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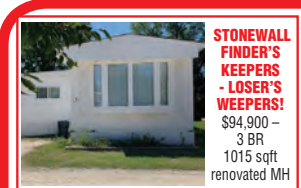
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Kicking it up for cancer

TRIBUNE PHOTO BY JO-ANNE PROCTER
Tayte and Livie Chatfield enjoyed the entertainment at the 10th Annual Coffeehouse to End Cancer last Friday at the Ice Palace in Stonewall before heading home to bed. The sisters danced to the music while abiding by provincial social distancing regulations. Over \$30,000 was raised at the event for cancer research. See more on page 2.

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10th annual Coffeehouse to End Cancer raises over \$30,000

By Jo-Anne Procter

It is going to take more than a worldwide pandemic and Mother Nature to stop Paige Procter from doing her part in helping find a cure for cancer.

Last Friday, Procter and a group of devoted volunteers hosted the 10th Annual Coffeehouse to End Cancer and raised over \$30,000, with donations still rolling in at press time. The 10-year total currently exceeds \$170,000 for the CancerCare Manitoba Foundation.

The number of cancer diagnosis continues to rise each day. An average of 19 cases of cancer are recorded in Manitoba every single day. This statistic alone made it an easy decision for Procter and her team to push forward to host the annual event.

The coffeehouse was planned in six short weeks. And the 90 per cent chance of rain in the forecast forced plans to be changed the morning of the event. Fortunately, with the help and guidance of Town of Stonewall parks and arenas supervisor Brett Chatfield and his staff, the event was moved indoors to the Stonewall Ice Palace with all the provincial social distancing requirements in place.

The Coffeehouse looked very different this year because of the COVID-19 pandemic. There were no homemade dainties and beverages, no variety or silent auction and no merchandise for sale. However, the show did go on and the donations rolled in.

The evening showcased nine different acts of local talented singers and musicians for all in attendance and those who viewed live stream on Facebook courtesy of Taylor and Chad Sheppard to enjoy.

Not only did the performers provide great entertainment, they raised \$5,990 in pledges, which is the highest combined amount to date.

The top fundraiser, Warren's Amber Archer, earned herself a professional photo shoot/video recording donated by Destiny Gulewich Media for raising \$1,890.

Procter said that online donations were very popular this year as well as the new "MemoryGram," which was a message read aloud on stage about a



CancerCare nurse Rhonda Nichol was the guest speaker for the evening.

loved one touched by cancer for a donation of \$200 or more.

Procter started the fundraising event a decade ago after a number of close family friends were diagnosed with cancer. She felt she had to do something to help. With guidance from former Argyle Coffeehouse organizers Shirley and Don Campbell, the Coffeehouse to End Cancer was born. The Campbells have remained huge supporters of the event and were thanked at the show for their help and generosity.

Sherelle Kwan, community events manager with the CancerCare Manitoba Foundation, said the foundation was thrilled when Procter contacted them to say that the Coffeehouse was celebrating 10 years this year and she wanted to do something. Many events had been cancelled due to the pandemic.

"When COVID came on the scene, that just made cancer that much scarier," Kwan said.

"Your donations really do change lives. Research and clinical trials are things that are going to create possibilities for more tomorrows."

Local CancerCare Manitoba clinical trials and research nurse Rhonda Nichol has spent 20 of her 30 years of nursing in oncology and recently lost her father to a rare cancer called undifferentiated pleomorphic sarcoma.



TRIBUNE PHOTOS BY JO-ANNE PROCTER

Amber Archer, middle, raised \$1,890 for Coffeehouse to End Cancer. Coffeehouse founder Paige Procter and co-host Brett Lawrence presented Archer with a professional photo shoot/video recording donated by Destiny Gulewich Media.

Nichol knows the importance of fundraising for the foundation and shared some of her experiences with cancer, both personal and work-related, during the evening.

Nichol spoke of the gut-wrenching news that a diagnosis brings, not to mention the endless appointments, tests, scans, procedures, heartache and pain.

Fundraising monies help in clinical trials — trials that give hope, give people longer lives, better quality of life when receiving research drugs and research treatments.

"At CancerCare Manitoba, we are actively recruiting to 90 clinical trials. These trials and research are so very, very important. They help researchers find the treatment that is

effective," she explained.

"The Coffeehouse to End Cancer is in support of the foundation. Now remember, because of your support to this event, many tomorrows are being realized. The research will continue."

As for the future of the Coffeehouse to End Cancer, Procter told the *Tribune*, "As long as there is cancer research to be done and music to be played, the Coffeehouse to End Cancer will remain an annual event."

A display of fireworks donated by an anonymous donor concluded a decade of successful fundraising.

Donations can still be made online at www.cancercarefdn.mb.ca and the show can still be viewed on Facebook on the Coffeehouse to End Cancer page.



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Harvest time for local honey hobbyist

By Jennifer McFee

Life is sweet as honey for a local family whose beekeeping hobby is creating quite a buzz.

When Garry Eyford of Warren retired two years ago, he started looking for new activities to fill his time and a beekeeping course caught his eye.

He enrolled in the Beekeeping for the Hobbyist program at the University of Manitoba, which started in January. It would have wrapped up March 25, but the last two classes were cancelled due to COVID-19. The 10-week course, which was being offered for its 98th year, touches on topics such as bee history, anatomy and social behaviour. Students also learn about economics, equipment, seasonal management and much more.

"Beekeeping is very interesting. The more time you have, the more you can learn. Beekeepers always want to talk about bees, so it's easy to get advice," said Eyford, who has two hives swarming with bees that he bought from beekeeper Ian Stepplar of Stepplar Farms in Miami, Man.

"You can find good and bad in all the advice you get. You just have to discern what advice you want to use, how you want to raise your bees and if you want to get bigger or stay the same. It's all viable. Given enough time, I could grow my two hives to 50 or 100."

His mini apiary is located at his son

Kevin Nykolaishen's Winnipeg Beach property, where he runs a market garden called Beach Boys Berries.

"We have canola and sunflower on two fields that surround his farm because he has a market garden," he said. "All around the garden is sweet clover and regular clover."

This newfound hobby has blossomed into a family interest, since Eyford's wife Kelly shared her creative flair by designing and painting both a sun hive and a moon hive.

"We titled them that because our son had little cement tablets that we just happened to use as weights for the lids — and one had moons and the other had suns on them," he said.

"If we ever got bigger, I'm sure those bees would never live in hives like the ones we built during COVID. We had our kitchen full of hive boxes and we primed them, painted them and decorated them. If we ever get more, they'll be Plain Jane white."

So far, Eyford has only been stung one time since he embarked on his new adventure.

"It happened because I took my equipment off early. I get all geared up with boots, coveralls, a veil and lambskin gloves that fit up to my elbows. While I'm all geared up like that inspecting my box, my son stands beside me in a T-shirt and shorts to take photos and videos. He has not



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Garry Eyford and his son Kevin Nykolaishen examine their bee hives.

gotten stung yet," Eyford said.

"When you're around them, you'll soon realize that bees just want to make honey and they are busy. As long as you're not rough with them or banging them around, they won't sting you. It's also best to inspect your boxes on a hot, sunny, calm day. In the middle of the day, half the bees are gone foraging while the other bees are busy making honey and servicing the hive."

With about another week of sunflowers remaining, Eyford has currently got about 1.5 boxes ready to harvest and he's hoping for a few more.

"I'll hopefully get 75 pounds of honey the first year. With the amount of money I've put out and the labour I've put into it, that honey is probably worth \$30 a pound," he said with a laugh. "We'll design labels to give it out as Christmas presents. It's been a really fascinating experience."



Kelly Eyford paints creative details on the hive boxes.



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Provide your input on agriculture

By Jennifer McFee

Local farmers can voice their opinions about agricultural issues through an online provincial government forum.

The engagement opportunity is in advance of a meeting for federal, provincial and territorial agriculture ministers scheduled from Oct. 14 to 16.

Members of the public can make comments on four forum topics: business risk management, resiliency, innovation and technology, and market opportunities.

Blaine Pedersen, Manitoba's agriculture and resource development minister, also completed a weeklong tour of 16 rural constituencies to connect with farmers in an effort to help the government prepare for the upcoming agriculture conference.

Lakeside MLA Ralph Eichler welcomed Pedersen to the constituency in early August to connect with local producers.

"We had a real good turnout, espe-

cially since we're starting to take harvest on. He wanted to know how are the programs working. Are they doing what we wanted them to do? If they're not, what do we need to do to change them? So it was about listening to what farmers had to say — and we got some real good advice," Eichler said.

"We talked about not only crop insurance but also about insurance programs, whether it be for livestock, Agri-Invest or Agri-Stability. We talked about how those programs impact farms and whether they getting the results that they want and money when they need it. They know not every year is going to be a great year. This year is shaping up to be a fantastic year, but it's not always that way."

During Eichler's time as agriculture minister, he embarked on a similar venture to engage with farmers face to face.

"Minister Pederson put 3,200 kilometres on his vehicle going from community to community, and every

MLA had an opportunity to bring people in," he said.

"We have two years before our new program kicks in, so we don't want to wait until the last minute to ask farmers what they need. We want to be able to go with some authority."

Eichler also wants to ensure that the Interlake's interests are well represented.

"We're a bit unique in the Interlake. We have some dry spots, depending on where you are, but we also have other areas that are really good. So we have a cross-section of views that are going to help a lot in developing the programs," he said.

"The provinces have to agree with it, so we wanted to keep farmers updated on that too. What works in Nova Scotia and P.E.I. doesn't necessarily work in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta. We really have to align ourselves to make sure we advocate for what's best for our province and our farmers."



Lakeside MLA Ralph Eichler

Eichler encourages constituents to contact his office if they'd like to share their input on agriculture.

"We're happy to hear from them and happy to get their ideas," he said.

"If they didn't make it, we still have some time for them to share their thoughts. My community has been really good that way."

The online engagement opportunity will also remain open until Sept. 1 at <https://engagemb.ca/engaging-mb-ag-industry/>.

Woodlands community combats crime in new group

By Evan Matthews

The Woodlands Municipality has a new Facebook group created to combat crime in the area.

The group — called "Woodlands Municipality - Community Crime Watch" — was created because of the increasing theft in the area of late, according to group administrators Adam and Marcia Herbert.

"Specifically, around Coolidge (Street) and Hanlan (Street) in Warren," said Adam.

He feels the only way to aid the under-resourced RCMP is for community members to band together.

"We aren't here to be vigilantes; we are here to spread information and keep everyone abreast of what's happening," he said.

"Each person is responsible for their

own actions, but this group is not encouraging or promoting anyone to take matters into their own hands."

The Herberts created the group on Aug. 10 after three or four nights of continual theft in the Warren community.

A frustrated Adam said he wanted to bring the community together, promote safety and allow the community to communicate areas of concern that have become targets of crime.

"The purpose of the group is to keep an eye on the community and hopefully fulfill a need," said Adam.

"The hope is that this group can get more people up and out in the community at peak times, which we hope deters criminals from coming to the community."

On one thread, 10 community mem-

bers spoke about investing in cameras for their home in Warren. Echoing the sentiment, Adam said cameras offer a recording eye and urged residents to keep cameras on and recording.

Eventually, Adam said he hopes a few groups will begin to drive around the community in order to place calls of suspicious activity to police. However, to date, he said he has not spoken with RCMP about the situation or formally starting a citizen patrol.

At press time, the group had 474 members in the week since its inception.

"Police are already stretched thin, and they can't be everywhere. We understand as a community we need to watch out for one another," said Adam.

"We know there has been more

crime than what has happened in the past week or two."

Background

Concerns have been growing about crime in Woodlands — more specifically, Warren — for some time now.

In December 2019, residents alleged via the Warren Community Facebook Group that a crime spree had occurred over Christmas between Dec. 21 and 25.

The alleged crimes including stolen licence plates, personal effects being stolen out of vehicles, vehicle thefts, and attempted break and enters.

At the time, RCMP confirmed the crimes and actually reported additional reports in the area.

Harvest underway: motorists need to watch for agricultural machinery

Submitted by MPI

On average, there are nearly 41 collisions yearly in Manitoba involving agricultural equipment and passenger vehicles, according to Manitoba Public Insurance data.

"Crops are coming off the fields and large agriculture machinery will be travelling on roadways. It's important motorists be aware and drive responsibly," said Satvir Jatana, vice-president of employee and community engagement for Manitoba Public

Insurance.

"Observance of road safety is key to keeping our roadways safe. Producers are on the roadways moving their machinery. Everyone is expected to share the roads responsibly and safely.

"Farm equipment is large, may take up more than one lane, and is slow moving so motorists need to use extra caution when approaching and overtaking. Producers need to do their part to ensure equipment is properly signed with lights and reflectors

in use. Extra caution is also required when entering roadways and making turns with this equipment."

Farm equipment is required to have a slow-moving vehicle emblem clearly visible to traffic approaching from behind, with red reflectors on the back as close as possible to the left and right sides. At night, farm equipment must have headlights, red tail lamps and flashing amber warning lamps.

Farm equipment has a maximum speed of 40 km/h so it's easy for mo-

torists to misjudge their speed of approach. Motorists can do their part by keeping a safe distance from agricultural machinery, added Jatana.

"Motorists should be patient when they come upon farm equipment and only pass when safe to do so," said Jatana.

"Be particularly diligent during dusk and dawn hours when it can be difficult to see."

Interlake-Eastern RHA CEO Ron Van Denakker announces retirement

By Patricia Barrett

From humble beginnings washing floors at the Misericordia Hospital to planning hospitals as chief executive officer at the Interlake-Eastern Regional Health Authority, Ron Van Denakker has undertaken a variety of positions over the course of his 47 years in the health-care field.

But last week he called time on his career, announcing his imminent retirement after seeing the IERHA through challenging times, celebrating many accomplishments and kick-starting major projects to improve health-care delivery for the region's residents.

When he made the move from city hospitals to the rural region five or so years ago, Van Denakker said he was struck by the RHA's ability to accomplish things that have made a big difference despite having so few resources, and he's impressed by the quality of care delivered in the region.

Being a "city boy," he said had no knowledge of how rural Manitobans operated, giving their time and energy to things that matter.

"I'm so privileged to have had the opportunity to spend so much time learning about rural Manitoba and our Indigenous communities and the lovely people I have worked for and developed friendships with on so many First Nations," said Van Denakker, who, in addition to administrative roles with the Children's Hospital and the Seven Oaks Wellness Centre, has worked as an X-ray and ultrasound technologist and echocardiographer.

Van Denakker's five-year contract

with the RHA expired at the end of March, he said, but with the arrival of COVID-19, he didn't feel it was the right time to leave.

The IERHA board has asked Ron Jantzen, the IERHA's vice-president of corporate services and the chief operating officer of Selkirk hospital, to assume the acting CEO role until the health authority can recruit a new CEO, he said.

"Ron is a stellar individual and incredibly bright. He has worked very closely with me, particularly as it relates to working with communities and has the respect of his colleagues around the table and the people that report to him," said Van Denakker. "I think the organization will be in good hands."

One of the great challenges ahead for his successor will be about three years of "heavy lifting," as the region falls in step with Shared Health's transformation of how health care is delivered.

Van Denakker's walk down memory lane during his five years at the helm of the IERHA includes a number of notable achievements.

He oversaw the construction of the new Selkirk hospital, which came in "under budget," something that's been "virtually unprecedented" in health care, he said, helped create the Giigewigamig traditional healing centre in Pine Falls in collaboration with four First Nation communities, worked with the Selkirk Rotary Club to bring echocardiography services to the Selkirk hospital — a first outside the Perimeter Highway — and got the process underway for an upcoming

Selkirk-based primary care clinic and clinical teaching unit, which will train new physicians for the region.

He said he also made great strides in improving physician numbers in rural hospital emergency rooms.

"When I first started here, virtually 50 per cent of our emergency rooms were unattended by physicians and we were on nurse-managed care," he said. "I worked hard with the communities and with our medical services folks to grow our physician complement."

When Teulon's hospital — which lost its emergency room — is taken out of the equation, Van Denakker said ERs are now staffed about 95 per cent of the time.

As far as his work with First Nations, Van Denakker said he was greatly inspired by a British Columbia Indigenous leader named Joe Gallagher who explained how that province created the independent First Nations Health Authority.

Van Denakker said he brought Gallagher's story back to the IERHA board, asking it to work on closing the gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous health outcomes.

"I said to the board it won't get any better here if we don't really embrace the fact that I live 10 years longer than an Indigenous man. Pick whatever indicator you want — it's not even close. It's way worse than Third World countries," he said. "So what are we going to do as an organization?"

He asked the board to commit to establishing two things: a five-year strategic plan related to Indigenous health and the development of an In-



Interlake-Eastern RHA CEO
Ron Van Denakker

Indigenous advisory committee to the board.

Although Van Denakker said he plans to spend some time with family, this may not be the last we hear of him.

"For the moment I'm not eyeing up anything else. This is a pure retirement. Having said that, I have an interest in board work ... and I really enjoy the engagement I've had with our First Nations communities. There may be some opportunities for me to carry on that work, but it's a bit early to predict."

Van Denakker's last day will be Oct. 15. He said he's not planning on holding a retirement party but wouldn't say no to a low-key get-together with "wings and beer."

Rockwood council news in brief

By Jennifer McFee

At the Aug. 12 Rockwood council meeting, council approved a conditional use request to allow a temporary mobile home as a second dwelling at a property on Road 75N. Robert and Linda Harden would like

to put the mobile home on their farm property to live in. Their daughter and her children moved into their farmhouse four years ago while the couple was staying at their cottage property on Lake Winnipeg. Now the Hardens are ready to return to their farm

property, and their daughter and her children would like to remain living in the existing house.

The mobile home would be located about 300 to 400 feet north of the existing farmhouse. The couple retired from farming in 2011 and they rent

their cultivated land and grain bins to a nearby farmer.

Council also approved a request to vary the minimum from yard

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Politician preaches positivity, not panic, amidst pandemic

By Evan Matthews

So often, politicians and community leaders say all the right things, so not to upset people. So often, we seemingly lack pride and passion from our leaders.

Such was not the case last week, when Arborg Mayor Peter Dueck stepped forward with passionate words for not only his community but for all Manitoba communities.

On Aug. 10, Peguis First Nation's official Facebook page posted about maintaining public health restrictions for its band members. In the post, it identified Arborg as a "restricted COVID hotspot."

Many people, via the Everything Interlake Facebook group, began discussing how it could be possible they were unaware of Arborg being a hotspot. They discussed the need for more specific information from the province about COVID-19 outbreaks, locations and who specifically has the virus.

They panicked and began speculating, with one person even suggesting a Hutterite colony in the region was to blame for being put on the "hotspot list," which was completely unfounded.

The province said in response it doesn't use the term "hotspot" in relation to the virus. It will only provide case information related to the age, gender and regional health authority and will not identify individuals who have contracted the virus under any circumstance.

The provincial response went on to say Peguis First Nation was speaking independently from the province, and the band's source was unclear.

So, where did the information — the rumour — that Arborg was a hotspot come from?

The impassioned Mayor Dueck came forward to remind his community that what people say matters, and it is his belief that pandemic-related anxiety has sparked gossip about illness within the community.

"Do you know how we got on that (hotspot) list?" asked Dueck in the Facebook post from his mayoral account. "Not because the Health Minister or Dr. Brent Roussin said we were a hotspot. Not because Manitoba Health was concerned about sudden community transmission. We got on that list because the people in this community gossip and it was heard by another community."

"We did it to ourselves. We have no one to blame but ourselves," he said.

He went on to urge the community to treat people — all of whom are someone's loved ones — with grace, respect and love, while also emphasizing the need to think the best of people.

"Do not let your fear of the virus turn you into an angry judge of others," said Dueck.

If there a group that politicians typically avoid angering, it's their constituents, or their ratepayers. Mayor Dueck spoke bravely and boldly to his community about an issue he felt passionate about.

While the world is a strange and foreign place to us right now, we need more leadership like that of Mayor Dueck's. His attempt was to bring people together; people who otherwise are seemingly becoming more distant and disconnected from one another.

Our society — our communities — need to be careful right now, yes, but they also need to be caring.

We should commend people and leaders for taking this stance. We should commend Mayor Dueck for his words of wisdom on the subject.

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to 26 feet from the required 125 feet at a different property on Road 75N. The purpose of the change is to accommodate a 24- by 28-foot addition to an existing attached workshop that was built by the previous owner.

The current owners, Timothy and Gloria Gordienko, would use the expanded shop to store personal items, thereby allowing them to remove several temporary storage buildings on the property and clean up their yard.

Since the lot is heavily treed, the area isn't very visible from the road or from neighbouring properties.

The proposed addition would have nine-foot-high walls and would be finished in stone or stucco.

The Public Utilities Board approved a Centra Gas Manitoba application to increase the primary gas rate to \$0.0932 per cubic metre, up from \$0.0863 per cubic metre. Typical residents can expect to pay 2.7 per cent or

\$14 more per year. The new rate became effective on Aug. 1 and gas rates will be reviewed again on Nov. 1.

The deadline for Board of Revision appeals is Monday, Sept. 14 at 4:30 p.m. The Board of Revision will hear complaints about assessments on Wednesday, Sept. 30 at 3 p.m. in the Rockwood council chambers. For more information, visit the RM of Rockwood website at www.rockwood.ca.

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Local fall suppers cancelled due to COVID

By Jennifer McFee

As the season begins to change, a delicious annual tradition will be cancelled in local communities this year due to the pandemic.

Each autumn, fall suppers bring people together from near and far to celebrate the harvest with a home-cooked meal while raising funds for a good cause.

In Argyle, board member Lisa Riley said they made the tough decision to postpone the popular event until next year.

"We did think about it from quite a few ways to figure out how we could make it work," she said. "Unfortunately it would be tough of a task."

The board discussed other options, including takeout, but the logistics just didn't line up to make it feasible.

"It costs a lot to put on the meal and we would have to sell a certain amount of meals to break even. We'd need a financial commitment from people ordering, but if we didn't get the number then we'd have to send

them back their money. It would become an administrative nightmare," Riley said.

"I wouldn't want to be responsible for people coming to our dinner and getting sick — and you don't know if someone is sick who comes to do a pickup."

The decision was doubly difficult because the fall supper raises funds for multiple local groups.

"It's a huge fundraiser for our community. It's really going to be tough. I'm on the skating board committee as well and we rely on the fall supper. Our volunteers help and each community group gets a percentage of our fall supper earnings. For us, it covered our hydro bills for the year so now we don't have anything," Riley said.

"It certainly wasn't a decision that was taken lightly, that's for sure, but the cons outweighed the pros."

The story is the same in Woodlands, where the annual fall supper will also be cancelled.

"We have lots of seniors that at-

tend. Trying to social distance just to prepare it is not feasibly possible," said Wendy Proctor, president of the Woodlands District Ladies Group.

"I would hate for someone to attend that has COVID without knowing it and share it with our community or other people at our fall supper. So we're not having one, unfortunately. It would have been our 70th year this year."

In Meadows, the fall supper is cancelled and takeout likely won't be available either.

"It's harvest time and that would be a whole lot more work. I don't think anybody's keen on doing takeout," said Delores Norberg, secretary for Meadows Community Hall.

"With all the regulations like social distancing, cleaning and packaging. I just don't think it's a viable thing for us."

Similarly, the Teulon ALUR Fall Supper will be cancelled for 2020.

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Weathering the Storm

But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, 'Lord, save me!' (Matthew 14:30)

I have always loved the sea. Even though we live in a landlocked province, Manitoba is fortunate to also have many large lakes that remind us of the oceans much further away.

Jesus and his disciples were very familiar with being on the water, but there is something unsettling about storms on the sea. There isn't much you can do to take control. It's no wonder that Jesus' disciples were afraid and huddled in their boat.

Matthew's account of Jesus walking on the water to meet the disciples in their boat is all about calm and fear; trust and doubt. It's curious that the disciples were more terrified by Jesus walking towards them than they were by the storm because they didn't recognize him. Peter was more frightened by the wind once he got out of the boat. The disciples didn't even recognize Jesus in the midst of the storm.

Life's storms are like that. Fear and doubt about our safety creep in, and we are paralyzed. We have trouble seeing that Jesus is close at hand.

This time in our history as God's people has been pretty stormy. We may feel a little bit like our boat has been battered and tossed about — all out of our control. We'd like a little calm sea just about now.

This story reminds us that Jesus is not afraid to brave the storm in order to reach us. All that he asks is that we try our best not to be afraid or to doubt. Most of all, he wants us to welcome him into our boat, regardless of how he gets there.

Once Jesus climbed into the boat that day, the storm was stilled. May we all experience that calm with God, so that we can make it over to the other side of the lake and leave the storms behind us. Amen.

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Leaving his mark

A man called "Bill"

There will be many homes across our local Interlake district touched by sadness at the news of the passing William (Bill) Kotelko. The ripple of that sadness will spread far and wide as former students everywhere gradually hear that same news.

Bill was known to many as an educator, a local musician, a long-time Warren Lions member, an active community volunteer and as a good friend to many.

His remarkable teaching career spanned an amazing 40 years. That

career began in a one-room schoolhouse out in rural Saskatchewan before he moved over to Manitoba at Woodlands and then Warren, where he eventually served for long years as the elementary school principal.

Nothing meant more to Bill as an educator than to have former students come up to greet him — and often to thank him for his influence and help in years gone by.

Bill was also well-known in local music circles, playing in various bands and enjoying many a jam session right into his 90s.

I did not know Bill for anywhere near as long as many who read these

words will have, but I soon came to appreciate him for his kindness, his thoughtful conversation and his down-to-earth wisdom.

The man we knew simply as "Bill" will be dearly missed at the Stonewall Lions Manor he called home in recent years. He was a friend to so many of his fellow residents, in that "community within a community."

Our condolences to his wife Pat and their family. We share your grief and sense of loss.

- Sincerely, Dale Yeo

Be a hero and wear a mask

Wearing a mask is one of the most important things you can do right now, even though the government has not made them mandatory yet. Please just do your part to keep others safe. Do it for those who wear them to protect you, for those with health problems that will make them more at risk of dying from the virus, for all the health care workers who will all have to care for those who are hospitalized when they get

sicker than others, for all the front line workers who provide all the essential services you need, for all the elderly who are at great risk for dying if they catch it, and all the people just trying to stay safe who may not feel safe going into a business if others are not wearing them. Wearing a mask is just as important right now as wearing a seatbelt in your vehicle, wearing a helmet, putting your baby in a carseat, and locking the doors to

your house when you go to sleep or go out. You can spread coronavirus two weeks before showing symptoms, so don't assume you aren't infected with it. Don't be an ignorant jerk, wear a mask and keep others safe, please. Remember, the true super heroes of 2020 are those who wear masks, not capes. A huge thank you to everyone who wears a mask!

- Keira G, 12 years old
Gimli

Province's new COVID dashboard breaks down Interlake-Eastern by district

By Patricia Barrett with files from Lana Meier

The province revamped its online COVID-19 dashboard last Thursday, providing more detail about the location of COVID cases in Manitoba's four rural regional health authorities.

The province is now identifying COVID cases by health district, re-

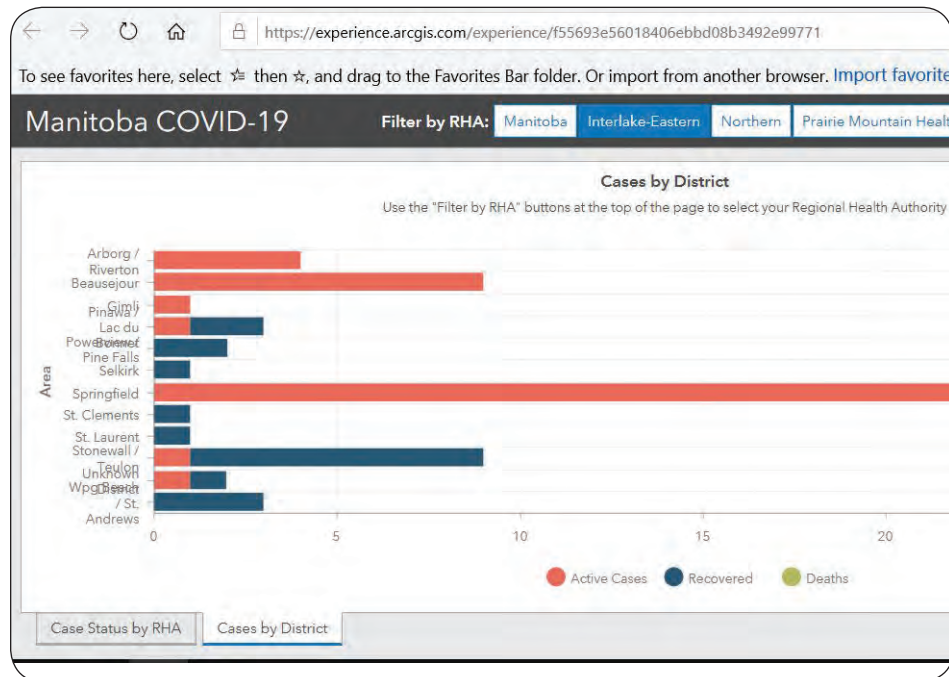
placing its old system that identified case numbers by health authority, the majority of which cover thousands of square kilometres. Winnipeg and Churchill, which are part of the Winnipeg Regional Health Authority, have been separated for tracking purposes but have not been broken down into smaller units.

The dashboard now covers 68 health districts that are comprised of one or more towns and or RMs. Each district shows active and recovered COVID case numbers plus the number of

deaths, if applicable.

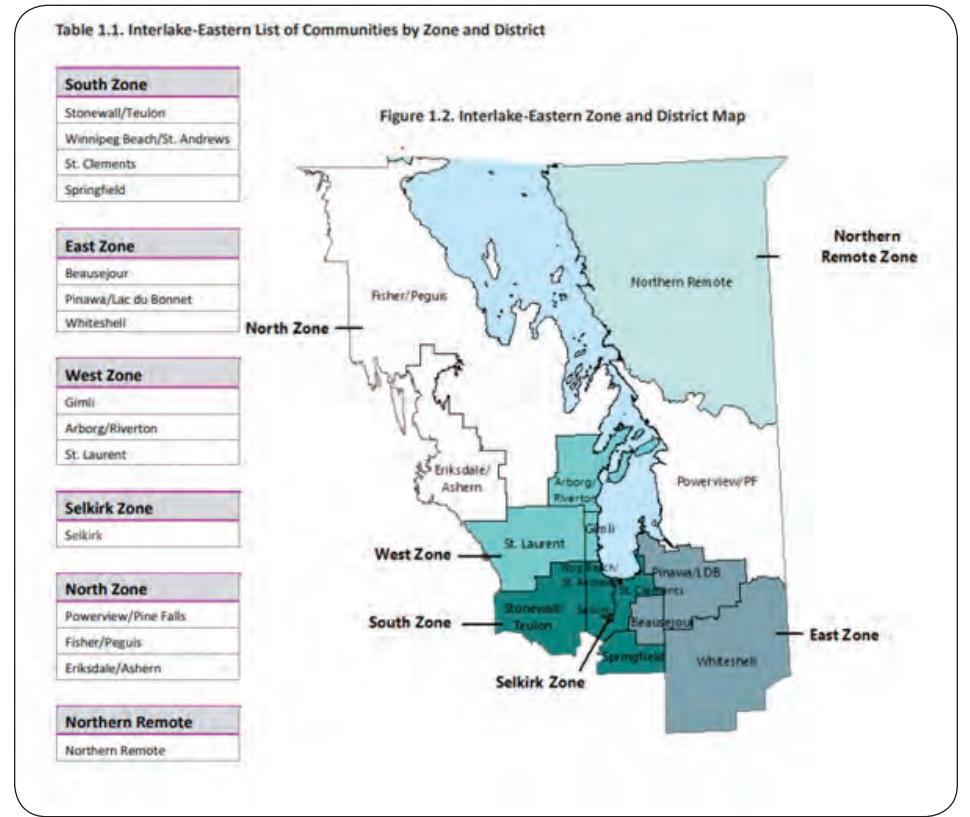
The new reporting system was up and running on Aug. 13. On that day,

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TRIBUNE SCREENSHOT PROVINCE OF MANITOBA

The revamped dashboard, shown here in a screen grab taken Aug. 13, showed four active COVID cases in Arborg, one in Gimli and one in Stonewall/Teulon. On Aug. 16, however, it showed recoveries in Arborg and Gimli and one active case in Stonewall/Teulon.



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The region has been divided into six zones (Selkirk, South, North, East, West, Northern Remote) and 15 districts. These zones and districts were organized to facilitate and co-ordinate the planning and provision of health services in the region.

Willowview Cemetery receives bench and flagpole from donors

By Sydney Lockhart

Willowview Cemetery has a new bench and flagpole thanks to generous donors.

The cemetery that is west of Narcisse, off Highway 17, can be found by the co-ordinates N50.70520, W97.60140. The cemetery has grave sites that date back to the 1800s to present with only approximately 30 plots.

Dairy farmer Scott Gilson's parents are buried in the cemetery. His father Ralph Gilson died in 2000 and his mother Rlee died in 2014.

Following his mother's death, the donations came from the Gilson family, Narcisse Woman's Institute, Lorraine Barnes and Regina Hagemann, long-time friends of Rlee's.

"We put a bench in to have a bit of lunch or sit quietly and think there," said Gilson.

The cement bench was added in honour of Gilson's mother giving visitors a place to rest as there was no previous option to sit.

The bench and flagpole sit near trees that his father planted about 25 years ago.

"The flagpole looks nice. It's stainless steel. It's actually a milk pipeline extra from our farm," said Gilson.

With few families living in the area of the cemetery, the bench project was moved in as a Gilson family effort.

"It's a very heavy bench so I had to wait for the kids to help me lift it," he said.

The bench had to be made of concrete to ease fears of it being stolen from the cemetery after the front gate was stolen years ago and never found again.

With the small cemetery having headstones dating back to the 1800s, Gilson is hoping to encourage people to share their family stories if they have loved ones buried there.

There is a cemetery journal that visitors can share memories or facts about their loved ones that are buried in the yard.

"It's just to keep the people who lived here and worked here remembered. For them to be forgotten is a shame. It's to keep the history of the area," said Gilson.

In his research on the people buried



TRIBUNE PHOTOS BY SCOTT GILSON

The new bench and flagpole were donated in honour of Rlee Gilson at the Willowview Cemetery.

in the cemetery, Gilson came across two headstones — one for Harry Widdle and the other for Mrs. H Widdle — that begged the question "What was Mrs. H Widdle's name?"

Gilson asked around town to anyone who would have had family members

that had known her, and everyone called her Mrs. Widdle. To this day, no one to Gilson's knowledge knows her name.

He says he believes circumstances like this are why it is important to keep history alive.



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Viva La Musica's private music studio space almost complete

By Sydney Lockhart

Viva La Musica's owner is building a music studio space on her property to offer private music lessons for all ages.

Just 12 kilometres north of Teulon, music teacher and owner of Viva La Musica Carolina Nagy is almost finished building her new studio.

"It has been my dream to have a studio surrounded by nature and beauty, with big windows and the perfect atmosphere for children to learn music," said Nagy.

Nagy has been teaching music lessons for 20 years. She has her bachelor's in performance and a background working with children and those with intellectual disabilities.

She teaches all ages and all abilities, encouraging parents to get their children involved with music.

"If a student isn't practising every day, it's OK. It's still worth the time working with someone who can help give different perspectives to life experiences," she said.

Nagy has attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) and says music lessons can really benefit a child with ADHD in many aspects of life.

"It's about harnessing that energy. It can be really difficult for some people with students that have ADHD and it's nice to be able to give them skills they can apply to any aspect of their life," said Nagy.

"I think the biggest part is the self-esteem. It's learning and approaching something at a reasonable pace. They feel really good at the end of a lesson because we've accomplished something."

Nagy added that learning music can help all children with mathe-



matical concepts as well as language arts skills.

Viva La Musica offers lessons in voice, guitar, piano, fiddle and ukulele. Private half-hour lessons are \$45 and group music lessons are also available in her larger building for \$10 to \$15 per person.

Nagy takes students from the age of three and up.

"Although there are many benefits to small schools, I offer a unique combination in my experience as a student, performer and educator."

The studio space is expected to be finished this fall. For more information about lessons, go to www.vivalamusica.ca.

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Carolina Nagy in her music studio space that she will teaching out of in the fall.

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Teulon man creates community cleanup

By Evan Matthews

A group of local volunteers in Teulon are trying to clean up the community in more ways than one.

Derek Wallman wanted to give back and help out his community. After hearing about needles being found around town, he decided a community cleanup was a good idea.

"There was only one needle found, though, but still it prompted the conversation on how to change the (local) approach to dealing with addiction. Where there is one, there will be more," said Wallman.

"The cleanup was a way for us to get out and get involved. ... A way to do something about a problem rather than just complain about it. It also gets (involved) with the municipal council ... to show we're taking initiative and have pride in our community."

Roughly 20 community members gathered on Aug. 15 to do the community-wide cleanup, with the town waiving the cost at the dump for volunteers.

Starting with the cleanup, Wallman said his eventual goal is acquiring an outreach centre for the Town of Teulon, a place where community members and visitors alike can congregate for a vast array of reasons.

The centre would be multipurpose, according to Wallman, and wouldn't solely be about addiction. Whether involving other community groups or to have the outreach centre double as a town information centre, he said there are many ways to maximize the building's use.

"It could be shared with an organization like the tractor pull, as an example. There are many groups who could use something like this," said Wallman, also identifying Interlake Tourism Association as a group that may have a need for an info centre.

"We have a museum, a park, a golf course and beaches near town. ... It would be awesome to have a place to welcome guests to the community."

But honing in on community outreach and addition, Wallman said the idea is to proactively and positively engage with people, so to avoid people slipping through societal cracks.

After going through recovery himself, and having done some research, Wallman said healthy communities produce healthy people.

"Part of preventing people from falling through the cracks is making sure people know there are others around who care," said Wallman.

Stigma regarding addiction can feel very real, and in small towns where everybody knows everyone else, it's easy to see why a person can feel isolated, he added.

"Making sure people have a place where they belong and actually feel like they belong, something people can be a part of, it's really important," he said.

Whether the building is newly constructed or Wallman locates an existing building are both existing options, but being so early in the process, he said he isn't sure which it will be or what the centre might look like.

"I'm not an accountant. I'm not a politician. I didn't want to pick a building and have them tell me it doesn't work. We'll probably need some specialized knowledge," said Wallman.

While council supports him in his pursuit of the outreach centre, he acknowledges that he'll need help along the way.

"I want this to be a community project. I need some help to find out what people want and need; what they're thinking," he said.

Wallman is encouraging people with specialized skills or with good ideas to come forward and help push the project forward.

"It's a fantastic idea, and an outreach centre and/or a family resource centre would be an ideal for the town," said Pazdzierski.

She acknowledged that the town would not fund the centre, and it would be unlikely that either the provincial or federal government would



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY DEREK WALLMAN

A group of local volunteers dedicated to cleaning up their community gathered at the Teulon Rockwood Centennial Centre on Saturday, Aug. 15, before completing a community-wide cleanup. Volunteers discussed the possibility of an outreach centre in the community.

provide funding.

"But I agree with (Wallman) totally. I congratulated him on his initiative, and his ideas," she said, suggesting fundraising efforts and/or sponsorship dollars may potentially propel the project forward.

More cleanups are to come. People interested in joining the group, contact Wallman via email at thewallman16@live.com.

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K9 Advocates Manitoba community garage sale rescues northern dogs

By Sydney Lockhart

Volunteer and donation run K9 Advocates Manitoba hosted a garage sale last weekend to fundraise and help dogs in need.

The volunteers were K9 Advocates Manitoba members, community members from the Stonewall area, and members of the Canadian Armed Forces.

The garage sale filled the Stonewall Curling Club after people from Stonewall and Winnipeg dropped off donations at multiple locations the week prior.

The organization started in 2015 and has since rescued over 6,000 dogs from northern Manitoba.

"It's eye-opening to see the amount of dogs that need help. There's so many in these communities that we have to leave behind, and these are just the communities we see. There are so many more we don't touch. It makes such a difference. We want to do more, but we can only do what we can with the funds we raise," said volunteer foster co-ordinator Kristin Hagen.

This year's garage sale fundraiser raised over \$12,000 — a huge leap in donations for the organization compared to last year's smaller-scale sale that raised \$2,200.

"It was a bit of a surprise. I was pretty shocked we had people from everywhere coming. There was one lady who was even from Red Sucker Lake

and there were lots from Winnipeg," said Hagen.

The rescue does spay and returns for communities that don't have access to spaying as well as medical rescues and relocation.

"There's no regulations for registering and spaying your dog in these communities we go to. Lots of people end up abandoning their dogs," said Hagen. "There is no vetting so as soon as one of the dogs is sick or pregnant, it just explodes because you have puppies having puppies."

The rescue is not an adoption agency. It lines up fostering in Manitoba before the dogs are sent to areas in Toronto and British Columbia where shelters cannot keep up with the demand for rescues.

"We are not an adopting rescue because we don't have the volunteer numbers," she said.

Manitoba has over 50 adoption agencies that mostly manage to keep full capacity without K9 Advocates Manitoba because of the number of rescues all throughout the province.

"We're always looking for fosters. Sometimes we have about 70 fosters at once just so dogs don't get left behind," said Hagen. "It's amazing to see the difference from a dog who's broken and shut down becoming one that has a home and a happy life."

To volunteer and foster dogs with the rescue, contact K9 Advocates Manitoba on Facebook and request to



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY SYDNEY LOCKHART

Volunteers (from left) Kristin Hagen, Shannon Schofield, Tamara Kostenuk, Katie O'Connor, Keanna Sagness, Joan Schofield, Kathlene Kuzak, Olivia Hagen and dog Becky helped organize and run the K9 Advocates Manitoba garage sale fundraiser, helping rescue dogs from northern Manitoba.

join the group page. A volunteer will then send an application.

All unsold items at the garage sale were donated to Le Centre Flavie-Laurent in Winnipeg, who helps families get their homes set up received

houseware, furniture and kids toys. Bear Clan was in need of children's clothing for kids in the inner city, and all other clothing was donated to Seven Oaks Hospital.

> DASHBOARD, FROM PG. 8

the dashboard showed the Interlake-Eastern health region having a total of 65 COVID cases of which 45 were active and 20 recovered. Districts that include the RM of Bifrost and Town of Arborg; the RM of Gimli; and Town of Stonewall, Town of Teulon, RM of Rockwood, RM of Rosser and RM of Woodlands were registered as having active cases: four, one and one respectively.

On Aug. 16, however, the new dashboard showed a total of 66 cases with five active and 61 recoveries. The Stonewall/Teulon district showed one active case while the districts of Arborg/Riverton and Gimli showed zero active.

The revamped reporting comes after the Manitoba NDP pushed the government earlier this month for better location data so that Manitobans themselves could make informed decisions or judge their risk of catching the deadly virus that has so far infected 697 Manitobans and killed nine (as of Aug. 16).

Manitoba's Ombudsman, Jill Perron,

had also said the government could reduce the size of health regions to disclose COVID locations without compromising individual's privacy.

The Interlake-Eastern Regional Health Authority is broken down into 15 health districts, according to a backgrounder attached to an Aug. 14 news release from the province.

The districts are named as (1) Selkirk; (2) Stonewall and Teulon; (3) Winnipeg Beach and St. Andrews; (4) St. Clements; (5) Springfield; (6) Beausejour; (7) Pinawa and Lac du Bonnet; (8) Whiteshell; (9) Gimli; (10) Arborg and Riverton; (11) St. Laurent; (12) Powerview and Pine Falls; (13) Fisher River and Peguis; (14) Eriksdale and Ashern; (15) Northern Remote.

Each district reflects a geographical area that is larger than that of the community or communities it is named after.

The dashboard seems to identify only the districts with active or recovered cases and doesn't identify neighbourhoods or streets.

Health Minister Cameron Friesen

told media last week the province doesn't think there's any "benefit" to letting people know more detailed information such as street names.

In the Aug. 14 news release, Friesen said: "Conveying information to Manitobans about COVID-19 in their districts will increase confidence and help them to feel more empowered to make decisions in their daily lives.

"This enhanced reporting will provide a more detailed picture of the pandemic and strikes an important balance between timely, regional information about COVID-19 and the need to protect privacy and prevent stigma."

The Interlake-Eastern region's 45 active cases (on Aug. 13) seemed to correspond to provincial COVID-19 bulletins covering the period July 14 to Aug. 16 (bulletin numbers 130 to 158). That seems to suggest that an individual somewhere in the region diagnosed with COVID on July 14 has been or had been positive for roughly 34 days.

The *Express* reached out to the province last Thursday and received confirmation that the data was accurate.

According to Johns Hopkins Medicine.org, severe COVID infections can last for six weeks or more and patients can suffer lasting damage to the lungs, heart, kidneys and brain.

Worldwide, COVID has infected 21.5 million people and killed over 770,000. The virus has infected almost 124,000 Canadians and killed over 9,000 (source: Johns Hopkins University COVID tracker).

Interlake-Eastern RHA has three sites operating in the regional health authority where testing can be completed. Testing typically requires a swab of the inside of the nose. This is a test that can be administered by a health-care provider while an individual remains seated in his or her car.

Eriksdale - 35 Railway Ave., open weekdays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Closed for lunch from noon to 12:30.

Powerview-Pine Falls Health Complex, 37 Maple St., open weekdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Selkirk - 622 Superior Ave. Open Monday to Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Closed Sundays.

The mirale of metamorphosis: the monarch butterfly

By Jennifer McFee

Hearts are all a-flutter when they watch colourful wings open up against the summer sky.

For years, Brenda Margetts of Stonewall took a monarch butterfly course in Winnipeg more than a dozen years ago, but her interest in nature bloomed long before.

"I started growing my own milkweed in my yard and then going on to search for caterpillars in the wild milkweed. Half the time, wild milkweed blows down so if you can find a caterpillar and put it in a safe sanctuary, then you're increasing its chances of survival," she said.

"When the caterpillars come onto my milkweed, I end up taking them off and putting them into enclosures so that they can spin in there without being attacked. There are various insects that are wicked to monarch caterpillars. Wasps and other insects will kill the caterpillars."

She continues to provide milkweed and feed the caterpillars in the aquarium. Then when they're ready to emerge from their chrysalis as butterflies, she gathers an enthusiastic

audience to observe the miraculous transformation.

"It is absolutely beautiful. My grandkids and my neighbours' kids and my cousins' kids and my teaching friends' kids, they all come," she said, noting that Aug. 22 is declared a day dedicated to protecting monarchs.

"I have books and puzzles and wings they can put on. I talk about the butterfly and then I take pictures of them with the butterflies."

She releases them into her garden, where they continue to come and go throughout their journey.

"They come back to the general area provided that they have a good migration. Sometimes they have a bad winter in Mexico or they hit tornadoes coming up through the Midwest," she said.

"This year there wasn't much traffic so things were probably good for the monarch because I've never seen so many. This year, if all of my caterpillars live to emerge, I will have had over 100 to release."

During her career as a kindergarten teacher, Margetts used to introduce painted lady butterflies to her class in



TRIBUNE PHOTOS BY KIRSTY MORRISON

Brenda Margett's granddaughters Kaycie, left, and Matilda inspect the newly hatched monarch butterflies.

the spring.

"The monarchs are even more amazing because they're so big. The trouble is in Manitoba monarchs don't really show up until July," she said.

"I started doing it because I'm a nature buff and I'm a teacher and I had

grandkids. I even took some to school to one of my friends' classrooms. I use them to get people to enjoy the beauty of the caterpillar turning into a butterfly. It's a miracle to me every time it happens."

Corona Virus cases continue to climb in Manitoba

By Lorne Stelmach

The resurgence of the coronavirus continues across Manitoba with another 38 cases announced Monday including one in a Steinbach personal care home.

The province declared an outbreak at Bethesda Place, although no further details were available while investigations continue.

"The care home responded quite quickly, quite appropriately to a symptomatic individual," said chief provincial public health officer Dr. Brent Roussin, noting the person and specific wing of the care home were isolated as a result.

The new cases announced Monday include a female in her 60s from Interlake-Eastern Health; 12 in Southern Health-Santé Sud with Roussin noting a majority of the regional cases were linked to a known cluster; 20 new cases in the Prairie Mountain health region; and five new cases in Winnipeg health region.

With four other cases removed from the list, the total number of lab-confirmed positive and probable positive cases in Manitoba increased to 731. There were 11 current hospitalizations with three in intensive care, 232 active cases and 490 recovered, while

the number of deaths had increased to nine with passing of a Portage la Prairie man in his 80s last week.

A known Brandon cluster was now at 64 cases with another 56 connected to a place of business in Brandon that had been widely reported as being Maple Leaf Foods with 24 connected to the two. Public health also advised of a potential exposure to COVID-19 that may have occurred Aug. 5 to 7 at a Brandon 7-11.

"We knew that we weren't done with this virus. ... That's what this virus is like. If you get a couple clusters, it can spread quickly," said Roussin. "We've seen case numbers that we haven't seen since the beginning of the pandemic. We're seeing some evidence of community-based transmission.

"That brings anxiety to Manitobans," he continued. "To alleviate some of that is we all know what we can do, we can all make changes today. ... If we haven't been focusing on those fundamentals, now we can certainly start today." "It is paramount, especially as we move into respiratory virus season," said Roussin, stressing the now familiar mantra of not going out while you feel ill, practising proper hand hygiene, covering your cough and physical distancing when you are

with people outside your household. If you cannot physical distance, consider wearing a mask.

"We're increasing the messaging on mask use ... wearing a mask in circumstances where you can't physically distance. ... We're recommending you wear masks. It's an additional measure; it doesn't replace those fundamentals."

In response to a question about considering mandatory use of masks, particularly in schools this fall, Roussin said "nothing's ever been off the table for us."

"We're certainly always relooking at the plans. ... If we're ever concerned that we're not getting the compliance we need, then we can always mandate it."

Roussin again reiterated only individuals experiencing COVID-19 symptoms should go for testing as soon as possible once symptoms are present. Employers were asked to only send employees for testing if they have symptoms or if testing has been recommended. Otherwise, an online assessment tool can be found at <https://sharedhealthmb.ca/covid19/screening-tool>.

In addition, the province last week formally further extended the prov-

ince-wide state of emergency under The Emergency Measures Act to continue to protect the health and safety of all Manitobans and reduce the spread of COVID-19. The extension went into effect Aug. 12 for a period of 30 days.

Premier Brian Pallister last week also commented on the road ahead as the Manitoba government formally launched its RestartMB campaign as a road map to recovery from the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic.

"Public health and safety is a key driver of recovery, and as we continue to safely restart our economy and reopen our communities, we must learn to live with this virus. We are committed to being ready for what lies ahead — ready to live with COVID-19, ready to return to school, ready to restart our services, create jobs and grow our economy," he said. "The past four months since COVID-19 arrived in Manitoba have been a period of rapid response and adaptation for programs and for public engagement," said Pallister. "We have done well and accomplished much, adapting as we go and working rapidly to respond. Now, we are focusing our message on the importance of public health fundamentals as we drive to recovery."

MMF announces new Frank Bruce Métis Seniors Complex

Submitted by MMF

The Manitoba Metis Federation (MMF) celebrated the grand opening of the Frank Bruce Métis Seniors Complex in the historic Métis community of St. Laurent on Monday, Aug. 17 at 2 p.m.

The complex is located on Father Guy Lavalley Bay across from the Rural Municipality office on Veterans Memorial Road.

This significant investment is the first major construction project completed under the Canada-Métis Nation Housing Sub-Accord signed in 2018. Construction commenced July 2019 and was completed Aug. 1, 2020. Government-to-government relations with Canada and the Rural Municipality of St. Laurent have contributed to the success of this affordable, safe and fully accessible housing for seniors in Manitoba.

"The Frank Bruce Métis Seniors Complex is the first new build under the Canada-Métis Nation Housing Sub-Accord, and it is just another testament of the Métis Nation's relationship with the federal government," states Will Goodon, MMF minister of housing and property management "Our citizens informed us of the need and importance of housing for our elders and seniors, and so our government took concrete action to meet that need."

This complex has nine units, eight of which are wood-frame and one is steel-frame. Steel-framed housing is a new and eco-friendly housing technology. These housing units are built to be smart and are designed to be age-friendly homes and contain special features such as a full sunroom,

handrails, lowered light switches and wheelchair-accessible bathrooms and kitchens with full access to the oven, cupboards and shower to accommodate those with mobility issues, among other unique accessibility features. Each unit has two bedrooms. In addition to the nine units, there is one communal building that serves as a gathering space for elders and residents of St. Laurent.

"The short- and long-term initiatives of the Métis government effectively continue to produce positive and robust social and economic impacts in Manitoba," commented MMF president David Chartrand. "This housing project and other developments across the province not only provide safe and affordable housing to Métis Nation citizens but also invest in the community by providing jobs and necessary skills training, support local businesses, and encourage the expansion and upgrading of local infrastructure."

By recognizing one veteran, one recognizes all veterans and honours the memory of their achievements and sacrifices. Mr. Bruce is a Métis Second World War veteran and prominent community member of St. Laurent. President Chartrand, who also serves as the vice-president of the Métis National Council, continues to lead the National Métis Veterans file.

"Recognition throughout the homeland is essential for future generations. These heroes deserve to be mentioned, remembered and never forgotten," said President Chartrand.

"We respect and are forever grateful for the sacrifices of all veterans," concluded Minister Goodon. "Veteran



TRIBUNE PHOTO SUBMITTED BY SAVANNAH KELLY

The Manitoba Metis Federation (MMF) celebrated the grand opening of the Frank Bruce Métis Seniors Complex in the historic Métis community of St. Laurent this past Monday.

Frank Bruce cared so deeply about his community; it is only fitting that a project aimed at helping his hometown of St. Laurent be named in his honour. Whether they are returning to their hometown to enjoy retirement or if maintaining a house has become too difficult, Métis seniors and elders

will find an affordable, safe and accessible place to call home in the Frank Bruce Métis Seniors Complex."

For more information on this announcement from the Manitoba Metis Federation, including other economic or veteran initiatives, please visit www.mmf.mb.ca.

Teulon office opens just in time for taxes

By Evan Matthews

Just in time for taxes, the Town of Teulon will re-open its municipal office to the public.

On Aug. 10, the town announced it would resume in-person client service to the public, with the office now open Monday to Friday from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The municipal office had closed as of April 20.

The office will follow Public Health recommendations related to COVID-19, including:

- Social distancing of at least two metres (six feet);
- Increased hand hygiene. Hand sanitizer is to be used and will be provided;
- The numbers of visitors per-

mitted in the reception area will be based on the appropriate spacing required;

- Plexiglas barriers are in place at the front counter;
- The use of masks is encouraged;
- Please don't bring children or others to the office;
- Clients who are unwell or who have been exposed to someone with COVID-19 symptoms are asked not to enter the office.

Tax time

Town of Teulon administration announced property tax notices and sewer utility bills for ratepayers have been mailed and are due by Friday

Oct. 30.

The 2020 tax levy for the town's operation is \$856,925.57, according to administration and goes to fund municipal programs including street maintenance and snow clearing functions, beautification programs, arena and curling club upgrades, replacement of aging equipment, and the purchase of a rescue unit shared 50-50 with the RM of Rockwood.

Administration encouraged property owners to contact the town if they do not receive a tax notice by Aug. 17 or if the mailing address has changed recently.

Contact the town office at 204-886-2314 or at teulon@mymts.net.

Payments can be made to the Town

of Teulon in person or by mail to P.O. Box 69, Teulon, Manitoba, R0C 3B0. Credit card payments are not accepted.

Town adds two stop signs

At the request of ratepayers living in the area, the Town of Teulon will erect two new stop signs.

The stop signs will be placed on 1st Street SW, making a four-way stop at the intersection of 4th Avenue SW and 8th Avenue SE.

The intersection is currently a two-way stop sign.

Administration said the signs will be in place shortly and asked drivers to use caution.

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Interlake Blue Jays win MJBL playoff series

By Brian Bowman

For the second year in a row, the Interlake Blue Jays pulled off a first-round upset.

Interlake edged the Pembina Valley Orioles 3-2 in Game 3 of their best-of-three Manitoba Junior Baseball League playoff series on Sunday evening.

Pembina Valley made things interesting when they scored a run in the bottom of the seventh inning to make it a one-run game. The Orioles, however, had a runner thrown out at third to end the game.

"It was nice to come back and beat those guys," said Blue Jays' head coach Adam Kirk. "It was exciting. Liam Allen threw a helluva game. I think he only gave up four or five hits all game but they got to him a little bit at the end."

Interlake staved off elimination with a solid 6-2 victory over Pembina Valley in Game 2 on Friday in Stonewall.

"One thing that helped us out was Pembina Valley lost some of their guys after the first game due to a senior tournament or something like that," Kirk said. "They kind of came at us with two different teams. When they didn't have their good players there, we took advantage of it and beat them."

Both teams scored a pair of runs in the first inning and the Interlake added three in the second to take a 5-2 lead. The Blue Jays added an insurance run in the bottom of the fourth.

Liam Allen had a great game for Interlake, going 3-for-4 with two runs scored and an RBI. Ben Anderson (two), Noah Cnockaert-Ducharme and Jeremy Wasilewski also scored for the Blue Jays.

Cole Olfert picked up the complete-game victory, scattering seven hits while striking out a pair of Orioles' hitters.

Pembina Valley opened the series with a 6-3 home victory last Thursday.

The Orioles scored twice in the bottom of the second inning and then added four more in the third. The Blue Jays scored their three runs in the sixth inning.

Interlake outhit Pembina Valley 9-4.

With the series victory, the Blue Jays now advance to the league semifinals where they will face the Elmwood Giants.

The two teams played on Monday and Tuesday but no scores were available at press time.

If necessary, Game 3 will be played Wednesday (7 p.m.) at Koskie Field.

Elmwood knocked off Interlake in the semifinals last season. The Blue



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY KEN ALLEN

Devon Cassan, left, and Aryic Dupont celebrate the Interlake Blue Jays' 3-2 win over the Pembina Valley Orioles in Game 3 of their best-of-three playoff series on Sunday.

Jays would love to get revenge on their arch-rivals.

"The boys are pretty excited, I can tell you that," Kirk said. "There's a lot of familiar faces from last year and right now we're rolling pretty good. Liam Allen is on fire, pitching and hitting. There are a couple of guys that aren't hitting as well, so if they can

pick it up in this series we can do really well and be in the final.

"We have a lot of guys that are pretty optimistic and, as long as we play ball the way we know how, we should have at least a good chance of beating these guys."

Stonewall United game cancelled due to rain

Staff

Stonewall United's game against Saint James Spurs Soccer Club on Friday was cancelled due to rain.

On Aug. 11, Stonewall defeated Landmark FC 3-1.

Gio Ciulla, Fred Attiglah, and Rayden Labelle scored for the United. Braeden Richards replied for Landmark.

Stonewall (2-3) will have another home game this Thursday when

Southside FC comes to town. Game time is 7 p.m.

In Winnipeg Women's Soccer League action, the Stonewall Royals blitzed Aftershock 5-2 last Wednesday.

The Royals (3-1-1) played the Wise-gals on Monday but no score was available at press time.

Stonewall will then take on Charleswood Legacy this Wednesday at 10 p.m. at Shaughnessy Park.

Stonewall to face St. James in WSBL playoff series

Staff

The Stonewall Blue Jays ended their regular season with a really big bang.

Stonewall won both of its games last week, outscoring the opposition by a whopping 36-8 margin.

Last Wednesday, the Blue Jays cruised to a convincing 11-4 win over

the North Winnipeg Pirates.

After a scoreless first inning, Stonewall scored singles in the next three frames before adding a pair in the fifth and three more in each of the sixth and seventh innings.

The evening previous, the Blue Jays blitzed the Springfield Sr. Braves

25-4 in 5 ½ innings.

Stonewall scored in every inning, tallying four in the first, seven in the second, six in the third, two in the fourth, and six more in the fifth.

The Blue Jays outhit the Braves 26-7 and took advantage of four Springfield errors.

Stonewall started its playoffs Tuesday against the St. James A's but no score was available at press time.

Game 2 of the best-of-three series is set for Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in Stonewall. If necessary, Game 3 will be played Thursday (7:30 p.m.) at St. James Optimist Park.

Phillies competitive at U14 'A' fastpitch provincials

By Brian Bowman

Despite not winning a game, the South Interlake Phillies were very competitive at the 2020 Manitoba U14 "A" fastpitch provincials last weekend at Quarry Park.

The Phillies saw their season abruptly end after a tough 8-1 loss to the Westman Magic on Sunday morning.

South Interlake trailed just 2-1 after three innings of the five-inning game.

"That was actually a really good game," said Phillies' head coach Jason Cassils. "As coaches, we were sure proud of our girls. They battled hard. That was the team that ended up winning and they destroyed us this year. We were right there, our pitching was solid and our defence was strong."

"We had chances but we just didn't cash them in. We definitely had our chances and against good teams like that, you have to take advantage of those chances."

South Interlake started play with tough one-run losses to Smitty's (8-7) and Central Energy (6-5).

The Phillies led Smitty's 7-4 in the bottom of the fifth but allowed four runs in the heart-breaking loss.

"We had a play at the plate and it was a bang-bang play that could have turned the tide but so be it," Cassils noted. "The girls fought hard."

In the loss to Central Energy, South

Interlake trailed 6-5 and had the tying run at second base but could not cash her in.

"We had a chance to possibly be 2-0 after Day 1," Cassils lamented. "Because of all of the rain on Thursday and Friday, they ended up completely redoing the draw to pool play. It was supposed to be a (seven-game) round-robin."

South Interlake then lost 9-1 to the Manitoba Angels and Manitoba Thunder.

Westman became the provincial champions after defeating Central Energy 7-0 in the gold-medal game.

In the bronze-medal game, the Winnipeg Lightning beat Smitty's 8-1. The Phillies really enjoyed the experience they had last weekend.

"It was nice to be able to host provincials," Cassils said. "We didn't win a game, and we definitely would have liked to, but I thought we had a real good start on Friday."

Overall, this was a very enjoyable season despite the late start due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

"We had a great group of kids, a great group of parents," Cassils said. "We were very lucky that way. For them to spend the summer together, that was a lot of ball and a lot of practices jammed into a short season. There was a lot of dedication from all



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY LANA MEIER

Phillies first baseman Sophie Dowsett gets the out on first against an Angel player during round robin play at the U14 'A' fastpitch provincials last weekend.

of them and they sure improved a lot from the start of the year to now.

"As a whole, I thought it was a positive year and all of the kids had fun."

Cassils wanted to thank all of the volunteers that did a tremendous job making sure the provincials ran smoothly despite the rain.

"We were very thankful that we had such a great group of volunteers to put the tournament on and it wasn't

easy," he said. The individuals that kept the diamonds in great shape despite the rain also deserved an applause, he said.

"The Town of Stonewall staff (did a great job) getting the diamonds ready," Cassils said. "There was a lake on the diamond Thursday night so they did a great job getting it playable."

Gold-medal provincial win



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Stonewall's Abi Minnie, left, with her coach Dani Klassen, and Sierra Slatcher won gold with the Lightning at U12A Girls' fastpitch provincials in Winnipeg this past Sunday. The Lightning defeated the Central Energy 10-9 to win the game.

Hockey Manitoba receives approval for Phase 2 of restart

From the Hockey Manitoba website

The Province of Manitoba has approved Phase 2 of Hockey Manitoba's Return to Play (RTP) Plan - Version 1 for the 2020-21 season. The approval of Phase 2 will allow sanctioned programs to safely resume, following the protocols set by Hockey Manitoba beginning Sept. 1.

Any programs wishing to begin prior to this date are required to submit a request in writing to Hockey Manitoba.

"We continue to work closely with Hockey Canada, Sport Manitoba, and the Province of Manitoba with the anticipation that Phase 3 will be approved in the near future," read a statement.

The Return to Play plan incorporates the current requirements outlined in Stages 1 to 4 of the Government of Manitoba's Restoring Safe Services Plan, health and safety guidelines from Hockey Canada, and programming, registration and sanctioning for Hockey Manitoba.

Part of our commitment includes an ongoing and regular review of our RTP protocols based on the latest recommended COVID-19 health

precautions, which will help to enhance the positive hockey experience under the province's health directives.

The Return to Hockey Plan has three phases:

Phase 1 - On-ice skill development (non-contact), online meetings and clinics, non-sanctioned activities.

Phase 2 (approved Aug. 12 and will begin with sanctioned activity starting on Sept. 1) - on-ice skill development (non-contact), drills, team tactics, online or in-person clinic, tryouts.

Phase 3 (subject to approval from the Province of Manitoba) - regular season competition (contact), game play (contact), practices (contact), travel.

Hockey Manitoba would like to reiterate for its members that all hockey camps, skills sessions, recreational leagues and tournaments that are currently operating in the province are not sanctioned by Hockey Manitoba. The reopening of arenas in Manitoba began as of June 1 as facilities were able to open along with Phase 2 of the Manitoba Restoring Safe Services plan.

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18U Orioles lose to the Pirates, Black Sox

Staff

The Interlake Orioles were defeated 11-1 by the North Winnipeg Pirates in 18U "AAA" baseball action last Sunday at Koskie Field.

Later that evening, Interlake lost to the Bonivital Black Sox in five innings. No score, though, was available at press time.

The playoffs begin this Thursday and wrap up on Sunday.

The 15U Orioles, meanwhile, slaughtered the St. James A's 19-9 last Wednesday in Balmoral.

It was Interlake's second consecutive victory and they now have a 4-7 record.

In 13U "AAA" play, Interlake lost to the Brandon Marlins in a double-header on Sunday.

Brandon the games by scores of 13-0 and 16-2.

Last Thursday, the Orioles' game against Winnipeg South in Stonewall was postponed.

On Aug. 10, the Orioles lost 11-8 to the Bonivital Black Sox.

Interlake played Red River on Tues-



The Interlake Orioles' Kaiden Kendal throws a pitch against the North Winnipeg Pirates during 18U action on Sunday.



TRIBUNE PHOTOS BY LANA MEIER

The Interlake Orioles' Lane Bond dives safely back to first base.

day in East Selkirk but no score was

available at press time.

The Orioles will face the North Win-

ipeg Pirates on Thursday in Stonewall. First pitch is 6 p.m.

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OBITUARY

Margaret Mabel Minaker

It is with great sadness that the family announces the passing of Margaret Minaker at the Grace Hospital on August 13, 2020 with her family at her side.

Mom will be dearly missed by her four sons, George, Bob, Frank (Petra) and Gerry (Cyndi); grandchildren Joanne (Bryan Hogeveen), Brian (Alissa), Rick (Lisa), Blake (Courtney), Evan (Jena), Amy, Melissa, Ryan and granddaughter-in-law Tanya Minaker. She will also be dearly missed by her 12 great-grandchildren Ayden, Taryk, Maylah, Lauren, Ethan, Noah, Lorelei, Talia, Brayden, Grayson, Jakob and Isabel; brother John McFee (Dorothy); many relatives and so many friends. Margaret was predeceased by her loving husband Gerald; daughter Valerie; grandson Rod; daughter-in-law Diane; parents Earl and Lillian McFee and her brother Earl (Jean) McFee.

Mom was born September 2, 1923 in Winnipeg, married Dad in 1944 and resided on the Rosser farm for the next 76 years. Mom was an active member of her community and her church. She loved to curl and to bowl, to laugh and sing and to entertain family and friends. Mom was an excellent cook and known for her pies and buns. She was very proud of her family and celebrated their many milestones and accomplishments. Mom will be dearly remembered and missed by all those who were fortunate to know her.

The family is appreciative of the many acts of kindness extended during the past few months. Your cards, texts, visits and prayers will always be remembered. A special thanks to Dr. Beaudry and the palliative care staff at the Grace Hospital for their caring support.

A family service is planned at Chapel Lawn Memorial Gardens with a Celebration of Life to follow at a later date.

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OBITUARY



Martha Alfred
June 29, 1939 - August 13, 2020

It is with broken hearts we announce the sudden passing of our beloved mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. Martha was predeceased by her husband Stanley, father Albert, mother Colette, and sister Ida. She is survived by her daughters Barbara (Brian), Debbie (Ed), Tammy (Benji) and sisters Olga (Walter), Julliette (Peter), Stella and Jeanette (Terry) and grandchildren Austin, Jesse, Avery, Kailyn and great-granddaughter Aria, also numerous nieces and nephews.

Martha lived most of life as a rancher's wife, which she loved dearly.

Her passions were hunting, fishing, trapping. She especially looked forward to yearly hunting trips with her sister and nephew.

As per Martha's wishes there will be no funeral service. A private family service will take place at later date.

Special thanks to the staff at Stonewall General Hospital for making Martha comfortable in her final days.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Canadian Diabetes Association.

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Announcements



OBITUARY



Evelyn Mary McMahon (Sims)

Peacefully passed away after a brief illness on August 10, 2020 at the Selkirk Hospital.

Evelyn was 93 years of age, born on January 27, 1927 to Robert and Gladys Sims of Erinview, Manitoba and currently a resident of Lions Manor in Stonewall, Manitoba.

Surviving to mourn her loss are her daughter Marilyn Ross (Jim); sons Wayne (Yvonne), Brian (Sue), Darrell; six grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren and one great-great grandchild. As well she will be missed by her sister Amy Dellebuur, and brother Fred Sims (Carmen).

She was predeceased by her husband Henry McMahon in 1998 after 50 years of marriage. She was also predeceased by her grandson J.J. Ross and great-granddaughter Kori-Ann Stewart; sisters Francis Unger, Elsie Tronrud and brother Ed Sims.

Family was everything to Evelyn and she surely doted on her grandchildren. Family gatherings were very important to her from camping trips at the lake, travelling together or dinners at her place. It seemed every Sunday was dinner at her house. She loved to cook and bake and excelled at both. Her butter tarts were to die for and its been said she could make shoe leather taste like filed mignon; she was that exceptional of a cook. She also enjoyed gardening (great green thumb) and was a sports fan especially enjoying watching baseball and curling.

We would like to thank all the personnel at the Selkirk Hospital, her Home Care workers, friends at Lions Manor for all the support and care they provided for her.

In keeping with Evelyn's wishes, cremation has taken place, there will be no formal funeral and a private family gathering and interment will take place at a later date.

If friends so desire, they may make a donation to a charity of their choice in remembrance of Evelyn.

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OBITUARY



William M (Bill) Kotelko
October 14, 1928 - August 12, 2020

Bill passed away peacefully in his sleep at Selkirk Regional Health Centre after a brief illness at the age of 91 years young.

He was born in Hafford, SK to Matthew (Mike) and Mary Kotelko. Bill graduated from teacher training at Saskatoon Normal School in 1945 and taught his first year in a one-room school (Sand Lake) south of Blaine Lake, Saskatchewan, with 34 students from grades one to 10. While visiting his parents, who had moved to Warren in July 1947, he was offered a teaching position at Woodlands, where he taught grades five to eight for four years. In 1951 he was hired at Warren to teach grades six, seven and eight until 1958, when he taught one year of high school. He was appointed principal of Warren Elementary School in 1959 and held that position until he retired in 1986.

Bill married Pat Rodway on June 11, 1955 and they lived in Warren, where they raised two sons and a daughter. Bill and Pat enjoyed 28 winters in Mesa, AZ after his retirement, where they made many friends. They moved to Lion's Manor in Stonewall in 2013. Bill was proud to be a charter member of the Warren and District Lion's club.

Bill is predeceased by his parents Mike and Mary, sister Joan, and son Neil, and is survived by his wife Pat, son Perry, daughter Yvonne (Ron), six grandchildren, one great-grandchild, sister Phyllis Crockatt and many cousins, nieces and nephews.

Cremation has taken place and a private family ceremony will be conducted at a later date.

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