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Community generosity creates happier holiday season

By Jennifer McFee

A homegrown project led to a much merrier Christmas for many people who needed a boost in spirits — including the woman behind the initiative.

On Dec. 8, Stonewall resident Kirsty Morrison received some bad news about someone very special to her. Around the same time, chief public health officer Dr. Brent Roussin announced that Manitobans would need to celebrate Christmas within their own homes in an effort to stop the spread of COVID-19.

“I realized I would not be able to spend the holidays with the people that I love most. Christmas and family are very special to me. It sort of hit me all at once, and I was very sad,” Morrison said.

“After a bit of time, I had a bit of an epiphany and I decided rather than being sad, I needed to come up with something that was positive and might bring some joy at this difficult time.”

Each year, her niece Randi spearheads a fundraiser at Korner Kutz to gather money and other items for Main Street Project. This year, donations were down since the business is



Gift bags contained many treats.

closed due to pandemic restrictions.

While mulling over some ideas, Morrison came up with a plan to make sandwiches and deliver them to Main Street Project on Christmas Eve.

“I phoned my friend Colleen Penner and she immediately agreed that she was in. We weren’t sure exactly how many sandwiches the two of us would be able to make, but a little would be



TRIBUNE PHOTOS BY KIRSTY MORRISON

Main Street Project received 100 gift bags, 300 sandwiches, 125 bottles of water, a \$500 donation and more, thanks to the generous contributions from the community.



Kaycie and Maiti Margetts decorated the gift bags.

better than nothing. My dad jumped on the bandwagon and volunteered to make sandwiches as well. Then the idea ballooned into adding a Christmas orange to the package,”Morrison said.

“When my mom heard our idea, she volunteered to make cookies. Then my sister offered to purchase gift bags to hold the items.”

Morrison’s granddaughters Kaycie and Maiti decorated the bags with a little help from their mom, Jaime, and Irene McCormick.

Then Morrison made a post about her plan on Facebook — and from there, the project snowballed.

“I am completely overwhelmed by the generosity of our community,” she said.

“Many families worked together to make cookies or sandwiches. Our local grocery store Family Foods and OMG Chocolates donated items. The list just goes on.”

As a result of the influx of community support, they were able to create 100 gift bags filled with a Christmas orange, a candy cane, a bag with about six homemade cookies, a package of Ritz Bits, a package of OMGs, a package of Hot Paws, chocolate bars and Lindt chocolates.

“We also delivered about 300 sandwiches, 125 bottles of water and many assorted goodies. Plus we made a cash donation of \$500 to Main Street Project. Our whole community has been great. That’s the thing — if everybody gives a little tiny bit, then it turns out to be something magnificent,” Morrison said.

“All in all, it was a great success. It definitely contributed to helping me out this season because right after we started this process my mom had a medical emergency and she remains in St. Boniface Hospital. I am so grateful to our community for all their support in this project.”

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Manitoba

WCI student helps Winnipeg's homeless shelter

By Jo-Anne Procter

On Christmas Eve, Warren Collegiate Grade 12 student Lane Bond was able to play Santa Claus for the second year in a row.

Fellow student and friend Abby Procter helped Bond deliver 173 backpacks and purses filled with toiletries and useful items to Siloam Mission, a shelter for the homeless in Winnipeg.

Back Pack Give Back is a project Bond launched in 2019 in an effort to give back to the less fortunate. In 2019 he delivered 153 backpacks.

This year, the backpacks were filled with donated toiletries as well as 144 pairs of new long underwear and 300 pairs of regular underwear for men and women, which was made possible through a grant from Foresters Financial. Collecting was a little different this year and social media played a large role.

"The response I had this year was amazing, and I think a big reason for that was because of the well-established online community that COVID has created," Bond explained.

"It made it a lot easier to reach out to groups of people and spread the word of my project."

The Gifting Village on Facebook was one of the pages that helped get the word out, and Warren Tire was the main drop-off location.

The Rosser/Grosse Isle Sunday School students contributed many back packs and toiletries as well as hand-written notes.



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Left photo: WCI student Lane Bond was thrilled with the amount of donations he received for his "Back Pack Give Back" project. Right photo: Bond, left, and Abby Procter delivered 173 back packs filled with useful items to Siloam Mission on Christmas Eve.

Due to the pandemic, Siloam Mission had not been accepting used donations; however, Bond was in continued contact with the mission. Due to his previous generous donation, they gratefully accepted his donation this

year.

"People really pulled together, and it warmed my heart to know that in a time of such distress, people can still be so generous."

Next year, Bond hopes the fundrais-

er will continue; however, he will be attending university out of province.

"My goal is to hand the project off to another student or group that can put the time and effort in that I won't be able to."

Agricultural Crown land auctions to be held online

Submitted by Manitoba government

The Manitoba government announced a new, modern online approach to agricultural Crown land lease auctions beginning in February, Agriculture and Resource Development Minister Blaine Pedersen said Monday.

"By modernizing our approach to service delivery we are better able to meet the needs and expectations of our clients," said Pedersen. "The new, online auction format will ensure we

can offer all Manitobans the opportunity to rent additional lands that will support their farming operations."

A number of agricultural Crown land parcels will be available to rent for haying, grazing or cropping. The official listing of agricultural Crown lands available for rent can be found at https://resd.ca/leases_and_permits/LPproperties.aspx.

The online auctions will be hosted by Garton's Auction Service from Feb. 8 to 12, with further information to fol-

low on <https://gartonsauction.com/>.

Allocating agricultural Crown land leases by way of a public auction is part of the modernization of the Agricultural Crown Lands Program, the minister noted. These leases and permits are available to farmers and ranchers, to provide an additional land base on which to conduct agricultural activities. The Agricultural Crown Lands Program supports the sustainable expansion of the livestock herd in Manitoba, contributes to eco-

logical goods and services, and supports mitigation and adaptation to climate change.

More information on the upcoming auctions can be found at https://resd.ca/leases_and_permits/LPproperties.aspx or by contacting the Agricultural Crown Lands Program by email at agcrownlands@gov.mb.ca or by calling 204-867-6550 or 1-844-769-6624 (toll-free).

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Teulon mayor named provincial trailblazer

By Evan Matthews

A Teulon woman has been recognized as a Manitoba 150 Women Trailblazer award recipient.

On Jan. 6, the Nellie McClung Foundation named Teulon Mayor Anna Pazdzierski a trailblazer. The award is aimed to honour McClung's vision by recognizing the spirit of her life's work being advanced by female leaders of today or throughout Manitoba's history.

"This is so special and such an honour for me," said Pazdzierski.

"All the work we've done (as a society) to move women's agenda forward, it's just so important to me to have been a part of that."

Roughly a year and a half ago, Winkler's Genesis House's executive director Angela Braun nominated Pazdzierski for the award, as she spent nearly two decades leading Selkirk's

women's shelter.

Though having accumulated 18 years of experience as the executive director of Nova House, a public and well documented feud left Pazdzierski with few ties to the organization she had dedicated her professional life to.

For that reason, Pazdzierski said having won an award that she was nominated by her former professional peers means so much more.

"(Braun) is one of the longest tenured executive directors. We were both very involved in the Manitoba Association for Women's Shelters (MAWS)," said Pazdzierski.

"People I worked with, even outside of Nova House, certainly have always been very supportive and felt the whole situation (at the end) was unfortunate, to say the least.

"It means a lot to be recognized for the work we accomplished and to

have people acknowledge we did a good job."

Whereas under normal circumstance the foundation would host an in-person event to distribute awards, COVID-19 restrictions prevented the organization from doing so.

The Nellie McClung Foundation is still hoping to publicly recognize all award recipients through the release of its virtual book on March 8. The book will be available on the website at nelliemcclungfoundation.com.

Each award recipient will have a profile featured in the book and will receive a commemorative copy of the profile, in addition to a letter from The Nellie McClung Foundation Patron, Janice Filmon, Manitoba's lieutenant-governor.

All recipients and nominees will also be featured in the *Winnipeg Free Press* on Jan. 28, which is the 105th anniversary



Teulon's mayor Anna Pazdzierski has been recognized as a Manitoba 150 Women Trailblazer award recipient.

sary of Manitoba becoming the first province in Canada to grant (most) women the right to vote.

Library board looks to recruit new director

By Jennifer McFee

The search is on.

The South Interlake Regional Library is still looking for an ideal candidate to fill its top role.

Long-standing head librarian Darlene Dallman was ready to retire last month, with her last day set for Dec. 18. The library board embarked on the process to hire someone to replace her, but they have been unable to fill the position so far.

In the meantime, to ensure that local libraries continue to function effectively, Dallman agreed to help out until the library board fills the post.

"The library board and I are doing the best we can to ensure our community continues to get the high-level library services they are used to during these challenging times. However, despite doing a number of interviews and even offering the job to a couple of people, things didn't pan out and the board was not able to hire a replacement," said Dallman, who is out of the country for at least three months.

"I was not interested in changing my

plans for my next phase of life to continue to work full time, but I did offer to keep the administration part of the library under control by working up until Christmas and then two days a week remotely after that up until March 5. If I'm needed beyond that, we will need to work out a contract arrangement."

In total, Dallman will remain on payroll for an extra 20 days, since she also had vacation time owed to her.

Currently, she's tackling year-end administrative tasks that can be accomplished remotely, such as completing reports required for provincial funding. She's also writing grant applications, issuing T4s, ensuring bills get paid and staff receive paycheques, and making sure the annual audit is done.

"This is not our Plan A or even our Plan B. This is our best solution to an unfortunate problem. There simply was no one else to do the tasks I'm doing. I would be more than happy if they said my services were no longer needed tomorrow," Dallman said.

"The board will continue their search and will be placing ads and doing interviews again. ... These times of COVID are very challenging for everyone. Everyone is stressed and struggling to keep moving forward, and it turns out hiring a new library director is also challenging. We are just doing the best we can to keep the boat afloat."

Angela Green, the newly minted library board chair, said they hope to recruit a replacement for Dallman as soon as possible.

"She was supposed to retire in December, and I think we're really fortunate — as a board and as a community — that she was willing to stay on until we do find a replacement," Green said.

"We were concerned about the optics of her being down south and continuing to be an employee for the library but she has specialized knowledge in some tasks, including the audit. That's something that's hard to expect other employees to be able to pick up and do."

For now, everybody is trying to adapt to the situation and do the best they can, Green said.

"In this day and age, she has good connectivity so she's able to dial in and do her work remotely, whether she's at her home or at her vacation home. She's also in continuous communication with the board and with the employees at the library branches," she said.

"And because she's still an employee and we would have been paying that vacation time, there are no additional expenses because of this."

At the same time, Green expressed appreciation for the continued opportunity to rely on Dallman's expertise.

"Honestly, I've had community members say she is the reason why we have such a strong library system in the area," she said.

"She has specialized knowledge on the business side as well as the library side. We know she's going to be very hard to replace, but we're going to start the recruitment process again and hopefully we can find somebody that's the right fit."

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Teulon thanks ICF for CE Building

By Evan Matthews

The Town of Teulon is thanking the Interlake Community Foundation for its contributions, which help to keep the doors open and the lights on at the Teulon United Church's Christian Education (CE) Building.

The Teulon United Church owns and operates the small stand-alone hall, which is used as an accessible and affordable meeting space for small and unfunded groups, according to Mayor Anna Pazdzierski.

"One of the reasons why we feel it's an important space is that organizations such as AA and Al-Anon are able to meet in that building confidentially and anonymously," said Pazdzierski, noting the town council contributes a small monetary amount for hydro and minor maintenance.

"Organizations like these don't have a lot of money because they're often funded right out of members' pockets. Youth groups use the space for free because, again, they don't have money."

Outside of the small fees associated with using the space, operational costs for the building are covered by nominal fees and donations from Teulon United Church, but the CE Building is a community facility, Pazdzierski em-

phasized, not a religious facility.

Pointing to the ICF, Pazdzierski said without the foundation, the community may not have access to such an integral community space.

"The Interlake Community Foundation has been instrumental in assisting us in keeping this building open, accessible and affordable for community and service groups," said Pazdzierski.

"With its financial assistance, we have replaced windows, upgraded bathrooms, added outdoor lighting, started (transitioning) to energy efficient lighting, and will be improving our kitchen area and replacing the air conditioner as well."

In December 2020, through the Endow Manitoba Build 150 Grants, the ICF contributed a matching grant of \$2,600 to the Teulon United Church, Pazdzierski said, for it to use toward the CE Building's operational cost.

After that, the ICF also gave the Teulon United Church another \$5,000 through its Emergency Community Support Fund, Pazdzierski said, in order to start on some of the aforementioned renovations.

Another soon-to-be announced grant is on its way, too, according to Pazdzierski.



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The Teulon United Church recently received a \$2,600 matching grant from ICF and Endow Manitoba Build 150 and an additional \$5,000 from ICF to help with costs for the Christian Education Building.

Manitoba sets out to vaccinate all care home residents

Staff

The provincial government is setting out to get the most vulnerable Manitobans vaccinated for COVID-19 as quickly as possible.

Premier Brian Pallister announced last week that Manitoba is embarking on a 28-day campaign to immunize all eligible personal care home (PCH) residents at 135 sites across the province with the first dose of the vaccine.

"We want to make sure that [care home residents] are looked after, because they're vulnerable," Premier Brian Pallister said at a press conference Jan. 6. "As we know, significant

fatalities have occurred in personal care homes right across the world, and our folks that live in them deserve our protection and our love."

The PCH immunization campaign began on Monday with focused immunization teams visiting seven care homes in all five regional health authorities. In Southern Health-Santé Sud, residents of Boyne Lodge in Carman will receive the vaccine first.

The province expects to immunize 1,157 people this week and then expand the campaign to other care homes in the weeks ahead. An estimated 9,834 people live in Manitoba's

personal care homes.

"By mid-March, every single eligible PCH resident will have received both doses and the fullest protection we can provide them with against this deadly virus," Pallister said.

The vaccine will be offered at all care homes, regardless of whether the PCH has had an outbreak, is having an outbreak, or has never had an outbreak of COVID-19.

All eligible residents will be included in the campaign if they consent to be immunized. Residents will be offered the vaccine even if they have previously tested positive for COV-

ID-19, as long as they do not have any other medical conditions that would exclude them from immunization.

In addition to the doses heading to personal care homes, the province is also sending thousands of doses to First Nations communities in addition to continuing to vaccinate eligible health-care workers at super sites in Winnipeg and, starting next week, Brandon.

The government is planning to have approximately two per cent of Manitoba's population vaccinated by the end of January and four per cent by the end of February.

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Shed COVID stigma

By Evan Matthews

A community member I speak with regularly tested positive for COVID-19 a couple of weeks ago, as did the rest of their household.

After hearing the news, I responded by saying, "I'm so sorry to hear" and "It must have been a difficult couple of weeks. I hope everyone is doing OK."

It seemed like "the right" thing to say, honestly, but my response lacked thought.

"Why is everyone sorry to hear? Nobody would be sorry if I had bronchitis or a cold. Honestly, that's all it was; it was a really bad cold, but everyone is on the mend and OK," the person said to me. All of a sudden, I found myself thinking; the comment had sparked critical thought.

"We should be able to talk about it," this person said.

This is 100 per cent true: we should be able to talk about it.

Many of us are guilty of this stigmatization, whether we've come in to close contact with COVID-19 or not.

Referring to COVID-19 as a new-age

leprosy, this particular community member said the family's interaction with COVID-19 has impacted its association with the community, to some degree.

As soon we hear about one of our friends, family members or community members having had close contact or interaction with this newfound virus, the stigmatization seemingly begins immediately and innately.

Our society has heard a lot about COVID-19 over the last year or so, and so much of it has been scary; discussing transmission rates, death tolls and the restrictions imposed on and off for what has felt way too long.

Do we need to do our part in preventing unnecessary virus transmission by sanitizing and maintaining good hygiene, minimizing our travel, etc.? Yes, of course.

But we cannot afford to be afraid.

Our social connection as a society has taken a back seat to our prioritization of public health and safety, and for good reason, but our compassion should not.

We know the majority of people who

get this virus will recover; this isn't to slight or disrespect the many people who haven't.

We also know of the many people who are struggling with languishing mental health related to connection and social interaction, or lack thereof, over the last six months, specifically.

This isn't to say, due to a lack of social interaction, that you should run into the home of a family battling the symptoms associated with COVID-19, obviously.

But we can certainly talk about the virus and people's experiences. We can acknowledge there is no guilt or shame in having experienced this virus. We can acknowledge for many it's just a bad cold, but for others it can be much worse, and for that reason we all must do our part.

We can acknowledge how valuable social interaction and compassion from our communities can be in trying times.

If we're truly "in this together," now is the time to be there for one another. Don't be afraid to talk about things.

Province provides \$5 million to support Manitoba restaurants

Submitted by Manitoba government

The Manitoba government is providing \$5 million to the Manitoba Chambers of Commerce to develop a program that provides financial relief to dine-in restaurants that have been affected financially by the province moving to Critical (red) on the #RestartMB Pandemic Response System

and resulting public health orders, Premier Brian Pallister announced on Dec. 22.

"Manitoba's restaurant community has made significant sacrifices in order to help halt the spread of this deadly virus and protect all Manitobans during this crucial time in our fight against COVID-19," said Pallis-

ter. "Many businesses have taken on additional costs to adapt their operations to comply with public health orders and safely provide Manitobans with the services they rely on while supporting their efforts to stay home. Our government continues to work

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Interlake-Eastern RHA records less than 100 cases last week

Staff

The current five-day COVID-19 test positivity rate is 10 per cent provincially and 8.8 per cent in Winnipeg. As of 9:30 a.m. Monday, 133 new cases of the virus had been identified, bringing the total number of lab-confirmed cases in Manitoba to 26,450.

Monday's COVID-19 data shows:

- 11 cases in the Interlake-Eastern health region;
- 34 case in the Northern health region;
- 28 cases in the Prairie Mountain Health region;
- 13 cases in the Southern Health-Santé Sud health region; and
- 47 cases in the Winnipeg health region.

The data also shows:

- 3,414 active cases and 22,295 individuals who have recovered from COVID-19;
- there are 162 people in hospital with active COVID-19 as well as 154 people in hospital with COVID-19 who are no longer infectious but continue to require care, for a total of 316 hospitalizations;
- there are 21 people in intensive care units with active COVID-19 as well as 16 people with COVID-19 who are no longer infectious but continue to require critical care for a total of 37 ICU patients; and
- the total number of deaths due to COVID-19 is 741.

Laboratory testing numbers show 1,566 tests were completed yesterday bringing the total number of lab tests completed since early February 2020 to 440,532. Case investigations continue and if a public health risk is identified, the public will be notified.

The Interlake-Eastern total case breakdown by district as of Monday, is as follows: A total of 1,952 cases, up by 78 from Jan. 4: 382 active cases, 1,536 recovered, 16 currently in the hospital with four of those in ICU and 34 deaths.

Arborg/Riverton 54 cases recovered; Beausejour 6 active cases, 118 recovered; Eriksdale/Ashern 56 active cases, 78 recovered and 8 deaths; Fisher/Peguis 39 active cases and 269 recovered, 3 deaths; Gimli 27 recovered; Northern Remote 80 active cases, 172 recovered and 2 deaths; Pinawa/Lac du Bonnet 52 recovered; Powerview/Pine Falls 84 active case and 48 recovered and 1 death; Selkirk 91 recovered and 2 deaths; Springfield 153 recovered and 11 deaths; St. Clements 13 active cases and 76 recovered and 1 death; St. Laurent 14 recovered; Stonewall/Teulon 6 active cases, 138 recovered and 4 deaths; Unknown District 81 active cases and 99 recovered and 1 death; Whiteshell 25 recovered and Winnipeg Beach/St. Andrews 8 active cases and 122 recovered and 1 death.

The chief provincial public health officer reminds Manitobans to self-isolate immediately at the onset of possible COVID-19 symptoms, no matter how mild. This means staying home from work, school or other daily activities. Testing should be done as soon as possible once symptoms appear. For information on COVID-19 symptoms and guidance on when you should get tested, visit <https://manitoba.ca/covid19/fundamentals/symptoms.html>.

Manitobans should only leave their homes for essential purposes. When leaving the house to obtain essentials,

be sure to physically distance, wear a mask in indoor public places and avoid crowded spaces. Do not leave the home if you are sick, or when any member of your family is sick. Further, do not socialize with anyone from outside your household.

Public health officials are also advising that if anyone is symptomatic, or has a household member who is symptomatic, the entire household needs to self-isolate pending COVID-19 test results. For health-care workers, exceptions may apply and staff may be able/required to report to work after contacting their workplace occupational health services or designate.

Code red restrictions remain in place until Jan. 22

Manitoba's COVID-19 numbers and hospitalizations are still too high to roll back restrictions, public health officials announced last week.

The code red/critical public health orders slated to expire Jan. 8 were extended another two weeks to Jan. 22.

That means the in-person sale of non-essential products remains restricted and non-essential businesses must continue to keep their doors closed to the public, relying instead on curbside pickup and delivery.

Dr. Brent Roussin, Manitoba's chief public health officer, said that while the previous eight weeks of restrictions had begun to lower Manitobans' COVID-19 numbers, the holiday season did lead to a spike in cases.

"We see 355 of our current cases linked to holiday gatherings, with almost 1,900 contacts," he said, adding that some of these gatherings saw

over two dozen people attend. "And so these numbers are certainly things we had to take into consideration when addressing these orders that are expiring."

Extending the orders will allow "us to continue to protect Manitobans, to continue to reduce the case numbers, continue to ease the hardship in the health-care system," Roussin said.

The extended public health orders did come with one modification to allow exemptions for professional hockey teams.

The Winnipeg Jets were already allowed to train under the old orders, with players and staff exempt from self-isolation rules.

The updated orders now extend those exemptions to all professional hockey teams to allow games as well as training.

"It's important to note that this is able to occur because of the strict protocols that are being put in place by the NHL," Roussin said, noting play is only taking place within Canada right now and all teams have detailed testing and exposure procedures in place. "This is a quite low risk to Manitobans."

Health officials will continue to monitor the case numbers and the strain on the health-care system in the weeks ahead to determine what will happen when the new public health orders expire in two weeks. They'll also be asking Manitobans for their thoughts on the ongoing restrictions.

"We're going to launch consultations with Manitobans for feedback on potential future changes to the order," Roussin said. "That's, of course, if our case numbers allow."

Teulon council looks toward 2021; reflects on 2020

By Evan Matthews

It's hard to mention 2020 without mentioning COVID-19, but the mayor of Teulon is wishing residents a happy new year and looking forward to 2021.

After the byelection in December 2019, Mayor Anna Pazdzierski said the beginning of 2020 largely focused on getting council members up to speed.

"We're all sort of new ... or at least hadn't been on council in some time," said Pazdzierski.

"Familiarizing ourselves with expectations was a big part of things. One regret was not being able to meet with the public. We have lots of plans relating to public meetings and none of it happened (due to COVID)."

Pazdzierski said her hope is that at some point soon, she and other coun-

cil members will be able to engage with the public in a capacity outside the grocery store.

Having community engagement with council is a top priority heading into the new year.

"We want the community to be a part of these decisions and to let us know what they want and need for the future," said Pazdzierski.

"We want to introduce our CAO to the community, and with the door to the office locked right now, it makes that difficult."

For Teulon council, 2020 was busy since the town hired a new CAO in Andrew Glassco, appointed Ryan Trombo as fire chief, and added Colleen Howelko to the administration.

Budget-wise, Pazdzierski said the

new council prioritized public works projects and capital improvements to recreation facilities.

Council also made the first payment for the construction of the new fire hall in the amount of \$35,385, with each subsequent payment over the next 19 years being \$44,265.

The total tax levy for the Town of Teulon increased by 1.99 per cent in 2020.

The Town of Teulon agreed to collaborate with the Town of Stonewall, the RM of Rosser and the RM of Rockwood to create asset management assessments, plans, policies and strategies to sustainably maintain municipal assets.

Council also established and implemented a human resource policy and the development of a workplace

safety and health program, and completed a safety gap assessment of all municipal facilities.

"On behalf of council, I would like to thank all of our municipal staff and contractors for continued efforts in providing essential services, while ensuring the safety of staff and residents," said Pazdzierski.

"We continue to encourage residents to support local businesses and reach out to someone who is alone or self-isolated or unable to do things for themselves during these trying times.

"Here's hoping for a healthy, prosperous and happy new year as we move into 2021."

Fisher Branch and Teulon Ag offices closing in 2021

By Evan Matthews

While the Province of Manitoba's Agriculture and Resource Development Minister Blaine Pedersen announced a new rural service delivery model to modernize services last week, municipal governments suggest the new model will contribute to the death of small towns.

While the provincial government announced the closure of 21 farm service centres across the province, in the Interlake, agricultural service offices will close in Fisher Branch and Teulon.

The RM of Fisher Reeve Shannon Pyziak did not respond for comment by press time.

"On the call in which the province announced this decision to use, it sounded as though they made the decision based on the fact people have been working from home for so long now, it's clear they do not need an office space anymore.

"They're expecting people to access whatever they need online as opposed to in office," said Teulon Mayor Anna Pazdzierski.

"The province is going to save \$700,000 by closing out their leases on these buildings. But if someone can't access what they need online, they're going to have to drive to Arborg for

service," she said.

Aside from the inconvenience of driving, Pazdzierski said one additional empty building in any small town is just another nail in the coffin for small communities.

Pazdzierski expressed displeasure in the provincial governments handling of these closures, in that there was no consultation or heads up given by the province to the town.

"According to the minister, there will be businesses willing to move in to these spaces. Well, as far as I know, businesses are not knocking down the door to move in," said Pazdzierski.

"Our building is in a good location, so hopefully someone will be willing to take it over. But there was no communication. We received an email at 3:05 p.m. the day before our 10 a.m. meeting in which this decision was announced to us.

"The way this was handled is distressing. ... So did many others on the call, who expressed concern," she said.

The centres, according to the province, will continue to provide Manitoba producers with products and services offered by Manitoba Agricultural Services Corporation (MASC), an access point for permits and licences issued by the department, and department and general government

services program information and referrals.

"Meeting the needs of our clients with professional knowledge, current research and data, connections to appropriate links, and timely, unbiased information has always been a priority for our department," said Pedersen.

"The array of services that will be provided online, by telephone or in-person at agricultural service centres throughout the province will offer producers a convenient and client-focused means to access the programs and services that are available to them."

Effective April 1, Manitoba Agriculture and Resource Development will leverage existing synergies with MASC to offer a single window for Manitoba farmers and businesses seeking services provided by either organization.

Through the modernization of the department and MASC's physical footprint, 17 rural and northern offices will continue to deliver a multitude of services including:

- 10 agricultural service centres will provide insurance, lending, farmland school tax rebate and wildlife damage compensation services; handling of licensing and permits applications; and provide agriculture and

resource development program information;

- Five centres focusing on resource management, and;
- Two centres focusing on mineral or petroleum services.

The 10 agricultural service centres to remain open will be located in Arborg, Brandon, Dauphin, Headingley, Killarney, Morden, Neepawa, Portage la Prairie, Steinbach and Swan River.

The five service locations focused on integrated resource management will be in Brandon, Gimli, Lac du Bonnet, The Pas and Thompson.

A service location focused on minerals will be located in Flin Flon and another service location focused on petroleum will be located in Virden.

To support the multichannel service delivery model, an interactive online chat program — which will allow clients to access real-time assistance from a smartphone, tablet, computer or through a toll-free number — will be developed in the future, the minister noted.

In addition, the province stated each office will have a client-accessible kiosk to access online services and connect virtually with other government service providers.

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with the business community to identify industry needs and help target our support to help offset new expenses."

Based on a recommendation from business leadership and stakeholders, the \$5-million Dine-in Restaurant Relief Program will be delivered by the Manitoba Chambers of Commerce in partnership with the Manitoba Restaurant and Foodservices Association. The program will be designed to provide a rebate to dine-in restaurants across Manitoba that have shifted to a delivery model as a result of moving to Critical (red) and subsequent public health orders. The rebate will help offset additional costs related to food delivery services, whether a restaurant provides its own delivery service or uses a third-party delivery company.

"In a time when the restaurant industry in Manitoba has experienced significant revenue losses due to the pandemic and code red restrictions, we are pleased to see our provincial government creating this initiative to ensure some of the additional expenses of operating during this unprecedented time are recognized," said Shaun Jeffrey, executive director, Manitoba Restaurant and Foodservices Association.

"We welcome this additional support to keep our restaurateurs' spirits up during this holiday season. We look forward to working with all the partners involved to get these supports to the businesses that need them the most while sup-

porting them as they rely on this lone revenue stream to keep them viable in the future."

The Dine-in Restaurant Relief Program is the second program rolled out from that \$50 million investment. On Dec. 3, the province announced a \$1.5-million commitment from the fund to help support business, and chambers of commerce throughout Manitoba in developing and promoting their community business. A portion of that funding was also allocated for the GoodLocal online shopping platform and delivery service in the capital region, which connects local makers and merchants with buyers at www.goodlocal.ca.

The Manitoba Bridge Grant provides an immediate one-time payment of \$5,000 to small and medium-sized businesses, not-for-profit and charitable organizations that were directly ordered to temporarily cease operations or close their publicly accessible physical locations by Manitoba COVID-19 public-health orders in effect on Nov. 12. The province expanded the grant in December to include funding of up to \$5,000 for full-time Manitoba home-based businesses that have been affected by Manitoba COVID-19 public-health orders in effect as of Nov. 12. As of Dec. 21, the province has provided approximately \$43 million to 8,600 successful applicants.

More information on the Dine-in Restaurant Relief Program and how to apply will be available for restaurants in the weeks ahead.



PLEASE LEASH YOUR DOG



Due to the increased use of our open spaces and trails during the pandemic, the Town would like to remind everyone that dogs are required to be **on a leash at all times** unless they are in their own yard or in the designated Thompson Off-Leash Park.

Stonewall welcomes 2021

By Jennifer McFee

It's a strong start to 2021 in the Town of Stonewall.

Stonewall Mayor Clive Hinds took some time to reflect on the past year while also sharing plans and priorities for 2021.

"To begin, I would like to thank all the residents of our community on behalf of myself and the entire council," he said. "Your words of encouragement and direction motivate us every day to do better for Stonewall."

In 2020, Stonewall council approved a new strategic plan that establishes priorities for council for the next three to five years. These priorities include community and economic development, which will include hiring an economic development officer in 2021, attracting tourism, and enhancing Main Street. Other focuses include housing and growth management, as well as improvements to partnerships and communication.

As well, the strategic plan prioritizes culture, recreation and mobility, with the goal of completing a master plan on recreation facilities while also expanding trails and active transportation options in the community.

In addition, the strategic plan focuses on community identity and adaptation, and council remains committed to continued identification of Stonewall's unique heritage assets.

Another major 2020 event occurred in July when Stonewall council officially approved an annexation request that had been submitted to the Manitoba Municipal Board.

While the request for the inclusion of an additional eight quarter-sections of land to the boundaries of the Town of Stonewall is now in the hands of the province, additional information is being submitted to supplement the original proposal, Hinds said.

"Some of the additional information includes studies that have been completed regarding sewer and water infrastructure capacity and potential expansion, as well as a land supply and demand study. In addition, the Town of Stonewall and RM of Rockwood are working out details of a formal annexation agreement between the two municipalities," he said.

"Meetings have also been held with various bodies like Interlake School Division and Interlake Eastern Regional Health Authority to obtain their input, as well as joint venture committees and organizations in which the town is a partner like South Interlake Planning and Stonewall and Area Mobility services."

Information gathered from the meetings and studies will be submitted to the Municipal Board for review. Although meetings with the public were delayed due to COVID-19 restrictions, Hinds hopes they will occur in 2021.

In addition, the Town of Stonewall received formal approval in 2020 that the Manitoba Water Services Board will help with a major infrastructure upgrade along Highway 67 east of 4th Street East and in the Stonewall industrial park.

"Plans include the installation of water and low-pressure sewer to the area at an established cost of \$2 million to \$2.5 million," Hinds said.

"If all goes according to schedule, work to install the sewer and water will be done during the 2021 construction season."

More information regarding the project will be made available in early 2021.

In late 2020, Stonewall council approved the Heart of Our Town (HOT) incentive program, which will start in 2021. This program strives to spur residential development in Stonewall's downtown core.

"Identified within the Town Strategic Plan, the creation of residential units within the commercial core of the town is a key to the revitalization of Main Street," Hinds said.

"The council is hopeful that by encouraging people to live downtown, there will be greater vibrancy in the commercial core of our town and improved opportunity for businesses and local entrepreneurs."

In addition to economic development initiatives, the town focused on several operational initiatives in 2020. On Sept. 17, the Manitoba Heavy Construction Association officially announced that the town's operation had attained COR certification, which acknowledges that its employee safety program has met the organization's strict standards.

Also in September 2020, the town created a new off-leash dog park in honour of long-time mayor Ross Thompson and his family.

As part of its 2020 capital program, the town completed more than \$1 million in upgrades to 1st Street West and 3rd Street West, including street reshaping, curb and gutter placement, improved street lighting and sidewalks.

In keeping with its commitment to reduce greenhouse gases, the town complied with its policy to plant three trees for every tree it removes. In 2020, the town removed 10 trees due to disease or construction. To meet its commitment, the town planted 33 trees.

The town also bought an electric-powered ice resurfacer and agreed to partner on the installation of four charging stations for electric vehicles.

In 2020, the town worked with an engineering firm to complete a full survey of the kilns and to confirm the cost to restore the structures. Council designated the kilns site within Quarry Park as a municipal heritage site.

Of course, the pandemic also took a toll over the past year.

"For the town, it impacted facilities, programs and, most importantly, our employees. As a council, we want to formally recognize, acknowledge and thank the Town of Stonewall employees for the sacrifice and efforts they made to keep the town, its facilities and services operating while the pandemic raged on. The town was forced to lay off some of its employees in the spring as Manitoba shut down facing an uncertain future," Hinds said.

"That layoff was followed by a shortened time period to prepare for summer opening of facilities including Kinsmen Lake, the Quarry Park Seasonal Campground, Fines Field Baseball Diamonds, soccer pitches, and parks. All the time, staff were dealing with changing protocols, reduced staffing and significant demands from users tired of pandemic restrictions. As a council, we want to thank the town employees for their efforts, their dedication and their resilience."

Looking ahead to 2021, there are already plenty of projects to focus on, including the installation of fibre optic cable within the industrial park and commercial core. Stonewall is part of the John Q



Clive Hinds, mayor of Stonewall

Connect project that officially launched in the fall of 2020.

"Given the activity of the JQ Connect initiative in our community looking for interest and asking for sign-ups, we are hopeful that 2021 will be the year we resolve the connectivity issues for the business community in Stonewall," Hinds said.

Council also hopes to host an open house this year to present plans upgrading the town office, with the goal of starting construction in 2022.

Council will also focus on the continued growth and vibrancy of the town.

"The future of Stonewall depends on its continued growth — growth not just as a bedroom community but also as a regional hub and service centre, as well as a tourism destination location," Hinds said.

"Council will be working to ensure that the foundation laid in 2020 through the strategic plan and its initiatives will be able to sustain and expand municipal services for years to come."

Hinds also hopes that 2021 will bring opportunities to celebrate after a community volunteer thank-you event was cancelled due to the pandemic. Council also established a policy to provide seed money to help neighbourhood block parties, but that initiative was also put on hold due to COVID-19.

"Given the current optimism surrounding the vaccines and the desire to celebrate the accomplishments and spirit of our community, council is planning to bring back both initiatives in 2021," Hinds said.

For Hinds, it's important to embrace hope at the end of an emotion-infused year.

"Being apart, not being able to reach out and shake an old friend's hand or hug a loved one has been difficult to say the least — and yet there is hope. With the start of the vaccine rollout, there is light at the end of this dark tunnel we have been in for most of 2020," he said.

"We hope 2021 will be better than 2020 with a return to normalcy. And while we wait, I ask each and every one to be kind, stay safe, stay apart and stay healthy."



“My dog has terrible breath!”



An excited Fido runs up to greet you with his tongue out, but you push him away, repulsed by the foul smell wafting from his mouth. You start to wonder, “why does my dog’s breath smell so bad?”

Also known as halitosis, bad breath is usually caused by an overgrowth of bacteria in the mouth. Tartar buildup traps germs and debris, so having your pet’s teeth professionally cleaned at the vet’s office may be the solution to Fido’s smelly breath problem.

That said, bad breath can also be caused by various other factors, including bacterial infections, loose teeth, wounds, intestinal inflammation and digestive problems. It’s always best to consult your vet. He or she will be able to determine the root cause of the issue and suggest the most effective solution.

PREVENTION

To prevent bad breath from taking hold, brush Fido’s teeth two to three times a week with a toothbrush and toothpaste designed for dogs. If your pet refuses to let you touch his teeth, give him a chew toy: these help naturally eliminate tartar and plaque.

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‘COVID puppies’ in need of socialization

By Patricia Barrett

With the spread of COVID-19 forcing people to spend more time at home, many have turned to the company of our four-legged canine friends.

Adopting a dog during the pandemic, however, may have come with some unexpected drawbacks, including people returning their pets after the novelty wore off and fewer opportunities to properly socialize them.

Sammy Mar, who runs the Smart Dogs training facility, which offers behavioural assessments, training, doggy daycare and grooming, said the pandemic has negatively impacted dogs as well as people.

“People were lonely and went out and got themselves a dog, and even now we’re seeing some of those dogs getting returned,” said Mar by phone before Christmas. “People got a dog for the wrong reasons.”

Pets such as cats and dogs — and even birds — have been a “saving grace” this year, she said, as provincial public health orders restricted gathering sizes, closed recreation facilities and provided limited opportunities for in-person shopping.

But there has been a downside to pandemic puppy adoptions — a lack of opportunity for dogs to meet other dogs and get comfortable around humans other than their owners.

“There are some behavioural aspects that have arose. What we call ‘COVID puppies’ are not being socialized because people aren’t going anywhere or doing anything,” said Mar, who in addition to training is involved in rescue missions. “Dogs that don’t get socialized can develop fear, which can lead to aggression issues.”

Socialization is the “most important thing” for a dog, more so than learning basic commands because that’s what “teaches them about the world,” said Mar.

Becoming desensitized to situations involving other dogs and other people prevents them from getting excited or over-stimulated by activities or situations they haven’t encountered



Dogs unable to play with other dogs and learn socialization skills can develop behavioural issues.

before.

“Socialization is about desensitizing dogs to everything so they can stay calm, cool and collected,” said Mar.

Statistics on dog adoptions in Manitoba are hard to come by other than through anecdotal evidence, including pandemic puppy price-gouging. But overall trends in household pet acquisitions between 2016 and 2018 point to the growing popularity of dogs. In 2016, there were 7.6 million pet dogs. That grew to 8.2 million in 2018, according to the Ontario-based Canadian Animal Health Institute.

Throughout the lockdown people were reaching out to Mar with concerns about training, she said. It was unclear whether training facilities were allowed to be open under provincial code red restrictions. Mar has been hosting virtual training classes.

“Although we’ve done some online classes, it’s definitely not the same experience as being in a group class where dogs can meet other dogs and other people and they get to go out every day,” said Mar, who showcases her training at dog shows across America.

Mar shares different strategies with people to help them socialize their

new pets. Those include taking their dog for a walk in a mall parking lot or a grocery store parking lot or other areas that have “traffic, lights, smells and people.”

“A parking lot is not too overwhelming and you can respect



TRIBUNE PHOTOS BY SAMMY MAR OF SMARTDOGS

Sammy Mar teaches dogs new tricks.

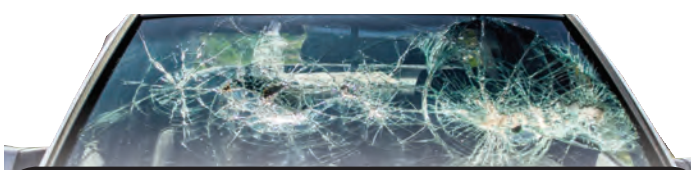
the six-foot physical distancing,” said Mar. “You might want to go to a different lot every day as opposed to walking around the same block. By changing the dog’s environment, they can experience new things.”

Another option to getting your new dog socialized is to enrol them in doggy daycare, which Mar is offering in addition to grooming and boarding.

“People can drop their dog off here for the day and that will allow them to play with 20 other dogs. That will teach them to be okay with other dogs. We play with them and train them,” said Mar, who is a member of the Association of Pet Dog Trainers and the Professional Pet Guild. “The daycare program is something new we’ve started offering since COVID arrived.”

Mar is experienced working with bully breeds and houses dogs that municipalities have had to impound. She’s on a contract with the RM of Armstrong and has taken dogs from the Town of Winnipeg Beach, she said. She’d be willing to take dogs from the municipalities of Gimli and Rockwood.

For more information about Smart Dogs, call Sammy Mar at 204-793-3575. Her facility is located about 10 minutes west of Winnipeg Beach on PR229.



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Community rallies to support Stony Mountain family

By Jennifer McFee

About 200 vehicles participated in a drive-by parade past Stonewall Hospital last week to show their support for a well-loved local man in palliative care.

Rob Broadfoot of Stony Mountain has been valiantly fighting a three-year battle with a type of blood cancer called multiple myeloma.

After his health recently worsened, he had been receiving care at Riverview, where only one family member was allowed to be with him due to pandemic restrictions. On Jan. 6, he was transferred to Stonewall Hospital where he could enjoy visits with his wife Shelley, daughter Jessica and son Nick.

The following day, an uplifting vehicle parade drove past the hospital and rendered the family speechless.

"It was mainly coworkers but I do believe some friends were involved too. I know my dad is an amazing man, but to see how many lives he has impacted is just so heart-warming," said Jessica.

"There was supposed to be two more parades, but we will wait until he is at home to resume. A huge, huge thank you to HCC (Headingley Correctional Centre) for arranging this parade and showing their support. It meant the world to my family."

She also expressed gratitude for the care her dad has received at Stonewall Hospital.

"The staff have been absolutely amazing here. At Riverview, we were only able to designate one visitor, whereas in Stonewall we could have up to two visitors at a time but four designated visitors," she said.

"Being able to spend time with my dad has been so amazing."

The family is also astounded by the support garnered through a GoFundMe page created by friends to help cover their costs during this difficult time. Entitled "Caring For The Ones We Truly Love," the online fundraiser had raised nearly \$25,000 in the first week.

"We are at loss of words with that GoFundMe page. No words can even begin to express how thankful we are. The support from the surrounding

communities has been tremendous," Jessica said.

"With my mom running her own daycare at home, she is unable to work right now. So that page has alleviated the stress of that right now and we can focus on caring for my dad."

On behalf of her family, Jessica expressed heartfelt appreciation to the community for the outpouring of support. On Monday, Jan. 11, they were able to bring Rob home to provide care for him in the most comfortable setting.

"We appreciate everyone so much. Everyone has been so great to our family. We can't thank everyone enough," she said.

"I've always told my dad that no one fights cancer alone — and everyone has clearly proven that to us. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts."



TRIBUNE PHOTOS BY JO-ANNE PROCTER

The community stepped up to show support while Rob Broadfoot was receiving palliative care at Stonewall Hospital. He was able to go home on Jan. 11 to be with his family.



Logan Deprez, left, and Ecole Bobby Bend 4C classmates hold signs in support of Deprez's dear family friend Rob Broadfoot, who is battling myeloma cancer. Deprez turned 10 on Jan. 8 and his only wish was for money to donate towards the GoFundMe page dedicated to Broadfoot and his family. On Jan. 8, friends and family participated in a drive-by parade for Deprez and donated more than \$600 to his birthday wish.



COVID increases attention to wildlife with at home restrictions

By Sydney Lockhart

Wildlife interest has increased with stay-at-home pandemic restrictions.

With many losing their jobs or working from home people are finding new hobbies and interests to occupy their extra time.

Jacques Bourgeois, marketing and communications co-ordinator at Oak Hammock Marsh, says they've seen a consistent increase in interest in their workshops.

"Perhaps people are more at home and they can observe nature more. Now they're working at home and looking out the windows," he said.

Oak Hammock Marsh offers live on-line birding hour sessions where participants can ask any questions they have. The next is on Jan. 23 for an owl presentation.

Bourgeois said they hope people can put their skills to use after the sessions and identify wildlife on their own.

"I hope it is a long-lasting thing. It's hard to find bird seed in the stores right now because people are putting out feeders," said Bourgeois.

Over the summer, Oak Hammock Marsh's canoe adventures and wildlife walks were very popular with many people coming multiple times.

"It gives people something to do by getting those skills. It gives us a different hobby to get into. Wildlife people have started caring a bit more," he said.

Bourgeois said they are excited to see the increase in attention, even if it's just knowing your backyard birds.

"If you get to know it, you appreciate it, and if you appreciate it, you help preserve it," he said.

Some people who were interested in birds and wildlife before the pandemic turned their interests into hobbies.

With her work being affected by the pandemic, 56-year-old Lori Harker decided to get into bird photography.

"I have attended all of the nature walks this summer. Normally that wouldn't have been the case," she said.

Harker started getting into photography in 2016 but has now combined it with her love for birds.

She said she liked the challenge of identifying a species, marking it down and getting a photo all before they fly away because it makes it more exciting.

"It's normally hard to fit in with work. COVID has increased my interest in it," said Harker. "There are a variety of places I drive to with my camera — Whiteshell, Oak Hammock, Interlake and sometimes southwest of Winnipeg — looking for various owls and different birds."

Harker sometimes travels in a caravan of a few cars with her birding friends to be able to take photos while being COVID safe.

She plans on continuing with her hobby after the pandemic ends as well.

"I'm enjoying it that much more. At that point, I'll be able to get together with my friends and go together."



TRIBUNE PHOTOS BY LORI-ANNE HARKER

Bird photography hobbyist Lori-Anne Harker attended all of Oak Hammock Marsh's birding walks this summer and started getting interested when job changes due to the pandemic left her with more free time.



Black-capped Chickadee



Northern Hawk Owl

Stony Mountain Fire Department works eight hours to put out house fire

By Sydney Lockhart

Stony Mountain Fire Department responded to an emergency call about a house fire on road 75N West of Highway 7 on Jan. 4 around 1:20 in the afternoon.

"There were no injuries at all. There was a single occupant who was not in the house at the time the fire was noticed," said Stony Mountain Fire Chief Marcel McIvor.

A neighbour called 911 after seeing smoke rising from the house. It took the fire department eight hours to battle the fire and declare it clear.

Neighbours said they watched as the house quickly went from smoking to the roof caving in and the house being engulfed in flames.

They said it was a terrifying sight and they were getting ready to evacuate their property if it spread.

Neighbours said they were concerned and hoped the owner of the property is doing OK.

"Stonewall did attend for shuttling

water. There are no hydrants out there so we're always using portable tanks," said McIvor. "As you can imagine, not having a direct water supply makes things harder."

The Stony Mountain Fire Department had 14 members in total at the scene.

"That's everybody, including pump operator and incident command," said McIvor.

"The weather is unseasonably warm so that played more of an advantage to us so we didn't have equipment freezing. Fighting a fire above 0° as opposed to minus 30° and 40° is better," said McIvor.

He said he would categorize the damage to the property as not livable at this time.

McIvor added that the department doesn't see fires of this degree very often. Usually only once every few years do they receive a call that becomes that involved.

"In any fire, the best-case scenario



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The aftermath of the house fire that Stony Mountain Fire Department responded to on Jan. 4, taking eight hours to declare clear. There were no injuries.

is there are no injuries. After that, it's just material that can be replaced. That's what we focus on — our residents' safety first and foremost."

The cause of the fire was deemed undetermined.

Happy New Year from Interlake School Division

By Jennifer McFee

Now that 2021 has arrived, the Interlake School Division wishes the community a healthy and happy new year.

Alan Campbell, chair of the board of trustees, reflects on the how the pandemic changed plans for 2020.

"The pandemic has forced our division, like all divisions in the province, to shift much of our focus to pandemic planning and preparedness. Much of our time is focused on both staffing and supplies allocation to ensure that our schools are properly equipped to tackle the challenges of this year," he said.

"With all of this said, our senior administration team has done an excellent job of ensuring that schools are still keeping the board of trustees informed on their progress with school plans and the division's Continuous Improvement Plan. Our public monthly meetings have continued to feature detailed presentations from school principals. These updates are very much appreciated."

Even in the midst of the pandemic, the Interlake School Division continues to education about 3,000 students and employ more than 500 staff every day.

"We recognize that our local schools play crucial roles as social and learning centres and also as some of the largest, if not the largest, employers in most of our communities," Campbell said.

"With this in mind, the incredible preparations and ongoing work of division staff have limited the number of positive cases of COVID-19 in our schools to only 15 to date. All of our community members should be extremely appreciative of the amount of work that is done every day to maintain our safe learning and work environments."

The school division also celebrated other successes in 2020 that weren't related to the pandemic.

"In terms of non-COVID related successes, we are very happy to report that we have successfully lobbied the provincial government to finally proceed with the demolition of the old Woodlands School in 2021. Additionally, we gratefully accepted about \$99,000 in funding from the federal government's Climate Action Incentive Fund," Campbell said.

"These important funds went towards the replacement of dozens of decades-old windows in a number

of schools. These upgrades will undoubtedly help us in operating our buildings more efficiently and at less of a burden to our taxpayers."

At the same time, 2020 brought its challenges, without a doubt.

"The success of the public education system generally hinges on the ability for its leaders and front-line staff to plan for the future. The COVID-19 pandemic has, in countless ways, completely eliminated adequate planning time for so many aspects of how we operate," Campbell said.

"This has been one of the single biggest challenges both from an operational and governance perspective. With this said, however, our ISD staff have proven time and time again that the pandemic and its challenges are no match for their adaptability and resilience."

Looking ahead to the rest of 2021, Campbell said the annual budget continues to be the most important policy statement of the board of trustees.

"It informs everything that we do over the course of the year, both in terms of curricular and operational resource allocation," he said.

"With COVID-19 related expenses, both current and forecasted in mind, we are anticipating the development of the 2021-2022 budget to be an extremely difficult process. We will be sharing our plans on budget consultation with the community early in 2021."

Another concern for the board of trustees is the delayed release of the K-12 Review Commission Report, he added.

"While we understand and support the delay given the incredible strain on our system right now due to the pandemic," Campbell said, "there remains to be a great deal of speculation about what the future holds for public education in this province."

In addition, Campbell noted that the Continuous Improvement Plan will keep on informing the division's goals.

"Our schools are to be commended



Alan Campbell
ISD board of trustees chair

for their ability to remain focused on the educational and wellness priorities of the CI Plan so far this year, in spite of the pandemic," he said.

"Of course, we will maintain our steadfast commitment to ensuring that our schools continue to operate as safely as possible throughout 2021."

On behalf of the board of trustees, Campbell expressed thanks to Supt. Margaret Ward, Assistant Supt. Tyler Moran and secretary-treasurer Al Leimen — as well as all the division's department heads, school administrators and front-line staff — for their ongoing work and dedication to students and families over the last four months of the pandemic school year.

"We can't adequately express our gratitude to you, on behalf of all of our communities," he said.

"Additionally, to our students and their families, your support has been so crucial as well."

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Chicken, Spinach and Grape Pita

1 1/2 cups shredded, cooked chicken (about 8 ounces)

1 cup red California grapes, sliced
1/4 cup crumbled feta cheese
4 whole-wheat pita breads (6 1/2 inches each), warmed and halved

In small skillet over medium-high heat, toast pine nuts, stirring constantly until toasted, about 5 minutes. Transfer to bowl and let cool. In large bowl, whisk lemon juice, shallot, olive oil, red pepper flakes, sumac, salt and pepper. Add spinach, chicken, grapes, feta and pine nuts; toss to mix. Stuff into pita breads and serve.

Servings: 4
2 tablespoons pine nuts
2 tablespoons lemon juice
2 tablespoons minced shallot
3 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
1 pinch red pepper flakes
1/4 teaspoon ground sumac
salt
freshly ground black pepper
1 package (5-6 ounces) fresh baby spinach, washed and dried



Grape and Salmon Power Salad

1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper

1 pinch cayenne pepper
1/2 cup extra-virgin olive oil
Cook barley according to package directions. Drain and cool.

Tenderize kale by blanching in boiling water 2-3 seconds or microwaving 1 minute. Rinse pieces in cold water to stop cooking; squeeze dry. Fluff and uncrimp dry kale pieces with fingers. In medium bowl, mix barley, kale, grapes, salmon and walnuts.

To make dressing: In small bowl, whisk lemon juice, garlic, salt, pepper and cayenne. Gradually mix in olive oil. Pour onto salad and fold gently to combine.

Servings: 6
3/4 cup pearled barley
3 cups firmly packed kale leaves, torn and sliced into ribbons
1 cup halved red or black seedless California grapes
8 ounces cold, cooked salmon, skin and bones removed
1/2 cup walnuts, lightly toasted and coarsely chopped
Dressing:
1/4 cup freshly squeezed lemon juice
1 clove garlic, mashed



Quinoa Salad with Orange Cilantro Salad Dressing

1 grapefruit, cut into pieces (optional)
1 lime, juice only
1/2 avocado, diced (optional)
1/4 cup feta cheese (optional)
1/4 cup diced red onion (optional)

To make dressing: In food processor, pulse orange soda, lime juice, olive oil, cilantro, avocado and garlic until consistency is smooth.

To make quinoa salad: Cook quinoa according to package directions and let cool.

Once quinoa is cool, add to bowl with orange pieces, if desired; grapefruit pieces, if desired; lime juice; avocado, if desired; feta cheese, if desired; and diced onion, if desired. Top with orange cilantro salad dressing.

Yield: 2 cups
Dressing:
1/2 cup Zevia Orange Soda
1/4 cup lime juice
1/2 cup olive oil
1 cup fresh cilantro
1/2 avocado
1 teaspoon garlic

Quinoa Salad:
1 cup quinoa
leafy greens (optional)
1 orange, cut into pieces (optional)



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taxed the same as ordinary income and is therefore taxed at your marginal tax rate based on where you live in Canada. It is necessary to figure out the correct multiplier to calculate the additional amount of interest income you would have to earn, to then equate this after-tax interest income to the amount of after-tax income retained from an eligible dividend. Below is a list of each province, the top marginal tax rates for 2021 and the multiplier.

Let's take the first one - Alberta: Eligible dividends are taxed at an effective top marginal rate of 34.31% and interest is taxed at the top rate of 48%. Therefore, an Alberta investor would have to earn approximately \$1,263.33 more in interest income for every \$1 of eligible dividend income in the same after-tax position.

Investor A: \$1,263.27 interest income x 0.48 = \$606.37 taxes, leaving \$656.90 as income (\$1,263.27 - \$606.37 = \$656.90)

Investor B: \$1,000.00 eligible dividend x 0.3431 = \$343.10 taxes, leaving \$656.90 as income (\$1,000 - \$343.10 = \$656.90)

***Investor A has to earn more in their investment to pay more taxes to end up with the same income in 2021.

Could you tell me how interest income is taxed? My advisor wants me to switch my portfolio, but I am reluctant to do so.

Thanks, Melanie

Great question Melanie,

Many Canadians don't want to risk their retirement portfolios to the uncertainty of the stock market and instead put their money into interest savings structures like GICs to reduce risk and maintain their capital. Others, especially those who have financial planners to guide them, put their money into dividend producing guided stock portfolios. So, which is better? Is your advisor right to suggest something different? Let's compare the two options and you decide.

Dividend income gets preferential tax treatments in the form of a "dividend tax credit." Interest income is

Top Personal Marginal Tax Rates by Province for 2021:

	Interest/Ordinary Income	Eligible Dividend	Multiplier
Alberta	48%	34.31%	1.2633
British Columbia	53.50%	36.54%	1.3647
Manitoba	50.40%	37.78%	1.2544
New Brunswick	53.30%	33.51%	1.4238
Newfoundland	51.30%	42.61%	1.1784
Nova Scotia	54.00%	41.58%	1.2700
Ontario	53.53%	39.34%	1.3054
PEI	51.37%	34.22%	1.3527
Quebec	53.31%	40.11%	1.2827
Saskatchewan	47.50%	29.64%	1.3402
Yukon	48.00%	28.93%	1.3667

You know I am going to recommend you chose the dividend income strategy; that being said, I also know a lot of older Canadians are worried about the markets and some have little to no tolerance for market swings. Why not consider talking to your financial planner about a blue-chip dividend portfolio. It doesn't hurt to look at other options to make money wisely. No one wants to pay more taxes than they have to.

Good Luck and Best Wishes,
Money Lady

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Manitobans living with dementia share their stories

"I live with dementia. Let me tell you more."

Submitted by Samantha Holland, Alzheimer Society

Manitobans living with dementia share their stories to create understanding and reduce stigma in Alzheimer Society campaign: "I live with dementia. Let me tell you more."

Over the past three years, the Alzheimer Society has highlighted stories of Manitobans who live with dementia in an effort to tackle the ongoing stigma associated with the disease. Some have the disease themselves, and others are family caregivers or friends.

"With the current pandemic situation, we have to practise social distancing and wear masks," says Manitoba resident Tara Liske, whose dad was diagnosed with early onset dementia four years ago at the age of 64. "My mom, especially, finds this hard because she can't touch Dad or give him a kiss when she leaves."

Tara is one of many Manitobans who have courageously stepped forward with their personal stories in the Society's campaign, "I live with dementia. Let me tell you more," which launched Monday, Jan. 4 as part of Alzheimer's Awareness Month. She says, "Reach out and talk about the diagnosis. We had so many family and friends come

forward with their own stories."

Research indicates that one in four Canadians would feel ashamed or embarrassed if they had dementia. The campaign gives a voice to Manitobans with dementia who are frustrated by the constant assumptions and misinformation associated with the disease.

"By providing a platform for Manitobans to share their stories, we can cultivate empathy and compassion. Often, others see themselves in the stories we share, which helps them realize they are not alone," says Wendy Schettler, CEO, Alzheimer Society of Manitoba. "Too often, negative feelings, attitudes and stereotypes surrounding dementia dissuade people from seeking help and discourage others from lending their support."

Since the launch of the campaign in 2018, over 85 Canadians with dementia, including caregivers, have taken a stand against the stigma associated with the disease.

Joining Tara in this year's campaign are:

- Nancy, whose husband, Randy, was only 53 when they first noticed signs that he may have dementia. "He can't change the way he's thinking or behaving, but I can change the way I



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The Alzheimer Society campaign is sharing stories of Manitobans living with dementia with hopes of people gaining a better understanding and to reduce the stigma for those living with the disease.

respond."

- Tannis, whose mom had Alzheimer's disease before she passed away June 2018. "Even though she couldn't communicate anymore, in my eyes, she was still my mom."

- Gary, a retired teacher diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease almost eight years ago. "I still ride my bike, take my dog on walks and read the paper."

More than 23,000 Manitobans are living with dementia today, excluding the thousands of family members who provide direct care. In the next 12 years, it's projected that nearly a

million Canadians will have dementia. The Society encourages families living with dementia to connect with their local Alzheimer Society for help and support.

"The number of Manitobans with dementia is soaring and COVID-19 has brought new challenges families must now face," says Schettler. "Support from the Alzheimer Society and our surrounding community is more important now than ever before."

To read the stories of these four Manitobans and to find out how you can help reduce the stigma, visit www.alzheimer.mb.ca/ilivewithdementia.

Manitoba Public Insurance reveals Top 5 frauds in 2020

Submitted by MPI

While the COVID pandemic disrupted much of normal goings-on in our province, fraudsters didn't miss a beat in their efforts to defraud Manitoba Public Insurance and its customers.

This year's Top 5 Fraud list highlights bogus claims, the effective use of forensic tools and astute MPI staff.

"MPI releases its annual top five fraud list to raise awareness about the costs related to auto insurance fraud,

about \$50 per customer yearly," said MPI's chief operating officer Curtis Wennberg. "The list is compiled based on the unique circumstances of each fraud, financial savings to MPI ratepayer and investigative excellence in unearthing the fraudsters."

Anyone with information about auto insurance fraud is encouraged to call the Manitoba Public Insurance TIPS Line: 204-985-8477 or toll-free 1-877-985-8477. All calls are anonymous.

Suspicious claims are handled by MPI's Special Investigation Unit (SIU). As of the end of this November, claims savings are more than \$13 million with the SIU closing nearly 1,000 suspicious investigations.

No. 1 "Burning Up Debt"

The insured made a claim with MPI, reporting that his new travel trailer had been stolen out of a storage yard located within a community in rural Manitoba. That same morning, the travel trailer was found 10 kilometres

outside of town burned to the ground and still smoldering on a gravel road.

MPI's SIU investigator immediately went to the burn site where he took photos and began determining the likely route taken by the thief. While travelling back to his office, the investigator noticed a building that had a surveillance camera pointing towards the highway. The surveillance footage showed the trailer being towed around midnight by a pickup truck, which closely resembled the same year and model of the trailer's owner.

The investigation also revealed the trailer's owner was experiencing financial issues.

During the interview with the SIU investigator, the insured denied having any involvement with the theft. However, he was not willing to allow MPI access to his truck so the investigator could download data from it, which would help to determine where the vehicle was on the night of the theft.

A few days after that interview, the insured contacted MPI and withdrew his claim, signing a waiver of release. Estimated claims savings to MPI was \$37,000.

No. 2 "Creative Accounting"

After being injured in a crash, the woman eventually returned to her job on a part-time basis, unable to work full time due to lifting and other physical demands. However, she was entitled to receive MPI's Income Replacement Indemnity (IRI) entitlement, which was calculated specifically from submitted income tax documentation.

As time passed, an MPI IRI calculator noticed an irregularity in a letter and email allegedly coming from an accounting firm, which the woman had submitted. After a conversation with the accounting firm, it was confirmed both the email and letter were fab-

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Travellers, truckers and tourists can now fill up at Narrows Sunset Lodge

By Patricia Barrett

It had been in the works for about a year and a half, and after a “nightmare” involving the holding tank, the Narrows Sunset Lodge on the east shore of Lake Manitoba finally has the gas pumping.

Lodge owner Irv Koch said he couldn’t be happier as both he and permanent residents in the Narrows region no longer have to drive miles to fill up.

“It’s going to benefit this area tremendously because people who live here had to travel to Ashern to fill up and take five-gallon gas containers or they had to go to Sainte Rose du Lac [near Dauphin] or Eriksdale,” said Koch by phone last week. “This is really big for us. All the people all around here kept asking me, ‘When are you going to get gas?’ They’re thanking me now.”

People used to have to drive to Ashern, which is a half-hour drive, or Eriksdale, which is about three quarters of an hour away.

Koch had two pumps installed to accommodate four vehicles at one time. He sells regular, premium and diesel.

His newly renovated lodge is located just off Highway 68 — the main route (via a bridge) to and from the east and west sides of Lake Manitoba. That brings him a lot of traffic all year round, he said. Lakeside pursuits include boating, swimming, open water fishing, ice fishing, hunting and hiking.

The main lodge has six rooms with all the conveniences, including a microwave and mini fridge, a conference/events room, pub, large restaurant, convenience store, liquor vendor and a beer vendor. Koch also rents chalets and full-service campsites.

“In the summer, the place is just booming. The resort brings a lot of people here,” said Koch, who assumed ownership of the lodge in 2018 and

spruced it up. “It’s a really nice area up here. The sunsets are gorgeous, the water is clean and the fishing is good.”

Although provincial public health orders around COVID-19 have forced the closure of Koch’s pub and restaurant, he said the lodge is still surviving. It was busy during Thanksgiving and people are always stopping at the store.

“We get a lot of big trucks through here hauling stuff back and forth across the lake,” said Koch. “It will be convenient for them now to stop for gas.”

At present, Koch said he’s got ice fishers at the lodge. Ice fishing has always been a big draw, along with other outdoor wintry pursuits in the area. This year, Koch made a skating rink on the lake so that people can lace up and scoot around after a spot of fishing.

“I don’t rent out ice shacks or anything like that, but I’ve been cleaning the ice for skating. I get my tractor out there and clean it for them,” said Koch.

The gas pump project took about a year and a half to complete because of delays stemming from the holding tank being improperly labelled and having to obtain provincial permits and licensing, he said. The tank he had purchased had a label on it that showed a 15,000-litre capacity, but it turned out to be only a 10,000-litre tank.

“That was a real nightmare. In August when I was first able to sell gas, I had to stop right away and have the tank pumped out and a new one installed. But I finally got my permits,” said Koch.

Koch is presently working on expanding his operation to try to make more camp sites. He’ll also be offering new products at the convenience store.

“We’re getting a new three-door freezer so we’ll be selling frozen



TRIBUNE PHOTOS COURTESY OF IRV KOCH
Sunset Lodge at Lake Manitoba Narrows is celebrating the arrival of gas pumps. Pictured is the first person to fill up in August before a temporary shut-down and re-opening.



An ice fishing derby was held near the Narrows Sunset Lodge on Lake Manitoba.

products such as meat, sausages and TV dinners,” he said. “We’re trying to improve things here all the time.”

For more information about accom-

modations and fun things to do, call the Narrows Sunset Lodge at 204-768-2749 or visit online www.narrowssunsetlodge.ca.

Fall soil moisture normal to below normal in most of province

Staff

Manitoba’s fall freeze-up hopefully bodes well for flood season next spring.

Manitoba Infrastructure’s Hydrologic Forecast Centre has released the 2020 Fall Conditions Report that indicates soil moisture levels before freeze-up were normal to below normal in most Manitoba basins.

“The 2020 Fall Conditions Report describes the hydrologic conditions of Manitoba basins at the time of freeze-up,” explained Infrastructure Minister Ron Schuler last month. “Hydrologic and weather conditions in the winter and spring are the main factors that

affect the risk and extent of high water events.”

Due to minimal summer and fall precipitation, the soil moisture at freeze-up was normal to below normal for most of the southern, central, and western Manitoba basins, with the exception of the Little Saskatchewan River basin and in areas close to Brandon where the soil moisture is normal to above normal. Northern Manitoba basins, including the Saskatchewan and Churchill river basins, have normal to above normal soil moisture.

The minister noted another factor affecting potential spring high wa-

ter events is the base flow in rivers and the water levels on lakes prior to freeze-up. Base flow is a portion of the stream flow that is not from surface run-off; it is water from the ground, flowing into the river channel over a period of time. Base flows on most rivers are normal to below normal for this time of the year, with the exception of northern Manitoba rivers, where base flows are well above normal to record high.

Environment and Climate Change Canada’s December long-term precipitation forecast indicates precipitation will be normal to above normal from December to February for most

of Manitoba and Saskatchewan. The National Weather Service (NWS) Climate Prediction Center’s outlook indicates above normal precipitation within the U.S. portion of the Red and Souris river basins from December to March.

“We will continue to monitor watershed conditions closely and will release spring flood outlooks through the winter as required,” said Schuler.

To view the 2020 Fall Conditions Report, visit gov.mb.ca/mit/floodinfo/pdf/2020/2020_fall_conditions_report.pdf.

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ricated and false. Investigators then did an extensive review and discovered numerous anomalies relating to the woman's income tax information. It was noted that many of the documents appeared to have been deliberately edited and included entries that were misaligned, entries in varying sized fonts, incomplete and incorrect field entries, wrong totals, and in two different years she reported the exact same income to the cent.

With all this information, the woman's benefits were terminated resulting in an estimated savings to MPI and its customers of nearly \$800,000: a figure based on future payouts. MPI is also seeking to recover \$100,000.

No. 3 "Wascally Wabbit!"

The driver claimed a rabbit suddenly popped out of the bushes and ran in front of his vehicle. Startled, the driver said he applied the brakes and,

while attempting to avoid the little animal, crashed head-on into a light standard. The vehicle sustained extensive front-end damage.

However, the driver's story had a number of irregularities, which caught the attention of a seasoned SIU investigator. The investigation revealed the man, 20, was experiencing significant financial issues, exasperated by a large vehicle payment.

A download from the vehicle's Crash Data Recorder showed the vehicle was accelerating at the time of the crash, contradicting the man's story that he was braking before he hit the pole. With all the evidence in hand, the claim was denied. Claims savings to MPI and its customers was \$31,000.

No. 4 "Mr. Volunteer"

The man claimed he was physically unable to do his demanding physical labour job after getting into a colli-

sion. He soon began receiving Income Replacement payments from MPI. However, as the months moved on, an MPI case manager began to have suspicions about their claimant. The file was then forwarded to MPI's SIU.

The investigation revealed Mr. Volunteer, 33, regularly worked at a Winnipeg retail outlet, including assisting customers. Unbeknownst to Mr. Volunteer, he actually served an MPI investigator and several others who were doing surveillance.

When confronted with all this information, Mr. Volunteer denied he was working but explained he was "volunteering" his services. The man's benefits were terminated, resulting in an estimated savings to MPI and its customers of nearly \$300,000.

No. 5 "Never Know Who's Watching"

After being involved in a crash, the Winnipeg man claimed he was too traumatized to drive and even had

trouble being a passenger. Combined with a number of physical injuries, the man could not resume his job as a real estate agent and began receiving Income Replacement benefits.

As time moved on, several irregularities began to surface for the MPI case manager, who then moved the file to MPI's SIU. The subsequent investigation, which involved surveillance, revealed that the man had returned to his job as a real estate agent, regularly showing houses to clients, dealing with contractors on various renovation sites and driving to all parts of the city; showing no signs of distress.

On one occasion, the case manager called the man, who whispered over the phone he couldn't speak because he was at the doctor's office. During this conversation, the man was in fact showing a house with clients, while also being observed by investigators.

With all this evidence in hand, the claim was denied. Total claims savings to MPI was nearly \$110,000.

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Nominations for Sport Manitoba Coaching Awards being accepted

Submitted by Sport Manitoba

The annual Sport Manitoba Coaching Awards, presented by Club Regent Casino & Event Centre, recognize and celebrate the outstanding achievements and significant contributions coaches have made to their athletes and their sport through coaching.

This year, the award recipients for 2020-2021 will be selected based on coaches' accomplishments over their entire careers.

Coaches are a cornerstone of all sport programs, and through leadership, teamwork, encouragement, character development and countless other teachings, they build better people.

"Coaches play an essential role in the

sport system and have a significant impact on the lives of athletes," said Janet McMahon, Sport Manitoba's interim president and CEO. "The Sport Manitoba Coaching Awards celebrate Manitoba's passionate coaches who have dedicated themselves to developing athletes not only in sport, but also in life. That's why it's so important that we recognize their achievements and countless contributions to sport throughout their careers."

The 2021 event will take place entirely on social media on April 6. Our nominees' stories from their incredible careers in coaching will be featured on Sport Manitoba's Instagram, Facebook and Twitter feeds.

Nominations for the following cat-

egories are open to the public. The deadline to submit nominations online is this Friday.

Major award categories:

Vince Leah Award (Active Start/Fundamentals athletes)

Coaches training grassroots athletes of any age

Konica Minolta Dr. Jack Hunt Award (Learn to Train athletes)

Coaches training athletes developing competitive skills and preparing for regional or provincial competitions

Janet Arnott Award (Train to Train athletes)

Coaches training athletes who compete at the Canada Games

Peter Williamson Award (Train to

Compete-Train to Win athletes)

Coaches training high-performance athletes who compete at national or international levels.

Peter Dick Award (School System athletes)

Coaches training athletes at all grade levels in the school system who coach as an extracurricular activity

Global News Active for Life Award

Coaches training athletes who focus on achieving health and fitness for life

Sport Manitoba Coaching will also recognize coaches who have dedicated a minimum of 25 years to coaching at any level, and those who have coached at international events in 2020.

WHL commits to 2020-21 regular season

Staff

The Western Hockey League announced last Friday that their board of governors have made a commitment to play a 2020-21 regular season.

The start date for the season will be determined once final approval has

been received from the Health Authorities in each provincial and state jurisdiction and it is anticipated the approvals will be received soon.

All models and schedule formats are being considered by the WHL to ensure a season is provided for the play-

ers. The 2020-21 WHL regular season will consist of 24 games.

"The Western Hockey League is committed to providing a season for WHL players," said WHL commissioner Ron Robison.

"This commitment ensures WHL

players will receive the opportunity to compete at the highest level in the system and continue to pursue their hockey goals in the world's finest development league for junior hockey players."

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Cvar scores her first goal of the season

Staff

The St. Cloud State University Huskies' women's hockey team began their second half of their season with three games in four days against the Minnesota Golden Gophers.

Stonewall's Olivia Cvar scored a second-period power-play goal in last Thursday's 2-1 loss to the Gophers. It was Cvar's first goal of the season to go along with two assists. She is tied for third on the team with three

points.

Minnesota tallied twice in the third period for the comeback win.

On Saturday, No. 2 ranked Minnesota scored four first-period goals in a 4-1 victory in Minneapolis.

Sunday's game saw the Gophers shut out the Huskies 4-0 in St. Cloud.

St. Cloud, now 2-7 on the season, will host the Bemidji State University Beavers this Friday and Saturday.



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY SCSU ATHLETICS

Olivia Cvar scored her first goal of the season in St. Cloud State University's 2-1 loss to the No. 2 ranked Minnesota Golden Gophers in Division I women's hockey action last Thursday in Minneapolis.

Manitoba U18 AAA Hockey League committed to restarting its season

By Brian Bowman

The Manitoba U18 AAA Hockey League announced on its website last week that it remains committed to restarting its season.

The league said it has no intention of cancelling the 2020-21 season.

But the league was set a blow last Friday when the province extended the red level restrictions to at least Jan. 22.

"I know our players and coaches are chomping at the bit," said league commissioner Levi Taylor last Thursday

afternoon. "We would really like to get back on the ice. We don't want to waste a year of development for these kids, not only on the ice but off the ice with their social and physical development. We want to get this started as soon as possible and we will do so safely as the province reopens our facilities."

The league schedule will have a much different look this season, which includes the Kenora Thistles not being part of the league this year due to travel restrictions imposed by

the Province of Ontario.

"Our plan is to go back to our divisional format," Taylor said. "There are three divisions and Norman is the outlier and we will play games within those groupings for the rest of the season."

Taylor said a set number of games has not yet been discussed. It depends on when the province opens up facilities, he said.

"When that happens we'll attempt to get in as many games as possible before summer," he said.

Taylor said teams would need a two-week window for training camp and maybe an exhibition game or two.

"Teams will want to get back playing meaningful games as soon as possible," Taylor reasoned.

The U18 AAA league playoffs usually begin in February and end in April with the Telus Cup Western Regionals but the league is prepared to extend their season into May or potentially June this year.

Canada Cup curling cancelled, mixed doubles dates finalized

Staff

Curling Canada confirmed last week the dates for the upcoming national mixed doubles championship in Calgary while also formally announcing the cancellation of the Canada Cup.

The mixed doubles playdowns will be held March 18-25 at the Markin MacPhail Centre.

The winner will represent Canada at the world mixed doubles championship later this year.

Last year's Scotties and Brier champions are joining forces to form Canada's newest mixed doubles curling team.

Camp Morton's Kerri Einarson will be forming a team with St. John's,

N.L.'s Brad Gushue.

The Canada Cup, which had been postponed indefinitely due to the COVID-19 pandemic, was originally scheduled for late November in Fredericton, N.B.

Hockey Manitoba extends restrictions

From Hockey Manitoba's website

Based on the announcement made by Manitoba's Chief Provincial Public Health Officer last Friday, current public health restrictions will continue until January 22.

Hockey teams and individuals re-

siding in the Provincial Response Level: Critical (Red) will be ineligible to participate in hockey programming and will be reviewed as the province removes the restrictions from Provincial Response Level: Critical (Red) to Restricted (Orange).

"The health and safety of our community and Hockey Manitoba members is of utmost importance and we will return to play when it is safe to do so," read a statement. "Physical distancing, mask wearing, proper hygiene, and screening are neces-

sary steps that must be practiced in order to return to hockey safely and will assist in reducing the risk to the hockey community."

For more information on provincial restrictions visit Hockey Manitoba's website.

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Land For Sale By Tender

Sealed bids for the purchase of the following parcels of land, located in the RM of Woodlands, Manitoba and currently owned by Darwin and Deborah Fleury, will be received up to 4:00 pm on February 5, 2021 at the offices of: **Grantham Law Offices, Box 1400, 1-278 Main Street, Stonewall MB., ROC 220 Attn: Karen @ (204) 467-5527**

Part of the NE ¼ of Section 25-14-1 WPM excluding all mines and minerals (127.7 acres, approximately 85 acres cultivated)

The land will be sold free and clear of all liens and charges.

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All bidders will be advised within two working days of February 5, 2021 if their bid was successful. Successful bidders will be asked to enter into a formal Offer to Purchase with a possession date of March 15, 2021. The purchase and sale will be subject to normal tax adjustment.

Tenders will be held in confidence and not be released to the public. If any purchaser has any questions concerning the bidding process, please contact Grantham Law Offices.

Any questions regarding details or history of the land can be directed to Darwin Fleury at 204-467-8014.

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Rural Municipality of Woodlands
57 Railway Avenue, P.O. Box 10, Woodlands MB ROC 3H0
Telephone number: (204) 383-5679
Fax Number: (204) 383-5169
Email: admin@rmwoodlands.ca

The next General Election takes place on October 26, 2022.

Ernie Epp
Senior Election Official

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Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

Level: Intermediate

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Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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

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Crossword Answer

CROSSWORD

CLUES ACROSS

- Adequate yearly progress (abbr.)
- Silicon Valley's specialty
- Gather a harvest
- Famed mathematician
- No (slang)
- Students use one
- Type of molecule
- Play make-believe
- Large barrel-like containers
- Touching
- Treats allergies
- Calendar month
- Single
- Cease to live
- Brew
- What ghosts say
- Geological time
- Focus
- Discomfort
- A citizen of Iran
- Trip
- Imitate
- Makes happy
- Double-reed instrument
- Body parts
- Transgressions
- One-time emperor of Russia
- Time zone

CLUES DOWN

- Used in treating bruises
- One who cultivates a small estate

1	2	3		4	5	6	7
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- One who supports the Pope
- Annuity
- Geological period
- Grab onto tightly
- Kept
- Chinese city
- The most direct route
- Type of tooth
- ___ kosh, near Lake Winnebago
- Popular veggie
- Supervises interstate commerce
- Foolish behaviors
- Witness
- Gives
- Expression of creative skill
- A way to prop up
- Midway between northeast and east
- Winter melon
- Supernatural power
- Target
- Threes
- A type of poetic verse
- They make some people cry
- Kindest
- Forman and Ventimiglia are two
- A way to liquefy

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These facilities are operating under new hours effective January 1, 2021, which are as follows:

Winfield Road Waste Transfer Station

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Teulon-Rockwood Waste Disposal Grounds

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Andrew Glassco, Chief Administrative Officer
Town of Teulon 204-886-2314

Rural Municipality of Woodlands EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY



The Rural Municipality of Woodlands invites applications for the position of **Public Works Foreman**.

The Public Works Foreman is responsible for the direction, coordination, efficient operation, construction, maintenance and repair of municipal infrastructure. The foreman supervises and coordinates the work of a variety of equipment operators, labourers, tradespeople, and contractors. A more detailed job description is available on the RM's website www.rmwoodlands.info

This full-time union position will report to the Operations Manager. Hours of Operation are 40 hours a week, November 1 to April 30 and 50 hours a week, May 1 to October 31. Salary and benefits are as per the collective agreement.

Interested applicants are invited to forward a cover letter, resume and references by 12:00 P.M. Wednesday, January 20, 2021 to:

RM of Woodlands
PO Box 10, 57 Railway Avenue, Woodlands, MB. R0C 3H0
admin@rmwoodlands.ca
Fax: 204-383-5169

We thank all applicants for their interest, however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted.



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Proposal Close: 1:00 pm local time, on Friday, February 5, 2021

Detailed proposal packages complete with specifications are available to interested applicants on the RM of Rockwood website. Any questions or concerns can be directed to:

Ian Tesarski, C.E.T., CMMA
Director of Operations
285 Main Street, Box 902, Stonewall, MB, R0C 2Z0
www.rockwood.ca
Phone: 1-204-467-2272
Email: ian.tesarski@rockwood.ca



ROSSER ZONING BY-LAW REVIEW

Upcoming Virtual Open House

The RM of Rosser has initiated a review of its rural Zoning By-law. This is the zoning by-law that only pertains to the lands outside of CentrePort. The RM hosted two Zoning Information Sessions in February 2020 to provide residents with the opportunity to discuss how development should be regulated throughout Rosser.

The draft Zoning By-law has been written and highlights will be presented virtually on the RM of Rosser website. Anyone can view the presentation and provide feedback at any time from January 15 to February 15, 2021.

When:

Content will be posted on **January 15, 2021** and be available to review until **February 15, 2021**

Location:

RM of Rosser website - www.rmofrosser.com

For more information, please contact: Lauren Lange, Planner, WSP
T: (204) 943-3178 E: lauren.lange@wsp.com

Stay updated on the project by visiting www.rmofrosser.com



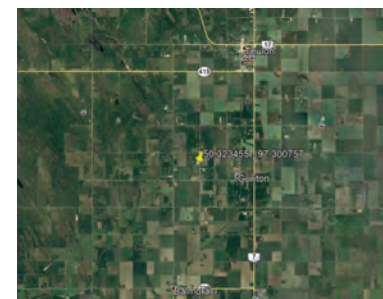
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PUBLIC NOTICE

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BIRTHDAY



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January 15th

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January 17th**

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Crystal and Jeff

OBITUARY

John McIntyre

Unexpectedly on Friday, January 1, 2021 at his residence, John McIntyre, aged 78 years of Gimli, Manitoba, beloved husband of Patti and father of Ian (Sandee) passed away.

In keeping with his wishes, cremation has taken place and a celebration of his life will be held at a later date.

Condolences may be left on his tribute wall at www.gilbartfuneralhome.com

Gilbart Funeral Home, Gimli in care of arrangements.



OBITUARY

Vladimir Paseschnikoff

August 24, 1970 - December 28, 2020

With heavy hearts we announce the sudden passing of Vladimir, on December 28, 2020.

He leaves to mourn his mother Guadalupe (Fred); his partner Meleni; daughter Taisa; sisters Sofia (Gordon), Deanna and Gavin; and Angelica (Denis), Eva and Vanessa; as well as numerous uncles, aunts, cousins, and friends.

He was predeceased by his father Walter, and his grandparents Catalina and Jaime Salinas, and Nina and Konstantin Paseschnikoff. A private family memorial will take place at a later date.



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OBITUARY

Shirley May Bond (nee Goudy)

December 29, 1950 - December 31, 2020

It is with great sadness we announce the sudden passing of Shirley May Bond at the age 70 years of Teulon, MB.

She is survived by her two daughters Crystal and her children Taylor and Coby; Ginger (Dale) and son Bryson; brothers: Art, Allan, Randy, sister Diana and their families.

Shirley was predeceased by her husband Bert of 47 years, her parents Donald and Peggy, brother Roy, sister Barbara and grandson Jorden.

Shirley was raised on a farm at Balmoral, MB. where her love of farm animals began and continued throughout her life. She liked to play sports and was pretty competitive. She excelled at curling, baseball and basketball where she brought home numerous trophies. When attending her kids sport events, you knew she was there by all her cheering that came from the bleachers!



Shirley took job opportunities to work summers in Ontario with her sister Diana. Family meant the world to her. She earned the nick name "Rowdy Goudy" growing up, as she was known to stick up for her family if needed. Shirley was a hard worker since a young age and she met so many people along the way. She even kept in contact with some of them until her passing. She started her career at the old Gunton School then went onto the University of Manitoba until her retirement in 2007. She loved retirement but it didn't last long as she went back to her farm life of raking and baling hay, soil sampling and tending to cattle. Shirley enjoyed bingo, going for road tours with her dearest friend Cindy, watching curling, and playing card games - we are sure Lyle and Nora will be waiting for Mom with the Skip-Bo cards! Shirley was the best Grandma to Taylor, Coby and Bryson they were her world. Taylor and Grandma shared their love of baking and cooking together, Coby bonded with Grandma while going for rides down backroads and talking for hours, and Bryson's endless boxes of smarties and grandma hugs. Grandma would pick them all up without notice and say jump in the car we are going for ice cream!

Shirley was one of a kind, she had a great sense of humor, was full of witty comments, a contagious laugh and will be missed by so many.

No formal service will be held.

In the last few months our lives were changed drastically losing Dad and now Mom, we are so thankful for all the hugs we received from them.

Thank you to friends and family for all the phone calls, texts, food, messages and Ken Loehmer for his compassion and guidance.

In memory of Shirley take your loved ones out for an ice cream and go for a drive!



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CONGRATULATIONS

Dean of Graduate Studies
Kelley Joanne Main
has been appointed Dean of Graduate
Studies

at the University of Manitoba.
Our family is very proud of her
accomplishments.

A Balmoral girl!

-Joan Wilson Main (mom)

IN MEMORIAM

In Loving Memory of
Leslie Sigvaldason

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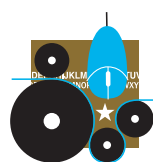
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