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**Enjoying the outdoors**

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Kati Mott and Rylan Mott were out enjoying the new outdoor arena in Teulon this past Saturday inspite of the frigid temperatures. The thermometer dipped to -36 degrees C. Saturday with a windchill of -47 degrees C. The Teulon Rec Commission decided to make an ice surface on the west parking lot across the street from the Teulon Rockwood Centennial Hall.

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# The healing power of music for former piano teacher

By Jennifer McFee

A local musician hit the right note when she composed a musical tribute to honour the work and dedication of health-care providers.

For 45 years, Lorraine Schmidt taught piano lessons across Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta before she retired from teaching two years ago.

With a broad range of skills, Schmidt has also worked in health-care in various capacities. For the past decade, she has served as the resource coordinator for home care in both Prairie Mountain Health and now for the Interlake-Eastern Regional Health Authority in Selkirk.

To express the emotions experienced by many people during the pandemic, Schmidt composed an original piano piece called "Hidden Heroes" earlier this month.

"The theme for this piece came together very quickly for me as the emotions of what we've all been through this past year clearly came to light as I was composing. As a supervisor to home care attendants, it was in my heart to compose this particular piece of music to recognize and honour them, as well as all health-care providers and professionals around the world, and to really capture the reality of this all," said Schmidt, who moved to Stonewall with her husband Glenn at the end of June.

"I knew I could show my respect and admiration for my staff through music. These times that we're in right now are uncertain, and I wanted the music to depict what has happened. It was very humbling."

The piece begins with a powerful chord, she explained, followed by many fast-moving notes with some repetition followed by a slower and quieter finale — depicting a sign of hope at the end.

"I also wanted health-care providers and front-line workers who are working hard, and our health-care professionals who are making very difficult decisions, to know that they are really our heroes," she said.



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Lorraine Schmidt composed "Hidden Heroes" in honour of health-care providers.

"A co-worker of mine, Lorraine Loewen, suggested this title 'Hidden Heroes,' which I believe fits this perfectly."

Schmidt's composition is posted on the Interlake-Eastern Regional Health Authority's social media pages, as well as on her own Facebook page.

"I have shared this piece with my co-workers and my managers," she added.

"I believe they appreciated this, but they were also surprised at the intensity of what was being played."

Tricia Tyerman, clinical team manager of home

care and allied health, manages the team that Lorraine is on. She notes that COVID-19 has remarkably changed our everyday lives, both at home and in the workplace.

"One thing that has not changed is the dedication and commitment of the home care staff, particularly those that provide direct service care each and every day to some of our most vulnerable community members. At times, it is very hard to find the words to convey thanks and gratification for their tremendous work; however, Lorraine definitely found a unique way to do this," Tyerman said.

"In home care, we often hear staff talk about their work as their passion. Listening to Lorraine's composition, I can hear her passion and love of music intertwined with her love and belief in our home care services and, most importantly, how proud she is of the team she belongs to."

In addition to this piano piece dedicated to health-care workers, Schmidt has also written music as a personalized gesture for other significant people she has encountered.

"I had always encouraged my piano students to compose their own music, but two years ago, when our granddaughter Savannah was born and living halfway around the world in Uganda, I wanted to compose and dedicate a very special piece of music for her," she said.

"I named it 'Savannah Sunrise.' Since then, I have also composed eight other pieces of music dedicated to other very special people in my life."

While listening to her latest composition, Schmidt encourages everyone to think of all the changes we have collectively experienced during this year with COVID.

"Music, in all capacities, has been very important to me. I feel that music tells a story that words sometimes can't," she said.

"And my hope is that 'Hidden Heroes' can resonate in our hearts through the pandemic."

## Stonewall council news in brief

By Jennifer McFee

- The Town of Stonewall has engaged a firm to complete a survey on a potential expansion of the Veterans Memorial Sports Complex. The survey wrapped up on Feb. 16.

- Council is looking to support Age Friendly in its grant application for a proposed picnic shelter.

- Stonewall council invites residents to an online open house and presentation about

a proposed town hall renovation and upgrade. The project would allow the building to meet accessibility standards and preserve a heritage building for the community.

The online event will take place through GoToMeeting on Thursday, Feb. 25 from 6:30 to 7 p.m., and a link will be sent to the registrant the day prior. For more information or to register, visit the Town of Stonewall website at [www.stonewall.ca](http://www.stonewall.ca).



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# Skating not sulking: Teulon prioritizes recreation

By Evan Matthews

With fewer recreation activities for people to take part in since the COVID-related lockdown, the Teulon-Rockwood Recreation Commission has given residents a reason to get outdoors.

A new skating rink has opened in Teulon as of Feb. 12, as Deputy Mayor Cherise Griffin said the rec commission decided to install the rink in the west parking lot across the street from the Teulon Rockwood Centennial Hall.

"I'm hoping next year we'll have all our ducks in a row and can look at doing more of a permanent outdoor rink. The space this year was only available because our hall isn't being used due to COVID regulations," said Griffin.

She noted that while the location wouldn't be available next year, the plans used by the rec commission to execute the plan for the rink could be re-created next winter.

"This site is quite large. Lots of different groups, families, can access it and maintain social distancing. We wanted it near the elementary school, too, so they could use it as well," she said, emphasizing the school division has its own protocol relating to COVID-19, as well as parental permis-



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Located just across the street from the community hall in the parking lot, the Teulon Rockwood Recreation Commission has created an outdoor rink for residents to enjoy given most everything else has been closed due to lockdowns.

sion, which the school would have to adhere to.

But the rink is available to the school if it so chooses, she said.

The idea surfaced — pun intended — because all indoor facilities have

been closed to public due to Manitoba Health regulations, so Griffin pitched

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# Tax reduction and COVID relief promised in budget

## Rural residents provide input for 2021 provincial budget

By Nicole Buffie

Education taxes on property, health care and senior care were at the top of the list for the 2021 budget for Manitobans living in rural areas as they made their voices heard during a Feb. 3 telephone town hall.

A series of virtual forums were held throughout January and the beginning of February to get input from residents on what they would like to see prioritized from the provincial government on their spending.

For the last virtual meeting, residents took to the phone lines to ask Finance Minister Scott Fielding questions regarding the upcoming budget for the fiscal year.

During his opening remarks, Fielding highlighted areas in which the provincial government spent extra money, including mental health and addictions initiatives such as RAAM clinics and programming for adults

and children. He also noted that while the government entered the fiscal year in a \$5-million surplus, they will end it in a \$2-billion deficit due to COVID-19.

"What is important, though, and distinguishes ourselves as the government is we have a plan to get ourselves back into balance once the pandemic is over," Fielding said.

The health minister said the cash went towards responding to the COVID-19 pandemic. Fielding also noted the province issued \$1.2 million in fines related to residents flouting public health orders. The province hopes the money collected will help offset the projected deficit, which is projected to be balanced once again in eight years.

While the projected numbers weren't a point of focus for callers, many inquired about the plan to eliminate education taxes on proper-

ty. One caller asked how the province plans to continue funding education without the revenue from the taxes, which will be phased out in the coming years.

"We think we can do it through growth," Fielding answered. "When you have a situation where you're leading the country in things like private sector capital investments, businesses are coming to Manitoba and it's growing, so there's going to be growth that will happen, so obviously we're going to allocate some of that growth dollars to making life a little bit more affordable for you as a Manitoban."

Manitobans also inquired about how seniors programs and health care will be funded and how much of the budget will be allocated to it.

The province said they have increased spending on seniors by \$594 million every year since 2016 when the conservative party took office. Fielding said they will continue to do so to provide more cataract, hip and knee surgeries.

The province will also continue to

reference the VIRGO report, a study commissioned by the province to look at programming and facilities to address mental health and addictions issues, a point of concern for one caller.

"I will say it'll be a priority in this budget coming up," Fielding said. "During this pandemic, it's been very stressful for a lot of people in every walk of life, because it's had such an impact on us. And you can tell that people are struggling with mental health issues and stress. And I think that's going to be a big part of our recovery, not just on an economic basis once we're through the pandemic, like making sure that people are supported from a mental health standpoint and so that's why we really tried to make it a priority, and we're going to continue to do more of that in this budget."

The 2021 budget is expected to be released by the end of February, although no date has been set as the province is still awaiting further information on money allocation from the federal government.

## > RECREATION, FROM PG. 3

an idea about the viability of an out-

door ice surface.

The rec commission became excited about the idea, and board chair (and councillor) Todd Campbell said after thorough examination of many locations, they decided on the parking lots, mainly because the location offers ample lighting and space.

The two ice surfaces are 150 by 45 feet and 150 by 35 feet, respectively.

"A lot of people here have their own little spot in their backyard, their own little ice rink, but some people don't," said Campbell.

He added that a nearby business had expressed concern related to whether or not pucks would ricochet away from the rink and toward its building.

"We've tried to think of everything here, and have gone a step further in coming up with this plan, so we've installed a puck netting around the end that has businesses in the area," he said.

"We're doing everything in our

power to make sure it's a place for businesses and a central place for the community to enjoy."

Kito Nishibata, the commission's superintendent, deserves most of the credit for installation, Campbell said, as he has been busy preparing the ice surface, benches, garbage cans and netting.

Rules and regulations are posted to meet local bylaws and public health regulations, according to Campbell, who added extra kudos to Nishibata for hauling and applying water in frigid temperatures.

"We all need to ensure the rules are followed and little things like making sure garbage is put away to keep this enjoyable for all," said Campbell.

"This site is not supervised, so individuals will need to ensure public

health regulations are being followed. Authorities will be keeping an eye on this area," he said.

Campbell said the rec commission completed the project with support of the Town of Teulon, the RM of Rockwood, the Inwood Sports Club, and the Teulon Golf and Country Club.

Campbell said the indoor arena is still operating and offered an adequate water supply, and Nishibata has been filling a water tank provided by the Teulon Golf and Country Club, then transporting the water to the rink's location.

He said the Inwood Sports Club has offered use of its ice re-surfacer for ice maintenance.

"I can't thank these groups enough. The support we are receiving is incredible," said Campbell. "Thank you."

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# Northern Remote IERHA COVID-19 hot spot

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Manitoba's daily COVID-19 case numbers were down, comparatively, heading into the long weekend, with Interlake-Eastern only seeing an increase of 23 cases from Feb. 8 to 13, with most of the cases in the Northern Remote district.

Public health officials on Friday announced 81 new cases of the virus. Prairie Mountain Health reported just three cases, there were five in Interlake-Eastern, 20 in Winnipeg, 25 in the Northern health region and 28 in Southern Health.

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in Southern Health.

Northern Remote seems to be the hot spot in Interlake-Eastern, with 171 of the total 231 active cases for the region as of Sunday.

In comparison, Eriksdale/Ashern had 14, Fisher River 27, Pinawa/Lac du Bonnet 5 and Powerview/Pine Falls 9.

Interlake-Eastern RHA announced its 36th COVID-19 death on Sunday. A male in his 70s linked to the outbreak at Kin Place Personal Care Home.

A total of 178 new cases were announced over the weekend, bringing Manitoba's total lab-confirmed cases to 30,766. There were no updated numbers released on Louis Riel Day.

Manitoba as a whole had 1,619 active cases and 28,276 recoveries at the start

of the week. A total of 226 people were in hospital due to the virus, 26 in ICU.

The total number of COVID-19 deaths in our province was 871 on Monday.

Chief provincial public health officer Dr. Brent Roussin said the province is working to identify COVID-19 variants in the population as needed.

"We know that viruses such as the virus that causes COVID-19 change over time and we expect to see many new variants," he said. "The vast majority of these new variants do not have any clinical concern, but we know some of them can lead to increased transmission or possibly even increased severity."

Three variants of concern are those

first identified in the United Kingdom, South Africa and Brazil.

Earlier last week, Roussin announced Manitoba's first case of the U.K. variant known as B117.

He noted that the case was connected to international travel and the individual had already recovered. They self-isolated with their family, none of whom became ill.

Over the weekend, the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs announced there are seven probable B117 cases on the Pauingassi First Nation in eastern Manitoba. Samples have been sent to the National Microbiology Lab for confirmation.

## Manitoba government announced new public health orders effective Feb. 12

Submitted by Manitoba government

Following feedback from Manitobans and advice from public health leaders, the province is loosening a variety of restrictions while ensuring protocols are in place to protect Manitobans from the risks of COVID-19, Premier Brian Pallister and Dr. Brent Roussin, Manitoba's chief provincial health officer, announced on Feb. 9.

"Today is another big day for Manitobans, especially for our local business owners who are eager to safely reopen their doors, and provide the goods and services that Manitobans have missed the past few months," said Pallister.

The orders will formalize the following changes for all of Manitoba, replacing the General COVID-19 Prevention Orders made on Jan. 28 and the Northern Manitoba COVID-19

Prevention Orders made on Feb. 1, 2021. The orders took effect at 12:01 a.m. on Feb. 12 and will last for three weeks.

The orders include the following changes, with further pandemic safety measures in place:

- allowing restaurants and licensed premises to reopen at 25 per cent capacity with patron groups limited to members of the same household only;
- allowing outdoor rinks to reopen for casual sports as well as organized practices and games, with multi-team tournaments not permitted;
- allowing gyms, fitness centres and yoga studios to reopen at 25 per cent capacity;
- allowing indoor sporting facilities such as rinks, gymnastic clubs and martial arts studios to reopen at 25 per cent capacity for individual in-

struction only;

- allowing places of worship to hold regular religious services if a service does not exceed 10 per cent of usual capacity or 50 people, whichever is lower;

- allowing self-help groups for persons dealing with addictions or other behaviours to hold meetings at 25 per cent capacity of the premise where meetings take place;

- allowing museums, art galleries and libraries to operate at 25 per cent capacity;

- allowing personal service businesses, such as those providing pedicures, electrolysis, cosmetic application, tanning, tattooing or massage services to reopen at 25 per cent capacity;

- allowing photographers and videographers to offer services to in-

dividual clients or those residing in the same household in addition to providing services at weddings, with the exception of visiting client homes; and

- allowing the film industry to operate fully with physical distancing and other safety measures in place.

"These new orders allow us to resume more activities and services we enjoy, but we cannot let our guard down yet," said Roussin. "We will continue to carefully monitor COVID-19 developments and case numbers to ensure we protect each other and our health-care system. Manitobans need to continue to follow the fundamentals at all times including staying home when sick, frequent handwashing and wearing masks. We all have a part to play in

## Rosser rural zoning bylaw review underway

By Jennifer McFee

The RM of Rosser is in the process of reviewing its rural zoning bylaw related to lands outside CentrePort.

In February 2020, the RM hosted two zoning information sessions to provide residents with the chance to discuss how development should be regulated throughout the municipality.

After that, a draft zoning bylaw was written with highlights presented on the RM of Rosser

website at [www.rmofrosser.com](http://www.rmofrosser.com).

Meagan Boles, manager of the planning, landscape architecture and urban design group at WSP, said the last zoning bylaw review was adopted in 2016.

"We're trying to provide updated provisions for secondary suites and for home- and farm-based commerce operations," she said.

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## Bell Let's Talk now controversial

By Evan Matthews

Since its inception in 2010, Bell Let's Talk has really become an annual conversation and acknowledgement regarding stigma surrounding mental health issues and conversations.

It's largely been perceived as a positive campaign, but not so much lately. Why?

Aside from the less-than-average service and its even worse-off customer service, the question becomes: is Bell doing enough to actually make a difference as it relates to mental health?

A Bell commercial has been running throughout the pandemic with the gist more or less being "a toast to what keeps us connected." Of course, the commercial is referring to Bell.

What a great approach, market the brand by acknowledging something positive the company provides — all the while keeping in mind you pay for that service — amidst something so terrible: a pandemic that has not only infringed on citizens' health but also their rights and freedoms.

In a way, it's kind of distasteful, actually.

But is the Bell Let's Talk awareness campaign any different?

Going back to 2017, current and former Bell employees have come forward in the media to say, as opposed to what the company would have you

believe in its campaigns, mental health is a very low priority for Bell when it relates to its own employees.

Yes, the company may donate \$0.05 for every social media share, view and sent text message on the day of "Bell Let's Talk."

It seems the company fails to put any policy or procedure in place to better the lives of its own employees who experience mental health struggles, according to a few, though that has since changed a bit.

In the last couple weeks, Bell recently decided to shut down three TSN radio stations in Winnipeg, Hamilton and Vancouver. The decision to shut down the stations, as reported by many media outlets, was done while the radio stations were still live on-air.

Many former employees found out they were unemployed via social media, outlets reported.

The well-known and respected TSN hosts Dan O'Toole and Jay Onrait were among the notable staffers let go.

Is this the way to ensure the mental health of all current (and former) staff is maintained, nurtured and made a priority?

But the point isn't to roast (or to toast) Bell, as a company and corporation, but rather acknowledge that at the company's core, that's all it is: a company, a major corporation.

Bell is the same as any other: self-serving and out for its own interests. Why people would expect anything less is really the question.

Which is why we, as a society, need to take back the conversation relating to mental health.

It's an important conversation, maybe one of the most important conversations we can have, and it unfortunately falls on citizens to advocate for themselves. As has been made clear, corporations won't, regardless of their marketing campaigns.

Our governments need to create more grassroots resources, working with local communities to identify and address local needs. Languishing mental health is often tied to socio-economic issues, addiction issues and mental illness, all of which vary from location to location.

Having programs in place, physical locations for people to access, and ensuring citizens feel comfortable enough to have these conversations with other community members is all part of ensuring we have a healthy society.

But leaving it up to corporations like Bell to advocate for our mental health isn't the answer. Many of us wouldn't even trust the company to provide us with internet services, nevermind our health.

## > RURAL BYLAW, FROM PG. 5

"Other than the general review, those are some of the main things that we heard at the initial engagement in February 2020. Those were some of the things that we tried to address, among other administrative changes that make the bylaw easier to admin-

ister for the South Interlake Planning District and for the RM."

A virtual public feedback opportunity, including an online survey, wrapped up on Feb. 15.

"We're in the final stages of engagement and then I will analyze the info,"

Boles said.

"After that's done, we'll make any edits to the bylaw based on the feedback that we've received. Council will proceed with adoption of the bylaw, which will involve a public hearing as well."

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Emersyn, Haleigh and Wyatt Clarke each threw boiling water in the -45 weather on Saturday making an ice spectacular halo. The hot water instantly froze and turned into ice crystals as it was thrown into mid air. Help us record the weather of the week and send in your photos of snow blizzards, rainbows, lightning storms, beach photos and more - email to [weather@stonewallteulontribune.ca](mailto:weather@stonewallteulontribune.ca)

## letter to the editor [letters@stonewallteulontribune.ca](mailto:letters@stonewallteulontribune.ca)

### COVID concerns

This past year has been an unheralded time in Canada's history and in the world, not just for the COVID-19 but for the way we have handled it, especially in Canada. We have taken a one-sided approach to fighting this virus. Our leaders have told us that doctors and science will lead us out of this crisis. I believe that's true. I think scientists are very important to us and we need them. But leaving the scientists and doctors in charge of implementing the safety measures, has been short-sighted at best. Our leaders, especially our prime minister, have not shown the leadership that was needed. They are in charge of the country, not the doctors and the scientists. They should have the ability to look at the big picture with the information from the health professionals and use that with common sense. In my opinion, they have not!

Lock down and shutting big parts

of the economy is not a good responsible solution. Let me share some government statistics in regards to deaths in Canada. Mortality rate from COVID in Canada is 2.6 per cent; influenza, 2.4 per cent. Health professionals fear that COVID will overload the health-care system. Canada has in excess of 70,000 beds. As of Dec. 8, 2020, there were 3,093 COVID patients in Canada's hospitals, four per cent of the capacity. Total deaths in Canada 2019 — 284,082; COVID deaths as of Feb. 9, 2021, were seven per cent of the total.

The numbers I've shown help put this pandemic into perspective. Mortality rate from COVID compared to influenza is very similar, and we have learned to live with that risk factor. There is an inherent risk factor in anything we do. We all accept certain risks; otherwise, we would remain cowered underneath our blankets all day. Infection fatality rate from COVID-19, .03 to .04 per cent below the age of 70. Acceptable risk in the

world we live in. There is no common sense in locking down parts of the economy, putting millions of people out of work with the evidence that is out there. Going into 2020, we projected a \$29-billion deficit. By the end of the year, it had ballooned to \$381 billion! Is that what we call rational? Our doctors and scientists are only doing what their trained for — to save lives. How many people have died from the collateral damage from the pandemic such as people dying from delayed surgeries, delayed cancer treatments, waiting to see specialists, etc.? Where are those numbers? Save one life here and three others die there? Suicides are up by close to 2,200 people from 2019. Of course, I'm not advocating that nothing should be done. Yes, consult with the health professionals, but please show leadership!

Respectfully submitted,  
Wayne Hiebert

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### What the World Needs Now is Love

*Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for whoever loves others has fulfilled the law. Love does no harm to a neighbour. (Romans 13:8,10a ~ NIV)*

These words keep running through my head these days: What the world needs now is love, sweet love. It's the only thing that there's just too little of. What the world needs now is love, sweet love. No, not just for some but for everyone (David/Bacharach). In this week when we have celebrated Valentine's Day and are beginning our journey through Lent, love is on our minds — love for one another and love for God.

In this unprecedented time, when we are living with public health orders and working to protect the most vulnerable people in our communities and in the world, the call to love lies at the core of our response. As people of faith, we are asked to live out Jesus' commandment to love our neighbour in new, much more public ways. Canada's chief public health officer, Dr. Theresa Tam, has asked church leaders to lead by example — by promoting safe pandemic practices and by encouraging others to get immunized to combat COVID-19.

Selfless love lies at the heart of Jesus' message. We are invited to lead in ways that protect the vulnerable people around us, even if that means making sacrifices ourselves, for the sake of love.

Paul's letter to the Romans says we owe a debt — the debt to love one another. We are to look around us for signs that others need our protection. We are to shine a light in the places where love is absent and make a difference.

This year for Lent, let's all dedicate ourselves to actions that put others first.

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# Interlake artist at it again

By Evan Matthews

A local media darling is at it again, this time with the publication of his decade-long poetry works.

Bryan Myskiw, from the RM of Woodlands, published his poetry book titled *Somewhere Along Road 8W* in December 2020. Since it's written in the form of a diary or a journal, he encouraged readers to experience the book as if it was their own perspective.

"Become the character. Embody the 'I' of the story. By taking on the main character of the story, I would hope the stories expressed in the book kind of become a reflection of the readers' own experiences," said Myskiw.

"It's a technique used many times before. The heartbreak, the independence or dependence or co-dependence — these are all themes people in their young adult lives explore and find themselves in."

The project began a decade ago, according to Myskiw, but it wasn't until recently that he said it was the right time for publication. After receiving some mentorship on the writing process, he said showcasing growth in his writing became worth sharing.

The idea of someone creating a work of art in which the creator begins to better themselves throughout the process, Myskiw said, showcases growth in both

the art and the person and is worth sharing.

"This project started really quite privately, as an exploration of poetry and creative writing. Then, these pieces over time, I was able to look back and realize it could be more," said Myskiw.

"I noticed changes in my topics, styles and themes. There was a journey of someone finding their voice. It's the essence of the book. It's an artist's journey to find their voice and their creative side."

The hope, according to Myskiw, is to host a book launch at some point when COVID-19 restrictions ease.

To acquire a copy of Myskiw's most recent (poetry) book, *Somewhere Along Road 8W*, Myskiw said online is the way to go. The book is available through Amazon, Archway Publishing or by visiting [www.bryanmyskiw.com](http://www.bryanmyskiw.com).

Myskiw has made headlines a number of times over the past couple of years, most recently for his work as a stand-in on the Hollywood set of *Orphan: First Kill*. He is also working to author the non-fiction historical account for the RM of Woodlands, presently.

Myskiw is also a singer with a bachelor's degree in music and has produced two independent albums.

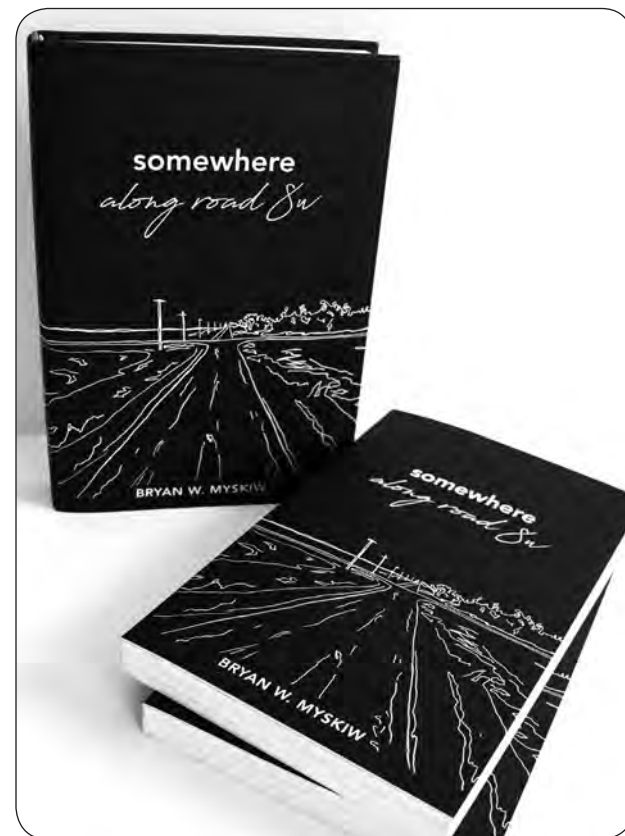


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*Somewhere Along Road 8W* by Bryan Myskiw is now available on Amazon or through Archway Publishing or by visiting [bryanmyskiw.com](http://bryanmyskiw.com).

## Next chapter being written for Woodlands history book



By Evan Matthews

The RM of Woodlands history book continues to move along in its production.

Organizers finished accepting local submissions relating to citizenship and education on Jan. 31. The next intake of submissions will relate to sports and agriculture, and will be due by Feb. 28.

The book is being authored by Bryan

Myskiw, who said the book is titled *Where We Are: A History of the Rural Municipality of Woodlands (1980-2020)*.

Submissions should be kept between 300 and 600 words, accompanied by one or two photos if possible, and biographies should be written in third-person, Myskiw said.

Myskiw reminded people currently living outside the RM but who are former residents to submit pieces to the

project.

Of special interest, Myskiw said current and former residents are being encouraged to submit a photo, along with a three- to five-sentence write-up, which is proofread and well-edited.

"Limited editing will be available for submissions," said Myskiw. "Photos submitted should be high-resolution (min. 300 dpi) in a .jpeg format," he said, adding the image should be named by identifying what the photo is of.

When listing people in photos, Myskiw said to provide names in left to right, back to front, and clockwise formats.

Topics for this section include, but are not limited to:

- Municipal milestones;
- Individuals having received

national or international recognition and achievements;

- Natural disasters (floods, tornadoes, major snowstorms, etc.);
- Fowl suppers;
- Historical buildings and/or monuments;
- St. Luke's Anglican Church;
- Game reserves;
- Tourism;
- Local wildlife;
- Sights of interest.

For the first time, Myskiw said he sees a publication date.

The estimated publishing date for *Where We Are: A History of the Rural Municipality of Woodlands (1980-2020)* is set for December 2021, in time for Christmas.

Myskiw said purchasing options and further book details will come in June.

## Alarming number of vehicle fires over the past two months

Submitted by MPI

Over the past two months, a total of 81 passenger vehicle-related fires have been opened with Manitoba Public Insurance.

Nearly three dozen of these fires in December and January were directly related to the use of block heaters.

Disturbingly, some of these vehicle fires resulted in houses or carports

also catching fire. Investigations discovered a number of these vehicle fires resulted from the use of interior car warmers and household interior heaters being used to warm vehicles in outdoor garages and carports.

Over the same two-month timeframe in a normal year, passenger vehicle fires are typically half the numbers compared to 2021.

"Many of these fires could have been prevented. The use of an interior electric heater in an outdoor winter setting is extremely dangerous," explained Paul Brisson, MPI fire investigator. "The issue is that moisture and overheating of the heater elements and internal components, which are not intended to be running continuously for extended periods of time

especially outdoors in extreme cold, can cause the heater or power supply to fail."

Interior home heaters used in conjunction with an extension cord causes excessive power draw and may overload a circuit or cause a failure in the extension cord, plugs, fuse panels,

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# Kingdom of the Polar Bears airs on CBC TNOT Feb. 26

Submitted by Merit Motion Pictures

The male polar bear is the largest bear in the world, a formidable predator and a creature of phenomenal strength and resilience — a powerful symbol of the Arctic.

But all this pales when compared to the extraordinary traits of courage, resourcefulness and great fortitude a mother polar bear demonstrates as she prepares the next generation for their new life and the challenges to come.

*Kingdom of the Polar Bears*, a two-part CBC documentary for *The Nature of Things*, tells the heartwarming tale of a mother and her two cubs as they make the arduous and dangerous 80-kilometre trek from their birth den under the snow to the flow ice of Hudson Bay. This high-stakes, high-emotion adventure puts an intimate lens on the life of this extraordinary mother as she teaches her cubs to survive in one of nature's most difficult, unforgiving and quickly changing climates.

*Kingdom of the Polar Bears* premieres Feb. 26 on *The Nature of Things* on CBC and the free CBC Gem streaming service. Episode 1 is on Friday, Feb. 26 at 9 p.m. (9:30 NT) and Episode 2 is on Friday, March 5 at 9 p.m. (9:30 NT).

Leading this remarkable journey is veteran polar bear guide Dennis Compayre. He has lived his entire life among polar bears and, on the precipice of retirement, his last mission is to follow the bears onto the ice and understand first-hand how polar bears are surviving.

At least two thirds of the world's polar bear population live in Canada's North and most of their life is spent on the sea ice. Up until now, the world of Churchill polar bears on ice has mostly been documented through aerial reconnaissance and satellite collar research. Now, *Kingdom of the Polar Bears* brings this secret world to screen, allowing viewers



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A rare and intimate glimpse into the solitary world of a polar bear mom and her newborn cubs as they leave the safety of their den for the first time and learn to survive in the changing frozen landscape of Canada's North. It premieres Feb. 26 on *The Nature of Things* on CBC and the free CBC Gem streaming service. Episode 1 is on Friday, Feb. 26 at 9 p.m. (9:30 NT) and Episode 2 is on Friday, March 5 at 9 p.m. (9:30 NT).

a ringside seat to view the world of a mother bear and her cubs and the many challenges polar bears face as they adapt to our changing world.

*Kingdom of the Polar Bears* is directed by Alexis Barbier-Bouvier, written by Erna Buffie and Alexis Barbier-Bouvier, edited by Gil Tetrault and Alexis Barbier-Bouvier and shot by a team of top nature shooters from Canada and France over a two-year period.

Growing up in Churchill, the Polar Bear Capital of the World, Dennis Compayre was the original Tundra Buggy driver and was involved in the creation of the Polar Bear Cam, the first live-streaming website that brought wild bears to the general public.

Best known for his on-camera participation in the hit documentary series *Polar Bear Town* for almost four decades, Dennis has worked with film crews to bring polar bears to life, to display their magnificence but also their fragile environment. Following the bears out onto the ice is the final link for him, one that brings together years of experience and a lifelong passion for these magnificent creatures.

A rare and intimate glimpse into the solitary world of a polar bear mom and her newborn cubs as they leave the safety of their den for the first time and learn to survive in the changing frozen landscape of Canada's North.

# Rockwood council news in brief

By Jennifer McFee

- At the Feb. 11 meeting, Rockwood council agreed to extend the gravel supply contract to Inland Aggregates Inc. for the south supplier and Armstrong Construction for the north supplier for the second of two possible extensions.

- South Interlake 55 Plus requested \$6,000 in funding for the 2021-22 fiscal year to help with operating expenses and staff funding. In addition, the charitable organization requested that it continue to be listed in the liability coverage of the Municipal Group Insurance Program and that funding be established as an ongoing annual support.

Currently, there are 490 paid members, with 18 per cent of them living in Rockwood. Program participation has increased over the past year. In 2020, 76 volunteers contributed a total of 3,563 volunteer hours.

- Council hosted several public hearings related to Charison's Breeder Farms Ltd. Charison's Breeder Farms requested to vary the minimum site area and width for proposed subdivided lots.

South Interlake Planning District had no significant concerns with the variance applications.

- The South Interlake Planning District also had no significant concerns about a request from Elaine Mandzuik to vary the minimum site area and width of a proposed subdivided lot as well as the site area of the residual lot.

- In another request, Allan and Sharon Reimer requested to vary the minimum site area of a proposed lot to 28.63 acres from the required 80 acres. The South Interlake Planning District had no significant concerns about the request.

- Lisa Gerow and Luc Molin

requested conditional use approval to allow a renovation of an existing 832-square-foot accessory storage building into a detached secondary suite for Gerow's mother. The South Interlake Planning District had no significant concerns with the proposed detached secondary suite, as long as the applicants meet conditions such as obtaining all applicable permits. The applicant will also be required to stop operating an unauthorized commercial gardening operation, which isn't permitted in the rural residential zone.

- John and Margaret Guenther requested conditional use approval to operate an event venue on their property under the business name Willow Grove Orchard. They are proposing to run a small community seasonal event venue with a maximum capacity of 100 people on a 5.05-acre yard site surrounded by cultivated farm-

land to the north, east and south. The venue would use a barn-style building, a hay-shed style pergola, a multi-use sunshade and several landscaped areas. The applicant said there is enough room on the property for off-street parking.

The South Interlake Planning District recommended that council ensure that several conditions are met if they approve the request. These conditions include that the owners obtain all required permits from SIPD, submit a detailed parking plan, obtain required permits from Manitoba Infrastructure, enter into a development agreement with the RM of Rockwood, and obtain applicable licenses from the Liquor, Gaming and Cannabis Authority of Manitoba, among other recommendations.



# Magical month of reading at St. Laurent School

By Evan Matthews

This June will mark a full 24 years since *Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone* was first published by J.K. Rowling.

But the book remains popular today, and St. Laurent School's vice-principal Jesse Thomaschewski said staff has turned the school into its own little Hogwarts for I Love to Read Month.

The student population is already divided up into cohorts due to COVID-19, but Thomaschewski said each cohort now has a house name, which staff can award points to for reading related activities.

"With I Love to Read month, specifically, we've been very fortunate in that we have very hands-on staff," said Thomaschewski, crediting the school's librarian Julie Short and kindergarten teacher Heather Keppler for spearheading most of the school's events.

"We have trivia every morning. Some of it is Harry Potter based, but some of it is based on other books."

He suggested it's a fun way to get students' minds going in the morning.

The school has also organized a few other activities to emphasize I Love to Read month and the importance of reading, according to Thomaschewski.

Weekly the school will host an event like a pajamas and pancakes day or another day when students are encouraged to dress up as their favourite book character. But daily activities like "Stop, Drop, and Read" will, at times, supersede all other activities.

At the end of the month, he said the house with the most points will win a pizza party.

"A big part of the month is bringing the passion and joy back to reading. It doesn't always have to be about hitting goals and targets," said Thomaschewski.

"This month is about emphasizing and embracing the enjoyment factor that can go along with reading."

The Prairie Rose School Division hosted an event last week — with Thomaschewski heavily involved in the planning — involving four administrators and two trustees. Using Google Meet, the division's leaders virtually read to more 40 classes simultaneously.



TRIBUNE PHOTOS BY JESSE THOMASCHESKI

Skyler, a Grade 2 student, enjoys his pancake breakfast with teachers placing emphasis on February being I Love to Read month.



Seated safely at a table distanced from others, Grade 2 student Ryder pulls down his mask long enough to enjoy his pancake breakfast as part of the school's I Love to Read month activities.

The idea built on a pre-existing idea, where Thomaschewski said students are consistently privy to Indigenous teachings as part of their curriculum in the same virtual format.

"It's important to have connection, especially in these times, and to have the whole division offered these opportunities," said Thomaschewski.

He added that a special event is scheduled for the end of the month.

"We've co-ordinated with the team at ENERGY 106 and Faouzia, and they're going to be guest readers for us," he said, referring to Dave Wheeler, Jasmine Laine and Tyler Carr.

Faouzia Ouhya, 20, mononymously as Faouzia, is a singer-songwriter and musician born in Casablanca, Morocco, with her family eventually settling in Carman, Man., where she graduated from high school.

She's most notably featured in the 2018 song titled "Battle" with David Guetta.

More recently, she performed the song "I Fly" for the *SCOOB!* movie soundtrack and she issued her song "Minefields" featuring John Legend in November 2020.

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said Brisson.

"Block heaters are intended to be used in cold climates to warm an engine prior to starting the vehicle," he said. "As a general rule, an engine block heater should be used when the temperature drops below -15 and greater. It's strongly discouraged to plug in a vehicle which is parked in an attached garage."

### Preventative Steps

- Block heater power cords and extension cords must be free of defects, cuts, dirt and corrosion and should be stored properly to avoid damage which could lead to a fire.

- Block heater power supply cords should be capped when not in use (if equipped) and be properly routed through the front grill or bumper area

of a vehicle to avoid pinching or damage to the cord during winter months.

- Do not drive over your extension cord. This could potentially crack the cord and result in electrical failure when plugged in.

- It is recommended that block heater power supply and extension cords be plugged into a GFCI outlet rather than a standard electrical outlet. The GFCI (ground fault circuit interrupter) adds an additional layer of safety as it contains a sensor that monitors the flow of electricity current through the wires. When the GFCI sensor detects a variation from the normal current, it shuts off the flow of electricity in the outlet and may prevent damage or fire caused by an electrical fault.



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# Teacher and Staff Appreciation week celebrated at ISD



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Interlake School Division teachers and staff were treated Feb. 8-12 for Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week. Teachers, administrative assistants, educational assistants, nurses, bus drivers, custodians and all school support staff working in Manitoba's kindergarten to Grade 12 schools were recognized for their many important contributions they make for our children's education. Many parent advisory committees and principals treated staff to breakfasts, snacks, lunches and sweets. Left photo, Warren Elementary School staff and right photo, Rosser School custodian Sheila Taylor was showered with flowers to say thanks for the extra duties she has because of COVID.

# RCMP provides quarterly report

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By Jennifer McFee

The pandemic has had an impact on almost every area of our daily lives, including the crime enforcement statistics provided by local RCMP.

The amalgamated Stonewall, Headingley and Teulon detachment recently provided a statistical report for 2020.

Staff Sgt. Sean Grunewald notes that crimes against property have dropped over the past year across the entire detachment area.

"I would think that probably has a lot to do with COVID because people are home," he said.

"However, we're having some thefts of trailers and four wheelers and ATVs. We just need people to try to lock them up and make sure that they're secured properly. Don't make it easier for people."

In addition, incidents related to impaired operation of motor vehicles were also down in 2020 compared to 2019.

"Impaired driving went down 65 charges this year from the year before. That's just because people are home and there are no social events," Grunewald said.

"Same with traffic accidents — they're down quite a bit too. It's good news, but in the long run it just means people are home."



TRIBUNE FILE PHOTO  
RCMP Staff Sgt. Sean Grunewald

For emergencies or crimes in progress, Grunewald reminds residents to contact 911 or the respective detachment emergency lines — Headingley area at 204-831-5929, Stonewall area at 204-467-5591 and Teulon area at 204-886-2244.





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# CN Police raising awareness about rail safety

By Lorne Stelmach

CN Police are aiming to raise awareness around rail safety, particularly now in the winter months when people are out on snowmobiles.

Last year in North America there were over 3,400 collisions with trains resulting in over 2,200 serious injuries or fatalities.

"We really look at like one incident is too many," said Paul Leaden, a sergeant with the prairie division of the CN Police.

"This time of year, it's really important to get the message out."

Leaden noted particularly that trespassing "is a significant and probably the biggest concern."

"It's important people understand that there's legal consequences in addition to the safety issue. We remind people of the legal ramifications but it's primarily for safety," he said.

"Trespassing on railway property is not only illegal, it is extremely dangerous, so we would encourage snowmobile users and ATV users to participate in their hobby but off the property and in areas that are legal and safe."

Leaden noted that railway property extends 50 feet on either side of the tracks. He added that travelling alongside tracks can present a range of hidden dangers.

"There's many dangers the train presents if you're in close proximity. There's a lot of dangers there that people don't realize," he said. "There's things in the snow that you can hit. It could be something



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH  
CN Police remind snowmobilers to take care when crossing railway lines this winter.

simple like some rail ties that were set aside in the fall and then it snows over top."

He reiterated that railway yards, tracks, tunnels and bridges are private property, and driving along or on railway tracks or taking a shortcut across tracks is not only illegal but can be fatal.

"You can sometimes have areas where people on snow machines are crossing the tracks at locations that aren't level crossings, which is the only legal place to cross."

Tips on how to stay safe near a rail line while operating an off-road vehicle include:

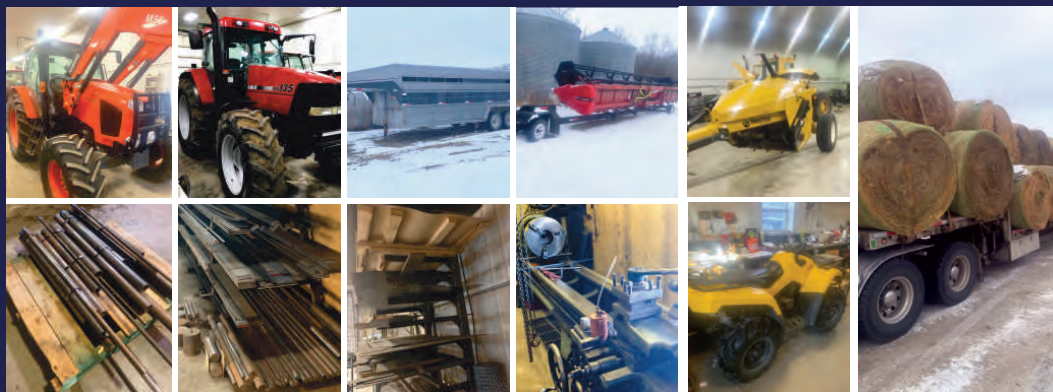
- Use designated railway crossings.
- Slow down, look both ways and listen for approaching trains; proceed only if it is safe to do so.
- Stay off the tracks.
- Use approved trails, not railway tracks.
- Keep in mind that trains can overhang the tracks by as much as one metre on each side.
- Stalls or stuck vehicles must be left behind. Once safe, immediately notify emergency responders by calling 911.
- Be rail-smart on an off-road vehicle: stop, look, listen, live.

"Safety is a core value at CN, and we want to take every opportunity to raise awareness on safe behaviour around rail," said Const. Mark Eagles. "It is our job to make sure that Manitobans know that off-road vehicles and railway tracks are not a good combination. It is important for CN Police officers to engage the population on the dangers related to a railway incident."

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# SCI loves to read



SCI staff and students love to read.

## Staff

At Stonewall Collegiate Institute, excitement for new books has been building throughout February for I Love to Read Month.

The library team, made up of Al Neufeld and Brenda Neabel Turbett, explained the library is operating differently this year due to the pandemic.

Since the library is currently being used as a Grade 10 classroom, only Grade 10 students can come inside to sign out books. For the other grades, they can search the library catalogue on the school website and request books through their teachers. In ad-



February is I Love to Read month.

dition, teachers can request boxes of books to take to their classroom.

Beginning in February, each book returned will enter the student in a gift card draw.

The library team decided to use I Love to Read Month to showcase new books bought so far this year. They've printed posters of book covers to hang in the hallways as a way to generate additional interest.

They also asked staff members to



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The library team is showcasing new books bought this year.

list some information related to their reading habits, such as favourite books or authors and even the funniest, scariest or saddest books that they've read. This info will also be posted around the school in an effort to inspire students to try out different books and encourage them to read.



Staff shared details about their reading habits.

# RCMP charge two following a two-month investigation

## Submitted

Members of the Stonewall-Headingley RCMP detachment have charged two individuals with various offences including theft, drug and other offences in relation to a two month investigation.

Project DANISH commenced as a response to several thefts that occurred in the rural area near Winnipeg. It culminated with the execution of search warrants by members of the Stonewall-Headingley RCMP detachment with the assistance of the RCMP Manitoba East District Crime Reduction Enforcement Support Team.

As a result, numerous stolen items were recovered including two motorcycles, a covered utility trailer and various power tools. Police also seized methamphetamine, a replica firearm, as well as a Canadian Armed Forces ballistic helmet and vest.

Aaron Colby Lavallee, 28, and Jessica Hammond, 28, have been charged with various offences including trafficking stolen property, possession of stolen property, theft, production of methamphetamine, possession for the purpose of trafficking methamphetamine and other offences.

Both individuals reside in Winnipeg and were remanded into custody pending court.



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# Incredible Creatures: new species identified in 2020

By John Gavloski

There are still a lot of undiscovered and unnamed animals and plants in the world. Each year hundreds of new species are still being identified. These include not just small creatures, but larger animals and even primates. At least 170 new species of beetles and three species of bees were identified in 2020.

In this month's Incredible Creatures, we will explore some of the new species that have been described by scientists in 2020. Although there have been hundreds of new species identified from all corners of the earth over the past year, I will focus on three continents and some of the cool new animals discovered there.

## South America: Small Frogs and Behaviour Altering Wasps

An expedition into the cloud forests of the Zongo Valley in the Bolivian Andes uncovered 20 species new to science. These include the lilliputian frog, which is among the tiniest in the world, measuring around 10 millimetres, about the size of an aspirin tablet. These small amphibians live in tunnels beneath the moss and humus. Despite their frequent calls the researchers said they are very difficult to track. Also discovered were four new butterflies and four orchid species.

Another research expedition found 15 new wasp species in the Andean cloud forests and Amazon rainforest of Brazil. All of the wasps are in a group (genus) called *Acrotaphus*, and all have a unique way of parasitizing spiders. Females of these wasps use venom to temporarily paralyze a spider in its



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY DOMINIK SCHUSSLER  
Jonah's mouse lemur.

web. The wasp then lays a single egg on the spider. While the spider is hosting the wasp egg, it no longer weaves its normal web but builds a web that will later protect the wasp pupa. When the wasp egg hatches, the larva of the wasp eats the spider and then lives in the specially built web while it pupates.

## North America: New Salamander

Although previously collected, a new species of salamander was identified by examining its DNA. The Carolina sandhills salamander (*Eurycea arenicola*) is found in the springs and small streams

in the sandhills region of North Carolina. The state has 64 named salamanders, more than any other state in the country.

## Africa: From Little Lemurs to Giant Frogs

In many towns in Madagascar, giant frogs are bred in ponds or easily caught in the countryside and eaten as dishes such as frog fritters or frogs legs. One of these giant frog species, which can be more than 10 centimetres, was well-known to locals but unknown to science. It was named *Mantidactylus radaka*. There are now 362 recognized frog species in Madagascar.

Mouse lemurs are a group of shy nocturnal primates found on the island of Madagascar and considered the smallest group of primates in the world. They are about the size of a human fist. Scientists documented a new species called the Jonah's mouse lemur (*Microcebus jonahi*), which is a bit bigger than the average mouse lemur. As far as researchers know, it occurs only in a small area of lowland rainforest in Mananara Nord National Park in northeast Madagascar. Here, it faces threats from deforestation, which is a real concern in Madagascar. There are 108 species of lemurs and 25 species of mouse lemurs. All are threatened with extinction.

Such discoveries of new species are important as they enrich our understanding of Earth's complex web of life and strengthen our ability to make informed conservation decisions. It's exciting to think about what is still out there waiting to be discovered.

# KAP urges provincial infrastructure to invest for the future

By Evan Matthews

Keystone Agricultural Producers (KAP) is urging the province to invest in infrastructure now.

With roads used by farmers in the southern part of the province crumbling more so with each passing day, and equally poor drainage in the In-

terlake and Parkland regions, KAP members said existing infrastructure has become unusable in spots.

"If the roads and drains are not fixed now," said KAP District 10 (Interlake) representative Paul Gregory, "we can only enjoy higher trucking costs, crop insurance payouts, and less produc-

tivity being done in the future."

In combination with crumbling roads in inadequate drainage, with the Bank of Canada reporting bond rates at an "ultra-low" due to the COVID-19 pandemic, KAP members have said materials, labour and energy will only be inflated moving forward.

KAP president Bill Campbell agreed and said if the province were to invest in infrastructure, now would be an opportune time.

"There are a couple of features with that philosophy. It's not just for farmers because you'd be getting people across the province back to work," said Campbell.

"It would allow business and trade to be at its fullest potential. There are certain roads I will not travel on, as an example, when I want to haul my commodities.

"I'm missing out on market opportunities because I cannot — will not — travel on those roads because it adds increased wear and tear, maintenance and cost on my equipment," he said.

The shaking and rattling wears on trucks, according to Campbell, even more so when bearing immense weight while transporting commodi-

ties.

In June, the province announced it would be investing \$500 million in infrastructure upgrades, citing the allocation of funds to be as follows:

- \$230 million earmarked for the provincial share of projects under the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP), a cost-sharing, application-based program with the federal government;
- \$150 million for asphalt highway resurfacing;
- \$50 million for the Water Services Board to address the significant backlog of water and sewer projects across Manitoba;
- \$65 million for major projects that will improve the safety of Manitoba's highways; and
- \$5 million on municipal law enforcement priorities including local jails to alleviate pressure on the Winnipeg Remand Centre.

But Campbell said it might not be enough.

"This province is so far behind with so many respects to infrastructure," said Campbell.

"But we feel it would be a good time to invest in our own province."

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## Former Lightning excelling at Midland University

By Brian Bowman

Freshmen usually don't get much ice time at the collegiate level in hockey.

But that hasn't been the case for Ally Rakowski this season.

The former Interlake Lightning forward has been getting a lot of ice time as she is situated on the Midland University Warriors' top line.

"It's a big change from playing with Interlake last year. Playing with (former Lightning head coach) Dean (Rebeck) really helped me to get better as a player to be able to come down here and play at Midland in the ACHA," Rakowski said last week. "But it's good. It's a lot faster and the American game is a little less physical than what it is back home."

She has enjoyed the transition from living in Winnipeg to Fremont, Nebraska. Rakowski is grateful for the opportunity to play hockey this season while the game is put on hold here in Manitoba.

Midland University is 6-6 heading into this weekend's two-game road series with Liberty University in Lebanon, Illinois.

"It's going pretty good," Rakowski said, noting her team will be compet-

ing at the nationals in Minot, N.D., this season. "We're playing some hard teams and that's been a challenge for us. But hopefully when we play them next we'll do better and we've definitely improved since we played them."

Rakowski's success with Midland has kind of opened the door for Canadians to Midland. The Warriors already have four commitments from players north of the border for next year.

Warriors' head coach Jason White, a native of Stittsville, Ont., and a former collegiate player, is sure glad Rakowski chose to come to his program.

"She's not very big but she plays a tough game and she's got a great knack for scoring goals," White said. "She has scored some big goals already in a COVID, short career. She's really established herself on the power play and has a great attitude. Her work ethic is outstanding."

White feels that Rakowski has the potential to be a dominating player in the ACHA by the time her collegiate career ends. She has the innate ability to have the puck follow her while consistently putting herself in the right



TRIBUNE PHOTO FROM MIDLAND UNIVERSITY

Former Interlake Lightning forward Ally Rakowski is enjoying a tremendous freshman season with Midland University in Nebraska.

spot around the net at the right time. "I feel there is so much more for her to accomplish yet," he predicted. "She's already off to a great freshman

year. I have big plans for her and I'm really excited about her game. She's only going to get better."

## WHL granted approval to host hub centre in Regina

From the WHL website

The Western Hockey League announced last Friday it has been granted approval by public health officials from the Government of Saskatchewan to play in a hub centre in Regina.

This will allow the WHL's Saskatchewan and Manitoba-based teams in the East Division to open their season on March 12.

"The WHL appreciates the cooperation we have received from both the Governments of Saskatchewan and Manitoba as we work towards a safe return to play in the East Division," said WHL commissioner Ron Robison.

"With our extensive protocols and the necessary approvals now in place, we are looking forward to play getting underway in Regina and allowing our players to continue their development at the highest level in the Canadian system."

Seven WHL clubs, which operate in Saskatchewan and Manitoba, will form the East Division, including the Moose Jaw Warriors, Prince Albert Raiders, Regina Pats, Saskatoon Blades, Swift Current Broncos, Brandon Wheat Kings and the Winnipeg ICE.

The WHL has agreed that all East Division games during the 2020-21 regular season will be played exclusively at the Brandt Centre in Regina, under an approved WHL hub centre model.

The WHL's East Division will play a 24-game regular-season schedule, which will be announced at a later date.

The WHL has developed an extensive set of protocols and believe the protective hub environment will provide a high standard of safety, for not only players and staff but the Regina community at large.

WHL players and staff from Saskatchewan and Manitoba-based clubs will begin self-quarantining this Saturday and then will report to the WHL hub centre in Regina on Feb. 27, where they will be required to undergo COVID-19 testing upon arrival followed by an additional quarantine period. Players and staff will then undergo a second COVID-19 test before being permitted to engage in any team activity.

WHL clubs are also committed to providing private PCR testing through DynaLIFE Medical Labs to ensure no additional strain is placed on public health. Players will be tested upon arrival to their WHL club and once again before engaging in any team activity. DynaLIFE's PCR testing is considered a gold standard for COVID-19 testing and was utilized in Edmonton during the NHL's Stanley Cup playoffs and the 2021 IIHF World

Junior Championship.

As the WHL returns to play in the East Division, no spectators will be permitted to enter WHL facilities. WHL fans can look forward to the launch of a brand-new live streaming service that will deliver the excitement of WHL hockey straight to their homes. Details on the new WHL Live will be announced soon.

With the East Division start date now confirmed for March 12, the WHL will have three divisions ready to open the regular season, starting with the Central Division on Feb. 26 and the U.S. Division on March 19.

The WHL continues to work with government health authorities in British Columbia to establish a start date for the WHL's B.C. Division. Approval from the health authority in B.C. is required for the WHL's B.C. Division to return to play.



# Stonewall jerseys proudly worn in the Ukraine

By Brian Bowman

For years, the Stonewall Jets have proudly displayed their jerseys here in Manitoba.

Now, those jerseys are being displayed in the Ukraine.

The Jets recently received some pictures of their retired jerseys being worn by players in the city of Kolomyia.

Back in October, Jets' equipment manager CJ Butcher of CJ Edge WorkX partnered with former NHL player Wayne Babych and his equipment drive to assist those in need up north and in remote areas.

Babych is part of the Canadian Friends of Hockey in Ukraine.

"(Wayne) is of Ukrainian descent and he goes

over there and brings equipment and donates it because it's hard to get hockey supplies over there," explained Butcher Monday evening. "With Wayne, we (make) two donations. Some go to the Ukraine and the other donation goes to Whale Cove Nunavut."

On top of the Jets' donation, the Stonewall Blues also donated a bunch of their old jerseys and equipment. The St. James-Assiniboia Titans donated several new jerseys to the great cause.

**"I WAS BLOWN AWAY. WHEN YOU HAVE A PLAN AND YOU FINALLY SEE THE CLOSURE."**

This is the first time that Butcher has been part of this jersey/slash equipment drive. It won't be the last, he said.

"There's going to be a second," Butcher said confidently. "It looks like (the Jets) are getting new jerseys next year so we'll probably send a couple of more sets over to the Ukraine."

Butcher said it's mind blowing seeing their Manitoba jerseys being used by the less fortunate.

"I was blown away," he stressed. "When you have a plan and you finally see the closure when (you receive back photos). You don't expect to hear back but here, they're sending us pictures of these kids wearing the jerseys and equipment that we sent over there. It's mind blowing, I love it. Let's do more of it."

The donation idea is a fantastic one.

"People have so much stuff just sitting around their house like old hockey equipment," Butcher said. "Personally, I would rather see it used, and not only is it being used, it's

being used by people that it's hard for them to get this equipment. It's really going to people in need."

Butcher noted former Jets' players donated some of their old equipment that was still in good shape. Locals have been great, too.

"A lot of Stony Mountain locals and Stonewall locals (also donated)," Butcher noted. "The communities have come together to help another community. That's how I see it."



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Former NHL forward Wayne Babych, left, and current Stonewall Jets' equipment manager CJ Butcher have done a tremendous job donating jerseys and equipment to the less fortunate.

## MJHL cancels 2020-21 season

From the MJHL website

The Manitoba Junior Hockey League has made the extremely difficult decision to cancel the remainder of the competitive season, which includes regular season games and playoffs.

The announcement was made last Friday.

"After multiple discussions with public health, representatives of the provincial government, facility managers and stakeholders, the MJHL board of governors have determined that the resumption and completion of the 2020-21 season is not feasible due to current conditions," read a statement.

"It has become unrealistic to continue operating in a state of hope with so much uncertainty and no timeline provided. It is unfair to our athletes and staff, our community organizations who have been severely impacted financially and the communities/regions our organizations support and garner support from."

When hockey activities were paused as the entire province moved to Code Red on Nov. 12, at no time did we not

think or work tirelessly towards having the opportunity to resume our season safely. Return to Play scenarios were exhausted with Public Health to allow for a safe, responsible, balanced and financially feasible return to team activities.

This included the MJHL securing Hockey specific CCM face masks for on-ice training along with demonstrated ability to safely manage our operations and extensive Return To Play protocols from July to Nov. 12, 2020. MJHL teams completed 24 prospect/training camps, 400-plus on and off-ice training sessions and 60-plus games safely and responsibly during that time.

"In the end, our advocacy efforts were not enough for public health to allow for a return to on-ice team training activity, even in a non-contact, professionally managed, closed to public, distanced, 100 per cent masked and extremely protected environment.

"As a result, the board of governors see no reasonable prospect that future restrictions would be sufficiently altered, in time to allow for a feasible

gradual return to regular-season play this season."

Moving forward, MJHL organizations will have the option to continue to provide training/development opportunities, exhibition games, etc. based on their individual circumstances and facility availability under current/updated public health orders and Hockey Manitoba directives.

Our athletes, staff, organizations, facilities and the entire MJHL community are to be commended for their efforts as they meticulously followed and executed the strict and extensive MJHL protocols that were put in place to ensure the safety of everyone involved. The MJHL community were Return To Play leaders throughout the province and beyond and it is disappointing that we were not able to do so once again. I would also like to recognize the entire Manitoba minor hockey community who went above and beyond this season to ensure that the many benefits of organized hockey could be enjoyed in a safe and responsible environment.

The league and member organi-

zations operational focus has now turned toward actively stabilizing our financial position, the continued advocacy for the safe and responsible return to on-ice team training activities for all players, teams across the province and planning for upcoming team training/development activities, spring camps, prospect camps, events and showcases.

The MJHL and each member organization will determine, based on their own unique circumstances, how they will proceed with their commitments to their stakeholders going forward.

We are very grateful to our communities, billets, sponsors, supporters, officials, volunteers, league staff, team staff and players for their support and leadership in navigating through the very difficult challenges faced over this past year.

Although we are extremely saddened to make this announcement, we now look forward to the future as we prepare for bigger and better things for the 2021-22 season.



# Darragh has found a home at Teulon Collegiate

By Brian Bowman

Jason Darragh grew up in Springhill, Nova Scotia, and got his first teaching position in Nunavut.

But he certainly has found a home at Teulon Collegiate.

Darragh is in his seventh year as a vice principal in Teulon and has been teaching at the school for the past 18 years.

Darragh said the three years he experienced in Nunavut to kickstart his career was an enjoyable one.

"It was really good, especially if you like the outdoors," he said. "There's so much outdoor stuff that you can do there. You're always either ice fishing or you're going out on hunting trips. As soon as I got there, the other teachers convinced me that I needed to buy a snowmobile right away. Then I bought a quad right after that. You needed those modes of transportation because you were in a fly-in community."

As well as being a teacher, Darragh coached indoor soccer and helped out with the lacrosse program and cross-country skiing.

With cross-country skiing, he was able to experience the Arctic Winter Games with Team Nunavut.

"It was unbelievable," Darragh stressed. "They tout it as one of the biggest events outside of the Olympics. Some of the games were held in Iqaluit and some in New Greenland. I got to go to New Greenland through coaching — it was pretty amazing."

From there, Darragh has developed



TRIBUNE FILE PHOTO BY JO-ANNE PROCTER

Jason Darragh is in his 18th year at Teulon Collegiate.

the Teulon Saints' girls' basketball program into one of the best amongst "AA" schools in Manitoba.

"It's been really good and I never really coached basketball until I came here," said Darragh last Thursday afternoon. "Rod Ledochowski was the phys-ed teacher and he asked me what I wanted to coach on my first day. He said the girls needed a basketball coach and the rest is history, I guess. We've had a good run."

Darragh said he and fellow coach Heather Tataryn are learning all of the time and constantly figuring what works with the players.

"We've found the right recipe for what works," he explained. "We don't spend much time on set plays and

things like that. We're trying to make the girls into basketball players. They enjoy playing and they're thinking on their own. We tell them that their main goal is to try to score and stop the other team. We simplify it for them so they're not thinking about too many set plays when they're out there."

A big part of the Saints' success has been the coaching tandem of Darragh and Tataryn.

"We always joke, 'We're the good cop, bad cop,'" he laughed, noting the pair have coached together for "about 10 years now."

"As a teacher here, she has a really good relationship with the girls. Sometimes, it's almost like a mother

figure with the girls when we're on the road. It's good to have somebody else to bounce ideas off of, or practice plans, or figure out what other teams are trying to do to us in the first half and then coming out with a game plan for the second half."

Darragh takes pride in watching the student-athletes enter their school in Grade 7 and then leave for the next chapter of their lives six years later.

"Part of our goal is to instill those life skills through basketball," said the 46-year-old, who lives in Grosse Isle. "There are a lot of life skills that they learn through playing sports that they can carry on with their lives afterwards. It's neat to run into some of these kids, five, six, seven years later or even longer than that and still have that connection that you did way back when you were coaching them in school."

Darragh, who also coaches his three daughters in sports, said the relationships you develop with the players on the road is a whole different ball game than compared to in the classroom.

"They're getting to see you in a different light and you're getting to see them in a different situation," he said. "You're at the hotel or you're at the games or at a restaurant. They get to know you on a different level and you get to know them on a different level. It just makes your interactions with them with the rest of the school days different."

"You have a different rapport with them."

## Golf Manitoba announces 2021 championship schedule

Submitted by Golf Manitoba

Golf Manitoba announced its 2021 Championship schedule, which will feature 11 championships at member clubs from across Manitoba, last week.

"We are very excited to announce our 2021 championship schedule," said Lisa Andersen, director of competitions for Golf Manitoba. "We have an excellent lineup of venues from across the province and are very appreciative of the support we have received from those member clubs who committed to hosting this year."

Of special note for 2021 will be the 100th awarding of the men's amateur championship trophy.

"The Nott Autocorp Men's Amateur Championship has an incredible history and we are pleased to bring this event back to the Neepawa Golf & Country Club," said Golf Manitoba

executive director Jared Ladobruk. "Neepawa is a fantastic venue and will provide an excellent test of golf for our men's amateur field and we are very excited about the incredible milestone we are recognizing for this championship."

As with this past championship season, the health and safety of all involved will continue to be of paramount importance as COVID-19 protocols continue to adjust.

"The safety of our member clubs, players, volunteers, and staff is our top priority," explained Ladobruk. "We will continue to monitor the situation and adjust the season accordingly."

The 2021 championship season will officially kick off with the Match Play Championship qualifier and matches being held at the Grand Pines Golf Club on May 29-30 and June 5, 6, 12

and 13.

2021 CHAMPIONSHIP SCHEDULE  
Match Play Championship – Grand Pines Golf Course (May 29-June 13)

Women's City & District & Junior Bantam Championships – Transcona Golf Club (June 26 and 27)

Manitoba Junior Men's & Women's Championships – Shilo Country Club (July 5-7)

Diamond Athletic Women's Amateur and Men's Mid-Amateur Championships – Niakwa Country Club (July 9-11)

Nott Autocorp Men's Amateur Championship – Neepawa Golf & Country Club (July 15-18)

Senior Men's & Women's Championship – Steinbach Fly-In Golf Club (Aug. 4-6)

Ladies Interclub Championship – Larters at St. Andrews Golf & Country Club (Aug. 27)

Men's Provincial Interclub Championship – Neepawa Golf & Country Club (Aug. 28)

Men's Senior Interclub Championship – Minnedosa Golf & Country Club (Sept. 1)

Also on the local golf calendar for 2021 is the Golf Canada junior NexGen Prairie Championship being held at the Quarry Oaks Golf Course from June 10 to 13 in Steinbach. Golf Canada's NextGen program aims to support and develop Canada's next wave of future Team Canada athletes.

More information on Golf Manitoba championships including dates, times, eligibility, how to register and host venues will be available in the coming weeks on the competitions schedule page at golfmb.ca. Entry for registration for most Golf Manitoba championships is set to open online on April 1.



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- Watch for notices to remove ice shacks and remove them promptly



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### SUDOKU

	8			5				
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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!

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

Sudoku Answer

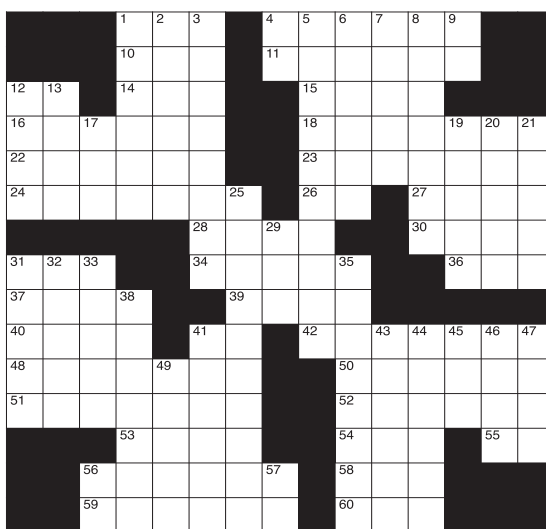
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Crossword Answer

## CROSSWORD

### CLUES ACROSS

1. Big tech firm
4. Picked
10. Type of whale
11. A woman of refinement
12. New England state
14. Common gibbon
15. Tall coniferous tree
16. State capital
18. Making a liquid muddy
22. Vinegary
23. Peninsula
24. Thee
26. Atomic #55
27. Used in units of measurement
28. Welsh female name
30. Arab ruler title
31. One's mother
34. Trap
36. Soviet Socialist Republic
37. Assn. of oil-producing countries
39. Holy fire
40. Emit coherent radiation
41. Atomic #81
42. Orthodox Jewish college
48. Herbs
50. Ran after
51. Begin again
52. Named
53. Barbary sheep
54. Unwell
55. Postscript
56. Drivers
58. One point east (clockwise) of due north
59. Prim
60. A facility equipped for sports or physical training



### CLUES DOWN

1. Small islands
2. Skullcap
3. Unexplained events
4. One hundredth of a meter
5. Beloved baseball announcer
6. Repulsive
7. Northern European languages
8. Match or surpass
9. Northeast
12. Chew the fat
13. Innovative industry
17. Land to put down to grass
19. Products
20. Nostril
21. Surprise Icelandic

### politician

25. Conclusive acts
29. Inform on
31. Grinding tooth
32. Keep up
33. Tablelands
35. Raising
38. Mythical creature
41. Hums
43. Mountain in Antarctica
44. Neighborhood in Manhattan
45. Distinctive practice
46. Vice president
47. Contributes to
49. Small bones
56. Oil company
57. Empire State



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**IN THE MATTER OF:** The Estate of Ernie (Ernest) Michael Boklaschuk, late of the Postal District of Warren, in Manitoba, deceased.

All claims against the above estate, duly verified by Statutory Declaration, must be filed with the undersigned at their offices, P.O. Box 1400, Stonewall, Manitoba, R0C 2Z0 on or before the 24th day of March, 2021.

DATED at Stonewall, Manitoba this 11th day of February, 2021.

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Kirk Kiesman – (204) 768-0019

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The Board of Trustees invites the public to the virtual presentation of the 2021-2022 Draft Budget.

Wednesday, February 24, 2021, at 7:00 p.m.

Join through Google Meet at:

<https://meet.google.com/nha-jhbr-iao>

## LABORER

### Summary of the Role

Austin Powder Company is seeking a Laborer for our Stonewall, MB location. Austin Powder Company is a world leader in explosives manufacturing and in the commercial explosives blasting industry servicing the; quarry, coal mine, construction and seismic exploration industries.

### Duties/Responsibilities

- Responsible for loading/unloading product for delivery, which results in frequent lifting of 40-50 pound product bags or boxes.
- Assist with site preparation and equipment set up.
- Operate company vehicles to transport products to and from specified job sites.
- Assist the Blaster in charge with safety preparation.
- Performs labor support at job sites and locations (e.g., inspect product bins, inventory or product, completion of required paperwork) under the direction of the Blaster in charge or Location Manager.
- Maintains safe working conditions.

### Qualifications/Requirements

- Class 5 licence
- Requires a fit person who can handle lifting as necessary
- Involves daily physical labor as well as periodic shop days and duties that are expected from all employees.
- Must provide clean driver abstract
- Able to pass security screening (Criminal record check)
- Able to pass post offer pre-employment functional abilities evaluation
- Able to pass post offer pre-employment and random drug screenings

### Benefits

- Extended Health
- Dental
- RPP
- Accidental Death & Dismemberment
- Weekly Income (STD)
- Long Term Disability
- Group Life Insurance
- Dependent Life Insurance

Email Resumes to: [stonewallmb@austinpowder.com](mailto:stonewallmb@austinpowder.com)

Contact Terry @ 204-791-2885 for more information

## SHOP LOCAL - SUPPORT LOCAL the local businesses need you!

### STONEWALL and AREA MOBILITY SERVICES FEE SCHEDULE as of March 1, 2021

TYPE OF TRIP	ONE WAY	RETURN
Within the Town of Stonewall Limits <i>(Including Grayson Trailer Park residents)</i>	\$5.00	\$10.00

Argyle / Balmoral / Grosse Isle / Stony Mountain  
to Stonewall \$9.00 \$18.00

Rosser / Marquette / Meadows / Warren / Woodlands  
to Stonewall \$10.00 \$20.00

RM of Rockwood / RM of Rosser / RM of Woodlands  
/ Town of Stonewall Residents  
to Winnipeg / Selkirk / Teulon \$25.00 \$40.00

RM of Rockwood / RM of Rosser / RM of Woodlands /  
Town of Stonewall Residents  
Arborg / Gimli / Beausejour \$100.00

Stand-By Charges after 1 Hour Waiting Period  
\$5.00 per half hour

Non-Resident Rate \$1.20 per km + \$20.00 per hour  
Stand-By Charges after 1 Hour Waiting Period  
\$10.00 per half hour

- As of March 1, 2021, SAMS drivers will accept exact cash only.
- We accept Interac, cheques and exact cash only.
- We do not accept credit cards currently.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

Public notice is hereby given that Rockwood-Rosser Weed District intends to conduct the following pesticide control program during the 2021 season within the Rural Municipalities of Rockwood, Rosser, and the Towns of Stonewall and Teulon.

- To control noxious weeds and brush on public right-of-ways and public or private owned property within the above noted towns and municipalities. The projected dates of application will be from May 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021. The herbicides to be used include:
  - 2,4-D Amine----2,4-D Choline----Dicamba
  - Picloram----Triclopyr----Glyphosate----Aminopyralid
  - Metsulfuron methyl----Mecoprop---Aminocyclopyrachlor
  - Chlorsulfuron----Diflufenzopyr----Acetic Acid
  - Iron HEDTA (FeHEDTA)----Flumioxazin----Mineral Oil
  - Alkoxyated alcohol non-ionic surfactant
  - Methyl and ethyl ester----LI 700 --Espanade----Saflufenacil
- To control the following insect pests including grasshoppers, emerald ash borer, forest-tent caterpillars, cankerworms, and elm bark beetles if necessary. To control mosquitoes if necessary. The proposed dates of application if and when needed will be from May 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021. The insecticides to be used include:
  - Carbaryl
  - Chlorpyrifos
  - Deltamethrin
  - Imidacloprid
  - Bacillus thuringiensis israelensis
  - Bacillus thuringiensis var. kurstaki
- To control rodents at designated landfills other municipal properties when necessary using the following rodenticides:
  - Brodifacoum
  - Bromadiolone
  - Difethialone
  - Chlorophacinone
  - Rocon
- Any resident of the Rural Municipalities of Rockwood, Rosser, or the Towns of Stonewall, Teulon likely to be affected by these programs and opposed to the issuance of a Provincial Use Permit, must submit annually their written comments within 15 days of this publication to:

Environmental Approvals Branch  
Manitoba Sustainable Development  
1007 Century Street, Winnipeg MB R3H 0W4



# get inspired

> MEAL IDEAS



## Grilled Portobello Gyros with Yogurt Dill Sauce

- 2 yellow bell peppers, sliced
- Yogurt Dill Sauce:
  - 1 English cucumber, grated
  - 1 cup whole-milk Greek yogurt
  - 1/2 cup sour cream
  - 2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
  - 1/2 small lemon, juice only
  - 2 cloves garlic, minced
  - 1 teaspoon salt
  - 1 tablespoon minced fresh dill
- 4 pita breads or naan
- 2 tomatoes, thinly sliced
- 1/2 red onion, thinly sliced
- 1/2 head green lettuce
- crumbled feta cheese (optional)

Recipe courtesy of Emily Weeks of "Zen and Spice"  
 Cook time: 15 minutes  
 Total time: 25 minutes  
 Servings: 4  
 4 portobello mushrooms  
 1 tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil  
 1/2 teaspoon dried oregano  
 1/4 teaspoon smoked paprika

Remove stems from mushrooms and brush caps with wet towel. Using spoon, carefully scrape out gills. Slice mushrooms into 1/4-inch pieces and place in medium bowl with olive oil, oregano and smoked paprika.

Preheat indoor grill pan over medium-high heat. Add mushrooms and peppers; grill, tossing occasionally, until tender, 5-7 minutes.

To make yogurt dill sauce: Squeeze grated cucumber in clean towel to remove excess liquid. Add to large bowl with yogurt, sour cream, olive oil, lemon juice, garlic, salt and dill. Stir to combine.

To serve, place mushrooms and peppers in middle of pita bread. Top with tomatoes, onion, lettuce, feta, if desired, and big dollop of yogurt dill sauce.



## Creamy Spinach, Mushroom and Lasagna Soup

- 1 jar (24 ounces) marinara sauce
  - 1 can (15 ounces) diced tomatoes
  - 2 tablespoons tomato paste
  - 2 teaspoons balsamic vinegar
  - 1 teaspoon granulated sugar
  - 1 tablespoon dried basil
  - 1/2 teaspoon salt
  - 1 teaspoon oregano
  - 1/2 teaspoon black pepper
  - 1 bay leaf
  - 3 cups vegetable broth
  - 6 lasagna noodles, broken into pieces
  - 1/2 cup heavy cream
  - 5 ounces fresh baby spinach
  - 1 cup whole-milk ricotta cheese
  - 1/2 cup shredded mozzarella cheese, for topping
- Heat large pot over medium heat.

Add olive oil, garlic, onion and mushrooms. Cook, stirring occasionally, until onions and mushrooms soften, 4-5 minutes.

Add marinara, diced tomatoes, tomato paste, vinegar, sugar, basil, salt, oregano, pepper, bay leaf and broth. Bring to boil over high heat then reduce heat to low and simmer.

Add lasagna noodles and cook, stirring often, until softened, about 15 minutes. Remove from heat and remove bay leaf.

Stir in heavy cream and spinach until wilted, 2-3 minutes.

Divide between bowls and top with dollop of ricotta and sprinkle of mozzarella.

Recipe courtesy of Emily Weeks of "Zen and Spice"  
 Cook time: 30 minutes  
 Total time: 40 minutes  
 Servings: 4  
 1 tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil  
 2 cloves garlic, minced  
 1 medium onion, small diced  
 8 ounces crimini mushrooms, sliced



## Apple Cider Vinegar Beef and Broccoli

- cooked rice
  - sliced green onions, for garnish
  - cilantro, for garnish
  - sesame seeds, for garnish
- In skillet over medium heat, heat vegetable oil. Cook broccoli 3 minutes until slightly softened; set aside. Add beef to pan and cook 3 minutes until browned. Add garlic and cook 30 seconds until fragrant.

In bowl, mix ponzu soy dressing, beef broth, sesame oil, brown sugar, honey, apple cider vinegar and cornstarch. Add sauce mixture to beef in skillet and cook 10 minutes until sauce mixture cooks down. Toss in broccoli and cook 2 minutes. Serve over rice and garnish with green onions, cilantro and sesame seeds.

Total time: 20 minutes  
 Servings: 4  
 1 tablespoon vegetable oil  
 1 pound broccoli florets  
 1 pound beef strips  
 1 tablespoon garlic, minced  
 1/2 cup Marukan Ponzu Premium Soy Dressing with Sudachi Citrus  
 1/2 cup low-sodium beef broth  
 1 tablespoon sesame oil  
 2 tablespoons brown sugar  
 1/4 cup honey  
 3 tablespoons Marukan Organic Apple Cider Vinegar  
 1 tablespoon cornstarch

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 We loved her too deeply to forget.

-Glen and family

**IN MEMORIAM**



**Donald Smith**  
April 6, 1943 – February 23, 2001

Time has changed so many things,  
 But not the sadness this day brings.  
 Life goes on we know it's true,  
 But it's not the same since we lost you.

-Lovingly remembered and sadly missed,  
 Eileen and family

*Don't forget to send your special words of remembrance for loved ones passed.*

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**IN MEMORIAM**



In loving memory of  
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November 21, 1943 - February 22, 2020

No verses, no flowers, no tears can say;  
How much we miss you every single day.  
You were a person so very rare;  
Whenever we needed you, you were there.  
You shared our hopes, our joys, our tears;  
We will never forget those precious years.  
Your life was unselfish, for others you lived;  
Not to receive, but always to give.  
Treasure her God, in your garden of rest;  
For in our world, she was the very very best.  
-Forever in our hearts,  
John, Kim, David and Dan

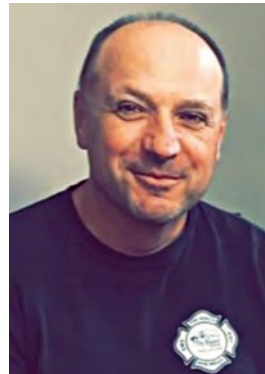
**IN MEMORIAM**



Derrick Sutherland  
February 23, 2019

Have you ever had a son who meant so much to you,  
With a heart of gold and a smile that could light up a room?  
Have you ever had the heartache or felt the dreadful pain,  
Or shed the tears of sadness that fall like evening rain?  
If you've never had these feelings,  
And I hope you never do;  
For when you lose a child,  
You lose a part of you.  
-Forever loved and deeply missed,  
Mom and family

**OBITUARY**



Robert Fredrick Broadfoot  
September 4, 1969 - February 9, 2021

After a courageous battle with Multiple Myeloma, Rob passed peacefully with his family by his side at home on February 9, 2021, Stony Mountain, Manitoba.

He will be greatly missed by his wife Shelley; their two children Nick and Jessica, mother Marlene, sister Jeanette and brother Blair. Rob will also be missed by many other family members and friends.

Rob had many passions in life, whether it was fixing cars, riding motorcycles, kayaking or fighting fires, he always lived life to the fullest. However, the favorite part of his day was coming home to a home cooked meal, shared with his family and friends.

Rob's hard work, determination and strength was evident in every aspect of his life. He took pride in being a hero to the communities of Stonewall, Stony Mountain and Rockwood Area as a volunteer firefighter for the past 15 years.

He was a supportive husband, loving father and a caring friend who touched the hearts of many individuals. Rob always knew how to turn a negative situation into a well taught life lesson.

Rob will be missed dearly but his legacy will live on forever.

A celebration of life will take place at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Myeloma Canada.

Condolences may be left on his tribute wall at [www.gilbartfuneralhome.com](http://www.gilbartfuneralhome.com)

Gilbart Funeral Home, Gimli in care of arrangements.



**OBITUARY**



Wilfred William Maskow  
November 1, 1941 - February 3, 2021

It is with great sadness that we announce the sudden passing of Wilfred William Maskow, age 79, in the early morning of February 3, 2021 at the Gimli Community Health Centre.

Left to survive, his wife of 52 years, Maureen; sons: Kurt (May) and Trent (Roxanne); grandchildren: Dylan, Donavin, Mary, Harley; great-grandchildren: Lucy and Roman; his sister Sharon; brother-in-law Ken (Marcie). Also survived by many nieces, nephews, cousins and close friends.

Wilfred was predeceased by his son Todd, daughter-in-law Rosemary, his parents Bill and Mary Maskow, sister Lyn Lindstrom and his brother-in-law Martin Todd.

Dad loved the outdoors and spent all of his free time outside. He enjoyed visiting with family and friends and especially spending time with his grandchildren. Telling jokes, stories and just spending time together. Many laughs were had and many memories were made.

Cremation will take place and a private interment will be held at a later date.

Memorial donations may be made to the Manitoba Heart and Stroke Foundation, CancerCare or any charity of your choice.

The family would like to thank all of the staff at the Gimli Community Health Centre for their care and compassion with Dad during his stay there. Also, a huge thank you to friends and family for all their help over the past years to keep Dad living at home for as long as he did. Too many names to mention but you all know who you are!!



**OBITUARY**



Lillian Eva (Haslund) Torske

Passed peacefully February 8, 2021 at the age of 98.

She was predeceased by her husband Ole in 1997; her parents, Maurice and Eva Haslund; brothers Robert and Wally Haslund; her sister Mildred Johnson; sisters-in-law Marguerite and Rachel Haslund and brothers-in-law Evert Johnson and Eric Mager.

She is survived by her sons, Larry (Eilene) Torske; Ralph (Linda) Torske; grandchildren Kristine (Rick); Lori (Scott); David (Sherry); Traci (Rob); great-grandchildren Duncan and Thomas James-Davies, Saige MacPherson, Jordan and Jaxon Torske, Mara and Addison MacLean and her sister Myrtle Mager as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

Lil was born and grew up in the Monar area west of Inwood. She married Ole Torske in 1939. They spent their first married years living in northwestern Ontario. They moved back to the Torske family farm where she lived until 2007. Lil worked hard on the family farm looking after her family, growing a garden, canning and helping on the farm. She always grew a large vegetable garden and passed on lots of gardening wisdom to her family. She especially loved her flower gardens and the grandchildren all learned to be mindful of Granny's flowers, especially her rose bushes.

Lil was a 4-H leader for many years and many local girls learned to sew under her expert guidance. She was also very active in the Inwood W.I. where she made many lifelong friends and worked hard in her community of Inwood. Inwood Fall Suppers and W.I. Teas were always highlights in her year. She was also a lifetime member of the Provincial Women's Institute.

Lil was also a wonderful cook. She enjoyed preserving, baking and cooking meals for her family and friends. You could always count on being well fed when visiting her. All of her grandkids had favorite treats that she baked for them. She was also well known in the Interlake for her wedding cakes. She baked and decorated beautiful wedding cakes for many couples in the area. She was very pleased that the last wedding cakes she made were for her grandchildren, even if it meant transporting them great distances.

In her later years, Lil enjoyed travelling and made many trips throughout North America and the Caribbean with family and friends. She always took lots of photos and enjoyed sharing her slide shows with visitors.

Family and friends were very important to Lil. She was an avid letter writer, corresponding with many friends and far away family as long as she was able.

In 2007, she moved into Goodwin Lodge in Teulon. It gave the family comfort to know that she was always well cared for there and that she was close and still able to see family and friends. The family would like to thank the staff at Goodwin Lodge for the caring and compassionate care given over the years.

Due to COVID-19, no funeral service will be held at this time.

If desired, donations in Lillian's memory may be made to The Alzheimer Society of Manitoba.



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