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Firefighters battle house fire in Balmoral

Staff

Firefighters battled a blaze that destroyed the Moffat home in Balmoral earlier this week.

Just after midnight on Monday, Jan. 10, the Stonewall Rockwood Fire Department received the call.

The occupants of the home had al-

ready made it out safely, noted fire chief Darrell Humeniuk. There were no injuries.

However, he said the house would be a total loss.

The cause of the fire has not yet been determined.



TRIBUNE PHOTOS BY LANA MEIER

Just the shell of the Balmoral home was left standing Monday morning.

Manitobans with COVID-19 symptoms or close contacts to visit provincial testing sites

Submitted by Pharmacists Manitoba

Pharmacists Manitoba is reminding Manitobans who have symptoms of COVID-19 and/or individuals have been a close contact of a positive case of COVID-19 to visit public testing sites for the appropriate testing.

"We need Manitobans to visit a public testing site if they have symptoms of COVID-19 or if they have been in close contact with a positive case," says Ashley Hart, past-president of Pharmacists Manitoba.

Hart adds, "Rapid antigen testing at pharmacies was always intended for asymptomatic individuals. That has not changed. However, moving forward, asymptomatic close contacts of positive cases should now also visit public testing sites."

Public testing sites in Manitoba are providing rapid antigen testing kits, free of cost, to individuals with symptoms, individuals age five and older with symptoms of COVID-19, asymptomatic close contacts of someone

who has tested positive for COVID-19, and those advised by public health officials. The cost of a rapid antigen test administered by a Manitoba pharmacist ranges from \$15 to \$70.

"It is an extremely busy time for Manitoba pharmacists. We are fielding many questions daily related to who can come into a pharmacy for a rapid antigen test. We wanted to help share the current public health recommendations to Manitobans," says Hart.

Furthermore, many pharmacies will still continue to have rapid tests in stock for service for those that do not have symptoms of COVID-19 and/or have not been a close contact of a positive case. As well, some pharmacies will continue to sell take-home rapid antigen tests to the public; however, only nine self-testing devices have been approved by Health Canada and the supply of these devices is extremely low.

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Travel troubles for local mother and daughter

By Jennifer McFee

A long-awaited vacation went from fun in the sun to a cold reality for a pair of local travellers.

In December, Susan McKillop and her daughter Meagan drove to Fargo and then flew to Aruba to enjoy time together at a beautiful beach. Both women were fully vaccinated and Susan had also already had her booster shot.

On Dec. 17, they did a PCR test in Aruba and received a negative result before flying back to Fargo the next day.

They landed on Dec. 18 in the late evening and got a hotel for the night. On Dec. 19 in the morning, they drove to the border with their negative PCR test from Aruba and vaccination records. They were surprised when a border official informed them they could be fined since their COVID tests weren't completed in the States.

They were asked to sit in a border office and wait to talk to a health nurse. The mother-daughter duo gave the nurse all their paperwork, and she asked why they'd be sent in to see her.

"I said the border agent told us to come in, that our test wasn't valid. She looked at all our papers and tests and

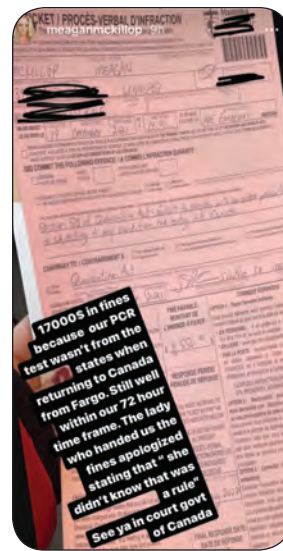
said, 'I'll have to look into it. I don't understand why. The rules are changing so fast we are putting Post-It notes up to try to keep up with the change of rules,'" Susan said.

"About two hours later, we were still there and were told something about how this PCR test isn't satisfactory because it has to be done in the States. We said we never read anything about that. We thought we did everything we had to do. We did the ArriveCAN app, and we got the confirmation number and went to the border. Everything was intact, as far as we knew. But they said due to the Quarantine Act, they have to fine us for the PCR test."

The nurse provided Susan and Meagan with two COVID test kits to self-administer along with two fines for \$8,500 each. The results of the tests came back negative.

"It's ferocious. It's ridiculous. At that time, people could go to the States for three days and not be tested," said Susan, noting that they are both essential workers as realtors.

"We're going to court. We are going to plead not guilty. It's pretty upsetting when we did everything possible, as far as we knew. If we had known,



The McKillops received fines totalling \$17,000 for not having the correct PCR test when returning to Canada from the U.S.

we would have done things differently."

Tammy Jarbeau, spokesperson for the Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC), said PHAC can't discuss specific situations due to privacy concerns.

"The Public Health Agency of Canada continues to advise Canadians to avoid all non-essential travel outside Canada, regardless of vaccination status," she said.

"International travel increases the risk of exposure to COVID-19 and its variants. In addition, travel restrictions could severely disrupt Canadi-



PHOTO SUBMITTED

Susan and Meagan McKillop drove to Fargo and then flew to Aruba for their vacation.

ans' travel plans and return options could become limited at any time."

A COVID-19 global travel advisory effective Dec. 15 is posted online at <https://travel.gc.ca/travelling/advisories>.

Jarbeau pointed to more informa-

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Access, Sunova and Noventis CU make case for merger

By Lorne Stelmach

Access Credit Union members had their chance to ask questions and have their say this week as member forums were held in the lead up to a merger vote later this month.

Two virtual online sessions were held Monday and Wednesday ahead of the vote scheduled for Jan. 25-27 on the amalgamation of the Access, Noventis, and Sunova credit unions.

"It looks like the scale we're creating will provide savings on some of the technology and the implementations the government is looking for," said Access CEO Larry Davey. "There's been a significant amount of due diligence completed by all three credit unions. It looks like a great fit."

Davey had earlier addressed members in a video posted online where he made reference to the fact they were still working through final steps of the amalgamation with Crosstown Civic Credit Union.

"To some members, this feels too quick and too early to be looking at another merger," he said. "The biggest question that all our members ask is why now."

In response, Davey has cited two

key factors that they say in the near future will require credit unions to invest millions of dollars in financial technology to meet new government-mandated standards.

As a larger credit union, they maintain they can save money on these investments and that those savings will allow them to continue to offer competitive rates, lower fees, cash rewards, and better account packages as well as increase the funds available to invest in our communities.

One key change is the move to open banking or consumer directed finance, while another is a move to payment modernization.

Open banking will allow people to more easily move money from one institution to another, and Davey said that will require a significant and costly change in technology.

"We're still trying to determine exactly how much it's going to cost the credit union and the system, but again, when you're buying technology, there's usually volume discounts."

Payment modernization basically involves speeding up the time it takes for payments to go through the system. Right now, it allows three days

for payments to reach their destination. The government has mandated that to be reduced to three hours and eventually to be instantaneous.

"With the three credit unions coming together, it's about a million and a half dollars savings per year on the payment side that we wouldn't realize without the amalgamation," said Davey.

"As a result, having the scale of the merger allows us to reduce the cost for members ... by bringing the three credit unions together, we're able to reduce that cost."

"These mandatory changes come at a significant cost for every credit union, and we have to find a way to manage those costs," he said. "This partnership that we're entering into allows us to tackle those changes and to reduce the impact on our members."

Aside from those issues, Davey also touched on other advantages ranging from being able to continue offering competitive rates, charges and patronage refunds to seeing no impact on local branches and services while in fact expanding on the insurance and wealth management divisions.

"It's always nice to pick partners

who are aligned on where you want to go," he said. "They're very focused on supporting communities; they're very focussed on member service, and that is a great fit with Access."

Both Noventis and Sunova have agreed to go with the Access name and system, Davey added, so there will be no real cost to Access in that respect, and members will benefit from the flexibility and convenience of an even-wider branch network throughout Winnipeg and the southern, eastern, and Interlake regions.

In the question and answer time Monday, one member wondered what impact there might be particularly with some of the smaller branches.

"One of the benefits we saw from coming together with Crosstown Civic was the ability to maintain all of our branches ... I see that continuing with Noventis and Sunova," said Davey.

Another member wondered if Access was getting too big with too many branches to manage and noted Steinbach by comparison has far fewer branches, but Davey pointed out that Steinbach though still has a similar

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Preliminary study suggests T cell immune defence effective against omicron

By Patricia Barrett

The omicron variant has sparked a tsunami of infections worldwide shortly after it was first detected in November 2021 because of its extremely high transmissibility and its ability to evade antibodies, the immune system's first line of defence.

But T cells, which are part of the immune system, are thought to mediate the risk of serious disease, hospitalization and death from omicron in vaccinated people and in those with a prior COVID infection.

Chinese and Australian researchers put that hypothesis to the test by assessing the ability of T cells to fight omicron in a study titled "SARS-CoV-2 T Cell Responses Elicited by COVID-19 Vaccines or Infection Are Expected to Remain Robust against Omicron," which was published on-

line Jan. 2 in the journal *Viruses*.

The researchers' findings suggest that T cells in vaccinated people or those who had a prior COVID infection "remain largely intact against omicron." Furthermore, a new specific T cell may have been created in direct response to the variant.

"Overall ... our preliminary analysis suggests that the effectiveness of pre-existing T cell immunity will remain intact," they wrote.

Antibodies are secreted from a type of white blood cell called B cells and are the body's first line of defence against foreign invaders. They bind to pathogens such as bacteria, viruses, fungi and parasites and prevent them from entering human cells. But if antibodies fail, T cells, which are a type of killer white blood cell, get dispatched to root out and kill the invaders.

Although T cells may help prevent severe illness, they cannot stop omicron from infecting people.

"T cell responses alone, however, do not block infection and therefore do not prevent transmission. Thus, while the number of infections may rise considerably as a consequence of Omicron's ability to evade antibodies, robust T cell immunity provides hope that, similar to other VOCs [variants of concern] the level of protection against severe disease would remain high."

Although emerging data suggest a lower risk of hospitalization and death with omicron, the researchers say the extent to which T cell immunity is contributing to that needs to be better established. They had examined only T cell epitopes [peptide fragments], which were "known" to be targeted

in infected or vaccinated people, and that list may "not be exhaustive."

Manitoba Public Health has run out of capacity to test everyone who thinks they're infected with COVID and is handing out rapid antigen tests to some people showing up at testing sites. Since the end of December, the government has reported over a thousand new COVID cases each day, but says those case counts are an underestimate; the true number of infected people is likely eight to 10 times higher.

Along with burgeoning omicron infections, hospitalization and ICU admissions in Manitoba have shot up since the end of December as they have across the country.

> TRAVEL TROUBLES, FROM PG. 3

tion about COVID-19 testing requirements for travellers at <https://travel.gc.ca/travel-covid/travel-restrictions/flying-canada-checklist/covid-19-testing-travellers-coming-into-canada>.

This webpage outlines information about providing proof of COVID-19 test results.

"When you arrive at the border, you must present an accepted negative molecular test result (paper or

electronic proof) or proof of a previous positive molecular test result taken between 14 and 180 days (starting Jan. 15, 2022, between 10 and 180 days ago) that includes traveller name and date of birth; name and civic address of the laboratory/clinic/facility that administered the

test; the date on which the test was taken; the type of test taken; and the test result," states the information.

"Keep proof of your test results with you for the 14-day period that begins on the day you enter Canada."

IERHA preparing for acceleration of omicron hospitalizations

By Patricia Barrett

The Interlake-Eastern Regional Health Authority's chief executive officer Dr. David Matear held a virtual briefing and question period for municipal leaders on Jan. 10 on the state of the health-care system as omicron infections accelerate and hospitalizations and ICU admissions rise.

- Omicron is the primary cause of illness in Manitoba, said Matear. Total case counts are unknown because of a lack of provincial testing capacity and some people having acquired rapid tests. With 3,265 cases reported on Friday (Jan. 7), the actual number of infections across the province is likely 30,000.

- In the space of a week (Dec. 26-Jan. 1), 915 health-care workers got COVID. The IERHA is anticipating an increase in staff calling in sick as omicron spreads across the region.

- Staff shortages and vacancies have led to lab suspensions in Arborg, Teulon and Beausejour. Tests will be, however, available to hospitalized patients. Acute care beds in a number of IERHA hospitals have been suspended to "ensure patient safety."

- Where feasible, staff will be shifted from one part of the health-care system to another to meet demand for service.

"In the event that it's required, we are working regionally and provincially to identify staff resources that can be shifted to support essential care. This is work is being co-ordinated provincially," said Matear.

If there are health service disruptions in IERHA communities, they will be communicated to municipal leaders.

- Stonewall Mayor Clive Hinds asked Matear for an update on what the IERHA is doing to address staff shortages.

"How do you see ... getting help in the health-care system?" Hinds said. "In December it looked as if we might have had ... nurses [coming] into the system and other health-care workers. Is there any movement towards this at all?"

Matear said in the short term the region is using nursing students and uncertified health-care aides who will be trained.

"[We're] looking at the deployment of clinical staff in the fourth year of a nursing program. That is taking effect ... and uncertified health-care aides, attracting additional staff into the system, providing training with a commitment for ongoing training," said Matear. "We hope to then retain those uncertified health-care aides as health-care aides in due course or move [them] on to other roles in the health-care system."

- Matear was asked how the general public can get rapid tests (antigen tests). The federal government distributed rapid tests to provinces and territories, but they are not being distributed broadly to the general public in Manitoba.

Beausejour Mayor Ray Schirle said he is getting calls from businesses asking for rapid tests so that their employees can test themselves in order to return to work.

"Is there some way people can get these tests through pharmacies in some of our communities? It's better if people are testing so they'll know if they're able to go to work or not go to

work," said Schirle. "People right now are saying the heck with it because it's so hard to get rapid tests. And the turnover for getting the other test [PCR test] done is taking too long."

Matear said rapid tests are available at IERHA testing sites.

"It's just the case of how do we make them available to most of the general public and how do we make them available to support private enterprise and the economy in general for people on a day-to-day basis? I can't answer that question ... right this second," said Matear. "We will as soon as we have more definitive information."

A spokesperson for the IERHA later added that those with symptoms are being prioritized for rapid tests and populations with the highest needs.

"Over 500,000 tests have been distributed at no cost to Manitobans (as of earlier last week and will be more now)," said the spokesperson by email. "Distribution is currently prioritized to those with symptoms and we are using existing distribution channels to reach populations with highest need. As supplies of tests increase, points of distribution may increase as well. More information will be released publicly when available."

- Visits with residents in personal care homes have been suspended, and visitor access to patients in hospital have been restricted given the surge in omicron infections.

- Pfizer's COVID vaccine is in short supply, and people over the age of 30 are being offered Moderna's vaccine in its place, said Matear.

"All adults aged 30 years up should expect to receive the Moderna vaccine for their first, second or third

dose. People under 30 may face an increased risk of myocarditis, which is inflammation of the heart muscle, and pericarditis, an inflammation of the outer lining of the heart, as rare side effects," he said.

Inflammation is a rare occurrence for people receiving Moderna and "even rarer" after receiving Pfizer, he added. People over 30 have not experienced the same increase in risk from these side effects with either vaccine.

- Recommendations on masks may be changing from homemade masks, surgical or procedural masks to N95 masks, "which are thought the best protection possible," said Matear. Protocols in health-care facilities may be changed for patients and family members as provincial incident command looks at the issue.

- Later on Monday, the Manitoba government reported 2,383 new cases of COVID and said a PCR test backlog has been cleared. The case count, however, is an undercount of total infections. Eighty-one more people were admitted to hospital last week-end and 19 died of COVID.

The Tribune asked the IERHA how many Manitoba health-care staff have been hospitalized with COVID.

"At the end of December, five of the 915 staff cases recorded were hospitalized; only one remained hospitalized at last report on Jan. 5," said a spokesperson.

The spokesperson added that staff who are testing positive on rapid tests are no longer required to get a PCR test to confirm it, which means the numbers of positive COVID cases in staff are being under-counted.

Public health orders extended for three weeks

Staff

The public health orders slated to expire this week have been extended until next month.

The province on Friday announced that all current COVID-19 prevention orders will remain in place for three more weeks, until Feb. 1

"Ongoing restrictions are a chal-

lenge for many Manitobans, but remain necessary to help slow the spread of the virus and protect our health-care system," said Health Minister Audrey Gordon in a statement.

"While these orders remain in place, we continue to take steps to improve supply and access to testing and other important initiatives that support our

pandemic response and protect our health system. Nothing is off the table and we will act swiftly in the weeks ahead if further action is required to

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COVID-19 hospitalizations up 51 per cent over past week

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Manitoba was reporting a total of 31,618 active cases of COVID-19 on Monday, but the actual number of infected people could be many times higher.

Dr. Jazz Atwal, the province's deputy chief public health officer, acknowledged last Wednesday that the spike in cases due to the more contagious omicron variant of the virus had overwhelmed testing capacity. The backlog then totalled 6,800 swabs, though the province after the weekend said they had since completed all the tests awaiting processing.

Changes made to the testing protocols last week means many cases of the virus are no longer being reported.

Manitoba has shifted most symptomatic people from receiving PCR tests to self-administered rapid antigen tests, the results of which are not included in the daily case counts.

Healthy individuals under 40 showing mild symptoms are also advised to assume they have the virus and to stay home and isolate to avoid spreading it, Atwal says.

With daily case counts not serving as an accurate reflection of just how many people are actually sick with the virus, the most important number to focus on moving forward is hospitalizations, including the number of our province's limited intensive care beds being filled with COVID-19 patients.

On Monday, 378 Manitobans were in hospital with COVID-19, 39 in intensive care. Manitoba saw a 51.1 per

cent increase in hospitalizations over the previous week.

Another 19 people lost their battle with the virus Saturday through Monday, bringing the number of COVID-19 deaths in the province to 1,427.

Another statistic of interest is the number of unvaccinated people versus vaccinated people requiring intensive care in hospital for the virus.

Vaccinated individuals can still contract COVID-19, but for most the symptoms are relatively mild, as the vaccine has already instructed one's immune system on how to battle the virus.

There are far fewer unvaccinated people in Manitoba than vaccinated (just 15.4 per cent of Manitobans age five and up had not received a single dose of vaccine at press time) but yet the unvaccinated make up 73 per cent of the ICU patients with COVID-19 and account for 63 per cent of deaths due to the virus.

That's why public health officials continue to urge people who have not yet been vaccinated to reconsider that decision.

"So far, Manitoba is seeing that people who are not fully vaccinated remain more than 20 times more likely to end up in the ICU compared to someone who is vaccinated," said Dr. Joss Reimer, medical lead of Manitoba's vaccination task force. On Monday, that stat had increased to 26 times more likely. Unvaccinated individuals are also twice as likely to test positive for the virus, seven times more likely to be hospitalized, and 14 times more

likely to die with COVID-19, according to the province's online dashboard.

Considering the contagiousness of the omicron variant, fully vaccinated Manitobans still need to remain vigilant against spreading the virus and protecting themselves.

To that end, Reimer strongly encourages Manitobans who haven't yet gotten their third shots to do so as soon as possible to further boost their immune system response.

"The booster works, most importantly, to prevent severe outcomes," she said, noting studies have shown a third shot boosts one's protection by over 50 per cent compared to two doses. "So if you are over the age of 50 or you have health conditions that put you at risk of severe outcomes, please get your third dose as soon as possible."

While there are challenging times ahead, the fact the vast majority of Manitobans have rolled up their sleeves means the province is in much better shape when it comes to COVID-19 hospitalizations than it would have been otherwise, Reimer noted.

"There is still a very good news story to tell about the effectiveness of the vaccine in saving lives," she stressed. "It is still protecting our communities from further restrictions and, more importantly, from loss."

"It is still giving us something to look forward to and to contribute to getting us out of this pandemic."

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Bulldog cross Gertie and her friends Harper Moar and Cameron Lavallee ignored the frigid temperatures last Thursday that dipped to -30 with the windchill in the afternoon in Warren. The trio spent a good hour running up and sliding down snowhills in the driveway. Help the *Tribune* record the weather of the week and send in your photos of friends or family enjoying the outdoors. Email: weather@stonewallteulontribune.ca.

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Restore democracy - fight for women's rights

I would like to thank reporter Patricia Barrett for her well-written article on the removal of the mayor and reeves' duties and the loss of our democracy.

Fact: Mayors Gordon Peters and council and Lynn Greenberg and council are absolutely correct that this can happen to any mayor and reeve in Manitoba and that we all should be concerned about the usurping of our democracy. It can happen to anyone, male or female. The fact that elected women are being targeted is more than shameful.

Fact: The AMM should be embarrassed that their board of directors have shown no leadership by sitting back and not lobbying the provincial government to correct the Municipal Act to stop this uprising. Their home page states that they are described as "closest to the people." Their mission is to address and needs and concerns of members to achieve strong and effective municipal government. Wow, kind of failed that benchmark

here.

Fact: The provincial government has allowed our democracy to be overthrown. Maybe the removal of school boards was Part 1 of their master plan and municipal governments are next on the hit list.

Fact: In a ward system, you vote only on a councillor but all ratepayers get to vote on who their mayor/reeve is. That is democracy and needs to be respected. Democracy in municipal elections is every four years. Don't like the job they have done, vote them out then. There is no place for petty politics and old boys' clubs.

Fact: Jan. 1, 1887, Manitoba Women female property owners won the right to vote in municipal elections, 29 years before women could vote in a provincial election.

Fact: Jan. 1, 1890, Manitoba Women female property owners won the right to vote in school board elections and run for trustee 26 years before women could vote in and hold

office in provincial elections.

Municipal elections are in 2022. Are we, as women and as enlightened men, going to allow this travesty to continue to prevail? Are we going to sit back as shy violets and not support what our pioneer women fought for 135 years ago? No rights were given to any of us. They were fought for.

Get involved. Run for office. Restore democracy. Ask your candidates where they stand. Are they going to remove these draconian bylaws and restore what has been taken away or can be taken away by back room deals and slaps on the backs?

Is this the legacy that we are prepared to leave our children and grandchildren that we sat on the sidelines and rung our hands and did nothing?

Time to take our rightful place at the table. A table that is inclusive to women and men who support true democracy.

- Lois Wales

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God's Gifts for a New Year

We have just come through the season of Advent, when we received the gifts of hope, peace, joy and love.

As we begin this new year, what gifts, spiritual and otherwise, are we willing to give to those around us and to God?

What gifts from God are we willing to receive? As we journey into the new year, let us reflect on God's gifts for us.

You have gifts for us as we enter the new year, O God.

You give us the ability to make sense of the old year's challenges and opportunities.

You have gifts for us as we enter the new year, O God.

You give us thankfulness for family, friends and all those who offer us support. We draw to mind all they mean to us and all they have shared with us.

You have gifts for us as we enter the new year, O God.

You give us joy, as we remember all we have found within our communities of faith: the times of worship, learning, support and service with your Holy Presence as our support and guide.

You have gifts for us as we enter the new year, O God.

You give us hope for the year that lies ahead: A hope that helps us to face obstacles, knowing you are with us. A hope that looks toward all that we can share within our community. A hope that is willing to build up and celebrate the gifts among us.

Great and Blessed Giver, in the midst of regret, you inspire us to a new way. In the midst of challenge, you give us the strength we need.

In the demands of time, you give us a love that goes beyond all time.

Thanks be to you, O God, for all your new year's gifts.

Grace & Peace
Rev. Tammy Bleue
Stonewall United Church

The COVID-19 pandemic told through photographs

By Nicole Brownlee

The third installment of an Argyle museum's reflection on art and culture is illustrating the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic through photos.

The Settlers, Rails & Trails Museum's Art & Culture exhibition was unveiled in 2020 before the COVID-19 pandemic struck Canada.

"With the major changes that the pandemic brought, we had to do a few different things with the museum," said Shayne Campbell, president of the museum.

The museum's hours fluxed because of varying public health restrictions over the past year, so they updated their virtual collection online by adding photos of pieces added to the Art & Culture exhibit that fit the theme of Rural Life, Past & Present.

"We wanted to do something that complements history because that's what people primarily think of as a museum," said Campbell.

"But as a heritage organization, we also wanted to show that we can also work with culture and heritage as well."

Creative folk submitted pieces in a

variety of media like paintings, sculptures and crafts that demonstrated their interpretation of Rural Life, Past & Present.

People of all ages from across the Interlake submitted work, from children to adults in their 90s, said Campbell.

For the third installment of the exhibit, the museum wants to highlight what community members are experiencing now.

"We're living through history," said Campbell.

The museum is limiting submissions for the final installment to express interpretations of the pandemic through photographs.

"We leave an open-ended question that can be answered artistically through photographs," said Campbell, who is also a photographer.

Around 30 photographs will be displayed on one wall in the museum. All submissions are due by Jan. 14 and the exhibition will run from February to May.

The exhibition has been a success so far, with the museum receiving plenty of new visitors.

"With this show, in the first two



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY SETTLERS, RAILS & TRAILS MUSEUM

This work is featured in the second installment of The Settlers, Rails & Trails Museum in Argyle Art & Culture exhibition.

parts, 96 per cent of our visitors have never been to the museum before," said Campbell.

The museum's virtual exhibits have also attracted traffic from across the province and the world.

Campbell likens the museum's online popularity to the Canadian Flag and Manitoba Brick Collection exhibitions.

"Construction bricks, that's a re-

ally big thing, and that puts us on the Manitoba stage," said Campbell.

"But the museum is also home to the famous Canadian Flag collection, and people from around the world are definitely noticing us."

The Settlers, Rails & Trails Museum is open on Saturdays, from 1 to 4 p.m. To inquire about submitting work or visiting the museum, email argylemuseum@gmail.com.

Family, pets safe after fire damages home

By Jennifer McFee

A family and their pets are safe after a fire damaged their Stony Mountain home in the early days of the new year.

On Sunday, Jan. 2 at 6:50 a.m., the Stony Mountain Rockwood Fire Department responded to a fire in the trailer park off of Road 73.

"When we showed up on scene, there was visible smoke coming from the addition portion of the residence," said

fire chief Marcel McIvor.

"The family had been sleeping. Mom woke up first and got dad to go see what was up because she smelled smoke. Dad went and investigated, ran back to tell mom to get everyone out. He then went to throw snow on the area. This is when the smoke alarms went off."

McIvor points out the importance of making sure smoke detectors are up to date and working properly, with one inside each bedroom and outside each bedroom as well as one on every level of the home.

The husband, wife and four kids got out of the house safely, he added.

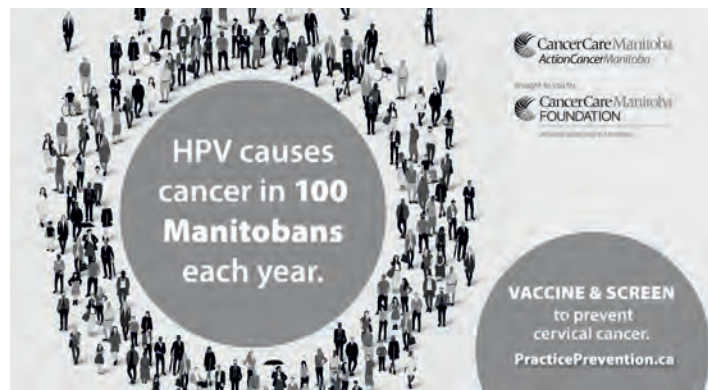
"They were sitting inside their van in front of their residence. It must have been hard on the family watching their home burn in front of them, not knowing whether their pets were safe at that point," McIvor said.

"Some members from the fire hall went back in the afternoon to help them pull some of their stuff that the family would have needed immediately, and some neighbours were helping as well. We brought everything they could retrieve back to the fire hall and stored a little bit of it there. They had two pet cats inside the home as well, and we ended up locating both cats in the afternoon."

The cause of the fire is undetermined at this point, he noted.

"Everybody's safe," McIvor said. "Items can be replaced, but lives can't."

Community efforts are underway on social media to provide assistance for the local family.



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number of employees.

"It is a wider expanse that we are covering than some of the other credit unions," he acknowledged, but added that "we've put in a structure that has been able to provide that service to members. We have not found the number of branches to be arduous at all."

And another member wondered about the impact on staffing, or if there were "efficiencies in staffing" to be found.

"Staff can be reduced in certain areas. We have moved to some specialized areas so that we can provide better member service overall," said Davey. "At the same time, the business has grown a fair bit, and we haven't seen that growth in staffing."

Approval of the amalgamation will require two thirds approval from members. Voting details are available online at the cusuccess.ca.

Access Credit Union has assets that exceed \$6 billion with 92,000 members, and it is currently the second largest credit union in Manitoba. Noventis serves 28,000 members with \$1.14 billion in assets and is the 10th largest credit union in Manitoba, while Sunova has grown to serve 49,700 members with \$2.3 billion in assets and is the fifth largest credit union in Manitoba. The new credit union would have over \$169,700 members and \$9.5 billion in assets with about 800 employees in 52 branches.

SuperThrift looking for clothing donations

Staff

Local clothing donations can be dropped off in a new donation bin at Stonewall United Church, 369 1st St. North, 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

The bin is provided by the Adult & Teen Challenge SuperThrift Store in Winnipeg. These bins make it easier and more convenient for people to donate clothing to Adult & Teen Challenge SuperThrift Stores, which supports their Winnipeg programs by generating revenue, providing work experience for participants in their programs and providing a safe, non-judgmental way for people to come in, ask questions and, when they feel comfortable, reach out for help for themselves or a loved one.

With a vision to put hope within reach of every community by providing freedom from life-controlling issues through the power of Jesus Christ, Adult & Teen Challenge operates a number of programs to help people overcome addiction and walk in freedom. These programs include their four-tier live-in discipleship program, Ready Now Recovery small group support, family and loved one support groups and youth drug awareness outreach. They are making a difference throughout several communities in Manitoba, and dropping clothing donations in their bin is just one way to help.



TRIBUNE PHOTO SUBMITTED

Student Preston, left, and Kyle, graduate of the Winnipeg Men's Program, dropped a donation bin off behind the Stonewall United Church last week.

For more information on Adult & Teen Challenge and their programs visit www.teenchallenge.ca.

RCMP Internet Child Exploitation Unit arrests man on numerous charges

Staff

The Manitoba RCMP Internet Child Exploitation Unit (ICE) arrested Bradley Schroeder, 18, of Winnipeg, in relation to online communication with children for a sexual purpose and sexual assault charges on Jan. 6, 2022.

The offences occurred between April and July 2021. Investigators believe there may be more victims and encourage anyone with information to contact their local police.

The Snapchat username used by Schroeder is "notelectric." The RCMP is releasing his avatar as it may assist in furthering the investigation.

Schroeder is charged with luring a child x2, sexual assault x2, sexual interference x2 and possession of child



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Brad Schroeder's snapchat avatar.

pornography. He has been released on Feb. 3, 2022, in Winnipeg, from custody and will appear in court



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Rosser rings in new year with activity underway

By Jennifer McFee

The RM of Rosser found ways to thrive in 2021 during another difficult pandemic year, and the community looks forward to further development in 2022.

Reeve Frances Smee outlines several successes that have had a positive impact on the community over the past year.

"Despite the pandemic, CentrePort Canada land located within the RM of Rosser has seen significant sales and construction activity throughout the last 12 months," she said.

"Over \$40 million of development permits have been issued, 300,000 square feet of new construction is underway, and land sales continue to outperform expectations."

Nature lovers from near and far have been enjoying a new amenity proposed by a Rosser resident.

"After receiving a suggestion from a community member who was looking for places to take her children for outdoor activities during COVID, walking trails were groomed in the forest near our transfer station," Smee said.

"This has been a huge hit, with locals and visitors alike making good use of

this enchanting natural area."

On the environmental front, optimism stems from the RM's pilot program to harvest biomass from public rights-of-way for nutrient removal and greenhouse gas emission. Through a secondary pilot program, the RM hopes to convert the public works building and fire hall to use biomass heating, which would reduce greenhouse gas emissions and energy costs.

"This pilot harvest program will provide biomass to be used as a fuel source in the short-term, as well as provide lessons for undertaking annual harvests in future years. The removal of otherwise unused biomass from ditches has an additional benefit of extracting the nutrients — namely phosphorus and nitrogen — absorbed by the biomass from the ditch rather than allowing it to wash into larger waterways during spring floods," Smee said, adding that the RM is working with the Collaborative Leadership Initiative and Strategic Systems Engineering Inc.

"Two harvest sites were identified for the 2021 program. These are located in areas with the easiest access to large



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY LETISHA HARRIS

Letisha Harris and Jessica Beachell enjoying the new Rosser trails.

amounts of cattail biomass. The program may be expanded to larger areas and additional ditches in future years as more end uses for biomass are developed. A report on the project will also be reviewed for deliverables."

Smee shared several other highlights from 2021, including the launch of a three-year pilot grant-funding program for five of the community's major not-for-profit organizations. Rosser also continues to expand its geographic information system to map its assets and infrastructure, particularly in the water and wastewater utility.

As well, the RM of Rosser adopted a new and innovative zoning bylaw this past year. A cadet program that started in the summer helped with bylaw enforcement, community outreach and safety inspections in Little Mountain Park for potential fire hazards. The cadets were also proactive in monitoring quarry trucks.

In 2021, Rosser took a new strategic approach to drainage, which involves drain cleaning and repairs. Smee said the community made great advances in this area.

In addition, Viterra recently finished construction on its high throughput grain terminal on Highway 221.

"This significant investment allows a continuation of commitment to farm customers in Rosser and surrounding

areas," Smee said.

"It is a state-of-the-art facility with a storage capacity of 34,000 metric tonnes, which will be able to load up to 134 rail cars through a newly built loop track, along with the capacity to unload up to 10 Super B trucks per hour."

Of course, 2021 also brought its share of challenges to the RM of Rosser.

"Hot, dry weather required the imposition of a burning ban for the first time in the RM. As well, sporadic weather systems — wind, high-intensity short-term rainfall — tested our drainage systems and caused some damage. We are re-evaluating certain areas and practices and have completed a major diking project along Brookside

Boulevard in response to this extreme weather occurrence," Smee said.

"We continue to manage day-to-day government business through all the changing COVID landscapes, including dealing with issues around internet capabilities."

This year, the RM will continue working with the provincial government on modifying the changes to the Perimeter Highway that runs through the community.

"A mutual desire to increase safety for everyone using the highway —

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CANADA'S HEART BEATS

Suggestions for a safe snowmobile season

By Jennifer McFee

Now that snowmobile season is in full swing, riders should be aware of the importance of staying off private property, particularly agricultural land.

RCMP Staff Sgt. Sean Grunewald of the Stonewall-Headingley detachment outlines a few common concerns.

"Every year, snowmobiles can cause concern. For us, snowmobiles are no different than people in cars. They need to follow the rules and stay off private property. Trails are well marked," Grunewald said.

"We just ask that people not treat snowmobiles as toys. I'm all for people enjoying the outdoors but enjoy them in a safe manner so we don't have to deliver a devastating message to somebody."

Matthew Atkinson, second vice-president of Manitoba Beef Producers, also shares some words of wisdom regarding snowmobiling on farmland.

"For many producers, and ourselves included, we took the opportunity to seed some winter crops when we saw some rain in August, probably a lot

more than we otherwise would have done because we had such low production. With the presence of some rain, it gave some hope to get maybe a little bit of a head start on some grazing or feed production for next year," Atkinson said.

"When there are under-seeded crops or winter crops on the fields under a little bit of snow, nobody sees what's underneath it — especially if people are spinning through the snow."

At the same time, snowmobilers run the risk of spooking animals or hitting a fence line if they cut across agricultural land.

"The fence lines are hard to see when you're walking along next to them, let alone when you're going fast. Fences come in many different shapes and forms. A barbed wire fence, with four strands and posts together, is pretty obvious to see. But if it's an electric fence, which is becoming more and more prominent on pastureland, then your post spacings are going to be much wider, which makes it harder to see in a lot of cases. You're going to have less wires, but if you hit those wires, you're going to have the same amount of damage."

Besides fences, there might be other hidden hazards on the pasture.

"In past experience, I've seen people hit the water trough next to a water system with a Ski-Doo. There's also a chance of equipment left out there. Especially when we saw a fairly significant snowfall right off the start, people maybe have chosen to leave some equipment out places," Atkinson said.

"People aren't always aware that you're going to pick up rocks on grain land, on hay land, on cultivated land. The majority of the pasture out there is pasture because it is not suitable for any other use at this point in time. One of the big limiting factors is rocks. I have one quarter-section where you could get from one side to the other and not set foot on soil — you could just jump rock to rock. So you never know what's under the snow, especially if you're not familiar with the area."

In general, Atkinson said it's good practice to ask owners for permission before crossing their land.

"That conversation could include what they should be watching for out there. We don't see a lot of asking for



RCMP Staff Sgt. Sean Grunewald

permission for snowmobiling, unfortunately," he said.

"We've seen a lot of friction between snowmobilers and agricultural producers in the past years with lower snowfall amounts because they were ignoring signage not to travel on fields with winter crops in them. Crop production is expensive, and it's frustrating to see it damaged when somebody could just drive around it."

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while ensuring emergency access, business access and agricultural interests are protected — will inform our work with Manitoba Infrastructure this year," Smee said.

Rosser will ensure its water and wastewater capacity at CentrePort continues to grow with the record-breaking pace of development. Studies are currently underway to inform future planning and strategies. The RM is also addressing traffic issues in CentrePort and will navigate the issue along with the City of Winnipeg and provincial government.

ernment.

Looking ahead, the RM of Rosser is hiring a two-year term asset management employee to be shared with three other municipalities in an effort to continue the journey of asset management. As well, the municipality is adding a public works manager to the public works department. The RM plans to review and enhance its equipment for public works and the fire department as it continues to grow.

Office renovations will increase work stations and office space, and the RM plans to launch a communications newsletter.

The Grosse Isle pathways project will continue with assistance from the Building Sustainable Communities fund. The RM will work towards completing the Grosse Isle secondary plan and move toward public hearing and implementation.

The RM of Rosser will also welcome Don Dowle to its management team in early January.

In another exciting development, Paterson GlobalFoods

Oat Mill is currently under construction, Smee added.

"The facility is located on Paterson GlobalFoods' 600 acres adjacent to its existing inland grain terminal and fertilizer facility in northwest Rosser CentrePort lands," she said.

"The new oat mill, to be known as O Foods Ltd., will annually process up to 250,000 metric tonnes of raw oats from Western Canadian farmers."

With plenty of activity already underway, Smee shares an inspiring message for the new year ahead.

"I want to recognize the dedication and hard work of all the people who continue to serve us by their efforts in providing services during the COVID pandemic. We are now enduring the fourth wave of COVID with a diminished health-care system, and I want to recognize the heroic work being done by health-care workers across the province to provide care and comfort. I encourage everyone to keep current with their vaccinations and to keep following the provincial COVID response guidelines," she said.

"I believe things will get better in 2022, but we will be rebuilding and recovering from the effects of the pandemic. We still need to look out for each other and continue to be kind. I, along with the council and staff at the RM of Rosser, wish everyone health and happiness in the new year."

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Alzheimer Society builds support community

By Nicole Brownlee

Kerri Pleskach first noticed something was off about her dad Terry Law when he was playing checkers with her daughter.

Pleskach's daughter, who was six at the time, kept correcting Law when he would move the wrong colour pieces, move the opposite direction or forget his turn.

"My dad was a very good checkers and chess player. He always thought ahead of the move," said Pleskach.

Their family reached out to their local Alzheimer Society office in Beausejour to find out why Law was acting differently.

The staff at the Alzheimer Society guided Pleskach and her family through the diagnosis process, which entailed having a physical, visiting several specialists and completing tests.

Law was diagnosed with early-onset Alzheimer's disease when he was 64, seven years ago.

"It was devastating," said Pleskach.

"You're grieving a person that's still alive."

Law's Alzheimer's quickly progressed after he was diagnosed. Pleskach's mother Jan retired to take care of Law full time for two years, but Law required constant assistance.

After briefly staying at a personal care home in Stonewall and the Selkirk Mental Health Centre for four years, Law was moved into a care home in Beausejour in January 2021, closer to his family.

Law now uses a wheelchair, is non-verbal and needs help with eating, bathing and moving.

"He needs help with every basic necessity," said Pleskach.

Pleskach and her family relied on the Alzheimer Society of Manitoba to help them understand what was happening to Law.

The family attended information sessions, conferences and workshops hosted by the society to learn more about how the disease would impact Law.

The sessions encouraged the family to prepare for

Law's decline in functioning and memory by organizing their finances and learning how to respond to him when he's confused.

Jan used to attend support groups when they were hosted in Beausejour. The Alzheimer Society of Manitoba no longer offers the groups in Beausejour, but Jan keeps in touch with community members she met through the society.

"She's built her own little community of people and supports," said Pleskach.

The society continues to call to check in on Pleskach and her family.

"The (Alzheimer Society) is a great support every step of the way," said Pleskach.

In-person group and information sessions have been inconsistent during the COVID-19 pandemic because of public health restrictions but are slowly being added back to the schedule, said Samantha Holland, Interlake-Eastern regional co-ordinator for the Manitoba society.

In-person support groups for care partners in Selkirk and Gimli have returned, with Gimli already reaching participation capacity.

"We've had quite a bit of interest in that community," said Holland.

People diagnosed with dementia have been able to access virtual sessions led by health-care professionals throughout the entire COVID-19 pandemic.

"With dementia, a great way to slow things down is to remain socially engaged and connected with others, especially with others that are going through the same things," said Holland.

The society reported in June 2021 that 42 individuals with dementia and 240 care partners accessed the online groups. The number of participants has increased since the report was released, said Holland.

"Just because it's through a screen doesn't mean there can't be that heartfelt connection."

Participants can also join sessions over the phone and access learning material through the Alzheimer-



TRIBUNE PHOTO SUPPLIED BY KERRI PLESKACH
Terry Law was diagnosed with early-onset Alzheimer's disease when he was 64 years old in 2015. Law's family relied on supports from the Alzheimer Society of Manitoba to understand the condition.

er Society of Manitoba website.

"Any day or time, people can find something that fits for them," said Holland.

To raise awareness about the impact of dementia and the resources available for families, the society produced several videos accessible on their website and their YouTube channel, AlzheimerMB.

"We want people to think of us as that community because it takes a village to support someone with dementia," said Holland.

"We want people to reach out as soon as they can."

Schools resume with remote learning after Christmas

By Jennifer McFee

Most Manitoba students are ringing in the new year with another round of remote learning.

The provincial government delayed the return to school after winter break by several days until Jan. 10. Then they announced last week that classes would resume virtually for most students from Jan. 10 to 17.

Children of critical service workers in kindergarten to Grade 6 and all high-risk students and students with special learning needs in kindergarten to Grade 12 can attend school in person during this period if no alternate care is available. Current plans are to have all other students return to in-person learning on Jan. 17.

Cathy Pleskach, president of Interlake Teachers' Association, said this phased-in approach included consultation with Manitoba Teachers' Society (MTS) and other stakeholders.

"It's a Catch 22 because even inside our own membership in Interlake Teachers' Association, we have members, students and families who find that remote learning is difficult for them," she said.

"Just as with so many other aspects of school, remote learning is easy for some but not for everyone. Teachers know their students well and are giving them every opportunity to reach their own level of success using every resource and tool."

Any way you look at it, there's no right answer, she adds.

"Safety has to be No. 1 right now. If the government had said, 'We're going to give you all N95s and access to rapid tests and you're going to have proper ventilation,' we'd be there with bells on because we want to be with our students," Pleskach said.

"Learning is often messy and teachers signed up for it anyway, but not at the expense of their own physical and mental health or that of their own families. We want what's best for the families and for the communities, so we'll do whatever it takes to keep everyone safe despite the fluidity of the situation."

It's a difficult situation right now, whether students are learning remotely or in person.

"We know the right place for them is in our buildings and that's where we want to be. But we want

to know that someone in government has our back and is supporting us, making sure that we have all the safety resources that our students need and that we need," Pleskach said, adding that the division is supporting members but more is needed, and it needs to come from higher than that.

"It would be nice to see the \$80 million in new money announced by Minister Cullen last week given immediately to divisions for improved masks and ventilation, increases to staffing so distancing can be attained and staff shortages can be supplemented, and to allow staff and students easier access and priority for vaccines and rapid testing."

She added that teachers and school staff are going above and beyond, and this situation weighs heavy on every school community.

"As professionals, we are seeing the effects of two rounds of remote learning already," Pleskach said.

"But if we feel it can keep everyone a little safer, a little longer and help keep the system from crashing, we're still doing so with heavy hearts."

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Kolomaya off to Brier

By Ty Dilello

St. Martin's Jared Kolomaya punched his ticket to the 2022 Tim Hortons Brier on Sunday evening after winning the 2022 B.C. Men's Curling Championships in Kamloops.

Kolomaya, who plays second for Team Brent Pierce, emerged victorious after a high-scoring 11-8 extra-end win in the final over Victoria's Paul Cseke to capture the B.C. crown.

The victory sends Kolomaya and Team Pierce to the 2022 Tim Hortons Brier in Lethbridge, Alta., which will take place from March 4 to 13.

Kolomaya, who graduated from Ashern Central School, will be making his first appearance at the fabled national championship. Team Pierce is now the fourth team confirmed to compete at this year's Brier, along with Brendan Bottcher of Canada,

Kevin Koe of Alberta (with Gimli's B.J. Neufeld at third), and Thomas Scoffin of Yukon. Manitoba's men's provincial championships will be held from Jan. 25 to 30 in Selkirk.

Ironically enough, another former Ashern resident, Sasha Carter, also booked her ticket to nationals over the weekend. Carter, who throws second rocks for Mary-Anne Arsenault, won the 2022 B.C. Women's Curling Championship on Sunday afternoon by defeating Kayla MacMillan in a thrilling 8-6 come-from-behind victory.

Carter is best remembered for winning back-to-back Scotties National Championships in 2006 and 2007 and a World Championship in 2007 with Kelly Scott. The upcoming nationals will mark Carter's 10th Scotties appearance.



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Jared Kolomaya, formerly of St. Martin and now living in Kamloops, played second for Jeff Richard's rink that defeated Paul Cseke 11-8 in the final of the B.C. Men's Curling Championship last Sunday.



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Marquette's Irene Tully and Wayne Davis scored a rare six-ender in stick curling on Dec. 22.

Stick curlers Tully/Davis score rare six-ender

By Ty Dilello

Irene Tully and Wayne Davis recently scored a rare six-ender in stick curling at the Marquette Curling Club on Dec 22.

The feat happened in their two-person stick curling league, which takes place in Marquette on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. The league fluctuates in teams every year, but for 2021-22 they have 11 teams playing on both days this season.

Tully and Davis are one of the more experienced teams in the league as they also play in bonspiels when they

can.

"We've been a team for about four years now," said Irene Tully. "We play in bonspiels as well previously, but that got stopped last year due to COVID-19. However, we do try and play in local bonspiels when we can, so hopefully that will start up again at some point."

Tully was very humble regarding the six-ender when giving her thoughts on it.

"It was just a fluke," said Tully. "A lot of luck has to happen to get a six-ender in stick curling!"

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Slatcher and Saskatoon team shine in California



TRIBUNE PHOTO SUBMITTED

Sierra Slatcher was a member of the 222's Original Fastpitch team that competed in a pair of tournaments in California last month. The team is headed to Sacramento, Ca. in February for another pair of tournaments.

By Brian Bowman

It's not often that a fastpitch player from the Interlake gets an opportunity to play in California in December.

But that was the case for Stonewall's Sierra Slatcher.

Slatcher, 13, was a member of the 222's Original Fastpitch team that competed in tournaments in San Diego and Irvine last month.

It was quite the experience for the talented Slatcher.

"The diamonds were beautiful," said Slatcher, who started pitching when she was seven years old. "Green grass, some had turf instead of grass, palm trees, just beautiful. The diamonds (and) facilities were nothing like I have ever seen before... well, maybe in movies. The weather was very nice - warm and sunny."

In between, the team played exhibition games and practiced.

"We played at one facility in Chino Hill called Big League Dreams," Slatcher said. "Each diamond recreated famous baseball stadiums. We played at the Yankee Stadium, which included cardboard fans behind the home-run fence."

Slatcher's team did extremely well in their first tournament, placing fifth out of 22 teams. A highlight for Slatcher was belting her first home run of the winter season.

"The teams were competitive," Slatcher said. "This was the first time all 14 players have ever played together."

The Irvine tournament was a tougher field

of approximately 44 teams.

"(There were) super strong teams," Slatcher noted. "It was so great to play against them. We didn't do as well in this one, but we sure learned a lot. We had a (good) group of athletes and really great coaches. I loved playing (against) such strong softball players. These teams we played do not make many errors so I knew I needed to do my very best."

Slatcher got a lot of playing time at the two tournaments. She was able to play every game, getting a chance to pitch and play first base. If she wasn't on the diamond, Slatcher was the extra hitter.

"I loved every minute of it," Slatcher said. "I never ever thought I would be able to play softball in California, especially at the age of 13. It was a dream — breathtaking. The palm trees, flowers, cactus, lemon and orange trees growing in people's yards. The hills, the scenery while playing ball ... I can't say enough."

Slatcher had a ton of fun on the ball diamond. She also had a great time away from the field, too.

"We went to the San Diego Zoo, to many beaches along the ocean (and) to the Santa Monica Pier. We went to Las Vegas, Los Angeles, Hollywood and Beverly Hills."

"In total, I travelled through 14 different states. We drove instead of flying. Driving through the mountains on our way home was amazing. I saw so much on our trip (and) I can't wait to go back to California."

Slatcher and her team, which is based out of Saskatoon, will be going to Sacramento, Calif., for a pair of tournaments next month. The 222's go to multiple tournaments each month from October to March.

Slatcher was handpicked for the team by Brandon's Faron Asham. He is very impressed with Slatcher's talent. "She's a (great) player so I'm excited to see where she goes," Asham said.

In Manitoba, Slatcher plays for the U15 "AAA" Winnipeg Lightning.

"My Manitoba team is also full of amazing athletes and coaches," she said. "I am very lucky to play on two amazing teams."

MHSAA updates Return to School Sport Plan for 2021-22 season

Staff

The Manitoba High School Athletic Association updated its Return to Play documents tied to the ongoing coronavirus pandemic that will impact school sports in January.

The following statement was released last Friday:

There are many factors that school divisions, or independent school administrations, must navigate during this most recent public health order regarding remote learning. In the midst of the current state of affairs, the MHSAA will continue to support school sport through athletic and educational opportunities.

The guidance the MHSAA has received from

public health and Manitoba Education is that current public health orders allow for extra-curricular school sport activities such as practices and exhibition/league games as an option. With this in mind, and to remain in line with the MHSAA's Return to School Sport Plan, it is the perspective of MHSAA that school divisions, or independent school administrations, determine how they wish to proceed in terms of participation in school sport for the week of Jan. 10-14.

As a reminder, public health orders currently prohibit tournaments. Current public health orders expired this past Tuesday and the MHSAA will send out additional guidance once new public health orders have been released.

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U18 Lightning weekend games postponed

By Brian Bowman

Due to the province of Ontario being shut down because of COVID, the Interlake Lightning U18 "AAA" male hockey team's weekend home series with the Kenora Thistles was cancelled.

Interlake was scheduled to host Kenora last Friday evening and Saturday afternoon in Teulon.

Last Wednesday, the Lightning lost 4-3 to the Winnipeg Bruins at the

Southdale Community Centre.

Interlake forward Hayden Wheddon scored three goals, including a pair shorthanded.

Bruins' goals were tallied by Rhett Marchant (two), Hayden Moore and Nathan Brown.

Lightning goaltender Zach Meadows stopped 31 Bruins' shots.

Interlake will host the Norman Northstars on Saturday (1:30 p.m.) and the Bruins next Wednesday (8

p.m.).

The Lightning U18 "AAA" female team, meanwhile, had a pair of games postponed last weekend due to COVID protocol.

The Lightning were scheduled to play the Westman Wildcats in Hartney on Saturday and then the Yellowhead Chiefs on Sunday afternoon in Shoal Lake.

Interlake is scheduled to play three home games this weekend in three

different locations.

On Friday, the Lightning will host the Winnipeg Avros at 8 p.m. in Stonewall. Interlake will then battle the Wildcats on Saturday (7:30 p.m.) in Warren and then the Chiefs on Sunday (2:30 p.m.) in Lundar.

At press time, it was not known if those games would be played.

Viterra Championship changes dates, venue

Staff

The Viterra Championship is moving its dates and venue due to the province's health orders regarding COVID-19.

The 32-team provincial men's curling championship was slated for Jan. 25-30 at the Selkirk Recreation Complex.

But the event is now tentatively scheduled for Feb. 9-13 at the Selkirk

Curling Club with four fewer teams.

"Unfortunately, COVID is once again causing a disruption and events are affected," said a statement on the CurlManitoba website on Monday. "CurlManitoba has been in constant communication with the Selkirk Host Committee, Sport Manitoba and other stakeholders to run the Men's Provincial Championship.

"CurlManitoba has explored mul-

tipple options, however, has been unsuccessful to date. With the current public health orders having been extended until Feb. 1, CurlManitoba has been forced to postpone the Viterra

Championship that was to start on Jan. 25. As public health orders continue to change, CurlManitoba will keep you updated with any further changes to our plans."

U17 Lightning bounced twice by Bruins

Staff

The Interlake Lightning U17 "AAA" hockey team lost 6-3 to the Winnipeg Bruins on Sunday afternoon in Warren.

Ian Buors led Interlake with a pair of goals while Hayden Kaczorowski also tallied.

Buors and Adam Vigfusson each finished the game with three points.

Bruins' goals were scored by Carter Wilson, Dylan Jaquet, Jaxson Fillion, Nick Giasson, Aven Cockerill and Peyton Allard.

Lightning goaltender Alex Myers stopped 44 Winnipeg shots.

On Friday, Interlake lost 4-3 to the Bruins in Winnipeg.

Vigfusson, Brandon Burak and Buors scored for the Lightning. Vigfusson and Kaczorowski each had two points in the game.

Winnipeg goals were scored by Allard, Eric Voth, Dylan Bauknecht and Jaquet. Jaquet's goal at 13:38 of the third period was the eventual game winner.

Interlake goaltender Dylan LeClair made 46 saves as the Lightning were outshot 50-15.

The Lightning will play the Eastman Selects on Saturday (6:30 p.m.) and next Wednesday (7:30 p.m.) in St.

Anne.

The U15 "AAA" Lightning, meanwhile, lost 7-4 to the Winnipeg Bruins Black on Saturday in Arborg.

Interlake, which led 3-1 after the first period, received goals from Cole Swanson, Evan Deprez, Noah Oughton (shorthanded) and Gavin Holod.

Tyreece Pattyn (four), Tyler Free (two) and Lucas Boulanger scored for Winnipeg.

On Friday, Interlake lost 10-3 to the Eastman Selects in Landmark.

Lightning goals were scored by Justin Baird (two) and Blake Farthing.

Kasen Mateychuk (two), Cameron Sylvester (two), Brek Liske, Calyb Moore, Zachary Lansard, Owen Martin, Trystan Hunter and Archer Ives replied for Eastman.

On Jan. 4, the Lightning beat the Winnipeg Wild Gold 5-3.

Farthing led Interlake with a hat trick while Foxx Domansky and Cole Swanson also tallied.

Winnipeg goals were scored by William Marceus, Oli Chenier and Jett Deschamps.

Braedan Cormack made 32 saves for the win.

The Lightning will host the Winnipeg Thrashers White on Sunday at 6:30 p.m. in Warren.

Merces lose to Maroons

Staff

The Warren Merces' game against the Carman Beavers was cancelled on Saturday.

It was not known at press time if, or when, the game will be rescheduled.


Last Thursday, the Merces lost 7-2 to the Maroons in Altona.

Altona grabbed a 4-0 first-period lead on goals from Adam Henry, Jared Magne, Nolan McGuire and Justin Augert.

Tyler Penner made it 5-0 just 58 seconds into the second period before Warren's James Maxwell, on the power play, and Carson Ouellette scored to close the deficit to 5-2.

But the Maroons iced the win with late third-period goals from McGuire and Penner.


The Merces, now 7-3, will be in Morden this Saturday to battle the Bombers. Game time is 8 p.m.



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Jets blown out in pair of weekend games

Stonewall very busy on the trade front

By Brian Bowman

The Stonewall Jets suffered a pair of blowout losses last weekend.

Stonewall ended a brutal weekend with an 8-1 road loss to the Pembina Valley Twisters on Sunday evening in Morris.

Jets' forward Hudson Chamberlin scored his 12th goal of the season on the power-play midway in the third period.

Pembina Valley, which held period leads of 3-0 and 4-1, received goals from TJ Matuszewski (two), Cody Clark (two), Dean Rebeck, Riley Goertzen, Travis Penner and Merek Degraeve.

Stonewall was outshot 54-16.

Last Friday, the Jets lost 7-2 to the Charleswood Hawks in Winnipeg.

The Hawks scored three first-period goals and then added four more in the second.

Chamberlin scored a goal and added an assist while Matthieu Meier also tallied. The Jets' Matthew Smith had two assists.

Ben Zander (three), Ethan Lewis, Ian McDonald, Bryan Hanna and Jonathan Hertzprung scored for Charleswood.

The Hawks outshot the Jets 41-24.

The Jets, now 7-18-2, will host the St. Vital Jr. Victorias on Wednesday and then the Hawks on Jan. 19. Puck drop

for both games is 7:30 p.m.

In off-ice news, the Jets were very busy on the trade front.

Stonewall dealt Smith and Chamberlin to the Raiders Jr. Hockey Club for the 2021-22 season with both returning to the Jets for the 2022-23 campaign. In return, the Jets received Nolan Weihs, Jeremy Klimchuk and Noah Wyllie.

Those three players will remain with the Stonewall organization. It was a great trade for the Jets, who are mired in ninth place in the 10-team league.

It is also a great situation for Smith and Chamberlin as they should get some playoff experience with the Raiders.

"Recognizing the spot that we're in and doing something about it," McClintock said. "Taking some action. We need to reset the culture in our dressing room. We need to reset as an organization. After today (Monday) we sent out four players and we're retaining two, and we have 12 coming back our way."

Smith is sixth in league scoring with 36 points (11 goals, 25 assists) while Chamberlin was second on the Jets in goals (12) and third in points (22).

In another move, Stonewall traded captain Tyler Van Deynze to the Pembina Valley Twisters in exchange for Jordan Gray and the rights to Carter Campbell, Brett Magarrall and Logan Fillion.

"Tyler was unbelievable in the dressing room with his leadership abilities



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY LANA MEIER

The Stonewall Jets traded their captain Tyler Van Deynze to the Pembina Valley Twisters in exchange for Jordan Gray and the rights to a number of players this week.

(and) just how he brought himself to the rink every day," McClintock said.

"How he handled the game, his work ethic, he was a warrior that would do anything for the team. He's always team first and just what some of our young guys learned from him in a short period of time (was incredible). Tyler agreed to the trade because he knew it was in our best interest but he never wanted to leave Stonewall. He liked what we had going on here even with our record. Just a great kid

all around and I wish him nothing but the best because he deserves it. He'll do well in (Pembina Valley) and with the leadership that he brings, I hope they go on a deep run."

The Twisters also traded the playing rights to Luke Sekundiak and Sean Neufeld to the Jets for future considerations.

Finally, Stonewall sent Jaxon Blight to the St. James Jr. Canucks in exchange for Aric Gurdibaniuk, Easton Lewicki and Kai Smith.

WHSHL postpones games this week due to COVID

By Brian Bowman

The Winnipeg High School Hockey League postponed games last Thursday and Friday and all 24 of its scheduled games this week due to the COVID pandemic.

School divisions are dealing with a mandated remote-learning period, which began Monday and will last until at least this Friday.

The Stonewall Collegiate Rams were

scheduled to play College Beliveau last Friday but it was postponed.

The Rams' next scheduled game is against College Gabrielle-Roy on Jan. 19.

WHSHL president Dana Gordon said the games will be rescheduled and have not been cancelled.

"Should the remote-learning period extend and (school) divisions maintain their stance that they won't let

high school sports go during that time period, we'll have to look at some different scenarios to keep our season going forward," Gordon told the *Winnipeg Free Press* last Thursday.

The league, which features 36 teams in four divisions, had its entire 2020-21 season wiped out due to COVID.

Gordon said the league plans to finish out the season,

"Our executive is going to meet (this

week once we have a little bit of a better picture as to what the plans are for whether (remote learning) is going to continue or if it's truly just one week to get the schools ready," he said.

"And then we'll go from there and plan some scenarios because cancelling our season at this point is not an option. We've come too far and these kids deserve to finish."



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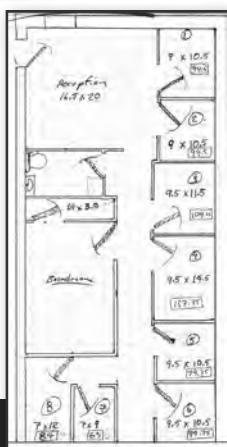
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Andrew Glassco, Chief Administrative Officer
Town of Teulon 204-886-2314

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R.M. OF ROCKWOOD BY-LAW NO. 12/20
Being an AMENDMENT to the R.M. OF ROCKWOOD
ZONING BY-LAW NO. 20/19, as amended.

HEARING
LOCATION:

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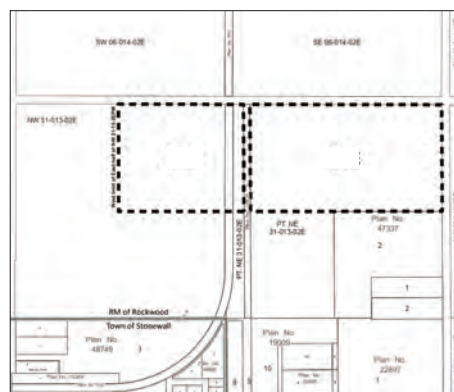
DATE & TIME:

Thursday, February 10, 2022, at 6:00PM

GENERAL INTENT:

To re-zone Pt. N ½ 31-13-2 EPM and Pt. of Plan 543 WLTO from "AL-1" Agricultural Limited-Stonewall Vicinity Zone to "ME" Industrial Extractive Zone to accommodate quarry development.

AREA AFFECTED:



FOR
INFORMATION
CONTACT:

Eric Shaw, General Manager
South Interlake Planning District, 285 Main Street,
Stonewall, Manitoba, R0C 2Z0
Phone: 204-467-5587

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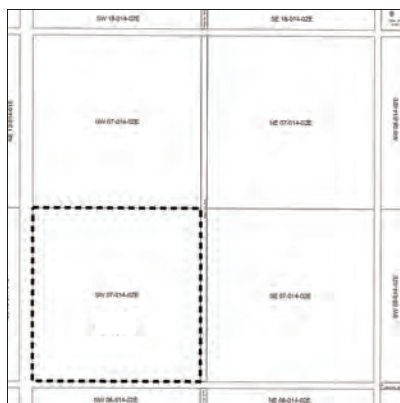
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DATE & TIME: Thursday, February 10, 2022, at 7:00PM

GENERAL INTENT: To re-zone Pt. SW 7-14-2 EPM from "MEH" Industrial Extractive Holding Zone to "ME" Industrial Extractive Zone to accommodate quarry development.

AREA AFFECTED:



FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Eric Shaw, General Manager
South Interlake Planning District, 285 Main Street,
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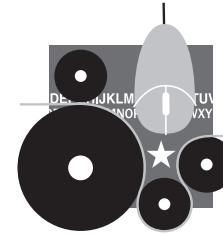
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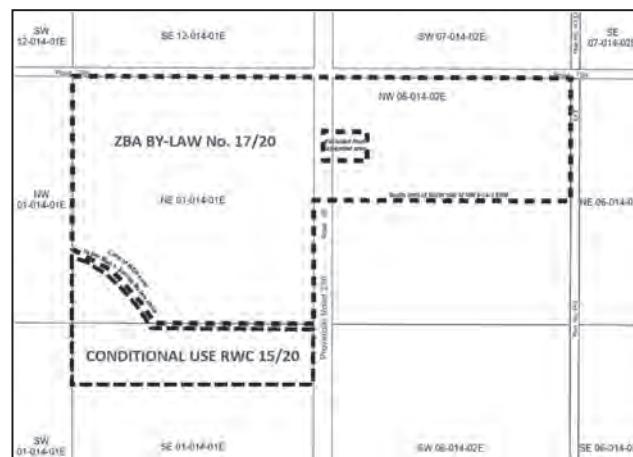
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Thursday, February 10, 2022, at 8:00PM

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1. **By-Law No. 17/20:** to re-zone Pt. NE 1-14-1 EPM and Pt. NW 6-14-2 EPM from "MEH" Industrial Extractive Holding Zone to "ME" Industrial Extractive Zone to accommodate quarry development; and
2. **Conditional Use File RWC 15/20:** to obtain conditional use approval to accommodate quarry development on Pt. NE 1-14-1 EPM and Pt. SE 1-14-1 EPM.

AREA AFFECTED:



FOR
INFORMATION
CONTACT:

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OBITUARY



His Smile
 Though his smile is gone forever,
 And his hand I cannot touch;
 I still have so many memories,
 Of the one I loved so much.
 His memory is my keepsake,
 With which I'll never part;
 God has you in His keeping,
 I have him in my heart.
 Sadly missed but never forgotten.

John Charles Rink
August 21, 1972 - December 21, 2021

Leaving behind his loving wife Jan and three beautiful children, Adrian, Willow and Ryeley. Also survived by his mother Donna Rink; his three sisters, Roberta (aka Bert), Charlynn (aka Chuck) and Laura. Not to mention brothers-in-law and nieces and nephews. He will also be missed by family and friends.

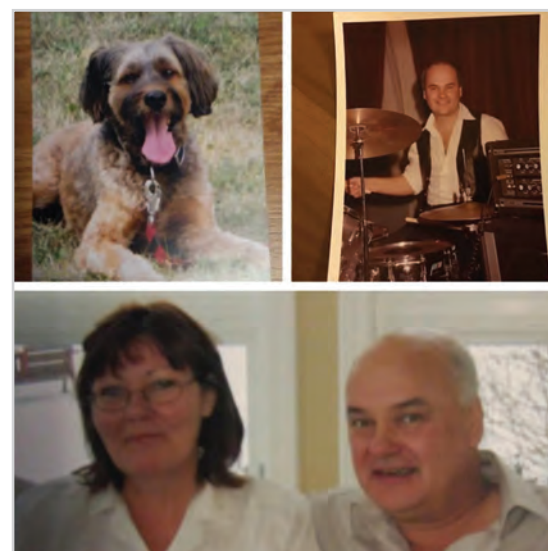
There will be a celebration of life at a later date.

OBITUARY

Howie Hamaberg
Jan. 30, 1952 - Dec. 25, 2021

Howie passed peacefully on his own terms on December 25, 2021. He was born to Courtney and Eleanor Hamaberg (deceased), in Teulon, MB their second son, a little brother for Bob and big brother to Wendy and Cindy. From the very beginning, stories were told of Howie being funny, sensitive, loving, mischievous and stubborn. Nothing changed as he aged except one huge thing...his profound love of music. He got his first drum kit at around age 10 and never looked back. He was raised in Inwood and then on the farm in the Norris Lake area. Howie attended school in both Inwood & Teulon. The farm held precious memories and endless stories - his favourites being playing the drums while Bob played the accordion, listening to records, and sending for and reading drum magazines. He never had one music lesson! Drumming had to be worked in along with school, farm work and other chores. Howie also shared many adventures he had with both sets of grandparents (deceased), aunts, uncles (with only Auntie Olive and Uncle Roy remaining) and many cousins, also endless and precious to him. Howie would play his first "gig" at age twelve, a wedding. Being so young, Dad had to drive him and attend the wedding and bring him home. The gigs never ended.

He would go on to have two precious children - son Cory and daughter Casey (husband Blair) and two adored grandchildren Carter and Keaton who survive him. Howie was predeceased by an infant son, Jamie. Howie moved to Winnipeg and spent over twenty years working at Advance TV & Stereo, leading the car stereo department. Being surrounded by music equipment and installing car stereos where music would blare was a perfect fit. Cars



were another passion for him; sports cars, vintage cars, and classic models. He at some point owned every one of them. Many friends were made at Advance who remain close to him to this day. He supplemented his income playing drums during the week and on weekends with numerous bands right up until his health disallowed it. Even in hospital, he would drum on the bed, sing, and relay countless stories of the road trips and gigs he had with many different bands (all of whom he considered extended family). The longest gig was as drummer for The Platters, touring Canada and the U.S.A. for close to a year. These same band mates visited and called him endlessly in hospital. We thank all of you for that. Your visits and stories kept us all laughing and in awe that he made it this far! Howie would often end these stories with "Yep! it's been a hell of a ride!"

After leaving Advance, he and brother Bob opened a car stereo shop in Winnipeg; followed by a couple years spent running the hotel in Treherne. Howie then returned to Winnipeg, where he landed what he considered a "perfect job." With his outgoing personality, charm, incredible wit and ability to communicate with anyone of any age, he became the skeleton and parrot that would greet you as you entered the Club Regent Casino. He had to make a good impression as these characters were the first contact that customers had.

He LOVED it and his mischievous self was once again hard at work as he worked in a small area with his animatronic equipment, being the voice and controlling the body actions of these characters (while he himself was completely out of site). It was here, he would meet his last love Deborah Ruse, who also worked at the casino.

They would eventually make a permanent move to their beloved place at Wpg Beach and turn it into their version of a cozy paradise. Deb would go on to work in the Gimli Collegiate and Winnipeg Beach Elementary School, a job she loved. They enjoyed their neighbours, (who we cannot thank enough for everything you did for them), bon fires, the peacefulness of small town living, nature, and the changing seasons. Many gatherings large and small were held here. The door was always open to everyone.

They made their family complete, adopting a soft coated Wheaten Terrier puppy, Sam. He was truly their everything.

Deb and Sam would go on to be Howie's primary caregivers and constant companions as his health deteriorated. Sadly, both Deb & Sam predeceased Howie this past year. He told us part of him went with them when they passed, and his life was never the same.

Not being able to live alone, plans were for Howie to move in with lifelong friends (extended family), Donna & Mike, in Belair, MB. They too were constant friends, providing endless love, support, and completing the many tasks needed around the home in Winnipeg Beach for many years. Fortunately, Howie was able to live with them, if only for a short while, saying he was treated like "the Prince of Belair". Our family will never be able to thank Donna and Mike enough for everything they did and were to Howie (and Deb) through everything. We also thank Maureen, Howie's go-to gal, for everything tax-related. Another cherished friend who always went above and beyond for both Howie and Deb.

Sadly, Howie's health had deteriorated to a point where the living arrangement in Belair didn't last very long. He ended up doing a "tour of the Wpg hospitals", finally landing at Seven Oaks, where he remained for close to a year. With dialysis, blindness, being a COVID survivor, a leg fracture surgery, and being a cardiac bypass survivor, these things kept him essentially confined to bed. He would say "if there is something that can go wrong, I'll be in the thick of it, I don't want to miss anything!" And then laugh. Although he managed this with his positive attitude and sense of humour, it took its toll on him. He never once said "why me?" Instead, he tried to look forward to what was to come and how he could make the best of it.

We are eternally grateful to all the medical staff from doctors and nurses to all the support staff, at all the hospitals. It was not always smooth sailing for Howie, family, or staff, but we all did our best. Howie was a facts guy, a straight shooter, no holes barred kind of patient, who spoke his mind on all issues (colourfully at times). He often spoke of wanting to write a book on the hospital system.

If one desires, donations can be made to the Kidney Foundation of Manitoba, in his honour.

Besides his children and grandchildren, Howie leaves to mourn his brother Bob (Sharon), sister Wendy (Mark) and sister Cindy (Al), and numerous nieces & nephews.

As per Howie's wishes he has been cremated. A private interment of ashes will take place at a later date. He also requested a party be held with drinks, food and GOOD bands to celebrate his life. That too will take place at a later date.

Well Howie, you leave a gaping hole in our lives that we will only be able to fill with our memories of this incredible life you lived and the profound impact you had on all of us. Rest easy Bro, you have earned it. We will see you on the other side.

Look out Heaven, the party has just begun!

We thank MacKenzie Funeral Home, Stonewall, for their care, compassion, and guidance. Please share your condolences and memories at mackenziefh.com Ladies & Gentleman, Happy Howie has left the planet!

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OBITUARY



Dawn Marie Doroschuk (McFarlane)
October 5, 1975 – January 3, 2022

Our beloved Dawn passed away at HSC on the evening of January 3rd, 2022.

She will be lovingly remembered by daughter Courtney (Stephen); grandson Aiden; Mom and Dad, Rhonda and Murray Schultz; sister Lorilee (Dan); grandparents Don and Marion Schultz; Auntie Rosalynn and Uncle Don; Auntie Sandie and Uncle Domenic; nephew Tyler, Andrew and cousins and many dear friends. She is also survived and deeply loved by Vern Doroschuk and family. Also lovingly remembered by special friend Mike.

Dawn was predeceased by her beloved Pop and Gram. Due to COVID, no service will be held at this time.

Rest in peace Dawn.
We love you.



OBITUARY



Albert Victor Robert Dickson

Albert Victor Robert Dickson passed away peacefully on December 31, 2021 at Betel Personal Care Home in Selkirk, Manitoba.

Albert was born in London, England on October 14, 1934 to Robert and Margaret (Beattie) Dickson. The family relocated to Belfast, Northern Ireland, when Albert was four years old. Albert grew up and attended grade school in Belfast. He also took piano lessons and, by 12 years of age, was quite an accomplished pianist. He could play the piano for family sing-a-longs. He continued his education and training to become a weaving loom mechanic in the fine linen industry.

As a young teenager in Belfast, Albert seriously injured his left knee in a cycling accident. He spent over a year in hospital recuperating from orthopedic surgery. His knee joint was replaced

with a bone graft which caused him to walk with a limp thereafter. After his stay in the hospital, he spent another year at home recuperating. During this year, Albert decided to pass the time by practicing and further developing his piano playing skills. He spent numerous hours at the piano. Throughout most of his life, if he heard a tune that caught his attention, he could usually sit down at the piano and play it by ear. He was also talented at playing the accordion. Sometimes he would bring his accordion to family gatherings where everyone would gather around and sing songs.

Albert had a spirit for adventure. He responded to an advertisement to work in Canada. In 1956, he made the trip by ship, across the Atlantic Ocean, and landed in Montreal, Quebec. He started work at Caldwell Linen Mills in Iroquois, Ontario.

In 1957, the love of his life, who was still in Belfast, also made the trip across the Atlantic Ocean. Albert and Margaret (McAlister) were married in Morrisburg, Ontario in April 1958.

Through the years, Albert and Margaret worked at a number of jobs in the Seaway District. They were also heavily involved in their church, where Albert played the piano for most of the services. Albert was very mechanically minded and could fix almost anything around the house. To complement his love of music and the piano, he took a course on how to tune and rebuild pianos. As a result, he was able to establish a part time business tuning and rebuilding pianos.

In 1967, the family moved to Granby, Quebec where Albert worked for Dominion Textiles. In 1977, the family relocated to Arborg, Manitoba where Albert was employed as a manager for Promo Wear. A couple of years later, Albert moved on to Johnson's Hardware store in Arborg and worked there for many years before retiring.

In his later years, he took a locksmithing course and added this service to his sideline business.

Albert also enjoyed the outdoors and camping. In the early years, many family summer vacations were spent camping in Vermont and Maine. In Manitoba, camping was enjoyed at Hecla Island, Hnausa and Falcon Lake.

Through the years, wherever he lived, Albert was very involved in the church. Albert and Margaret, along with three other families, were instrumental in establishing Arborg Christian Fellowship in 1978.

Albert is survived by his wife, Margaret, and children Mark (Debbie), Carol (Brad) Hogg, and Andrew (Nicole). He will be lovingly remembered by his grandchildren Jennica (Ethan), Ashleigh, Kayley, Caitlyn, Nikolas, and Sarah (Jonah). He will be dearly missed by his sister, Marie, in Northern Ireland, along with his nieces and their families.

Cremation has taken place. Due to COVID restrictions, a memorial service will occur at a later date.

The family would like to thank the staff at Betel Personal Care Home in Selkirk for their excellent care and compassion.

Memorial donations may be made to the Alzheimer Society of Manitoba at www.alzheimer.mb.ca. Condolences may be left on Albert's tribute wall at www.gilbartfuneralhome.com

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Robert Wilfred Brad (Bob)

It is with deep sadness that we announce the passing of our husband, father and grandfather on January 5, 2022.

After a brief illness we said our final farewell to the pillar of our family. Bob's legacy will live on in his sons and grandchildren.

Bob is survived by his loving wife Audrey; his son Craig (Cindy), grandchildren Lauren (Jordan), Taylor (Braden) and Evan; son Keith (Janice), grandsons Patrick and Jordan (Ashleigh); and son Rodney

(Margaret Ann), granddaughters Katherine, Ashley and Laura.

Bob was predeceased by his parents, Wilfred and Margaret; his brother Lorne; sisters Audrey, Betty, Bernice and Beverly.

Bob was born in Winnipeg, on August 30th, 1929. On June 26th, 1954, Bob married the love of his life (Audrey Cathers), they were married for 67 years. He spent his entire life in Woodlands farming first along side his father and then with his wife and three sons.

Bob was an active member for well over 50 years as a board member of the Woodlands Hall. Right up until COVID hit, Bob was still helping out at socials (in behind the bar) and if you attended the Woodlands Bingo, Bob was at the loonie table, taking your loonie and stamping your card. You would have been greeted with a huge smile and we are sure he probably teased you. He had been a member of the Lions Club of Warren. He spent many years volunteering at the Prairie Dog Central at the concession stand whether it was in Warren or Grosse Isle. He always had a story to share when he came home, he truly enjoyed the outing. When his three sons were involved in the dairy 4-H club Bob was active in assisting them.

Bob's two passions in life intertwined, family and farming. He was so fortunate to have his sons involved in the day to day operations of the family farm, and all three families living within a mile from him. Bob loved his conversations with his sons. Talking with Craig about the dairy aspect of the farm, with Keith regarding the crops, and with Rodney about haying. Bob loved going for a crop tour, was involved in seeding and was very proud to tell you that he was still driving the combine at the age of 92.

Bob was blessed with a sharp mind and a great memory, if you were lucky enough to be talking with him, he could recount events from over 80 years ago like they happened yesterday. He loved to tease and joke. We will forever remember how his eyes would light up and the huge smile on his face.

Bob was extremely proud of his grandchildren and very interested in all that they were doing, whether it was face to face or a phone call, he treasured the time spent with them. The grandchildren would say they loved their visits, his sense of humour, wisdom and his overall fun-loving nature.

The family would like to thank Dr. Loudon and staff for the over 20 years of care that they provided to Bob, we will forever be grateful.

Bob spent six days at the Stonewall Hospital in palliative care. We feel fortunate as a family that we were able to visit him, the only restriction was two at a time. A huge appreciation to the COVID screening ladies as we constantly rotated through the doors. To Dr. Graham and the many nurses and health care aides that provided care, there are no words to ever express our gratitude for keeping Bob comfortable.

Bob's family would like to thank everyone for the many phone calls, messages, cards, flowers, food and baking, means the world to all of us.

Loved always never forgotten!!

As per Bob's wishes service to be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to South West District Palliative Care. Box 1282, Stonewall, Manitoba, R0C 2Z0.



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