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Community sends 'unicorn magic' to injured girl

By Jennifer McFee

A strong dose of "unicorn magic" is boosting the spirits of local girl who is learning to live with injuries from a recent head-on car collision.

Seven-year-old Amaya Dawson's room at the Children's Hospital is bursting with more than 100 unicorn-related items. She started off with one unicorn stuffy, and now her collection has grown to include everything from unicorn stickers and decals to blankets and much more.

On Feb. 23, the Grade 2 RW Bobby Bend student was on her way to the Quarry Park pond with her six-year-old sister Ayva and her grandma, who planned to teach the girls how to figure skate.

However, they were involved in a head-on collision on Highway 236 between miles 81 and 82, less than two miles from their home.

"The police deemed it weather-related," said Alycia Dawson, the girls' mom. "They said there was an inch and a half of ice on the spot where the accident happened, along with slush and blowing snow."



Community members send "unicorn magic" to Amaya.

Ayva suffered minor injuries, including a broken clavicle and bruised lung, plus bruises and abrasions from her seatbelt.

Amaya's situation was much more serious. She suffered a brain injury

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Sisters Amaya and Ayva Dawson were in a head-on vehicle collision on Feb. 23.

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> UNICORN MAGIC, FROM PG. 2

that needed to be monitored by a probe placed on her brain. She also broke her orbital bone and fractured her pelvis in multiple places. Worst of all, she broke her neck and has a severe spinal cord injury.

On the day of her accident, Amaya underwent an eight-hour surgery with a visiting neurosurgeon who happened to be at the hospital at the time. Although the surgery went well, the surgeon had to deliver the difficult news that Amaya would be paralyzed from the neck down.

Since then, Amaya has defied the odds by moving her arms, head and shoulders, but she remains paralyzed from the mid-chest down. On the positive side, her memory is functioning well and she is making progress with her ability to breathe on her own. Amaya is now off her heavy medication and her IV has been removed, as have her stitches, staples and leads to monitor her vitals. Always an eager student, Amaya welcomes a teacher to the hospital for 45-minute learning sessions.

Now that she is showing improvements, Amaya has been moved from the pediatric intensive care unit to a rehab unit, and she'll likely remain in the hospital for another four months.

The impact of the accident has created a ripple effect of concern throughout the community. Since many of Amaya's distraught friends wanted to reach out to her, Dawson suggested that instead they could hug a unicorn toy at home.

"Amaya has a unicorn in her bed too. So every time they wanted to hug or talk to or pray for Amaya, they just have to talk to or hug their unicorn at home instead. Then the unicorn would send their magic to Amaya's unicorn in the hospital," she said.

"I've got lots of pictures of kids hugging unicorns. Lots of people are also changing their profile pictures to uni-

corns. It just bloomed into this Magic for Amaya wishes and prayers. Everybody's sending the unicorn magic for Amaya to get better. It's one way for people to show support."

As for Dawson, she remains hopeful that Amaya will continue to surprise doctors with her progress.

"This type of injury doesn't happen to children. It's extremely rare and there's hardly any research done for pediatrics for this type of injury," she said.

"There are a few things that we would like to try, but we just have to wait and see what her body does."

Since the accident, Dawson has been staying at the hospital, along with her four-month-old son. Ayva has been released from hospital but is also staying there with her mom and stepdad Matt McKillop.

Amaya's grandma is home from the hospital recovering from her injuries, which include multiple broken bones. "This will be our reality for a long time," Dawson said. "Every day gets a little bit better, but it will be a lifetime change."

Manitoba Public Insurance will help to cover costs, but a GoFundMe page entitled "Magic for Amaya" has been set up for additional expenses such as potential surgeries or devices that are not covered by the medical system.

By press time, the online fundraiser had earned nearly \$14,000 and counting.

Other fundraisers are also underway, including a local company called Dirt Road Creations that is selling T-shirts that say "I Believe in Unicorns #MagicforAmaya" for \$20 each. Profits go towards Amaya.

These T-shirts were available at a weekend fundraiser at Family Foods, where community members could also contribute to a donation jar or buy scrunchies made by local moms for \$5 apiece, all to show support for



Amaya sustained severe injuries in the collision.



The seven-year-old girl is showing improvements day by day.

Amaya and her family.

With a heart full of gratitude, Dawson extends her thanks to everyone who has shown support during this trying time.

"I'd like to say a huge thank-you to the community for everything they've done. Everybody has done so much, and it's so hard to keep up with the thanks," she said.

"I knew our community was an

amazing group of people, but you never understand fully about the support until you're in a situation like this. Seeing the amount of support from everybody who wants to help is truly amazing.

"You always expect your friends and family to have your back, but there are people I don't even know asking if we need anything. It really is remarkable."

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Donate blood on March 24

By Jennifer McFee

Amid many closures due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Stonewall's upcoming blood clinic will proceed as planned.

Canadian Blood Services expressed concerns about a spike in appointment cancellations due to the pandemic, yet patients continue to depend on lifesaving blood donations.

As of press time, the local blood donor clinic will go forward on Tuesday, March 24 at the Stonewall Legion Hall (459 Main St.) from 2 to 7 p.m. However, since the situation with COVID-19 is changing day by day, it's a good idea to confirm closer to the date.

With a focus on community involvement, Community Living Interlake will be sponsoring the event.

"We support the clinic because

we're part of the community. We have 80 to 100 staff and 50-plus individuals we support. All of them have families and all those people might need blood someday," said executive director Jimm Simon.

"We're part of the community, and being part of the community means giving back and helping out where we can. We want people to see us as contributing and helping others live full and inclusive lives. We support the concept that Stonewall is a great place to call home."

Canadian Blood Services urges healthy eligible donors to book and keep appointments. The organization adheres to up-to-date guidance from the Public Health Agency of Canada, including all recommendations for



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public gatherings during COVID-19. If these recommendations change, Canadian Blood Services will act immediately to keep donors safe.

"Canadian Blood Services operates a national blood inventory where products are regularly shifted around the country to meet hospital and patient needs. The inventory is currently strong, but the recent increase in cancellations is worrying, particularly in light of the blood shortages already being reported in other countries affected by COVID-19," states a March 16 press release from Canadian Blood Services.

"Donating blood in Canada continues to be safe. Our robust cleaning and infection-control practices protect

all donors, staff and volunteers. All prospective donors are also carefully screened for any symptoms of illness, including very mild ones. This screening occurs during both appointment booking and upon arrival at the donor centre or event. Those with any symptoms are not allowed to donate blood and are instructed not to visit."

For more information about donating blood during COVID-19, visit www.blood.ca/covid19. To make an appointment to donate blood, download the GiveBlood app, call 1-888-2-DONATE (1-888-236-6283) or book online at www.blood.ca. Walk-in appointments are also available.

ISD schools prepare for three-week closure

By Jennifer McFee

While schools prepare to close their doors for three weeks in a proactive response to slow the spread of COVID-19, the Interlake School Division is doing its best to keep parents informed.

The provincial government announced on Friday, March 13 that schools will suspend classroom teaching effective March 23 for three weeks, including the week of spring break.

However, schools are remaining

open during the week of March 16 to 20 to allow time for families, educators and school divisions to plan for other arrangements.

All extra-curricular activities, field trips, continuing education courses and facility books (except for daycares located in schools) are also suspended immediately until further notice.

"We will continue to take our direction from Manitoba Education and Training. At this point in time, this direction is to suspend classes from

March 23 though April 10," said Supt. Margaret Ward.

"Students and staff who are ill are asked to stay home, regardless of recent travel."

With the COVID-19 situation evolving on a daily basis, Ward encourages parents to visit the Interlake School Division website (www.interlakesd.ca) for the most up-to-date information about programming.

"We know that the COVID-19 situation is rapidly evolving and we thank

our ISD community for their patience and support as we navigate this situation," Ward said.

"The collective health and well-being of our students, staff and communities will continue to be our No. 1 priority."

For the most current recommendations from public health officials in Manitoba regarding self-monitoring and self-isolation, visit www.gov.mb.ca/health/coronavirus/.

School activities cancelled due to COVID-19

By Jennifer McFee

All extra-curricular school activities and events have been cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic, including several local drama productions.

Teulon Collegiate Institute drama students had been busy rehearsing for a mysterious "who-dun-it" comedy called *Mystery at Shady Acres* on March 25 and 26.

Director Carolyn Szun expected that

it would have been lots of fun — for those on stage as well as for those in the audience.

All students in the school's drama course were involved in preparing for the production.

Similarly, Ecole Stonewall Centennial students had been preparing for a production of *Big Bad Musical* on March 23 and 25.

Between the cast and the chorus,

approximately 60 students were involved. That show will also be cancelled for now.

"We'll have to see what happens when schools open in April," said director Vhana Moldowan in an email, "and what that looks like for us and what we are allowed to do."

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In the big picture of all the things we do when winter fishing, we don't give a lot of thought to cutting our ice holes. The auger works, you make a hole and get on with fishing.

Well, let's relive an experience Don Whitaker from Stonewall had a few weeks ago. His optimistic nature was in keeping with his uplifted spirits as he bounced along the ice field of Lake Winnipeg's south basin in his truck. Ready for a great day of ice fishing, the slightly overcast sun mirrored the mild weather so much that he had turned his truck heater off. Ahead, he saw a nice flat spot on the ice with only a thin layer of snow. He pulled up onto it, turned the truck off, slipped out of the cab, walked around to the back of the truck box and pulled out his ice auger.

Hauling his auger a few feet from the truck, he set the drill point into the ice and pulled the starter rope. It sprang into ear shattering life. Don set his feet apart and, squeezing the throttle, forced the spinning drill to begin cutting into the ice. Scraping sounds met his ears as the machine's auger tip became buried from sight in the ice chips. Soon the bit was churning deep and Don had to bend well

over to control its work. Minutes later he was rewarded with the gushing of water and ice chips erupting from the lake waters as the auger broke through the ice.

Don let the machine go and jumped back not wanting to have his boots flooded with cold water. The ice auger stood alone, upright in the hole, idling innocently. He stepped forward and grasped the auger handle. He squeezed the throttle hard again in an effort to round out the ice hole and free the drill. The motor roared and the unit shook. Suddenly Don found himself holding the handles of the screaming motor as the drill left it, screwing itself down like a rocket disappearing into the water below!

Dumbfounded, he stood motionless realizing the holding pin between the motor and the drill had fallen out! Don, however, was not only a man of resolve; he was also a man of resources. He had come to fish with every kind of equipment known to man. He walked backed to his truck and unpacked his underwater camera! He set it up and soon could just make out his drill stuck straight up in the mud, buried about a foot deep.

Back he went to his truck and pulled out two magnets he had kept for just this sort of dilemma. Lying belly down on the ice, he covered his head with his parka hood. With the light blocked

out, he could see his drill better. He lowered his magnets on their rope. They immediately shot to the drill and clamped on with clinking sound. Elated, Don pulled up on the rope. It tightened, but when he hauled up the magnets slid off the drill. He felt disheartened. Time after time he tried to rescue his drill but the magnets proved not strong enough. Finally, he gave up on the drill but not fishing. He squinted up at the hazy sun. There was still some afternoon left. He packed up and headed to town to buy another drill!

Not long ago, I came across a very cheery chap by the name of Tien Nguyen ice fishing on the Red River a bit upstream of Selkirk. When I asked him where he originated from, given his accent. He told me he was from Vietnam. Now a Canadian citizen for 10 years, I asked him if fishing practices were any different in the country of his youth. He said he lived and fished off the Nguy River, which was very clear with a sandy bottom. One of the fish they caught there is called a snakefish. I must admit I had never heard of it before and was a bit surprised to learn it also inhabits the southern waters of the United States. Apparently, it can live and crawl out of water for a short time!

I was on the Lake Winnipeg ice off Grand Marais a while back and met a happy-go-lucky guy, Randy Daly of Winnipeg. He gave us this joke.



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Don Whitaker of Stonewall with one of his many catches after he got a new auger.

Seems there was this chap who could not resist embellishing every fish story he would tell. He constantly spread his arms wider and wider each time he illustrated how big one of his catches was. Finally his friends tied his wrists together and then challenged him to show how big his last landed fish was. He thought for a moment. Then, holding his arms high, he forced his hands as wide apart as his bound wrists would allow and cried out, "His eyeballs had to be that big!"
Till next week, my friends. Bye for now.

Province extends forage insurance survey

By Evan Matthews

Livestock and forage producers will have a bit longer to have their voices heard as the province has extended its deadline on the Forage Insurance Review survey.

The original deadline for the survey was March 9; however, with coronavirus concerns and delays in addition to concerns from farmers over the deadline, the province has extended the deadline to March 31.

"The survey is not onerous and only should take producers about five to 10 minutes," said Wanda Kurchaba, manager of corporate communica-

tions for the Manitoba Agricultural Services Corporation.

"We have had to alter our plans relating to the Forage Insurance Review due to the coronavirus situation."

The province is looking for farmers' feedback through consultations with forage and livestock producers and organizations to review and shape Manitoba's forage insurance program.

Producers have the opportunity to provide their thoughts on the current program and suggest changes they

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Stop the spread, but stop the panic

By Evan Matthews

As much as we're sick of talking and hearing about it, the novel COVID-19 coronavirus is here locally, so it's worth a discussion.

In Manitoba, our confirmed numbers have been very low, with only eight cases at press time. Seven of those came from Winnipeg, but the other — a woman in her 70s — came from the Interlake-Eastern region, according to the Manitoba Government website.

Now is the time to be vigilant.

When it comes to the specifics as they relate to the virus' symptoms, incubation period, death rates and so on, let's leave it up to the medical professionals.

What we know is that, for most people who experience COVID-19, the symptoms are mild. It's generally a cough and a fever, which is nothing to worry about.

Health Links is telling most who call in to monitor their symptoms, drink lots of fluids and get lots of rest, only advising people to seek medical help and/or treatment if their symptoms progress and worsen.

However, for those of us in good

health and who needn't worry, we need to be accountable to our actions for the vulnerable demographics in our society.

Which is why we should collectively be discussing ways to reduce the potential spread of this virus.

Through social media "stories" — Snapchat, Instagram, Twitter and Facebook — we see so many people continuing to attend social events as though there isn't an issue.

Going out with friends to birthday parties, and dinners is, at this point, unnecessary. Wait and see how this thing progresses.

As much as we need to be realistic about this viral scare (no pun intended), there is in fact an issue. The entire country of Italy, the major sports leagues in North America — they wouldn't be shut down if there wasn't.

So, Step 1 to reducing the spread of this virus is to keep to yourself a bit more than you normally would. If you need to go to the store, go to the store. No one is saying otherwise.

Though, the government is advising all citizens to try to cancel or postpone any non-essential travel, so try to reduce the amount of time you're

spending in public spaces.

If you do have to go out, use common sense.

Wash your hands — wash your hands, a lot — using warm water for 15 seconds. Use hand sanitizer. Try to avoid touching your face.

Use social distancing; try to keep a few metres away from people in public spaces where possible. Cover your mouth and nose when coughing or sneezing, or cough and sneeze into your sleeve.

Though most are very likely fine, people who have recently returned from an international trip and experience a fever, cough or other symptoms of a respiratory illness should be tested for COVID-19.

In addition, public health officials are recommending all international travellers should self-isolate and self-monitor for symptoms for 14 days after returning to Canada.

All to say, we need to stop the panic relating to this virus because humanity — especially in the modern, medically advanced world — has been through this before.

But we need to be realistic and do our part in stopping the spread, too.

> FORAGE, FROM PG. 5

feel will support growth of Manitoba's livestock sector through the online survey, located at <https://engagemb.ca/forage-insurance-review>.

"Manitoba forage producers have had back-to-back challenging production years, and only a small proportion of forage acres are insured when compared to annual crops," said Agriculture and Resource Develop-

ment Minister Blaine Pedersen.

"To bridge the gap, we need to better understand the risks, challenges and effectiveness of the current program to help ensure it meets their needs over the longer term."

Contributions to the survey will help inform government on how the current forage insurance platform is being used, its limitations and what changes need to be considered, according to the province.

The review will include a number of

in-person engagement sessions — at a date to be determined — to build on the dialogue.

The consultant for the review will work with producers and associations to identify priorities to be considered when developing or redesigning the forage insurance platform, according to the province.

Once again, the link to the survey is <https://engagemb.ca/forage-insurance-review>.

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Town of Teulon clamours for Co-op cash

By Evan Matthews

One Interlake community is already in the Top 25 communities for Co-op's Fuel Up to Win contest, and a Teulon woman is pushing for her community to follow suit.

Lana Knor, president of the Green Acres Art Centre in Teulon, said with budgets being fixed and only so many donation dollars to go around, the Co-op contest is another chance at "free money."

"Whether a non-profit or a community group, we often have our hands out to the RM, the town, private business, etc. When something like this comes up, we don't have to go to a meeting, we don't have to fundraise; we just have to participate," she said.

"We all get gas here anyway, so let's get involved and get going on this. I know if there is any hesitation playing or understanding the game or downloading the app, Co-op staff will help with it. They did it for me."

Of course, Knor said she'd love to see the money end up injected to the Green Acres Art Centre, she added that she knows that wouldn't be fair. If Teulon were to win, the municipal council would decide how to divvy up the money amongst community groups, she said.

"It would just be great to distribute that funding anywhere in our town," said Knor.

"All our community organizations need a bit of added funding. The list of things we could do with it collectively is endless."

Last week, Co-op announced communities across Western Canada could win \$25,000 from their local Co-op by playing this year's Fuel Up to Win.

At the time of publication, Fisher Branch ranked 14th on the "Win For Your Town Leaderboard," with Plamondon, Alta., leading the way.

Arborg got off to a strong start, cracking the Top 25 but has since fallen off the list.

The leaderboard is updated daily.

How to play

In its eighth year, Fuel Up to Win is an annual event giving Co-op members and customers an opportunity to win more than \$8.5 million in prizes and discounts. This year, online entries not only give participants a chance to win but also count toward a "town tally" for a chance to win a community donation.

"Fuel Up to Win is a great way for our Co-op members and customers to engage and have some fun," said Carrey Tufts, Federated Co-op Limited's director of marketing and communications.

"Co-ops are known for giving back to their members and their communities. This contest is another opportunity to do this with a \$100,000 grand prize for one lucky person and a \$25,000 for a great community initiative."

Between March 5 and April 29, you can receive a game ticket from participating Co-op food stores, gas bars, convenience stores, and home centres with every purchase.

The contest offers participants three chances to win:

- Instant Win: One in six tickets reveals a prize or discount.
- Online Sweepstakes: Enter a PIN from a game ticket online to be entered into a daily and weekly draw, including the online grand prize of a Ford F150 XLT or \$35,000.



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Green Acres Art Centre president Lana Knor, left, and Teulon Co-op employee Chad Pidruchny stand with a Fuel Up to Win card, trying to drum up interest in free cash for the Town of Teulon.

- Collect to Win: Collect stickers to win prizes in nine categories, including \$100,000. Use duplicate stickers to win additional prizes in the "Double Up Sweepstakes."

Every time a participant enters the online sweepstakes, their town receives a vote for the donation. The town with the most votes per capita will receive the community donation.

In 2019, Co-op donated \$25,000 to Reaching Youth Serving Community in Birch Hills,

Sask., after the town won the community portion of Fuel Up to Win. The community-based non-profit used the donation to expand the local skate park and build washrooms and a camping gazebo at its community gardens.

For complete contest rules and regulations, visit fueluptowin.ca.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Pesticide Control Program

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1. To control invasive plants and noxious weeds on Manitoba Provincial Right of Way.
2. The herbicides include: Dicamba, 2,4-D amine, 2,4-D Choline, 2,4-D Ester, 2,4-D, Mecoprop, Dichloroprop, Amitrol, Aminopyralid, Metsulfuron- methyl, Diflufenzopyr, Fluroxypyr, Imazapyr, Triclopyr, Picloram, Aminocyclopyrachlor, Chlorsulfuron, Saflufenacil, Iron (as FeHEDTA), Glyphosate, Clopyralid, Bromacil, Acetic Acid, LI 700, Non Ionic Surfactant, Flumioxazin, & Indaziflam.

The public may send written submissions or objections within 15 days of the publication of the notice to the department below.

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COVID-19 (coronavirus) update from the IERHA

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The IERHA's senior leadership teams are now actively rolling out preparation plans for COVID-19.

Health-care professionals are responding to people presenting with respiratory illness and they're being tested for COVID-19 and other infections.

The symptoms of COVID-19 are similar to a cold or flu: runny nose, sore throat, cough, fever and difficulty breathing.

Manitobans have seen few COVID infections to date but are sure they will increase.

Reliable sources of information:

There are a number of reputable websites regularly providing updated information on COVID-19.

- Province of Manitoba
- Public Health Agency of Canada
- World Health Organization

These sources issue truthful information about COVID-19.

More information on regional testing sites will be provided once details are in place.

IERHA anticipates, in the near future, that the greatest draw on the

health-care resources will centre on their response to people who have symptoms and who need to be tested.

IERHA is looking to establish testing sites in the region. People who are symptomatic will be able to attend these sites.

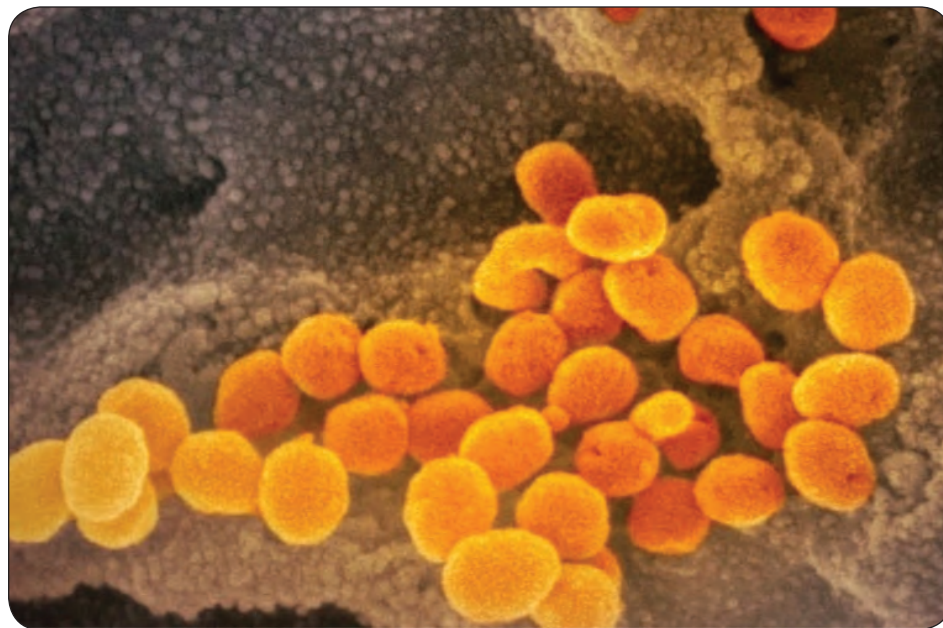
Just as health authorities have done in Winnipeg, these sites will be intentionally established in areas not connected to clinics or hospitals so that they can prevent people who are mildly ill — but contagious — from interacting with patients seeking health care for other reasons.

The vast majority of people infected with COVID-19 will experience mild illness and recover.

People should remain calm. The majority of people infected with COVID-19 will experience mild illness.

The Public Health Agency of Canada says, "Those who are infected with COVID-19 may have little to no symptoms. You may not know you have symptoms of COVID-19 because they are similar to a cold or flu."

Some people will be told to self-monitor. This fact sheet has information on what that entails: <https://www.gov.mb.ca/health/publichealth/>



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COVID-19. U.S. National Institutes of Health.

[factsheets/coronavirus.pdf](https://www.gov.mb.ca/health/publichealth/factsheets/coronavirus.pdf).

Some people will be told to self-isolate. This link explains the difference between self-monitoring and self-isolation: <https://www.gov.mb.ca/health/coronavirus/public.html#12>. This page has answers to a number of frequently asked questions.

Advice on how to stay healthy:

- If you are ill, even mildly ill, stay home.
- Wash your hands with soap thoroughly and frequently, especially when you're in public places or you're feeling ill and share a home with other people.

- Use hand sanitizer that contains at least 60 per cent alcohol if you can't immediately access soap and water.

- Cover your cough and your sneezes. Cough and sneeze into your elbow or into a tissue. Dispose of tissues right away.

- Don't touch your face. Your eyes, nose and mouth are entry points for the COVID-19 virus.

If you are concerned about your health, call Health Links - Info Santé at 204-788-8200 or toll-free at 1-888-315-9257. The service is available 24/7 and staffed by nurses.



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Off to the races



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Lorna Broadfoot, right, presented Karen Walsh with tickets to the Woodlands Pioneer Museum annual dinner for winning the best-dressed contest.

Staff

A virtual Kentucky Derby styled horse-racing fundraiser took place at the Woodlands Legion on March 7. The Woodlands Pioneer Museum board hosted the event raising \$1,463.

To keep in a true derby theme, everyone was encouraged to dress for the occasion and prizes were awarded for the best dressed and the best fascinator.

After an introduction and a commentary on each jockey and their horse, betting started at \$2 per bet on the eight horses running in each race that was projected on the wall.

An announcer called out the races as the horses ran laps and following each race, 50 per cent of the winnings were awarded to those that bet



JoAnne MacMillan, left, JoAnne Lillies, middle, and Lisa Lillies, dressed for an evening at the races.

on the correct horse and the other 50 per cent to the Woodlands Pioneer Museum.

Karen Walsh was the winner of the best-dressed contest and won two tickets to the annual museum dinner that will be held May 24. Betty Simonson also won tickets to the dinner for the best fascinator.

The funds raised will be used to help finance some new projects, including building shelves for an antique bottle display. Any additional funds will be used to purchase fire extinguishers for each building on site.

Contact Lorna Broadfoot at 204-383-5003 for more information on the Woodlands Pioneer Museum, their annual dinner or to make a donation.

Funds for Amaya



TRIBUNE PHOTOS BY JO-ANNE PROCTER

Shoppers at Family Foods in Stonewall last Saturday opened their hearts and their wallets in support of seven-year-old Amaya Dawson, who was paralyzed after a head-on crash last month. Believe in Unicorns #magicforAmaya T-shirts, made by Dirt Road Creations, were sold for \$20 and scrunchies made by a group of local mothers were sold for \$5. Pictured left to right: Francesca and Kathryn Hamlyn, Tanya Swanarchuk and Toni delaroque.

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ADMISSION to Expo

Armstrong residents need affordable transportation

By Evan Matthews

Concerned Armstrong residents met with council to discuss the need for greater emphasis on transportation and fortunately didn't have to wait very long for a potential solution.

At the March 10 council meeting, Tina Caumartin and Lori Mott represented a group of concerned residents — not solely but largely from Inwood Manor — and said in order to keep residents in communities like Inwood, more money needs to be invested in transportation.

"The elderly, the infirm, those living with disabilities, any person living in isolation, youth and seniors alike, we all share one common need: the need for affordable transportation," said Caumartin, who listed off many needs for transportation including doctors' and dentist appointments, prescriptions, groceries, banking or even just leisure.

"The RM of Armstrong has very limited essential services within its boundaries. All residents must travel outside those boundaries for the aforementioned services. RMs need to address challenges facing residents in order to grow and prosper," she said.

"We need to keep our aging population here. When communities retain older residents in a diverse population mix, they gain economic benefits and social strengths related to a mature population."

In 2008, Armstrong council voted in favour of designating the community age-friendly and was given a \$2,000 grant as a result. Much of this funding is still available. The group suggested that council access those funds it had put aside after the designation.

The group said improved access to transit could be a good place to start that would benefit seniors.

"Many elderly people simply cannot afford transportation, regardless of their medical needs," said Caumartin.

"For example, with the current Handivan rates, a trip to CancerCare Manitoba on McDermot Avenue in Winnipeg would start at \$100.

"Long-term needs at these rates become unfeasible," she said.

Council thanked the group for bringing the issue forward and for suggesting the age-friendly money, and said they would gather more information as they approach the issue and decide on ways to move forward.

Armstrong's concerned residents



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY EVAN MATTHEWS

Lori Mott (foreground left) and Tina Caumartin (foreground right) ask the RM of Armstrong council for added investment in transportation, with Reeve Susan Smerchanski sitting at the head of the table.

didn't wait longer than 10 minutes for a potential solution, as the next delegation on the agenda came from the Teulon and District Handivan board.

Teulon and District Handivan

Teulon and District Handivan board members Terry Hartle and Cherise Griffin (also a Town of Teulon councillor) presented to Armstrong council. Though no formal agreement is currently in place between the RM and the Handivan service, they said one could be.

As it stands now, the RM of Armstrong offers a donation annually to the Teulon and District Handivan service, as well as providing similar support the Arborg Handivan and Gimli Handivan services.

"We are so huge geographically and resources are spread all over," said Armstrong Reeve Susan Smerchanski. "We often rely on our neighbours to help and assist us where they can."

The current rates for Inwood residents to use the Teulon Handivan service is \$12.50 upfront, plus \$0.50 per kilometre, according to Hartle, who said the RMs donation helps to offset some of the cost.

"The RM of Armstrong made up 7.3 per cent of our total trips in 2019," said

Hartle, assuring council that the service — which has more than enough drivers — could easily handle the volume of calls to Armstrong," he said.

"We'd like to ask the RM to enter into a formal agreement, to define the cost (to the RM) and service area. We'd love to provide extra service to enhance the mobility of Inwood residents and the surrounding area."

The Teulon and District Handivan service currently has two large vans that can hold up to 11 passengers, with two spots for wheelchairs. It also has one minivan with spots for two passengers and two wheelchairs.

The service operates five days a week, with weekend trips available if proactively planned throughout the week.

Town of Stonewall announces closures

Submitted

Given the rapidly evolving situation regarding COVID-19, the Stonewall council has made the decision to close the VMSC, Ice Palace, Heritage Arts Centre and town office as of March 17 till further notice.

The Town office, although closed to the public, will continue to operate and individuals can still make telephone enquiries. As for the payment of town bills, staff will continue to accept and process payments whether online, by mail or through the use of the payment slot on the front door of the Town office. The Council would ask that people please avoid using cash to pay accounts at this time.

Town Council will continue to meet during these times and these meetings will be open to the public however, all delegations and public hearings have been postponed until further notice.

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Destination Imagination teams earn awards

By Jennifer McFee

Congratulations are in order for a group of Balmoral School students who put their imagination to the test in a competition last week.

On Wednesday, March 11, three teams competed in the Destination Imagination provincial tournament at Ecole River Heights School.

In total, 17 students took part in the event. They covered the cost of their tournament fees and material costs through a bake sale, and they worked hard together to prepare.

Destination Imagination aims to empower youth through project-based STEAM challenges that are designed to foster creativity, critical thinking, communication and teamwork skills.

The Balmoral team called Best Safari Ever won first place for their challenge in the fine arts group.

"It was awesome," said teacher Kaleigh Poirier, who was the team manager. "We got a banner that we got to put up at the school."

Grade 4 student Alexa Loehmer participated for the first time and was surprised that her team ranked first.

"It felt really great. I didn't think we would do that well, but we actually did," she said. "Probably the best part was the performance part. It was fun to do it."

Another team called the Canyon Crew earned third place in their instant challenge and received a certificate for their achievement.

Team member David Moffat, a Grade 4 student, also participated for the first time this year.

"I decided to join because it looked pretty fun," he said.

"For me, the best part was the instant challenge and when we got to go in the lab."

Like Alexa, he plans to participate in Destination Imagination again next year, and he encourages other students to give it a try.

"It's a good experience," he said. "It's a good thing to learn from if you make mistakes and you don't do it right."

A third group called the Disney Princess Party didn't place in the top teams, but Poirier commends them for their efforts.

"They did some singing so they got a lot of praise for all the singing that they did in their presentation," she said. "It was awesome. They really put themselves out there."

Best of all, the students learned tangible skills that they



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Balmoral School students showcased their skills at the provincial Destination Imagination tournament.

can take with them.


"The team building and working together is so valuable," Poirier said. "It's nice seeing it all come together."



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March 16, 2020

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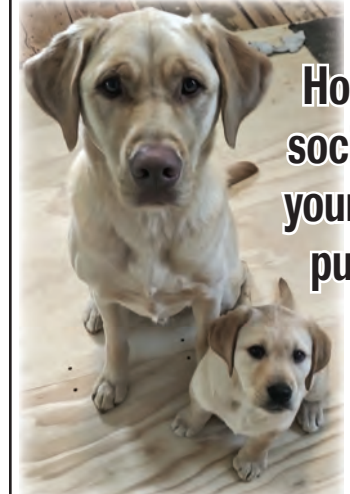
We do realize that you have booked and paid your rental deposit in good faith and would like to work with you to re-book your event.

We will place a notice in the local newspaper and on Facebook, to help take away the burden of you contacting everyone that you had invited to your event.

We apologize for the inconvenience this may cause you, but we have the responsibility to try to keep our community safe during this time.

If you have any further question please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,
Terry Hartle
Chairman of the Teulon Rockwood Recreation Commission
204-886-2319



How to socialize your new puppy

Socializing puppies early is the key to making sure they develop into well-adjusted dogs. Most experts agree that between two and four months old is the ideal age to begin. Here are a few tips to get you started.

Register for puppy class
An obedience training program will expose your pup to other dogs and people, while teaching them how to respond to basic commands. Learning alongside other puppies trains them to concentrate on you, even when there are distractions.

Bring your dog everywhere
Let your dog accompany you on as many errands as possible. Walking your canine companion through town is a great opportunity for them to become used to the area's sights, sounds and smells. If your puppy is comfortable with it, allow all types of strangers to greet and pet them.

Invite people over
Dogs need to learn how to greet visitors into their homes as well as on the street. Inviting other people and dogs over to meet your pooch will illustrate that visitors are welcome and that there's no need to protect the home from them.

Socializing dogs is important but it does leave them more exposed to disease. Until they're fully vaccinated, be sure to keep them away from off-leash dog parks and other places where they may come into contact with unfamiliar canines.



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Town of Teulon hires CAO

By Evan Matthews

The Town of Teulon continues to return to business, as council has hired a CAO.

Andrew Glassco has more than 30 years of municipal experience, having worked for the cities of Winnipeg and Kenora, as well as the RMs of Victoria Beach, Brandon, Selkirk and Flin Flon.

"I believe the Town of Teulon is the right fit, both because of my experience and diverse skill set, which I believe will add value for the residents of Teulon," said Glassco, adding he has experience in senior leadership positions relating to municipal administration, fiscal management and board governance, all of which dealing with municipal councils, recreation commissions, arts councils, and sport and cultural organizations.

"I'm looking forward to learning more about the town, and working with our citizens and community groups," he said.

"I'm excited and honoured to work collaboratively with council and staff in developing our priorities and our 2020 financial plan."

Mayor Anna Pazdzierski introduced Andrew Glassco as the town's new chief administrative officer at the March 10 council meeting. Glassco officially started working on Feb. 24.

Though neither council nor CAO Glassco would say what other positions the town is looking to hire for exactly, he said they are collectively reviewing

and assessing the town's staff needs, as they develop a plan to move forward.

Glassco possesses an urban studies degree, with a major in sociology from the University of Winnipeg and a bachelor of recreation studies degree from the University of Manitoba. He is also currently enrolled in the certificate program in Manitoba municipal administration at the University of Manitoba.

In Glassco's time with the City of Winnipeg, he was responsible for the negotiation, interpretation and administration of all joint-use and joint-development agreements between the city and the seven urban school divisions.

Mayor Pazdzierski said she and council feel Glassco is the right man for the job.

"We were impressed with Andrew's resume, and when we interviewed him, we felt he'd be a good fit in this community," said Pazdzierski.

"He brings not only education but also experience and a volunteer background, and he is a friendly and open person, someone who can help Teulon move forward."

Jim Fenske had been serving as interim-CAO since Jan. 6, 2020, and has stayed on for the time being to help Glassco adjust into the role.

Council thanked Fenske for being a great help to the council, as he helped train the staff on municipal issues on what Pazdzierski called a "daily basis."



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Andrew Glassco started as Teulon's CAO on Feb. 24 and is located at the town office. He said he looks forward to meeting residents and working with community groups.

Coronavirus information to families and support persons of long-term care facilities

Submitted by IERHA

The first presumptive positive confirmed cases of COVID-19 have now been identified in Manitoba. Public health officials, health system leaders, facilities, providers and staff are taking all necessary steps to decrease the risk of spread of the virus.

Across Manitoba, strict infection prevention and control precautions are now in place in all health-care settings, including long term care facilities.

For the safety of your loved ones, we have implemented the following measures:

Please do not visit any health-care facility, including long-term care facilities, if you have returned from international travel — including to the United States — in the last 14 days.

Please do not visit any health-care facility, including long-term care facilities, if you are under direction to self-monitor or self-isolate for 14 days.

Please do not visit any health-care facility, including long-term care facilities, if you are experiencing any of the following cold/flu symptoms: cough, fever, runny nose, sore throat, weakness, headache.

Well visitors continue to be welcome within our facilities however may be subject to direct questions about your symptoms, contacts and travel history upon arrival.

Social distancing strategies are now recommended for all Manitobans. Social distancing is used to intentionally reduce close contact between people

to try to stop the progression of community transmission of any virus.

This means:

- Minimizing prolonged (more than 10 minutes), close (less than two metres) contact between other individuals in public;
- Avoiding greetings that involve touching such as handshakes;
- Disinfecting frequently used surfaces;
- Following public health advice related to self-monitoring and self-isolation if you have travelled or have been exposed to someone ill with the virus;
- Considering avoiding travel, crowded places and events, especially if you are at higher risk.

We appreciate your understanding as we implement these elevated precautions to protect our residents, many of whom have underlying medical conditions that put them at greatest risk of becoming severely ill due to COVID-19.

In the event that you or anyone in your family tests positive for the COVID-19 AND has visited a long-term care facility or care environment within the last 14 days, we would ask that you please notify

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

You can stay up-to-date with the latest evolving COVID-19 information by visiting <https://www.gov.mb.ca/health/coronavirus/>.

Generosity



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY SUBMITTED
Stonewall's Rhea Myers is another year older, wiser and has a generous heart that continues to grow. On Feb. 7, Myers turned 12 years old and made a donation of \$1,535 to the Children's Hospital Foundation of Manitoba from birthday money she received from family and friends. In the past four years, the Ecole Stonewall Centennial Grade 6 student has donated more than \$3,000 and numerous books and movies to the foundation. Myers spent time at the Children's Hospital as an infant and looks forward to stopping by the hospital every year to give back and help others.

Celebration on ice

By Jo-Anne Procter

The Stonewall Skating Club celebrated the end of their season by presenting their ice show "Taste the Rainbow, Skate the Rainbow" last Thursday at VMSC. All skaters had an opportunity to showcase the talent and skills they have perfected in front of families

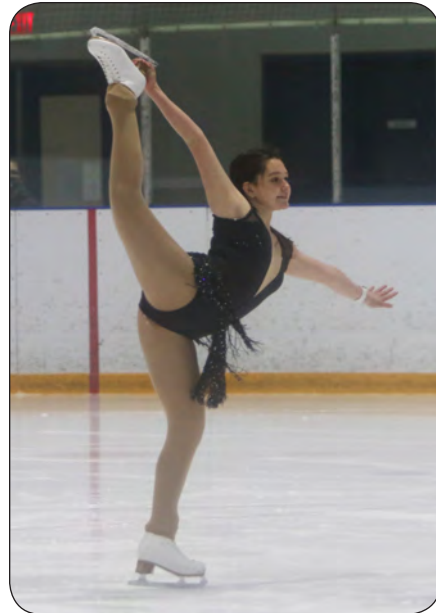
and friends. At intermission, winners of the wine raffle were announced: Joan Giesler (25 bottles), Catherine Desmarais (15 bottles) and Dwight Finlay (10 bottles). Following the on-ice program, skaters were presented with awards and report cards.



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Payton Gross



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My employer is closing our office because of the Coronavirus and suggesting we all work from home. I am now starting to really panic about everything and I am worried about not making my payments on my mortgage if my employer decides to lay us off. Is there anything I can do?

Bill

Dear Bothered Bill!

It is not hard to get swept up in the COVID-19 panic these days when you go into any grocery store and see empty shelves. It makes you want to begin filling up your grocery cart with things you normally would never have purchased. Information keeps changing by the hour. We are being inundated with more and more closures, not to mention the feelings of trepidation when it comes to our finances.

The governments today have ensured us that all will be fine and that they will make monetary allowances to those that need it most. We have been told that job protection and security is paramount to our govern-



ment and that they will be supporting all businesses impacted by this pandemic. That being said, what does that mean for the average person who is wondering what to do about their mortgage payment due this month? Here are a couple of things to keep in mind.

The Bank of Canada has already cut rates and we predict that they may be considering cutting another 50 basis points before the next meeting on April 15. In an effort to mitigate the continued risk that COVID-19 has on our economy, the banks are considering lower lending rates again. There is an implied expectation of an additional rate cut and this may be a great

time to consider refinancing your mortgage or consolidating debt.

If you are concerned about your cashflow, there are a couple of options that you can utilize at your bank to make it easier. All conventional mortgages usually have a "skip-a-payment" option. This allows those mortgages that are in good standing to skip one mortgage payment per calendar year. All the large Tier-One Banks also have embedded cash accounts on their conventional mortgages that clients can access to either skip payments or withdraw funds in times of need.

Why not talk to your bank and see if you can get a line of credit, a lower rate on a re-structured loan or mortgage or even an overdraft on your bank account to tie you over until things recover in the coming weeks. This is not to be viewed as a financial weakness or a plan to get into more debt; but rather good financial planning to ensure you are equipped for future uncertainties and ensure the stability of your monthly cash flow.

I have received so many emails from readers who have told me stories and experiences of true kindness towards neighbours, friends, family and even

strangers. I wish you could read them all Bill. It is inspiring to me to see how truly wonderful we all can be to one another. Patience and time will mend this pandemic. Why not use this opportunity of a low rate banking environment to revisit your portfolio – perhaps change your mortgage or restructure your debt. It could be a good thing!

Good Luck and Best Wishes,
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COVID-19 affecting every town and municipality

By Evan Matthews

The novel COVID-19 coronavirus has arrived in Manitoba and the Interlake as the region begins to see affects ripple throughout its communities.

Manitoba's confirmed cases of COVID-19 remain low — currently sitting at eight — with seven of those cases being located in Winnipeg. The other case, however, was located in the Interlake-Eastern region, according to the province.

Calling it "Case 6," the Interlake-Eastern case is a woman in her 70s. The province said via press release it appears the woman was exposed to the virus through travel.

Local RMs are advising residents to remain vigilant, while school divisions make proactive plans. The province provides up-to-date information daily, as the situation changes hour by hour.

The Province of Manitoba has increased COVID-19 testing to more than 500 tests per day.

There have been no COVID-19 related deaths in Manitoba at the time of publication.

The Lakeshore, Evergreen and Interlake School Divisions will all be affected by the virus.

Classes and busses will continue operations as usual for the week of March 16 through March 20.

Following that, the Province of Manitoba has suspended all classes from March 23 through April 12. Manitoba Health indicated risk for students is low, and the Lakeshore School Division's superintendent said these are proactive measures to slow the spread of COVID-19 in general.

"Although the risk to students remains low, cancelling classes will slow the spread of community-based virus transmission," said Don Nikkel, superintendent of human resources and alternative program director for the Lakeshore School Division.

"These decisions were not made lightly as both the province and Lakeshore School Division recognize the fundamental role schools play in preparing our students for the future as well as maintaining the routines of families," he said.

"Cancelling classes will create significant disruption in our communities, but we need to heed the advice of medical experts to ensure the impact of COVID-19 remains as low as possible."

Daycares operating in the divisions' school buildings will continue to run and will not be affected by class cancellations, according to Nikkel.

With the exception of regular spring break, the division said all staff will be expected to report to work.

Bigway Foods in Teulon

Ian Palsson, owner of Bigway Foods in Teulon, said there has been a high volume of customers coming in to the store and making excessive purchases.

The store ordered three pallets of toilet paper, he said, which is the normal stock for one month. The shipment arrived on Friday morning, and Palsson said by Friday afternoon the store had sold out of toilet paper.

"Other items like pasta, rice, canned vegetables and beans, frozen fruits and vegetables, it's all moving rather

briskly. Cleaners are going quickly, and there has been a big run on flour," said Palsson.

"I spent all day Sunday trying to gather all the information I could to make the best decisions for my family, my staff, my business and my community.

"We're doing our best to keep things stocked and serve our community the best we can. I hope people's common sense prevails. Stock up with what you need as a buffer but try not to be excessive," he said.

Palsson took the time to say — amidst a global pandemic — Manitobans may look at food produced within the province and acknowledge the importance of local food production.

"Maybe it's a sector we should look to better support," said Palsson. "Maybe it's a sector we should expand."

Rural Municipalities and towns

The RMs of Grahamdale, Woodlands, Armstrong, Coldwell, West Interlake, Fisher, Bifrost-Riverton and Gimli have posted public health bulletins advising residents to make a plan for COVID-19.

Residents should stock up on essentials but to avoid "panic buying." Stockpiling food is not indicative of the need to self-isolate but is to ensure a person does not need to leave the home during the outbreak's peak or if they become ill.

"The goal is to reduce exposure of the virus to you and your family," the RMs' post reads.

If a resident is not feeling well, the RMs advise that Health Links can help decide the best course of action.

Residents are encouraged to change regular habits to reduce exposure to crowded public spaces, with examples like doing grocery shopping outside of peak hours, avoiding public transit and exercising outside instead of in a gym or class.

If a resident does get sick and shows symptoms, the RMs is asking people to stay at home in self-isolate until they no longer show symptoms. Employers are advised they should not be requesting sick notes, as it will put added stress on already limited health-care services.

If a person is a caregiver, the RMs advise to think ahead and engage possible back-up caregivers.

The RM of Coldwell also put an event ban in place, passed by municipal council.

The RM of St. Laurent did not post the bulletin but posted a letter from the Minister of Health. The RM of Rosser has not posted anything.

The towns of Stonewall, Teulon, Arborg and Winnipeg Beach have all posted similar bulletins as the RMs. The Village of Dunnottar did not post the bulletin but has closed its office to the public and has linked to the IER-HA website for coronavirus information.

Peguis First Nation posted the same bulletin as the RM, and has been active in posting leadership addresses and social distancing notices, along with cleaning recommendations and health tips.

Readers are encouraged to visit municipal websites for the most current, up to date information.

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For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment,

'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.'

(Galatians 5.14)

"We are not alone, we live in God's world."

This phrase from the United Church Creed has been swirling around in my head and heart as the COVID-19 pandemic has unfolded. It has kept me grounded as I reflect on how

best to minister in these challenging times.

As I get used to saying new phrases like "social distancing" and "self-isolation," I also find myself reflecting on how, as a faithful community, we can make sure that distance and isolation do not lead to loneliness. No one wants to feel they are totally alone, especially right now.

This crisis has arrived just as Christians are in the middle of Lent. Some

of us try to give up something we love during Lent, but none of us imagined we might need to give up our worship services.

"Out of an abundance of caution" is used to describe the reason many groups are cancelling their programs. I prefer how Steve Bell postponed his concerts and events — he said that, as a Christian, he was cancelling them "out of an abundance of love" for his neighbour and for those who are vulnerable and at risk.

Our medical and public health advisors will take care of what we need to do for our bodies, giving us the best factual information they have to offer. But we are also supposed to be living reminders that the touch of God's Spirit is able to overcome isolation and fear. We must be on the lookout for the people who need to

experience that loving touch, and advocate for the more vulnerable people in our community. We are to love our neighbours as ourselves, especially now.

Even from the comfort of our homes, we can reach out to the people who need to know they are not alone. We can pray for the medical personnel and those others who are on the front lines. We can all pray for the healing of the world and its peoples.

In the midst of the storm, God's still, small voice reminds us we are not alone.

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ISD junior high divisional basketball champs



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The Grosse Isle Flyers junior high girls' claimed the ISD divisional banner last Wednesday after defeating Stony Mountain in an exciting 29-27 final in Warren. In semifinal action, the Flyers defeated Teulon 39-12 and in earlier play beat Stonewall 70-13. Meanwhile, the Stonewall Sentinels Grade 8 junior high boys' won the banner after defeating Teulon 40-36 at home. The Sentinels also defeated Stony Mountain 51-25 and the Grade 7 Sentinels 65-5.

Jets Town Takeover postponed

By Jennifer McFee

The Jets Town Takeover event has been postponed due to the COVID-19 outbreak.

The event had been scheduled to take place on March 24 after Stonewall won an online contest. The itinerary included Project 11 elementary school programming and an ice session led by Jets alumni for Stonewall Minor Hockey players.

The community was also looking forward to gathering together in the evening for a viewing party of the Winnipeg Jets versus Nashville Predators game, complete with prizes, live music and much more.

True North Sports and Entertainment issued a statement regarding the much-anticipated event.

"Following the NHL and AHL's announcement to pause the 2019-20 season in light of ongoing developments regarding COVID-19, True North Sports + Entertainment (TNSE) and the Winnipeg Jets will postpone all activities planned for the 2020 Winnipeg Jets Town Takeover in Stonewall on March 24," it states.

"TNSE plan to reschedule the event at a later date, when there is more

clarity on scheduling for the two leagues. TNSE and the Winnipeg Jets would like to thank the passionate hockey fans of Stonewall and the surrounding areas for their patience and understanding."

Stonewall's deputy mayor Peter Bullivant said that the organizing committee for the Jets Town Takeover thanks everybody for their support to date. The group will continue to work with True North Sports and Entertainment going forward.

"The organizing committee involved with the Jets Town Takeover was disappointed to learn of the decision to postpone the event. However, given the circumstances with the NHL and AHL's announcement to pause the 2019-20 season in light of ongoing developments regarding COVID-19, we understand and accept TNSE's decision," said Bullivant, chair of the Jets Town Takeover organizing committee.

"TNSE have been very professional in their approach to the event and in their dealings with the community and we look forward to reengaging with them once the Stonewall Jets Town Takeover has been rescheduled."

Local figure skating stars



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY TARA GLASPEY

Stonewall's Erin Bay, left, earned a gold medal for her Star 10 free skate performance during the Skate Canada sanctioned Manitoba Open event held in Virden on March 6-8. Bay is a Canskate and StarSkate coach for the Stonewall Skating Club. Jordan Glaspey, right, also a coach for the Stonewall club competed at the Star 6 level during provincials and had the best skate of her season at the event.

MHSAA shuts down basketball, hockey provincials

Staff

The Manitoba High Schools Athletic Association decided last Thursday to cancel all hockey and basketball provincial championships due to concerns from the coronavirus (COVID-19).

"The MHSAA is committed to protecting the health and safety of our student-athletes, staff, coaches, member-schools and the health of all of our fellow Manitobans," said the MHSAA in a released statement.

The decision was made after suggested recommendations from Manitoba Health, Seniors and Active Living, and Manitoba Education and Training.

In addition, all badminton and other school sport activities will be on hiatus until further notice.

The decision affected teams from

both the Stonewall Collegiate Rams and Teulon Collegiate Saints.

The No. 3 Rams started their "AAA" junior varsity girls' basketball provincials with a solid 54-46 victory over the No. 6 W.C. Miller Aces from Altona on Thursday afternoon at St. John's High School.

Teulon, meanwhile, was hosting the 10-team MHSAA "A/AA" junior varsity girls' basketball provincials.

The Saints lost 45-20 to the Prairie Mountain Predators on Thursday afternoon.

In junior varsity boys' "A/AA" provincials action, Teulon suffered a really tough 70-68 loss to the Carberry Cougars last Thursday.

The Warren Collegiate Wildcats, meanwhile, were scheduled to compete in the MHSAA "AA" varsity boys' basketball provincials this week.



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY LANA MEIER

The Saints' Desiree Chartrand looks for a route to the basket against the Predators last Thursday.

Teulon was also set to battle in the "AA" varsity girls' basketball provincials.

Both provincials were scheduled to begin this Thursday and wrap up Saturday.

Tataryn leads Pilot Mound to hockey championship

By Brian Bowman

The Pilot Mound Hockey Academy Midget Varsity team recently won its first Canadian Sport School Hockey League championship.

Pilot Mound, whose lineup featured Argyle's Brett Tataryn and Peguis' Colby Bear, defeated Calgary-based Edge School 2-1 on March 9.

"For some of us guys, it was the first time we won a championship and that was the first time that Pilot Mound has captured a championship in our league," Tataryn said. "It was pretty surreal. Everybody was very excited and very happy to be part of the team and to bring home the trophy."

Pilot Mound trailed 1-0 in the second period before Tataryn assisted on Brock MacDonald's power-play goal.

"It was a tense moment for us because before that we could have tied it up but we had a goal called off for a high stick," Tataryn recalled. "We just wanted to get pucks on net and not be too fancy. My teammate passed (the puck) to me and I faked a shot and passed it back to him and he had a beautiful goal. I got the boys rolling and I think from there we took off."

Dayvan Bull then scored a third-period power-play goal with 5:16 remaining in the third period for the game winner.

Pilot Mound earlier defeated Prairie Hockey Academy 6-2 in a semifinal matchup. They started the championship with a 4-0 loss to Edge School.

"We had a tough start with bus legs. They flew to Penticton and we had to bus it for two days," said the 16-year-old Tataryn, now in his second season with Pilot Mound. "It was tougher for us and we just had to get that game out of the way."

Pilot Mound responded nicely from that loss to play some great hockey in dominating wins over Coeur d'Alerie (7-3) and Pursuit of Excellence (6-2).

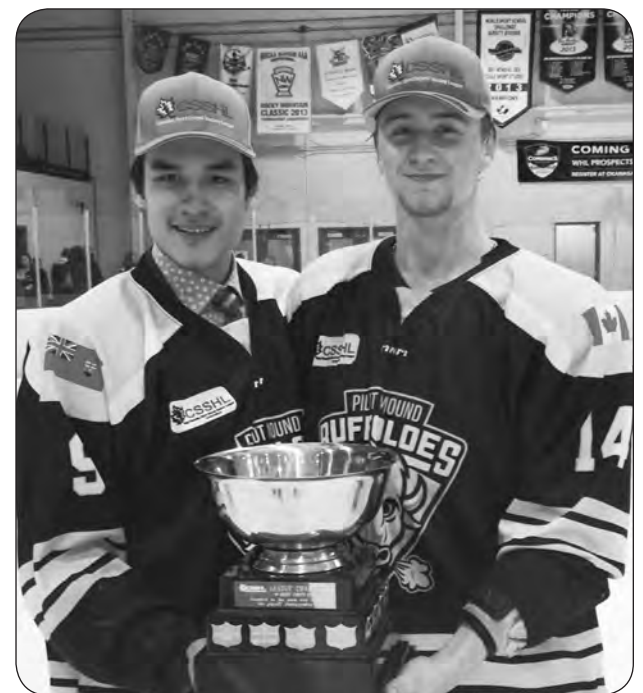
The talent of players and teams at the tournament was at a high level.

"That's very good hockey, some of the best hockey that's played at the Midget level," Tataryn said. "I was lucky enough to be playing in it."

Pilot Mound's program is a good one, said Tataryn, but it is also a very gruelling one with approximately 60 games scheduled per season. Tataryn estimated that they won about 40 of those games this past season.

"It's been great, a home-away-from-home experience playing the sport that you love," he said. "I've loved it here and the people have been great. It's a beautiful town and a good community and school."

"You can't go wrong with being at Pilot Mound."



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Argyle's Brett Tataryn, right, and Peguis' Colby Bear, defeated Calgary-based Edge School 2-1 to win the Canadian Sport School Hockey League championship on March 9.

Jets' players recognized by MMJHL

Staff

The Manitoba Major Junior Hockey League recently announced its all-star teams for the 2019-20 season.

Stonewall Jets' defenceman Jared Hulme was named a first-team all

star after enjoying a very good season. Hulme scored six goals and had 30 points in 42 regular-season games. His point total was sixth best on the Jets.

Stonewall forward Keeven Daniels-

Webb was selected to the MMJHL's second all-star team.

Daniels-Webb led the Jets in goals scored (23) and points (59) in 43 games this past season.

Meanwhile, the Jets' Curtis Beck was

honoured as the MMJHL's goaltender of the month for February.

Last month, Beck earned four victories and had a stingy 1.88 goals-against average and .937 save percentage.

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Interlake trio leads RHA to hockey championship

By Brian Bowman

The Rink Hockey Academy capped a fantastic season with a championship win recently.

RHA captured the CSSHL Female Hockey Championship with a solid 4-0 win over Okanagan in Penticton, B.C., on March 9.

"They were super pumped," said RHA head coach Maggie Litchfield-Medd. "They were super excited for it. From the first weekend, that was our benchmark, to make it to the finals."

RHA played a great defensive game in the final.

"We came in and knew what we needed to do and we knew Okanagan was the home town," Litchfield-Medd said. "They never beat us in the regular season but they came close, especially in the playoffs. But we kind of took it to them and we said 'not today.'"

RHA's roster included Lundar's Kenady Christensen, Arborg's Brenna Barylski and Stonewall's Brooke Wadge.

"Some of our girls are from the Interlake and for a lot of the girls, this was their first championship they had ever won," Litchfield-Medd noted. "So I think it was very special for them."

In the round-robin, RHA skated to victories over Okanagan (2-1 in a shootout), Delta (4-2), Pilot Mound (2-1) and Coeur d'Alene (6-0).

"The small rink took away from how we normally play, which is moving

the puck and creating more space out there," Litchfield-Medd said. "It was more of a small-area game in a tiny square Memorial Arena."

RHA has several Grade 12 players who will be moving on.

"It was very special for them to get that (championship) in their final year and us being a first-year program," Litchfield-Medd said.

One of those graduating players is Barylski. Litchfield-Medd had high praise for her three Interlake players.

"Brenna is a Grade 12 and a good leader, a classic farm girl," she said. "She's very powerful and we kind of joke around that she gets that strength from tossing hay. But she has really good speed and she's versatile. We moved her back to defence because we had a little bit of sickness there, so she really helped the team out a lot."

Christensen, meanwhile, is a 2004-born player who has plenty of potential. She finished third on the team in goals scored (19) and points (39) this past season.

"Kenady has really good hockey sense and has really good hands," Litchfield-Medd said. "She's a humble player but she sure knows how to put pucks in the net."

Wadge is another talented forward born in 2004.

"She's a younger player coming in but she's got good speed and she's very tall," Litchfield-Medd noted. "She's got good power when she gets



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Pictured left to right: Brooke Wadge, Brenna Barylski and Kenady Christensen.

going and she can find open lanes. She really knows how to send players and is a good assist player. She's a good playmaker and it was her first season of playing Midget hockey and I thought by the end of the season she was using her speed and her body

more. She felt a bit more comfortable out there and was joining the rush a bit more.

"Overall, she's going to be a great RHA player."

SEMHL follows Hockey Canada's decision

By Brian Bowman

Following Hockey Canada's decision to cancel all Hockey Canada-sanctioned activities due to concerns over COVID-19 (coronavirus), Hockey Manitoba has canceled all sanctioned games and programs.

That includes the Southeastern Manitoba Hockey League final between the Warren Mercs and Portage Islanders.

Further information would soon be released, according to the SEMHL website.

The Mercs went up 2-0 in the series with a hard-fought 4-3 road victory over the Islanders on March 10.

Braydon MacDonald gave Warren a 1-0 first-period lead and then the Mercs made it 3-0 as Dylan Hykawy and Chase Faulkner tallied in the second.

Trent Genyk made it 4-0 but Portage mounted a comeback with three goals in a 9:26 span.

Jens Meilleur started the comeback soon after Genyk's marker and then Derrick Brooks and Riley Hay scored 2:02 apart late in the third.

Trent Genyk and Hykawy each finished the game with two points.

Reed Peters made 20 saves for the victory.



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Braydon MacDonald scored a first-period goal as the Warren Mercs defeated the Portage Islanders 4-3 in Game 2 of the SEMHL final on March 10. Warren led the series 2-0 before Hockey Canada shut down league playoffs across the country.

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BIRTHDAY



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-Love,
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BIRTHDAY



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IN MEMORIAM



In Loving Memory of
Joan Sinclair
September 10, 1937 – March 19, 2016
(Mom, Grandma and Great-Grammies)

I Miss you Mom
I thought of you with love today,
But that is nothing new;
I thought about you yesterday,
And days before that too.
I think of you in silence,
I often speak your name;
All I have are memories,
And your picture in a frame.
Your memory is my keepsake,
With which I'll never part;
God has you in his keeping,
I have you in my heart.
-Forever remembered and always loved
by all your family

ANNOUNCEMENT

CARDS OF THANKS

Thank you to the person who found my hearing aid in the Stonewall Co-op Grocery store parking lot on Sunday. Greatly appreciated.
-Dean

OBITUARY



Doris Evelyn Tully (Walker)

On March 14, 2020, Doris passed away peacefully at the age of 91 at the Stonewall Hospital surrounded by her family.

She is lovingly remembered and sadly missed by her children Doug (Donna), Murray (Kim), Glenn (Brenda); grandchildren Leah, Scott (Casey), Kristen, Jason (Cassie), Kyle, Tara (Les); and great-grandchildren Landon, Ethan, Peyton, Brady, Mickayla, Blake, Wade, Brody, Dylan, Madison, Parker, and foster grandchildren; sister Frances Brennen; sisters in law Betty (Jim), Bev (George); brothers in law Ken (May), Alvin (Florence), Gordon (Fern), Lorne (Diana); and numerous nieces and nephews and dear friend Anne Moffat. She was predeceased by her husband Ray (2002), infant son, parents Frank and Edith Walker, granddaughter Amber, sister Gladys Weber, brothers in law Vic Weber and Len Brennan.

Doris was born in Winnipeg. She grew up near Grosse Isle, Manitoba. Doris was the eldest of the three children. Doris and Ray were married on August 5, 1950 and resided in Reaburn where they raised their family.

Doris worked at numerous jobs but most important was raising her family. Doris enjoyed camping, fishing, traveling, crocheting, knitting, reading and taking pictures, but most of all spending time with her grandchildren.

A funeral service will be held on Thursday, March 19 at 10:00 a.m. at Chapel Lawn Funeral Home, 4000 Portage Avenue, Winnipeg, with burial and reception to follow.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made in her memory to the Lung Association of Manitoba, P.O. Box 2040, 1000 – 266 Graham Avenue, Winnipeg, MB R3C 0A0 or the Woodlands Pioneer Museum c/o Lorna Broadfoot General Delivery, Woodlands, MB R0C 3H0.

Her family would like to thank Sherry Buors and Home care staff for the many years of care and the nursing staff at Stonewall Hospital for their compassion and kindness during this difficult time.

With tearful eyes we watched you and saw you pass away and though we loved you dearly we could not make you stay.
Rest in Peace.

For those who wish to sign the online Guest Book please visit www.chapellawn.ca



OBITUARY



Jacob Thiessen
April 25, 1932 - March 10, 2020

It is with deep sadness that the family announces our dad, formerly from Rosenheim SD, in southern Manitoba and of Stony Mountain, MB, passed away on March 10, 2020 at the age of 87.

Dad was predeceased by his wife Jean, his parents Cornelius and Agatha, his brother Harry and John, his sister Susan, his sister-in-law Gertrude, his brother-in-law Joe Ryplanski, his son Chester and his grandsons, Cornelius and Travis.

He will be sadly missed by his children Jack (Donalda), April (Ian), Robert (Lucille), Cornelius (Alison), Gale (Ian); step-children Lynn Restau (Eddie) and Carl Scibak; 14 grandchildren, 14 great grandchildren, brothers Edward (Pat), Cornelius (Janice), sisters Agatha, Ann (Helmuth) Renz, many nieces, nephews, and friends.

Dad enjoyed many years working throughout the communities of Northern Manitoba with Northern Affairs and Frontier School Division developing many life-long friendships. After his stroke in 1988, he relocated to Stony Mountain where he remained active with the community working with the Stonewall Chapter of the Manitoba Stroke Association and helping others. Dad always possessed an inner strength and positive attitude accepting his life style change. His family meant a lot to him and it was very important for him to always contribute and keep in close contact with all his family and friends.

Viewing will be held on Thursday, March 19, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. at the MacKenzie Funeral Chapel, Stonewall.

Funeral service will be held on Friday, March 20, 2020 at 11:00 a.m. at the MacKenzie Funeral Chapel, Stonewall. Viewing will also be one half hour prior to the funeral service.

Those wishing to make a donation in Jack's memory may do so to the Stoke Recovery Association, Chapter 15, Stonewall, MB or a charity of one's choice.

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