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## Unleash the hounds




TRIBUNE PHOTO BY JO-ANNE PROCTER

The official "leash cutting" of the new off-leash dog park at the south end of Stonewall took place on Sept. 10. Former mayor of Stonewall Ross Thompson, with his Yorkie Lexie, had the honour of opening the gate for the dogs and their owners. Pictured back row, left to right: Stonewall's Mayor Clive Hinds, Coun. Peter Bullivant, Parks and Arena supervisor Brett Chatfield, former mayor Ross Thompson and Ritchie & Perron Plumbing & Heating's Ryan Ritchie; front row, community dog lovers and their four-legged friends.


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# Unleashing of new dog park in Stonewall

By Jo-Anne Procter

A new place for dogs to run wild and free will be up and running in the south end of Stonewall in the next few weeks.

Last Thursday, members of town council and Stonewall Mayor Clive Hinds made a special dedication to former Stonewall mayor Ross Thompson at a "leash-cutting" ceremony at the new dog park in town.

The park, located at 9th Avenue South and 1st Street West, has been named the Thompson Dog Park after Thompson, who served as mayor of Stonewall for 12 years.

With his family standing by, along with town employees and some residents with their dogs, Thompson thanked the mayor and council for naming the park after his family.

"What a tribute and what an honour it is to be recognized. Not expected but nonetheless appreciated," he said.

The Town of Stonewall designated the new area for the dog park after complaints were filed about dogs running uncontrolled from their owners at the off-leash dog area at Quarry Park.

The park, a fenced-in area of approximately 5,600 square feet, has a drinking water station, a seating area with pergolas and picnic tables. There will be trees planted to provide shade



Ross Thompson's four-year-old Yorkie Lexie was first to run through the gates of the new off-leash dog park.

this fall and there is ample parking in the lot adjacent to the park.

The previous off-leash dog area in Quarry Park became an on-leash only area on Sept. 11.



TRIBUNE PHOTOS BY JO-ANNE PROCTER

A new sign for the Thompson Dog Park was unveiled last Thursday. Pictured from left to right: Peter Bullivant, Mayor Hinds, Ross Thompson, Lynne, Craig and Chris Thompson, Karen Hunter and Wally Badger.

## Cleaning up Stonewall



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY CHRISTIE WILLIAMS

September is Team up to Clean Up Month. Last Sunday, a crew of friends collected several bags of garbage in the south end of Stonewall around VMSC, Cooke fields, the Karate Club and beyond. REACT teamed up with Take Pride Winnipeg to make the South Interlake litter-free. During the month of September, post a picture on Facebook or Twitter of you and/or your family picking up litter throughout the Interlake with the hashtag #CleanCanadaTogether. Make sure to tag @REACTInc. org (on Facebook) or @REACTInfo (on Twitter) when doing so. Prizes will be awarded to those who take part in the cleanup. Pictured back row, left to right: Rhonda Gervais, Alice Smith, Diane and Blair Smith, Tim Williams; front row: Sandra Smith, Teri Stevens, Linda McIntyre and Sandy Chatfield. Missing from the photo is Christie Williams.

## Manitoba state of emergency extended another 30 days

Staff

The Manitoba government has once again extended the provincewide state of emergency in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The extension went into effect Sept. 10 for a period of 30 days.

A state of emergency allows the government to take quick action to support Manitobans when they need it most, the province said in a statement.

It was first declared on March 20 under the Emergency Measures Act and has been extended every month since.

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# Warren woman speaks about COVID experience

By Evan Matthews

When the province releases its daily COVID stats, case locations are mentioned in terms of health regions, not specific communities.

Often, people don't know if COVID is in their community, which is why Warren's Andrea Bennett decided to speak out when she fell ill with COVID-19.

"I know there are (other) people with symptoms in our area, and a nurse encouraged me to mention our case as a heads up to take it seriously," said Bennett, who announced her confirmed case on Facebook via the Warren, MB-Community Page on Sept. 6.

"My husband really didn't want me to post on Facebook because of the panic it may have caused, but COVID will eventually be spread to most everyone.

"We can do our part to slow it down and let health officials gather more knowledge about it," the mother of four said.

Though the physical symptoms have been extremely difficult to deal with, Bennett said her anxieties are heightened more so due to being cut off from her family as they try to maintain everyone's health, as well as the potential stigma she and her family may experience after having tested positive.

Having said that, so far, Bennett said her experience has been quite the opposite. Neighbours have stepped up by collecting online grocery orders for her family and providing extra-curricular activities for her children.

Bennett added her kids will miss the first two weeks of school as part of the self-isolating process, and her husband can't go back to work until he has been contact- and symptom-free for 14 days.

"If we weren't on the fence already about sending them to school, we sure are looking into home-school now. If our children go back to school, we pray they won't be shunned or isolated even more," she said. "But our community has been so kind in sending words of comfort. Friends from our church have dropped off care packages, including movies and treats for our children.

They are so thankful, Bennett said.

"We have a house that (has) many additions. Our bedroom has two entrances, one is a sliding glass patio door. I have hated it for so many years, but today I am thankful. My children can see me up close, and my one-year-old has given me many kisses through the glass," she said.

"He doesn't understand why I won't come out, or



TRIBUNE PHOTO SUBMITTED

Warren's Andrea Bennett, wife and mother of four, came down with COVID near the end of August. She is still suffering with symptoms.

open the door for him. It breaks my heart."

Bennett added that she and her family have been racking their brains trying to figure out how or where she could have picked up the virus in the 14 days prior to experiencing symptoms, but to no avail.

Despite following public health advice, she said it could have been anywhere.

"Was it the Tim's coffee I had? The quick mall trip for shoes for school? The small wedding reception we went to?" asked Bennett, adding it's a miracle of sorts that nobody else in her family has been sick.

"Those are all obvious possibilities, but they have all tested negative. How is that possible when I have been around them? How has no one else had any symptoms?"

After her kids had a mild fever but tested nega-

tive, Bennett said she thought her symptoms were in line with the kids.

But on Aug. 31, Bennett woke up with what she described as the worst headache and body aches she had ever experienced.

"Coffee couldn't cure this headache, and I could feel something in my sinuses, like a really bad sinus cold. ... It got worse on Tuesday, and on Wednesday, Sept. 2, my husband had the day off and took us to get tested," said Bennett.

She had been tested once previously but the results came back negative.

"The test was so painful this time, nothing like the first one. I wept the whole way home from Selkirk, and my anxiety flared up. Cold panic sweats accompanied all my other symptoms, and I could hardly walk ... because I was so exhausted," she said.

Public Health called by Friday and told Bennett that she had tested positive this time.

The nurse, who Bennett said was very kind and calm, began explaining the contact tracing process, going over Bennett's whereabouts for the two weeks previous. The inlaws and Bennett's husband's co-workers started to get notified as per health protocols.

"My symptoms continue to get worse, as my sinuses are so heavy, I still have body aches and fever sweats (but no fever), my chest rattles when I breathe, but my throat doesn't hurt. At first, I had a dry cough, but now it is a productive cough," posted Bennett.

"I am exhausted, and sleep eludes me now more than ever because of my body aches. It started as though everything I ate was coated in salt, and then progressed as I've lost my taste and smell altogether. I get weak and break out in a sweat after tidying for just a few minutes."

She cautions her fellow community members to take the virus seriously and continue social distancing, hand washing and other public health advisements.

Despite following those advisements, Bennett remains trapped in her room for the time being.

Bennett thanked the community for their support and thanked God for watching over her and her family. She said she is thankful the impact on her family, friends and neighbours hasn't been more severe.

She and her family, like so many others, are praying for their community, school staff and children to stay safe.

## Stonewall gas bar employee diagnosed with COVID-19

Staff

An employee at the Red River Co-op gas bar and convenience store in Stonewall tested positive for COVID-19 on Sept. 9.

The staff member last worked on Sept. 3.

Employees who had close contact with the individual have been told to seek advice from Health Links, the co-op said, and the gas station was temporarily closed for deep cleaning.

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# Terry Fox Run goes virtual on Sunday, Sept. 20

By Jennifer McFee

The long-lasting legacy of Terry Fox continues to inspire generations of Canadians for 40 years running.

This year marks the 40th anniversary of the Marathon of Hope, and many events are switching to a virtual model due to the pandemic.

On Sunday, Sept. 20, the "One Day, Your Way" event will unite individuals, families and teams in spirit rather than in person.

Although the Stonewall event would normally start at Quarry Park with a route running through town, this year's rendition will focus on flexibility so that participants can take part wherever they may be.

Stonewall resident Dale Yeo has participated in every Terry Fox Run over the decades, and he's not about to stop now.

He was actively involved in the Terry Fox Run in Roblin while he lived there. When he moved to Stonewall in 2017, Yeo continued with his involvement.

"In 1980, I ran my first marathon and then I heard about this young guy who was going to run across Canada

with one leg. That was just such an intriguing idea and amazing that anybody would even contemplate it," he said.

"Then as you started to see film footage of him running through the worst kind of weather, that's when it really tugged at your heart strings."

In Yeo's opinion, Fox was a monumental figure right from the outset.

"When he had to quit, we were very sad just like everybody else," he said.

"Then they announced they were going to start the annual run and I just loved the idea. It was the first run event of any kind. Nobody else was doing that at the time."

Over the years, Yeo has dedicated his participation to others, starting with his mother-in-law who lost a battle with cancer soon before the first run.

"This year, we have three wonderful people here — Walter Hagborg, Shirley Unrau and Bill Kotelko — that we've lost to cancer. It affects everybody. Many people are dedicating the event to someone they've lost in their family," said Yeo, who also has a family member battling cancer.

"I've always believed that if we're go-

ing to beat cancer or any other disease, we have to do it by research. That's how we beat diabetes. That's how we beat polio. Cancer is a much more involved disease, but they definitely have better treatment already. The type of cancer that killed Terry Fox apparently would not do so today."

Yeo has already surpassed his goal to raise \$1,000 for the 40th annual event, and the donations are still coming in.

"I want to thank everybody who has supported me. My wife and I haven't been in this community very long and we have received wonderful support, including from our own family across the country. From here in Stonewall, we have lots of support that we certainly appreciate," he said.

"And I extend a big thank you to Cathy Goresky, who has been trying to put this event together in the face of COVID-19. Hats off to her and to Ray Steen for years before that."

At the same time, Yeo also encourages others to get involved in the cause.

"The motto this year is One Day, Your Way. On that day, you can do it any way you want. You can dance, horseback ride, bike, run, walk, skate

— whatever you want. Just do something, I've been lucky with my health. I ran it for many, many years and now I walk it," he said.

"At any rate, it's a wonderful event. If the definition of hero is ever met by anybody, it's certainly met by Terry Fox. He's an iconic figure for a good reason."

For more information or to register, visit <http://www.terryfox.ca/terryfox-run/stonewall>.



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY LANA MEIER

Dale Yeo proudly wears his Terry Fox Run shirt.

## Bezan remains shadow minister for national defence

Submitted by the office of James Bezan

James Bezan, Member of Parliament for Selkirk-Interlake-Eastman, issued a statement in response to Conservative leader Erin O'Toole's announcement of his shadow cabinet.

"I am honoured to continue to serve as the shadow minister for national defence and support our brave men and women in uniform.

"Our Conservative leader Erin O'Toole has built a strong and united team that reflects the bright future ahead of our party. It combines experience, expertise and ambition to hold Justin Trudeau and his Liberal government to account during this global health and economic crisis. I am humbled to have Erin's continued confidence and trust in this role.

"My passion for working alongside

Canada's troops on the National Defence file drives me to get the best possible outcomes for them. I am amazed every day by the sacrifices the members of the Canadian Armed Forces and their families accept willingly to keep Canada the true north, strong and free.

"Under Justin Trudeau's Liberal government, military procurement has been mismanaged and the capacity for the Canadian Armed Forces to serve to the best of their ability has worsened. It is the responsibility of the government to procure the equipment necessary and ensure we are using our forces in Canada's best interests while supporting our allies.

"I will continue to hold Minister Sajjan to account and fight for our troops while they fight for us."



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# Sunova Credit Union deals with phishing scam

Staff

Sunova Credit Union and several of its members have been victims of a recent phishing scam.

In this phishing attack, scammers impersonated the Sunova website ([www.sunovacu.ca](http://www.sunovacu.ca)) in late July and took out fake Google ads in Sunova's name to lure people to input personal information. Sunova's security wasn't breached since a scammer set up a completely separate site to persuade members to provide personal information.

Sunova reported the site as fraudulent as soon as it was discovered. However, by then, the scam had already impacted some of its members.

Then after Sunova discovered another fake Google ad on Aug. 18, it disabled external e-transfers and thousands of members had to do mandatory password resets.

"As the popularity of online commerce continues to increase, we all have to be aware that online fraud exists and take every precaution we can to protect sensitive information criminals can utilize," said Curtis Fines, vice-president and chief operations officer.

"At Sunova, we will continue to provide education on fraud schemes and invest in systems that protect our members and their personal in-

formation."

Now two-step verification is in place for Sunova's online banking platform and members are encouraged to make use of all security features.

To help the impacted members, Sunova is working with a fraud alert team, which will help to recover stolen funds. If the funds are still available from the financial institution that they were transferred to, the money will be returned and credited to the member.

However, if the funds are already depleted, then Sunova will file a claim with its insurers on behalf of the member. If the claim is approved, the member will be reimbursed, but a \$1,000 deductible will apply.

Sunova also notes that Google has "search ads" at the top of its page and they might not always be legitimate. If a site seems suspicious, members can contact Sunova prior to entering personal information. Members should ensure that they recognize the URL before clicking the link or go to the website directly by typing out the entire URL, such as [www.sunovacu.ca](http://www.sunovacu.ca).

Members can also use the Sunova app directly from their phones. More safety tips and information about the phishing scam are available at [www.sunovacu.ca](http://www.sunovacu.ca).



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Sunova is reminding members that as the popularity of e-commerce continues so do fraudulent phishing scams. Members should never give out personal financial information by email.

## Rosser wins provincial cup for best roads



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From left to right: Ed Appleyard (Grader Operator), Kelvin Stewart (Councillor Ward 4), Gord Main (Grader Operator), Frances Smee (Reeve), Larry Wandowich (Chief Administrative Officer), Randy Slatcher (Foreman) and Darryl Armstrong (Grader Operator). Missing from photo: Shawn Stewart (Grader Operator).

Submitted

The Manitoba Good Roads Association has awarded the Rural Municipality of Rosser the Provincial Cup for Overall Best Roads within its five-district area, and the Association of Manitoba Municipalities Shield (award sponsor) for Best Maintained System of Municipal Roads in District One. The RM of Rosser's last wins for Best Maintained Roads occurred in 2010, 2000

(tied), 1986, 1981, and 1979.

"We know that our Public Works crew does a great job keeping the roads in Rosser open and in excellent condition year-round, but it's nice to get that endorsement from the Manitoba Good Roads Association. Congratulations Randy, Ed, Darryl, Gord, and Shawn", Frances Smee (Reeve).



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## COVID and the stigma around it

By Evan Matthews

Back to school is already behind us, and while it didn't take long, so too are the first few cases of COVID-19 in Manitoba schools.

Though public health said the virus was not picked up at either school, both a Daniel McIntyre and John Pritchard students potentially exposed other students. Both schools are in Winnipeg, and both students who had the virus were asymptomatic.

There was another reported incident at Ecole New Era School in Brandon.

With no symptoms, the students were unlikely to have known they had the virus. Transmission risk to other students is low, according to the province, as physical distancing and mask wearing are being maintained in schools.

All to say, this result was not a possibility with going back to school but rather an inevitability. But whether in school or in a grocery store, we have to learn to live with coronavirus and not turn on one another.

While these cases are being reported

and discussed in the media, as they should be, it's also important to note that everyone — including those who have come down with the virus — are doing all they can do to protect others.

Social distance, hand washing, and mask wearing: these have become the pillars to proactively combat the virus.

But what hasn't been discussed as much is how to treat people once they've had it.

Jill Hodgson-McConnell, a mental health clinical specialist with the IERHA, said stigma is about people having a negative association with another person and characteristics of a specific disease — or, in this case, a virus.

Stigma is rooted in fear, she said, and when it comes to COVID so many people have fear of the unknown. When people are afraid, they tend to look to place blame. In the case of illness, there may be nowhere for that blame to go.

Blaming and shaming someone who has fallen ill is not the correct way to go, according to Hodgson-McConnell. "It's easy to say someone didn't do

what they needed to do in order to stay healthy," said Hodgson-McConnell.

"They didn't wash their hands, or they didn't wear a mask. When it comes to stigma, people will often try to remove and/or distance a sick person's behaviour from their own, and that's what can create an us-versus-them mentality."

Hodgson-McConnell is right in saying there is no blame.

But there is accountability. All we can do as a society is be proactive. Continue to follow the pillars so often discussed: wash your hands, wear a mask and physical distance.

As long as we all do what we can, there is no one to blame when the worst happens — and it can, does, and will happen.

It's not a hoax. We're seeing real people come out and discuss their experience with the virus. We can do our best to protect ourselves while still being compassionate.

As the World Health Organization points out on one of its many infographics on the topic: People who are sick with coronavirus have done nothing wrong, so let's not treat them any differently.

## Province advises employer prosecuted for workplace incident

Submitted by Manitoba government

Manitoba Finance is reminding employers to ensure workplaces are safe and adequate safeguards are in place for machines after an employer was prosecuted for violations of The Workplace Safety and Health Act and its associated regulations.

On June 12, 2017, a Winnipeg-based Rainbow Stage (1993) Inc. worker was constructing a prop desk using an unguarded table saw when the wood began to bind. The worker hit the stop button on the table saw, but the worker's hand came into contact with the

blade as it was coming to a stop. As a result, the worker sustained an amputation and other significant injuries to the hand.

The employer was fined \$14,950 and an additional \$1,250 to be used for educating the public on occupational safety and health. Rainbow Stage (1993) Inc. is a not-for-profit Manitoba theatre company governed by a board of directors and managed by a team of seven full-time employees.

The province may publish information on stop work orders, administrative penalties and convictions to

inform and educate employers and workers of their legal responsibilities under The Workplace Safety and Health Act and regulations. These measures are applied as behaviour-changing tools to encourage safe work practices. More information can be found at [www.gov.mb.ca/labour/safety/compliance.html](http://www.gov.mb.ca/labour/safety/compliance.html).

More information on workplace safety and health and The Workplace Safety and Health Act is available at [www.gov.mb.ca/labour/safety/index.html](http://www.gov.mb.ca/labour/safety/index.html).

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## Province ensures support for recycling and waste diversion programming

Submitted by Manitoba government

The Manitoba government will provide \$10 million toward recycling and waste diversion during the COVID-19 pandemic, Conservation and Climate Minister Sarah Guillemard announced Monday.

"Manitobans are spending more time at home, and in some cases that means an increase in waste or recyclables," Guillemard said. "We want to be sure that in these difficult times we don't lose focus on our responsibility to reduce our waste and continue to divert items from our landfills as much as possible."

Manitoba continues to encourage blue box recycling through almost \$7 million in recycling rebates to municipalities and Northern Affairs communities. As residents stay home more, it is important to continue to provide opportunities to recycle paper and packaging, such as beverage contain-

ers.

Manitoba is also continuing to support diverting organic waste from landfills, with up to \$620,000 in Manitoba composts support payments available to private and public compost facilities. Diverting organic waste to compost facilities extends the life of landfills, reduces greenhouse-gas emissions from the waste sector and produces compost, a valuable soil additive that supports plant growth.

Mother Earth Recycling is receiving \$50,000 to launch a pilot project to recycle child car seats and furniture. This project builds on the success of electronics refurbishment and mattress recycling in Winnipeg by this Indigenous-owned and operated social enterprise.

Product Care Association is receiving \$450,000 to collect and properly dispose of stockpiled household hazardous waste such as spray-foam con-

tainers and propane. This initiative focuses on northern landfills and helps to ensure these materials do not enter the environment.

The Manitoba Association of Regional Recyclers (MARR) is receiving \$60,000 to support Manitoba recycling organizations in adapting to the new and developing challenges created by COVID-19. This funding supports the sharing of information on industry trends and best practices, and promotes cost-efficient and effective recycling in Manitoba.

"Our members represent the grassroots of Manitoba's community and regional recycling and waste diversion efforts," said Deb Odegaard, chair of MARR (Flin Flon and District Recycling). "MARR is thrilled to continue our long-term partnership with the province, and we look forward to driving innovation and growth in our efforts to reduce waste and protect

Manitoba's land, air and water."

MARR is a non-profit association with members from community and regional recycling and waste reduction programs across the province. MARR focuses on education, information sharing and facilitating collaboration and partnerships between members

Cleanfarms is receiving \$185,000 to expand the collection and recycling of agricultural plastics in southern Manitoba. This program diverts grain bags and twine from landfills or on-site burning, extending the life of landfills and reducing air pollution.

This announcement builds on the investment of \$150 million for additional green initiatives to better protect the environment and support the goals and implementation of the Made-in-Manitoba Climate and Green Plan.

## Manitoba further expands Back to Work wage subsidy program

Submitted by Manitoba government

The Manitoba government has expanded its Back to Work in Manitoba Wage Subsidy Program as part of its continued commitment to safely restarting the provincial economy, Premier Brian Pallister and Economic Development and Training Minister Ralph Eichler announced Monday.

"The Back to Work wage subsidy is benefiting hundreds of Manitoba businesses that are bringing back employees who were laid off during the COVID-19 pandemic, and hiring more staff to boost their operations and provide valued services to Manitobans," said Pallister.

"Manitoba has designed some of Canada's strongest support programs to help relieve small businesses of unexpected financial burdens and flexibly address each employer's specific needs so they can redirect labour savings to resources they need to safely reopen."

Through the Back to Work initiative, private-sector and non-profit employers can receive up to \$100,000 to subsidize 20 employees (up to \$5,000 per employee) hired since July 16.

On Monday the province extended the program by two months until Dec. 31 and announced employers are now able to rehire students previously hired through the Manitoba Summer Student Recovery Jobs Pro-

gram, Canada Summer Job Program and Green Team Program. The province confirmed new start-up companies are eligible, providing they have a business number.

"Extending the program through the calendar year will support seasonal winter businesses and allow existing employers to use the program for a greater length of time into the holiday season," said Eichler. "Youth employment remains a focus of our government, and we want to give employers the flexibility to rehire summer students, which increases job creation and benefits post-secondary students and businesses alike."

To date, the Back to Work Manitoba Initiative has received more than 800 applications from employers for 4,500 positions and \$22.6 million in supports. Some of the top participating sectors include retail trade (16 per cent), agriculture, forestry, fishing and

hunting (12 per cent), and accommodation and food services (eight per cent).

The premier and minister highlighted the province's ongoing business outreach throughout the pandemic, such as regular calls with key business stakeholders, including the restaurant and food services industry, to hear their challenges and input to shape provincial response plans.

The Manitoba government has authorized expenditures of \$714 million in 2020-21 to support businesses and not-for-profit organizations through supports such as conditional non-repayable loans and working capital, targeted wage subsidies, rent supports, deferred fees and interest, rebates, infrastructure spending as well as non-financial support.

Programs include the \$120-million Manitoba Gap Protection Program, which provides a one-time \$6,000

non-interest-bearing forgivable loan to eligible Manitoba small and medium-sized businesses; \$120 million for the Back to Work This Summer Initiative and Summer Student Recovery Jobs Program; and \$350 million for infrastructure construction projects as part of the two-year, \$500-million Manitoba Restart Capital Program.

Recent labour force statistics that show nearly 70 per cent of Manitobans who lost their jobs in March and April have been rehired, and Pallister and Eichler confirmed the province's commitment to get even more employees back to work.

The Back to Work Manitoba Wage Subsidy application deadline is now Dec. 1. Employers will be required to provide proof of payment of wages by Feb. 1, 2021. Program details and the application form are available online at [www.gov.mb.ca/covid19/restart-mb/btwmp.html](http://www.gov.mb.ca/covid19/restart-mb/btwmp.html).

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## Five-day COVID-19 test positivity rate at 1.4 per cent

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Manitoba's five-day COVID-19 test positivity rate was at 1.4 per cent Monday as public health officials announced 21 new cases of the virus, the bulk of them in Winnipeg.

Those cases, added to the 35 announced over the weekend, bring Manitoba's total number of cases to 1,449.

There were 257 active cases on Monday and 1,176 total recoveries. Twelve people were in hospital at the start of the week, three in intensive care. Sixteen Manitobans have died of COVID-19 since the pandemic began.

At press time, Interlake-Eastern RHA had a total of 17 active cases and 77 recovered.

The Beausejour district currently has two active cases, Fisher River Peguise one, Springfield two, Stonewall/Teulon seven, Winnipeg Beach/St. Andrews four and the unknown district one.

The first week of school ended with reports of potential exposures at five schools in Winnipeg and Brandon.

"At this time, the school exposures were in people who were asymptomatic at the time that they were in the schools," explained Dr. Brent Roussin, Manitoba's chief public health officer at Monday's press briefing.

Roussin noted that in all these cases public health advice was being followed, including physical distancing and mask use, and so the risk to others is considered to be low.

Still, the increasing case numbers across the province is a reminder that "we are seeing this virus circulating and it's necessary to always practise those fundamentals and all the protocols that have been put in place," Roussin said.

That includes staying home if you are sick, washing/sanitizing your hands, covering your cough, physically distancing when you are with people outside your household, and wearing a mask in situations where you cannot physically distance.

"We know that our actions today could have effects up to two weeks from now," Roussin stressed, "so we

need to stay up to date on those fundamentals, protecting ourselves and protecting the people around us."

Learning to live with COVID-19 goes beyond common sense health precautions, Roussin noted.

"We also have to remember to be kind and that stigma really impairs our ability to address this virus," he said.

Roussin urges people with even mild symptoms of respiratory illness to get tested soon after those symptoms arise.

"If you test positive, no one is blaming you, but it's the best way to protect everyone around you," he said.

Businesses are encouraged to have protocols in place for what is expected to be a fall and winter filled with higher than usual rate of employee absenteeism.

"We again ask employers not to send asymptomatic employees for testing," Roussin said. "Only symptomatic people or people who have been advised from Public Health should be going for asymptomatic testing."

## Rockwood council news in brief

By Jennifer McFee

- At the Sept. 9 meeting, Rockwood council agreed to purchase a 2021 International HV607 6x4 from Maxim Truck and Trailer for \$121,106.72 plus tax, after trade-in.

- Council approved a request to vary the minimum site area and minimum site width for a proposed lot, as well as the minimum site area of a proposed residual lot, related to a conditional subdivision of a property on Road 90N.

- Council also approved a request to vary the minimum site area and minimum site width related to a conditional subdivision of a property on Road 80N.

- Council passed first reading of a bylaw for the closure and sale of Parkdale Avenue. A public hearing will be scheduled before the second reading.

- Council passed first reading of a bylaw to loan \$250,000 to John Q Public Inc. to construct, install and op-

erate a fibre optic network in the strategic fibre corridor, which includes the RM of Rockwood. The funds for the loan will come from the community enhancement reserve. The terms of the loan will end on Dec. 31, 2026. This Bylaw 16/20 replaces the previous Bylaw 09/20.

- Council received an application to subdivide a 2.1-acre parcel from a 7.6-acre holding at a property southwest of Balmoral.

## Stonewall council news in brief

By Jennifer McFee

- At a special meeting on Sept. 9, Stonewall council passed second and third reading of a bylaw that authorizes a loan to John Q Public Inc. for the installation of a fibre optic net-

work in the strategic fibre corridor.

- At a committee of the whole meeting on the same night, Stonewall council discussed a sample council code of conduct bylaw. The provincial government is mandating that coun-

cils have a code of conduct bylaw as well as training for all council members. The Town of Stonewall will introduce its bylaw for consideration at the Sept. 16 regular council meeting.

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### How Many Times?

Then Peter came and said to him, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times." Matthew 18:21-35

The number seven that Peter refers to in Hebrew spiritually signifies complete submission to the will of God. Peter is asking Jesus if it is enough to submit to God's will completely when it comes to forgiving. Jesus replies not just seven times, but 77 times. This number is ten times seven plus seven. Ten in Hebrew represents God's hand at work in our lives.

Jesus is not telling us to keep a tally that goes up to 77 when it comes to forgiveness. He is telling us to completely submit to God and forgive the person, then turn them over to God to work on.

This theme is reiterated when Jesus is asked to teach the disciples how to pray and gives us the Lord's Prayer, praying that we be forgiven our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Jesus links our forgiving others with the grace of God shown to us.

Forgiveness is something we may all struggle with. Perhaps we have failed to understand that forgiveness is about releasing the one who is offended from the oppression of anger, resentment and bitterness. Forgiveness has nothing to do with not holding someone accountable for their actions or forgetting that something happened. It is about set free of the emotional and spiritual turmoil that could otherwise burden us for the remainder of our days.

Forgiveness may also allow the perpetrator and a relationship to heal if it is relayed to the perpetrator in that it is an opportunity for honest dialogue, which might lead to healing. It is a grace that by definition is not earned. Receiving God's grace, submitting to God's will and trusting God will work in the other's life puts the onus on the perpetrator to receive God's grace and undergo healing in their own life or be accountable to God.

Perhaps our tendency towards unforgiveness indicates that we somehow fail to receive the grace that is God's gift given to us through our Lord Jesus Christ's sacrifice. Thus we hang on to our sense of guilt.

God has forgiven us and wants to be reconciled with us. And in order to do that, we need to accept the incredible forgiveness that has been offered to us. If you are burdened by guilt and a sense of guilt, acknowledge your need to God in prayer and receive grace. If you still have difficulties, don a mask and sit down with a trusted spiritual leader. Unloading the burden you carry will be such a blessing to you and others.

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# Virtual and in-person programs available at South Interlake 55 Plus

By Jennifer McFee

Adaptable exercise options continue to step up in response to the ongoing pandemic.

At South Interlake 55 Plus, several programs are available virtually while others are now up and running at the centre.

The Steppin' Up volunteer-led exercise class has been running virtually on Zoom six days a week since mid-April. These hour-long Zoom classes run Monday to Saturday starting at 9 a.m.

Executive director Cheryl Cathers said they've just recently reintroduced the class at the centre on Wednesdays at 9 a.m. as well.

With a focus on cardio, strength, stretching and stability, this program is offered free of cost but memberships are encouraged to help support the program.

"People can come into the centre, but if there are others who are wanting to Zoom in, they can on Wednesday mornings as well," she said. "So we're doing it dually from the centre as well as Zooming."

Similarly, line dancing classes are offered virtually as well as at the centre on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

The virtual programs have proven to be popular, attracting participants from near and far.

"With our Steppin' Up program, we've got people all over Manitoba. Some have been at their cottages and some are from other areas or in Winnipeg. We also have people joining us from Ottawa. With our line dancing class online, it's been reaching a number of different people in Winnipeg and outside of Manitoba quite a distance," Cathers said.

"It's been good to connect people through this time when we physically can't get together since they're still socially connected. It's been great. It's been an opportunity for our seniors' centre to reach out and keep our people connected through this challenging time."

For another way to connect, a new virtual chat program is being offered via Zoom on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month from 3 to 4 p.m.

Of course, efforts are ongoing to remain connected with those who are less tech savvy.

"We still are working hard to keep those that are not technologically advanced connected and working at those things too," Cathers added.

"Our telephone line is always a way to reach those people and keep them in tune with what's available to them."

In addition, a full slate of programs just launched at the centre, including



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Fitness instructor Cheryl Cooning leads the group in a Body Blast class this past Monday evening.

cardio, yoga, Zumba and Pilates, with a limit of 15 participants at a time.

"When you're coming into the centre, there are new rules and protocols for everyone to follow," Cathers added.

On Thursday, Sept. 24, the annual general meeting will take place at Odd Fellow's Hall (374 1st St. West in Stonewall) at 7 p.m. Since a limited

number of people will be allowed in the centre, the meeting will also be offered via Zoom.

Anyone wanting to attend, either in person or by Zoom, will need to pre-register by Monday, Sept. 21 at 4 p.m.

For more information, call the South Interlake 55 Plus at 204-467-2582 or email [si55plus@mts.net](mailto:si55plus@mts.net). Information is also posted online at [www.si55plus.org](http://www.si55plus.org).

## Three words you should know when wearing dentures

By Elisha Vador

The happiest people who wear dentures will tell you that their dentures look good, feel good and work good. When these three words – look, feel, and work, unite together in a good way, it makes people say, "I have no issues". And that's the golden sentence every person who's wearing some sort of denture in their mouth strives to say every day, while eating their toast.

When Lorraine came to see us last month (in July) she was due for a new upper denture. She initially addressed two main concerns with her old denture. First, when she smiled, too much of the gums showed. So, we classify this as a 'looks' concern and ultimately an opportunity to improve her confidence when smiling. Second, her denture was starting to feel loose, uncomfortable, and not fitting properly.

Essentially, it didn't feel good anymore, and that's a huge issue many denture wearers experience.

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- Buy tough toys (stuffed toys, rubber balls, plastic bones) that Fido will be able to chew on to his heart's content.
- Make your dog's meals last as long as possible to reduce his urge to chew on non-food items.
- Make sure your dog gets plenty of exercise every day to get rid of excess energy.

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# Excitement overshadowed by apprehension as students return to school



Piper Cardinal



Rogan Spoecklin



Jordan Glaspey

By Sydney Lockhart

Students are still having concerns about going to school during the pandemic, even after their first week back.

"There's a lot of changes with the desks and mask wearing. We have stations we have to go to wash our hands. Every time we come in, we have to sanitize our hands," said Grade 6 student Piper Cardinal. "It's different than what I'm used to. It was a little weird in a way."

Students are only allowed to remove their mask to eat and when they are outside for recess.

"It worries me a little but not a lot because the teachers tell us to stay further apart without masks," she said.

Cardinal added that she finds it sometimes confusing in class trying to understand a teacher who has a mask on.

"We aren't able to go to the library at all. The librarian comes in and lets us read in the mini library in the class," said 11-year-old Cardinal. "They're playing it safe with how they're doing it."

For Grade 9 student Rogan Spoecklin, she said the change from the middle school to the high school is not what she expected.

"We didn't even get a tour. We were

just told what class we were in. It was kind of upsetting that they just pointed us to our class because we've had people walk in the wrong classroom not knowing where to go," said Spoecklin.

Stonewall Collegiate Institute (SCI) normally would have their annual presentation to the Grade 9 students to welcome them to the school and introduce themselves to one another. This year there was no first day of high school orientation due to the COVID-19 restrictions.

"There are some classes I have with people I've never met before so that is a bit hard," she said. "I find we're not getting as much work in the first week. It feels pretty slow moving."

Spoecklin added that she sees many people having trouble reading emotion off of one another's faces. She experienced a moment where a teacher smiled at her, but she thought they were glaring at her due to the mask.

"Wearing a mask all day is hard on everyone, but not being able to socialize with everyone like we used to is taking a toll on me," she said.

In SCI, cohorts are assigned an area of classrooms where all their classes take place. They are not allowed to wander the halls or leave their area without teacher accompaniment.

"There are some incidents where I feel more nervous about getting the virus because not everyone is obeying the rules. Sometimes they get too close to you and you have to ask them to back away," she said.

SCI students attend in person classes every second day. During those classes they are given work to take home and complete the following day.

"It's not normal," she said.

Jordan Glaspey, Grade 11 SCI stu-

dent, received a reusable face mask on the first day of school along with all the other students.

"In high school you usually have that sense of freedom, and I don't have that anymore," she said.

Any students that live in town are asked to go home for their lunch breaks and spares in order to keep the number of people in the school to a minimum.

"I'm obviously nervous about the virus and everyone sees that it's in town. It's scary that it's in our area, but it's also nerve-racking that we're not going to have face-to-face time with our teachers," said Glaspey.

"It's hard because usually in school I would ask a question and get the answer immediately after, but now I write an email and I don't know when I'm going to get an answer. I have to wait for a response," she said.

Glaspey said her class was not informed as to what would happen if someone were to contract the COVID-19 virus.

Due to the student schedules being limited to keep the cohorts separated, some students were not able to take all the classes that they requested.

Glaspey, who plans on studying medicine after high school, said she felt very lucky to have all the classes she needs in her schedule to get into university because not all of her friends did and are trying to figure out a way to switch their schedules.

Glaspey's mom Tara said she had lots of anxiety sending her children back to school.

"I sat them down the night before and told them 'We've protected you for as long as we can and now you have to do that for the family and it's your responsibility,'" she said.

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## Merit Functional Foods ready to open in CentrePort

By Jennifer McFee

A new food production facility will open soon in CentrePort to provide the ingredients that go into protein-packed dairy and meat alternatives for consumers.

Merit Functional Foods was established in July 2019 by hemp industry experts Ryan Bracken, Berry Tomiski and Shaun Crew, who have decades of experience working in the plant protein industry. The company takes pride in offering a lineup of pea and canola protein that exceeds industry standards for purity, solubility and taste.

Last fall, construction began on a 94,000-square-foot facility in CentrePort.

"We are nearing the finish line — in the last few months we have made amazing progress and our facility is on track to be fully operational by the

fourth quarter of 2020," said Bracken, co-CEO of the company.

"Along with producing high-purity pea protein, we're proud that our facility will be the first commercial facility with the capability to produce food-grade canola protein. Ultimately these ingredients will then be used in the formulations of high-value food applications such as plant-protein beverages, dairy alternatives and meat alternatives."

It's good news for the agriculture industry since Merit will be sourcing pea and non-GMO canola in Western Canada.

"We will initially source approximately 30,000 acres worth of pea and canola, growing to greater than 100,000 acres within three to five years," Bracken said, "which will add more value to Western Canadian agriculture."



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Merit Functional Foods is on track to be fully operational by the end of this year.

Merit's ingredients can be used in a variety of products, including meat alternatives and dairy alternatives — like plant-based milk, plant-based frozen dessert and plant-based yogurt — as well as functional foods and beverages such as protein supplements or nutrition bars.

"We're redefining what 'plant-based' means when it comes to protein. Consumers are looking for plant-based protein, but without sacrificing

taste or texture," Bracken said.

"While early adopters of the plant-based movement may have been less critical of plant-based protein's taste, today the consumer base has significantly grown — and with that growth has come the expectation of good taste and the ability to move to a plant-based diet without trade-offs. Protein from Merit means that it's not

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## Interlake Packers continues with farming roots

By Evan Matthews

The most successful businesses bridge a gap, fill a need, provide a service, so it should be no surprise that this Interlake success story can be traced back to the farm.

A group of 12 farmers started Interlake Packers — originally known as Interlake Custom Killing Plant — in 1972, as there was nowhere else near St. Laurent or the surrounding area to process livestock. Over the years, Monica Schon's father slowly bought out each one of the 12 to become the sole owner.

"My dad owned a beef farm, and there was nowhere to slaughter in our area. They built a small little facility, and it just started to grow," said Schon, who is now the manager and co-owner.

Schon has co-owned with her three



Some of the classic sausage and garlic rings made at Interlake Packers.

brothers, Rick (who works at the facility and is quality control and our main sausage maker), Ed (the former-manager, now retired), and Willy (a silent partner), since 1991.

"Now, our business focuses on processing pork, we have a retail store,

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Siblings Rick and Monica Schon operate the family-owned and operated Interlake Packers business.

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and we do wholesale," she said.

The business has a truck on the road five days a week supplying large quantities of processed pork products to other retailers as far north as Gypsumville, Fisher Branch, Peguis, Inwood, Teulon, Arborg, Riverton and Gimli.

The retail store offers an array of sausage and garlic rings, which are smoked on-site. The business recently invested \$300,000 into a new smoker, as the old one couldn't keep up with the demand the business had.

Reflecting the ever-increasingly difficulties associated with the beef production industry, Schon said Interlake Packers stopped slaughtering beef roughly four years ago.

"It started with BSE (mad cow) when... Rothesay stopped rendering beef. They are still open but render pork," said Schon, referring to what was Manitoba's only rendering company at the time. Rendering is the process of converting waste animal tissue into stable, usable materials.

"We tried to hang on until it just

wasn't sustainable. It got to a point where we were losing money on beef production."

With so many beef producers in the area, there were quite a few producers saddened by the business's decision, she added.

Schon said the company still brings in some beef for certain sausage recipes, but the beef comes in from Beausejour and Carman after being processed.

"Our sausage is probably the bread and butter of our business, and they're gluten-free. They're so well-known all over the place. ... People come from B.C. and everywhere else to stock up," said Schon, adding the plant produces 1,500 pounds of sausage daily.

"Our bacon is supposed to be the best in the world, we have a few testimonials. ... That's probably why we're still standing," she said, chuckling.

For the most part, COVID-19 has impacted businesses in every industry, and Interlake Packers is no exception.

Fortunately, the bottom line has not been overly affected by COVID.

Whereas wholesale demand may have dropped off slightly, Schon said the company's custom work has picked up "tremendously."

"It was slow for a while when it first hit in March ... but everybody is trying to raise their own meat now. They raise a pig, they bring it in here, and we butcher and package the meat as requested," said Schon.

"That's more and more because people like to know what they're eating nowadays, I think. We've also been

doing a lot of wild game from hunters who bring in elk or moose. ... We do lots of different sausage for them."

Sales in the retail store have increased quite a bit during COVID, Schon said. There are more people at home looking for local product and traditional recipes.

"We've actually hired a couple of people over the pandemic," said Schon. "It's been sad. Some of the restaurants we supply didn't survive, so we know we're fortunate."



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## \$134-Million interprovincial agreement renewed for Western College of Veterinary Medicine

By the Manitoba government

Three provincial governments announced the renewal of their financial commitment to the University of Saskatchewan's Western College of Veterinary Medicine (WCV) today.

The Manitoba, British Columbia and Saskatchewan governments' agreement with the University of Saskatchewan provides over \$134 million to the Western College of Veterinary Medicine (WCV) for the next five

years.

The agreement helps to ensure that Western Canada has a steady supply of veterinarians with in-depth knowledge of animal health and public health, as well as an awareness of the standards and issues facing livestock, fowl and fisheries producers, and pet owners.

"The Manitoba government is pleased to renew our commitment to training in veterinary medicine and

continue our long-standing partnership that provides high-quality education and training opportunities to Manitobans and helps meet labour market demand across the province," said Manitoba Economic Development and Training Minister Ralph Eichler. "This is an important investment in Manitoba's agriculture sector that aligns with needs under the Manitoba Protein Advantage Strategy. We need good veterinarians in place to help us practise safe animal welfare and keep growing animal agriculture in Manitoba."

Saskatchewan Minister of Advanced Education Tina Beaudry-Mellor said, "Ensuring that educational opportunities meet labour-market expectations is a Growth Plan priority for our government. This agreement allows Saskatchewan, and our partner provinces, to communicate admissions' priorities so they are in step with each province's labour-market needs."

British Columbia Minister of Advanced Education, Skills and Training Melanie Mark said, "There is an increasing demand for veterinarians and veterinary research across Western Canada. This agreement helps us focus on equipping students from the

western provinces with the expertise to return and practise in their home communities, where they are in demand."

University of Saskatchewan interim provost and vice-president academic Melissa Just said, "The WCV is built on collaboration, and its people and programs strengthen the University of Saskatchewan's impact in everything from agriculture and animal health to comparative medicine and public health. We're excited to see what it will achieve with the renewed support of its provincial partners and our university."

The WCV is the premier centre of veterinary education, research and expertise in Western Canada and a key member of Canada's veterinary, public health and food safety networks. The internationally accredited facility includes a veterinary medical centre, a provincial diagnostic laboratory and large-scale research facilities.

The college's new interprovincial agreement is in place until 2025.

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# Province invests \$6 million to help support Oak Hammock Marsh Interpretive Centre

By Katelyn Boulanger

Oak Hammock Marsh pays tribute to its beginnings with the renaming of the interpretive centre to the Harry J. Enns Wetland Discovery Centre in honour of the MLA who pushed so hard for its creation 27 years ago.

"During his tenure as minister for natural resources, [Harry J. Enns] was a champion of what this place could become. He was a strong advocate for outdoor education and connecting people to the role that natural areas play in their lives. He believed in the vision of Oak Hammock Marsh and, with the support of many others who saw its power and potential, helped make that vision a reality.

Now, nearly 30 years later, the building stands as a testament to his steadfast support and many contributions," said Karla Guyn, CEO of Ducks Unlimited Canada.

Members of Enns' family were there to celebrate the announcement on Sept. 10. Harry J. Enns' son, Andrew Enns, spoke about his father's dedication to the idea of Oak Hammock Marsh and his willingness to get into political fights for causes that were close to him.

"Dad would be very humbled and very proud. For those of you who served with Dad and who knew him, as you know, this was a highlight of his career. It was a long career with more than a few accomplishments, but he was very proud of this undertaking. He was a passionate believer of this project from the beginning," said Enns.

"Dad had the foresight to know that centres like these will only increase in importance over time and, on behalf of the Enns family, we are very proud that this one will bear the name of Harry J. Enns."

Premier Brian Pallister spoke about how Enns inspired him as an MLA and told a story about how all those years ago not everyone supported the current version of Oak Hammock Marsh but Enns' confidence in this vision for the marsh never wavered.

"What Harry did was he took that opposition and used it to inspire himself and others. He confronted it with the facts and the relevant points that he had to make to convince people to proceed with this project and many others. This was just one of many issues that Harry undertook with dignity and respectfully, with humour, and more than his share of mischief," said Pallister.

In addition to a new name, the more

than 100,000

visitors who come to Oak Hammock every single year will see some upgrades to the place. Earlier this year the Manitoba government announced up to \$1.5 million as part of the capital campaign to renovate the interpretive centre.

Pallister said that the Interpretive Centre is a good example of a private-public partnership, this one being initially a partnership between Ducks Unlimited and the Government of Manitoba.

"There comes a time in the life cycle of any amenity when more repair and reinvestment becomes necessary and that's the case for the interpretive centre," said Pallister.

He then also announced additional funding for the continued operation of the centre. This was done by establishing the Harry J. Enns-Oak Hammock Marsh fund at the Interlake Community Foundation and a \$6-million contribution, which will replace the annual provincial operating grant.

"What this does instead [of the operating grant] is that it ensures that funding going into the future and isn't that the way we should be supporting long term the environmental and community projects that we value," said Pallister.

The fund is expected to return about \$270,000 annually for the centre.

Oak Hammock Marsh is located east of Stonewall and is a 36-square-kilometre marsh featuring a restored prairie marsh, aspen-oak bluff, artesian springs and some of Manitoba's last remaining patches of tall-grass prairie. It also features a theatre, scenic cafe, gift shop, meeting rooms, rooftop observation deck and interactive exhibits. Its interpretive centre welcomes students, tourists and environmental professionals annually who can explore 30 kilometres of trails and lush natural habitat that is home to 25 species of mammals, 300 species of birds, numerous amphibians, reptiles, fish and invertebrates.

For more information on Oak Hammock Marsh, visit [www.oakhammockmarsh.ca/](http://www.oakhammockmarsh.ca/).



Harry J. Enns.



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY KATELYN BOULANGER

Karla Guyn, DUC CEO and Premier Brian Pallister at the announcement of the renaming of Oak Hammock Marsh's interpretive centre to the Harry J. Enns Wetland Discovery Centre on Sept. 10.



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Oak Hammock Marsh features a restored prairie marsh, aspen-oak bluff, artesian spring and some of the last remaining patches of tall-grass prairie. It also features a theatre, a scenic cafe, a gift shop, meeting rooms, rooftop observation deck and interactive exhibits.



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DUC President Claude Wilson, left, Minister of Natural Resources Harry Enns, middle, and Felix Holtmann, MP for Portage-Interlake, at the official opening of the Oak Hammock Marsh Interpretive Centre on May 1, 1993.



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## A royally great season

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The Stonewall Royals enjoyed a tremendous season this past summer, posting an impressive 5-2-1 record to finish third in the Winnipeg Women's Soccer League's 3rd Division standings. Pictured back row, left to right: Sara Good, Jenna Klimchuk, Ashley Adams, Carlie McDonald and Ashley Williams. Front row, Leah Mitchell, Monica Posavec, Kasha Korchinski, Taylor Place, Eryn Stewart, and Corrine Appleyard. Missing from the photo is Julia Zarrillo, Sam Williams, Symantha Ciulla, Raynee Doucette, Megan Ross and Tasha Szczerba.

## 2020 MB Marathon to be a virtual event

### Staff

The Manitoba Marathon, delayed by the COVID-19 pandemic, will be a virtual event next month.

Usually held on Father's Day, the Manitoba Marathon was scheduled for Oct. 11.

Now, however, the event will be conducted as a virtual event from Oct. 11 until Nov. 11. The announcement was made last Wednesday.

For more race details and to register for the event go to their website at [manitobamarathon.mb.ca](http://manitobamarathon.mb.ca).

## MJHL makes major changes for 2020-21 season

By Brian Bowman

The Manitoba Junior Hockey League will undergo some major changes for the 2020-21 season.

With the addition of a 12th MJHL franchise named the Winnipeg Freeze, which is owned by 50 Below Sports + Entertainment, the league will now be divided into three four-team divisions this season. The change was made to limit travel and virus exposure during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Selkirk Steelers will be in a Southeast division along with the Winnipeg Blues, Freeze, and the Steinbach Pistons.

An Interior division will include the Portage Terriers, Winkler Flyers, Neepawa, and the Virden Oil Capitals while a Northwest division will feature the Waywayseecappo Wolverines, OCN Blizzard, Swan Valley Stampeders and the Dauphin Kings.

"In the course of our planning for the upcoming season, it became clear that we had to further self-impose schedule modifications and restrictions to ensure that we were moving forward in a safe, structured and responsible manner," said MJHL commissioner Kevin Saurette. "Each organization is to be commended for their absolute

commitment to providing players with a safe development opportunity on and off the ice in the face of the difficult challenges ahead."

Each team will play a 40-game regular-season schedule compared to 60 last season. Training camps will begin this Friday while the regular season will start on Oct. 9.

Teams will play each divisional rival eight times (four home, four away) and each of the league's other eight teams twice (one home, one away).

The schedule, which will span over 22 weekends, is split into four five-week blocks separated by breaks in

the schedule. The first self-imposed break is in the middle of November, followed by the traditional Christmas break and a further self-imposed break at the beginning of February.

The implementation of breaks were essential, said the MJHL, to provide a necessary buffer to recover from potential COVID-19 implications and/or weather related disruption.

Each team will play two games a week and will only face one team each week.

The MJHL playoff format is expected to be announced in the coming weeks.

## Curling Canada cancels six more events

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Curling Canada has cancelled six more events in 2021 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The organization announced last Thursday that it has cancelled the Continental Cup in Oakville, Ont., the Canadian under-18 championships in Timmins, Ont., the New Holland Canadian junior championships in Fort McMurray, Alta., the Canadian wheelchair championship in Moose

Jaw, Sask., the Canadian Under 15 RockFest and the U Sports/Canadian Colleges Athletic Association championships.

Safety of participants and volunteers, travel restrictions and costs were factors in the decisions to cancel the events, said Curling Canada.

"We considered all options, but in the end, we had to make the responsible decision — for the athletes, for the volunteers and for the organization,

to ensure the safety of those involved in the championships as well as the viability of the sport in Canada," said Katherine Henderson, chief executive officer of Curling Canada, in a statement. The Scotties Tournament of Hearts Canadian women's championship in Thunder Bay, Ont., the Tim Hortons Brier Canadian men's championship in Kelowna, B.C., and the world men's championship in Ottawa, Ont. remain on the schedule.



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## Stonewall Jets hit the ice for training camp

By Brian Bowman

The Stonewall Jets hit the ice for three practices last week and will have three more this week.

But after that, there are way more questions than answers as they prepare for the upcoming season.

The Manitoba Major Junior Hockey League is currently in limbo like many other leagues in the province due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

"All of the exhibition games are cancelled right now," said Jets' head coach

Brock Couch on Monday afternoon. "It looks like that they're not even going to happen just because there's no protocols in place and teams can't visit each other's arena yet."

Phase 3 of "Return to Play" has to go through Hockey Manitoba, Sport Manitoba and then the Province of Manitoba before leagues can play games.

In past years, the MMJHL has held a very successful preseason tournament at the Ed Golding Arena. That

won't happen this year.

"That's a great tournament and it kind of sucks because you can't see some of these guys that you haven't seen before or want to see in game action," Couch said. "I guess that's where intrasquad (games) come in. To throw us right into the regular season, whoever prepares the best and the most thorough, will have the most benefit."

The Jets had 24 skaters and four goalies come out to camp last week. Everyone who was expected to show

up did, and there were some pretty talented players among the young crop of guys that have a crack at making this year's roster, said Couch.

"There aren't any guys that are on the ice right now, new or old, that are...obvious cuts," Couch said, noting the league is allowing teams to carry 25 players up until Jan. 10.

"Everybody has a chance and there are a lot of young guys that want to be part of our team."

## Manitoba Junior Baseball League award winners announced

Staff

The Manitoba Junior Baseball League 2020 award winners were announced by the league last Thursday.

The Elmwood Giants' Brandon Ra-

cette (7-2 record, 2.64 earned-run average) was named top pitcher while teammate Darnell Wyke, an outfielder, was honoured as the top defensive player. Elmwood first baseman Riley

Trager was recognized for sportsmanship and ability.

Carillon Sultans' third baseman Zach Giesbrecht was named the MJBL's most valuable player, hitting

.571 with a home run and 11 RBI.

Pembina Valley Orioles' outfielder Tristan Peters was named the league's top rookie. He batted .500 with two homers and 20 RBI.

## Stonewall United shut out by Sinjar FC

Staff

Stonewall United was shut out 2-0 by Sinjar FC in Manitoba Major Soccer League 5th Division action last Friday at the Ralph Cantafio Soccer Complex in Winnipeg.

Saad Rasho scored for Sinjar FC. The other tally was an own goal.

On Sept. 7, the United played to a 1-1 draw with the Saint James Spurs Soccer Club.

Stonewall's goal was scored by Kev-

in Holloway while Ross Pinhammer replied for Saint James.

With the tie and loss last week, Stonewall is now 4-5-1 and has 13 points to sit in fifth place in the eight-team division. The United was just

one point back of Les Bleus although Stonewall had played one more game than Les Blues at press time.

Stonewall has scored 20 goals this season while giving up just 14 for a plus-six goal differential. That's third best in the division.

Stonewall will play Les Bleus in a key game this Thursday at the University of Manitoba. Game time is 9 p.m.

## Manitoba waives emergency measures exercise requirements

By Evan Matthews

The Province of Manitoba has waived its requirement for RMs to exercise their emergency measures protocols, but that doesn't mean RMs won't practise anyway.

In the Interlake, both the RMs of Woodlands and Armstrong have been busy ensuring emergency measure protocol is up to date, and Woodlands Reeve Lori Schellekens said the RM intends to continue its preparation for worst-case scenarios.

"We didn't get through our entire tabletop exercise originally, but all (of council) felt more comfortable knowing that with the training, they could handle something if it came," said Schellekens.

The RM will continue its tabletop

exercise at some point in the near future, likely at the Warren Multi-Purpose. Council has yet to set a date.

"We're lucky we haven't had to deal with any flooding or anything this year with everything else that's going on. But you don't ever want to be caught unprepared, really," she said.

Though Armstrong Reeve Susan Smerchanski could not be reached by press time, Armstrong did hold an EMO meeting and tabletop exercise on Aug. 10 at the Fraserwood Hall.

On Aug. 14 the provincial department of infrastructure announced the emergency measures organization would be suspending the requirement for municipal emergency coordinators and chief administrative officers to conduct their usually

mandatory annual exercises.

The announcement comes as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, according to the province.

"This is primarily intended for functional and full-scale exercises where physical distancing requirements can make their conduct challenging but extends to tabletop exercises as well," the statement reads.

"We encourage you to consider conducting tabletop exercises if possible," it goes on, later emphasizing the need for appropriate COVID-19 risk reduction measures.

Coming in December, the province will make its decision on whether or not the suspension will extend to 2021.

In 2019, both the RMs of Woodlands

and Armstrong conducted similar full-scale exercises in which tanker trucks filled with either explosive or toxic materials had overturned, creating hypothetical emergencies in the respective communities.

After the hypothetical emergency was in full swing, municipal emergency co-ordinators — with the help of their council, fire department and the province — would set up an emergency operations centre to best deal with the situation as it evolved.

"Without these exercises, how else do you prepare?" Schellekens asked.

"You never know what's going to happen, but we're going to be ready."



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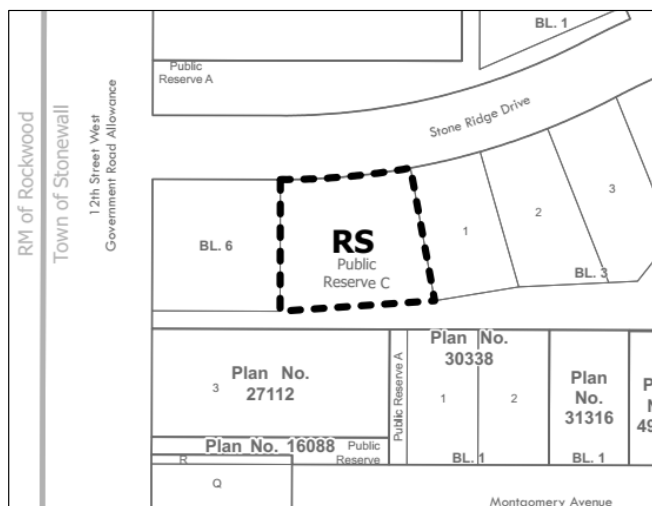
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Public Notice is hereby given that the 2021 General Assessment and Personal Property Assessment Rolls for the Town of Stonewall have been delivered to the Town Office at 293 Main Street, Stonewall, Manitoba and are open for public inspection during the regular business hours.

The Board of Revision shall sit to hear applications respecting assessment on **Thursday, October 15th, 2020 at the hour of 6:30 P.M.** in the Council Chambers of the Town Hall, 293 Main Street, Stonewall, Manitoba.

Applications for revision of assessment shall be made in accordance with Sections 42 and 43 of the Assessment Act:

## APPLICATION FOR REVISION

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- liability to taxation;
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- classification of property; or
- a refusal by an assessor to amend the assessment roll under subsection 13(2)

## APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

43(1) An application for revision must:

- be made in writing;
- set out the roll number and legal description of the assessable property for which a revision is sought;
- set out which of the matters referred above in subsection 42(1) are at issue, and the grounds for each of those matters; and
- be filed by
  - delivering it or causing it to be delivered to the office of the Town of Stonewall, Box 250, 293 Main Street, Stonewall, Manitoba, R0C 2Z0, or
  - serving it upon the Secretary of the Board of Revision

The final date on which applications shall be received by the Secretary of the Board of Revision is **Tuesday, September 29th, 2020.**

Dated this 4th day of September A.D., 2020 at the Town of Stonewall in the Province of Manitoba.

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To everyone who was there for us during Harvey's illness and following his death, we wish to express our sincere thanks. Special thanks to those that drove Harvey to his many appointments, to neighbours that did the grocery shopping and to those for all the food and baking. Thank you!

Thank you to Dr. Ventor and nursing staff at Stonewall Hospital for your compassion and excellent care. You are such a great group.  
-The Bergner and Shabaga families

## CARD OF THANKS

I would like to thank my family and friends for the birthday cards, phone calls, beautiful supper, flowers and gifts. I had a beautiful day. Thank you so very much.  
-Margaret Blowers

## CARD OF THANKS

We are very grateful for the cards, phone calls, visits, kind words and tributes made to Bill. A special thank you to those who made donations to Cancer Care MB and the various charities. Your thoughtfulness will always be remembered.  
-Pat Kotelko and family

## CARD OF THANKS

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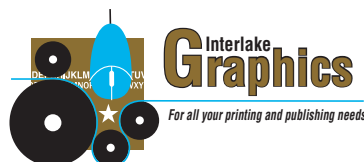
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## ANNIVERSARY



Our parents,  
Wally and Linda (nee Gislason) Finnbogason  
are celebrating

their 60th wedding anniversary today!  
Married at the Geysir Church on September 17, 1960.

Mom and Dad along with their children, Russell (Jean), Daryl (Carolyn), Vernetta (Jim):  
grandchildren Nashelle (Travis), Lacey (Mike), Jennifer, Christopher, Tyler, Mackenzie (Pierre)  
and great-grandchildren Lucas, Athan, Izabella, Ryland, Jaxson, Zayne and Jillian  
were all together for a celebration on August 29.

Carolyn baked and Nash decorated the family tree of cupcakes with all our photos.  
Mom and Dad are celebrating the best way they know how, camping and horseback riding at  
Spruce Woods Provincial Park for the week.  
Congratulations and Happy Trails!



## OBITUARY

### Phyllis "Joyce" Griffith (nee Clark)

Phyllis "Joyce" Griffith (nee Clark) passed away on Wednesday, September 9, 2020.

Joyce led a life full of creativity. She was an accomplished seamstress, knitter and all-purpose crafter. She was also a talented miniaturist, who specialized in knitting, sewing and stitching miniature pieces which were exhibited and sold at national and international shows.

A few of the memorable milestones in Joyce's life included participating in the building of the family cottage at Sandy Lake, Ontario, providing years of enjoyment for family and friends; owning and operating Orchard's Edge Bed and Breakfast in Niagara-On-The-Lake, ON, and travelling the world with her late husband, Jim Griffith, usually with at least one child and/or grandchildren in tow.

No matter where she was or what she was doing, the main focus of Joyce's life was always her family, which she valued above all else. Her dedication enriched the lives of her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Joyce is survived by children, Kim (Brad) Walker of Cochrane, AB, Tannis (Tim) Brown of Calgary, AB, Clark (Michele) Griffith of Ingersoll, ON, and Jennifer (Gary) Haines of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania; grandchildren, Andrew (Grace) Embury of Hong Kong, Alison Embury (Dale Warkentin) of Bond Head, ON, Cristin Embury (Colin Dyck) of Calgary, AB, Sean Brown (Lauren Clear) of Winnipeg, MB, Daren Brown (Haily Dang) of Calgary, AB, Gillian Griffith (Amy Porter) of Sault Ste. Marie, ON, and Heather (Mitch) McNaughton of Ingersoll, ON; great-grandchildren, Iris West, Elliott Embury, Charlotte Embury, Harper McNaughton and Ella Clear, as well as her sister Karen Bean (Brian).

## OBITUARY

### Edna Kathleen Watts (Hibbitt)

March 12, 1932 to September 9, 2020

Mom peacefully passed away on Wednesday, September 9, 2020 at Tudor House in Selkirk, at the age of 88. She was born on March 12, 1932 to Ernie and Elsie Hibbitt in the Ridgeway District, where she lived her entire life.

Mom married Tom Watts in 1951, and together, they raised their five children while they worked side by side operating their dairy farm shipping milk, and later shipping cream. Church and her faith were an integral part of Mom's life. She held several positions in the church, including teaching kindergarten Sunday School for several decades. Mom enjoyed the peacefulness of a quiet rural life. She enjoyed baking, bird watching, knitting, and tending her garden. A visit in the summer and fall would find her making jam, jelly and pickles, and canning and freezing fruit and vegetables.

Mom loved to knit, and her grandchildren and great-grandchildren were lucky and proud to tell others that their grandma/great-grandma had made it for them. Mom donated a large quantity of knit articles to local charities and the Health Sciences Center patients. In their retirement, Mom and Dad enjoyed delivering Meals on Wheels to seniors in the Teulon area. One of Mom's greatest joys was seeing all of her family gathered at the Balmoral Hall for special family celebrations.

Mom was predeceased by her husband Tom, in 2011; her parents Ernie and Elsie Hibbitt; her sister Annie; and brother Oliver. She leaves to mourn, with fond and loving memories, her children: Jim (Colleen), Jean (Glenn Main), Brian (Shelley), Bruce (Shirley), and Margaret. She will be dearly missed by her 10 grandchildren: Andrea (Tom), Johnson (Lesley), Gordon (Darlene), Tammy (Brent), Brenda, Tim (Ashlee), Kyle, Chris (Brenda), Ken (Ange), and Carla (Jason). She is lovingly remembered by her 19 great-grandchildren: Elliot, Emma, Jack, Sybill, Mathew (Mary), Kaitlyn, Emily, Nathan, Nickolas, Ethan, Julia, Russell, Lyla, Levi, Cassidy, Samantha, Damon, Ella, and Alex. She is also survived by two special great-great-grandchildren: Elena and Louie.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, a graveside service was held for immediate family.

Flowers are gratefully declined. Please send donations to Alzheimer Society of Manitoba, Unit 10-120 Donald Street, Winnipeg, MB R3C 4G2, or a charity of your choice.

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## IN MEMORIAM



Judith Marlene Willey  
In loving memory of  
my wife, our mother and grandmother  
who passed away  
September 22, 2017

Remembering you is easy,  
We do it every day;  
But missing you is the heartache,  
That never goes away.  
If memories bring us closer,  
We are never far apart;  
For you are always in our thoughts,  
And forever in our hearts.

-Always loved and deeply missed by  
her husband Blaine,  
children Damon, Kari, Ryan and Christine,  
and grandchildren Nathan and Keira

## IN MEMORIAM



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Like falling rain?  
If you've never had that feeling,  
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For when you lose a son, brother,  
You lose a part of you.  
Laughter can conceal a heavy heart,  
When the laughter ends, the grief remains.  
We will miss you always,  
We will miss you forever;  
As long as we live,  
Our son and brother you will be.

-Love, Mom, Garrett, Elaine, Sierra,  
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*There is a link death cannot sever,  
Love and remembrance last forever.*

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## OBITUARY



### Rodney William Jones

Rodney William Jones passed away at his home on September 6, 2020 at the age of 61.

He was predeceased by his parents Cecil and Lil Jones and his brother Greg Jones.

Left to mourn his loss are his children Dylan (Chelsea) and Bentley (Shawn); his sisters Val Schroeder (Henry) and Cindi Burak; his nieces Candy Skyhar (Wayne), Stacey Klippenstien (Adam), Amanda Schroeder, Cassidy Burak and nephew Brayden Burak. Also numerous great nephews and a great niece.

Rod grew up in Warren, Manitoba and graduated from Warren High School. He enjoyed many types of work, but he chose his career with the International Brotherhood of Boilermakers in 1981. His career took him to various places throughout Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Northwestern Ontario. He was very proud to be

a boilermaker and enjoyed being part of the brotherhood.

"Roddy" as he was known by many loved the outdoors. He was always in his glory to be boating, quadding, sledding, camping, fishing and hunting.

He also enjoyed and participated in all types of sports but hockey and baseball were his two favorites. When his mobility was compromised, he became an avid TV fan.

In 1989 he married Joanne Lillies and they had two children - Dylan and Bentley. He was so proud of them both and loved them very much.

Rod had many struggles in his life with his health, but he never lost his sense of humour or his beautiful smile. He treasured his get togethers with family and he will be deeply missed.

We would like to thank all of his friends over the years that drove him to his appointments or helped him out at his home.

Memorial donations in lieu of flowers can be made to a charity of choice.

A private family interment has taken place.

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## OBITUARY



### Garry Ludwig Sanheim

Peacefully on September 8, 2020, after a brief hospital stay, Gary Sanheim age 77 years, passed away at Selkirk Hospital with family by his side. Dad had many health struggles over the years that he tackled and fought with grace. Never complaining. He passed peacefully in his sleep.

Dad is survived by his wife Judy, his children Samantha, Keith (Naomi) granddaughters Vanessa and Serena, Darcey (Raymond) and his former wife Clare. Dad was also privilege to be step father to Darcy (Tara) grandson Logan, Earl (Dusti) grandchildren Brook (Derrick) twin great-grand-daughters Quinn and Pippin, Marissa, Braden, Kayla, Kyle, Rhonda (CJ) grandchildren Dale and Emily. Siblings Ruth, Emma, Gord, Earl, Jean, sister in law Maryanne as well as numerous nieces and nephews also mourn dads passing.

Dad was predeceased by his parents Dora and Tony, oldest brother Leo, and brothers in law Leonard Close and John Wolvansky.

Dad was the fourth of seven children for Dora and Tony and grew up on the family farm just outside of Tyvan, Saskatchewan. Dad got a job with Sears and moved to Regina. He married Clare in 1965 and had Sam and Keith while living in Regina. Dad 's job brought the family to Winnipeg, where along came Darcey. Once in Winnipeg, dad began working as a truck dispatcher for Kingsway and Servall. The family moved to Oakbank, Manitoba in 1977 where dad lived until the early 90's when he moved to his little piece of heaven on earth near Stonewall with Judy and her family. Dad and Judy got married in 2010...and our family officially grew!

After his move to Stonewall dad and Judy opened the Mountain Inn restaurant in Stony Mountain which they ran for 8 yrs. After closing the restaurant dad worked as a dispatcher for John Eichel Trucking until his retirement.

Dad loved playing baseball and hockey in his younger years and enjoyed watching everything sports on tv. The Blue Jays, the Jets and the Bombers were some of his favourite teams. He was always up for a mean game of crib! Later on, Dad became very involved in the I.P.C.C.C pony club where he was the announcer and president for many many years. He loved the club and made some of his closest friends there. Dad was known for his sense of humour and always had a joke or a smart response ready. Dad loved all things country music. He spent many hours playing his guitar and singing the oldies, whether that was at home or around the bonfire while taking requests from his song books at the races. He sang over a hundred songs. He loved to dance and was an awesome dancer. He was always up for an olde time waltz or a lively polka.

As he got older dad spent more and more time enjoying his love of fishing. Dad was happiest in the boat holding his fishing rod and talking smack...he loved a friendly competition.

Dad took a lot of pride in his yard and loved his John Deere garden tractor. Dad was a huge supporter of the Children's Wish Ride and participated for many years. Dad loved Christmas and it showed through his Christmas light display which he was known for and was recognized in the local paper. Every year people would go out of their way to check out his light display.

The family would like to thank the staff at Selkirk hospital for the care and compassion given to Dad during his brief stay. Special thanks also to the Renal unit for all of the care given to Dad over the years.

Due to COVID-19, a private family service will take place.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to the Children's Wish Foundation in Dad's name.

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John & Nellie Burak, Arborg	\$599.00	Thomas Kowalchuk, Fraserwood	\$499.00	Lynn Bear, Peguis	\$239.00
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Lloyd Sigurdson, Arborg	\$599.00	Ken & Linda Cherepak, Arborg	\$49.01	Ruth Otto, Ashern	\$1,829.00
Glen & Norma Plett, Arborg	\$629.00	Debbie Deveau, Eriksdale	\$249.00	Gwen Adams, Matlock	\$1499.00
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Agnes Furgala, Riverton	\$939.00	Sid & Beatrice Dueck, Arborg	\$569.00	Dave and Mary Crate, Koostatak	\$529.00
Scott McDougall, Ashern	\$369.00	Don Firman, Arborg	\$529.00	Frank Dziedzic, Stonewall	\$859.00
Doug Morski, Melebe	\$399.00	Leslee Gislason, Riverton	\$699.00	Heather Fedorchuk, Gimli	\$1119.00
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