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**Students read on All Hallows Eve**

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Teulon Elementary Grade 1 student, Ethan Swaikoski enjoying some independent reading time on Halloween. All the students celebrated a social distanced Halloween, which kicked off with a parade in each cohort and followed with pumpkin activities and crafts in many classrooms.

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# Overwhelming response to Operation Christmas Child collection

By Jo-Anne Procter

A special delivery to children in Africa is on its way.

In just over a month, Stonewall's Keanna Sagness and friend Ciel Waterman from Winnipeg were able to gather enough items to fill over 60 shoeboxes to send to children in Africa through Operation Christmas Child.

Sagness put a post on Facebook on Sept. 21 that she was collecting for the shoeboxes and the response was overwhelming.

"When I originally posted looking for donations, I thought maybe enough to do a couple boxes," Sagness told the *Tribune* on Monday. "But so many people reached out asking what I could use most, or offering ideas, or e-transferring money to get whatever I thought was needed most."

Operation Christmas Child is a hands-on way for Canadians to bless struggling children in the developing world by filling shoeboxes with toys, hygiene items, school supplies and other items. The boxes are distributed to children living in desperate situations through Samaritan's Purse.

"I used to do these as a kid and I saw a post on Facebook from Operation Christmas Child and we thought why

not spread some happiness in this very hard time to kids in Africa."

In very little time, Sagness and Waterman were hard at work collecting items, sorting and packaging.

"We started collecting at the beginning of September when Ciel and I each ordered 25 boxes from the website," she said.

"We initially thought, you know, even if we don't fill all of them then we save them for next year. And to our surprise, and the huge hearts of people around us, we surpassed the 50 boxes.

"We actually had to collect shoeboxes because we had so many donations and not enough boxes. We managed to go over 60 boxes!"

The duo is beyond grateful for the generosity of local people that donated clothing, toys, school supplies and stuffed animals, as well as for the family members across Canada that sent money to help out.

"We worked for many hours actually putting things together, sorting items that were donated into categories, and then hours putting them together into age groups and gender," she said.

"All the time was worth it though. From the bottom of my heart, I am so thankful for the people who helped



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Sagness, left, and friend Ciel Waterman packaged up 60 shoeboxes to send to children in Africa last week.

and donated. I know that these kids will be so excited to open something on Christmas morning."

The boxes destined for Africa will be

dropped off at a location where they are shipped out by Samaritan's Purse staff.

# IERHA encouraging patients to make flu shot appointments

By Evan Matthews

Despite already advising the public, the IERHA is reminding residents they must book a flu shot appointment in advance to avoid potential congestion. It's the first time in IERHA's history appointments have been required.

The IERHA said in a statement that public health flu clinics have already received a "tremendous" response this year. Though busy, clinics in major centres like Ashern, Beausejour, Gimli, Selkirk and Stonewall are still accepting appointments.

"People who have had troubles securing a flu shot in smaller communities will still be able to access clinics in larger communities that can accom-

modate greater numbers of people," said IERHA regional immunization co-ordinator Wendy Fontaine.

"Our flu clinic staff who answer the phone can identify options available to people to secure their flu shot. I encourage people to call even if it looks like the clinic serving your area is full," she said.

The belief (or best guess), according to the IERHA, is that the increased demand this year tied to people trying to proactively avoid interactions with the health-care system.

Potential options existing for the IERHA to administer flu shots for people include local pharmacies, primary care providers (such as family doctors or nurse practitioners) and

public nurses.

The situation can vary by community, so the IERHA said in its statement that a conversation can be helpful when determining best available options.

"We increased our vaccine order this year, recognizing that we'd see increased demand," said Fontaine.

"It's important to get your shot as we want to reduce the number of people who experience the flu, particularly at this time of the pandemic response."

She emphasized that the IERHA has enough flu vaccine to address the region's needs.

The IERHA mandated appointments to help public health staff manage the number of people in a clinic at any

given time to accommodate physical distancing requirements.

Given infection prevention and control requirements related to COVID-19, not all sites where clinics have typically been hosted could be used in 2020, according to the IERHA.

For more information on flu clinic appointments, visit [www.is.gd/flu-clinics](http://www.is.gd/flu-clinics). Call 1-877-979-9355 for further information or to book your appointment — 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays in November — and if the line is busy, try again at a later time.

The IERHA is also encouraging people to inquire if their local pharmacy or care provider is offering the vaccination.

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# Local leaders explore The Art of the Possible

By Jennifer McFee

Local leaders shared in the experience of a virtual meeting that focused on initiatives that are only possible through working together.

On Oct. 15, a Zoom meeting called The Art of the Possible brought together participants from the Collaborative Leadership Initiative (CLI). Local participants included Rosser Reeve Frances Smee, Stonewall Mayor Clive Hinds and Rockwood Reeve Wes Taplin and former Rockwood Reeve Jim Campbell, who serves as an elder for the organization.

"The Collaborative Leadership Initiative was born by the mayors and Reeves of the Winnipeg Metropolitan Region and the chiefs of Treaty 1 from the Southern Chiefs' Organization," explained Jennifer David, director of partner relations for the Winnipeg Metropolitan Region.

"They've been working together since 2017 when they got together for an informal breakfast meeting and realized they had a lot of shared priorities but never had a platform to talk to each other and work together before

in over 150 years."

Over the past three years, the group has been working through a facilitated reconciliation process guided by the Centre for Indigenous Environmental Resources.

On March 1, 2019, they signed a memorandum of understanding that formalized their relationship as two levels of government — Indigenous government and local government — at Lower Fort Garry.

"After that meeting, it formalized the relationship," David said. "They want to continue working together on economic opportunities for all as well as the sustainability of all of our land, water and resources."

During The Art of the Possible meeting, the CLI project team updated the leadership about the projects that are on the ground in the region with a focus on waste management, water quality and economic sustainability.

"We're trying to search for the economic opportunity within these sustainable approaches. The leadership is hoping to host an online conference in January to talk about all of these



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Participants met on Zoom for The Art of the Possible on Oct. 15.

circular economic opportunities in Manitoba," she said.

"We're hoping to get the leadership together once a month now virtually to stay connected and keep on top of

the priorities that they're working on together, while also providing valuable insights as we drive this historic reconciliation process forward."



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# Winnipeg Metropolitan Region moves to Critical level red

## Submitted

Public health officials advise five additional deaths due to COVID-19 have been reported Monday.

The current five-day COVID-19 test positivity rate is nine per cent and 241 new cases of the virus have been identified as of 9:30 a.m., which brings the total number of lab-confirmed cases in Manitoba to 6,275.

The test positivity rate in Winnipeg is 9.8 per cent. Officials advise this number is less reliable due to the smaller sample size. In addition, it does not reflect the situation in other parts of the province, as cases continue to be identified outside Winnipeg.

Monday's data shows:

- 35 cases in the Interlake-Eastern health region;
- 29 cases in the Northern health region;
- 11 cases in the Prairie Mountain Health region;
- 44 cases in the Southern Health-Santé Sud health region; and
- 122 cases in the Winnipeg health region.

The data also shows:

- 3,455 active cases and 2,740 individuals who have recovered from COVID-19;
- there are 124 people in hospital and 18 people in intensive care; and
- the number of deaths due to COVID-19 is 80.

Laboratory testing numbers show 2,458 tests were completed yesterday, bringing the total number of lab tests completed since early February to 262,571. Case investigations continue and if a public health risk is identified, the public will be notified.

The Interlake-Eastern total cases breakdown by districts is as follows: A total of 530 cases, 320 active cases, 206 recovered, 8 currently in the hospital with five of those in ICU and 4 deaths. Arborg/Riverton 20 recovered; Beausejour 3 active 18 recovered; Eriksdale/Ashern 42 active cases; Fisher/Peguis 140 active cases and 19 recovered; Gimli 2 recovered; Northern Remote 57 active cases, 9 recovered and 1 death; Pinawa/Lac du Bonnet 6 recovered; Powerview/Pinefalls 9 active case and 6 recov-

ered; Selkirk 6 active cases and 4 recovered; Springfield 14 active cases and 37 recovered; St. Clements 5 active cases and 8 recovered; St. Laurent 3 recovered; Stonewall/Teulon 15 active cases, 38 recovered and 2 deaths; Unknown District 12 active cases and 12 recovered; Whiteshell 3 active cases and Winnipeg Beach/St. Andrews 11 active cases and 24 recovered and 1 death.

Public health officials are advising the Winnipeg Metropolitan Region — which includes Town of Stonewall, RM of Rockwood, Town of Teulon, City of Selkirk, RM of Springfield, RM of St. Andrews, RM of St. Clements, RM of West St. Paul, RM of East St. Paul and the Village of Dunnottar — that anyone who is symptomatic, or has a household member who is symptomatic, the entire household needs to self-isolate. The symptomatic individual needs to stay in their own room and, if possible, use their own bathroom and not use common areas. Exemptions are in place for asymptomatic household members if they are a health-care worker or first responder. For information on self-isolation, visit [www.gov.mb.ca/covid19/updates/resources.html#collapse2](http://www.gov.mb.ca/covid19/updates/resources.html#collapse2).

Effective Monday, the Southern Health-Santé Sud, Prairie Mountain Health and Interlake-Eastern health regions moved to the Restricted level (orange) on the #RestartMB Pandemic Response System. The Northern health region moved to the Restricted level (orange) on Oct. 26.

Meanwhile, the Winnipeg Metropolitan Region will move to the Critical level (red) on the #RestartMB Pandemic Response System effective Monday, Nov. 2. The following measures will be in place:

- Gathering sizes**
  - No change - public and private group gathering sizes limited to five, in addition to household.
  - Limiting contacts from outside household is strongly encouraged.
- Restaurants and bars**
  - Closed; take-out, drive-thru and delivery only.
- Retail**
  - Grocery stores and pharmacies at

50 per cent capacity (no change).

- All other retail capacity reduced to 25 per cent or five people, whichever is higher (not including employees).
- eService, pick-up or delivery recommended whenever possible.
- Encourage limiting the number of people from each household who go shopping.
- Schools**
  - No change:
  - Blended learning required for grades 9 to 12.
  - Voluntary blended learning temporarily available for kindergarten to Grade 8.
- Schools are advised to ensure as much physical distancing as possible (two metres). Cohorts or remote/blended learning is required when this is not possible.

**Health-care system**

- Elective and non-urgent surgery and diagnostic services may be postponed.

- Urgent and emergency surgeries, procedures and diagnostic services will continue.
- Further limitations to visitors at all health-care facilities.
- Hospital visitation suspended, with exceptions made on a case-by-case basis for patients receiving end-of-life care, in labour and delivery, as well as in pediatrics.
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## Narrative has changed, behaviours haven't

By Evan Matthews

Over the last couple of weeks, some of the rhetoric from provincial politicians — and maybe surprisingly — public health officials have been concerning.

Why, you ask? Not because of what's being said but because of the shift in narrative.

Society is starting to see the effect of people disregarding COVID-19 and the public health orders. It's become stressful for all involved: public health officials, politicians, businesses and individuals.

Throughout the pandemic, we've seen so many politicians, leaders and health officials use positive rhetoric used to bring people together.

Leading up to the throne speech last month, Manitoba Premier Brian Pallister said, "COVID-19 has handed us new challenges, even greater than the ones before, but we are determined to face these challenges together as Team Manitoba."

Winnipeg Mayor Brian Bowman at one point said, "We're in this together," and in reference to a COVID death, "We are grieving together."

To his credit, our Chief Public Health Officer Dr. Brent Roussin has been

forthright in saying we need to show compassion to one another but also be accountable for doing our part.

"Be kind. We know this virus will be here for the foreseeable future," said Roussin last week. "We need to live with this virus and deal with it. ... So, let's all do our part to get through this together."

The shift in narrative came this past week. By press time, Manitoba experienced a couple days of record-breaking COVID numbers.

With 480 new cases on Friday last week and six deaths on Sunday — both single-day records in Manitoba — COVID-19 is as prevalent in the province as it has ever been.

At press time, there were more than 3,200 active cases with a test positivity rate of about nine per cent. It's bad right now.

The province is now under a complete "Code Red and Code Orange" lockdown, and it seems as though we can expect things to get worse before they get better.

But, we're in this together. We are Team Manitoba and must be kind to one another. Right?

Well, yes, as Chief Nursing Officer Lanette Siragusa said, "We are going

to get through this together," continuing the cliché.

But, also, no.

With Manitoba bylaw officers now allowed to enforce \$1,200 fines to individuals, Justice Minister Cliff Cullen said, "Despite extensive public health education campaigns, compliance with public health orders continues to be an issue."

Last week Premier Pallister came out and said, "Thoughtful Manitobans are making sacrifices ... while other people are doing dumb things, and those dumb things are endangering all of us. Grow up. Stop going out there and giving people COVID."

The troubling part of it all isn't the shift in narrative; it's the people who won't shift their behaviours. Nobody needs to be scared, but we all need to be compassionate and cognizant.

Unless everyone gets on board with curbing this most recent "wave," it seems as the numbers continue to climb and commentary becomes even more divisive, we are actually not in this together.

So please, listen to the public health officials, take the directives, and do your part. If we're in this together, now is the time.

## Province transfers power to rural municipalities and towns for public safety

### Towns, RMs, decide to what degree

By Evan Matthews

The Province is giving authority to rural municipalities and towns to enforce and ticket residents who are in contravention of public health orders.

The government amended the fines, which are now set at \$1,296 for an individual and \$5,000 for corporations.

But whether or not individual communities enforce public health by doling out tickets remains to be seen.

"We're on the fence about this one. We don't have any bylaws right now allowing our officers to distribute fines," said the RM of Woodlands' Reeve Lori Schellekens.

"We're not saying we aren't going to do it, but at this moment, we're not in a position to move forward with enforcement. We're not in the Metro region — it's not an excuse, as everyone needs to follow the rules — but the virus has been less prevalent here."

On Oct. 23, the province announced it made regulatory changes to allow

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# New agricultural Crown land credit supports beef producers

Submitted by Manitoba government

The province is helping position the Manitoba beef industry for success through a number of new and ongoing measures, including a one-time rent credit for agricultural Crown land leaseholders and enhanced risk management tools, Agriculture and Resource Development Minister Blaine Pedersen announced last month.

"The last few years have been challenging for livestock producers, with dry conditions and new financial pressures," Pedersen said. "I'm pleased to announce that our government is introducing a number of measures to support beef producers in our province, which will build on other investments that recognize the importance of this sector to Manitoba's economy."

Very dry conditions resulted in 18 municipalities declaring a local state of agricultural emergency in 2019. Drier than normal conditions continued in 2020. In response, the province will provide a one-time, 20 per cent rent credit to producers who held a forage lease or renewable permit on agricultural Crown lands (ACL) in these municipalities in 2019 and will continue to hold it in 2021. This 20 per cent account credit will deliver more than \$530,000 to producers, based on their 2021 rental rate.

On average, each client will receive more than \$430 in rent credits, which will be applied to their ACL rental rate in 2021.

The minister also noted several new improvements will be made to Manitoba Agricultural Services Corporation programs including:

- a new pilot project to evaluate the potential of indexed forage insurance products, in partnership with the governments of Canada, Alberta and Saskatchewan;
- changes for the 2021 AgriInsurance contract to introduce individual productivity indexing for silage corn and increasing the transportation allowance within the forage insurance dollar value and Hay Disaster Benefit for the Forage Insurance Program; and
- working with industry to reduce the impact of disaster

years on insurance coverage, reduce participant burden and increase awareness of forage insurance options.

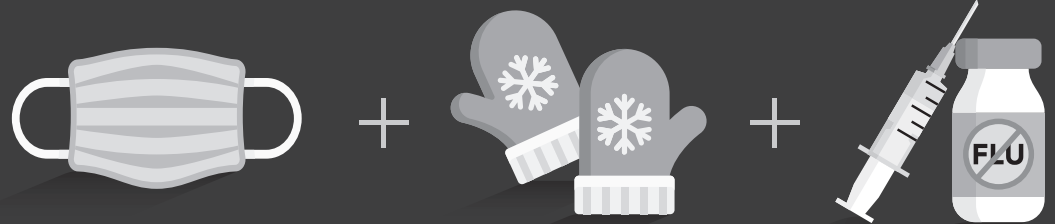
Recognizing the importance of agricultural Crown lands to Manitoba's beef industry, family farms, biodiversity and the sustainability of the animal protein industry, the province will continue to meet its commitments to legacy leaseholders. The province will provide a mechanism for in-family renewals at the end of each 15-year lease term on any leases that were in place prior to Oct. 1, 2019. Producers and stakeholders can continue to provide input on agricultural Crown land leases and permits as part of an online regulatory consultation. For more information, visit <https://reg.gov.mb.ca/detail/3313599>. The deadline for comments is Nov. 16.

The province also continues to support other initiatives focused on the sustainability and success of the beef sector. The federal-provincial Canadian Agricultural Partnership is invest-

ing \$2.85 million over five years with the Manitoba Beef and Forage Initiatives, a partnership between Manitoba Beef Producers, Ducks Unlimited Canada and the Manitoba Forage and Grasslands Association to enhance productivity, profitability, sustainability and public trust of the beef industry in Manitoba.

In addition, the province is providing \$300,000 over three years to support an industry-led pilot project to reduce wildlife predation of cattle and sheep in Manitoba. The Livestock Predation Pilot Project will help producers most affected by predation to develop individual risk management plans, while also supporting broader industry-wide efforts to test a variety of risk management approaches and share knowledge and best practices to reduce losses.

For more information and tools supporting beef producers in Manitoba, visit [www.gov.mb.ca/agriculture/livestock/production/beef/index.html](http://www.gov.mb.ca/agriculture/livestock/production/beef/index.html).



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municipal bylaw officers to enforce public health orders in an effort to reduce the spread of COVID-19.

Current orders under the Public Health Act restrict gatherings and limit group sizes, set out physical distancing requirements, and require businesses and their customers to maintain physical distancing requirements.

Anyone in contravention of these orders can now be ticketed by bylaw officers given authority do so by their governing councils.

"Despite extensive public health education campaigns, compliance with public health orders continues to be an issue," said Justice Minister Cliff Cullen via press release.

"Empowering additional enforcement personnel will help address the ongoing concerns about non-compliance as we reduce the spread of COVID-19."

At the start of the pandemic, fines were set for breaching public health emergency orders.

Prior to the changes, public health orders were enforceable by RCMP and other police agencies, the Health Protection Unit, Manitoba Conservation and Climate, Workplace Safety and Health, and the Liquor, Gaming and Cannabis Authority, according to the province.

A copy of the most recent orders under the Public Health Act can be found on the Manitoba government website at [https://manitoba.ca/asset\\_library/en/proactive/2020\\_2021/orders-soe-capital-10192020.pdf](https://manitoba.ca/asset_library/en/proactive/2020_2021/orders-soe-capital-10192020.pdf).

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# Province invests in Futurpreneur youth pandemic recovery project

## Funding supports young entrepreneurs to launch and sustain businesses

Submitted by Manitoba government

The Manitoba government is providing \$750,000 to Futurpreneur to support a three-year youth economic recovery project to combat the economic effects of COVID-19, Economic Development and Training Minister Ralph Eichler announced last week.

"Our government is proud to take proactive action by providing support to young entrepreneurs, who are an integral part of our plan to restart and recover our economy," said Eichler. "Futurpreneur has a strong track record of coaching and mentoring young entrepreneurs both in Manitoba and nationally and we believe they will be an invaluable resource to the innovative and ambitious young people who will be critical to building Manitoba's future economy."

Manitoba's support will leverage a total of \$4 million in federal government and private-sector investments and is expected to result in 150 new businesses and 400 jobs over three years, the minister said.

"We're very grateful for this support from the government of Manitoba as we increase our efforts to help diverse, young entrepreneurs age 18 to 39 launch successful businesses across the province," said Karen Greve Young,

CEO of Futurpreneur Canada. "The businesses we support with our loan financing, mentorship and specialized resources are pillars of their communities, contributing to local economic growth and prosperity, while also creating jobs and fostering the vitality of main streets in communities large and small. Their success will be critical to Canada's inclusive economic recovery in the months and years ahead."

The project will help young entrepreneurs launch and sustain successful businesses by providing them with access to financing, hands-on support from Futurpreneur business experts, up to two years of mentorship from one of Futurpreneur's volunteer mentors, as well as tailored programs and specialized resources designed to help small businesses grow.

"Manitoba is a national leader in our restart programs to help our economy rebound from the effects of COVID-19," said Eichler. "The youth employment increase is a testament to our strong programming for young Manitobans, which are now further supported by our investment in Futurpreneur."

The investment further supports Manitoba's #RestartMB plan to safely reopen and rebuild the economy. Last month, the minister highlighted recent economic indicators from Statistics Canada that showed the province's employment numbers increased by 8,100 from July to August. Economic indicators also showed youth employment increased by 4,400 in Manitoba, further indication that Manitoba's youth-focused programs are achieving results.

Learn more about #RestartMB at [www.gov.mb.ca/covid19/restartmb](http://www.gov.mb.ca/covid19/restartmb). For more information on Futurpreneur, visit [www.futurpreneur.ca/en](http://www.futurpreneur.ca/en).

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Nov. 1 is a day set aside to celebrate all the saints, but who are they? The festival began in the fourth century eastern rite churches with a celebration of "the feast of the martyrs of the whole world."

Since today's feast has martyrs as part of its origin, there is a recognition that saints include those who gave up their life to confess Christ.

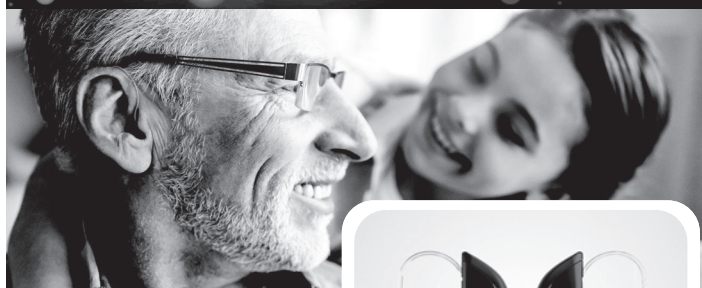
By the Middle Ages, churches in the West had also adopted this festival, so the church of Rome broadened the definition to include all saints and assigned the date of Nov. 1.

The definition is broadened to include those who confess Christ as Lord, both living in this world and in eternity. They use their gifts to fulfill the Lord's commandments to love God and neighbour as well as live the commission to spread the good news of the gospel to the ends of the earth. They take seriously the example of Jesus and serve others.

This understanding acknowledges the belief that those who followed Christ and have since died in their earthly life now live eternally and continue to be our partners and fellow-servants before the face of God's glory. We pray for our present needs, and the saints pray with us, because they are still bound to us in mutual service as members of the one body of Christ.

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# Ombudsman dismisses Grosse Isle's concerns over Rock Lake Colony

By Evan Matthews

Much to the dismay of Concerned Citizens of Grosse Isle (CCGI), the Manitoba ombudsman has dismissed concerns relating to the Rock Lake Colony's hog farm operation. But locals are unrelenting in their plight.

In a letter dated Sept. 28 and which appeared on the RM of Woodlands' Oct. 24 agenda, the Manitoba ombudsman — Maggie Nighswander, an investigator within the provincial division — addresses Bill Massey, the leader of Grosse Isle's concerned residents.

"Given the passage of time, our office will not be investigating concerns around decisions made between 2001 and 2005 regarding Animal Unit (AU) limits, or around the issuing of permits or public hearings for the Rock Lake Colony's expansion efforts between 2004-06," the letter reads.

"We have focused our review on recent events, and whether there are any administrative issues that need to be reviewed," it goes on, eventually concluding there are not any administrative issues — neither with the colony's manure management plan (MMP) nor the administrative actions taken (by the RM of Woodlands) — in need of review.

The letter states Animal Units is not a legislated measure but, rather, a tool used for a number of purposes. In the case of Rock Lake Colony's manure management plan, it is used to estimate nutrient content of a given manure storage facility, which fluctuates throughout the year.

"The issue is less about the specific number of animal units," the letter reads, "but rather it is about establishing what comes out of the manure storage facility and how."

The letter also concluded that despite the RM indicating in a *Tribune* article that it would not be pursuing a hog count in February 2019 based on Manitoba Agriculture advice, the RM was not open to hearing and/or receiving the CCGI's concerns and additional information in the months to follow.

Needless to say, CCGI are not happy with the ombudsman's investigation (or lack thereof), nor will the group be taking a backseat any time soon.

"We were quite disappointed — I would say disgusted — with the report from the office of the Manitoba ombudsman ... which I have shared with the local MLA," said Massey.

"In regards to the conduct of our RM's council, I had reported to the investigator... council had said (Manitoba Agriculture) was urging the RM to let the colony fill its barn, in fact suggesting the RM break its own bylaws. There was no mention of that in the ombudsman's report.

"While the pandemic hasn't helped, I really am beginning to wonder what the real mandate of the Ombudsman's office actually is," he said.

### Background

In April 2019, the Concerned Citizens of Grosse Isle (CCGI) came to the RM of Woodlands demanding an audit on the Rock Lake Colony's hog farm operation.

Though there is no desire from CCGI to have Rock Lake Hog Farm cease operations, and while the group is more than willing to work with the RM of Woodlands and the colony, the CCGI's main concern is ensuring the Rock Lake Colony hog farm is law-abiding.

The CCGI belief, currently, is the operation is misleading the province and local municipal councils in regards to

the number of legally allowable hogs — Animal Units — within the operation.

Subsequent concerns, according to Massey, relate to potential contamination of water and soil attributed to an unaccounted increase in animal waste, and malpractice by municipal councils who have been unwilling to audit the operation and act in good faith.

The issue first came to Woodlands' municipal council in 2010, according to Massey, and remains unresolved.

CCGI's legal representation has also noted that the RM of Woodlands would be fully within its legal rights if the RM were to count the hogs, as they are the regulator through the Municipal Planning Act.

Enforcement by the municipality, however, is discretionary.

Massey says that over the years, the hog farm has been forced into compliance twice.

It was the RMs of Rockwood and Rosser that pushed Woodlands to audit the operation in 2012, according to Massey. He says even then the operation was above the legal limit of pigs (for the barn they operate out of).

A separate incident came back in 2004 when the Rock Lake Hog Farm expanded its barn.

CCGI alleges that the Rock Lake Hog Farm was, and is still presently, allowed 1,250 sows — adult female pigs — yet a 2004 manure management plan (MMP) showed the hog farm was finishing roughly 2,000 animals.

CCGI alleges the colony was raising more animals than they were legally allowed to and then moving them to Libau, Man., to house feeders and finishers. The possibility of more locations exist, Massey said, meaning the operation raised more animals than they were legally allowed to, off the books, then subsequently moved them to separate locations, finally shipping them to market.

CCGI believes a similar circumstance is taking place now, in that the colony is over its maximum capacity.

The reason for the CCGI's unwillingness to relent is that degradation of the residents' quality of life, Massey said, as the barn's smell is "so bad you can't be in your yard before it drives you inside."

The Concerned Citizens of Grosse Isle Committee was formed in 2004 to oppose the Rock Lake Colony's hog barn expansion.

The group is made up of 25 local people.





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### Four ways to ease your pet's anxiety during the holidays



The holiday season is the perfect time of year to reunite with family and friends. However, just because we enjoy this festive period doesn't mean our four-legged companions feel the same. In fact, many pets become anxious and agitated by all the noise and restlessness that accompany Christmas and New Year's celebrations. Here are four valuable tips to help keep your pet's anxiety at bay during the holidays:

**1. Stick to your pet's routine as much as possible.** Feed your cat or dog at regular hours and avoid giving them scraps from the table that could compromise their health. Furthermore, make sure your pet gets plenty of exercise as usual.

**2. Keep your pet in a quiet area.** Provide a quiet space away from all of the commotion where your pet can take refuge if ever it feels anxious or scared by your guests' presence.

**3. Use a naturally soothing product.** There are several products available on the market that are specifically designed to help soothe your pet's anxiety, like calming collars or vaporizers that emit synthetic pheromones. Consult your veterinarian for the best options for your trusted companion.

**4. Leave your pet with a responsible sitter.** Consider leaving your anxious pet with someone responsible who won't be attending the same holiday events as you. If nobody is available, you can leave your dog or cat with a reputable company that offers pet boarding services to ensure your loveable fur ball feels safe away from all the holiday hubbub.



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# Local philanthropists issue challenge to businesses

By Jennifer McFee

One good turn deserves another. A local couple aims to match donations made by businesses to the Interlake Community Foundation.

Murray and Emma Slagerman of Rosser are hoping that other entrepreneurs will rise up to the challenge.

"Philanthropy is a personal choice. Hopefully we'll see some other businesses donate," said Murray, who is a founder and partner in a business called Ki Mobility that manufactures wheelchairs and rehab equipment.

"These are relatively trying times for a lot of businesses, so it's hard to say whether people will feel compelled to. We hope for other likeminded community-supporting members of business to take us up on the challenge."

Murray Slagerman is a board member for the Interlake Community Foundation and is currently vice-chair of the organization, which serves Rockwood, Rosser, Stonewall, Teulon and Woodlands.

The foundation pools gifts in a capital fund that exists in perpetuity. The income generated from the capital is distributed as grants to charities in the region.

"Some people will decide at some point that they want to make a financial contribution to their community and there are different ways they may choose to do that. We just want to let people know that if they're in that position, the Interlake Community Foundation is a way of making a lasting contribution that will always be there for the community," he said.

"So if that suits their mindset in terms of how they want to contribute and give back, then we're here. Although it's a personal decision, we also feel that businesses in the community may have a desire to give back through philanthropy — and Interlake Community Foundation is an opportunity to do that."

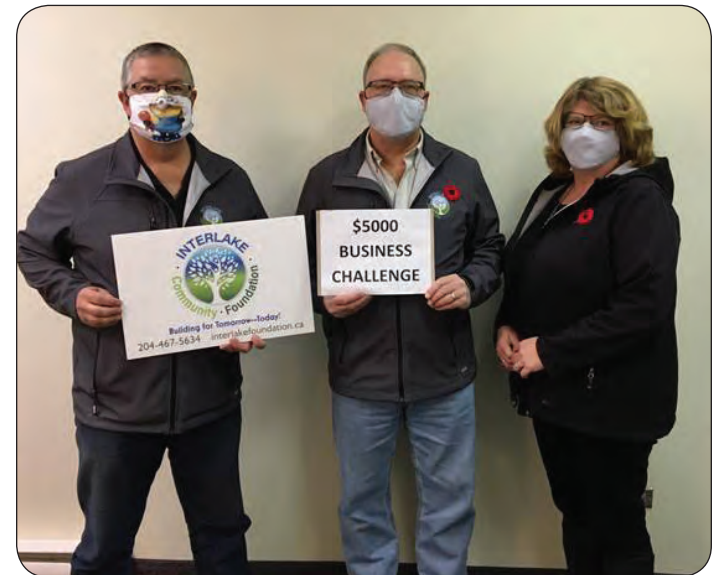
The Slagermans have already matched \$5,000 in donations and they're willing to match another \$5,000. They introduced the challenge last year as part of the efforts to raise \$250,000 for the 25th anniversary of the Interlake Community Foundation.

"We're going to continue with the challenge to try to entice other business owners that feel compelled to invest in the community foundation and to have an incentive," he said.

"For businesses that choose to participate, there is a challenge out there that forces somebody else to match their contributions up to \$5,000."

Tracy Holod, executive director of the Interlake Community Foundation, expressed appreciation for the Slagermans' initiative.

"Murray is such an asset to our board. He really is a dedi-



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ICF chair Bob Beck, ICF vice-chair Murray Slagerman and business challenge co-sponsor Emma Slagerman cated community volunteer. He initiated a marketing committee that he chairs and we have made incredible progress," Holod said.

"The challenge that Emma and he started is such an inspiration. And because their own Slagerman Family Fund is unrestricted, it helps all local charities."

As another encouragement to give, the Endow Manitoba Giving Challenge is coming up from Nov. 9 to 15. Gifts made to community foundations' unrestricted funds will be stretched even further, thanks to contributions from the provincial government and The Winnipeg Foundation. For every \$5 donated, the provincial government and The Winnipeg Foundation will donate \$1 each up to a combined total of \$4,000 per organization.

Community member Lloyd Jensen is also continuing with his commitment to match up to \$5,000 in donations to the Interlake Community Foundation between Nov. 9 and 15.

"It's usually a one-day 24-hour challenge but this year, due to the pandemic, it's been expanded to a '24-7' challenge. We usually set up at Family Foods or the library in Stonewall and at a craft sale in Teulon. This year, we can't do that," Holod said.

"We were not able to have our annual Ralph Eichler Charity Golf Tournament this year, so we are hoping people will respond to this challenge."

By the end of 2020, the Interlake Community Foundation will have provided a total of \$219,000 in grants.

"As a part of Endow Manitoba and a member of Community Foundations of Canada, we have brought tens of thousands of grant dollars into our area this year alone," Holod said.

"Unrestricted donations go to our unrestricted fund, which lets us allocate grant dollars where they are needed most."

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# Celebrating Our Veterans

## The Great Escape, and Henry Birkland

By Evan Matthews

Spearhill, Man., is roughly eight kilometres east of Moosehorn and home to a small cemetery. The cemetery has an even smaller portion designated to the community's soldiers.

After visiting the Spearhill Cemetery and doing some thinking, Woodlands resident Carolyn Davis, 77, said the local story — converted into a Hollywood movie — deserved re-telling.

"My dad worked in the Spearhill Quarry, as many men did at the time. I believe Hank Birkland (the war hero) ... also worked at the quarry," said Davis, adding that the community quarry was much the same as Stonewall's at the time. "Revisiting these types of stories is important because all of the soldiers fought in the war for our freedom. We owe it to them to recognize and remember. This is just one story."

Her father's family has been in Can-

ada for roughly 200 years, and Davis noted her fondness of and allegiance to Canada.

The story of Flight Lieutenant Henry "Hank" Birkland is one oft-told.

Hollywood Americanized the story and converted it into a film called *The Great Escape* (1963). The movie tells the story of a mass escape by British Commonwealth prisoners of war from a Nazi-controlled German camp in what is now Zagan, Poland.

While the story has been told in print and online many times, it has maybe been best told by Bill Redekop of the *Winnipeg Free Press* in a story titled "Manitobans' role in Great Escape uncovered," which is available in the paper's archives.

Another version of the story is in the Ted Barris book *The Great Escape: A Canadian Story*.

The commonly accepted version of

the story goes as follows:

Stalag Luft was a well-known Second World War PoW camp for British Allied Forces in Poland, holding roughly about 10,000 PoWs.

Among them was Henry Birkland. Allied Forces dug a narrow tunnel with whatever tools they could muster, including kitchen utensils. The common story suggests the tunnel was as long as a football field. The PoWs even managed to acquire and install wiring in the tunnel for light.

Soldiers prepared one another for once they made it through the tunnel, with forged documents to get PoWs across checkpoints and through borders, and language lessons for those who could not speak German to help them blend in.

It's said that 76 PoWs escaped on the morning of March 24-25, 1944, and 73 of them were rounded up and put back in the camp within days, including Birkland. Just how many PoWs the group intended to liberate is not specified.

Birkland was one of six Canadians,



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Henry "Hank" Birkland

and one of 50 escapees said to have been executed by the Hitler-directed and Nazi-controlled camp.

According to Canadian Veterans Affairs, Birkland was 26 years old.

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## St. Laurent Legion Metis doing renos

### Paying homage to founding veterans

By Evan Matthews

The St. Laurent Legion Metis is renovating its building, a project a long time coming.

The legion is undergoing renovations, according to president Marion Furey. Everything from the clubroom to the hall to the kitchen, Furey said every single area needs some TLC.

"New flooring, new painting, new lighting, new roofing, etc. We even plan to build a deck, but that probably won't happen until the spring," said Furey.

The legion received a \$75,000 grant from the provincial government's Building Sustainable Communities Program, she added.

"Once we finish all the major renovations, we expect to have used all of the donation on this renovation," she said.

With so many different projects on the go, a Furey said the board hasn't set a finish date just yet.

The renovations were made possible

back in July 2019 when businessperson Sean McCoshen donated \$170,000 to the St. Laurent Royal Canadian Legion Metis Branch 250, according to Furey.

"He supports a lot of Indigenous and Metis groups. ... We were badly in need of renovations, and we had a connection to Mr. McCoshen," said Furey, adding that a board member's relative worked for McCoshen and put in a request.

"We all thought it was pretty incredible, and we're so thankful."

Sean McCoshen is chairperson and chief executive officer of The USAND Group. With a background in investment banking, McCoshen has publicly stated he now uses his skills to assist First Nations in acquiring capital.

Part of the reason local people are so thankful, according to Darlene McKay, a board member of the St. Laurent Legion, is because of how symbolic the organization and its building are to the community.

"It was a lifelong dream for my dad to establish a legion here. He was in the First World War and the Second World War," said McKay.

"He wanted a place for the veterans to be able to meet and for local people to be able to come and celebrate the veterans, especially those who maybe didn't come back."

Her dad, Louis George Coutu from St. Laurent, was a prisoner of war in Nazi Germany.

In St. Laurent, McKay said local veterans started by installing a cenotaph and slowly worked toward acquiring funding. When "the old hotel" went out of business, the legion formed a board, came up with a charter, and acquired the building it still calls home.

The St. Laurent Legion Metis 250 and its hall are used to host bingo nights, dances, social and cultural events.

Veteran Paul Sanderson, who serves as the St. Laurent Legion Metis 250 sergeant-at-arms, said the legion has meant a lot to him after serving.

"I'm very proud of the legion, where it is today and how everything is being handled," said Sanderson. "I al-



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Louis George Coutu served his country from 1939 to 1945 with the Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders of Canada Second Division Canadian.

ways wanted to be in the army ... to be with my comrades."

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# Remembering local Second World War veteran Borland

By Sydney Lockhart

In February 1945, during the Second World War, Canadian Flying Officer Adrian Borland's plane was shot down over enemy territory.

Air Bomber Borland grew up in Ekhart, Man., and joined the Royal Canadian Air Force in his early 20s.

Borland's great-nephew Shayne Campbell runs the Argyle museum Settlers, Rails & Trails, which has a Veterans of the Brant-Argyle Region exhibit displaying stories and history.

"Joining the air force in World War II was exciting at the time because farm boys could fly a plane, which was new technology then," said Campbell.

Borland's plane was shot down, but luckily he was able to parachute to safety. He did, however, sustain an injury, which forced him to use part of his parachute as a tourniquet to stop the bleeding.

Luckily, a German woman around his age had seen him land and decided to hide him in her home to keep him safe from the German authorities.

"He realized that she would get in trouble if they found out that she was harbouring him, so he handed himself over," said Campbell.

Before he departed from the woman's house, she handed him a bus token, broken gold watch strap, gold tie pin and an aluminum German coin, hoping that they would help him barter his way home.

These items now are part of Settlers, Rails & Trails collection, along with pieces of the parachute that carried Borland safely to the ground.



Adrian Borland was a Second World War veteran and worked as an air bomber, targeting where bombs would land over enemy territory.

Borland was taken as a prisoner to a prisoner of war camp where he remained until the end of the war.

"Adrian did make it home and married and had children," said Campbell.

Borland's family welcomed him home with a family dinner, but he could barely eat due to his stomach size decreasing from the camp he was held in.

He and his family lived in Vancouver, where they moved after his return, until his death in 1988.

Campbell said he believes it is important to record history for future generations.

"We have to remember the ones be-



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Adrian Borland, third from the right, with family before heading off for the Second World War.

fore us so we don't make the same mistakes, but it's also to remember those that gave us the life we're able to live now," he said.

Campbell said he feels his job at the museum will never be finished because there are always more families with stories for him to talk to. Campbell is disappointed services will not be able to run due to the pandemic.

"I would encourage people to remember on their own terms, stand outside at 11 a.m. and remember on

your doorstep or watch services online," he said.

Campbell started the Settlers, Rails & Trails museum when he was just 12 years old for a school project. With a passion for recording history and community support, Campbell continues to build and expand the museum. Thirty years later, the museum sits on 12 acres of land and contains thousands of items, including one of the largest flag collections in Canada.

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# Incredible Creatures: Vampire bats: Knowing when to social distance

By John Gavloski

The week leading up to Halloween is Bat Week, an annual international celebration to raise awareness about bat conservation.

This year for bat week, we will focus on a tropical species, vampire bats, and some interesting social behaviours. Vampire bats are highly social mammals. But recent research showed that when they get sick, their normally social behaviour changes and they keep their distance. In this month's Incredible Creatures, we will explore the interesting biology and social habits of vampire bats.

## Where would you go to find a vampire bat?

There are three species of vampire bats: the common vampire bat, hairy-legged vampire bat and white-winged vampire bat. They live in Mexico, Central America and South America. So, no, vampire bats would not be found in Transylvania, which is a region in central Romania known for medieval towns and castles such as Bran Castle, a fortress associated with the legend of Dracula. But if you expect to find any vampire bats there, you would be disappointed.

Vampire bats feed on the blood of warm-blooded animals. Despite contrary belief, vampire bats do not suck blood but rather lap it up with their tongues. Like snakes, vampire bats are good at sensing heat. And while other bats have almost lost the ability to manoeuvre on land, vampire bats can walk, jump and even run.

Another unique adaptation of vampire bats is the

sharing of food. A vampire bat can only survive about two days without a meal of blood, yet they cannot be guaranteed of finding food every night. This poses a problem, so when a bat fails to find food, it will often "beg" another bat for food. The "host" bat may regurgitate a small amount of blood to sustain the other member of the colony. Vampire bats also engage in social grooming. It usually occurs between females and their offspring, but it can also occur between adult females.

## What vampire bats do when they feel sick?

New research carried out in Belize shows that when vampire bats feel sick, they socially distance themselves from groupmates in their roost. Researchers captured 31 female common vampire bats living inside a hollow tree in Lamanai, Belize. They injected 16 bats with a substance that activated their immune system and made them feel sick for several hours but did not cause disease. They injected another 15 bats with a placebo (saline). The researchers did not use a real virus or bacteria because they wanted to isolate the effect of sickness behaviour. Some real diseases might make interactions more likely, not less, or they might lead to sick bats being avoided.

Data on the social encounters of these bats was transmitted to scientists by custom-made proximity sensors glued to the bats back. These are miniature computers that weigh less than a penny and fall off within a week or two. They took measures every few seconds of associations involving sick or healthy



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Common vampire bat.

bats or a combination of the two. After returning the bats to their roost, the scientists analyzed social behaviors in the colony over three days.

Compared to control bats in their hollow-tree home, sick bats interacted with fewer bats, spent less time near others and were overall less interactive with individuals that were well-connected with others in the roost. Healthy bats were also less likely to associate with a sick bat.

Although vampire bats may not be getting information on the latest public health guidelines, they still are able to social distance when necessary.

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• All indoor and outdoor sport facilities closed.

### Gyms and Fitness

- Reduced capacity to 25 per cent.
- Mask mandatory, even while exercising.

### Casinos and VLTs

- Casinos must close (no change).
- VLTs and gaming establishments also closed.

### Museums, Galleries and Libraries

- All must close.

### One-time or Occasional Outdoor Events

- Group sizes limited to cohorts of five.

### Movies Theatres and Concert Halls

- All must close.

### Community, Cultural and Religious Gatherings

- 15 per cent capacity or 100 people, whichever is lower.

### Personal services

- 50 per cent capacity (no change)

The chief provincial public health officer urges Manitobans to not socialize with people from outside their household, to cut down the number of close contacts and avoid closed-in or crowded spaces. In addition, they should focus on these fundamentals to help stop the spread of COVID-19:

- Stay home if you are sick.
- Wash/sanitize your hands and cover your cough.
- Physically distance when you are with people outside your household.
- If you cannot physically distance, wear a mask to help reduce the risk to others or as required by public health orders.

Unless recommended by public health officials, only individuals experiencing COVID-19 symptoms should go for testing. Individuals with symptoms are asked to seek testing as soon as possible once symptoms are present. Employers are asked to only send employees for testing if they have symptoms or if public health officials have recommended testing.

The online assessment tool can be found at <https://sharedhealthmb.ca/covid19/screening-tool/> and COVID-19 symptoms can be found at [www.gov.mb.ca/covid19/updates/about.html#collapse4](http://www.gov.mb.ca/covid19/updates/about.html#collapse4).

For up-to-date information on COVID-19 in Manitoba, visit [www.manitoba.ca/COVID19](http://www.manitoba.ca/COVID19).

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# Interlakers join Main Street Project to help homeless

By Evan Matthews

Brandy Lamb grew up in a family that always made an effort to give back to the community, so when she saw Damien Wilts' post on social media, she instantly wanted to help.

Now a Woodlands' resident, Lamb said she saw another local person share Wilts' Facebook post roughly three weeks ago, in which he called for an array of warm winter clothing to donate to the Main Street Project.

"I thought it was awesome, them helping the homeless by providing clothes. I just had to connect with them. It gets cold here, and people don't have warm clothes or a place to go," said Lamb, who used to do a winter coat drive with her mom every year.

"I saw they — Damien and his wife — were making all the trips to pick things up and doing all the deliveries to drop things off. ... I thought I'd offer my hand in doing my area."

Wilts now lives in Ste. Anne, roughly 50 kilometres southeast of Winnipeg, with his wife Christine Guenette.

But things weren't always so good in Wilts' life. He said addiction and homelessness can often be stigmatized, something he understands personally. The world needs more kindness and compassion, he said.

"In my life, I had it hard as a young man. I found myself homeless at 15. I lost my mother and father very young and found myself with some mental health issues. People don't truly understand the devastating effects of

addiction," Wilts said.

"I ended up living in a tent and didn't have anywhere to go. I had to build myself up. I know the struggle. It's not as simple as people think — go get a job or whatever. It's not as easy when you don't have a cell phone, clean clothes for an interview, etc. It's not easy.

"You go through the news or social media, and it's constant. There is constant judgment. It's left versus right, Democrat versus Republican. ... I'm trying to show people anybody can band together for a good cause. ... Everybody can do something."

Wilts said the idea struck when he saw an elderly woman in Winnipeg who looked cold and was struggling to cross the street. With the pandemic putting everyone on hold, Wilts recognized some down time and an opportunity to make a difference.

Starting a small drive locally in Ste. Anne, Wilts said he actually made the mistake of posting his call for warm clothing in what he thought was a local Facebook Marketplace.

"The first drive in Ste. Anne filled our whole house. When you post in one marketplace, it somehow spreads to every marketplace you've ever belonged to. It was the best mistake that ever happened," Wilts said.

"I was hit with thousands of calls, texts, messages, etc. I felt totally overwhelmed and put a call out for volunteers."

Now there are roughly 30 volunteers around Winnipeg and surrounding



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Left to right: Christine Guenette, Damien Wilts and Main Street Project's Jacob Kaufman, as the Wilts-led volunteer group makes a donation on Nov. 2.

areas including Ste. Anne, the Interlake, Lac du Bonnet, La Salle, Oakbank, Steinbach, Mitchell, St. Adolphe and Ile des Chênes.

Once Main Street Project caught wind of the efforts Wilts put forward, they reached out in desperation, according to Wilts. When he arrived at its warehouse, it was bare with no clothing to help those in need, he said.

What started in Ste. Anne has spread throughout many communities all over Manitoba. Wilts said he hopes to continue to grow the network. He emphasized COVID-safe practices in-

cluding contactless pickup and sanitization of items.

"We ask all donations come in clean and washed, if possible," said Wilts. "We spray it again with sanitizer, wash and clean it, and then we get it to the Main Street Project."

Though right now Wilts is simply heading up a volunteer group with good intentions, he said the paperwork is well underway to acquire non-profit status.

For Interlakers who are interested in co-ordinating a donation with Lamb, they can call her at 204-739-6455.

## Rosser council news in brief

By Jennifer McFee

- At the Oct. 13 council meeting, Rosser council approved a \$30,062.65 recreation and cultural grant for the Rosser Central Community Club. For the payment of their 2020 property taxes, other recreation and cultural grants went to the Vintage Locomotive Society (\$2,205), St. Michael's Church (\$45), Rosser United Church (\$60), Lilyfield Church (\$40), Grosse Isle Recreation Club (\$1,660), Marquette Curling Club (\$65), Meadows Community Club (\$685) and Rosser Central Community Club (\$2,080).

- The RM of Rosser will also provide charitable donations or grants to the Association for Community Living Interlake Branch (\$250), Canadian Red Cross (\$200), Interlake Community Foundation (\$5,500), Manitoba 4-H Foundation (\$250), Manitoba Crime Stoppers (\$210), South Interlake Seniors Resource

Council (\$2,500), Stonewall Christmas Cheer Board (\$200), Kids Help Phone (\$250), Rockwood Ag Society (\$3,000) and KidSport (\$100).

- Rosser's final audited statement to Dec. 31, 2019, is available for inspection at the municipal office during business hours.

- The RM of Rosser has provided its concurrence on Manitoba Infrastructure's proposed changes to the drainage pattern of the east ditch on PR 236.

- Council approved an application for a culvert crossings onto Road 68N, Road 3E, Road 8W and Goldenrod Drive. The applicant must cover the cost of supplies and installation.

- Due to an unexpected major culvert failure on the penitentiary drain, the public works foreman is authorized to purchase additional culverts up to \$5,000 over the budgeted amount of \$10,000.

- The CAO is authorized to give approval for work of Manitoba Hydro to install electric service for Lilyfield Quarry.

- Council defeated an application from Lilyfield Quarry for a key fob to access Lilyfield Well.

- The RM of Rosser will enter into an agreement with BellMTS for internet service at the BrookPort Lift Station.

- The RM will enter into an agreement with Steele Business Park for an early construction agreement.

## Rockwood council news in brief

By Jennifer McFee

- The RM of Rockwood office closed its doors to the public on Monday, Nov. 2. The office can still be reached by calling 204-467-2272 or emailing info@rockwood.ca. RM payments, including property taxes and utilities, can be made online or by mailing a cheque, bank draft or money order to RM of Rockwood, Box 902, Stonewall, MB, R0C 2Z0.

- At the Oct. 28 committee of the whole meeting, a presentation by Disc Golf Manitoba was postponed. The organization would like to pro-

pose the installation in Stony Mountain of two 18-hole disc golf courses, which would be developed in Old Quarry Park. Endorsed by Disc Golf Manitoba, these disc golf courses could bring the possibility of hosting major national competitions. The estimated cost of the project is \$30,000.

- At the same meeting, council discussed a bylaw to prepare and adopt an emergency preparedness plan. This plan would advise and assist the emergency management co-ordinator.



# sports & recreation

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## 'AAA' games postponed due to COVID-19

### Staff

The Interlake Lightning "AAA" U17 male hockey team had its game against the Eastman Selects in Niverville postponed due to COVID-19 concerns last Saturday.

Interlake was scheduled to play the Winnipeg Thrashers three times over the next week but those games have also been postponed.

In U15 action, the Lightning lost 11-3 to the Winnipeg Hawks last Friday in Warren.

Interlake's Talon Hogg scored a shorthanded goal in the first period and then Ian Buors and Kalder McPherson tallied in the second.

Winnipeg goals were scored by Rhylan Baxter (two), Ian Lavallee (two), Carter Bear (two), Marlen Edwards, Alexander Keith, Shane Fetterly and Cole Bilous.

Saturday's game between the Lightning and the Hawks was postponed.



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY LANA MEIER

The Lightning's Kalder McPherson scored for Interlake in the second period last Friday against the Winnipeg Hawks.

## Warren Mercs' home opener postponed

### By Brian Bowman

The Warren Mercs were scheduled to open their South Eastern Manitoba Hockey League regular season with a pair of home games this weekend.

But that won't happen after a league meeting Monday and the SEMHL decided to delay their regular season start date to Nov. 26 due to COVID-19.

Warren was scheduled to begin its regular season Friday (8 p.m.) when it was to host the Portage Islanders. The Notre Dame Hawks were supposed to be in Warren on Sunday for a 4:30 p.m. game.

"It's been a while and a long wait," said Mercs' co-coach Bryn Lindsay, noting Scott Corbett and Kyle Luschinski are player/coaches, last week. "The way it ended last year, we were up two games in the final (against Portage), I think the guys feel they still have something to prove. "They're ready to get going again."

The Mercs were excited to have a pair of home games early in the season. But, unfortunately, they will have to wait a little longer.

"With no NHL, it gives people something to do," Lindsay noted. "We have

some Friday night, Saturday night, and Sunday afternoon games, so we're hoping to get some young fans out. Hopefully, that will bring out a few more people."

Twenty-three of the 25 players on the Mercs' roster from last year have returned. Warren has also added four top-end players to an already very deep team.

"We've only skated three or four times so we're not really sure what we're going to do with the roster," Lindsay admitted. "We had a few scrimmages with the Stonewall Jets."

Hayden Dola returns as the Mercs' No. 1 goalie. His season ended early a year ago due to injury.

Jarrett Hogue will be Warren's other goalie.

All SEMHL rinks will require individuals to sign-in when entering the building.

Each rink has its own restrictions in terms of capacity. Warren's rink will allow a maximum of 175 fans in the rink plus 40 indoor, according to the league website.



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### UPCOMING GAMES

## All MMJHL games postponed until further notice

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## U18 Lightning lose to Pembina Valley

Weekend games postponed due to COVID-19

**Staff**

The Interlake Lightning U18 AAA male hockey team had both of their weekend games postponed due to COVID-19.

All Manitoba U18 AAA Hockey League games have been postponed until Nov. 15.

Last Wednesday, the Lightning lost 4-1 to the Hawks in Morden.

The game was scoreless until the 14:11 mark of the second period when Pembina Valley's Drew Peters tallied.

Interlake's Ashton Fisher responded with a power-play goal just over two minutes later.

But the Hawks' Nicholas McKee scored at 17:25 of the middle frame and then Tyler Parr and Carter Sotheran added goals in the third.

Michael O'Sullivan made 53 saves in the losing cause.

Interlake was scheduled to host Eastman on Wednesday and Saturday before playing the Selects on Sunday in Beausejour.



Interlake's Alexander Kaczorowski goes high in the air to provide a screen as the Lightning scored a second-period goal against the Pembina Valley Hawks last Wednesday in Morden. The Hawks won the game 4-1.

## Board members needed for beach volleyball league

By Jennifer McFee

Volunteers are in demand to help with forming a beach volleyball league based in Stonewall.

Local resident Andrew Martin has been making progress in his efforts to launch competitive and recreational co-ed beach volleyball leagues. He envisions developing beach volleyball courts, possibly behind the town's main baseball diamond on the way to the quarry.

"I'm currently trying to form a board for the league," he said. "I'm

looking for people who might be interested in joining the board to help organize and run the league."

Talks are in the works about a possible partnership with Volleyball Winnipeg, which would like to expand its offerings outside the perimeter. The organization is particularly interested in encouraging youth to get involved in the sport.

Anyone interested in joining the board can contact Martin by email at [agmmartini@gmail.com](mailto:agmmartini@gmail.com).



TRIBUNE PHOTOS BY RICK HIEBERT

The Interlake Lightning's Cole EMBERLY carries the puck while teammate Guy ROZIN trails the play.

## MMJHL games postponed until further notice

**Staff**

The Manitoba Major Junior Hockey League postponed all games scheduled last weekend due to recent COVID-19 exposures.

Future games have also been postponed until further notice.

"We're taking a cautious approach to make sure everything's clear with

the Manitoba health authorities before we push the start button again," MMJHL president Kerry Lines told the *Winnipeg Free Press* last Friday.

"Until they do their contact tracing, we have to be very vigilant on that front, and we're not putting anyone at risk."

The league issued a statement on its

website.

"For the time being, all MMJHL games have been postponed due to the resurgence of COVID-19 cases and because the city of Winnipeg has moved to the red, or critical level. We are all hoping that the postponement of our season will only be temporary. Please check back for updates as they

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The family of Ray Fontaine would like to thank all those who sent cards of condolence, flowers and phone calls. We are all very overwhelmed by your kindness. MacKenzie's, thank you for organizing the funeral and luncheon at the Legion club house. Ray would have liked that. Thank you ladies for serving the luncheon. Sincere thanks for those who donated to Cancer Care. With their treatments Ray was able to have more time with his family and friends.

It seems you've spent a lifetime looking out for your family, working hard, being responsible and always trying to do the right thing. Dad it was appreciated. You'll be forever in our hearts.

-Love your family, Linda, Monique, Bob and family, Janine, Steven and family, Clint, Christine and family

**CARD OF THANKS**

The family of John Klimpke would like to take this opportunity to thank and recognize the following people and organizations; the Pine Falls Hospital and the Stonewall Hospital for the outstanding care and compassion shown to our father and husband. To the paramedics who made the trek from Pine Falls to Stonewall thus delivering him closer to home. To the pallbearers who carried our father and husband to his final resting place. To the many family and friends who provided transportation to and from Pine Falls, food, flowers, cards, donations and support throughout this difficult time. We would also like to recognize the Stonewall Legion and the ladies who volunteered their time to serve lunch. A special thank you is extended to Pastor Mark Just who officiated at the graveside service and to Ken Loehmer, Stephen Hjalmarsson, Dawn and Allan Grenkow who assisted and helped to guide us throughout this difficult time. We would also like to thank Ashley Klimpke for singing at the service.

-The Klimpke family

**OBITUARY**



**Johanna Elisabet Auguste Glas**

While taking turns by her side, Bruce, Tabitha, Travis, Haley, Tyson Oughton and Winfried Glas, Johanna peacefully, on October 26, 2020 was welcomed into Heaven with open wings.

Mom was born May 5, 1930 in Germany. She survived a war and became a tough adventurous woman. In her early twenties she travelled to England with her sister Kate, together they worked in a hospital as nurse's aids. Mom had a dream of seeing Canada and made that a reality. There she worked as a dental assistant and waitressed at a German restaurant "The Happy Vineyard" where she met and fell in love with Winfried. Together they built a family and a business. They owned and ran "Tops Restaurant" in Winnipeg. From there they decided to move to Inwood and start a farm from scratch. Mom worked in the community as a home care aid. In her spare time of running out meals to the field, helping with

barn chores she found time to craft, crochet, knit, bowl and even attempted golf. She was on the Inwood WI Committee helping with community events and she wore the Red and Purple Hat. Her and a few friends routinely played cards for pennies, had scheduled outings with her sisters Kate Kelly and Annemarie Liljegren and made several gambling trips to the US with Dad. She still found time to attend all special events for her children and grandchildren.

The last several years, Mom was diagnosed with Alzheimer. During this she suffered two strokes decreasing her mobility but with her determination she managed to wheel around and visited all the residence in the care home until she couldn't anymore.

Mom, aka Dolly, will be missed by all who knew her. Thanks to Rosewood Lodge staff, Stonewall Palliative Care, and Dr. Graham.

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**OBITUARY**



**Bob Powell**

**December 30, 1940 – October 27, 2020**

Peacefully, and with dignity and spirit, Bob lost his courageous battle with cancer. He was 79 years young! Bob will be deeply missed by his beloved wife Pat of 55 years; daughters Cori and her husband Ed, and Nicole and her husband Jamie and their daughter Reese and grandchildren Harmony and Zachary; grand-dogs Charlie and Jazie; and his very special buddy, Snoopy.

Despite enduring a childhood that he would not wish upon anyone, Bob persevered. He became a strong, brave human being, who showed love to his family every day.

Bob took incredible pride as an owner/operator of his drywall company, Bob Powell Drywall Services. He always ensured his work was professional and exceptional.

Bob enjoyed many things throughout his life. In his early years, snowmobile racing, playing baseball, his Gunton property, his John Deere tractor, and the family dog Sparky. Later, Bob and Pat enjoyed camping, cruising, travelling to Cori and Ed's home in Alberta, and being at Nicole and Jamie's acreage in the Interlake. Bob was an avid outdoorsman; he loved hunting and fishing especially his fishing adventures with his best friend Earl. Bob treasured all his friendships formed over the years. Bob will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

A special thank you to the staff on the Medicine Unit at the Selkirk Hospital for providing the best care possible.

As per Bob's request, there will not be a service.

In lieu of flowers, donations will be graciously accepted for Manitoba Cancer Care or Juvenile Diabetes Foundation (JDRF).

Condolences may be left at [www.alternacremation.ca](http://www.alternacremation.ca)

Bob's boat has left the dock. He has gone a fishin'!



**OBITUARY**



**Yvette Smith**  
1933 - 2020

With breaking hearts we announce the passing of our wife, mom, sister and friend on Friday, October 23, 2020. Mom took on a glow and we witnessed serenity. Yvette was beautiful as was her soul. Morality virtue and spirituality were mom's beliefs and she passed them on to us.

Yvette and Bill were married for 64 years and have five children. Carol and John Hoban, Jill (Derek), Bruce; Les Smith, Lindsey, David; Lorna Smith; Shawna Smith, Nick, Dylan (Kiana); Audra and Arrigo D'Angelis. Mom also had five great-grandkids, Will, Abby, Carter, Easton, Daisy and two fur-kids Chantilly and Petee.

Mom, born in St. Laurent, MB. to Chris and Amanda Lambert, along with 12 siblings and has a multitude of relatives. She also has a sister-in-law, brother-in-law, two nephews and a great

nephew on Dad's side.

Mom and Dad had a huge circle of close friends. Mom loved entertaining cooking, dancing, music and playing cards. Everybody always ended up at the Smith's, an open door policy and you'd never leave hungry! Mom and Dad spoiled us children, grandchildren with so many memories at Twin Beaches, and the homes Dad built; we had the best they provided and the best holidays!

Every day Mom made sure she spoke or saw one of us kids or grandchildren. Just to say hi or discuss sports, fashion, home decor or her favourite TV programs like sports, decorating or detective programs. She never missed a birthday and we would get a call with her singing Happy Birthday.

Mom, always conscious of her appearance fashion and hair style was often referred to as "GLAMA". She loved bling, sparkles, jewellery and faux fur.

In 1978 Bill moved the family out to Grosse Isle, MB. and built a big new home for mom to decorate. The beginning of a new lifestyle.

Thanks to the nurses on the 8th floor palliative at St. Boniface Hospital.

Mom faithfully believed in giving back and was very generous to family and charities. A donation of blood as many did for Mom to sustain her life as long as possible, or support a charity in her memory.

"Mom whenever we smell Chanel #5 when there's no one around or we bake your jumbo raisin cookies or make your famous pastry for pies we'll know you're there. We shall be listening in our dreams for you and keep you always close to our hearts".



**OBITUARY**



**(Lorna) Jean Patterson**  
(nee Conquergood)

**October 27, 1924 – October 27, 2020**

In the early morning hours of her 96th birthday, with family at her side, Mom peacefully passed at Red River Place in Selkirk.

Mom was predeceased by her loving husband, Thomas William Patterson, father Murdoch Daniel and mother Frances Catherine Conquergood (nee McKay), infant brother Thomas, brother Stewart Roswell "Ross", sister Flora Elizabeth Green "Florrie", her twin sister Frances Murdena Kerr

"Deanie", sister Shirley Jessilind White, sister Margaret Wilhelmina Smea "Willie" and her eldest son, Thomas Ross. Left to cherish her memory are her sons Reginald Wayne (Marlene), Richard Lorne (Leslie), Rodger Phillip and daughter-in-law Fran, along with her beloved grandchildren – Jason (Keri), Elizabeth (Neil), Natalie, Reggie (Pam), Tommy, Michael, James (Chantel), Bryan (Tori), Joseph and Marshall – and numerous great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and friends.

Jean was born in Winnipeg and raised on the family farm in Lilyfield. She attended Lilyfield school and completed Grade 12 in Transcona. After high school Jean completed her training as a Registered Nurse at the Misericordia School of Nursing. She nursed at Gladstone General Hospital for two years before returning to Winnipeg to continue nursing until she married Tom in November 1948. Together they raised their family of four boys on the Patterson farm in Lilyfield where she continued to live until only three months before her passing. In 1970 Jean recertified as a nurse and did private duty nursing for about 10 years.

Mom's greatest love was her family and her home, followed closely by her church and community. She was a lifelong member of the Lilyfield United Church and active in the United Church Women's group and Mount Lildon Women's Institute. She loved "good" music, reading, crosswords and, most of all, having friends and family visit. She was a gracious hostess who could put together a delicious meal, complete with fine china and teacups, with seemingly no effort on short notice. She could not tolerate an improperly set table!

She was close to her brother and sisters and looked forward to Deanie's visits every summer in the later years. Mom had one speed and that was "go". She liked to be busy and was independent (she would not want us to say she was stubborn!). In addition to being a wife and mom, she also worked hard to help Tom on the farm. Her beautiful hands were a testament to a life of hard work, love, and service to others.

Unfortunately, during her last three months, Jean was moved five times between various health facilities. This, along with COVID-related restrictions, was difficult for her and her family and was only bearable because of the caring health care staff at each facility. Thanks also to all the homecare workers who tended to Jean at home during her later years.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Lilyfield United Church, c/o Box 22, RR2, Winnipeg, R3C 2E6.

A celebration of life will be held on a later date.



**OBITUARY**



**Arnold Robert (Jake) Brown**  
God needed another Angel.

The family announces the unexpected passing of their husband, father, son-in-law, brother, brother-in-law, uncle and friend on October 21, 2020 at the St. Boniface Hospital in Winnipeg, MB. at the young age of 60.

Jake was born January 17, 1960 in Winnipeg, Manitoba.

He is survived by his wife of over 26 years Kimberley; daughter Delaney, Lacey (Colin), and son Clayton of Woodlands; sister Christine Thiessen of Winnipeg; father-in-law Percy Fleury and sister-in-law Susan Fleury of Warren and niece Jennifer (Cam) Thiessen of Kilarney; as well as many family pets, countless friends, cousins, aunts and uncles. Jake was predeceased by infant son Travis, father Robert and mother Gladys Brown and mother-in-law Jo-Anne Fleury.

Prior to receiving kidney dialysis Jake was employed as a shunt driver with Guardwine Companies in Winnipeg, also prior with Porters and Kingsway.

Jake's passion in life was showing Percheron heavy horses attending any fair he possibly could. This was something he shared with Kim during their courtship and during their marriage until failing health caused him to quit. Still, Jake couldn't turn his back on his passion and later owned Shetland ponies with which he entertained at his children's birthday parties, giving pony and hayrides.

Jake enjoyed country music, in particular George Strait. He would say, "it ain't country if it ain't strait".

Jake and Kim enjoyed 26 years together sharing their children, love of country music and country life and the deep love of animals never turning away a stray. On the coldest day one January while in town skating with the kids a little kitten was found starving and cold. Jake put her in his jacket, turned the heat on in the car and brought her home. He and his Pumpkin Patch were rarely separated when he was home from that point on.

The family would like to thank the staff at Stonewall Hospital and the 5th floor staff of St. Boniface Hospital. All of you are such wonderful people who just couldn't do enough for Jake and the family.

Family was everything to Jake, he fought hard to remain with them, but such was not to be.

Should family and friends so desire, in lieu of flowers, a donation to the college funds for Delaney, Lacey and Clayton at Sunova Credit Union in Stonewall, MB. 204-467-5574 or Winnipeg Pet Rescue, 3062 Portage Ave., Winnipeg, MB. R3Y 0Y1 204-832-7387 would be appreciated.

Cremation has already taken place.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions a later date will be announced for services and endearment in 2021.

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**OBITUARY**



**Bernice Drohomereski**  
1925 - 2020

It is with heavy hearts we regret to announce the passing of our Mom, Bernice on October 29, 2020 at Red River Place Care Home, at the age of 95.

Mom was predeceased by her husband Ted, and grandson Bowan. She leaves to mourn, her children Cheryl (Brian), Perry (Debbie) and Susan (Kelly) along with eight grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren. She will also be missed by all who knew her.

Mom will be remembered for her award winning quilts, knitting and other fair entries. Her knitting will wrap us with love forever. We were never without perogies, cabbage rolls, sauerkraut and borsht. Her family was her life; she would do anything for us.

Ted, our father, passed away in 1976. Mom was a testament to our legacy by proving that by working hard you could keep the

home, farm, garden, and love alive and instil this in your children. We can only hope and pray that we can continue this legacy. May you rest in peace dear Mom, you will always be remembered and greatly missed by your family.

Cremation has taken place and a private service will be held at a later date.

You are our sunshine.

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

Gilbart Funeral Home, Selkirk in care of arrangements.



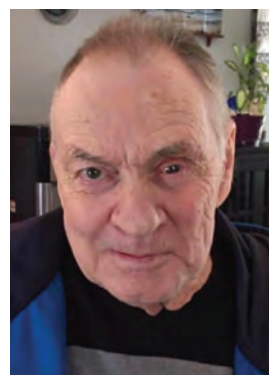
# Announcements

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**Dennis Robert Hoffman**  
March 12, 1945 to October 26, 2020

It is with great sadness and heavy hearts that we announce the passing of our beloved husband, dad, grandpa, great grandpa, brother and uncle after a long illness at the Grace Hospital.

Dennis is survived by his wife of 51 years Darlene; and his five children Lisa (Allan), Kathy (Slade), Sheryl (Sebastien), Marilyn (Tyson) and Dennis Jr. (Bob) (Leigh); his 12 grandchildren Crystal, Breanne (Joel), Tuesday, Derek, Braden (McKenzie), Kyra (Quin), Rebecca (Tyler), Jordan (Hunter), Torin, Curtis, Jessica, Steven; his four great-grandchildren Rae-lynn, Dominic, Elijah and Nylah; his brothers Doug, Raymond, Fred (Darlene) and sisters Shirley, Patricia (Ron); his brothers-in-law Raymond (Pearla), Welby (Linda), Norman, Barry and sisters-in-law Helen and Lorna (Tom) and his many nieces and nephews. Dennis was predeceased by



his parents Robert and Georgina; father and stepmother in-law George and Marion; mother-in-law Ellen Swan; his sisters Sandra, Barbara and Connie; sister-in-law Valerie and brother-in-law Lucien.

Dennis was born in Winnipeg, Manitoba on March 12, 1945 and was the eldest of nine children. He moved throughout Manitoba with his parents and siblings residing in Churchill, Oak Point, Headingly and back to Winnipeg where he met his wife Darlene. They married in 1969 and moved and raised their family to Warren, Manitoba in 1974 and later retired to Woodlands in 2007. In 2009 Dennis suffered a stroke and after a lengthy stay at Health Sciences Center and Deer Lodge Center, he moved to Oakview Extencicare long term care home in March 2010. Dennis enjoyed the interacting with the staff and residents of Oakview, meeting many people and finding buddies to watch hockey with.

Dennis had various jobs over his lifetime before he found an interest in farming. He worked at Canada Messenger, Walter Woods, mining in Pickle Lake Ontario and then settling into his farming career. He started in Rosser on the Holtmann hog farm and then to the Penner hog farm in Argyle. He switched to dairy farming, working on the Hibbit farm and retiring after many years working with Bill Swan.

Dennis had several interests over the years from playing in a broomball league, Canasta tournaments, bowling, camping, fishing, listening or humming to country music and time on his boat. He spent many hours in his yard working in his gardens or tinkering with lawn mowers. His greatest passion was spending time with his family, long weekend family camping trips or just stopping by one of his kids house for a visit, watch a movie and have a rye and coke. All of his children knew how much they were loved and how much they meant to him. He never hesitated to help out or join in on what they were doing. But his grandchildren, they were his greatest treasures. On his weekends off he would be busy taking in their sports cheering them on, even after his stroke he continued to attend their activities and milestone achievements. The staff and residents at Oakview always knew when he was heading home for a visit with his family. He would be humming to music waving his finger as he could barely contain his excitement. He would wave goodbye to everyone on his way out with the biggest grin. Going home for holidays were really special to him, it was time he was able to spend with his wife, kids and grandkids all together.

We would like to say thank you to the staff at Oakview Extencicare over the last 10 ½ years, from the nurses to housekeeping and the management team. It didn't matter who you were, what you did, you always took the time to say hi and joke around with him. Thank you for being part of his extended family. To Shannon, Barb, Marilyn, Tatianna, Lillian, Maureen, Phil, Mary and John and so many others this big grin and fist salute is for you.

To the Grace Hospital Emergency staff, Dr. George, the nurses and healthcare aids on 5 North, we thank you for the care and compassion you gave our dad these last few weeks when we could not be there. Your commitment and compassion during these trying times was amazing.

Due to COVID-19 a Celebration of Life will take place at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, a donation can be made to the Heart & Stroke Foundation of Manitoba.

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