

The Interlake Municipal Recreation Association held their annual awards banquet in Stonewall at the Quarry Park Heritage Arts Centre on Oct. 21.

In every community, there are individuals whose dedication goes above and beyond the call of duty. They pour their hearts into initiatives that not only enrich lives but also create a lasting impact.

These awards recognize the unsung community heroes of recreation that all too often are taken for granted — but without them, communities would not be the same.

Ian Goodall-George, regional consultant for Indigenous and Municipal Relations at the Government of Manitoba, and Debbie Fiebelkorn, IMRA vice-chair and mayor of the RM of St. Clements, had the honour of present-



EXPRESS PHOTO BY SANDRA SMITH

The 2024 Interlake Municipal Recreation Association awards banquet was held at the Quarry Park Heritage Arts Centre on Oct. 21. Pictured left to right: Mandy Gall, Tamsyn Kiesman, Donna Ridgeway, Archie Delorme, Monica Baldwin, Viterro Curling (Stuart Brown, Andrea Keeping, Ryan Smith, Laurie Elwood) and Ron Rogowsky.

ing the awards.

Mandy Gall stands out as a true champion for her community. Her passion and hard work have transformed the Moosehorn Tumblers Gymnastics Club into an active hub for over 100 children. This past year's launch of the Moosehorn Minor Ball League further highlights Gall's commitment to providing recreational opportunities that inspire youth engagement.

Gall's leadership goes beyond mere organization; it fosters a sense of teamwork and personal development among kids in the RM of Grahamdale. Through sports, she creates avenues not just for physical activity but also for building confidence in young athletes.

Balancing her roles isn't easy. As a busy mom of four, including one child with special needs, Gall juggles family life seamlessly alongside her responsibilities on their farm just outside Moosehorn. Furthermore, she brings compassion from her profession as a registered nurse into every initiative she undertakes within the community.

Gall was nominated by Devan McCoubrey and the RM of Grahamdale.

Tamsyn Kiesman is the driving

force behind the Steep Rock Swimming Program. For two weeks each summer, while most people unwind on vacation, Kiesman dedicates her holiday time to ensure that hundreds of local youth learn essential swimming skills.

Co-ordinating this program is a significant undertaking. It involves organizing swim times for dozens of families, managing a large team of volunteers and instructors, and ensuring a safe and enjoyable experience for all participants. Kiesman's commitment to the program and her attention to detail makes this program a huge success and has such a positive impact on her community.

Not only does this program provide a vital skill to the participants, but she also helps foster a love of swimming and water safety among the youth in the community. Her passion and hard work truly embody the spirit of community service and recreation.

It is safe to say that Kiesman — who has worked tirelessly to offer swimming lessons in communities — has saved lives by providing skills that will almost certainly keep you safe unless you never venture into water or go boating.

Through her hard work, lives are enriched with vital skills that promote safety in aquatic environments. Kiesman's passion truly exemplifies what it means to serve one's community through recreation and education.

Kiesman was nominated by Devan McCoubrey and the RM of Grahamdale.

Ron Rogowsky's dedication to fostering a vibrant sports community has not only elevated local culture but also ignited a sense of friendship and teamwork among residents spanning

all ages. From spearheading the establishment of the Arborg Ice Dawgs Junior B hockey team in 2006 to popularizing pickleball through engaging events like the annual Arborg Picklespiel.

Back in 2006, a group of community members came together to see if they could establish a Junior B hockey team in Arborg. They were successful and the Arborg Ice Dawgs are now entering their 19th season. As one of the key figures of this group, Rogowsky played a significant role in transforming the landscape of local sports.

His vision and determination made it possible for young athletes to showcase their skills and passions right here at home. This initiative has provided an outlet for local talent while uniting families and friends who support the team, creating lasting memories that contribute to the sense of pride as a community.

In addition to his contributions to hockey, Rogowsky's efforts have been instrumental in popularizing pickleball — making it accessible and enjoyable for many within Arborg. Through organizing events like the annual Arborg Picklespiel held every October — the tournament is now one of Manitoba's largest — he continues introducing this engaging sport to countless individuals watching them embrace active lifestyles while fostering social connections along the way.

The impact Rogowsky has had on both youth sports culture through hockey and recreational opportunities with pickleball speaks volumes about his dedication. His ongoing efforts ensure that Arborg remains vibrant and active.

Rogowsky was nominated by Ron Johnston and the Town of Arborg.

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Icelandic descendants mark 149 years since arrival on Willow Island

By Patricia Barrett

Descendants of the first Icelanders to settle in Manitoba held an annual pilgrimage to Willow Island on Oct. 21 to pay tribute to their forebears who arrived at the spot 149 years ago to the day.

This year marks the 50th Walk to the Rock, which was started by Gimli resident Connie Magnusson, her mother and her aunt to pay tribute to their descendants at the monument erected at the site.

About 36 people, including Interlake-Gimli MLA Derek Johnson and Gimli councillor and Icelandic Festival representative Thora Palson, gathered at New Iceland Heritage Museum before heading out on a six-kilometre walk south along the breakwater and long stretches of sand along Lake Winnipeg. They descended a stretch of huge rocks protecting Willow Island Road before arriving at the big white rock on Willow Island where the first wave of Icelanders arrived on Oct. 21, 1875.

"This has been a meaningful walk for me to take annually because it's something that my Amma (grandmother) and her sisters also took part in," said Tristin Tergesen, manager of the Waterfront Centre. "It's been important to me to continue this walk and to recognize the Icelandic settlers



Lorna Tergesen (right) read a poem recounting the Icelanders landing on Willow Island in 1875.

who landed on the beach on this date — Oct. 21."

Chris Brooks, who looks after the NIHM's artefacts and does fundraising, said she's been taking part in the walk for about 15 years.

"We have such close ties in this community. My work at the museum with the artifacts people have donated makes me feel strongly connected to the first Icelanders. And this walk to me symbolizes our connection and respect for what they went through to settle this area and the hardships they suffered," said Brooks. "It's important to recognize that every year. We're all here because of them."



EXPRESS PHOTOS BY PATRICIA BARRETT

About 36 people took part in the annual Walk to Rock. This year marks the 50th walk and the 149th year since the first wave of Icelandic settlers arrived on Willow Island, south of Gimli.

The first Icelanders arrived in New Iceland — a reserve along the western shore of the lake created by the federal government on Indigenous land — on barges pulled by the steamboat, the SS Colville. The captain cut the barges loose during a fierce storm and they landed by the big white rock on Willow Island where they made camp on the beach. A plaque erected on the rock commemorates the first Iceland-

er — Jon Olafur Johannson — born in western Canada on Oct. 22, 1875.

Interlake-Gimli MLA Derek Johnson joined the walkers again this year.

"I take part in this walk to commemorate the sacrifices made and the perseverance shown by our ancestors over the years after they arrived. And the Métis and the First Nations in the

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JoAnne Johannson Gullachsen, the great-granddaughter of Jon Olafur Johannson, the first baby born in New Iceland, lays the flowers on the monument.



From left: Otto Christensen, Chris Brooks, Tristin Tergesen and Interlake-Gimli MLA Derek Johnson.



The descendants of the first Icelanders who arrived in 1875 on Willow Island gather at the rock. From left: Maria Bear, Teri Nicholson, Jerry Jonasson, Hedy Bjornson, JoAnne Johannson Gullachsen and Lorna Tergesen.

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area helped them to ensure they survived in New Iceland," said Johnson. "Can you imagine setting foot on Willow Island back in the late 1800s with a big northeaster rolling them in with the waves, the frigid temperature and the first Icelandic born here the next day?"

Selkirk-based Elder Ruth Christie, who attended the commemoration again this year, has a close connection to the landing. Her great-great-grand-

father, James Monkman, was on the barge with the first wave of settlers to help them find suitable land. And her great-grandfather, John Ramsay, provided life-giving assistance to the Icelanders during their first Manitoba winter, teaching them how to fish, hunt and build shelters.

Gimli resident Jerry Jonasson recently found out that his relatives were among the first wave of settlers.

"I read the history of the Geysir area [near Arborg] and I realized that some of my relatives were part of the original landing. It was a bit of a surprise to me," said Jonasson. "I knew they came here in 1875, but I didn't know they were among the first. It was such a struggle just to survive back then and I never got to hear the stories."

Lorna Tergesen, one of the descendants of the first wave of Icelanders, read a poem at the rock



Daphne Markusson and her sister Janet Markusson have been coming to the rock since they were kids.



to commemorate the landing, and JoAnne Johannson Gullachsen, another descendant of the first Icelanders, laid flowers on the monument.

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Cimli's 3rd Annual Haunted Pavilion was spooky, mysterious and fun for everyone who attended the party last Saturday. The event was free with hot dogs, pop and coffee provided by the Cimli Kiwanis.



> OUTLETS, FROM PG. 6

The RM feels there were a number of environmental issues that weren't addressed, including contamination of the aquifer where residents get their drinking water, loss of artesian [water] pressure that will affect domestic and farm water up to seven kilometres from the channel, impacts on surface water runoff, loss of wetlands that will affect wildlife and birds, loss of fish habitat, impacts to ground water and drainage "caused by splitting our municipal watershed in half," impacts on wildlife, including risks to fish spawning habitats relied on by traditional, recreational and commercial fishers, said Schwitek.

The flood of 2011 resulted in significant overland flooding in the RM of St. Laurent. An estimated 700 dwellings in communities including Twin Lakes Beach, Sandpiper, Laurentia and Johnson beaches were destroyed or damaged and property owners evacuated for several months. A dyke was built to protect town infrastructure, leaving lakefront properties unprotected.

Jack King, president of the Twin Lakes Beach Association, said the association is concerned and disappointed the province is pausing the outlets as there had already been a delay of three or four years while the environmental review occurred. Property owners at Twin are feeling very anxious about future flooding events.

"The pause is troubling because we're no further ahead than when the flood hit in 2011. We have water coming in from the Portage Diversion and we don't have a proper outlet at the northern end of the lake. As a matter of fact, we're a little worse off than in 2011 because the Portage Diversion was shored up after the flood and there's even more capacity to put water into the lake now," said King. "It's been frustrating. We feel fortunate the weather has kept water levels reasonable — and I do give the government credit for operating the Portage Diversion in a responsible manner — but people are not very happy with this situation."

Many property owners who had homes and cottages de-

stroyed or damaged in the flood had decided to start over and re-build in "good faith," holding on to the provincial and federal government's promise of outlet channels that would mitigate massive floods in the future, he said.

"We are feeling nervous," said King. "It's a shallow lake and we're very susceptible to wind events. We had one about a month ago where the winds were about 100 kilometres an hour, and even with lower lake levels at present it still pushed water right up to the barriers people have to protect their homes."

With more flood events on the lake after 2011, the province installed geotextile tubes and super sandbags along lakefront properties but removed them after a number of years.

"That was a government decision to take the geotubes and sandbags down. They said it wasn't intended to be a permanent solution; it was only temporary until the channels got built," said King. "We felt we were misled because the obviously the channels haven't been built and it's not in the plans right now."

King said there were several recommendations made by a provincial commission following the 2011 flood. Those included improving the capacity of the Assiniboine River to hold more water and dyke-building in the Assiniboine basin, but he's unsure whether any were acted on apart from the upgrades to the Portage Diversion.

The Twin Lakes Beach Association will be reaching out to the area's MLA Derek Johnson, MP James Bezan and other associations to register their concerns with what feels more like a "stoppage than a pause" in the project, said King.

With climate models predicting more frequent and extreme weather events, Interlake-Gimli MLA Derek Johnson said Manitoba has to prepare for future flood disasters.

"Look at the situation we had this summer with nine inches of rain in southeastern Manitoba. I think we can all agree that climate extremes are already upon us. We're getting storms that dump huge volumes of precipitation in one go," he said. "We have to be prepared as a society to handle these extremes."

Johnson said the NDP's asking the federal government to pause the process was "unnecessary." The government can still carry out additional consultations with Indigenous groups without incurring increased costs.

"Lisa Naylor definitely did not have to put this on pause. If the feds think the environmental impacts are too severe, all they have to do is say no and not grant the li-

cence. And it will be over with. It's up to the federal government whether it moves forward or not," said Johnson. "When premier [Wab] Kinew was the official opposition, he was calling this project urgent and demanded our PC government move more quickly. But now that he's premier, he's paused it. This will result in higher costs. With a short delay of six months by the NDP approving the construction of the PCH in Lac du Bonnet that our party had approved, the cost has risen by \$6 million. Can you imagine what delaying these channels is going to cost, how many tens of millions it will cost for every few years of delay?"

All the land for the outlets has already been purchased, Johnson added, and the engineering is completed. He estimates about \$50 million in eligible costs has already been spent.

Although a class-action lawsuit launched by flooded Lake Manitoba property owners against the province for fairer compensation is nearing resolution, Johnson said the badly needed flood protection for the lakes is no closer to being realized.

When the provincial Conservatives were in power, Johnson said he served as legislative assistant in the infrastructure department and was part of lots of meetings with Indigenous groups on the outlets. The government complied with "every request" from the feds and carried out all the environmental studies.

"We had 250 meetings, 1,000 letters and 5,000 emails and calls with 39 different Indigenous groups," said Johnson. "Complex projects do take time. Our government was listening throughout that consultation process. It is important to consult but also keep moving forward with this project."

A Oct. 19 Conservative caucus news release says the NDP are squandering the now 13-year project and Interlake communities remain vulnerable.

La Verendrye MLA Konrad Narth said the Conservative government engaged in extensive consultations with 39 Indigenous groups, but all of that is "out the window because the NDP want to play politics instead of preventing another disaster."

A spokesperson for the province said the project "continues to progress through the federal environmen-

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Westshore Community Foundation encourages donations Nov. 12-17

By Patricia Barrett

The Westshore Community Foundation is encouraging residents in its catchment area to consider making a donation to the foundation between Nov. 12 and 17, as those donations will get stretched with a funding boost from foundation supporters.

Westshore is part of this year's Endow Manitoba Giving Challenge, which entails the provision of funding support from the provincial government and the Winnipeg Foundation.

The Winnipeg Foundation and the province will each contribute \$1 for every \$5 donation to Westshore. That will give Westshore an opportunity to receive up to \$4,000 in "stretch fund-

ing," according to a Westshore news release.

"On our 25th anniversary, this is a great opportunity to support Westshore Community Foundation," said Westshore president David Douglas in the news release. "Of course, we welcome gifts at any time. However, between Nov. 12 and 17, your donation will be stretched by The Winnipeg Foundation and the Manitoba government. We're so excited to see what our community can accomplish."

Donations made during the week will help Westshore increase its funding capacity. The money is used to support local projects that benefit communities and help students pur-

sue their academic dreams.

Westshore's catchment area includes Dunnottar (Matlock, Whytewold and Ponemah), Winnipeg Beach, Gimli and area and Riverton.

The foundation provided \$77,588 in grants this past year to support 26 charitable and community service organizations. And grants to local students to help them with post-secondary studies totalled \$49,199.

Westshore is holding a kick-off event for the 2024 Endow Manitoba Challenge at the Interlake Brewing Company in Gimli on Nov. 12 from 7-9 p.m. Guests will be treated to appetizers and non-alcoholic beverages and have an opportunity to chat with the foundation's amiable board of di-

rectors.

Online donations can be made through endowMB.org.

Donations can also be made by cheque payable to the Westshore Community Foundation and sent by mail to: Westshore Community Foundation, Box 395, Gimli, Manitoba R0C 1B0 or dropped off at Westshore's Gimli office at 66 First Ave. from 11 to 3 p.m. Tuesday to Friday.

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Swiftie inspired fun

A Swiftie Day Camp in Gimli — in homage to singer Taylor Swift — brought together dozens of girls aged 5-12 for a day-long celebration of friendship, singing, craft-making, games and good old-fashioned fun. Organized by the Romanna Klymkiv Music Studio, with help from Gimli's recreation department, the day camp attracted 25 participants to the Gimli Pavilion last Friday. Klymkiv, a music teacher, taught the girls 11 songs. Afterwards, they donned heart-shaped sunglasses in a nod to Swift's choice of sunnies. Another day camp is planned for Jan. 31 in the Gimli Recreation Centre lounge from 9-3:30.



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Talented youth inspired by WAVE artists

By E Antonio

Studio 410 owner Gayle Halliwell has participated in the WAVE Interlake Artists' Studio Tour for over 15 years. This past September she recently offered a "Minis-in-a-Minute Challenge" to her 200 visitors, and one young artist caught her eye.

Halliwell is a visual artist from Winnipeg Beach who has always appreciated the opportunity to participate in the WAVE Studio Tour. "It is about allowing you to have a behind-the-scenes look at how many artists create, giving you an up-close and personal experience," she explained.

For September's tour, Halliwell challenged her visitors to try and create a miniature painting in sixty seconds.

Thirteen-year-old Ethan Olson eagerly jumped at the fun and produced an extraordinary mini-painting.

Olson is an aspiring artist from Winnipeg who frequently visits the Interlake to see her grandparents in Teulon or to visit one of her favourite towns, Gimli.

Olson discovered the WAVE Studio Tour through an online post, and at that moment, she connected to Halliwell for the first time during the "Minis-in-a-Minute Challenge."

"It was a really great experience. I really challenged myself," said Olson. She continued to praise the importance of the first strokes for an artist. "I normally block my first strokes on a canvas, but in this challenge I just went with it."

Halliwell and Ethan immediately bonded over the young artist's talent, and they were inspired by each other's work ethics.

"That is the beauty of the studio tour. The artists and the public get to make these connections," said Halliwell.

Halliwell is a multi-medium artist who loves to learn from experience. She took her first art lesson when she was in Grade 4 and has continued to mostly self-teach herself different techniques.

"I just want to soak up everything I can," she said. Halliwell has over 20 years of experience as a



EXPRESS PHOTOS SUBMITTED

Thirteen-year-old Ethan Olson is primarily a self-taught artist who works with multiple art mediums.

working artist and wants to inspire young artists.

Like Halliwell, Olson is a multi-medium artist who typically works with acrylics, sketch pencils, coloured pencils and watercolours.

"Acrylic is my favourite because it is a very versatile medium," added Olson.

The young artist discovered her passion for creating art when her friend introduced her to chalk pastels when she was seven.

"He (Olson's friend) would show me really great perspectives on light and caricature. It sparked a fire in my head," she explained. Adding to that, she loved how the colours looked on the paper.

Since then, Olson has experienced working with

multiple art mediums while she works to express herself colourfully. Though the young artist is primarily self-taught, she is extremely grateful to her former teacher and now art mentor, Barb Bottle, for guiding her along her artistic journey.

Along the way, Olson has met several working artists who have only inspired her to grow.

"I have made so many connections within the Interlake and I am very happy about that," noted Olson.

When Halliwell participated in the recent 16x20 Show at the St. Andrews Community Centre, she was in for a surprise.

"While I was at the show, Ethan came through the

door with her Dad again and she said, 'I have come to see you!'"

Halliwell explained that Ethan began to follow Studio 410 on Instagram, and specifically came out to the 16x20 Show to chat with her.

"There were many artist talks held over the course of the show and she (Ethan) attended many of them. There were talks about installations, different art techniques and more. She had the chance to talk about her ideas with working artists," said Halliwell. Adding on that the connections you make as an artist causes a ripple effect when inspiring others.

"The longer I am involved in the art process, the more I want to provide inspiration and information to younger people."

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which is why it is important to her to keep inspiring others.

Olson has similar virtues, "I always love to inspire others and connect with like-minded people."

Olson's artistic journey is far from over. She hopes to one day be in an art show of her own, sell her paintings at a craft market and eventually have an art studio of her own and be a working artist.

"That is what I was born to do. I was born to do art."

Both Halliwell and Olson invite you to follow them as they progress in their artistic careers. You can take a look at what Studio 410 has to offer on her website www.gaylehalliwell.com, and Olson posts all of her paintings on her Instagram page @EthanOsArt.



Studio 410 owner Gayle Halliwell held a "Minis-in-a-Minute Challenge" at her studio for the WAVE Studio Tour this past September. Olson jumped at the challenge and impressed Halliwell with her skills.

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tal assessment process."

"In September, the province requested that the federal government not proceed with further review at this time, in order to allow time for the province to work to reset relationships with Indigenous groups involved in the project," said the spokesperson. "The province continues to work closely with Indigenous communities to address concerns raised and to move forward collaboratively. The province continues to prioritize flood mitigation in this area to protect nearby communities and residents."

The Impact Assessment Agency of Canada told the *Express* the outlets project is still undergoing a federal environmental assessment by the agency, and that IAAC works

to ensure assessments respect federal jurisdiction, protect the environment and Indigenous rights, and collaborate with other governments.

"The final federal project decision has not yet been made. The Honourable Steven Guilbeault, Minister of Environment and Climate Change, issued his section 52 decision under the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act, 2012, and determined the project is likely to cause significant adverse environmental effects," said an IAAC spokesperson. "The Minister must now refer the matter to the Governor in Council who will determine if the significant adverse environmental effects likely to be caused by the project are justified."

As to a timeline of when a decision could be made, the IAAC said the federal government recognizes the importance of timely decision-making, but it has received a request from Man-

itoba Transportation and Infrastructure "to wait to refer the project to [the] Governor in Council at this time as Manitoba works with Indigenous groups."

"Once the matter is referred to the Governor in Council, a final decision will be made when it has taken the time it requires to properly consider all the available and relevant scientific information, including Indigenous Knowledge provided by Indigenous Peoples involved in the environmental assessment of the project," said the spokesperson. "There is no legislated timeline for the Governor in Council's decision under the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act, 2012."

Note: the Governor in Council refers to the Governor General acting on the advice of the federal cabinet.



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Lightning Report: U13s 'gelling' after 2-1 start

By Kieran Reimer

The **U13 AA Male Interlake Lightning** bounced back from last week's loss with a 5-2 win over the Central Plains Capitals in Portage la Prairie last Friday.

A Titan Kirkness hat trick led the Lightning as he scored the game's opening two goals and added an empty netter in the third period.

With the win, the Lightning are up to 2-1 this season and are sitting 10th in the 22-team AA Hockey Winnipeg league.

"The kids are really jelling," said Shaun Dalgliesh, Lightning head coach. "There's a lot of excitement in the dressing room. The kids are pretty pumped. The nice thing this year is we've got a pretty wide mix of kids from throughout the Interlake, which is great, and they are all coming together. It's a positive sign for the program as a whole as we'll have more kids from the Interlake being able to advance into the higher age groups with a little bit more structure. The fact that they are coming together this early and creating those relationships is definitely a positive."

The Lightning will get back at it next weekend as they open a six-game November, starting on Friday night in Stonewall against the Eastman Selects Grey.

The Selects enter the game 0-3 and 20th in the league despite defeating the Lightning earlier in October in their exhibition series in Rosenort.

Now the Lightning look to return the favour as they eye a 3-1 start and a chance to move up the standings.

"You can't take anybody lightly in this league and we're going to see that more so this year," said Dalgliesh. "The parity within the league is quite strong. If you look at who Eastman Grey has played this year, it's been the stronger teams, which is probably partially why they are 0-3. We've played them in an exhibition series and lost; however, it was a tight game so the boys need to understand that every time we come into the rink that's the way we need to play."

Puck drop on Friday, Nov. 8 goes at 6 p.m. from Veterans Memorial Sports Complex in Stonewall.

The Lightning won't play again until the following weekend in Winnipeg when they take on the Bruins White on Saturday, Nov. 16 at 2:10 p.m. at Dakota Community Centre.

The **U13 AA Female Interlake Lightning** split their weekend losing 10-4 to the St. Vital Victorias on Friday and winning 4-1 over the Winnipeg Titans on Sunday. They currently sit third with a 2-1 record.

Next game: Saturday, Nov. 2 vs Winnipeg East Saints, 6 p.m. at Stony Mountain Community Centre

The **U15 AA Male Interlake Lightning** lost 4-1 to the Kenora Thistles on Sunday afternoon in Kenora. They currently sit 11th with a 1-2-0-1 record.

Next game: Friday, Nov. 1 vs Winnipeg Bruins Gold, 7:30 p.m. at Access Credit Union Arena

The **U15 AAA Male Interlake Lightning's** three-game winning streak was ended after being blown out 15-0 by the Winnipeg Bruins Gold on Sunday afternoon in Warren. They currently sit fourth in the Central Division with a 3-0-0-5 record.

Next game: Friday, Nov. 1 at Eastman Selects, 7:30 p.m. at Landmark Arena

The **U15 AAA Female Interlake Lightning** split their weekend, defeating the Westman Wildcats 2-1 in a shootout on Saturday and losing 2-1 to the Brandon Wheat Kings on Sunday. They currently sit seventh with a 1-6 record.

Next game: Saturday, Nov. 2 vs Yellowhead Chiefs, 5:15 p.m. at Veterans Memorial Sports Complex

The **U17 AAA Male Interlake Lightning** lost both of their weekend games 2-0 to the Brandon Wheat Kings on Friday and 9-0 to the Winnipeg Bruins on Sunday. They currently



EXPRESS PHOTO BY LANA MEIER

The Interlake Lightning Female U18 AAA team lost a close one to the Winnipeg Ice at the VMSC Friday night. Defenceman Ellis Pearson (17) stops the puck before reaching her goaltender Jane Sugimoto. Sugimoto made 39 saves in the 2-1 loss. Below, Jordan Clark, assisted by Brooke Cyr and Kashlynn Kiesman, scored the lone goal.



sit seventh with a 1-2-0-6 record.

Next game: Friday, Nov. 1 at Pembina Valley Hawks, 7:45 p.m. at Hockey For All Centre

The **U18 AAA Male Interlake Lightning** had the week off games after losing 8-5 to the Eastman Selects on Friday, Oct. 18 in Teulon. They currently sit 10th with a 3-3-1-1 record.

Next game: Wednesday, Oct. 30 vs Pembina Valley, 7 p.m. at Teulon-

Rockwood Arena

The **U18 AAA Female Interlake Lightning** lost all three-weekend games to the Winnipeg Ice, Eastman Selects, and Central Plains Capitals. They currently sit ninth with a 0-8-0-0-1 record.

Next game: Saturday, Nov. 16 at Pilot Mound Buffaloes, 11:30 a.m. at Pilot Mound Millennium Recreation Complex

Falcons drop to third place after comeback falls short

By Kieran Reimer

The Lunder Falcons lost 6-4 to the St. Malo Warriors in the battle for second place in the Capital Region Junior Hockey League on Saturday night in Lunder.

Falcons' Riley Zdan opened the score just 46 seconds into the first period to put the Falcons ahead 1-0,

but the Warriors quickly responded with two goals and took a 2-1 lead into the dressing room after 20 minutes.

The Falcons kept it close from there, tying the game up again in the second period and almost making a comeback in the third.

A powerplay goal in the last minute

from Warriors' Teagan Fillion to put the Warriors up by two sealed the game as the Warriors took control of sole possession of second place.

The Falcons, now 5-2-0-0-0, wrap up the month of October on Tuesday, Oct. 29 against the North Winnipeg Satellites. The score in that game was unavailable due to our press sched-

ule.

The Falcons will play eight games in November, with four at Lunder Arena.

Next weekend's game goes on Friday, Nov. 2 against the Selkirk Fishermen at 7 p.m. at Lunder Arena.

The Dynasty continues: Raptors soccer wins fourth consecutive title

By Keiran Reimer

The Morweena Raptors Varsity soccer team have continued their dynasty run by winning yet another Manitoba High School Athletics Association Zone V Championship.

On Oct. 1, the Raptors downed the Stonewall Rams 4-2 in extra time to win their fourth consecutive Zone V title, making it one of the greatest championship runs in league history.

This year, they did it by going undefeated in regular season play. Their only real scare was in the championship when they trailed 2-1 before tying it up in the 85th minute. Then, they went on to score twice in extra time for the victory.

"It's been really cool," said coach Orlando Reimer. "By now, we've got the confidence, and we're starting to expect it, but sometimes it's more challenging than other times. Every year, it seems like we're going to lose these five key Grade 12s, or however many people, but every year the Grade 11s from the previous year step up and new Grade 9s come in. There's always people to replace the people who leave."

This year's Grade 12s certainly played their role in winning, but it was a full group effort that ultimately led them to triumph.

Reimer said the Raptors had offensive contributions across the entire lineup, which enabled them to put anyone on the field and still get positive results.

"One of our big keys to success was we had weapons and production from everyone," said Reimer. "It makes it so much easier knowing that even if we take our best four players off the field, there is still another bunch that can score goals."

And many of those goal scorers are set to return next season to make it five in a row.

The Raptors will lose only five of 18 players from this year's team as Grade 12s Keandre Fox, Philip Harder, Leandro Klassen, Ashton



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The Morweena Raptors Varsity soccer team defeated the Stonewall Rams 4-2 in extra time to win the MHSAA Zone V Senior Boys Soccer Champions 2024-2025 banner on Oct. 1. The Raptors have won the Zone V championship for four consecutive seasons. Pictured left to right, front row: Tyrese Dueck, Ronaldo Klassen, Nathanael Loewen, Andre Friesen, Keaghan Reimer, Tyrell Vier, Ashton Kornelsen, Braiden Kornelsen. Back row: Orlando Reimer (coach), Jamin Penner, Hunter Loewen, Kaleb Zacharias, Lillanie Klassen, Ethan Kornelsen, Keandre Fox, Leandro Klassen, Tobias Wall, Philip Harder, Kadin Friesen and Tyson Kornelsen (coach).

Kornelson and Tobias Wall are graduating.

Though the five absences will leave a definite hole in the team and off the field, Reimer is confident his returning group has the talent and now experience to keep the team's future in good hands.

"It's been incredible to coach them. They are incredible athletes and people, so I'm thankful for the work and effort they put in and the leadership they provide. I'm confident we can remain a top team because I was able to put

forward a pretty much Grade 10 and 11 squad and we were still able to perform. With those 10s and 11s aging up next year, they are going to be what we need to take home wins," said Reimer.

The 2025 Raptors soccer season is expected to begin in mid-September 2025.

Ice Dawgs blow multiple leads in fourth consecutive loss

By Kieran Reimer

The Arborg Ice Dawgs' losing streak hit four games on Saturday when they lost 4-2 to the Selkirk Fishermen at Arborg & District Arena.

The Ice Dawgs held two one-goal leads in the early going, but a three-goal outburst by the Fishermen midway through the second period proved to be too much for them.

It was the second game in a row they played the Fishermen and blew a lead in the second period.

Over the two games, the Ice Dawgs have allowed six second-period goals while only scoring one of their own. The Fishermen now improve to 3-5-0-0-1 and fourth in the Capital Region Junior Hockey League.

The Ice Dawgs are now 1-6-0-1-0 and sit sixth in the CRJHL through eight games.

They head into November with nine games in the month, four at home.

Their next game is this Friday, Nov. 1 in St. Malo against a 6-2-0-0-0 Warriors squad that has won two straight.

It's their lone game of the weekend before hosting the Fishermen again on Friday, Nov. 8.

Puck drop from St. Malo Arena goes at 8 p.m.

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Thunder silenced by Mustangs for second straight year

By Kieran Reimer

The Varsity Interlake Thunder have been left with the same familiar sting that they experienced just one calendar year ago.

On Sunday, the Thunder suffered their second consecutive Rural Manitoba Football League Championship game loss at the hands of the St. Vital Mustangs, who also defeated them in last year's title game.

This time, the Thunder looked like they could have a chance after cutting it to a one-score game in the third quarter, but St. Vital's powerhouse offence once again showed why they haven't lost a game in over a year.

They went on to win 48-36 despite what ended up being the closest game in three meetings between the two teams this season.

"I was proud of the way we hung in there with them," said Thunder head coach Christof Hasselfield. "Obviously, I would've liked to come away with the win, but as far as moral victories go, I would chalk this one up as one. We got closer in the second game than the first, and then we got even closer in this one, so there was a definite improvement. You wish you had the win, but I was very proud of the way the guys fought for it."

One of the Thunder standouts in the game was junior running back AJ Nadon, who rushed for yet another touchdown to cap off his season-long touchdown streak.

Hasselfield said Nadon was the team's "most dynamic offensive weapon" this season, as he helped drive the run game while also opening up play-action opportunities.

"Him and the offensive line, as we got later in the season, we shifted that offence because the run game was definitely our strength, so we used that to open up the passing game with more play action, and I thought it worked," said Hasselfield. "By the end of the year, we ran a real system. He's the engine that makes our offence go, and I expect him to be the same next year."

Another player that the Thunder will be happy to have back in 2025 is Jessie Batenchuk, who just led them to the RMFL Championship in his first season as a quarterback.

After being the Thunder's top receiver in 2023, Batenchuk showed he might be an even better quarterback by passing for multiple touchdowns almost every week this season.

Hasselfield said he also set an example off the field as one of the team's leaders.

"I was very proud and satisfied with



Quarterback Jessie Batenchuk looks to make a pass.

what Jessie put in this year," said Hasselfield. "It's not easy to step in and play quarterback. There are certain things he'll be able to do next year now that he has the baseline experience of playing quarterback. The biggest thing I appreciate about Jessie was he kept an open mind and kept battling when it got tough. He kept his head up and did a good job of being a leader for the guys."

And despite having Batenchuk back as one of the leaders, the Thunder will need many more players to step up as their ten seniors are aging out.

Hasselfield highlighted four-year veteran Jackson Nichol as a presence they will miss on the defensive line.

He, along with many of the seniors, has also been around since Hasselfield was a team coordinator before he took the head coaching role two seasons ago.

"For those guys to keep coming back and stick with it, the other thing is that Grade 12 class has a real range of roles on the team from a two-way starter and a team captain to a guy who is a special teams guy," said Hasselfield. "They all kept a good attitude throughout the year and the program doesn't function unless you have guys that stick with it."

The Thunder are eligible to return 32 players for the 2025 RMFL season, which is expected to begin again in late August.



EXPRESS PHOTOS BY LANA MEIER

Running back AJ Nadon of Winnipeg Beach was named the player of the game for the Interlake Thunder at the RMFL Championship final this past Sunday.



Thunder's Jake Rogoski and Trevin Smith were a force on the offensive line.



The Thunders' Mario La Pierre catches a Mustang player.

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WILL NOT be picking up
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MENTIONED DATES

November 5
at Arborg curbside pickup

November 7
at Riverton curbside pickup

November 19
at Arborg curbside pickup

November 21
at Riverton curbside pickup

*The workshop will be closed
on Monday November 11
Remembrance Day*

*Please rinse your containers
Thank you for recycling*

take a break

> GAMES

SUDOKU

7				1				
6			8	9				
3						6		5
5	8							6
			2					
	4							3
4	2	5			6		9	
				3	7	1		4

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8	9	5	4	2	6	3	7	1
4	2	1	7	3	5	6	9	8
7	6	3	9	8	1	5	2	4
3	5	6	8	9	7	4	1	2
1	7	8	5	4	2	6	3	9
9	4	2	1	6	3	7	8	5
5	1	9	2	7	4	8	6	3
2	3	7	6	5	8	4	1	9
6	8	4	3	1	9	2	5	7

Sudoku Answer

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D	E	M	I	V	T	C	E	D		S	I	H	T						

Crossword Answer

X CROSSWORD

CLUES ACROSS

1. ___ Spumante (Italian wine)
5. Highly impressed
11. Pronoun to identify something specific
12. Uttered in an impassioned way
16. Outfits
17. "Westworld" actor Harris
18. Stewed game casserole
19. Indignities inflicted on others
24. Blood type
25. Says beneath one's breath
26. Taxis
27. Transmits genetic information from DNA to the cytoplasm
28. NFL great Randy
29. Where college students live
30. Brief Yankees sensation Kevin
31. Condiment
33. -frutti
34. Polish city
38. Astronomy unit of distance
39. Romanian village
40. Bears first overall pick Williams
43. Irritated
44. Clothing for sale has them
45. One-time world power
49. When you anticipate arriving
50. Farm building
51. Organize thoughtfully
53. Detective
54. One who reduces
56. Nursemaids
58. Partner to "Pa"
59. World's longest river
60. Commemorates
63. Compound
64. The Lannisters and Starks fought for one
65. Email function

CLUES DOWN

1. Open-roofed entrance
2. Japanese religion
3. Dancer's garments
4. Distributes

1	2	3	4		5	6	7	8	9	10									
11					12						13	14	15						
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5. Yemeni port
6. Spanish doctors
7. It cools your house
8. Engine variant
9. Makes more manageable
10. Days (Spanish)
13. Milliliter
14. Spread out from
15. With two replaceable hydrogen atoms
20. Respectful title for a man
21. Equally
22. Scarlett's home
23. Big Blue
27. Subway dwellers
29. One-tenth of a liter
30. Central European river
31. Distress signal
32. Expression of sympathy
33. Bar bill
34. Football equipment

35. Dance music
36. Russian river
37. Mary __, cosmetics
38. Gym class
40. Autos
41. Fourth and honorable name in ancient Rome
42. Defeats (abbr.)
44. A way to color
45. Planet
46. Form of humor
47. Taken without permission
48. Go over again
50. Auto parts manufacturer
51. Detective's source
52. Home of the Flyers
54. Short official note
55. Emit coherent radiation
57. In the year of Our Lord
61. Atomic #18
62. Not from, but...

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CARD OF THANKS

The family of Rodney Gluck extend a heartfelt thank you to all staff at Betel Home Gimli for their care and support through his time with them.

Thank you to Gilbert Funeral Home, Pastor Robin Mather for the lovely service, the ladies committee at Winnipeg Beach Legion, to all family and friends near and far for all the gestures of love and support.

We are so grateful for all the years he was in our lives.

-Thank you
Geraldine, Kerry and Cheryl
and families

BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY



Happy 70th Birthday and 48th Anniversary
October 30th Papa
Love you to the moon and back!

-Love,
Everly, Bella, Blaze, Val, Scott,
Amber, Candace, Darryl

IN MEMORIAM



In loving memory of
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The world is still full of beauty and wonder although it lacks the colour and warmth of your presence. Your memory is cherished and your love and joy are forever part of us and the beautiful new generation you did not get to meet.

-Always in our hearts and deeply missed,
Cheryl and Ross, Neil and JiHae,
Craig and Zoë Flora Phoebe, and Blair

OBITUARY

Kathy Dora Uliski

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Kathy Uliski on October 20, 2024 at the Selkirk Regional Health Centre with her family by her side.

Kathy was born in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan on July 12, 1960 to Alfred and Genevieve Uliski, and was raised in Thompson, Manitoba alongside her three siblings.

In 1995 she moved to Dauphin, Manitoba with her parents, shortly after her move Kathy experienced the loss of her mother who was also her best friend. Following this loss, Kathy transitioned to Parkland Residential and Vocational Services Inc. where she lived for 26 wonderful years. During this time she briefly worked in the workshop, however her true passion was helping in the home and maintaining her own schedule.

In 2023 Kathy moved to Riverdale Place Homes in Arborg, Manitoba to be closer to family, although her stay at Riverdale Place Homes was short, she left a beautiful impression, with her spirited energy, and compassion for others.

Kathy was generous with her kindness, thoughtful and always willing to lend a helping hand. She loved listening to the Irish Rovers, spending time with family and friends, counting fire hydrants and she adored kittens. She had a clever sense of humor, and found joy in making others smile. She had a feisty independence and possessed unique wisdom that will be greatly missed.

Kathy leaves to mourn her sister Marie Uliski, brother-in-law Neil Spencer, and sister-in-law Dianna Fehr and nieces and nephews Mandy, Jason, Jennifer and Shawn as well as great-nephews Dylan and Grayson.

Kathy was predeceased by her mother and father Genevieve and Alfred Uliski, brother Gary Uliski, sister Sandra Spencer, and her close friend/mentor Liz Fournier.

We would like to extend our deepest gratitude to the staff of Parkland Residential Vocational Services Inc. and Riverdale Place Homes Inc. for the exceptional care they provided to Kathy.

In lieu of flowers donations can be made to: Riverdale Place Homes Inc., PO Box 968, Arborg, MB. R0C 0A0 or Parkland Vocational Services Inc., 424 1 Ave NE, Dauphin, Manitoba R79 1A5.

A celebration of life will be held in the spring of 2025 in Dauphin, Manitoba.

OBITUARY

Daniel Klatt

December 15, 1953 – October 20, 2024

On October 20, 2024 at the age of 70, Daniel Klatt passed peacefully in his sleep.

He is survived by his wife Nyla, children Joanne and husband Larry, Mark and wife Krista, grandchildren Kayson and Alex, and brother Bert and wife Beverly.

Dan grew up in Grahamdale along with his brother Bert on the family farm. He met Nyla in Grahamdale where her father ran the local establishment. Stars aligned and they were married soon after. Shortly thereafter they moved to Winnipeg where he began his career as a heavy equipment mechanic with Powell Equipment. It didn't take long for the stork to deliver the first bundle of joy (Mark), quickly followed by the second (Joanne). Wife, kids, and career in hand, he was off to the races.

Establishing a name for himself he moved to field service work where he wasn't required to be at the shop. This freedom of movement allowed him to scratch the country living itch and he moved the family back to Grahamdale. After a few years of long-distance work, he decided to hang up his hat at Powell Equipment and start his own business to be closer to his family. Dan's Diesel and Machinery Repairs was born.

Through the business he provided a needed service to the local communities, employing a number of local people along the way and producing three journeyman mechanics including his son Mark. He ran the business for roughly 20 years before packing up the wrenches and trying his hand at other careers.

He spent some time operating heavy equipment, driving truck, and running crews for a local contractor he had met through his business, where they developed a lasting friendship. Ultimately Dan needed something different and landed on a business opportunity with his brother. Together, with Beverly and Nyla, they created Twin Trails and contracted their services to the Municipality of Grahamdale in the form of road grading services. It was work he was very passionate about and loved doing. He continued doing this until this year when he retired due to health complications.

Dan loved to snowmobile and was very active in that community. This could be seen through his participation in multiple organizations related to the sport over the years. Even a simple jaunt through the field exercising his dogs brought great pleasure.

Dan leaves behind a legacy of hard work, community involvement, and a care and compassion for others. He will be missed.

In keeping with Dan's wishes, cremation has taken place and no formal service will be held.

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The Rural Municipality of Fisher is inviting proposals for snow clearing of sidewalks and rear office building entrance at the RM Office and Fire Hall located at 30 Tache Street.

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- Snow removal equipment to be provided by the applicant.

Sealed envelope to be marked:

"Snow Clearing - RM of Fisher Office & Fire Hall Sidewalks"

For further information, call the RM of Fisher Office at 204-372-6393. Lowest tender not necessarily accepted. Renewal for future seasons a possibility.

Deadline for proposals is 4:00 p.m. November 12, 2024

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CELEBRATION OF LIFE

Dodo Valgardson

The family invite you to attend a celebration of life for our dear Mom and Granny. It will be held on November 9, 2024 in the Gimli Lutheran Church at 1:00 p.m. Coffee and light snack to follow. Tributes: www.gilbartfuneralhome.com

Gilbart Funeral Home, Gimli in care of arrangements.



OBITUARY



Walter Humeniuk

It is with great sadness that the family of Walter Humeniuk announces his passing at the age of 93. Walter passed away peacefully on Wednesday, October 9, 2024, with his family by his side.

Walter will be lovingly remembered by his wife of 64 years, Victoria; children, Dale (Lorraine), Darrell (Connie), Bradley (Elena); grandchildren, Curtis, Calvin, Ryan, Megan, Zaryanna, Milana; and numerous other family members and friends.

Walter was predeceased by his parents, Mike and Antonia (Talaga); siblings, Mary (Woloshyn) and John.

The family wishes to send a special thank you to the staff at the Selkirk Regional Health Centre and home care staff for your kindness, compassion and excellent care in his time of need.

As per Walter's wishes, cremation has taken place and a private family service will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in Walter's name can be made to the Heart and Stroke Foundation.

Fisher Funeral Home Inc.
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OBITUARY

Robert Hudyma

August 18, 1965 - October 19, 2024

It is with deep sadness that we announce the sudden passing of Bob on October 19, 2024.

He leaves to mourn his mother Frances, brother Barry (Karen), nephew Steven (Megan), niece Kathleen (Michael) and great nephews Matthew and Mitchell, along with many friends and family.

Bob was predeceased by his father John.

Bob grew up on the family farm in Fraserwood and moved to the city shortly after graduation and started a career in insulating. But farming ran deep in his veins and he returned to the family homestead to continue what he was meant to do.

Bob had many interests, he loved the outdoors, going hunting and fishing with family and friends and his latest passion was

cooking.

The family would like to thank all the friends, family, neighbours and community members that have supported us during this time.

Pallbearers were Steven Hudyma, Michael Melnychuk, Jared Mitchell, Ryan Farrell, Brett Siatecki and Tyron Moore.

Flowers are gratefully declined, donations can be made to the Heart and Stroke Foundation.

Funeral service was held on Friday, October 25, 2024 at 11:00 a.m. at the Sacred Heart Ukrainian Catholic Church in Gimli. Father Yaroslav Buduykevych officiated.

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