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Stutsky paints Rocks of Remembrance for veterans

By Evan Matthews

A woman near Teulon realized what a difference art rocks can make when she received one amidst her battle with cancer.

Leanne Stutsky created "Rocks of Remembrance" this year, and a community group presented Bill Neely, a 99-year-old veteran of the Second World War, with a rock to symbolize thanks for his years of service.

"I saw the idea for poppy rocks, and I knew I had to make them for our veterans and active military members to show we appreciate what they've done and what they continue to do," said Stutsky.

"When I heard there was no service this year, I thought it would be a special token for our heroes."

A special token it was, as those who presented Mr. Neely with his rock said he appreciated the gesture very much and his happiness was evident.

Stutsky said it's because of the veterans like Mr. Neely that our society has the opportunity to fight against deadly viruses like COVID-19 or any other medical condition, for that matter.

Battling breast cancer over the last year, Stutsky said she first learned of art rocks when a woman from Selkirk had gifted her a breast cancer rock in the early stages of treatment.

Stutsky said she will never forget the sense of support and joy she felt that day.

"I've done a lot of reflecting, and though I'm a modest person, I do like to help out when and where I can to make a difference. I enjoy painting, and it's been like a therapy for me," she said.

"I've had a lot of time to reflect on what's important. My situation has put my thoughts into perspective. I'm just so thankful, and especially during these difficult times, we need more acts of kindness."

Though rocks of remembrance are Stutsky's most recent example, she's made other rocks for people with low morale or experiencing times with encouraging messages, such as "Just keep going" or "Push through, you're going to make it" to try and lift their spirits.

Stutsky knew of a woman in her community who loves lady bugs, so Stutsky made a family of lady bugs for her.

"It just feels like a good thing to do," said Stutsky. "Support is always an amazing thing."

With times being so uncertain, Stutsky encouraged others to find innovative and creative ways of bringing encouragement, support and joy to their community.

A special commemoration

Mr. Neely told community members the cancellation of Remembrance Day services was a real dis-



Second World War veteran Bill Neely, 99, is all smiles after receiving two Rocks of Remembrance from Leanne Stutsky.

appointment to him, according to Judith Dedrick-Williams, but the presentation of two remembrance rocks helped ease that let-down.

Having maintained a friendship with Petty Officer 2nd Class Whitney Barham, who is senior recruiter and diversity recruiter for the Canadian Forces Recruiting Centre in Winnipeg, Barham has participated in Teulon's Remembrance Day services for four years.

A skilled bugler, she performs "The Last Post" and "Reveille" during the service each year.

In 2020, as a special tribute to Mr. Neely, Barham arranged to phone him just prior to 11 a.m. on Remembrance Day.

Just for him, she played "The Last Post" and, after the two minutes of silence, "Reveille."

Dedrick-Williams described it as a very emotional moment for Mr. Neely, who softly hummed along to the tunes he remembers



SUBMITTED BY JUDITH-DEDRICK WILLIAMS
Stutsky proudly holds several Rocks of Remembrance she painted as a special token for military veterans and active members amidst cancellations of Remembrance Day services due to COVID-19.

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"It was a special moment for a special veteran," she said.

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Local author shares Stony's snake stories

By Evan Matthews

When people think snakes in Manitoba, they think Narcisse.

But as one man from Stony Mountain suggests, Stony Mountain was home to snakes, too, before slithering on elsewhere.

Hal Ryckman's father started as a carpentry instructor at the penitentiary in 1948, shortly after the Second World War. Ryckman was born in 1952, with his family relocating to the community permanently in 1958.

"My dad wouldn't often talk about work, but he would often tell stories about the snake den. There isn't a lot written about it, but his story never changed over the years," said Ryckman.

"A lot of people just have no idea, whether they've moved to town in the last few years, or even having lived here for 30 or 40 years, they've never heard that or never known that."

Hal Ryckman just moved to Oakbank a couple months ago, but he was raised in the Stony Mountain community.

Missing his old community, Ryckman takes pride and joy from sharing

stories of its origin.

"It's just interesting, you know? I think people should know about things like this, know about where they live," said Ryckman.

"Just as people go to Narcisse today, people used to travel out to Stony Mountain by horse and wagon to watch the snakes."

The story, as Ryckman was told it, describes Stony Mountain as being home to hundreds of thousands of snakes, no different than Narcisse is today.

Ryckman's father used to say settlers to the Red River Valley referred to the high ground — later named Stony Mountain — as "Snake Indian Hill." The reference came from the fact that Indigenous peoples regularly camped there because of the den.

It was an ideal place to camp, according to the story, as it was the highest ground for many miles and offered a high vantage point from which to spot buffalo to the west.

Ryckman's father always said given the geology of Stony Mountain, being an outcropping of layers of limestone laid down by Lake Agassiz, it

shouldn't have been all that surprising the area would make for good snake habitat, providing a safe place to hibernate in the rock's many fissures.

The den supposedly was located in exactly the same spot the penitentiary is today and was much larger than the Narcisse den.

In the fall of 1874, construction on the penitentiary was well underway, and as workmen were busy, so too were the snakes who migrated back to the den.

Accounts from the time, according to Ryckman, suggest there were so many snakes making their way back to the den from their summer habitat that the tall prairie grass was waving on a calm day, as if it was windy.

The story finishes off by saying the snakes invaded so much of the construction area, spooked so many of the horses and workmen, that many refused to work, resulting in Manitoba's first labour strike.

Once the snake migration was over and the den was inhabited for the winter, the general contractor building the penitentiary ordered the den



Hal Ryckman is compiling and writing a book about Stony Mountain Penitentiary's first warden, Samuel Bedson.

be sealed with cement, forever closing the Stony Mountain snake den, according to Ryckman.

Given his love of local history, Ryckman is currently working on compiling and writing a book all about Stony Mountain Penitentiary's first warden, Samuel Bedson, who was instrumental in saving the bison in North America.

Manitoba Bridge Grant available for businesses impacted by Code Red closures

Submitted by Manitoba government

Manitoba businesses and organizations required to close under current public health orders are now able to apply online for a \$5,000 Manitoba Bridge Grant, Premier Brian Pallister announced Monday.

"We recognize the significant sacrifices our local business community has made in the face of this pandemic in order to protect all Manitobans," said Pallister. "We have been working and will continue to work side-by-side with our business community to help them do what they do best — employ Manitobans, and offer services Manitobans rely and depend on. Many of them can't do that right now, which is why we're offering a \$5,000 grant to help bridge them through this unprecedented time."

The application form is now live for the Manitoba Bridge Grant, which provides a \$5,000 grant upfront to eligible small and medium-sized businesses and organizations that were required to fully close their premises

to the public because of Manitoba COVID-19 public health orders in effect as of Nov. 12.

The list includes non-essential retailers, restaurants, bars, beverage rooms, brewpubs, microbreweries, distilleries, recreation and sport facilities, museums and galleries, theatres and concert halls, not-for-profit organizations, faith-based organizations and registered charities. The full list and application criteria is available on the program page at www.gov.mb.ca/covid19/programs/bridge-grant.html.

"The best thing we can do for our businesses is to bend our COVID curve down. I encourage all Manitobans to follow the advice of Dr. Roussin and our health leaders to stay home in order to halt the spread of this virus and protect our most vulnerable Manitobans. Manitobans can safely show their support for our local businesses through online shopping and curb-side pickup and delivery

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Stonewall spearheads AMM Interlake subcommittee

By Evan Matthews

Recognizing the need for regional collaboration in uncertain times, Stonewall Mayor Clive Hinds is reaching out to Interlake communities with an idea.

Having reached out to all 20 municipalities in the Interlake District with a letter, Hinds said the region does not have a unified voice, nor does it have a formal group (of municipalities) encompassing the broader support of one another.

"My question to you all: Is there an appetite for participation in a group, which would meet (roughly) three times annually to have a conversation in which each participant could highlight various projects or activities in their communities?" Hinds asked in the letter.

"This would also enable Interlake municipalities to join together as a united front in support of any resolution to be presented to the AMM through our present directors," the letter goes on, adding RM of St. Laurent Reeve Cheryl Smith and City of Selkirk Coun. Kelly Cook are the current directors.

Of the 20 municipalities, Hinds said if he gets between 10 to 12 positive

responses, the group can definitively decide to move the concept forward.

Many community leaders have informally expressed support but have yet to take the idea back to respective councils for discussion. With the letter having been sent out a month ago on Oct. 16, Mayor Hinds said interest is slowly building, with five positive responses.

"Teulon supports Mayor Hinds in the formation of an Interlake organization that will be able to present a unified voice as we (navigate and) negotiate through such uncertain times," said Teulon Mayor Anna Pazdzierski, emphasizing the importance of regional partnerships and people working together for the betterment of all.

"As a fairly new council, we really appreciate the support and experience we are able to benefit from in partnerships that already exist. ... Supporting each other and working together will be a huge benefit to all of us," she said, adding thanks to Mayor Hinds.

The Association of Manitoba Municipalities (AMM) represents all 137 municipalities in the province.

"We encourage all our members to meet with each other whenever possible to discuss common challenges



Stonewall Mayor Clive Hinds

and opportunities for collaboration," said AMM president Ralph Groening.

"There are similar (sub)committees across Manitoba, and thus we support the initiative emanating from within the Interlake District."

The hope, according to Hinds, is to have more responses come in over the next month and have an idea as to whether or not the group will move forward in early 2021.

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Trials are hard but I guess that's why they're called trials. We may wonder "Why me?" Good question but I wonder if we really

want the answer. If we're honest, it's really more like a response to the feeling of frustration that arises within then an actual inquiry.

The answer James 1:3 says, it tests our faith and produces perseverance. Ouch. Trials are for my own benefit? Not the answer I was looking for but it makes sense. For example, if you want to become stronger, you lift something heavy till your muscles begin to grow. It works the same way to grow spiritually, but those faith muscles won't grow without the opportunity to exercise them through challenges.

I don't know what you are going through right now, but Proverbs 3:5,6 teaches you can choose to trust the Lord in it, with all your heart and not lean on your own understanding. Trust the Lord has got a plan. He is working in it. In all your ways, even in troubles, you can submit them to Him, call out to Him and He will make your path straight. He wants to guide you through it and strengthen you in the process. The test is only a delay for your own benefit because there is something the Lord wants to build in you through the process.

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options," the premier said.

He noted that businesses that received other federal or provincial funding, such as the Manitoba Gap Prevention Program, are welcome to apply for the Manitoba Bridge Grant. He noted the Manitoba Gap Prevention Program has concluded, with \$59 million paid out to more than 9,800 businesses in the province.

"We would like to thank the province for making these grants available to businesses like ours," said Costa and Ernie Cholakis of Broadway Florists. "The Cholakis family has been running Broadway Florists for 97 years (three generations) and this type of support will make the difference and allow us to continue on for years to come. We also appreciate all of the Manitobans who are buying local and supporting businesses like ours during these challenging times."

Businesses and organizations that were actively conducting business in the province immediately before the implementation of applicable public health orders are able to apply for one immediate \$5,000 grant per business number. The payment will be automatically deposited within 10 business days after their application is approved.

The program application deadline is Dec. 15. Should the public health orders remain in place past Jan. 1, 2021, the Manitoba Bridge Grant may be extended to provide an additional \$5,000 to eligible organizations.

The premier noted the province is committed to making at least \$250 million available to protect Manitoba's business community at this critical time in the pandemic, through the first and potentially second round of Manitoba Bridge Grant payments as

well as initial supporting funds of up to \$50 million for business groups, such as the Manitoba Chambers of Commerce, that were asked to provide government with a long-term recovery funding plan for Manitoba businesses coming out of COVID-19.

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Prioritizing economy over public health

By Evan Matthews

Last week's changes to public health orders caused a bit of a scare, but for sure a stir.

To generally blame the government for people's inept, inconsiderate and unfair behaviour — not wearing masks, not social distancing and improper hand hygiene — is ridiculous.

People need to be accountable for their individual roles as it relates to spread of this virus.

However, what has become clearer is the province prioritizing economy over public health.

Last week, Dr. Brent Roussin, Manitoba's chief public health officer, had said he advised the provincial government to restrict citizens to associate only with people in their households.

Meaning, the interpretation was that social gatherings of any kind would not be permitted.

But when the province announced their new public health orders last Tuesday, Nov. 10, to the surprise of many, the gathering size remained at five people, which had been the case since Nov. 2.

That five-person limit does not include people who reside in a household.

So, the government didn't actually take Dr. Roussin's advice.

From a medical standpoint, whether the government has opted to restrict people or not, Dr. Roussin continues

to stay on message: Stay home, leave for essential reasons only, only socialize with people in your household.

If the provincial government had listened to Dr. Roussin, inevitably there would be outraged people citing the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms, more specifically citing their freedoms to assemble and associate.

One could argue the provincial government is actually protecting our rights, currently.

But the interesting and unfortunate part about this discussion is what comes next.

If COVID numbers don't improve and the government needs to take next steps, those next steps relating to COVID risk mitigation measures involve restricting citizens but managing businesses.

It seems as though the next part of this conversation will become about you: Who you as an individual citizen are allowed to associate and congregate with, and in what numbers, and those who are displeased with your behaviour (having available snitch lines), etc.

It's unsettling, before scrutinizing and restricting people from exercising their rights, we must ask the question have we as a society done all we can do before restricting those rights and freedoms?

The simple answer, right now, is no. The best example is Winnipeg's CF

Polo Park Shopping Centre. While non-essential businesses have their doors closed, businesses like Apple, Bed Bath & Beyond, DAVIDsTEA, Hudson's Bay, Nespresso, Purdys and Showcase have been deemed essential and remain open.

This is not the complete list of businesses remaining open in the shopping centre.

The simple fact is, under the current Public Health orders, you couldn't congregate with five people (who live outside your household) in a low-risk environment. But you could all plan to go to CF Polo Park and wait in line — socially distanced, of course — at DAVIDsTEA?

How does that make any sense? Maybe someone can point out how one situation is better than the other?

It seems as though certain behaviours are not acceptable, unless you're potentially ready to open up your wallet.

No one disagrees with the idea that we all need to do our part to curb this virus, but is keeping the doors of so many businesses open, allowing people to congregate for the sake of commerce and nothing else, the right way of doing that?

The economy has to be a concern, too — most will concede that — but not at the expense of public health and the rights of citizens.

RCMP release statistics on COVID-19 enforcement

Submitted by RCMP

Between Nov. 2 and 13, the Manitoba RCMP received 253 calls related to COVID-19.

In 42 instances, officers issued a verbal warning. In eight instances, fines were issued for Failing to Comply

with a Provincial Emergency Order, under the Public Health Act:

Nov. 4, Cross Lake RCMP fined an adult male who was not self-isolating as directed; Nov. 7, Cross Lake RCMP fined a Winnipeg teenager for travelling to northern Manitoba; Nov. 7,

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Palliative Care fundraising gala cancelled; donations graciously accepted

By Jo-Anne Procter

With what has become the new normal due to the COVID-19 pandemic, groups including the South West District Palliative Care (SWDPC) have been forced to make many programming and fundraising changes.

Sadly, last May the annual Hike for Hospice was cancelled and most recently the annual fundraising gala dinner and dance has been postponed or possibly cancelled until it is deemed safe to gather.

The SWDPC board has also had to resort to Zoom meetings. On Oct. 19, they held their 2019-2020 annual general meeting via the online meeting platform. The board welcomed new members Angela Emms (RM of

Rosser area), Gail Sorenson (Marquette area) and Sherry Wood Weaver (Balmoral area) and bid farewell to Margaret Medwid, Carol Morgan and Gayle Savage and thanked them for their many years of service on the board.

The 2020-2021 board will be led by chairperson Doug Pickell and he is joined by vice-chair Sandra Smith, treasurer Chuck McClure, secretary Betty Taylor and members-at-large George Willis, Lois Borkowsky, Maureen Tully, Nancy Dumas, Liz Harkness, Doris Hunter, Karen Sorenson, Lori Schellekens, Sherry Wood Weaver, Gail Sorenson, Angela Emms and Jennifer Beirnes, who is responsible for administration.

Due to the postponement and likely cancellation of the 2020 gala event, donations are graciously accepted by cheque that can be mailed to SWDPC Box 1282, Stonewall, MB, R0C 2Z0 or by credit card through www.canada-helps.org/en/charities/south-west-district-palliative-care-inc/

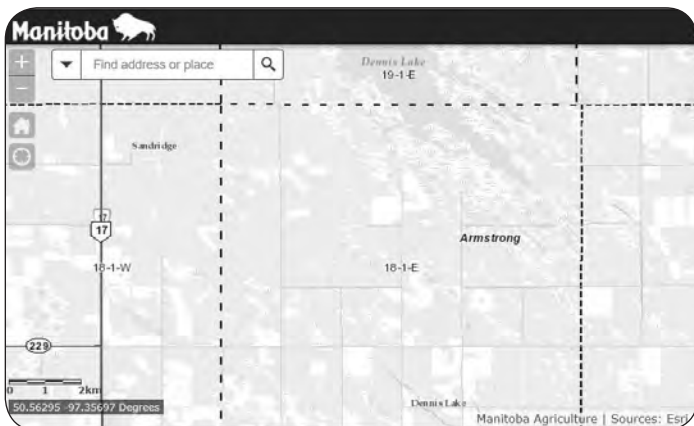
Looking ahead, SWDPC will be hosting their annual Evening of Remembrance via Zoom on Sunday, Dec. 6 with details on participation listed in the *Tribune*.

And be sure to mark you calendars on June 11, 2021, for the annual Ralph Eichler Fundraising Golf Tournament in conjunction with the Interlake Community Foundation and the 2021 gala event is set for Nov. 20, 2021.

Since 1997, the SWDPC has worked to support end-of-life care for clients and their families in the towns of Stonewall and Teulon and the surrounding municipalities of Rosser, Rockwood, Woodlands and part of Armstrong. The SWDPC program, which includes volunteer support, education and equipment purchases, is offered in conjunction with the Interlake-Eastern Regional Health Authority but is completely dependent on donations and community support for its funding.

For information on the SWDPC, contact Beirnes at s.w.d.p.c@hotmail.com or 204-513-1728.

Clarification



TRIBUNE MANITOBA AGRICULTURE AGRIMAPS

Dennis Lake lies roughly between 110N and 107N, according to Agrimaps. The Dennis Lake label at 103N refers to a community post office that no longer exists.

Staff

In the story "Komarno-area landowner frustrated by quarter-century delay to address drainage issues," published in the Oct. 22 edition of the *Stonewall Teulon Tribune*, a map the *Tribune* accessed from the province's Agrimaps service shows the name of a lake where no lake exists. Agrimaps has the label "Dennis Lake" near Larry Wityshyn's land at 103N and 4E, but the name refers to a community post office that no longer exists. The actual lake, Dennis Lake, lies roughly between 110N and 107N.

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Manitoba

Province names more than 7,000 geographical features after Manitoba's fallen soldiers

Submitted by Manitoba government

In honour of Manitoba's fallen soldiers who served in the First World War, the Manitoba government has commemoratively named 7,764 geographical features in the province, Agriculture and Resource Development Minister Blaine Pedersen announced last week.

"It's important that we honour those Manitobans who sacrificed their lives for our country in the First World War," said Pedersen. "In addition, the Manitoba Geographical Names Pro-

gram is currently engaged with the Geographical Names Board of Canada to ensure all of these names are also transferred into Canada's Geographical Names Data Base."

These new commemorative names add to the more than 4,200 lakes, islands, bays and other geographical features named to honour fallen Manitoba soldiers who served from the Second World War to the present day. "Ahead of Remembrance Day in a year like no other, preserving the names of our brave men and

women along with their stories will be a lasting legacy resulting from the commemorative naming of these geographical features," said Jon Reyes, Manitoba's special envoy for military affairs. "I am proud of our Manitoba government and those who provided input into the project so their names will be remembered forever throughout the province."

To access a copy of the geographical features named, Google Earth needs to be downloaded, then visit http://mli2.gov.mb.ca/geognames/kml_

files/Manitoba_WWI_Commemorative_Names.kmz.

For inquiries regarding the commemorative naming of geographical features to honour those who made the supreme sacrifice, including ordering a commemorative name certificate, contact the Manitoba Geographical Names Program at (toll-free) 1-800-214-6497 or visit https://gov.mb.ca/forest/land-management/geographical_names/index.html.

Roussin calls Manitobans, urges them to stay home

By Becca Myskiw

Last Thursday evening brought an opportunity for many Manitoba households to learn about the current Code Red restrictions in the province.

Those with a landline heard their phone ring just after 6:30 p.m. Picking it up and answering "Hello?", they heard Manitoba's chief provincial public health officer Dr. Brent Roussin on the other end.

Roussin, along with other doctors and government officials, took their Thursday evening to host a phone

town hall, talking about the new restrictions and why they came into place.

Most of the information came after a caller dialed *3 — they were then connected to a moderator who put them through to Roussin or another official to ask their question.

One of the first questions of the night was about why schools are open and why churches are closed. Roussin said there are cases brought into schools, but there's no significant transmissions in them. Schools also

need to remain open, he said, to keep up the mental health of the students within them and give them a sense of normalcy.

As for the closing of churches, Roussin said many outbreaks have been linked to faith-based gatherings and that called for closing them down for now.

Then the question came on the gathering restrictions. A caller said his family of six can't go visit their grandparents because it goes against the limit of five people allowed only. The caller was upset and his family was being discriminated against because they're large. Roussin put it simply: people are not supposed to be going out to visit family anyways; they are supposed to be socializing only with members of their own household.

"The best way to limit the transmission of the virus is to limit gatherings," said Roussin. "The message is clear — stay home."

Staying home, he said, saves lives.

Engage MB also had a survey up at

the time of the call. Of all the questions and answers, one piece of data stood out after 10,000 replies. Forty-eight per cent of Manitobans somewhat or strongly agreed it is OK to expand their circle with people they trust. The chief provincial public health officer said that mentality is not OK; it creates 60 COVID-19 cases in itself.

"It's not about limiting the amount of contact at one time," he said. "It's about limiting it in total."

Roussin went on to say this is the first time the Public Health Act is being used in Manitoba. He said the restrictions have to be realistic of what the government expects from Manitobans.

"We need Manitoba to step up," he said. "To follow public health advice."

Roussin suggested writing down the names of every person you've been in contact with in one day — that's possibly who's all been exposed to the virus.

The main point for the restrictions comes down to the rising case numbers and the hospitals reaching capacity. The phone town hall went on for a while, but Roussin had one main takeaway for Manitobans: stay home, save lives.

> COVID FINES, FROM PG. 6

not self-isolating as directed; Nov. 13, St-Pierre-Jolys RCMP issued a fine to an adult female for having more than 5 people at her residence; Nov. 13, Peguis RCMP fined two adult females who were not self-isolating as directed.

Since April 9 Manitoba RCMP have issued 119 warnings and 50 fines.

Manitobans living outside of Winnipeg are reminded not to call 911 for COVID-19 related issues. Reports of non-compliance can be made to the Manitoba Government Inquiry line at 1-866-626-4862.



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Ernie Webb Bay to transform into Candy Cane Lane for the holidays

By Sydney Lockhart

With the holiday season just around the corner and pandemic restrictions tightening, some Stonewall residents are hoping to show Christmas cheer with their lit up yards.

Ernie Webb Bay neighbours are working together to turn the town into a holiday lights display this year.

"It's to brighten our town and make people smile. Maybe seniors and families can drive around and look at it," said RaeAnne Learmond.

Learmond came up with the idea and enlisted the help of her daughter Eva and their neighbours to get more people on board with the idea.

Several residents have decorated their front yards with light up candy canes.

Learmond said she hopes the entire town will take part in lighting up their streets to make Stonewall brighter than ever this holiday season.

"If it's the year you were thinking of slacking, it's not the year," she said. "It's Christmas spirit and something fun to

do."

After posting on Facebook, Learmond said the response from the town has been great and she expects a lot of participation.

With the town's Santa parade being cancelled and the Red River Ex drive-thru light show being shut down, Learmond hopes Stonewall can become a whimsical town of lights to replace those family traditions this year.

"As soon as people want to get them up is great, but it's never too late to turn your lights on," she said.

Leanne Brown, Learmond's neighbour, helped create flyers for their bay explaining the plans

for Candy Cane Lane.

Her daughter Sari helped hand out the flyers with Eva Learmond, wanting to help spread the word as much as they could.

"We wanted to do something to spruce things up and make something to look forward to," said Brown.

She added that she hopes it will help people get through what is going to be a lonely time of year.

"I want everyone to feel some Christmas cheer," she said. "It's an open invitation to anyone to participate."



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Residents living along Ernie Webb Bay are hoping to convert their street into Candy Cane Lane this holiday season.



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Inland Port Special Planning Area Under The Authority of *The Planning Act* Notice of Public Hearing

On the date and at the time and location shown below, a PUBLIC HEARING will be held to receive representations from any person(s) who wish to make them in respect to the following matter:

INLAND PORT SPECIAL PLANNING AREA BY-LAW 3-20
Being an AMENDMENT to the
INLAND PORT SPECIAL PLANNING AREA REGULATION 48/2016
to RE-ZONE
PART of SECTION 4-12-2 EPM and PART of SECTION 33-11-2 EPM
in the RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF ROSSER
from INLAND PORT RURAL ZONE
to "I3" INDUSTRIAL HEAVY ZONE

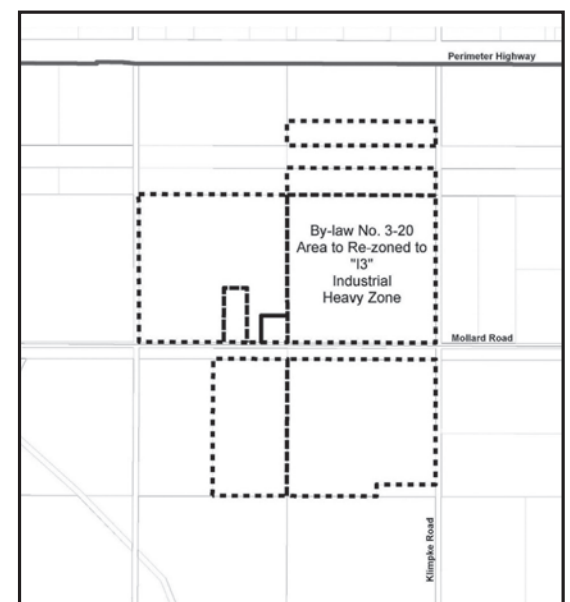
HEARING LOCATION: Victoria Inn Hotel and Convention Centre
1808 Wellington Avenue,
Winnipeg

DATE and TIME: Thursday, December 10, 2020
at 6:30 p.m.

GENERAL INTENT and PURPOSE: To rezone part of Section 4-12-2 EPM and part of Section 33-11-2 EPM in the RM of Rosser CentrePort lands from Inland Port Rural Zone to "I3" Industrial Heavy Zone to establish an aggregate extraction operation.

AREA AFFECTED: This by-law shall apply to the area identified on the map appearing on the Public Hearing Notice

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: Kari Schulz, Planner
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A copy of the above proposal and supporting material may be inspected at the location noted above during normal office hours, Monday to Friday. Copies may be made and extracts taken therefrom, upon request. A description of the procedure to be followed at the hearing is also available at the location noted above.

Manitoba

Honouring our veterans



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY MARLENE BROADFOOT
Royal Canadian Legion Stonewall Branch #52 member Dave Norquay led an intimate service for five residents at Crocus Manor on Nov. 11. A recording of The Last Post was played and two minutes of silence was observed.

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Stonewall Mayor Clive Hinds engaged with Grade 3 students at Ecole RW Bobby Bend School through a Zoom call.

By Jennifer McFee

Stonewall Mayor Clive Hinds recently took time last to engage with local elementary students for a virtual chat about leadership. On Wednesday, Nov. 4, Hinds participated in a Zoom call with the Grade 3 English classes at Ecole RW Bobby Bend School. He answered questions from the students about the personality traits of leaders, community safety, the jobs of a mayor and the challenges that councils face.

In other council news:

- The Town of Stonewall formally adopted its new strategic plan, which is available on the town's website at www.stonewall.ca.
- The Town of Stonewall and RM of Rockwood have jointly applied for additional funding available through the provincial government for training capacity in fire departments.
- The Committee of the Whole meeting scheduled for Nov. 11 was cancelled.

Virtual Evening of Remembrance

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Railway storage cars cause ruckus amongst Grosse Isle residents

By Evan Matthews

Residents in Grosse Isle are upset after a ruckus was caused by rail cars, which locals say is an ongoing issue in the community.

Greg Johnson is leading the way, as a group of Grosse Isle residents are making it known to local politicians and the Vintage Locomotive Society that they are unhappy with the organization's conduct in and around town.

"Car storage and shuffling should be done in a proper rail yard, far from people's backyards, not on a single line designated for weekly visits from a vintage steam engine," said Johnson.

He emphasized the Prairie Dog Central train is not the issue whatsoever but, rather, the use of the track by the Vintage Locomotive Society's subsidiary company, Prairie Rail Solutions (PRS).

"Since 2012, PRS has steadily increased train traffic on that line. It's quite possible PRS is adhering to the letter of the law in their operations; however, it is unlikely those laws had this particular situation in mind," he said.

On Saturday Nov. 7, locals allege PRS began shunting — pushing or pulling (a train or part of a train) from the main line to a siding or from one track to another — and did not cease for 10 hours.

The noise, disruption and potential for accident and injury associated with shunting, according to Johnson, is not acceptable to many residents of Grosse Isle.

"We'd love to have the sense our local RM government is (advocating) on behalf of local residents on this matter," said Johnson.

"Ensuring this company is complying with federal law is the expected minimum response. We'd also hope for help and support in improving quality of life for locals by reducing or eliminating the presence of oil cars and graffiti-covered box cars rolling through our back yards and blocking our roads."

RM of Rosser Reeve Frances Smee said PRS does not park rail cars in the Grosse Isle community; rather, they store empty cars on the tracks both north and south of the village, which is legal.

PRS notified the RM about the recent "switching of cars," according to Smee, attributing the situation to "an unusual business request," which required more movement than would normally be the case.

It's not expected to be the norm, she said, noting the last time there was such an incident dates back to January 2020.

In that case, Johnson said residents had their children cut off from getting home from school due to the PRS movement on the tracks, and it was an extremely cold day.

"Some are worried about what would happen if a fire were to break out or an ambulance was needed east of the tracks with the train in the way," said Johnson, noting the fire hall is west of the tracks.

"That's in addition to those cars covered in graffiti being just plain ugly to look at, and they seemingly get parked closer to town every year."

But Smee reminded the community that the issues raised



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY GREG JOHNSON

Grosse Isle residents are frustrated by PRS blocking off the frequently used highway access with stored cars.

in January have been addressed by PRS in conjunction with the Grosse Isle School and the RM. She added PRS does financially support the Vintage Locomotive Society, which runs the Prairie Dog Central train.

The train travels from the station in Rosser to the Grosse Isle Heritage Site, which Smee said is an important part of the Grosse Isle community and a provincial tourist attraction. Both the RMs of Rockwood and Rosser support the heritage site through grant programs, she said.

Based on her own personal conversations with Vintage Locomotive Society's general manager Paul Newsome, Smee said she is convinced PRS is open to working the RM and enhancing communications with residents regarding rail activity.

Only two residents have formally complained to the RM to date, and Smee said she encourages anyone else to bring concerns forward to create dialogue and better understand those concerns.

Newsome told the *Tribune* the Vintage Loco-

motive Society owns and operates the Prairie Dog Central Railway, which operates the Vintage Train, whereas PRS is a freight operation run by the Vintage Locomotive Society to raise additional revenues in offsetting the cost associated with running the vintage train.

If it were not for PRS being able to store cars on the tracks to make additional revenue, there would be no vintage train, Newsome said.

In July 2019, social media had sparked concern in Warren over how Prairie Rail Solutions was potentially storing crude oil on its tracks. Similar concerns have now arisen in Grosse Isle.

However, Newsome said at the time that the rumour was completely false. PRS said it does not store any loaded cars — or crude oil — at all. To put it in context, PDC has zero knowledge of how or where sour crude oil is stored before being transported, Newsome said.

Cars being stored on the tracks, according to Newsome, are not flammable. Local politicians are fully aware of PDC's practices on the tracks, he said.

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Before venturing outdoors, protect your dog's paws from the salt used on city streets and sidewalks. Invest in tiny boots specially designed for dogs. If your pup refuses to keep them on, avoid walking in areas with too much salt on the ground. Furthermore, consider dressing your furry friend in a warm coat to help preserve its body heat. Some pet-sized snowsuits will even cover your dog's paws.

In periods of extreme cold weather, prefer frequent short walks to ensure that your four-legged friend gets enough exercise.

Finally, if you notice that your dog's fur is wet after a stroll outdoors, make sure to dry it thoroughly with a towel or blow dryer. Focus on the paws, belly and ears, and take the opportunity to inspect the pads under Fido's feet for any signs of injury.



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MPI and municipalities partner up for road safety

Submitted by MPI

Over the next couple of months, Manitoba Public Insurance will provide 25 highly visible speed display boards in 13 communities, thanks to a pilot road safety partnership between the public auto insurer and various municipalities.

The speed display boards are electronic signs that use radar to detect the speed of an approaching vehicle and display the speed on an LED variable message display. The speed display is typically combined with a static (non-electronic) display that includes the text "Your Speed" or similar.

"The intent of the speed display board is to encourage compliance with the posted speed limit by making motorists aware of their actual speed," said Satvir Jatana, vice-president of

employee and community engagement for Manitoba Public Insurance.

"These high-visibility signs are intended to be used as reinforcements to the maximum posted speed signs to encourage compliance when transitioning to a lower posted speed, such as school zones and communities located along highways."

Confirmed participating communities are Brandon, Steinbach, Winkler, Portage la Prairie, Thompson, Morden, The Pas, RM of Springfield, RM of West St. Paul, Altona, Ste. Anne and Rivers.

Location criteria consisted of roadways that have a high frequency of collisions; roadways to have a known issue of speed, rural highways that pass through a residential area that require drivers to be aware they need

to decrease their speed (i.e.: 100km/h down to 70km/h).

Results of the pilot for this road safety partnership will be monitored and evaluated to determine success and evolution of the program.

Exceeding the speed limit or driving too fast for road conditions can prove fatal. Last year in Manitoba, at least 21 per cent (about one in five) of fatalities had speed as a contributing factor.

"THESE HIGH-VISIBILITY SIGNS ARE INTENDED TO BE USED AS REINFORCEMENTS."

MMF offering \$5.5 million to assist businesses during Code Red closures

Submitted by MMF

The Manitoba Metis Federation (MMF) is setting aside \$5.5 million to assist Métis businesses during Code Red closures in the Winnipeg area caused by a steep rise of COVID-19 cases.

Eligible businesses will be able to receive a non-repayable grant of up to \$10,000 if they commit to staying open after Code Red restrictions are lifted.

"Not only has Canada answered the call and offered a wide variety of supports tailored to businesses and entrepreneurs across Canada, but they have also recognized the importance of partnering with Indigenous Governments to help address our unique needs," said MMF president David Chartrand in a Nov. 2 news release. "We have openly praised the Trudeau

government and their response and approach to this unprecedented challenge that is COVID-19."

The MMF made the decision to provide funding in recognition of the negative impacts that the mandatory closures will have on all businesses.

"During the first wave, the MMF offered \$40,000 loans to Métis entrepreneurs. This helped, but is it enough?" said Chartrand.

"Investments made by small and medium businesses are the backbone of our economy. No one hesitates to collect their taxes, but yet some leaders hesitate to offer support in their times of need. But rest assured, our Métis families and businesses can rely on their Métis government to support them in these uncertain times. Our provincial government has failed you;

we won't."

This funding will be available to all Métis citizens, including those still in the application process for receiving their citizenship.

Noted examples of eligible businesses that can apply include:

- Restaurants and bars
- Fitness facilities
- Retail stores
- Spas and beauty salons
- Hotels
- Many other businesses

Métis entrepreneurs who are negatively affected by the recently implemented Code Red and Orange restrictions and closure in Winnipeg and the surrounding areas can contact the Louis Riel Capital Corporation at 1-800-387-6004 for more information and to apply for this new funding.





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Deceased military personnel were not forgotten on Remembrance Day in spite of the COVID pandemic and the cancelling of the traditional services in Stonewall this year. Royal Canadian Legion Branch #52 president Tim Williams, along with Legion members Bonnie Brennan, Terry MacDonald, Gord Goresky, Ken Power, and Bob and Kerri Dexter, honoured those who fought for our freedom at an intimate Remembrance Day service at the Stonewall Cemetery last Wednesday. The group placed poppies, Canada flags and painted stones at the base of each of the soldier's headstones. The stones were painted by Leanne Stutsky while she underwent chemotherapy treatments. From the cemetery, the small group then moved to Memorial Park where they placed five wreaths at the cenotaph.

Deadline to use denture coverage

BY ELISHA VANDOR
www.vandordenturecentre.com

If we've learned anything from this year in regards to the pandemic, it's to act fast and follow protocol. Surprisingly, this formality is also how to claim your unused dental insurance before year end! The benefit of acting fast is to predetermine exactly how much insurance coverage you'll receive prior to starting any denture procedure, which means more money in your pocket.

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2. Insurance companies often have a time limit as to how often they cover certain procedures, most commonly, you are eligible for relines every 3 years and new dentures every 5 years. Routine services, such as check-ups, cleanings, or repairs are usually covered every year.

Brock, the Denturist, finds that dentures perform the best if they're replaced every 7-10 years. Heavy chewers typically need to replace their dentures every 5 years due to faster wear and tear. Relines are commonly required every 3-5 years, especially on the lower denture where bone loss affects the looseness greater than the upper.

A common strategy to use your benefits efficiently is to book some treatment at the end of the year and the rest of the treatment after January 1st, as this is when most plans restart

3. If you have a consultation in early to mid November, we will have time to finish the services before year end. Typically, new dentures take four appointments, and are scheduled twice per week, but dentures can be made in as little as one day if we have enough notice! Don't delay today because your denture insurance coverage won't stay. Book your free consultation.



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• GUEST COMMENTARY

The time for patience is past: MB teachers need help

It's said that patience is a virtue, and for the most part I agree. Some things are worth waiting for. Acquiring the discipline to bide your time cultivates maturity and no small amount of wisdom. I am a patient person.

Manitoba's 16,000 public school teachers are a patient lot as well. They wait for students, for homework, for funding to help students in need. They wait for clinical consults.

Sometimes they even wait for contracts. And while they wait, they teach.

They extend themselves for that "light bulb moment" when suddenly all they've worked for, all they've waited for, comes shining through a child's eyes. Those are the moments for which teachers patiently strive.

There is a time, however, where patience doesn't serve us. When wait-



By James Bedford, MTS

ing has consequences — dire ones. Truly, there is a time when we must see the writing on the wall — read the clear signals that the time has come to act. Such wisdom is the mark of an evolved, mature individual. It's the mark of good government, too.

Late last August the prime minister announced \$85.4 million in funding to support Manitoba schools as they address added and obviously unanticipated needs arising from COVID-19. Thus far, only \$15 million of those funds have been distributed, province-wide.

While we wait, our schools bend to the point of breaking. MTS and its members have cited over and over a lack of educators required to ensure physical distancing — increasingly, teachers' classes are spread out over two and sometimes three separate rooms. Often these individuals are required to teach both in-person and remotely. It is simply not sustainable.

We have spoken repeatedly of deteriorating mental health — the result of relentless change in protocols, simultaneous teaching both remotely and in person, a burgeoning workload, and the lack of substitutes for teacher absences. Delays receiving COVID test results and contact tracing, as well as limited access to vital PPE persist.

Manitobans have witnessed the

pandemic steadily claim the lives of vulnerable seniors in long-term care. And last week we watched in horror as COVID-19 raged through Maples Personal Care Home, overwhelming staff and triggering an emergency response of unprecedented proportions. This is the price of waiting.

On Monday [Nov. 9], the education minister announced remote learning and professional development supports — and for that we are grateful. Three non-instructional days have been restored for teacher collaboration. These are positive steps by Manitoba Education. But they must not stop there.

A safe and sustainable public education system is the bedrock upon which our community and economy will recover and grow. To simply salve the strain on our teachers, school leaders and staff is too little too late if not backed up by meaningful investment in the root cause of crisis. If not addressed, and swiftly, the repercussions may be catastrophic.

Despite the government's claim that additional teachers have been hired this fall, numbers are inadequate to the task. Sufficient staffing to permit physical distancing and substitute coverage is essential. Furthermore, substitute teachers must be assured of paid sick leave.

These asks are not new, and are

paramount to ensuring an effective learning environment and the safeguarding of students and staff alike. Increased access to public health support, including PPE, enhanced turnaround time for COVID test results and swift contact tracing efforts are essential as well to maintaining the safe environment schools have thus far provided.

Additionally, any educators hired for the announced remote learning resource centre must not come at the expense of teachers in the classroom. Clear delineation and supports are required for teachers working with students in person and those teaching remotely.

MTS and its members have not been silent. The situation in our schools is no secret. This week alone almost 500 individuals working in Manitoba schools penned an open letter to the premier and education minister articulating the perfect storm gathering before our eyes. Exhausted teachers are using their voice. What must we do to be heard?

Our teachers need support now. Not in a week. Not in a month. Now.

Patience, Mr. Pallister, is no longer a virtue.

James Bedford is president of The Manitoba Teachers' Society

Rockwood council news in brief

By Jennifer McFee

- At the Nov. 4 council meeting, Coun. Curtis McClintock was appointed as the deputy reeve for the RM of Rockwood.

- Council agreed to extend the parks maintenance contract with Big Daddy Enterprises to the 2021 season for the same fee of \$1,250 per month.

- Council authorized a payment of \$34,361.80 from the Teulon-Rockwood waste disposal reserve to KGS Group for an environmental study that was required by Manitoba Conservation and Climate.

- Council authorized an agreement to be signed with Artistic Landscaping for caretaking and equipment services for the Winfield Waste Transfer Station at a cost of \$109,200 per year plus GST.

- Council also authorized an

agreement to be signed with Edwin Hieronymus for the Teulon-Rockwood Waste Disposal Grounds operator for \$65,000 per year plus GST.

- In addition, council authorized an agreement to be signed with 4570732 Manitoba Ltd. for roll-off bin rental for \$105 per bin per month and a hauling rate of \$150 per haul. Council also authorized an agreement to be signed with the same company for curbside waste collection services for \$233,100 per year.

- Council defeated a resolution to create a drain down Road 5E from PR 415 to Road 94N.

- The RM of Rockwood established safety guidelines for all employees to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in the workplace.

- Council discussed the emergency preparedness plan for the RM

of Rockwood.

- Council gave second and third reading to the bylaw to establish and regulate a code of conduct for council members.

- Council discussed a proposed subdivision of a 10.33-acre farmstead from an 80-acre holding southeast of Teulon. The South Interlake Planning District supports the application.

- Council also discussed a proposed subdivision of a 28.633-acre farmstead from a 160-acre holding west of Balmoral. The South Interlake Planning District board expressed concern because about three acres of the cultivated land is included in the northwestern portion of the proposed lot. SIPD suggested that the applicant could amend the application to exclude the three-acre portion of cultivated land from the proposed lot.



Curtis McClintock was appointed deputy reeve for the RM of Rockwood.

Aside from this issue, SIPD supports the application.

Order sweet treats through online bake sale

Online ordering ends Nov. 27

By Jennifer McFee

Who doesn't deserve a little sweet treat these days?

The 14th annual bake sale by Baker's Boutique is going forward this year with a few changes in place to adapt to the pandemic.

Since the first sale in 2006, many people have been coming back year after year to stock up on their holiday baking.

"Obviously, this year's sale is different so for everyone's safety, it's being held online over a period of four weeks," said Kylie Jones, who enjoys spreading the word about the bake sale each year with the help of a few other ladies.

"Since safety and following government guidelines is the top priority, the bake sale is being held online between Nov. 2 and 27."

Customers can select their time for curbside pickup at the Stonewall Legion on Dec. 11 or 12, and delivery is also available within Stonewall.

"While we miss being able to hold a two-day walk-around event at the Stonewall Legion along with the Bistro fresh cookies while you shop and seeing everyone's happy faces, we are thankful for being able to adapt to an online bake sale format," Jones said.

This year, the baking will include many of the same favourite goodies as previous years, including bars, cookies, sweet breads, tarts and pies. Customers can also indulge in ice cream, fudge, truffles and much more.

"There's something for everyone, from the kids to grandpa and grandma. The variety trays, a festive-looking tray of an assortment of holiday goodies, have always been a hit," Jones said.

"Even though things like variety trays are usually used for holiday parties and family gatherings that may not happen this year, many have been ordering these as gifts to give to friends and family who they'd usually get together with this time of year. The bakers are from a local community church group and are passionate about whipping up beautiful baked goods for everyone to enjoy."

Each year, proceeds from the annual bake sale go towards different charitable organizations and the OneSchool Global education system, Jones said.

"In years past, proceeds have supported charities such as the Kidney Foundation, Heart and Stroke Foundation, and CancerCare Manitoba, and STARS, to name a few," she said.

"Ultimately, we consider it more of a service to the local community than a fundraiser."

At www.stonewallbakesale.com, customers can browse through the different categories of baking, make their purchase and pay online. While ordering, customers can select whether they will use curbside pickup or delivery service, as well as their preferred time on Dec. 11 or 12.

Anyone who needs help with ordering online can call or text the help line at 431-804-7532.

"In the two to three weeks that the bake sale has been open online, it's proven to be successful since we are able to offer a contactless way of getting everyone they baking they need for the holidays," Jones said.

"Many folks have sent messages saying that



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The 14th annual bake sale by Baker's Boutique has moved online this year.

their holidays wouldn't feel the same without the specially baked treats they usually get, so they're thankful for another sense of normalcy as we navigate these challenging months. For everyone who has placed their baking orders so far, we look forward

to seeing you at curbside pickup."

They are also able to accommodate special baking requests, which can be emailed to info@bakersboutique.ca.

Online ordering ends on Nov. 27. More information is also available on the Baker's Boutique Facebook page.

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Disc golf dream for Stony Mountain's Old Quarry Park

By Jennifer McFee

Stony Mountain's Old Quarry Park has caught the attention of Disc Golf Manitoba as a potential location for the popular sport.

Disc Golf Manitoba's co-chair Kelly Chabbert and former chair Mark Oxer were scheduled to speak to Rockwood council last month about their idea to develop two 18-hole disc golf courses at the local park. However, due to the pandemic, their meeting has been postponed.

Both Chabbert and Oxer have extensive experience at disc golf courses all over the world, so they plan to bring their insights into the design of the championship-level courses.

The proposed project took root a couple months ago when Chabbert was walking through Old Quarry Park.

"I didn't have any expectations. But as I was walking, my eyes were opened to the latent potential in that park," he said.

"I saw this huge empty space. I think it's underused and I think it's perfect for an A-plus level disc golf course, which is a sport that both Mark and I are passionate about."

The sport is similar to traditional golf except it's played with a disc, or what people commonly refer to by the brand name Frisbee. Instead of hitting a ball into a hole, players throw a disc into a supported metal basket with the goal of completing the course in the fewest number of shots.

Anyone who knows the rules of golf should have an easy time understanding how to play disc golf, added Oxer.

"Most of the same rules apply, so you have penalty strokes for going out of bounds and there are water hazards," he said.

"Even for people who are just wanting to get out and throw a Frisbee, it's a really simple sport to learn. It doesn't take as long as golf to learn."

In addition, it's an inexpensive endeavour, since players can use discs they already have at home. If they don't have one, they can invest about \$5 or \$10 in a new disc and they're ready to go.

"Manitoba has a large Ultimate community, so those discs that are used in the sport of Ultimate are also legal discs for the sport of disc golf. If people have discs hanging around at home, they can get started with those as well," Oxer said.

"It's a really fun, exciting, low-cost, high-engagement sport that anybody from any age, gender and socio-economic class can participate in right away."

Although it's early in the process,



Disc Golf Manitoba co-chair Kelly Chabbert promotes the sport.



Former chair Mark Oxer said disc golf is easy to learn.

Chabbert hopes the community will get on board with the idea.

"We'd like them to get excited about this dream. We think this could be an excellent thing for the community, both for their physical and mental health enjoyment," he said.

"I think it could also be very unifying in the community because they would have something that they could be very proud of. The course that we dream of would be the calibre of one of the best courses in all of Canada. It would be equipped to host national tournaments, including the national championships."

Oxer also hopes to gain the support of the local community association, and he envisions engagement opportunities such as clinics, camps and video learning.

The Stony Mountain location is ideal since it's close enough to draw interest from the city and beyond, Chabbert notes.

"Disc golf is a booming sport. The number of people who've taken up the sport in 2020 is incredible and it's really growing. There are thousands of disc golfers in Winnipeg who



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Mark Oxer hopes to gain community support to launch a disc golf course at Stony Mountain's Old Quarry Park.

would easily drive out to Stony Mountain for the day to spend their time and money in the community. There would be hundreds of rounds played there every weekend and probably throughout the week as well. We envision an A-tier course, and it would be the only course that would qualify for that type of rating between Thunder Bay and Calgary," Chabbert said.

"Disc golf works in public parks across the world and it could co-exist with the current park activities seamlessly. It would make a really good use of the old quarry and reclaim it with a purposeful, meaningful activity whereas right now 99 per cent of the 90 acres is unused. I think it would be a really special use of an underutilized space."



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY DRENN CAMPBELL

Drenna Campbell took this photo while on her walk in Inwood last week.

Interlake-Eastern RHA actives COVID cases on the rise

Staff

Public health officials advise 10 additional deaths due to COVID-19 have been reported Monday that include:

- a male in his 80s, a female in her 80s and a female in her 90s from the Winnipeg health region and linked to the outbreak at Maples Long Term Care Home;
- a male in his 90s from the Southern Health-Santé Sud health region and linked to the outbreak at Bethesda Place;
- a male in his 90s from the Winnipeg health region and linked to the outbreak at Victoria Hospital;
- a male in his 80s from the Winnipeg health region and linked to the Seine River Retirement Home cluster;
- a male in his 70s from the Winnipeg health region;
- a male in his 80s from the Southern Health-Santé Sud health region and linked to the outbreak at Carman Memorial Hospital;
- a male in his 90s from the Southern Health-Santé Sud health region and linked to the outbreak at Brooklyn Terrace; and
- a male in his 70s from the Southern Health-Santé Sud health region and linked to the outbreak at Bethesda Regional Health Centre.

The current five-day COVID-19 test positivity rate is 13 per cent provincially and 12.8 per cent in Winnipeg, and 392 new cases of the virus have

been identified as of 9:30 a.m. Monday, bringing the total lab-confirmed cases in Manitoba to 11,339.

Monday's data shows:

- 21 cases in the Interlake-Eastern health region;
- 25 cases in the Northern health region;
- 19 cases in the Prairie Mountain Health region;
- 72 cases in the Southern Health-Santé Sud health region; and
- 255 cases in the Winnipeg health region.

The data also shows:

- 7,011 active cases and 4,156 individuals who have recovered from COVID-19;
- there are 234 people in hospital with 42 people in intensive care; and
- the number of deaths due to COVID-19 is 172.

Laboratory testing numbers show 2,391 tests were completed yesterday, bringing the total number of lab tests completed since early February to 312,238. Case investigations continue and if a public health risk is identified, the public will be notified.

The Interlake-Eastern total case breakdown by district as of Monday, is as follows: A total of 668 cases, up by 164 from last Monday: 468 active cases, 357 recovered, 16 currently in the hospital with six of those in ICU and 7 deaths.

Arborg/Riverton 7 active cases, 21

recovered; Beausejour 11 active cases, 18 recovered; Eriksdale/Ashern 77 active cases, 3 recovered and 3 deaths; Fisher/Peguis 153 active cases and 98 recovered; Gimli 4 active cases, 2 recovered; Northern Remote 26 active cases, 41 recovered and 1 death; Pinawa/Lac du Bonnet 21 active cases, 7 recovered; Powerview/Pine Falls 8 active case and 11 recovered; Selkirk 11 active cases and 7 recovered; Springfield 30 active cases and 38 recovered; St. Clements 17 active cases and 15 recovered; St. Laurent 3 active cases and 6 recovered; Stonewall/Teulon 36 active cases, 44 recovered and 2 deaths; Unknown District 24 active cases and 16 recovered; Whiteshell 6 active cases, 2 recovered and Winnipeg Beach/St. Andrews 34 active cases and 28 recovered and 1 death.

Public health officials have advised that an outbreak has been declared at St. Paul's Residence (personal care home) in The Pas and at Oakview Place personal care home in Winnipeg. The sites have been moved to Critical (red) on the #RestartMB Pandemic Response System.

Possible exposure locations are listed online by region at the province's #RestartMB Pandemic Response System webpage. For up-to-date information on possible public exposures to COVID-19 in regions, visit www.gov.mb.ca/covid19/updates/flights.html#event and click on your region.

The chief provincial public health officer urges Manitobans to only leave their homes for essential purposes. When leaving the house to obtain essentials, be sure to physically distance, wear a mask in indoor public places and avoid crowded spaces. Do not leave the home if you are sick, or when any member of your family is sick. Further, do not socialize with anyone from outside your household.

Public health officials are also advising that anyone who is symptomatic, or has a household member who is symptomatic, the entire household needs to self-isolate pending COVID-19 test results. For information on self-isolation, visit www.gov.mb.ca/covid19/updates/resources.html#collapse2.

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.

For up-to-date information on COVID-19 in Manitoba, visit www.manitoba.ca/COVID19.

For up-to-date information on the #RestartMB Pandemic Response System, visit <https://manitoba.ca/covid19/restartmb/prs/index.html>.

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Winnipeg Blues, Freeze ignore MJHL's COVID-19 shutdown

By Brian Bowman

Two Manitoba Junior Hockey League teams — the Winnipeg Blues and Winnipeg Freeze — were booking ice time at Warren's Sunova Centre last week.

One unmanned MJHL head coach said that is "definitely not allowed."

The Blues and Freeze, both owned by 50 Below Sports and Entertainment, had been booking ice in Warren

under the name "Laker Academy."

On Nov. 2, Hockey Manitoba announced that teams within the Winnipeg Metro, which included the Selkirk Steelers, Blues and the Freeze, could not travel for games or practices.

The Sunova Arena's online calendar originally showed the Blues and Freeze slated to be on the ice Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday of last week.

It was later changed to Laker Academy but video footage from Nov. 9 shows the Blues and Freeze on the ice.

As of press time, there had been no comment or release made by the MJHL regarding the incidents.

The league did, however, provide a further update regarding regional restrictions on Nov. 10.

"Any hockey activity that takes place outside Hockey Manitoba restrictions

for regions identified as Critical (Red) is not permitted and is not sanctioned by Hockey Manitoba, the governing body of the MJHL," read a statement.

"Any teams or individuals who participate(d) in hockey activities outside of the restrictions would be choosing to do so in an un-sanctioned environment outside of Hockey Manitoba and MJHL jurisdiction."

Manitoba Junior Hockey League shuts down until 2021

From the MJHL website

Just two days after the Manitoba Junior Hockey League made a change to its schedule, the league announced last Thursday that it will shut down until 2021.

All hockey activities have been paused effective immediately, said a statement on the league website.

As of 12:01 a.m. on Nov. 12, the entire province of Manitoba moved to the Critical level (red) on the #RestartMB

Pandemic Response System to halt COVID-19 transmission and protect Manitoba's citizens. These Public Health orders will remain in effect until at least 11:59 p.m. on Dec. 11.

The tentative date planned for MJHL

hockey activities to resume is Jan. 1 which would be dependent upon public health guidance as outlined in the #RestartMB Pandemic COVID-19 Response System.

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Ouellette leading the Jets in his final season of junior hockey

By Brian Bowman

When Carson Ouellette was younger, he would go watch his hometown Stonewall Jets play hockey.

Now several years later, Ouellette is the captain of the Jets and is in fourth — and final season — of playing in the Manitoba Major Junior Hockey League.

He hopes this final season includes a league championship.

"I think we have the team to do it," he said last week. "It's a deep lineup. There's battles throughout the lineup to get on the first line, the second line, and to stay in the lineup every night. It's good to have a little bit of competition. ... It makes guys work a little harder."

Ouellette had a breakout offensive season a year ago, scoring 21 goals while producing 48 points in 45 regular-season games.

He feels he can do even better this season, whether or not it's on the stats sheet.

"I just want to be the most effective player that I can be," Ouellette said. "The game has slowed down as I have matured in my four years. Part of that is confidence and part of that is getting bigger, stronger, faster."

Ouellette takes a lot of pride playing for the Jets in Stonewall. He feels a real sense of community surrounding the team and their fans.



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY LANA MEIER

Stonewall Jets' captain Carson Ouellette (16) is in his fourth and final season of junior hockey.

"Playing Stonewall Jets' hockey is a privilege," he said, adding his family moved to Stonewall when he was 10 years old. "We have people to play for, most importantly, and we get a sense that they care with how we're doing and we care about them. We want to give them something to cheer for."

Ouellette enjoys his role as captain of the Jets.

"Going back to watching this team when I was young, (being a captain) is a big deal," he said. "It's something that I take pride in being the captain of the local junior hockey team. That was a huge goal of mine and I'm hap-

py to do it. It's a great team to be a captain of and I think this is the strongest team that we've had in my four years of playing. To have an opportunity to lead this team in our strongest year and looking for a championship, I'm really happy and honoured to do it."

Jets' head coach Brock Couch had high praise for Ouellette and what he brings to the team both on and off the ice. Couch loves Ouellette's willingness to get better and his dedication to the game.

"He's developed into the total package throughout my time with him," said Couch, a former Jets' captain. "Mainly his speed and strength on the puck and the body, that's all very comfortable for him when he's moving the puck so he's able to see the ice well. He wants to score and he's always pushing himself to get better around the net. He's reliable all over the ice."

Ouellette started his junior career in more of a defensive role with Stonewall. His defensive game remains strong but he is now counted on for his offensive production.

"He will put up points this season when it does get going," Couch predicted. "He's in a good spot, he plays with two great players. We want him with the best players on our team because he makes them better and they make him better."

Basketball Manitoba shuts down all activities

Staff

In light of the news announced on Nov. 10 by the Province of Manitoba that moved all health regions to the Critical Red Pandemic Response System, all Basketball Manitoba sanctioned and insured programs and activities taking place in Manitoba will cease to operate.

The announcement was made on Nov. 10.

"The stoppage of all basketball activities in Manitoba will remain paused until a time the health status is changed from Red to Orange and is expected to run for at least four weeks," read a statement on Basketball Manitoba's website.

Volleyball Manitoba, meanwhile, made a similar announcement on Nov. 10.

"The provincial government has once again announced more restrictions for the entire province due to increases in COVID-19 case numbers across the majority of the province," read a statement on Volleyball Mani-

toba's website.

"Beginning Nov. 12, the entire Province of Manitoba will be in the Critical (Red) Response Level. This means that all volleyball activities must be suspended for a minimum of two weeks throughout this Critical (Red) period."

Einarson, Jones head home early from women's curling event in Alberta

Staff

Camp Morton's Kerri Einarson's start to the curling season was a very short one.

Einarson, along with St. Vital Curl-

ing Club's Jennifer Jones, headed home from Okotoks, Alta., after each playing just one game.

The women's curling event was abruptly shut down last Thursday

after the Alberta government implemented new restrictions to combat against COVID-19.

Einarson defeated Ottawa's Rachel Homan to claim the women's na-

tional title last February. But all curling events were shut down in March due to COVID, eliminating her opportunity to compete for a world championship.

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On the date and at the time and location shown below, a PUBLIC HEARING will be held to receive representations from any person(s) who wish to make them in respect to the following matter:

TOWN OF STONEWALL BY-LAW NO. 06/20
Being an AMENDMENT to the TOWN OF STONEWALL ZONING BY-LAW NO. 6/16, as amended.

HEARING Heritage Arts Centre

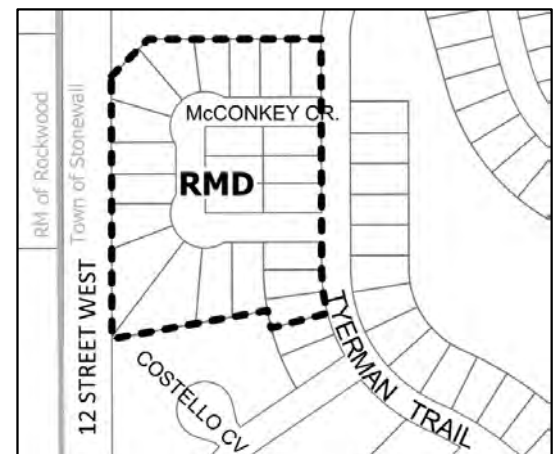
LOCATION: 166 Main Street, Stonewall, MB

DATE & TIME: Wednesday, December 2, 2020, at 6:35 PM

GENERAL INTENT:

- To add the "RMD" Residential Multiple Family Detached Dwelling Zone and associated regulations to Zoning By-Law No. 6/16 (as amended), including:
 - Adding a new definition for "dwelling, detached" to Part Two - Interpretation and Definitions;
 - Adding a new description for "RMD" Residential Multiple Family Detached Dwelling Zone to Part Three - Zone Classifications;
 - Adding Permitted and Conditional Uses for the "RMD" Residential Multiple Family Detached Dwelling Zone to Part Four - Use Regulations, Table 4-1 - Principal Use Table and Table 4-2 - Accessory Use Table;
 - Adding related Use Specific Standards to Part Four - Use Regulations;
 - Adding related Dimensional Standards to Part Five - Dimensional and Design Standards, Table 5-1 - Dimensional Standards - Residential Zones;
 - Adding related fencing regulations to Part Five - Dimensional and Design Standards;
 - Adding related sign regulations to Part Six - Signs;
 - Adding related parking regulations to Part Seven - Parking and Loading.
- To rezone Pt. SW ¼ 25-13-01 EPM from "RS" Residential Single Family Zone and "RG" Residential General Zone to "RMD" Residential Multiple Family Detached Dwelling Zone to accommodate the development of individually owned single-family dwelling units organized around a private loop street.

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TOWN OF STONEWALL BY-LAW NO. 9/20
Being a BY-LAW to CLOSE A PUBLIC ROAD
in the TOWN OF STONEWALL

HEARING

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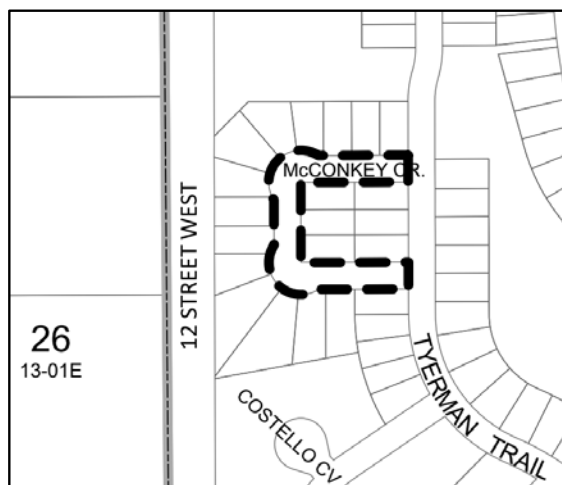
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-Ruth Gee

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Reception to follow at a later date.

-Lovingly,
The Jongstras
The Tollenaars
The Semlers

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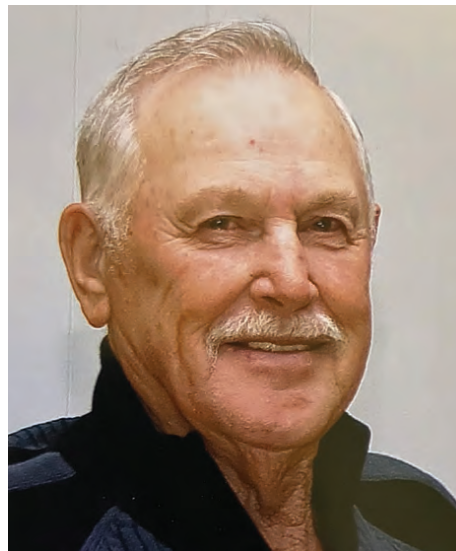


Ron Hardie
March 1937 - November 18, 2015
OUR DAD

A smile for all and a heart of gold,
One of the best this world could hold.
Never selfish, always kind,
A beautiful memory left behind.

-Remembered with love,
Andrew, Roy and Cherylene, Laura and Kerry
and families

IN MEMORIAM



Victor Dola
November 20, 2019

It's hard to believe that one year
Has passed since you left us.
Every day in some small way,
We miss you more than words can say.
In our hearts you will always stay
Loved and remembered every day.

-Forever loved and missed,
Elsie and family

OBITUARY



Robert (Bill) McGuire
April 1928 - November 2020

On November 3rd, with family at his side, Bill passed away peacefully.

Lovingly remembered by his wife of 69 years Ann; his children Pat (Brian), Dawn (Kathy) and Sandy. Grandchildren Blair (Liann) great-grandchildren Julia and Lauren, Adrian (Sharon), great-grandchildren Zoey and Memphis, Alison (Mark) and will be missed by extend family and friends.

Bill was predeceased by son Robert (1984), daughter Kathy (2014) and son-in-law Stan (2018).

Born in Winnipeg Bill spent his early years in the Birtle/Foxwarren area. He left school early to work on the farm.

In 1951 and a bet with his Aunt Vida he asked Mom out on a date and the rest is history. In 1952 they married in Whitefox, SK, and moved to Alberta where Robert, the first of five children was born. In 1953 Dad enlisted in the army and moved to Kentville, NS. Pat and Kathy were born while Dad was stationed at Camp Aldershot. Following Dads discharge from the army they moved to Stonewall, and the family was completed with the birth of Dawn and Sandy.

After many years in the Rockwood area, Mom and Dad moved to Birds Hill and eventually settled in Winnipeg, where he retired as a security guard at the Health Science Centre.

Dad had a passion for all sports in particular hockey and softball. As a sporty family we participated in winter and summer sports and whether it was 80 above or 40 below Mom and Dad were always there. Dad loved to coach and was extremely proud of coaching Kathy on the 1972 Stonewall Bantam A Girls Provincial Championship team. Dad will remain our #1 fan.

In his younger years he enjoyed camping and fishing. Dad was very active in the Legion and was a member for over 50 years.

In lieu of flowers donation may be made to the Hartford Legion Branch #30 1748 Main Street, Winnipeg R2V 1Z5.

OBITUARY



Milton William Sampson
July 31, 1928 - November 10, 2020

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Mel Sampson at the age of 92 years. Mel passed away peacefully on November 10, 2020 at his home in Rosewood Lodge with his wife of 37 years, Ruth by his side.

Mel was born July 31, 1928 in the town of Greenway, Manitoba. He attended elementary school in Pelican Lake and later high school in Belmont, Manitoba. As a young man, in 1949 Mel moved to Brandon to work driving truck hauling asphalt to build the highways. In 1953 he moved to Winnipeg to start his much loved career with the Winnipeg Tribune newspaper. Mel worked here for 27 years until it's closure in 1980. He then started working for the Winnipeg Sun until his retirement.

Mel was first married in Brandon in 1951 to Mildred (known as Bonnie) and together they had two daughters, Donna (Hector) and Donalda (known as Debbie) who both have made their homes in Ontario. Bonnie passed away from diabetes in 1982. In 1983 Mel met Ruth Lefebvre (nee Appleyard) at a dance at the Odd Fellows Hall in Stonewall. They married October 15 of the same year and made their home in Winnipeg for a couple short years until Ruth retired in 1985 and then they made the move to Stonewall to spend their retirement years.

Ruth and Mel continued their lifelong love of dancing and music together for over 30 years attending dances and fiddle festivals taking them on road trips all over southern Manitoba making many wonderful friends along the way.

Mel believed strongly in volunteering to better his community and its members. Mel volunteered in many capacities including driving seniors to and from doctors' appointments in Winnipeg, helping with fundraisers and many more local ventures. A testament to that is when Mel and Ruth spent 22 years in Weslaco, Texas as Snowbirds at the Pine to Palm Trailer Park. He volunteered as the dance and entertainment director, sports director and assistant director. Two of his strongest passions were the South Interlake Seniors Resource Council and of course the Lions Club. Mel drove the handy van for seven years and this experience allowed him to recognize a need for an organization to advocate on behalf of the seniors in the community. Mel was instrumental in co-founding the South Interlake Seniors Resource Council and acting as a director for over 25 years. Mel was also a passionate member of the Stonewall Lions Club since 1986 earning many awards for his dedicated and loyal 32 years of service such as the Harry A. Newman Diabetes Award in 2007 and an award for distinguished achievements in 2015/2016. He held many positions over the years including chair for Cavalcade in 2003 and President of the local chapter in 1991/1992. He is now resting peacefully with his beloved ones.

Due to current COVID restrictions, there will be no service at this time.
In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to South Interlake Seniors Resource Council.
Ruth would like to send a special thank you to the staff at Rosewood Lodge for their loving care of Mel over the last two years.

"Life is like dancing, it's not about getting from one place to another,
it's about enjoying every step."

-Author Unknown

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IN MEMORIAM



Michael Maksymyk
June 17, 1935 to November 20, 2005

Fifteen years has past,
And gone are the days we used to share;
But in our hearts you are always there.
The gates of memory never close,
We miss you more than anyone knows.
Death leaves a heartache no one can heal,
Love leaves a memory no one can steal.
Those we love don't go away,
They walk beside us every day;
Unseen, unheard but always near,
Still loved, still missed and very dear.

-Your loving family,
wife Dolly,
children, grandchildren and
great-grandchildren

IN MEMORIAM



In Loving Memory of
Ross McRae (Bud)
June 21, 1929 - November 23, 2019

He never looked for praises,
He was never one to boast;
He just went on quietly working,
For the ones he loved the most.
His dreams were seldom spoken,
His wants were very few;
And most of the time his worries,
Went unspoken too.
He was there...a firm foundation,
Through all our storms of life;
A sturdy hand to hold on to,
In times of stress and strife.
A true friend we could turn to,
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One of our greatest blessings,
The man we called Dad.

-Love from,
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OBITUARY



Marjorie Edith Shepell (Truthwaite)
August 2, 1937 – November 12, 2020

It is with profound sadness and heavy hearts that we announce the passing of our beautiful wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother after a brief battle with cancer. She passed peacefully in her home with her family by her side amongst her familiar surroundings.

Marjorie is survived by her husband of 62 years David and her two daughters Brenda (Norman) and Charlene (Joey). She also leaves behind her grandchildren Jordan (Sarah), Anders (Melissa), Geri-Lynn (Trevor) and Jasmine; step-grandchildren Derrek (Laura), Kaitlyn (Ryan) and Keith; her great-grandchildren Abby (Cayden), Emma, Madison, and Kenzie and her step great-grandchildren Lucas, Colby, Carson and Zayden. She is also survived by her best friend and only sister Patricia, sister-in-law Betty and brother-in-law Warren. She will also be missed by her special niece Susie, special nephew Brian and Vanessa, as well as numerous nieces, nephews, and friends.

She was predeceased by her one and only son Gerald in 2016 as well as her parents Duncan and Edith and all four brothers William, Donald, Leslie and Lionel.

Marjorie was the youngest of six children and grew up on the family farm in Hodgson, Manitoba. She remained there until she met and married David in 1958. They moved to Stony Mountain in 1967 where they raised their family. They moved to Stonewall in October of 2000.

Mom was a true homemaker. She lived every day for her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren and all the friends that came along with them. She was the heart and soul of our home and always made time for everyone. She was an excellent cook and enjoyed preparing meals for family and friends. No holiday or birthday was ever forgotten.

She was quiet and kind – the backbone of our family.

We wish to thank the following individuals: Christine and Dr. Graham with Palliative Care for their compassion and guidance in helping us to care for Mom in her home until the end; Michelle Loehmer for unending assistance in whatever we needed; nurses Megan, Eleanor, Kim and Tanya. A special mention to Dr. Hicks and Patrice Lee who helped make it possible for our Dad to be home with Mom at the end as he struggled with his own health issue. Thanks to Ken Loehmer for his assistance during the worst time of our lives.

A private family service and interment was held at Rockwood Cemetery.

"We hope you're dancing in the sky and we hope you're singing in the angels' choir, and we hope the angels know what they have. We bet it's so nice up in heaven since you arrived."

OBITUARY



Katharina (Kathy) Lotz
July 11, 1934 - October 2, 2020

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Katharina (Kathy) Lotz on October 2, 2020, at the age of 86.

Kathy is survived by her son Frank (Darlene); grandchildren Lindsey (Dustin) and Richard (Elizabeth); great-grandchildren, Anna, Gavin, Keira, and Natalie and brother Joseph (Karin) Bachus in Germany. She was predeceased by her husband Frank and parents Mathias and Margaret Bachus.

Kathy was born in Grabotz, Hungary. She married Frank in Germany on February 14, 1953. They immigrated to Canada making Winnipeg their home until Frank retired and they moved to Norris Lake to raise many types of animals. Kathy later enjoyed her time at Gateway Manor in Teulon and her final months at Oakview Place PCH.

Kathy was active in the WI, Red Hats, Teulon Hospital Auxiliary and she loved to go dancing and play cards with her friends. Kathy's farm animals were her pride and joy.

The family would like to thank her many neighbours and friends who were always there to help when needed and her caregivers, nurses and doctors in Teulon and Winnipeg.

A celebration of her life will be held at a later date.

If friends so desire donations can be made to the Alzheimer Society of MB or a charity of your choice.

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OBITUARY



Jonathon Novak

Tragically, in Victoria, BC, on October 26, 2020, at age 44, Jon Novak left this life to join his brother Kyle. Jon is mourned by his children, who were the core of his heart: Emily, Rival, Ryder and Logan. Jon was the beloved second son of Wendy and Lorne Novak. He is survived by brother Bryan, wife Angie and nephew Hunter; and sister Laura. He also leaves his Uncle Larry Good, wife Carole, cousins Jessi and Dominic; Uncle Blair Good, cousins Hollie, Sara and Ethan; Aunt Marilyn DeLeeuw, husband Bert, and cousin Chris; and a large extended family of aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

Jon was predeceased by his younger brother Kyle, grandparents Lionel and Eleanor Good, uncles Gerald Good and Rick Good; grandparents Edward and Evelyn Novak and cousin Rob DeLeeuw.

Born February 23, 1976, Jon was dark-haired and dark-eyed.

Jon's eyes sparkled with mischief above his perpetual smile. He was a happy child, never sitting still for a minute. He loved to find out how things worked; quite often his new toy or game would be in pieces on the floor shortly after receiving it. He would put it back together, good as new, and continue to play. Hockey was Jon's favourite sport. He played for the Interlake Lightning inaugural team and SJHL Nipawin Hawks until an injury sidelined him forever at just 18. He loved to be at Grandma and Grandpa's farm, driving the trucks and tractors and helping out. Of course, when he could, he would go for a rip on the motorcycle, quad or snowmobile.

Life led him to Alberta and British Columbia where he worked in the oil fields. He got into construction and eventually became an accomplished welder, earning his Red Seal certification in both Carpentry and Welding. Hard work was something Jon was never afraid of. Eventually he owned and operated his own welding company.

Jon had a heart of gold and was always willing to lend a helping hand. Jon was compassionate; he would give you the shirt off his back even if it was the last one he had. He made friends easily with everyone; it didn't matter where you came from or who you were. Jon loved deeply; his signature was a pink rose that he would deliver to someone he loved or was thinking of or who he thought needed something to make them smile. Jon was a hugger, wrapping those big strong arms gently around those he loved. "Love you" was texted almost daily to his Mom.

Jon never forgot a birthday or a telephone number. He had a terrific sense of humour and he loved practical jokes. He drank too much Timmie's. Jon shared his love of ice fishing, skating, quadding, bonfires and so on with his boys. Jon was such a strong person and he overcame so many of the challenges that life put in his way. His favourite poem was 'Footprints'. Jon sported numerous tattoos to honour those he loved or to represent what he believed: his brother Kyle, his children, Emily, Rival, Ryder and Logan, and his most recent one that read, "Only God Can Judge Me".

Jon, your struggles are finally over. Rest Peacefully. We will see you again one day! "Love you more" - always and forever!

When tomorrow starts without me
Please try to understand
That an angel came and called my name
And took me by the hand
The angel said my place was ready
In Heaven far above
And that I'd have to leave behind
All those I dearly love
But when I walked through Heaven's Gates
I felt so much at home
When God looked down and smiled at me
And told me "Welcome Home"
So when tomorrow starts without me
Don't think we're far apart
For every time you think of me
I'm right there in your heart

A private graveside gathering took place Monday, November 9, 2020, at Stonewall Cemetery. Donations in memory of Jon Novak can be made to the Bruce Oake Recovery Centre in Winnipeg, MB. <https://www.bruceoakerecoverycentre.ca/> or a charity of one's choice.

The family is indebted to Jon's Uncle Blair and Ken Loehmer for making the arrangements to bring Jon 'home' to Manitoba.

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