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Learning the rings

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Teulon Elementary students spent last week learning juggling skills from local world class juggler Robin Chestnut. Chestnut was the Artist in the school for the week of Jan 20-24 and held workshops with each class from Kindergarten to Grade 6 for a minimum of 25 minutes each day. On Friday, Grade 4 to 6 students showcased their newly learned skills in front of the entire school body. Pictured from left, Landyn Kay and Jackson Page juggle rings.

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Riddell Seed Company earns Ag Days award

By Jennifer McFee

Recognition cropped up for a Warren-based company at Manitoba Ag Days 2020.

The annual agricultural expo ran from Jan. 21 to 23 in Brandon to showcase agricultural production expertise, technology and equipment.

Craig Riddell of Riddell Seed Company said he usually attends the event as a spectator but this year they set up a booth as an exhibitor.

"We've been bringing to market a piece of farm equipment to be developed. We were lucky enough to get in their New Innovations Showcase, so we were displaying our product there for the whole show," he said.

"We got lots of exposure for our product. There was a good cross-section of people there so it was nice to be able to make that contact. Being involved in the seed business, we get out there for networking and making contacts in the seed industry."

Their new product, called the MeterVeyor, is an attachment for a grain bin that accurately and gently meters out seed for loading out precise quantities. It's also useful in controlling the

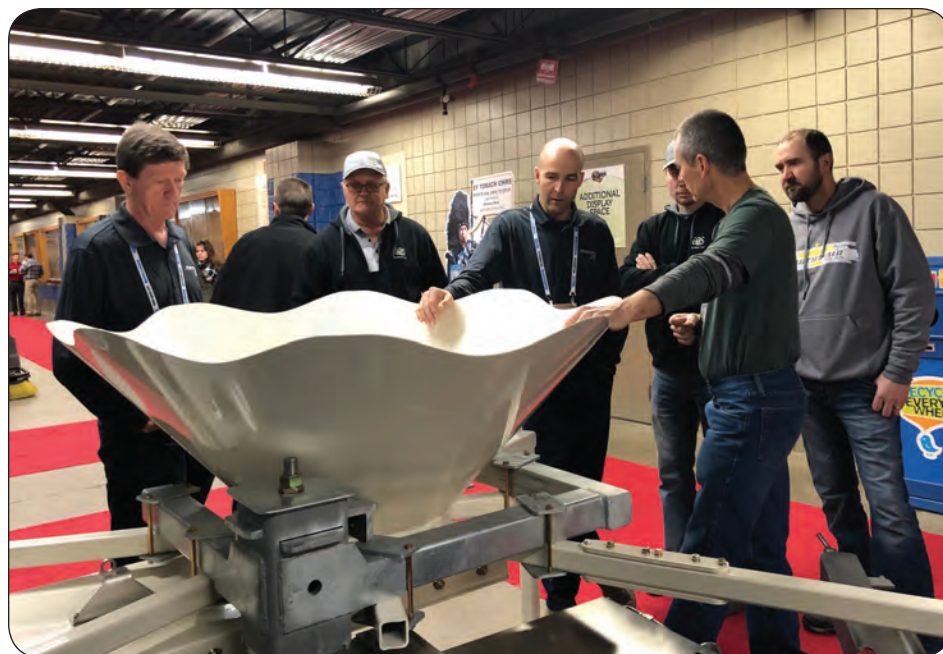


Craig Riddell

flow rate of seed from a bin to allow for precise application of seed treatments.

"It was a good release point for this new product. We managed to win second place for the New Innovation categories, which was nice. It got us a little publicity," Riddell said.

"Certainly some of the commercial producers see Ag Days as the starting point for a new season where they're talking to a lot of the buyers for their



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The MeterVeyor won second place in the New Innovation category.

products and equipment. It's a good place to make contacts if you need to plan something for the new year."

The overall show attendance was about 45,000 people, with more than

10,000 people attending seminars.

Next year, the 44th Manitoba Ag Days 2020 will run from Jan. 19 to 21.

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Manitoba will have cleanest fuel standards in Canada

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Manitoba will have the cleanest fuel standards in Canada by increasing the ethanol and biodiesel content of its transportation fuels as it implements its Made-in-Manitoba Climate and Green Plan, Premier Brian Pallister announced Tuesday, Jan. 21 during his dignitary address at the annual Manitoba Ag Days exhibition.

"We have the cleanest electricity in Canada already and soon we will have the cleanest fuels in Canada too," said Pallister. "Manitoba is leading the country once again."

These new clean fuel standards will reduce Manitoba's emissions by almost 400,000 tonnes cumulatively over the next five years. This is the equivalent of taking 100,000 vehicles off of the road.

"Agriculture always has been and always will be the key to Manitoba's economic success," said Pallister. "As an important economic driver, our agriculture industry cannot take its foot off the gas, so we will make that gas greener."

Manitoba will increase the ethanol content requirement of gasoline to 10 per cent from 8.5 per cent, and the biodiesel content of diesel to five per cent from two per cent, the premier noted. Consultations with industry, stakeholders and all Manitobans will take place in the coming months and any necessary regulation changes will be made this spring, he added.

Following a meeting with Prime Minister Justin Trudeau yesterday, the premier is calling on the federal government for a fresh evaluation of the province's Made-in-Manitoba Climate and Green Plan to cap the carbon tax on Manitobans.

"Manitobans deserve respect for our green agenda, our historic and significant investments in clean, green renewable energy," said Pallister. "Our plan puts a price on carbon that is low and level, like the Prairies, and keeps more money in the pockets of Manitobans while getting the same amount of emissions reductions as the rising

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Stonewall wins Jets Town Takeover contest

By Jennifer McFee

And the winner is ... Stonewall!

Stonewall came out on top as the community that garnered the most votes to win the Jets Town Takeover contest.

To enter the contest, Stonewall Jets alumnus Brett Meilleur created a 90-second submission video to showcase Stonewall's hometown hockey spirit. The video propelled Stonewall into the Top 3, along with Beausejour and Dominion City.

"Seeing the Town of Stonewall win the contest to bring the Winnipeg Jets to town is something that has elated me immensely," Meilleur said.

Meilleur, owner and operator of Meilleur Media, said he felt honoured when his former coach Matt Figur asked him to make the video after being approached by recreation facilitator Laine Wilson.

"The video project felt like it was meant to land in the hands of everyone who had a part in it. The community got behind it and voted daily and they were the contributing factor to us winning the poll," Meilleur said.

"I knew our community could do it, just like I believed in our Stonewall Jets the year we won the championship. It was one of those feelings I suppose — a visceral one that none can deny. And that is why it is fitting that the community as a whole gets to celebrate this win. It's their win, and they deserved it."

Likewise, Wilson said she's thrilled with the news that Stonewall won the contest.

"It really was such an amazing community development initiative. It re-

ally was nice to start strong and end strong. Everybody bought into that project, from the community and beyond. It obviously reached further than just the town. The RM was involved too and it was incredible," she said.

"We'll know more details soon about what needs to happen and we'll form a committee to get people involved in the planning process."

Kory Harnum, manager of community relations for the Winnipeg Jets, said Stonewall won by a lead of about 4,980 votes.

"It was an exciting contest to watch, and Stonewall came out in front," he said.

"We'll do a site visit with staff from the Winnipeg Jets in early February. We'll work with Laine as well as the local school and the hockey rink to see what the day looks like and what our options are in terms of facilitating that Winnipeg Jets experience."

The itinerary for the March 24 event will be similar to last year, when Morris won the Town Takeover.

"We'll start the day at a local elementary school where we'll do our Project 11 program, which is part of our True North Youth Foundation. They facilitate mental health and wellness, so they'll go into some classrooms and do some sessions. We'll also host a pizza party with Mick E Moose for some of the younger grades," Harnum said.

"Then in the afternoon some of our Winnipeg Jets alumni will jump on the ice with the Stonewall Minor Hockey Program to lead an ice session. We're working with our alumni to see who's

available for that."

In the evening, all are welcome to attend a viewing party of the Winnipeg Jets at Nashville Predators game.

"We'll give away prizes and make that Jets experience. Our public address announcer Jay Richardson will host the evening and we'll all hopefully watch the Winnipeg Jets win on the road," he said.

"Last year was our first town takeover in Morris and it was a fun day from start to finish. The Jets didn't pull off the win on the road, but hopefully this year that will be a different story and residents of Stonewall and surrounding areas can walk away with a victory."

Harnum said they're looking forward to working with Wilson and the

rest of the community to put the event together.

"It's a fun event for the community. It's an opportunity to bring the Jets experience outside of Winnipeg to communities that might not be able to get into Winnipeg to watch a game at Bell MTS Place. It's bringing that experience outside the city," he said.

"It's open to anybody. Whether you're in Stonewall or the surrounding area, you're more than welcome to come out. There's something for everyone throughout the day in the morning, the afternoon and the evening."

When more information is announced, it will be posted on WinnipegJets.com/JetsTownTakeover.



In conjunction with our 25th anniversary in 2019, The Interlake Community Foundation Inc. set an aggressive goal to raise \$250,000 in donations. We are pleased to announce that not only did we reach our target, but we exceeded it with \$251,315 in grants and donations received! In turn, we granted back to charities in our communities of Stonewall, Teulon, RMs of Rockwood, Rosser, and Woodlands and scholarship recipients over \$65,000 in 2019. Since our beginnings in 1994, we have granted out more than \$540,000 to our communities, and this number will continue to grow. We are looking forward to building on this and having another successful year in 2020. We thank all of the generous donors who gave gifts in 2019 (names below) and we thank our amazing volunteers.

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The Stonewall Blues PeeWee 'C' team were practising in their Jets jerseys for the Jets Takeover Town Campaign and in preparation for the upcoming Vet's Cup as these boys are Jets Fuelled, "Fueled by Passion."

Interlake ladies receive recognition at Disaster Management Conference

By Evan Matthews

The Interlake represented well at the 2020 Manitoba Disaster Management Conference, as two local ladies took home awards.

The RM of Grahamdale's Nyla Klatt won the award for Municipal Emergency Coordinator of the Year, while the RM of Armstrong's Patricia Stein won the award for Volunteer of the Year.

"Several months ago, and leading up to the conference, we sent out notices to RMs asking them for nominations," said Manitoba Disaster Management Conference's executive committee chairperson Shelley Napier. Napier also owns Napier Consulting, a consulting firm that works with RMs to better their respective emergency preparedness.

"Part of the criteria — in reference to the Municipal Emergency Coordinator of the Year — deals with whether or not the co-ordinator has actually dealt with an emergency," she said.

"In (Klatt's) case, it was an easy choice. Grahamdale had fires in 2019. They had a large-scale event with the ice storm back in October (2019). ... There was flooding further back in 2011 and 2014. I've worked with her, and anything that has happened, she's been tremendous. In addition, she has a great attitude and is always



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Interlake winners Patricia Stein (Armstrong) and Nyla Klatt (Grahamdale) proudly showcase their awards at the Canad Inns Polo Park.

trying to improve and grow to ensure her community is prepared."

Neither Klatt nor Stein could be reached for comment by press time, but both women were praised by local representatives.

RM of Armstrong Reeve Susan Smerchanski said adequate emer-

gency preparedness would not be possible without the likes of the RM's volunteers.

"So much thanks an appreciation go out to women like Patricia and Nyla for their tremendous dedication and commitment to making our communities safer places," said Smerchanski.

"The RM of Armstrong is very proud of the work we have done moving our EMO program forward and is extremely pleased with the progress."

The Conference

The 2020 disaster management conference saw over 400 guests attend from all over Manitoba, but the Interlake specifically had representation from highways 6, 7 and 8, with many of the various communities participating, according to Napier.

The conference has taken place since 1991, according to Napier, and is intended to further increase the level of emergency preparedness in Manitoba and promote the principles of disaster management planning and public awareness by sharing experiences, showcasing technologies, providing information, tools and solutions to problems, and creating networking opportunities.

This year's conference saw many guest speakers, including Frank DeAngelis, who is the retired principal from the Columbine High School tragedy in Littleton, Colo., as well as Vallie Collins, a passenger on US Air Flight 1549 that made an emergency landing on the Hudson River.

Rosser council agrees to borrow \$500,000 to cover expenses

By Jennifer McFee

At the Jan. 20 council meeting, Rosser council agreed to borrow \$500,000 from Sunova Credit Union to cover the municipality's expenses until taxes are collected. In 2019, a total of nearly \$10.3 million was collected in taxes. The borrowed amount and interest will be paid back during 2020.

In other council news:

• Rosser council accepted the 2020

budget for the South Interlake Regional Library as well as the levy of \$28,825.72, which will be included in the 2020 financial plan.

• The RM will provide a \$167.59 grant to the Grosse Isle Hall for the replacement of two alarm bells so that the facility can meet the fire code.

• Council agreed to provide a letter of support to Grosse Isle Community Club to be included in an application for a Building Sustainable Communities grant. In addition, council agreed to provide a letter of support to the South Interlake Regional Library so that it can apply for provincial funds for its new bookmobile project.

• Rosser council authorized a \$2,500 grant to South West District Palliative care, which will be budgeted for in the 2020 financial plan.

• Council appointed Coun. Ken Mulligan as the representative to the Grant's Lake Working Group Committee.

• Council approved a culvert crossing on Goldenrod Drive, as well as two culvert crossings on to Durum Drive and one crossing onto Bergen Cutoff Road.

• Council approved a request to install facilities on municipal rights of way for Red Fife Road.

• Council approved the proposed in-

stallation of conduits, vaults and fibre optic cable by Manitoba Hydro Telecom.

• Due to the reconfiguration of PTH 6, Manitoba Infrastructure has requested that the RM of Rosser take ownership of a portion of old PTH 6 along and the access road off Municipal Road 72N.

• Council will formally request the transfer of ownership and jurisdiction of a portion of the Prairie Dog Trail from Manitoba Infrastructure to the RM. The CAO will also work the Manitoba Infrastructure to try to acquire a portion of surplus land from the PTH 6 reconfiguration.

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Setting the record straight for Lake Winnipeg phosphorus

Dear Mr. Duguid (MP for Winnipeg South)

On Jan. 14, you were heard, on the radio saying that five per cent of the phosphorus comes from the Winnipeg North End Treatment Plant, but that the other 95 per cent comes from south of us from the U.S. Really? For a person who has a master's degree in environmental science, that kind of statement is extremely revolting.

This, to me, was an immoral and shameful act on your part, and especially when you have been entrusted with the recovery of Lake Winnipeg by the Government of Canada. I believe you realize that Manitoba hogs do contribute a huge source of phosphorus to Lake Winnipeg and Manitoba's water sources. Your comment that 95 per cent comes from the south of us from the U.S. is completely wrong and without justifiable evidence.

Old studies provide evidence. Huge source of phosphorus revealed in Red River area of Manitoba.

It's a sad state of affairs when the studies of science are set aside because the facts are not in the governments liking, and water pollution concerns are abandoned.

The deceitful action of ignoring the grave situation of Lake Winnipeg, by the Pallister government deserves recognition.

For when in opposition, "all party members of the Manitoba Legislation" voted in favour of Bill 46, which became enacted as The Save Lake Winnipeg Act (2011). This placed certain restrictions to producers wanting to build hog barns.

Now, however, our Manitoba government has opened the flood gates to unrestricted hog barn building, in all areas of Manitoba.

This will allow the pork industry to

literally proceed, at will, with an increased forecast production of more than 450 thousand hogs. According to former Ag Minister Ralph Eichler, as he wanted 1,500 more hogs to be processed per day ... to meet demands.

It seems, no one knows — or wants to know — how much Manitoba hogs contribute to the phosphorus overloads into Lake Winnipeg, although many already have a pretty good idea. And the only individuals who don't seem to want to know are Manitoba Pork and the Manitoba government (Environment - Hog Industry Clash, *Winnipeg Free Press*, 24 Oct. 2017)

With that in mind, I reviewed some of the previous studies that had been carried out on Lake Winnipeg during the past years, namely by Environment Canada, Manitoba Water Stewardship and Manitoba Conservation.

Although these studies are not recent, the findings that I arrived at reveal a situation that should not be ignored or taken lightly, for it discloses that Manitoba's Red River system, although six times smaller in area and length than the U.S. portion of its Red River, contributes nearly six times more phosphorus per linear kilometre than the southern portion of the Red River area in the United States.

The phosphorus load from the Red River entering Manitoba calculated and averaged over a 14 year period (1994-2007) was 2,798 tonnes per year. The combined phosphorus load of the entire Red River system taken at the Forks at Winnipeg was calculated and averaged at 5,380 tonnes per year. (U.S. phosphorus portions vary from one study to another, from a high of 60 per cent to a low of 43 per cent, averaging at 52 per cent).

It is discouraging that our government has chosen to put aside such studies. They cancelled the previous hog barn moratorium. Then disregarded the 2007 Clean Environment

Commission report that cost taxpayers \$730,000. Those recommendations were previously acted upon and initially placed the moratorium on the hog industry within the Red River basin area. The studies reveal that this particular area accounts for 48 per cent of the Red River phosphorus pollution to Lake Winnipeg.

Often referred to as hog alley, it is the core of hog production. It's little wonder that the contribution of phosphorus would be extremely high. The Clean Environment Commission map of 2007 displays the distribution and density of the factory hog barns. It was readily identified as a "hot spot" area.

As a former director of Manitoba HogWatch and one of the many advocates attempting to preserve our Manitoba water sources and restore Lake Winnipeg to a state of health and recovery, I submit that our government must re-evaluate their economic priorities of industry agriculture and initiate whatever needed action is necessary to resolve the phosphorus situation that has been pointed out in the scientific facts that have been provided. The consequences are ever-



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The Clean Environment Commission map of 2007 displays the distribution and density of the factory hog barns in Manitoba.

lasting. There is no place for complacency when water needs protection.

Lake Winnipeg cannot be replaced!

Rather than continually making references to the vast watershed that ultimately feeds and contributes pollution to Lake Winnipeg, the province of Manitoba must set and show the example of doing "their part" to substantially reduce and eliminate phosphorus within our borders at the home front, which, by itself, has been scientifically calculated at 35 per cent for agriculture.

- John Fefchak

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Clarifying 'Beware of bombing' narrative

By Evan Matthews

In the Jan. 16 edition, the editorial titled "Beware of bombing narrative" appeared, in which I provided an opinion on the U.S.A.'s assassination of Iranian General Qassem Soleimani.

Since the editorial ran, we've received a number of emails from the public relating to the topic, many of which have misinterpreted the editorial's purpose.

I'd like to take the time to clarify on what I perceive to be a very important topic.

Firstly, many have miscategorized the editorial as an article. We've explained the difference before, but once more: an editorial is an opinion piece offering brief commentary, whereas an article is an unbiased, factually based story.

The original editorial offered up the opinion that we, as people living in the Western world, are given similar narratives when people from the Middle East — often labelled as "terrorists" — are killed in military operations.

That storyline often reads, "in a heroic effort, the U.S. has killed one of its most notorious enemies, thus the world is a safer place."

The editorial mentioned that Soleimani was known throughout the Middle Eastern military community as an opportunist, even an "expert" of clandestine warfare.

My point was: the narrative that Western world citizens are fed —

through the propaganda machine — is likely a different narrative than the understanding people have in the Middle East.

The editorial explained that the Iranian general's death, not unlike the war itself, is a complicated, complex and nuanced situation.

Despite only being afforded 400 to 600 words per week in an editorial, the editorial even provided examples of how the situation could be — and is — nuanced (Soleimani's role in the Syrian Civil War or his role in fighting Israeli forces while executing operations in Afghanistan at the same time).

The point of the editorial was to have people question their understanding, dig a little deeper and question the narrative we're fed from mainstream North American media sources, and acknowledge nuance before picking extreme sides to a complicated issue.

The editorial was not intended to advocate for Soleimani to say he was a good person; it wasn't even to say he shouldn't have been targeted. The editorial was not intended to discount the efforts of North American military veterans, either.

The editorial was intended to have people question the mainstream narrative.

Case and point: again, a couple of these emails cited the fact the Soleimani was directly responsible for the loss of roughly 600 North American

lives and countless other lives of his own people. Nobody discounted this fact, for the record.

But what these emails failed to question was how many Afghani, Iranian and Iraqi lives have been lost and directly attributed to North American military occupation, in a region the Americans have no legitimate business being in?

The "war on terror" spans over two decades, and the editorial encouraged people to ponder that fact, too.

Nobody said terrorism is a good thing or that terrorists are good people, but firing drone strikes in countries the Western world has not been invited into is a form of terrorism in its own right.

Yet, for some reason, because it's not happening on North American soil, it's seemingly OK to some people.

Some labelled the downed plane as a "mistake," while others said it was direct retaliation. Don't get hung up on the semantics because that plane was brought down due to heightened international tensions and a response to the drone strike. Those facts are not in question.

Media reported 63 Canadian citizens dead after the plane was brought down. If you are of the opinion that drone strikes and killing military generals without warning are positive international relations, speak to some of the Canadian families who lost loved ones in the days following.

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Bob and Mary Beck tested out their brand new snowshoes on the trails through Quarry Park in Stonewall last Sunday. There are trails throughout the quarry, including specially marked cross-country ski trails that are groomed by the Town of Stonewall Parks and Arena staff. A map for the cross-country ski trail can be found on the Quarry Park Heritage Arts Centre Facebook page.

RM of Woodlands gets new operations manager

By Evan Matthews

The RM of Woodlands has a new employee, and his story is a unique one for the small, rural community.

Armia Mikhael has travelled a unique path to end up on Highway 6, as he originally hails from Egypt. Having been educated as an engineer in his homeland, he bolstered that education once he arrived in Toronto in 2001. Mikhael said it's his unique skillset in combination with the RM's needs that makes him the perfect fit for the role of operations manager.

"I have a bachelor's degree in civil engineering, in addition to another diploma in civil engineering, too," said Mikhael, who has been employed with the RM of Springfield, the City of Thompson and the City of Regina prior to arriving in Woodlands.

"I have almost 20 years of experience, most of which is in the municipal field. I have held similar roles, and



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY EVAN MATTHEWS
Armia Mikhael sits in his new office as he adjusts into his role within the RM of Woodlands.

I think I'm a good match for the RM and this position."

Part of the RM's hire factors in Mikhael's engineering background and his ability to help the RM with asset management, according to Reeve Lori Schellekens. The position has been a long time in the making, as council members said conversation relating to the operations manager position date back four years.

Municipal asset management planning, by definition, is an ongoing and long-term process — dealing with current and future projects — that allows municipalities to make the best possible investment decisions for its infrastructure assets.

This translates to the fact that a lot of Mikhael's role will involve taking accurate inventories, which will help pre-planned project proposals to be

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Sharing Our Light in Community

"You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden.

Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl.

Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house.

Matthew 5:14-15 (NIV)

As a child, I remember travelling to my Aunt Betty and Uncle Stewart's farm in Glencoe, Ont., each summer. One of the unique features in their home is that there were lamp-stands all over the house — places where, in years gone by, a lamp or candle had been placed to shed light for the path ahead. My father grew up in that same farmhouse and remembers using candles or kerosene lamps to do everything by — including his homework and barn chores.

All these years later, lamplight is something that most of us use if we go camping or if we want to create a special atmosphere during the holidays. We have to look to history to understand Matthew's image of how we are to become the light of the world.

Matthew reminds us that our light cannot and should not be hidden away. Shedding light in the world doesn't just happen in homes; it happens in community as well.

Each time I travel to my church office in Stony Mountain, I am very conscious that I serve a town on a hill — a mountain, by Manitoba standards. I can see it from far away, rising out of the prairie landscape. Stony Mountain sits at 817 feet above sea level and, surprisingly, Stonewall is even higher at 837 feet and Teulon sits at 850 feet. We are all towns set on a hill.

How we choose to shine will depend on our gifts. As our communities enter a new decade, we have the unique opportunity to discern how God might be calling us to share the light of God's love with one another.

Whether through our generosity, our caring for our neighbours or the vision we bring of a more hope-filled tomorrow, light is a gift best offered in community. May we shine brightly this Epiphany and in 2020!

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Fish now, work later

Welcome, buddies. Thanks for stopping by.

Our fellow anglers gave us some funny fishing stories last week. I think they'll give you a chuckle. One of the guys, Tim Campbell, originally from the Stonewall area, was a tall man with thick, curly, bushy, salt and pepper hair squeezed under a cap that showed the words "FISH NOW WORK LATER."

I soon found out the humour of his cap's slogan didn't come close to his natural-born sense of humour. His rugged commanding look, emphasized by a greying full moustache, was in absolute contrast to his bursts of gravelly guffaws that punctuated the end of his many hilarious fishing stories. One time not long ago, he revealed, he and his lifelong buddy Garry Ostrowski were ice fishing on the Red by Selkirk. Now, it needs to be noted at this point that they teased and played tricks on each other constantly, without mercy.

As usual, Tim caught the first fish which obviously required him to immediately point out to Garry that he couldn't catch a fish if it jumped out of the ice hole onto his lap! This barb was supported by the fact that Garry was so unsuccessful at fishing over the years that instead of saying he got "skunked" when he came home empty-handed, Tim started calling those days "getting Garryed!"

This time Garry smirked but said nothing. He was already hatching a plan of revenge. Tim unzipped the tent door and tossed his fish onto the snow. The men then settled back, their lines in the water, and continued fishing. Garry bid his time and as soon as it felt right, he arose, telling Tim he had to answer the call of nature. What Tim didn't see was Garry slipping his filleting knife into his parka pocket as he left the tent. Tim, sitting over his ice hole and jigging his line, could hear Garry shuffling around outside but thought nothing of it. Garry soon returned and dropped into his chair, resuming jigging.

Soon, it was Tim's turn to commune with nature. As he ducked out of the low tent door, the first



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY ARNIE WEIDL

The four very lucky "limited out" anglers on Lake Winnipeg. From left to right: Nathan Szymesko, Paul DuBois, Christian Caicas and Ryan Leslie.

thing that caught his eye was his jackfish lying in the snow looking peculiar. He remembered when he had thrown it onto the snow it was clean but now it had blood on its side. Perplexed, he walked over to it, bent down, picked it up and was shocked to see one half of the side of the fish that was hidden in the snow had been cut away. Instantly, he knew Garry had cut the fish in half long ways when he was outside! Tim started laughing as Garry stuck his head out of the tent door, beaming with pride at having pulled another joke on his friend.

"That's OK," Tim kidded Garry back saying, "The only way you'll ever take fish home is to steal some of mine!"

Tim wasn't done with the funny stories and passed this one along. Some time ago, a friend of Tim told of an occurrence at the boat launching pad at Betula Lake east of Lake Winnipeg. Because this story involves, with respect, a conservation officer, let's call Tim's friend "Bert." It seems Bert had just bought a new boat. Elated with his new buy and anxious to try it out, he towed his new trailer-boat rig out to the launching pad at Betula and began backing it into the water as a conservation officer waved him to stop. Bert got out of his truck and stood before the officer who had his back to his Conservation boat.

"How come you don't have your ID numbers on

the front of your boat?" the officer asked.

"I'm sorry officer. I just bought the thing and haven't had time to put them on," Bert countered.

"Well, you must know them. What are they?" the officer inquired.

Bert, without hesitation, rattled them off.

The officer stood quietly for a moment then with a sly grin said, "Well, you certainly have good eyesight. You just gave me the Conservation boat's numbers behind me. Good try, though!"

Four young lads were ecstatic over their good luck when I met them on the south end of Lake Winnipeg last weekend. They had come in from Winnipeg at daybreak, set up their tent in the dark and started catching pickerel. By mid-afternoon when I met them, they were at their limit and packing up. While we were standing around talking, we were shocked to see Nathan Szymesko's rod and holder, not yet packed, get pulled down his hole saved only by getting jammed in the ice hole wall. Nathan, laughing, knelt down and pulled his rod out of the water along with another arm's-length pickerel. He stood there for a moment and then tossed the fish back down the ice hole saying, "Take off. We've caught enough today!"

Till next week, friends. Bye for now.

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readily available for provincial funding applications, according to Schellekens, along with Mikhael also acting as a liaison between ratepayers and the public works department, and council.

"Without an operations manager, a lot of the time when working on a major project, we'd have to have our CAO involved. Like on a major road project, for example, and that's not really his job. But we had to have someone on the project," said Schellekens.

"We hope this hire will help lessen the workload

on our CAO and allow him to focus on his areas a little bit more.

"That, and Armia should be able to focus on pre-planned project proposals, which will allow us to be organized in our funding applications," she said.

Though Mikhael is only in his second week, he said he's noticed a "family" type of environment and a very cohesive council.

Contributing to that dynamic and teamwork will be one of his highest priorities, he said, as he con-

tinues to get his feet under him.

"I'm excited to help elevate this RM and help to create a system that tracks our asset management," said Mikhael.

"I want to join the team, and use my experience to ensure we're achieving our goals according to our strategic plan, which is set out by the reeve and council."

Teulon's annual trivia night fundraiser a success



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There was a battle of the brains last Saturday night at the Teulon Rockwood Centennial Centre for the annual Trivia Night fundraiser. Quizmasters Robin and Maria Allen quizzed the eighteen teams that raised \$2,500 for the purchase of a Mobile Skate Park. Photos left to right, the team earning top bragging rights for being the smartest was "Taking Care of Quizness" while 'Sofa King Smart' finished in second. The 'Nerd Alert' team won the 'Best Themed Team' for dressing the part of looking smart.

Age Friendly presents to council

Stonewall council news in brief

By Jennifer McFee

At the Jan. 20 meeting, Stonewall council heard from Joie Van Dongen, who provided a presentation about Age Friendly. The non-profit committee a non-profit committee is an initiative of the World Health Organization (2007), supported by the Government of Manitoba Health, Seniors and Active Living.

Von Dongen explained the eight key features of their organization: communication for hearing and visual impaired; information on many topics such as emergency measures, elder abuse, legal and financial awareness; health services; housing; outdoor and building accessibility and recreation; transportation; civic participation; respect and social inclusion.

The local Age Friendly committee is directed by seniors, with expertise and advice from South Interlake Seniors Resource, South Interlake Fifty-Five Plus Programs, Stonewall and

District Handivan, IERHA and municipal government representatives, she added.

Looking back on 2019, they welcomed Laine Wilson as the recreation facilitator and found her input to be very useful. They also continued to partner with Seniors Resource and 55 Plus on events such as Let No One Be Alone Week.

In addition, they completed their annual accessibility spring walk-about and sent a report to the town. As well, Community Celebration 2.0 brought high school students, professionals and older people together to focus on the topics of ageism and re-framing life's expectations as we are living longer.

Looking ahead to 2020, Age Friendly aims to complete a feasibility study about having flowerpots at Stonewall Hospital to beautify the grounds and promote a sense of well-being.

They also aim to complete another

feasibility project about building a picnic shelter in Archie Gray Park using a New Horizons grant for seniors.

Then on Thursday, Oct. 1, they will host a wellness expo at the Quarry Park Heritage Arts Centre to mark the World Health Organization's launch of a Decade of Healthy Active Aging. Van Dongen explained that presentations and exhibits will focus on health challenges, such as dementia, mobility, diabetes, heart health, social and mental issues and, most importantly, how to overcome challenges to achieve wellness as we age.

In other council news:

- Stonewall council approved a revised subdivision application for Quarry Ridge Park Developments with conditions.
- Council adopted the strategic plan framework prepared by Scatliff + Miller + Murray.
- Council also adopted the strategic asset management plan.
- As a member of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities' Partners for Climate Protection program,

the Town of Stonewall has created a greenhouse gas inventory and adopted a climate change local action plan. The town also commits to reducing its greenhouse gas emissions to 20 per cent below 2015 levels for municipal operations and six per cent below 2015 levels in the community within 10 years.

• Council declared Thursday, Feb. 20 as Kin Canada Day, which is when the all-Canadian association of service clubs will celebrate its 100th anniversary. Council also declared the week of Feb. 16 to 22 as Kin Canada Week and they encourage everyone to salute their local Kinsmen and Kinettes.

• Council agreed to award the 2020 street renewal capital works program to JC Paving Ltd. at the tendered cost of \$821,282.50 plus tax.

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Orphaned bear cub dies at Rockwood rehabilitation centre

By Jennifer McFee

A pair of baby bear cubs recently arrived at a local bear rehabilitation centre, but one of the bears has since died.

The bears, named Izzy and Iggy, arrived on Jan. 6 at Black Bear Rescue Manitoba in the RM of Rockwood from south-east Manitoba near Steinbach.

"The mother bear was hibernating under the snow in a corn field and was accidentally disrupted from the den when a farmer was harvesting the corn," said Julie Woodyer of Zoocheck Canada.

"Since mothers often don't return and the cubs would have frozen to death if we tried reuniting, there was no choice but to bring them in."

The furry siblings were likely only a day or two old when they were orphaned, she added.

"They weighed about half a pound when they arrived," Woodyer said. "Fully grown male bears may weigh up to 600 pounds."

The facility is run by Judy and Roger Stearns, who have been working around the clock to care for the cubs. The tiny cubs needed to be fed every couple of hours and then stimulated to urinate and defecate. Their excrement needed to be assessed constantly in order to tweak their diet since there is no proven infant bear diet that works for every bear cub.

"Sadly Iggy passed away last week," Woodyer said. "They are so very vulnerable if orphaned at such a young age. Judy, Roger and our veterinary team made heroic efforts to save the cub but, sadly, he was just too weak."

Judy Stearns also posted about the sad circumstances on the Black Bear Rescue Manitoba Facebook page.

"I'm sorry to have to tell you that one of the two new cubs, Iggy, has passed away. We're so sad and disappointed," Stearns wrote.

"Despite all the effort by myself and Roger and working together with our veterinary team, the odds for this newborn cub surviving without his mother were just too great to over-



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Black Bear Rescue Manitoba cares for bear cubs.

come. He was weaker than his brother and, while receiving the exact same care, faded while his sibling progressed. We remain determined to do all we can for the remaining cub, Izzy. We appreciate your thoughts and kind words."

Currently, there are no other bears at the rehabilitation centre, Woodyer added.

"Most cubs are orphaned after they come out of hibernation so we expect that we won't get more until April or later," Woodyer said.

"We release the bears in the late fall just before they go into hibernation. The bears are weaned off food to prepare them metabolically to enter hibernation within a week or two after release."

To keep up to date on Izzy's progress, follow the Facebook page for Black Bear Rescue Manitoba. For more information, visit www.manitobabearrehabilitationcentre.ca.



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Healthy Child Manitoba funds free family programs

By Jennifer McFee

It's now easier than ever to fill your calendar with free family programs.

Thanks to funding from Healthy Child Manitoba, the Interlake Coalition received a boost for programming for parents and children aged six and under.

The Interlake Coalition consists of two sub-coalitions for the north and the south portions of the area. Both the north and south coalitions are made up of community non-profit organizations, service providers and program facilitators.

"I find it's very nice to get out of the house in the winter months because parents and grandparents can get cooped up at home," said Heather McDermid, who leads yoga classes for babies and tykes along with their parents.

"They can come and bring their little ones to have some playtime with other kids. All the programs are free and everybody's welcome."

Yoga For Baby and Me runs in Stonewall on Mondays until March 23 from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. for parents with babies up to 18 months old.

For parents with kids aged 18 months to six years, runs Mondays until March 23 from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Both classes take place at Stonewall United Church, and free child-minding is available for other children. For more information, contact McDermid at heathermcdermidyoga@gmail.com.

Music With Grace is geared for parents with kids aged five and under. This program runs Mondays at 6:30 p.m. at Woodlands Childcare. For more information, contact Teri Kotelko at woodlandschildcare@gmail.com.

Viva la Musica is also geared for parents with kids aged two to five. Classes run on Saturdays from 11 to 11:45 a.m. at the Rosser Community Centre. For more information, contact rosserwoodlandsrec@mymts.net.

Storytime with David takes place at Warren Elementary School and is geared for parents with children aged six and under. For more information, contact librarydaddy@yahoo.ca.

In Stonewall, Story Time takes place Fridays from 10:30 to 11 a.m. at the Stonewall Library for parents with kids aged six and under. For more information, contact stonewall@sirlibrary.com.

In Teulon, Story Time takes place on Wednesdays and Fridays from 10:30 to 11 p.m. at the Teulon Library for



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There are plenty of free programs available for parents with children aged six and under.

parents with kids aged six and under. For more information, contact teulon@sirlibrary.com.

Zumbini also runs in Teulon for parents with kids aged five and under. Classes take place at the Green Acres Art Centre on Fridays from 10:45 to 11:45 a.m. until March 13. For more information, email zumbini_maegan@yahoo.com.

Mom & Me Play Group runs every second Tuesday from 10 to 11 a.m. at the Parochial Hall. This program

is geared for parents with kids aged six and under. For more information, contact kelsey@sirlibrary.com.

More information is available on the Facebook page for South Interlake Family Connections. The list of free programs is also posted on the Interlake-Regional Health Authority's website at www.ierha by clicking on "Care in Your Community" followed by "Public Health" and "Pre-natal to Early Years."

> CLEANEST FUEL STANDARDS, FROM PG. 2

federal carbon tax. Our Made-in-Manitoba Climate and Green Plan is better for the economy, better for the environment and better for Manitoban families."

Tuesday's announcement builds on the government's climate change and green initiatives to make Manitoba the cleanest, greenest and most climate resilient province in Canada, through its Made-in-Manitoba Climate and Green Plan. This includes:

- investing billions of dollars invested in clean, renewable hydroelectric energy;

- eliminating, once and for all, the use of coal for electricity generation;
- providing over \$200 million for the GROW and Conservation Trust programs to sustain investments in cleaner air, water and soil management;
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The Zoning Information Sessions will have a come-and-go format. The same content will be presented at each session. Due to the size of venues, we encourage you to attend the primary Zoning Information Session in Grosse Isle. An additional session is being held in Rosser for those who cannot attend the primary event in Grosse Isle.

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DATE:
Thursday, February 13, 2020

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Grosse Isle Memorial Hall,
117 Road 72N E, Grosse Isle, MB

ZONING INFORMATION SESSION #2

DATE:
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For more information, please contact: Lauren Lange, Planner, WSP
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Stay updated on the project by visiting www.rmofrosser.com



Exciting builds for Interlake Community Foundation

By Jennifer McFee

For the Interlake Community Foundation, 2019 was a year that surpassed all expectations.

The organization pools funds in a capital fund that remains in perpetuity to provide people with the chance to endow gifts that will continue to shape the future of their community. The income generated from the capital is then distributed as grants to registered charities throughout the area.

In conjunction with Interlake Community Foundation's 25th anniversary in 2019, the organization set a goal to raise \$250,000 in donations.

"We are pleased to announce that not only did we reach our target, but we exceeded it with \$251,315 in grants and donations received. In turn, we granted back to charities in our communities of Stonewall, Teulon, RMs of Rockwood, Rosser and Woodlands and scholarship recipients over \$65,000 in 2019," said executive director Tracy Holod.

"Since our beginnings in 1994, we have granted over more than \$540,000 to our communities, and this number will continue to grow. We are looking forward to building on this and having another successful year in 2020. We thank all of the generous donors who gave gifts in 2019 and we thank our amazing volunteers."

Of the \$251,315 that they brought in, \$175,000 is permanently endowed. That means that each and every year going forward, Interlake Community Foundation will have an additional \$6,151 to grant to charities and for scholarships.

Chairperson Bob Beck is also pleased with the better-than-expected results.

"We set a very aggressive goal for

what we wanted to raise last year and we were extremely pleased that we reached it. At the start of the year, we all knew that it was going to be a bit of a stretch, but at the end of the year there's a lot of excitement now about the fact that we met it," Beck said.

"It was a good year. Lots went on and lots more will be happening this year. It's going to be another good year for grants. It's exciting what we're able to bring in and give back to our communities."

Adding to the excitement, Holod said that four new funds started during the last three months of 2019.

"The Guttman Family Fund is a new unrestricted fund started by Rachel Guttman to honour her family's philanthropic values. The Badger Daylighting—CLI fund is a new fund started by Jacquie Derewianchuk and Mark Shurek that will benefit Community Living Interlake," she said.

"The Slagerman Family Fund is unrestricted and was started by local business owners Murray and Emma Slagerman. They have challenged local businesses to donate to the ICF and they will match the donations. The challenge is still open and so far has raised \$2,500. The last new fund is the Warren Collegiate Alumni 1970 Fund. The specifics of this fund are still being worked out by their committee."

In addition, in honour of Manitoba's 150th anniversary, Build 150 is a provincial government initiative that provides grant-matching funds to Manitoba's 55 community foundations for brick and mortar projects.

To the Interlake Community Foundation, that means capital projects could be eligible for these matching grants.

"We've been given an extra



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY JO-ANNE PROCTER

The Interlake Community Foundation presented a cheque valued at \$25,000 to the Interlake School Division to advance gender equality. Pictured left to right, ICF member Meechelle Best, WCI principal Laura Perella, ISD chair Alan Campbell and ICF member Cheryl McClure.

\$20,000 to grant, which is unbelievable and awesome and we're very happy to get it. But nobody's building a bricks and mortar building for \$20,000, so I think there's a little bit of confusion," Holod said.

"Because of the way community foundation funds are set up, we grant 3.5 per cent from each of our funds. So for the community granting, there's a set number of dollars for each of Stonewall, Teulon and the RMs of Rockwood, Rosser and Woodlands. We're basically doubling that set number of dollars with that \$20,000 so in total we have about \$40,000 that will be split into our five basic communities."

The organization provides grants to registered charities for capital projects,

she explained.

"Maybe somebody needs new flooring or computer or books or other tangible things," she said.

The grant application deadline is Feb. 28, and applications are available online at www.interlakefoundation.ca.

The exciting news continues with one more announcement. The Interlake Community Foundation is a member of Community Foundations of Canada, and there are 191 community foundations in Canada.

"Community Foundations of Canada is working with the Government of Canada on the pilot fund for gender equality," Holod said.

"They selected 26 community foundations to work with them and we were one of the 26. We are the only one from Manitoba that was selected, so we are really thrilled about that. We are going to have a grant of \$25,000. That is our largest grant ever."

The Interlake Community Foundation awarded the \$25,000 grant to advance gender equality to the Interlake School Division, which submitted a proposal for a two-day event at Oak Hammock Marsh that will focus on female and transgender students from its three high schools.

"We couldn't be more excited about it," Holod said.

The pilot project is part of a broader program to advance gender equality in Canada and around the world. The three core themes are Peace, Power and Planet in connection with the women's movement in Canada and beyond.

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10 Tips to Recognize Ripe Fruits

(Culinary.net) Keeping fresh fruit around the house provides a healthier alternative when your sweet tooth comes calling. Understanding how and when to buy at the peak of ripeness (or just before, in some cases) can help you avoid food waste while keeping your doctor happy.

Consider these simple tips for recognizing ripe fruits:

- **Strawberries:** Check the area at the top of the berry near the stem and leaves. A ripe strawberry is fully red; green or white near the top means the fruit is underripe.
- **Watermelon:** The "field spot," or the area where the melon sat on the ground, should be yellow, and a tap on the rind should produce a hollow sound.
- **Cherries:** Flesh should appear dark with a crimson color and feel firm.
- **Blueberries:** Similar to cherries, color should deepen to dark blue. A reddish

or pink color may be visible in unripe berries.

- **Blackberries:** Look for a smooth texture without any red appearance. Because blackberries don't ripen after being picked, they tend to spoil quickly.
- **Cantaloupe:** You should detect a sweet smell, and the melon should feel heavy upon lifting.
- **Peaches:** A sweet, fragrant odor should be apparent. Skin should feel tender but not soft.
- **Pineapple:** Smell is again an important factor for pineapple – a sweet scent shows it's ready, but a vinegary one likely means it's overripe.
- **Raspberries:** Generally follow the same rules as blackberries. Best eaten within a couple days of purchase, a bright red color represents ripe berries.
- **Bananas:** A ripe banana features a peel lightly spotted without significant bruising. Your best bet may be to purchase bananas still slightly green and allow them to ripen at home.

Find more food tips, tricks, recipes and videos at Culinary.net.

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Frozen Yogurt-Dipped Grapes

Line 9-by-13-inch baking dish with parchment paper. Dip each grape into yogurt, coating two-thirds of grape, then dip yogurt-covered grape into desired flour to coat bottom. Place each dipped grape on baking dish; repeat until all grapes are yogurt-covered and dipped in flour. Freeze at least two hours, or until grapes are frozen solid.

Nutritional information per serving with graham cracker crumbs: 100 calories; 3 g protein; 20 g carbohydrates; 1.5 g fat (14% calories from fat); 0 g saturated fat; 5 mg cholesterol; 55 mg sodium; 0 g fiber.

Nutritional information per serving with almond flour: 110 calories; 4 g protein; 14 g carbohydrates; 4.5 g fat (37% calories from fat); 0.5 g saturated fat (4% calories from saturated fat); 5 mg cholesterol; 15 mg sodium; 1 g fiber.

Servings: 6 (10 grapes per serving)
60 California grapes, any color, rinsed and patted dry
3/4 cup 2% vanilla Greek yogurt
1/2 cup graham cracker flour or almond flour
Insert toothpick into each grape. Place yogurt in small bowl. Pour graham cracker or almond flour onto plate.

Are RRSPs a bad idea?

January and February tends to bring many conversations about RRSPs and taxation, and also a LOT of misconceptions about RRSPs. The complaint "RRSPs are a scam; the government ends up taking it all anyway when you take it out!" is a common one that I hear at this time of year. It is important to remember, RRSPs are a tax deferral, not a tax elimination.

While RRSPs are a fantastic savings tool for retirement (or down-payments for a first house!), they have to be used properly. Used improperly, yes, RRSPs can reduce any benefit, and possibly end up costing more in tax over the long run. Used PROPERLY, it can play an important role in your retirement planning and tax minimization.

It all comes down to your income. What is your income while contributing to RRSPs vs. drawing out your RRSPs? If your income is higher while contributing versus when you draw it out, then RRSPs provide a benefit. If your income

is lower while contributing, there is less benefit and contributing to a TFSA or a non-registered investment may be a better option.

Proper planning and advice is needed when you are saving and when you are drawing on your funds. This is where your Financial Advisor can play a major role in helping you keep more of your hard-earned dollars in your pocket.

Cheryl Kirschman-Investment Advisor

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California-Style Pizza



Servings: 8

- 1 pound prepared pizza dough
- 3/4 cup prepared pizza sauce
- 1 1/2 cups halved California seedless grapes
- 1 cup diced lean ham
- 1 cup shredded mozzarella cheese

Heat oven to 450 F. Divide dough into eight equal portions. Spread into pizza rounds on baking

sheets.

Spread with pizza sauce; sprinkle with grapes, ham and cheese. Bake until dough is lightly browned and cheese melted, about 12-14 minutes.

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February hosts extra day this year

By Ted Bronson

When we were young one thing committed to memory was the mnemonic: 30 days hath September, April, June and November. All the rest have 31 except February alone, which has 28 days clear and 29 in each leap year.

I have been asked for the reason behind the extra day in February every four years. I reply that we need that extra day for a longer winter. Needless to say the response is generally less than enthusiastic.

The actual reason involves the time it takes for the earth to move around the sun (year) and the length of time for the earth to rotate once on its axis (day).

Why do we need leap years?

The Gregorian calendar, which now serves as the standard calendar for civil use throughout the world, has both common years and leap years. A

common year has 365 days and a leap year 366 days, with the extra (intercalary) day designated as Feb. 29. A leap year occurs every four years to help synchronize the calendar year with the solar year or the length of time it takes the Earth to complete its orbit around the sun, which is about 365¼ days.

The length of the solar year, however, is slightly less than 365¼ days — by about 11 minutes. To compensate for this discrepancy, the leap year is omitted three times every 400 years.

In other words, a century year cannot be a leap year unless it is divisible by 400. Thus 1700, 1800 and 1900 were not leap years, but 1600, 2000 and 2400 are leap years.

When did leap year originate?

The Gregorian calendar is closely based on the Julian calendar, which was introduced by Julius Caesar in 45 BC. The Julian calendar featured a

30 Days Has September

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April, June and November.
All the rest have 31,
Except for February, it's the one,
Which only has 28 days clear,
And 29 in each Leap Year.



12-month, 365-day year with an intercalary day inserted every fourth year at the end of February to make an av-

erage year of 365.25 days. But because the length of the solar year is actually 365.242216 days, the Julian year was too long by .0078 days (11 minutes 14 seconds).

This may not seem like a lot, but over the course of centuries it added up. Until in the 16th century, the vernal equinox (first day of spring) was falling around March 11 instead of March 21. In 1582, Pope Gregory XIII adjusted the calendar by moving the date ahead by 11 days and by instituting the exception to the rule for leap years. This new rule, whereby a century year is a leap year only if divisible by 400, is the only feature that distinguishes the Gregorian calendar from the Julian calendar.

Following the Gregorian reform, the average length of the year was 365.2425 days, an even closer approximation to the solar year. At this rate, it will take more than 3,000 years for the Gregorian calendar to gain one extra day in error.

Venus and Moon

Look to the southwest about 45 minutes after sunset on Feb. 26 to find the crescent moon directly below Venus. The next night the moon will have moved to a point to the left of Venus. The night of the 28th the moon's orbital motion will have carried it to a point above and to the left of Venus.

This exercise will give you an idea of how rapidly the moon moves against the background of stars and planets. This is due to the fact that the moon is much closer to us (average 384,400 km) than Venus (142,100,000 km at the end of February) or any of the stars (VERY far away). Clear Skies

Ted Bronson is an avid local astronomer who has been observing the sky since 1964.

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Rams reach final of JV girls' home tourney

By Brian Bowman

The Stonewall Collegiate Rams' junior varsity girls' basketball team has played some outstanding basketball in January.

Stonewall reached the final of their home tournament last Saturday, losing 59-44 to the talented St. James Jimmies.

"They're (a good team), they're ranked No. 1 right now," said Rams' head coach Jason Cassils. "They're fast and they shot very well from three-point land. That's where they beat us that game."

St. James led 26-13 at the half but the Rams played the Jimmies fairly even in the second half.

Stonewall started tournament action Friday afternoon by blitzing the Steinbach Regional Sabres 80-19.

The Rams then soundly defeated the Linden Christian Wings 59-29 on Saturday morning.

"They played very well," Cassils said. "We had all of our girls running. We got up pretty big early in both games and then just maintained that

throughout. All of the girls played strong defensively and we had offence from a good chunk of our team in both of those games. Everybody was contributing."

In league play, Stonewall is now 6-1 after impressive wins over Elmwood Giants (51-25) and the Portage Collegiate Institute Saints (72-21) last week.

"They've been playing very well but there's definitely still room to improve to keep up with St. James," Cassils said, noting the Rams have a good mix of Grade 9 and 10 players that are all contributing. "I think if we're on our game then we'll be able to give them a run but it's going to be tough and we'll have to play our best game."

Stonewall will now be home for four straight league games, beginning Thursday when it hosts Elmwood. Tip-off is 6:15 p.m.

"The girls are pretty excited and they are a great group of girls," Cassils said. "They work well together and they'll be happy to play in front of their friends and family, that'll be good."



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY LANA MEIER

The Stonewall Collegiate Rams' Emerson McAuley rushes the ball up court during tournament action against the Steinbach Regional Sabres last Friday in Stonewall.

Teulon Saints girls' basketball teams in MHSAA 'AA' top-10 rankings

Brian Bowman

When the MHSAA "AA" varsity girls' provincial rankings were released last week, there was a familiar school in the top 10.

The Teulon Collegiate Saints were, once again, among the province's elite as they are currently No. 5 in the rankings.

"They're excited to be in the top-10," said Saints' coach Jason Darragh last week. "We beat Warren a couple of weeks ago so we were kind of thinking that we would be somewhere in the top-five."

Teulon also edged Arborg 41-39 in a very exciting game on Jan. 21.

"It's good to get that type of (close-game) experience as we get closer to zones, the regional qualifiers, and hopefully, provincials," Darragh said.

Teulon is 2-1 in exhibition play this season. The Saints defeated the War-

ren Collegiate Wildcats 49-20 and lost 45-35 to the Athletics.

Defensively, the Saints have been very good this season. They do have to score more, though, if they want to make a return trip to provincials.

In its lone tournament action, Teulon won the consolation title at the Crocus Plains Early Bird Tournament in Brandon in early December.

The Saints will be competing at a Sanford tournament this week, which begins Thursday and runs through Saturday.

Teulon will have two more exhibition games and they will host a home tournament on Feb. 14-15.

This year's edition of the Saints is relatively young with five Grade 12 players, one Grade 11, three Grade 10s, and four in Grade 9.

But most of the girls have played at the varsity level.

"We have the addition of four Grade 9s and the rest of the team is the exact same team that finished fourth at provincials last year," Darragh said. "We basically have the same team. The group of nine of them has had a whole season together so they have the experience of the provincials last year so we're hoping that will help them if we get to provincials."

The Saints' junior varsity girls' basketball team, meanwhile, is currently sixth in the provincial rankings.

After a season-opening 39-38 loss to Warren, Teulon has reeled off impressive wins over R.D. Parker (35-30), Fisher Branch (57-4) and Gimli (46-9).

In tournament action, Teulon defeated the Selkirk Royals, a "AAAA" school, 35-32 in its final game of the Pembina Trails Bison Classic in December.

"It was a good win, especially early

in the season to give them some confidence," Darragh said. "Our team has three Grade 10s and the rest are Grade 9s, so we're a very young team."

Earlier this month, the Saints finished with a 2-1 record at a Carman tournament.

This Friday and Saturday, Teulon will be competing at the Falcon Invitational tournament and then the Saints will have their home tourney on Feb. 21-22.

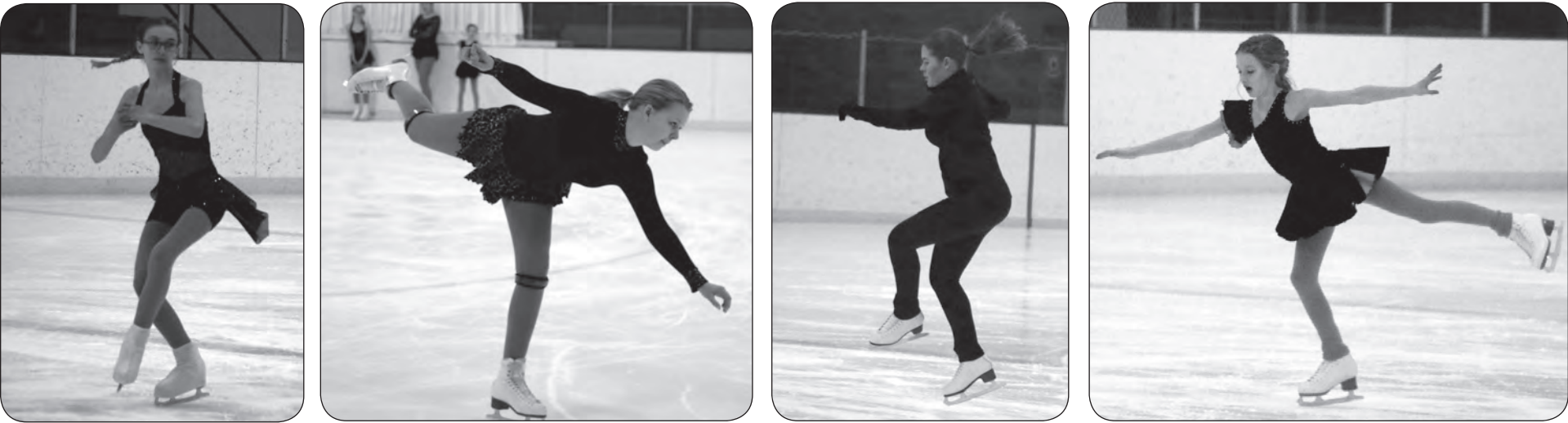
Teulon will also be hosting the zones on March 3 and then the MHSAA "AA" junior varsity girls' provincials March 12-14.

"The girls are very excited (to host provincials) and the rankings just came out and they were very excited to be in the top-eight," Darragh said. "It's a good group of girls and they're working very hard. I think we're turning in the right direction."

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Interlake skaters compete at Regional competition



TRIBUNE PHOTOS BY BRETT MITCHELL

Local figure skaters competed in the 2020 Interlake Regional STARSkate Championships in East St. Paul this past Sunday. Competing in the Star 3 Elements were, left to right, Evalayna Shipley (Teulon Skating Club), Hunter Dankochik (Skate Interlake), Kayla Mason (Stony Mountain Skating Club) and Syree Teichrib (Stony Mountain Skating Club).

Scoring on a fast break



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY LANA MEIER

The Stonewall Collegiate Rams' Braden Bell goes up for a basket during WWAC action against the Daniel McIntyre Maroons last week in Stonewall.

Willmott now a Gryphon



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Cordell Willmott, a former Interlake Thunder and Westshore Rebel, has signed to play football and attend school with the University of Guelph Gryphons in Ontario.

Veteran's Cup PeeWee hockey tournament set for this weekend

By Brian Bowman

The biggest minor hockey tournament in Stonewall is set to take place this weekend.

The always-popular Veteran's Cup PeeWee Hockey Tournament will take place this Friday through Sunday.

Every year, the tournament committee recognizes someone from the community that has made tremendous contributions to minor hockey.

This year's guest of honour is Dwayne Swanson.

"I'm very flattered and very humbled to be chosen," said Swanson last week. "It's an honour any time you get recognized by sort of your peers in your community. I'm very grateful that they selected me."

Twenty-four teams will compete in three different divisions this year.

Game action will begin Friday while the opening ceremonies will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday at the Veteran's Memorial Sports Complex. There will be a red-carpet ceremony, bagpipers, and greetings from Stonewall Mayor Clive Hinds.

Stonewall always does a tremendous job hosting this tournament.

"It's been going on for a long time now and it's been extremely popular around the province and even outside of the province," Swanson noted.

Swanson started coaching back in 2000-01 with a Stonewall Squirts team. He has coached at various levels in both boys' and girls' hockey.

"I love the game and when my son started playing hockey, I decided I wanted to be involved with him and when my daughter started playing I want to be involved as well," Swanson said. "I just fell in love with it and even when they were done their minor hockey careers I still wanted to do it."

A coaching highlight for Swanson was when his son Eric was in his first year playing Bantam hockey.

"We were a group of a bunch of kids from Stonewall that were 13 years old and we had a 19-player roster with just skaters, never mind goaltenders, so it was really hard to get everybody



Dwayne Swanson

happy and organized on the ice," Swanson recalled. "As it turned out, they all gelled together and they were great kids. We ended up winning the whole league that year and the highlight for me would probably be when two of those kids came out after the game and just said, 'Thanks for everything and stuff like that and they said that was the first time that they had ever won anything in their entire lives.'"

"It was a very exciting moment for them."

Swanson later spent four seasons as head coach of the Interlake Lightning Midget Provincial team. His last year was during the 2016-17 season when he had the rare opportunity to coach along with Eric.

"That was a great way to finish off my coaching career," Swanson said proudly. "To go through the process of provincial midget, which you know very well, can be extremely challenging. But with Eric, to be honest with you, he taught me a lot about patience and understanding and all that other kind of stuff. He's a really good coach and he has a different personality than I do and we kind of meshed together and I think it worked out really well."

"It was a really good way to end it."



TRIBUNE FILE PHOTO

Dwayne Swanson spent four seasons as head coach of the Interlake Lightning Midget Provincial team.

2000-2001 - Stonewall Squirts initiation tied for first. Rene Comeault was the head coach

2001-2002 - Stonewall squirts finished tied for first in league. No playoffs (league champs)

2002-2003 - Stonewall Novice finished tied for first in league playoffs. Rene Comeault was head coach. No playoffs or provincial playdowns

2003-2004 - Won league championships over Fisher River in North/South final.

2004-2005 - Atom City league champs. No playoffs or provincial playdowns.

2005-2006 - Atom city league champs. Allowed to participate in Virden for provincial playdowns. Stonewall Blues won the gold medal.

2006-2007 - Participated in city Tier 1 league. Won the City championships and the Vet Cup. Coached with Corey Wallack and Jeff Meier

2007-2008 - Became two time defending city league champions and finished second in the PeeWee Vet's Cup to a AA team from Regina. Coaching with Corey Wallack and Jeff Meier.

2008-2009 - Won Interlake regional banner. Finished third in provincials.

- Helped coach girls Pee Wee with Jeff and Lana Meier.

2009-2010 - Manager for the Interlake AAA Bantam team with Jim Lindsay

2010-2011 - Coached AAA City Midget with Jim Lindsey and Tyler Beachell. Beat Central Plains in a first round playoff match.

- Helped coach Women's Bantam with Jeff and Lana Meier.

2011-2012 - Coached Bantam boys AAA hockey with Jim Lindsey and Corey Wallack. Interlake Lightning won the gold medal for the first time that year.

2012-2013 - Coached Bantam boys for second season with Doug Basarab. Interlake Lightning won bronze medal that year.

2013-2014 - First year coaching provincial midget team. Coached with Jordan Dibley. We finished in the playoffs and gave Brandon all they could handle in a five game series.

2014-2015 - Second year coaching Provincial midgets with Jordan Dibley and Al Chop.

2015-2016 - Third year coaching provincial Midget team with Al Chop.

2016-2017 - Final season coaching provincial Midget team with Andrew Campbell and my son, Eric.

Rams' penalty kill struggles in Leo Remillard loss

By Brian Bowman

The Stonewall Collegiate Rams have been playing some good hockey lately.

Stonewall earned a split in its two games last week after getting nipped 5-4 by Leo Remillard in Winnipeg High School Hockey League action last Friday at Southdale Arena.

Special teams were certainly the difference as Leo Remillard scored four

power-play goals.

Lucas Singh led Stonewall with two goals while Brody Stovin tallied once and had an assist. Colby Thiessen scored a shorthanded goal in the third period for the Rams.

Caleb Carruthers (two), Eric McNeill, Xavier Maguet and Kedric Lachiver scored for Leo Remillard.

On Jan. 21, the Rams blanked the

Springfield Sabres 1-0 at the Oakbank Arena.

Adrian Klimpke scored the game's only goal in the first period, assisted by Rhett Woods.

Jackson Kummert played well in goal for the shutout.

Stonewall's penalty kill was very strong in this game as they stymied Springfield in its five power-play op-

portunities.

The Rams, now with 25 points to remain in 10-place in the 15-team Winnipeg Free Press Division, played College Beliveau on Tuesday but no score was available at press time.

The Rams will host St. Paul's 2 on Wednesday (3:45 p.m.) in Stonewall.

Mercs overcome slow start to down Islanders

Staff

The Warren Mercs had a terrible start to their home game against the Portage Islanders on Saturday evening.

But they sure finished well.

Warren trailed 3-0 just 13:14 into the game but tied the score with three second-period goals.

The Mercs then outscored the Islanders 5-2 in the final frame for a wild 8-5 comeback victory in South Eastern Manitoba Hockey League action.

The Mercs' Johnny Lazo had a tremendous game with two goals and three assists while Mitch Hansen also tallied twice and added a helper.

Lazo leads the Mercs in goals scored (12), assists (14) and points (26) this season.

Warren's Chase Faulkner also had a strong game with a goal and three

assists. The Mercs' other goals were scored by Kyle Luschinski (two) and Chad Deprez.

Warren's Kyle Lundale finished the game with three assists.

Derrick Brooks, with a pair, Jens Meilleur and Kyle Lopez replied for Portage.

Four of the Islanders' goals were scored with the man advantage while the Mercs had three power-play markers.

Hayden Dola made 41 saves for the victory.

Warren is now 10-3-1-1-1 and has 22 points, which is three back of the first-place Carman Beavers.

The Mercs hosted the Beavers in a key matchup on Tuesday but no score was available at press time.

Warren will have another tough matchup Thursday when they play the third-place Maroons in Altona.



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY JO-ANNE PROCTER

The Mercs' Kyle Luschinski opened the scoring for his team in the second period of their 8-5 victory over Portage Islanders 8-5 last Saturday night in Warren.

Game time is 8 p.m.

Dame Hawks on Sunday (2:30 p.m.).

The Mercs will then visit the Notre

St. Cloud's Cvar scores in fourth straight game



TRIBUNE PHOTO SUBMITTED

St. Cloud State Huskies' forward Olivia Cvar was named the WCHA's rookie of the week on Tuesday for the second consecutive week.

By Brian Bowman

Olivia Cvar has played some outstanding hockey this month.

For her efforts, the Western Collegiate Hockey Association named the St. Cloud State University Huskies' freshman forward as its Rookie of the Week for two consecutive weeks.

"It was awesome to get that (honour) and I feel I worked hard to get it," said Cvar on Tuesday from St. Cloud. "I'm just going to keep going and hopefully I can get player of the week or forward of the week or something like that if I keep playing hard and work on my game."

Cvar admitted that it took her a while to get used to playing at the Di-

vision I level.

"It's been going pretty good," Cvar said. "I would say at the beginning of the year there were some nerves with being a freshman and going out there making sure I wasn't making mistakes. I think I was focussing too much on that and when you get carried away, it takes away from your game."

"But in the last 10 games, I have just been going out there not worrying. If you make a mistake, it's OK, and I think that has given me more confidence."

Cvar, whose family now lives in Stonewall, has played in all 27 games this season for the Huskies, scoring

seven goals while adding three assists.

She has now scored in four straight games after tallying in both home games last weekend against the University of Minnesota Duluth.

The previous weekend, Cvar tallied twice against Minnesota State. She is now second on the team in goals scored and tied for fifth in points.

"I think I have been getting more scoring chances," said Cvar. "I'm more comfortable and I have that mind aspect where I'm looking for open ice now. I feel my vision is open more... and I find it easier to make plays."

Division I hockey in the United States is loaded with talented players from various countries. Playing against elite competition has made Cvar a better player.

"The speed (of the game) surprised me," she said. "The summer before, I tried to work on my speed and train myself so I would be more prepared. It was a little adjustment at the beginning but now I feel really comfortable

with it."

While this season has been a successful one for Cvar on a personal level, the Huskies have struggled with a 5-18-4 record. St. Cloud is just 1-16-1 in conference play but Cvar is really enjoying the experience.

The Huskies expect to be better next season.

"It's been an adjustment but with the girls everyone gets along," Cvar said. "It's just awesome. When I first came here I was kind of nervous going to the rink because you don't know anyone and you don't know how it's going to be but after the first couple of days, I wanted to go to the rink. I wanted to go to their apartments and hang out or go bowling or something like that. The girls are just awesome and they make it really easy to be away from home."

St. Cloud will be in action this weekend when it travels to Madison to play the University of Wisconsin Badgers this Saturday (3:07 p.m.) and Sunday (2:07 p.m.).



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NEXT AWAY GAMES

Thurs. Jan 30
- 8:00 pm in Altona
Warren Mercs vs
Altona Maroons

Sat. Feb 1, 2020
- 2:30 PM in Notre Dame
Warren Mercs vs
Notre Dame Hawks

Pawluk shines at MJHL showcase

By Ty Dilello

Brayden Pawluk is having himself quite the breakthrough season with the Dauphin Kings of the MJHL. The 6'1", 20-year-old defenceman has 24 points in 29 games so far in his final season of junior hockey.

Pawluk grew up in Teulon's minor hockey system and eventually played with the AAA Interlake Lightning. After a shorts career with the Lightning, Pawluk spent the 2016-17 season in the States with the Elite Hockey Program in Connecticut before returning to Manitoba where he has spent the past three seasons in the MJHL playing with both the Virden Oil Capitals and Dauphin Kings.

"Personally I think the biggest difference in my play from last season to this one is a better level of confidence," relays Pawluk. "Having more confidence has allowed me to make more high-risk high reward plays and having success while doing it. That new level of confidence comes from having great coaches that believe in me. Even when making mistakes rather than shunning me for them, they push me to be better and fix them, and that's gone a really long way in my development in the past year as a Dauphin King. Being given lots of opportunity on our special team's units, especially the power play has helped me put all my effort into helping the team. I'm really looking forward to the last stretch of games and heading into the playoffs in full steam."

Earlier this month, Pawluk took part in the SJHL/MJHL Showcase in Regina. Playing on a big stage in front of a variety of scouts from the NHL, AHL, USPORTS, NCAA, etc., Pawluk put on a show scoring a goal and assisting on the game winner. He played on team Zajac winning both of their games, 4-1 and 4-3. He was named the player of the game for his efforts.

"Playing in the SJHL/MJHL Showcase was an unbelievable experience and a great honour to represent the MJHL and the Dauphin Kings. When I found out I was chosen for the All-Star showcase

by coaches around the league it made me proud of myself. To be picked for the showcase was a great feeling knowing that I am part of the elite players around the league in Manitoba and worthy to compete against the best players from the Saskatchewan Junior Hockey League. The showcase was a blast and getting to meet and play with new players from different teams was fun as well. I did know quite a few of the players on my team from playing with or against them in the past but also still managed to make friends with a handful of great new guys."

The teams wore pink and white in their second game in support of the online bullying, cyber-bullying prevention program Be Kind Online.

"In the game Wednesday morning we had a special SaskTel Be Kind Online game against Team Kunitz of the SJHL. There were lots of students from junior highs and elementary schools there in attendance along with scouts from almost every level of hockey above Junior A. The game was a great opportunity to show what I can do as a player playing at a big stage in front of a big crowd with lots of important people in the building. It was an amazing game with an electric atmosphere. I tried to keep my game simple, play hard and do the little things right. I ended up scoring a goal late in the game then proceeded to draw a penalty with a little over six minutes left in the game. From that powerplay, I had a primary assist from a beautiful shot from current teammate in Dauphin Grady Hobbs. That goal was the eventual game winner. I also was awarded player of the game which was a huge honour to receive."

Pawluk is now back in Dauphin with his team as they gear up towards the end of the regular season with playoffs on the horizon. The Dauphin Kings are currently seventh in the league standings with a 21-19-3-2 record.

"Our team goals heading into the final stretch of the regular season is to put ourselves in a good spot in the standings heading into playoffs. The league's



TRIBUNE PHOTO SUBMITTED

Pawluk received the player of the game award at the recent MJHL/SJHL Showcase in Regina.

tight right now as to who can beat who. It tends to change on any given night so we're in a good spot as an organization and confident as playoffs come we can be a top contender in the race for the Turnbull Cup. We acquired a couple of really strong players right at the Jan. 10 trade deadline, and they've really helped complete our team on and off the ice. We, as a group of players, want to put our best into trying to bring a championship back to the city of Dauphin."

Pawluk is starting to get offers to play university hockey as his junior career wraps up after this season. He will soon have a big decision to make as to where he wants to play and go to school.

"It's up in the air currently as to where I want to continue my hockey career and further my education in a post-secondary school. I have more than a handful of options already as to where there is interest in me as a hockey player but those decisions take time to make and have to be made with my family."

Double gold for Manitoba at Junior Nationals

By Ty Dilello

It was a double gold for Manitoba teams on Sunday afternoon at the 2020 New Holland Canadian Junior Curling Championships in Langley, B.C.

Altona's Mackenzie Zacharias and Assiniboine Memorial's Jacques Gauthier found themselves in the winner's circle when the dust circled and will both be now heading to Krasnoyarsk, Russia for the World Junior Championships in mid-February.

Zacharias defeated Alberta's Abby Marks 10-3 in the final to cap off a perfect 11-0 week for Mackenzie Zacharias and her Manitoba team (Karlee Burgess, Emily Zacharias, Lauren Lenentine and Coach Sheldon Zacharias). The unbeaten feat matches an equally impressive undefeated run at the Telus Provincial Junior Championship in earlier this month.

Jacques Gauthier and his Manitoba #2 team (Jordan Peters, Brayden Payette, Zach Bilawka and Coach John Lund) won the National Championship with an 8-6 victory over Newfoundland-Labrador's Daniel Bruce foursome. Gauthier and his team become the first non-provincial champion team to win the national championship as they lost the Manitoba final to Brett Walter, but advanced to the nationals in an "wildcard" berth created by the absence of Yukon and Nunavut from the field. British Columbia, as the host province, and Manitoba, as runner-up to British Columbia a year ago at the nationals, were awarded the wildcard berths.

Team Manitoba's Brett Walter (featuring Stonewall's Thomas Dunlop at third) had an up-and-down event finishing in sixth place with an overall record of five wins and five losses.



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Mackenzie Zacharias and Jacques Gauthier completed a double sweep of gold for Manitoba at the 2020 Canadian Junior Curling Championships.

Curlers dress for success at annual bonspiel



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Eleven teams suited up in their Olympic gear on Jan. 17 and 18 to compete in the 2020 Teulon Ladies bonspiel. Photos left to right: Team Moore was the winner of the A-event including Teresa Moore, Kendra Derbowka, Andrea Chubey and Valerie Swanson. Team Strick won the B-event with Barb Eskilson, Nicki Strick, Laverne Kiel and Judy Strick. June McMahon's team won the C-event including Shannon McGill, McMahon, Kathy Good and Beth Hutchinson. Meanwhile Team Richter with Lori Richter, Nicole Thorkelson, Shannon Granberg and Alana Jack won the D-event.

Interlake Lightning U18 lose pair of weekend games

Staff

The Interlake Lightning U18 boys' hockey team let two valuable points slip away on Sunday afternoon in Teulon.

Interlake lost 6-4 to the Norman Northstars. It was just Norman's fourth win of the season.

The Northstars' Albert Sinclair iced the win with an empty-net goal at 18:46 of the third period. The goal

came just 53 seconds after Karson King scored to pull the Lightning to within a goal.

Ashton Fisher, Kaydyn McMahon and Matthew Vandel also scored for the Lightning.

Jordan Ploh (two), Sinclair, Ryan Monias and Dredyn Robinson netted Norman's other goals.

On Saturday afternoon, Interlake lost 4-2 to the Winnipeg Bruins at

Southdale Arena.

Nicholas Guberman gave Winnipeg a 1-0 lead with a shorthanded goal at 19:06 of the first period.

Dakota MacIntosh and Sam Alsip made it 3-0 just 1:05 into the middle frame before Vandel struck on the power play about five minutes later.

The Bruins answered with a power-play goal from Tyler Dodgson midway in the second period.

Interlake's Aiden Manningway then closed out the scoring at 12:13 of the third.

Interlake, currently in ninth place and battling for the final playoff spot, will host the first-place Winnipeg Wild on Friday (8 p.m.) and then will take on the Winnipeg Thrashers Sunday (1 p.m.) at Gateway Arena.

Stonewall pumps Pembina Valley in Morris in MMJHL action

Staff

The Stonewall Jets pumped the first-place Pembina Valley Twisters in their own barn on Saturday night.

Stonewall scored five unanswered goals in a solid 5-1 Manitoba Major Junior Hockey League victory in Morris.

Tristan Day gave the home side a 1-0 lead midway in the opening period. But the Jets' Ryan McMahon and Mat-

thew Smith replied with second-period goals and then Carson Ouellette, Smith, and James Maxwell tallied in the third.

Ouellette and Maxwell's goals were scored on the power play.

Smith and McMahon each finished the game with three points.

Jets' forward Keeven Daniels-Webb had two assists in the game. He was second in league scoring with 46

points as of Sunday evening.

Stonewall outshot Pembina Valley 35-26 as Adam Swan earned the win in goal.


With the victory, Stonewall is now 18-13-1 and in fifth place in the 10-team league with 37 points.

The standings are tight, however, as the Jets are just three points back of the St. James Canucks and two in front of the Raiders Jr. Hockey Club. The

Raiders and Stonewall have played fewer games than St. James, however.

The Jets will visit the St. Vital Victorias on Thursday and then will host St. James Tuesday, the River East Royals Knights Wednesday, and then St. Vital on Feb. 7.

Puck drop for all four games is 7:30 p.m.




Stonewall Jets Player Profile

#22

Chance Dickenson

Forward, Shoots Right, 6'1", 175 lbs., Born 1999



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Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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Sudoku Answer

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Crossword Answer

CROSSWORD

CLUES ACROSS

- Fall down
- American TV company (abbr.)
- Exclamation that denotes disgust
- Gallantry
- Chinese word signifying "doctrine"
- Prefix meaning "beside"
- Act of imitating
- Tall, rounded vase
- Sixth month of Jewish civil calendar
- Rural Iranian village
- Time zone
- Military weapon (abbr.)
- Gets rid of
- Aggressive
- Addressed one's appearance
- Affirmative
- Denoting Indo-European languages
- French noble family
- Shock therapy
- Having characteristics of both sexes
- Large suitcase
- One who identifies God with the universe
- Swiss river
- Frequently
- Wipe out
- Invests in little enterprises
- Waste
- Resembles a large shrimp
- Derogatory name for rural resident
- Menswear accessory
- Tropical American tree
- Pitching statistic
- Camera type
- Cardinal number that is the sum of five and one

- Surgical procedure of the heart
- Northern Scandinavia indigenous person
- Evergreen trees and shrubs
- Meat from a domestic hog
- State of insensibility
- Herb
- Annuity
- San Diego-based ballplayer
- Members of a Semitic people
- Any physical damage
- Woolen rug
- Alsos Mission leader
- Aromatic plant used as culinary herb
- Where you sleep
- Ruled Russia
- Indicates density of data (abbr.)
- Sea eagle
- Type of light bulb
- Wreath

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(abbr.)

- Graduate with a degree
- What thespians do
- "Orange is the New Black" character
- Comedienne Gasteyer
- Romanian monetary unit
- People treated as a group
- Small European plant
- First responder group
- A person's head
- Giggle
- Bura-__: Chadic language
- Snout moth genus
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R.M. OF ROCKWOOD ZONING BY-LAW NO. 20/19
Being a By-law to regulate and control the
use and development of land and buildings
within the Municipal limits of the
R.M. of Rockwood.

HEARING LOCATION: R.M. of Rockwood Council Chambers
285 Main Street, Stonewall, Manitoba

DATE & TIME: Thursday, February 6, 2020, at 6:00 PM

GENERAL INTENT: To adopt Zoning By-Law No. 20/19, replacing Zoning By-law No. 17/09 (as amended), in accordance with *The Planning Act*.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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OBITUARY



Bonnar R. Scott

It is with a heavy heart we announce the passing of Captain Bonnar R. Scott, he passed peacefully at his residence in Stonewall, MB on January 22, 2020 at the age of 72 years.

He was predeceased by his parents George and Opal Scott. Survived by his sons Paul (Amanda) and Michael (Jessie); sister Eleanor (Waldy); partner Susan; granddaughter Shaylee; nephew Todd (Kyla); niece Erin and other extended family.

Bonnar started his life in Dauphin, MB, and his life and work took him many places here and abroad. He began his working career in the electrical industry but that was short lived. For the majority of his career he was a commercial pilot. In his spare time, he was surrounded by friends and family, be it entertaining in the kitchen, sitting around a campfire during hunting season or at a cabin on a fishing trip. He will be missed by all of his family and many friends.

There will be a celebration of life held at his son Michael's in Lake Francis, MB at a later date. For more information or if you have a story to share please email captbscott@gmail.com. Condolences may be left on his tribute wall at www.gilbartfuneralhome.com

Gilbart Funeral Home, Selkirk in care of arrangements.



OBITUARY



Lynda Emily Meek Rozsa

Lynda Emily Meek Rozsa went to be with Jesus, Sunday, January 19, 2020. She was born to the late Anna and John Meek, May 9, 1947 at Vita Hospital. Lynda grew up in Sprague, Manitoba where she attended school, made many memories and married her husband of 42 years, the late Andy Rozsa.

Lynda moved to Winnipeg to attend hairdressing school. Her and Andy lived in Winnipeg for a brief time after marriage and returned home to Sprague to begin her business and raise their family.

Lynda is survived by her children, Penny (Rozsa) Brunet (Rolly), of Winnipeg, Scott Rozsa (Emilia Banez) of St. Anne and Lorelei (Rozsa) Hrabinski (Sheldon). Lynda also leaves her grandchildren, Haylee Brunet (Gianfranco), Makenzee Brunet (Matt), Lance Brunet, Makayla Rozsa-Grover and Brandin Rozsa-Hrabinski. Lynda's heart family stretches across the globe. Lynda was predeceased

by her loving husband Andy in 2008.

Lynda loved music, laughter and family. She embraced anyone who needed an ear to listen, a shoulder to cry on, challenge to face or joy to celebrate. Lynda brought light and joy wherever she went. She was always involved with Church and community. Whether you needed a cup of coffee, haircut, food or prayer, Lynda was always there. No matter what good she did or life she touched, she would say, "it's not me, it's Jesus". Lynda has left wonderful memories with each life she touched.

Celebration of life service will be held at New Life Church, Stonewall, MB on Saturday, February 1, 2020 at 1:00 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to Breast Cancer Research, Arthritis Research or New Life Church.

We thank the staff at Ste. Anne Hospital for there compassionate care.



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OBITUARY



Freida Johnson

It is with deep regret that our sister Freida Johnson went to be with her Heavenly Father Sunday, January 26, 2020 at 1:30 p.m. at the Concordia Hospital, Winnipeg. She went peacefully in her sleep with family by her bedside, after a short battle with cancer.

Freida was born in Stonewall in 1946. She was predeceased by her parents Florence and William Johnson of Stonewall, sister Alice (Abe) and brothers Ken, George (Sigrid), Bill, David and James, brothers-in-law Frank, Allan, David, sisters-in-law Helen and Shirley.

She will be sorely missed by her sisters Evelyn, Ida, Edna, Janice (Robert) Huggan; brothers Charlie, Philip, Tom (Bev), Norman (Gemma), Leonard (Joanne), Joe (Connie); our adopted sister Agnes Friesen; sisters-in-law Doreen and Signe; and many nieces and nephews and great nieces and nephews which she clearly adored.

Freida Johnson was privileged to be the twelfth child of a family of 17, the sixth youngest of a non-church going family. However, the children were allowed to go to Sunday School in a Presbyterian Church. At the age of nine Freida accepted the Lord as her personal savior after Sunday School. Later that year, she attended the Canadian Sunday School Mission Camp at Gimli, MB where she sensed God's call on her life for missionary service. God's hand had been on her since those earliest years.

After graduating from high school, she worked briefly, but responded to God's call for Bible training. She attended Prairie Bible Institute of Three Hills, AB and graduated in 1970. Her interest was to go to the mission field. But God had other plans for the immediate future. With her background and indebtedness to the Canadian Sunday School Mission, she worked 12 years in Canada gaining valuable practical experience.

Her sense of call to foreign mission remained strong in her heart. She was accepted by TEAM (The Evangelical Alliance Mission) and was sent to Edinburg, Texas, to take the one year missionary Spanish language program. There she experienced firsthand a love of the Hispanic people and the commitment of RGBI to equip missionaries in both culture and language. Little did she dream that she would later be associated with that missionary training institute that celebrates 60 years in 2006.

Her missionary assignment was to Venezuela, but she was sent for six months to Baja California, Mexico in preparation for her field service. Again, she served 12 years in Venezuela. God led her back to Canada and to her recent ministry of another 12 years in direct involvement in that good ministry to which God, she owns her own salvation.

You can readily see that in three series of 12 years she has served the Lord in Canada, Venezuela and in Canada once again.

Frieda was also very active since returning to Canada, she spent many of her summers attending camps for young and old alike at various communities across Manitoba. Freida worked at One Hope Canada and Rio Grande Bible Institute Centre and finally by Charis centre retiring this past July.

In lieu of flowers please feel free to donate to One Hope Canada, RGBI or the Charis centre. Funeral service will be held on Thursday, January 30, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. at the New Life Church in Stonewall.



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