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Stonewall's 301 Alan McLeod Royal Air Cadet Squadron celebrated its 10th anniversary on Jan. 24 at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 52. Pictured left to right: 301 Alan McLeod RCACS Commanding Officer Captain Chris Babcock, 301 Alan McLeod RCACS Chief Warrant Officer First Class Joseph Troisfontaines, Town of Stonewall Mayor Clive Hinds, Legion president Teresa Taplin, The Air Cadet League of Canada (Manitoba) Inc Liaison Officer Ian Greaves and squadron parent committee chairperson Gord Ladyka.

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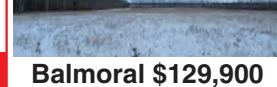
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Cystic Fibrosis Puzzle Race & Board Game Night Feb. 23

By Ty Dilello

Stonewall resident Angela Roberts is currently looking for teams for next month's Puzzle Race & Board Game Night for Cystic Fibrosis at the Stonewall Curling Club. All proceeds from the fundraiser will be going to the Cystic Fibrosis Canada Foundation for research and development of new treatments for people with Cystic Fibrosis (CF).

Cystic Fibrosis is an often fatal genetic disease that affects all of the body's systems, predominantly the respiratory and digestive systems, and currently there is no cure for it. A mutation in the DNA causes organs to produce a thick, sticky mucous that lines organs, creating a biofilm that renders antibiotics ineffective and plugs up the ducts in the pancreas and liver. It also clogs the lungs, causing permanent damage to the fragile bronchial tissue.

Lung disease is the most common killer of those living with CF but there are many other problems as a result of this genetic defect: CF-related diabetes, malnutrition, bowel obstruction, pancreatitis, liver disease, among many others. What makes this disease even worse is that it is invisible from the outside, until it's too late.

It's a disease that Roberts unfortunately knows all about as her son Brendan was diagnosed with CF in September 2016, just prior to his 14th birthday.

"He spent that birthday in the hospital with his first CF pulmonary exacerbation. This is when there is an acute bacterial infection that results in weight loss, reduced lung function, and a minimum of two weeks in the

hospital on IV antibiotics. Infection and inflammation in the lungs are chronic, and over time the function is permanently reduced and will usually result in a lung transplant," Roberts says.

"He needs to take digestive enzymes to break down fats and proteins from food; a special formula multivitamin for the vitamins A,D, E and K that he doesn't absorb because he can't digest fats (or fat-soluble vitamins) without enzymes; anti-inflammatories and anti-infectives to keep his lungs clean of the bacteria that sticks to the damaged parts; and other medications that need to be taken through a nebulizer or inhalers as well. He is also required to do physio to clear his lungs 2-3 times per day and this takes about half an hour each time, taking up his valuable free time. Exercise and good nutrition are essential for maintaining good health as well. His basic daily caloric requirement is around 3,000-4,000 calories per day. Luckily, he is a very active kid with a positive attitude. His activity level is what has kept him healthy for this long and his positive attitude is what keeps him going. He was fortunate enough to be granted a wish by the Children's Wish Foundation and so spent his 15th birthday mountain biking through the forests of New Zealand. That was a much better way to spend a birthday."

We need to bring awareness to this disease and everything that comes with it so a fundraiser like this upcoming Puzzle Night that Angela is putting on is just the kind of thing that can raise awareness. There are many new treatments and drugs that are being used to manage Cystic Fibrosis.



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY JO-ANNE PROCTER

Stonewall resident Angela Roberts and her son Brendan are currently looking for teams for a Puzzle Race & Board Game Night for Cystic Fibrosis at the Stonewall Curling Club on Feb. 23.

Only 10-15 years ago, the average age of a CF patient was only 15 years old. Recently this has been increased to 53 years of age. Once upon a time, this was considered a child's disease, but now more than 60 per cent of those with CF are adults. It's incredible evolution, but there are still people working towards more effective controls and a cure. This kind of thing takes years of research and development, mostly funded by donations. Hence, a fundraiser.

CF Race for the Cure-Puzzle Edition; Puzzle Race and Board Game Night will be held on Feb. 23. Curling club doors open at 6 p.m., registration at

6:30 p.m., race starts at 7 p.m. For the puzzle race, the price is \$40 per person with four people per team. If you can't get a team together, they will find you one. Every group will receive the exact same 500-piece puzzle and the first team to finish gets bragging rights as the Puzzle Race Champions. Every puzzle race participant will receive a small prize.

As for the Board Game Night, tickets are \$25 per person. This is meant for people to get together at the tables to play some board games and enjoy the company of other players. No teams required. There will be a Game Expert on hand from Across the Board Game Café, who will provide the games and the expertise. The board games are available from 6 to 10 p.m.

There will also be a silent auction and a 50/50 draw. To purchase tickets, call/text 204-461-3637 or email Angela at akrobert@mymts.net. Cash and e-transfer are accepted.

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Local makeup artist glamorizes gore

By Jo-Anne Procter

Glamorizing gore isn't a typical hobby; however, this hobby has become part of WCI graduate (2011) Amy Halldorson's profession.

Halldorson, who grew up just north of Warren, was a girl who was never interested in wearing makeup or doing her hair and today is a fully licensed hairstylist and makeup artist.

"I've always loved art and I normally painted or drew in my free time when I was in high school," she told the *Tribune*. "In 2012, I started to look up YouTube makeup tutorials and practise different eye looks myself."

She began posting some of her pictures on social media and people started commenting on them, which inspired her to create different looks.

In 2015, Halldorson enrolled in The Salon Professional Academy for Hairstyling and graduated in March of 2016 and is currently working at Colors, Beauty and Wellness Salon in Winnipeg.

Halldorson started to glamorize gore two years ago. She experimented with special effects makeup and fantasy looks, including body paint and

gore looks.

"I did it more as a hobby but the more looks I posted online, the more people raved about them," she said. "I got inspired growing up by watching horror movies and that's when I gained a passion for the makeup/hair industry."

With an ultimate dream to do hair and makeup for film and theatre, her current employer has been very supportive.

"My dream is to work at Manitoba Theatre as a makeup artist along with film and television for special-effects and I'm very blessed to work in a salon that supports my work, my goals and my dreams."

This past October, Halldorson was discovered by RAW, a non-profit art show that displays local artists and their work. In November she joined other artists at Cowboys in Winnipeg showcasing various forms of art, photography, fashion, music and much more.

Meanwhile, Halldorson will continue to chase her dream, while building her hair and make up clientele. She is



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY JO-ANNE PROCTER

Amy Halldorson was selected by RAW, a non-profit art show, to showcase her talents in Winnipeg last November.

available for weddings, graduations, Halloween or any other special occasion. Halldorson also teaches how to

apply makeup. For more information, she can be reached at the salon at 204-477-9723.

Online ticket sales coming soon for Quarry Choristers

Small Town Blues, runs from May 2 to 11

By Jennifer McFee

Excitement is building for this year's Quarry Choristers dinner theatre production, and for the first time you can buy tickets from the comfort of your own home.

This year, ticket sales will be offered online at <https://choristers.yapsody.com> starting on Feb. 9. Purchasers can pay using credit cards or PayPal, and they can print their tickets themselves.

For those who prefer the face-to-face method, there will be a one-day in-person ticket sale on Feb. 9 from 2 to 7 p.m. at Stonewall's Co-op grocery store.

For director Vhana Moldowan, she's excited to move to online sales.

"We used to do three days of in-person ticket sales but now we have a great new convenient ticket sales program," she said.

"Now people can just go online, see what's available and buy tickets at their leisure. Hopefully it will make the process easier."

The much-anticipated show, called Small Town Blues, runs from May 2 to 11.

"The first set starts in 1969 with a small town wanting to do something to bring tourists in. The next set is 25 years later and the town is not very

successful," explained Moldowan, who was involved in the writing process for the production.

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Information will be shared outlining the issues of the Concerned Citizens of Grosse Isle Committee (CCGI). A petition will be available for signing.

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Air cadets squadron celebrates 10 years in the community

By Natasha Tersigni

For the past 10 years, 301 Alan McLeod V.C. Royal Canadian Air Cadet Squadron (RCACS) has played a vital role in the lives of many community youth.

The program, aimed at youth aged 12 to 18 years old, focuses not only on aspects of flying and aerospace but also allows members to learn about Canada's military while taking part in a number of activities including sports, band, outdoor survival trips and summer camps.

To celebrate the 10th anniversary of the squadron, a celebration was held for cadets, their families and community members following their weekly parade evening on Jan. 24 at Stonewall's Royal Canadian Legion Branch 52.

"It was identified in the 2000s that there was a need for a squadron in Stonewall. There were a lot of cadets coming from this community to 6 Jim Whitecross RCACS in Winnipeg and based on that need there was a potential for a squadron to form in Stonewall. 301 Squadron started off as a satellite unit to 6 Squadron. Once there was enough community support and it was able to obtain a community sponsor, which has been the legion since day one," explained 301 Alan McLeod V.C. RCACS Commanding Officer Captain Chris Babcock who added the squadron received their charter on Jan. 29, 2009, making them



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY NATASHA TERSIGNI

Cadets, officers and staff, volunteers and community members gathered on Jan. 24 at Stonewall's Royal Canadian Legion to celebrate 301 Alan McLeod Royal Air Cadet Squadron's 10th anniversary.

an official standalone unit.

The original 301 Squadron was formed on Nov. 7, 1942, and disbanded in March 1948.

Over the years the squadron has grown and currently has 50 cadets. Babcock credits the community for their continued support in being able to continue to offer the program. Along with having a strong sponsor in the legion, other groups help support the program.

"It means a lot that we have been able to part of the community for 10 years. The commitment that this community and surrounding areas have shown us in trying to give back to the youth is very meaningful. As the program grew, Stonewall has really helped us establish the squadron and

recognized the importance of the cadet program and the citizenship and community service the program offers young people," said Babcock, who added with the number of cadets in attendance the squadron is able to offer additional programming such as band, marksmanship and biathlon teams and effective speaking competitions.

"Having over 50 cadets is really strong for a rural squadron, especially when you factor in how close to Winnipeg we are. Fifty to 60 cadets is a really good number for a rural unit, a lot of squadrons and army and sea cadet corps in the city are close to us in size, so we are doing very well in representing the community."

Chief Warrant Officer First Class Jo-

seph Troisfontaines, the squadron's highest ranked cadet, has been in the program for seven years. Having first joined because his older brother was a cadet, Troisfontaines credits cadets with helping him develop a number of skills including leadership and teamwork.

"When you first start off you really learn about teamwork and working together. As you work your way through the ranks you are able to take on more leadership roles and are really able to gain that real-world experience," said Troisfontaines.

"Cadets has really provided me a platform to learn the importance of leading a group and what that takes."

Stonewall to offer incentive for building rental units

By Jennifer McFee

Stonewall council announced a program that will hit home for residents seeking rental accommodation.

At the Jan. 23 council meeting, Stonewall council passed a policy to

establish a new program designed to promote more rental units in town.

The Stonewall Program for Rental Unit Construction and Expansion (SPRUCE) is an economic development initiative that will provide de-

velopers with economic incentives for creating five or more rental units. These incentives could potentially total \$1,500 per unit over a four-year period.

Stonewall council identified the need for more rental units during its strategic planning process that wrapped up in 2018.

"We're trying to encourage more development opportunities in Stonewall. One of the things that we've been lacking in the past is rental units," said

Stonewall Mayor Clive Hinds.

"We're way behind the provincial average for rental units, so we need to pick it up. We have a lot of houses out there but nothing to retain the young people."

Currently, SPRUCE is expected to run until 2021. Anyone who would like to apply or to review the program can contact the town office at 204-467-7979 or visit www.stonewall.ca for more information.

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Passion for photography through three generations

By Jennifer McFee

For Georgia Fox, you could say that photography is in her blood.

Following in the footsteps of her father and grandfather, she has delved into her passion for the art form.

The works of all three generations were the focus last weekend during the Friday Night Speaker Series at Photo Central on Portage Avenue.

The event showcased the portrait work of Georgia Fox and the eclectic casual photos of her dad Mike Fox, as well as the time-tested photography of her 83-year-old grandfather Brian Fox. All three continue to be connected through their shared interest, although 83-year-old Brian lives half a world away in Chester, England, while Mike and Georgia call Stonewall home.

Brian gleaned his inspiration from a famous photographer named Robert Capa, whose favourite slogan was "If your photographs aren't good enough, you're not close enough."

Then Mike was inspired by his dad's dedication to photography. He also found inspiration in famous photographers such as Ansel Adams, Joseph Karsch and Elliott Erwitt, who infused a hint of humour in his work.

In turn, Georgia learned some solid photography skills from the two generations that came before her.

"I probably would still be snapping pics on my iPhone if it wasn't for my dad and grandad. My grandad was the one who loaned me my first camera to let me try out when I was briefly living in England. And my dad was the one who has spent countless nights with me teaching me everything he knows about photography. I learned all the basics from my dad, including how to develop film," she said.

"I can say I would not be developing film on my own if it wasn't for him. I would be sending it off to get developed because I probably never would have taken the time to learn and access the resources I would need. My dad has kindly loaned me so much gear over the years to practise on and try out. I am mostly extremely grateful for his film camera collection, which



A photo taken by Mike Fox, whose work was part of a three-generation show.

I learned how to shoot film on. I will be forever grateful for my dad teaching me and being patient with me as I learned."

These days, Georgia mainly spends her time shooting weddings and couples since she "fell in love with shooting love."

"I would describe my photos as emotional and meaningful. That is my main goal when taking pictures of people — just to try and get their emotion to show so that I can capture it," she said.

"Although my style involves a bit of posing, I try extremely hard to make my photos look unposed. Natural and candid are my what I strive for when shooting couples and weddings, for the most part."

One of the best parts about photography is that it literally freezes time, she added.

"You never have to worry about forgetting any memory if you are taking pictures of it. I make a huge effort whenever I am out with friends or hanging out with family to constantly be snapping pictures," she said.

"I think a lot of the times people sometimes get annoyed and say they aren't in the mood for photos or they



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY JO-ANNE PROCTER

Photographer Georgia Fox, left, and her father and mentor Mike Fox were guest speakers at Photo Central's Friday Night Speaker Series in Winnipeg last weekend. The duo spoke about their passion for photography and shared their story of three generations of Fox photographers.

don't look good enough to be in a photo, but I really don't care. When I have kids of my own, I want to be able to show them what my life was like through pictures."

For a glimpse of Georgia's photography, visit www.georgiaannfox.com or on Instagram @georgiafoxphotography.

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Marvin was snow blowing his driveway after Mother Nature dumped a blanket of snow in Stony Mountain on Jan. 23.

Eichler welcomes funding for local school capital projects

Submitted

Province-wide investment includes five projects in Lakeside constituency. Ralph Eichler, MLA for Lakeside, today welcomed news that the Progressive Conservative government has provided funding for school capital projects in the Lakeside constituency. "Our Progressive Conservative government is committed to ensuring Manitoba students are able to learn

in safe and well-functioning environments," said Eichler. "I am pleased that we are delivering to support the needs of families in our communities." This funding is part of a significant, province-wide investment in new school facilities, infrastructure renewal, major additions and renovations, and new child-care centres. In the Lakeside constituency, funded projects include:

- Roof replacement at École R.W. Bobby Bend School
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Red Tape Challenge 2019: Time for municipalities to clear the clutter

Submitted by CFIB

As part of its 10th annual Red Tape Awareness Week™, the Canadian Federation of Independent Business (CFIB) is issuing its third national Red Tape Challenge. For 2019, CFIB is challenging municipalities to get rid of one government rule for every new one adopted (one-in-one-out), an approach that has been successfully used by the federal government and some provinces.

“Adopting a one-in-one-out policy is a great way to ensure municipalities are cleaning up their red tape clutter on an ongoing basis,” said Laura Jones, CFIB’s executive vice-president.

In a recent CFIB survey of almost 9,000 business owners across the country, half of the respondents said they felt their local government was doing either a poor or terrible job of keeping rules and compliance costs for business at a reasonable level. There were hundreds of pages of comments on the survey from frustrated business owners. Time-consuming and delayed building permit processes, inconsistent rules, lack of information and terrible customer service are amongst their top concerns.

Letters outlining the 2019 Red Tape Challenge were sent to municipalities across the country last fall. Municipalities that have expressed early interest include Halifax (N.S.), Fort McMurray (Alta.), Brazeau County (Alta.) and five municipalities in Quebec: Bécancour, Lavaltrie, Magog, Mascouche and Rivière-du-Loup.

Yesterday, the City of Winnipeg’s Executive Policy Committee passed a motion to identify and fix red tape problems for Winnipeg business owners.

“We welcome Mayor Bowman’s leadership and look forward to helping the city identify those red tape barriers to eliminate,” said Jonathan Alward, CFIB’s director of provincial affairs for Manitoba. “While cutting red tape headaches is an important step forward, we will continue to push for Winnipeg to measure and limit red tape growth, as the government of Manitoba has.”

“Early interest in the challenge is heartening. Past Red Tape challenges have led to tangible improvements for small business owners at the federal and provincial levels and we want to see municipal governments be part of that story,” said Jones.

The 2017 and 2018 Red Tape Challenges

Last year, the Red Tape Challenge related to the Canadian Free Trade Agreement. Premiers and the federal government were asked to fix at least three specific inter-provincial red tape headaches for small businesses by the end of 2018. Some federal irritants have been fixed such as removing unnecessary grading requirements for blueberries, apples and potatoes, making national building codes available free of charge, and allowing aquaculture farms to apply for organic certification. In December 2018, premiers announced a plan to streamline corporate registrations, allow wide-base single tires across the country and recognize common occupational health and safety standards in 2019.

“They didn’t blow the challenge out of the water, but it’s progress. We will continue to report out on this challenge in 2019 and beyond given its importance to the country,” said Jones

In 2017, CFIB challenged the provinces to follow the federal government’s lead and legislate a one-in-one-out rule. So far, Quebec and Manitoba have risen to the challenge.

Comprehensive, independent review of education system announced

Submitted by Manitoba government

The Manitoba government has established a new commission to undertake a comprehensive, independent review of the kindergarten to Grade 12 education system, Education and Training Minister Kelvin Goertzen announced on Jan. 23.

“This is a long-overdue opportunity to build on strengths and identify challenges to create a better education system with high standards for educators, high expectations for student achievement, relevant curriculum, governance excellence and a sustainable fiscal framework,” said Goertzen. “Manitoba’s education system covers a vast geographical area and serves a wide range of communities, and we have selected a commission that reflects that reality.”

The minister noted the process will include extensive consultation across Manitoba and consider a wide range of topics such as student learning, teaching, accountability for student learning, governance and funding.

Manitoba’s Commission on Kindergarten to Grade 12 Education includes Ian Wishart, legislative assistant to the minister of education and training, who will lead public consultation and stakeholder engagement. The eight other commissioners are:

- Dr. Janice MacKinnon (co-chair);
- Clayton Manness (co-chair);
- Terry Brown;
- Mark Frison;
- John Daniel (JD) Lees;

- Jill Quilty;
- Laurel Repski; and
- Denis Robert.

“The commission will serve in the best educational interest of all students, regardless of their abilities, personal or family circumstances, or where they live,” said MacKinnon.

The commission will soon commence public consultation and seek input from students, parents, educators, school boards, academics, Indigenous organizations, la francophonie, municipal councils, professional organizations, the business community and all Manitobans.

“Our focus will be on student outcomes, long-term sustainability and enhanced public confidence, and we will consider the continuum of early learning, post-secondary education and labour market needs,” added Manness.

The minister expects the commission to submit a report with key findings and recommendations by February 2020.

Information about the kindergarten to Grade 12 review will be posted throughout the year at www.edu.gov.mb.ca/educationreview/.

Goertzen also announced the publication of information meant to help inform the commission and public. As previously committed, the province has released a preliminary report on consultations with Manitobans on literacy and numeracy

held in January 2018. The report will help provide context to the commission and public and is available online at www.edu.gov.mb.ca/educationreview/publications.html.

The minister also announced the release of high school graduation rates, continuing a commitment to restore the practice of sharing school-division level educational results. The department has posted school division level rates from June 2013 to June 2017 using an improved student-tracked method, with plans to post 2018 rates later this year.

The information is available at www.edu.gov.mb.ca/k12/grad_rates/index.html.

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Rockwood Festival of the Arts needs to be an inclusive musical experience

Thank you for allowing my son Donavin to participate in the pre-festival concert on Jan. 20.

As you witnessed by Donavin's performance, he's quite a good musician for his age. When you consider that he struggles with the effects of pre-birth alcohol-related brain damage, he is all the more remarkable. He is able to excel because he has music teachers who are passionate about teaching him the way that he learns. He has the confidence to express himself with piano, mandolin, fiddle, guitar, ukulele, banjo and voice. Pretty cool for a nine-year-old.

My other children are much like Donavin in their birth history and musical ability. The style of lessons they have been exposed to has had a huge impact on their brain development and therefore is a predictor of their future success. Children born after exposure to alcohol (and surprisingly also those who experience stress as infants) have a diminished ability to transfer information from

one side of the brain to the other due to an ineffective Corpus Callosum. The role of the Corpus Callosum is to integrate motor, sensory and cognitive performance. It has a direct impact on executive functioning which is the ability to master neurologically based skills involving mental control and self regulation. Musicians have a very well developed Corpus Callosum as playing an instrument causes information to be passed back and forth between the right and left hemisphere. Structural brain changes that happen when a musical instrument is practised are just the beginning. Music also increases memory capacity, math skills, social skills and brings happiness to both the performer and the listener.

I feel the Festival of the Arts does a wonderful job of promoting Western European style of music education and performance. It encourages excellence in ability, accuracy in playing and provides a place for those who wish to be competitive as they

hone their skill. For families whose income and structure supports their ability to pay for the prescribed style of lessons and for the children whose brains are wired to accept this type of learning, it is an overwhelming success.

This land that we live on has been home for thousands of years to people who enjoy music and encourage their children to participate. Those who dance at powwows, drum and sing experience the same brain benefits as those learning Bach and Beethoven. Do they have a place at the Festival? What about the Métis nation with their emphasis on jigging, square dancing and playing fiddle. How is the Festival of the Arts encouraging them? What about recent immigrants who bring their rich new musical cultural to add to our societal diversity — do they know that their own ethnic music is just as important as the classical music we all expect to hear at the Festival? What about those children who are learning from the radio, from YouTube or from their family members or are self-taught? What about those who struggle with brain differences and don't fit into a specific category?

Where is the place for the creative and competent child like Donavin? There is no sheet music that proves what he is playing is legitimate. In truth, he is just now learning to read music. Every time he plays, he re-creates the music that he hears in his head and his fingers respond accordingly. Can't compete with that.

As a parent and community member who has participated with my children in the Festival in the past. My impression is that there is a strong leaning towards the categorizing and grading of education and talent. The festival is held in high esteem by those who support it. It has grown and endured because it works well for those for whom it has been created. There are some community and non-competitive categories/classes but is it time to balance the focus? Reduce the competitive and promote the co-operative? Be a festival that encourages community and creativity, one that crosses cultural and generational divides and fosters a beautiful inclusive musical experience.

- Barb Rieder

Municipal, town and school board polling stations need to educate election staff

Although our municipal, town and school board elections were held Oct. 24 and results posted shortly thereafter, these elections just ended for me. I became aware of election irregularities the day after the election, when a neighbour flagged me down on the road to congratulate me on my acclamation win. Then a number of phone calls, emails and texts began arriving, after voting results were posted in the *Tribune*.

People were stopping me on the street and contacting me to tell me they had tried to vote for trustee and were sent home instead of being allowed to vote. Please note that this letter is not about me not being re-elected by 14 votes, but about people not being allowed to vote. Over 20 people contacted me and stated why they were turned away at the polls.

These reasons include:

- Could not vote for school board if they had no children in Interlake School Division schools (3 people);

One voter went to Stony Mountain to vote, which is close to where they live, and voted for councillor and reeve but had to go to a different polling station to vote for trustee (as was posted previous to election day) so they made a trip to a second polling station and were told they could not vote there as they did not live in that community. This diligent voter then went to a third polling station (Stonewall) where the poll had just closed. Another voter couldn't remember her ward, as it is different than the council number so asked for help and was told she needed to point out her location on a map that was very dated. She was unable to find her rural location and was sent home without voting. Eight individuals voting in Stonewall were sent to the door after they voted for council and mayor or reeve and told they were finished the voting process. Two of these people protested, saying they wanted to vote for trustee and

were then able to find the trustee polling station to vote. The other six went home without voting for trustee. Four people who tried to vote for trustee were sent home, being assured that their area trustee was acclaimed. They never voted.

I don't believe there was any malicious intent in this fiasco, but there definitely is a problem with the system of hiring people for polling stations for council/mayor/reeve and training them in that area and then having them direct/help people who are trying to vote for trustee. The ISD, the RMs and towns need to have people trained in all areas.

After being inundated with people contacting me, I checked the Manitoba Legislature Municipal and Trustee Elections act, which led me to the government of Manitoba, Court of Queen's Bench. After speaking with several officials I found that my only recourse was to submit a form on "Election Irregularities" (which this definitely falls into) at a cost of \$225. Then it would go to court, Court of Queen's Bench, at a possible cost to me of up to \$30,000. This would have to be submitted within 60 days of the

election. Much as I am a firm believer in justice and fair play, I could not pursue this avenue. That being said, democracy should be highly valued and guarded, and anyone who has their vote taken away should be outraged!

Although I did receive my 15-year pin from the Manitoba School Boards Association, it is difficult to leave this job with my work/life focus being education and children. However, not only was I inundated with people reporting their attempted voting, but I did receive many emails (until my emails were cut off with no notice by ISD) and people from the community thanking me for my work for the past 16 years.

I may not be on the school board at this time, but that doesn't mean I'm not concerned and involved with children and education in the ISD. I have been asked to give teaching time and input at RW Bobby Bend, so I am excited to be there in January/February. As well, arts enrichment classes will continue at Stony Mountain, Rosser and Balmoral.

- As ever, Sandra Wiebe

getfishing

RED RIVER > CHALET BEACH > LAKE WINNIPEG

> ARNIE WEIDL The monster jack that couldn't get away

Welcome, my friends.

An interesting thing has begun to happen in the world of ice fishing in Manitoba. Some folks thought that with the coming of portable ice shacks, hard wall shacks would fade into history but as it turns out many anglers want both. Today we see hundreds of anglers putting their hard wall shacks on ice close to where they live then using portables when they want to venture further for a change. So it was last week that as I cruised up and down the Red River by Selkirk and later around the centre of the big lakes, there were mostly "hard wallers." Come the week end portable shacks blossomed on the ice everywhere.

Back on the Red I stopped at a very well-built shack with light-coloured metal siding. A tall young guy with a short dark curly beard opened the high-quality house door to me as I approached. Once inside, I was further impressed by the custom wood stove, interior panelling and house grade flooring.

"Wow," I said. "You really know how to build a top-end shack. Can I ask your name?"

"I'm Paul Hradowy from Inwood. Yeah, I and my family are in building," he responded.

We got to talking about fishing and he pulled out his phone to show me a picture of a jackfish he caught, say-

ing, "When it hit, I knew it was big. Some friends with me began yelling excitedly instead of getting their lines out of the water because one by one their rods started being pulled into the water of their ice holes. When I got the jack's head out of the water of my hole, it was all tangled in my buddy's lines. Then I lost my grip on the fish. It dropped back into the water and took off. My line screamed from my spool as my friends tried to hang onto their escaping rods. Suddenly the fish stopped running so I reeled in.

"Again, when I had it at the hole, it took off twice more, gathering more of my friend's lines each time. Finally I got it up the hole enough to grab it by the gills. Its head was imprisoned in a mess of fish lines. I had enough. I took out my knife and cut everyone's lines off my fish."

Experience helped Dino Annuik of Matlock, who has his shack on the ice along the west side of Lake Winnipeg's south basin, avoid Paul's predicament.

I was talking to him a few days ago and said he caught a huge jackfish as Paul did. Dino's hard wall shack is comfortable, made so by yearly improvements. Naturally his angler friends like to fish in his shack. Some of those friends were with him when this large jack took Dino's hook.

He shouted, "You guys get your lines out of the water quick or you'll lose

them!"

Unlike Paul, he knew that jackfish when caught thrash about violently racing back and forth. Dino's fishing experience instinctively told him this fish a good size but also was a vicious fighter. He didn't want his line breaking so he took his time not hauling in hard but reeled in easy when the fish rested. In time he played it out and landed it in good order.

Remember a couple of weeks ago I shared a story about the Stonewall boys Dave Kernort, Rick Miller, Larry Brown and Jerry McLean and their good-natured antics in Larry's shack on the Red. I had so much fun describing their trash talking and kidding with each other that I ran out of room to tell a funny story about Rick and his dad, Ken, so here it is now!

Years ago, Rick was boat fishing on a warm windy day with his dad on Shoal Lake, Ont. Ken had bought a very expensive lure and was anxious to try it out. Commercial boats pulling log rafts to lumber mills were navigating all around them. As Ken cast out, the wind caught his lure and got stuck on one of the logs. Ken started yelling and frantically waving his arms as his line screamed, paying out. They turned the boat around and started chasing the logger's boat to get the captain's attention. Not knowing what the trouble was, the boat captain simply smiled brightly and waved back at



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Dino Annuik of Matlock with his huge jackfish.

the "crazy anglers." After a shouting match ensued, they were able to make the captain understand the problems of Ken, who let him come along side the logs and rescue his lure.

Relieved, our happy anglers continued fishing. Just as they passed the mouth of a small bay, young Rick felt a hard pull on his line.

"Stop the boat. I've got a bite," he yelled. He reeled in until a fisherman's net broke the surface caught on his lure! He turned to his dad and, with a helpless smile, said, "That's two things we didn't need to catch today. I wonder what the third thing will be!"

So-long for now.

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> FAITH

"Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." (NRSV - John 2:10)

One of the things that I love about ministry is the wonderful experience of community meals. Whether it's a church supper or a fundraising meal in the community, the meals we share with our neighbours create the space for God's holy hospitality.

Common meals are the glue of community life. Whether we eat beside people we know or not, there's just a "we're in this together" atmosphere that is palpable. We might be at a Pancake Breakfast or a Ham or

Fowl Supper, or even at a wedding banquet, but the feeling is the same — we care about the people around us and the communities we are supporting by our presence.

The experience of community suppers makes me think about the Wedding at Cana, the banquet where Jesus performs his first miracle by turning water into wine. Jesus transformed the ordinary practice of eating a meal together into an experience of the holy. His table hospitality was all about inclusion and making the host look good.

The word hospitality in our language comes to us from the Latin word *hospes*, which means both

"host" and "guest." It can also mean "stranger." In offering holy hospitality, we are called to be both hosts and guests to one another — strangers no more! Jesus was not the host at the wedding in Cana, and yet he made the bridegroom look incredibly generous to his friends and neighbours by making it seem that he left the best wine to the end.

As Jesus' followers today, our job is to make him look good without drawing too much attention to ourselves. It is up to us to show our neighbours and guests that there is a powerful spirit of transformation at work in our midst when we eat and drink together — and when we

laugh together, how much deeper that transformation becomes!

Table hospitality is holy ground. In these times when common meals are simply not all that common anymore, let's make eating together a priority.

Whether we are celebrating a marriage, mourning a loss or supporting community life, let's all take the time to eat with our neighbours in 2019.

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Holy Hospitality

Public input is important for education issues

Staff

Last week, the provincial government announced a \$6.6-million increase to funding for public elementary and secondary education for the 2019-20 school year.

School funding in Manitoba is calculated using a formula that guarantees divisions receive at least 98 per cent of the previous year's total. Funding increases or decreases are based on multiple factors, including a change in enrolment numbers, capital costs, equalization payments and the phase-out of the tax incentive grant.

"Obviously school boards are appreciative of any increase in funding. As school boards who are responsible for the expenditure of taxpayer resources, we are cognizant of the importance of fiscal responsibility and we understand the position of the government in terms of their focus on austerity," said Alan Campbell, chair of the Manitoba School Boards Association.

"Of course, a 0.5 per cent increase means that over half of the school divisions in this province will actually see a decrease in their funding, and that in itself is concerning."

Locally, the Interlake School Division will see a -0.1 per cent change, while Evergreen, Lakeshore and Lord Selkirk school divisions will all see a -2.0 per cent change.

School divisions receive funding from the provincial government as well as through locally collected school board property taxes. Once again, the provincial government is directing divisions to cap increases to their local education property tax at two per cent for the 2019-20 school year. In addition, the province is asking divisions to continue to reduce administrative costs.

"In the context of the funding announcement, the minister pointed out that Bill 28 has staff salaries frozen. But as big a piece of the budget con-

sideration that staff salaries are, inflation continues to rise. School boards need to be able to create a budget that accounts for inflating costs such as hydro and other expenses. Funding is going down for a lot of school divisions, yet their costs are going up," Campbell said.

"When school boards are left with the decisions around budget time, they will make sure that the community has an opportunity to weigh in on what exactly the priorities of their communities are. Whether it's a rural school board or an urban school board, elected trustees will take the message from their fellow citizens when they go to formulate the budget."

Earlier last week, the provincial government also announced a pending review on kindergarten to Grade 12 education.

"Manitoba School Boards Association is very happy that the review has



MSBA chair Alan Campbell

been announced. We have been in consultation with the government for two years in terms of what we might expect with this review. They've been upfront with us that the prospect of school board amalgamation is on the table," Campbell said.

"What Manitobans need to understand is that there's no context in which a review of public education in this province will have positive outcomes while at the same time considering a reduction to community voice and the role of democratic institutions like elected school boards."

The Manitoba School Boards Association is going to communicate loud and clear to the nine commissioners involved in the review, he added.

"We think that the review is important, provided that it gives direction for meaningful change. And we think that meaningful change towards improved outcomes, stronger accountability and longer sustainability of the system can only happen if school boards maintain their role as the autonomous voice of Manitobans at the grassroots level," Campbell said.

"Manitobans have a responsibility to participate in this review as much as possible. The ministers and the co-chairs of the commission were clear that there will be regional consultations where the commissioners will go out through the province and Manitobans will have an opportunity to engage with them in person. At the same time, there will be online participation and there will be opportunity to send in submissions."

Campbell encourages individual Manitobans to reach out to their local school board and have a conversation about what they think their role should be.

"In many cases in the province, including in the Interlake School Divi-

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<p>Knights of Columbus Stonewall Dave Couprie 467-9548 \$40/member/year The Knights of Columbus raise funds for charities within the community. The Knights are open to all Catholic men, 18 yrs or older. Meetings are held 1st Monday of the month September through June at the Christ the King Church in Stonewall.</p>	<p>South Interlake 55+ Inc 467-2582 www.si55plus.org \$20/member/year si55plus@mts.net This non-profit organization provides education and activities for persons age 55 plus. Many activities and events are held on a regular basis. Newsletters are published monthly and available to pick up at the 55+ Centre in Stonewall.</p>	<p>Stonewall & District Lions Ralph Sinclair 622 Centre Avenue, Stonewall 467-9600 Motto: "We Serve" Membership is open to anyone over eighteen with an interest in providing assistance to those people or projects in our community in greater need than ourselves. Meetings are every 4th Wednesday of the month at 7:15 pm September thru June.</p>	<p>Independent Order of Odd Fellows Stonewall Lodge #49 Larry O'Dell 467-8882 Ross Thompson 467-2438 www.iofofb.ca Yearly nominal membership fee The Odd Fellows Lodge is a fraternal organization based on the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man. We do charitable work through various projects in the local community, the province and internationally. We seek to elevate the character of man and thereby make the world a better place to live. Meetings every 1st and 3rd Monday of the month at 8:00pm at the Odd Fellows Hall.</p>	<p>Stonewall & District Health Centre Ladies Auxiliary Marg Bond 467-8732 The auxiliary's goal is to raise funds for the purpose of enhancing the care and comforts of patients, residents and clients served by the Health Centre. Meetings are held the first Monday of each month at Rosewood Lodge. New members welcome.</p>	<p>Grosse Isle Women's Institute Phone 204-467-9376 Motto: "Home and Country" The GIWI has approximately 14 members that work hard to raise money throughout the year to donate to local and regional charities and community projects. Meet 2nd Tuesday of the month 7:00pm Grosse Isle Hall. New members always welcome.</p>
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Big move ahead for Settlers, Rails and Trails museum



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY JENNIFER MCFEE

Shayne Campbell showcases a plaque of thanks.

By Jennifer McFee

Times are a-changin' for Settlers, Rails and Trails museum, which is gearing up to move and expand to its permanent home.

The museum was able to purchase 12 acres of land, which has been subdivided, between Interlake Pioneer Trail and Prime Meridian Road.

At the Rockwood council meeting on Jan. 23, president and executive director Shayne Campbell said that they plan to move three historic buildings to the new site this summer — a railway station, a store and a blacksmith shop. Looking ahead, they plan to build a visitors' centre.

The museum has just acquired the Manitoba brick collection, which is attracting attention from brick enthusiasts from across Western Canada. It is also well known for having the second largest flag collection in Canada with more than 1,400 flags from across the country and around the world.

The legislature has invited them back again for big flag exhibits coming up in 2020 for Manitoba 150.

Once they're set up at their new site,

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sion, they have already started that conversation. Interlake School Division has been deliberate about making sure that there is lots of publication out there to make sure that local residents understand that they need to participate in the review. They need to understand what's at stake if the amalgamation and reduction of school boards is on the table," he said. "What does that mean to commu-

they aim to bring in tour groups of students, seniors, clubs and more.

"We see ourselves as a major tourist draw in the next five to seven years," Campbell said.

Looking ahead, they also hope to start an endowment fund so that they don't have to keep returning to the municipality to request funding.

To get them started, they are asking the RM of Rockwood for \$5,000. Council will consider the request during budget deliberations.

Coming up, the museum will host movie nights on Jan. 30 at Oak Park Lodge in Woodlands and Jan. 31 at Lions Manor in Stonewall to share the *Voices of War* film with the residents as well as a talk about the museum and its projects. These free events start at 6:30 p.m. and are open to the public.

Then a Flag Day open house will be held on Feb. 15 from 7 to 9 p.m., and the museum will also be open on Feb. 2 from 1 to 4 p.m. at its current location in the Argyle Community Centre.

For more information about Settlers, Rails and Trails, visit www.settlersrail-sandtrails.com.

nity voice? What does that mean to small schools that are the heart and soul of the community? If it isn't for a strong relationship between the school board, the rural municipality and the community, then it's difficult to ascertain how those small schools can be protected over the long term if you're taking community voice away from the table."

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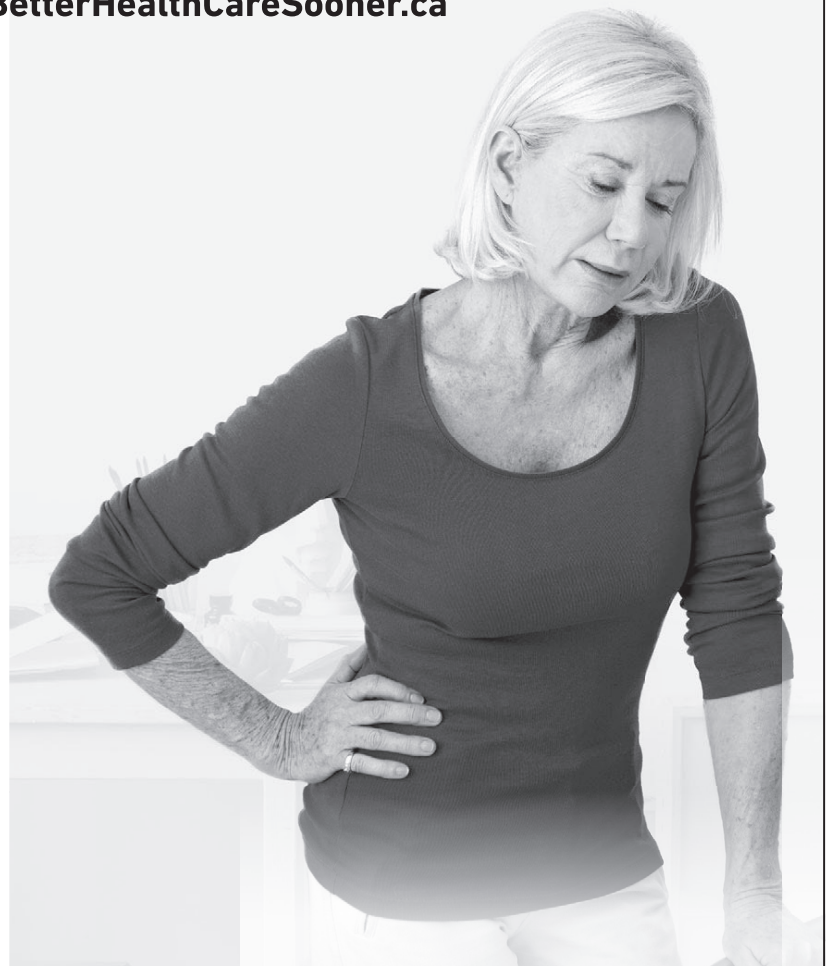
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Pre-school music classes now offered in Woodlands

By Natasha Tersigni

To introduce children to music and movement at a young age, the Woodlands Childcare Inc. is now offering Mommy/Daddy and Me Music classes. The free classes run on Monday evenings from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the WCCC starting Jan. 21 to March 25.

The interactive dance and music class is aimed at children five years old and younger and is made possible thanks to the South West Interlake Collation.

"The daycare applied for a grant and with that money, we decided to run these classes out of the centre during the evening," explained Woodlands Childcare director Teri Kotelko.

"This is the first time that the daycare has done anything like this, and we are really excited to see how it goes."

Madison Reimer, a local musician who works at the daycare, will be hosting the classes and is looking forward to working with families.

"I am going to be performing, play-

ing guitar and singing lots of songs. There is definitely going to be lots of interaction between children and their parents. My focus is really on movement through music," said Reimer, who has been performing throughout the Interlake since she was 13 years old.

"I don't know anywhere in Woodlands that has a program like this, so to be able to offer this to our community is pretty amazing."

Not only are the classes a great way to introduce children to music, but it will help bring families from the community together.

"I think it is really essential to have music education be part of early developmental stages in kids. I think this will benefit parents not just from the educational aspect, but it is an opportunity to get out and meet other parents," added Reimer.

Classes are free and run out of the Woodlands Child Inc. centre located at 91 Porteous St. To register, phone 204-383-7503.



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY KRISTY HILL
Singer/guitarist Madison Reimer will be hosting Mommy/Daddy and Me free music classes for children five years and younger at Woodlands Childcare Inc. Monday evenings from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. until March 25.

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away. It sounds depressing, but I don't think it will be." Of course, the music will be memorable, as always.

"What's fun about this year is that the music is all from

the year it takes place and before. For the first set, there will only be music from before 1969. The second set will be before 1994 and the last set will have a lot more current music," Moldowan said.

"We always do a variety of music but this year we had a better focus because it could only be before that year. It will be fun to do costuming as it changes throughout the decades."

Dinner theatre tickets cost \$50 each and matinee tickets cost \$25 apiece.

"Abas Catering has been our caterer

the last eight years," Moldowan said. "It's great to have a good partnership like that, and everything is always delicious."

After the costs associated with the production are covered, any money left over is invested in the community.

"Groups like the cadets volunteer to be greeters and hosts, and we give them an honorarium afterwards. Other groups help us out by donating food or feeding us in our green room, and we give them an honorarium as well," Moldowan said.

"For the Interlake School Division, we put out a grant application to all the schools that are looking for things for music or drama or art. We go through those applications after the show and give back whatever we have left to the different schools."

More information is available on the Quarry Chorister website at <https://quarrychoristers.wordpress.com>.

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Warren's Isla Hagborg joins Manitoba Curling Hall of Fame

By Ty Dilello

It was a big day on the morning of Jan. 22 for Warren's Isla Hagborg as it was announced that she would be inducted into the "builders" category of the Manitoba Curling Hall of Fame. A wonderful tribute for the Warren native's lifelong dedication to the roaring game.

At the media conference on Tuesday, Resby Coutts, vice-president of the Hall of Fame's board of directors, said, "Isla's the kind of person that is the heart and soul of the sport right across the province."

Hagborg is probably best known for serving as president of the Manitoba Ladies Curling Association (MLCA) in 1988-89. Before that she was a dedicated club volunteer and junior curling district organizer. She was quickly asked to join the MLCA and went on to join the executive and represent Manitoba at various Curling Canada meetings across the country. Isla is also an honorary life member of the Warren Curling Club and the MLCA (now CurlManitoba).

During the time when the movement to amalgamate the MCA (Mani-

toba Curling Association) and MLCA was taking place, Hagborg was very involved in those discussions and helped see it through. After her time with the MLCA board, she served as the chair of the Winnipeg board of directors for the 1991 World Men's and Women's Curling Championships, which was notably the first time that the men's and women's Worlds were held at the same time and venue. Looking back on everything, getting the Hall of Fame started up was a big highlight from Isla's time as president of the MLCA.

"The men's and women's associations were very distinct at that time and we made great strides for the amalgamation, laying the ground basically," Hagborg recalls. "And then the best thing was the Worlds in 1991 at the Winnipeg Arena. Just being involved with that because it was a big undertaking as it was the first time a men's and women's World Championship were held in the same place at the same time. It was also the first scenario where they had a board of directors made up of half MCA and half MLCA representatives. In the end, it



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY TY DILELLO
Warren's Isla Hagborg will be inducted into the "builders" category of the Manitoba Curling Hall of Fame.

was so unique and so successful. It was equal footing, and everyone got along famously. It was very rewarding for all of those involved."

Hagborg grew up with the sport and has played it all her life, with the highlight being an appearance at the senior ladies' provincials a few years

back. Nowadays an avid watcher on television of the game, Hagborg still plays, stick curling at both the Warren and Stonewall Curling Clubs during the week. "After 20 years of being away for the winter where I didn't curl at all, I'm back at it. This is the fourth winter home and I'm loving being able to curl again."

At the end of the day, Isla is thrilled to see the Hall of Fame develop to what it is today. "I was on the committees that were establishing the Hall of Fame back in 1987 and back then I never imagined once that I would have my name one day in the Hall of Fame so I'm very honoured to be included with this wonderful class of inductees. I really love the work the Hall of Fame has done over the years and it's marvellous for the sport."

Joining Isla in the Manitoba Curling Hall of Fame for the 2019 class is Kaitlyn Lawes of the new Olympic curler category, Garry DeBlonde and Rob Meakin as curler/builders, as well as the 1974 and 1981 Canadian Junior Curling Championship teams won by Manitoba and skipped by Chris Scalenella and Karen Fallis respectively.

RCMP seeks public's assistance in attempted theft

Staff

On Jan. 24, the Stonewall RCMP were advised of an attempted theft at the Shoppers Drug Mart Liquor store in Teulon. At approximately 5:30 p.m. a male and female entered the store located on Main Street in Teulon. After they filled a basket with liquor, they attempted to leave without paying. Staff intervened and the two left with nothing.

The male was described as aboriginal in appearance in his 20s, 5'8" tall with a medium build. He had dark hair, a slight moustache and was wearing a black, white and brown plaid hat with a dark puff-style jacket with a low collar and no hood. He was also wearing black pants. The female was aboriginal in appearance, in her 20s,



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RCMP need help in identifying a number of suspects that entered the Shoppers Drug Mart Liquor who attempted to flee the store without paying for the liquor in their shopping basket in Teulon on Jan. 24. There was also a second female, wearing a red jacket with a tattoo on her face, left photo, that RCMP believe may be connected to the attempted theft.

about 5'7" tall with a medium build. She was wearing a black Nike jacket

with the hood up. She had white ear pods hanging from the front of her jacket and wore black pants with white stripes down the side.

Anyone with information is asked to contact Stonewall RCMP at 204-467-5015 or call Manitoba Crime Stoppers anonymously at 1-800-222-8477, submit a secure tip online at www.manitobacrimestoppers.com or text "TIP-MAN" plus your message to CRIMES (274637).

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Funds for visually impaired



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The South Interlake Regional Library received a \$250 donation last week from the Oddfellow and Rebekah Memorial Eye Foundation to purchase a variety of reading aids for the visually impaired.

In the spring, the library will host presentations to showcase the aids and allow people to try them out. The goal is to encourage people with vision loss to keep reading.

The mission of the Odd Fellow and Rebekah Memorial Eye Foundation is to providing funding for equipment, treatment and research for the betterment of eye care in Manitoba.

Another project of the registered charity is the I.O.O.F. Visual Equipment Fund. Through this project, the foundation will buy equipment and loan it to qualified people with eye problems to help them in daily life.

Rosser council news in brief

By Jennifer McFee

- At the Jan. 22 meeting, Rosser council authorized the public works foreman to remove the screw gate on the culvert at Road 6W and Road 72N since he has determined that it's not necessary.

- Council resolved to budget for the East Interlake Conservation District levy of \$3,688.81 in the 2019 financial plan, with the first half of the payment due on April 1 and the second half due on Oct. 1.

- Council agreed to provide a \$360.15 support grant to the Red

River Basin Commission.

- Council approved a \$12,010.08 recreation and cultural grant to the Grosse Isle Memorial Park Recreation Club for fire inspection expenses.

- On behalf of South Interlake 55 Plus, Eadie McIntyre and Cheryl Cathers requested continued financial support of \$2,500 in 2019.

- Council agreed to a proposed review on indemnity rates for council members. The review will be provided by Way to Go Consulting at a cost of \$1,700 plus tax.

St. James-Assiniboia School Division Senior Years Information Evenings February 11-14, 2019



St. James-Assiniboia School Division's Senior Years schools offer high quality academic education and technology training in safe facilities. Our four collegiates are holding Information Evenings on the following dates for parents and students to meet teachers and learn more about the different types of programs available. **All Information Evenings begin at 7:00 p.m.**

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Interlake Community Foundation board member Rhonda Cameron presented a \$1,183 cheque to Kelley Rutkair of the Association for Community Living Interlake on Jan. 24. The funds have been used to purchase and set up a greenhouse so the intellectually disabled will have the opportunity to learn new skills. The greenhouse is set up at one of their residences.

Double-turkey bagger



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY JO-ANNE PROCTER

Ted Bronson lit it up at the Quarry Bowling Lanes in Stonewall recently with a high score of 325 when he threw six strikes in a row. Bronson has been bowling off and on for the past 50 years, and threw an 8-bagger in the '70s when he was bowling in Toronto.

A strike is when all five pins are knocked down in one throw. Two consecutive strikes, is called a "double" and three in a row is a "turkey." A "turkey," or third consecutive strike, is the most widely known name for a string of strikes and it is generally accepted that the word "bagger" can be added to any number to describe a string of strikes, so five in a row is a 5-bagger, and 10 is a 10-bagger. Meanwhile, six strikes are sometimes called a Wild Turkey (for two turkeys in a row).

The local 5-pin centre features youth bowling along with bowling for all ages, bumper bowling, bowling instruction and private parties.

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Orion rules the night sky

By Ted Bronson

The weather during month of January has been unusual this year. We have had quite a few very warm days with mild conditions during the evenings and overnight.

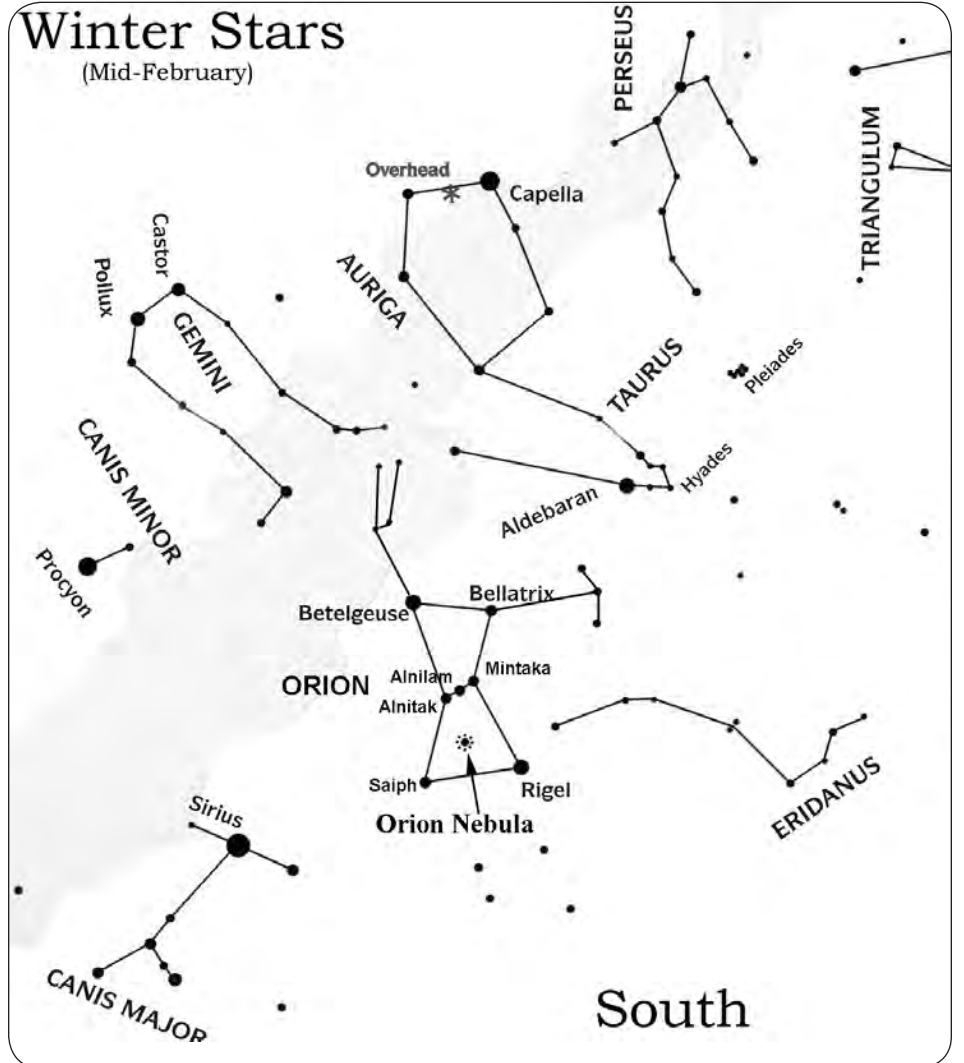
This generally leads to cloudy or very hazy conditions for observers as the air cools down. This means the images of the stars and planets observed in the telescope are rather poor. When we did manage to get clear nights the conditions were generally very cold and the accompanying wind bitter. This time of year I make use of my binoculars as I scan the night sky. Their portability makes them very desirable for my short stargazing sessions, usually about a half-hour, during the winter season.

One of my favourite winter constellations and likely the most famous is Orion, the Hunter. It can easily be spotted above the southern horizon once darkness falls. Many stargazers look for the three stars marking his belt. They have proper names as do all of the brighter stars. From left to right, as seen in the sky, they are Alnitak, Alnilam and Mintaka. These three blue-white stars are of very similar brightness. Orion is one of the few constellations that appear as its namesake. When seen in the night sky the orange coloured star Betelgeuse marks the Hunter's right shoulder. This star is a red supergiant about 600 light-years away. If it was where the sun is, its surface would reach the orbit of Jupiter. Held high above Betelgeuse several stars mark the club that Orion uses during his hunt. To the right of Betelgeuse is the star Bellatrix. A few fainter stars to the right of Bellatrix mark the Hunter's shield.

Orion's left foot is the star Rigel. Rigel is a blue-white supergiant star 85,000 times brighter than our sun. Even at a distance of 800 light-years it is the brightest star in Orion. The right foot of Orion is the fainter star Saiph.

One of the more interesting features of the constellation is the Sword of Orion. Contained in this group is the famous Orion Nebula (M42). This is easily seen in binoculars. To find it place the three belt stars in the field of view and slowly scan down below them. You will see what appears to be a fuzzy whitish coloured object come into view surrounded by fainter stars. This will be the nebula. A telescope will reveal more detail (the larger the scope the more detail). The nebula is about 1,500 light-years from us. A nebula is an immense gas and dust cloud formed from stars that have exploded and spread their remnants throughout the surrounding space. This dust cloud is where stars are born. Our sun and even the elements contained in us were formed from nebulae like this. We are literally made from star stuff.

Mars and the outer planet Uranus are closest together on February 12th. After darkness has fallen locate Mars above the southwestern horizon. Its orange-red hue is easily seen. Use binoculars, find Mars, and in the same field you will see blue-green coloured Uranus. A telescope will reveal the disc of Mars but a higher magnification will be required to show a tiny orb for Uranus. Although they seem close together in the sky these two planets are in reality very far apart. Mars is 245 million kilometres distant while Uranus is just over three billion kilometers from us.



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The winter constellation Orion, the Hunter can be seen in the southern horizon during the winter season.

The moon can help locate the planets as it is easily seen. The waxing crescent moon can be found to the lower left of Mars after the sun has set on the evening of Feb. 10. Before sunrise on the morning of Feb. 27 the waning crescent moon will be just above Jupiter. The next morning the moon can be seen about half way between Jupiter and Saturn before the sun comes up.

As a community service, I am available to do talks on astronomy or related subjects to teachers, students, scouts, guides or any community groups who would be interested. I can be contacted at e-mail: bronsont@mymts.net to schedule a presentation. Clear Skies!

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

East Interlake Conservation members visit local councils

Staff

The East Interlake Conservation District is busy presenting to its 15 municipal council members about the implementation of the new Sustainable Watersheds Act.

Last week, representatives from the group spoke to a number of local councils about the impact of Bill 7, which will change Manitoba Conservation Districts into Watershed Districts with expanded mandates.

As a result, the 18 current conservation districts will be reduced to 14 watershed districts. The future East Interlake Watershed District will grow north to include the Manatagao River Watershed.

In addition, some watershed districts will develop partnerships with

groups outside of Manitoba, such as First Nations, parks or unorganized territories.

The provincial government will request a resolution by March 28 to indicate if they will or will not be part of the new watershed district effective January 2020.

Since the East Interlake Conservation District formed in 2005, it has worked towards goals that include protection of ground and surface water; adaption and mitigation measures for floods and droughts; and the protection and restoration of natural areas.

The East Interlake Conservation District also uses LiDAR elevation data to help pinpoint areas for conservation programs to reduce floods and nutri-



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY JENNIFER MCFEE

Armand Belanger and Garry Wasylowski spoke to Rockwood and Stonewall councils about East Interlake Conservation District.

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| Feb 13 Luncheon @ Noon – Heart & Stroke Awareness | Mar 28 Presentation: Abandoned Manitoba with Dr. Gordon Goldborough @ 1 pm |
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Veteran's Cup PeeWee hockey tournament set for this weekend

Lana Meier named Guest of Honour

By Brian Bowman

One of the biggest minor hockey tournaments 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.

Twenty-three teams will compete in either a PeeWee "A", "B" or "C" division.

Game action will begin Friday at 8 a.m. while the opening ceremonies will be held at the Veteran's Memorial Sports Complex on Saturday at 1 p.m.

Geoff Reimer is the master of ceremonies while former NHL player Daryl Stanley will be the guest speaker. Reid Kyrzyk will play the bagpipes and Taylor Manning will sing *O Canada*.

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 Lana Meier.

Meier started coaching power skating 32 years ago and was a figure skater for 21 years when she spent countless hours perfecting skating techniques.

Meier started her coaching career as a volunteer with the Stonewall Figure Skating Club when she was 11 years old.

"In 1987, I was coaching private figure-skating lessons in Warren when I was asked if I would be interested

in coaching a power skating class to a number of hockey players," Meier recalled.

"It was after that first class that I was inspired to take on the challenge, which has become a passion of mine over the years.

"I have attended a number of coaching clinics and worked with clinicians to incorporate figure-skating skills into drills to benefit hockey players to become faster and more agile."

She also coached her daughters, Chanele and Annaliese's Atom, PeeWee and Bantam hockey teams for eight years.

Both of the girls' teams were very successful, winning a number of provincial and city championships.

"Many of these players are still playing competitive, high-level hockey today and is a testament to the importance of strong skating skills," Meier said.

In 1991, Meier travelled to Edmonton to observe the Oilers' strength and skating coach Steffany Hanlen. Since then, she has attended the Real Turcotte and Steve Serdachny hockey skills camps to learn new skills to educate and elevate local players.

"Hockey players need to continue to work on strength, speed and agility their entire hockey career," Meier stressed. "Power skating isn't a program just for minor hockey players. Some players are gifted skaters but many need to work on core strength



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY MATTHIEU MEIER

Mason Srabek was one of 25 skaters heading out on the ice with coach Lana Meier for power skating lessons in Balmoral this past Saturday.

for balance and agility and stride for speed.

"Proper hockey stance, stride and push are key to every player's success," she added.

Meier has run power skating programs in Warren, Stonewall and Balmoral and, five years ago, she added a learn-to-skate program in Warren and Balmoral with hopes of teaching proper positioning.

"It can take years to correct poor posture and stride, so with the learn-to-skate, we try to avoid this," Meier explained.

"If there is anything I can share with

coaches — spend at least 15 minutes of every practice working on skating skills and encourage players who want to elevate their level of play to take power skating."

Meier has really enjoyed working with youngsters in the community.

"I am very proud to be able to provide an opportunity for our young hockey players, boys and girls, to have a strong skating foundation to start," she said.

"And I am very honoured to be recognized as this year's Vet's Cup guest of honour."

Corbett resigns head coaching position with the Lightning

By Brian Bowman

The Interlake Minor Hockey Association and the Interlake Lightning Midget Provincial AAA hockey team announced last weekend that head coach Jamie Corbett has resigned from his position.

Corbett left the organization short of one full season with the Lightning to take over the head coach and general manager duties with the Manitoba Junior Hockey League's OCN Blizzard.

"Just as with our players, we want to create opportunities for everyone that is involved with the Lightning, that anyone in the organization can ad-

vance their position and their career," said Lightning manager Darren Bond. "We think that's great and this is quite a big step up for Jamie, moving from head coach to head coach and general manager with OCN in the 'MJ'."

"It's a great opportunity for him and we're quite happy for him."

Corbett guided the Lightning to a 9-25-0-2-0 record and 11th place in the 13-team league.

Bond and the Lightning are excited to announce that assistant coach Trent Genyk will now assume the head coaching duties.

"He has been with us the whole sea-

son and he played in the 'MJ' with Steinbach and he was part of their leadership group when he played for Paul Dyck," Bond noted. "He brings a lot of character and a lot of leadership to our team and he relates really well with our players. I believe it's going to be a seamless transition.

"He's excited, the boys are excited to play for him, and it's a great opportunity for him in the last month of the season to be a head coach in this league."

Genyk is really looking forward to being a head coach at the young age of 26.

"It's a good opportunity," he said. "One of the guys earlier in the year asked me if I ever wanted to be a head coach and I said, 'Yeah, but I don't know how soon?'"

"This is a little sooner than I had expected."

As a player, Genyk played five games with the MJHL's Beausejour Blades and three full seasons with the Steinbach Pistons.

He later spent the 2013-14 season with Concordia University of Alberta.

He also played minor hockey in the Lightning organization.

Fleury rallies to defeat Einarson in Scotties final

By Ty Dilello

A packed Gimli crowd saw a fantastic Manitoba Scotties final on Sunday afternoon as East St. Paul's Tracy Fleury fought from behind to defeat top seeded Kerri Einarson of Gimli by a 13-7 scoreline and punch her ticket to the Canadian championship next month in Sydney, N.S.

Overcoming an early five-ender in the second end, Fleury outscored Einarson 12-2 over the last seven ends to take home her first Manitoba crown.

The silver lining for Gimli's Kerri Einarson is that despite the loss, her squad featuring Val Sweeting, Shannon Birchard and Briane Meilleur will still be headed to the Scotties to play in the wildcard game based on their high CTRS ranking that they've accumulated throughout the year.

The Interlake was well represented at the 2019 Scotties Tournament of Hearts at the Gimli Rec Centre. Einarson curls out of the Gimli Curling Club while Rebecca Lamb's team is from Stonewall. The Oliver sisters (Sara and Brandi) off of Team Ackland come from the small hamlet of Marquette, and Arborg's Vanessa Foster throws second stones for Darcy Robertson.

Stonewall's Rebecca Lamb had a tough week. After dropping their first couple of games, they just couldn't seem to get anything going and finished with a 1-6 record. Darcy Robertson's squad featuring Vanessa Foster of Arborg had a strong start to the event going 7-0 in the round robin, but losses in the 1v2 game to Tracy Fleury and Sunday morning's semifinal to Kerri Einarson forced them to settle for a third-place finish.

The big surprise of the week was Team Abby Ackland's performance as the Assiniboine Memorial rink stunned a lot of people by advancing to the playoffs before eventually succumbing to Kerri Einarson in the 3v4 game. Sara Oliver of Marquette plays



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The Interlake was well represented at the 2019 Scotties Tournament of Hearts semifinals in Gimli last Saturday. Left to right, Sara Oliver (lead with Team Ackland), Vanessa Foster (second with Team Robertson) and skip Kerri Einarson.

lead for Ackland and her sister Brandi was the team's alternate.

It was an interesting run, to say the least, as Team Ackland was performing quite the juggling act throughout the week. A few weeks before the Scotties took place, skip Abby Ackland received a call that she'd been accepted to become a Winnipeg paramedic. Unfortunately, it meant she would have to miss the majority of the round robin because her paramedic training was happening at the same time as her games during the week.

Sara's sister, Brandi Forrest, filled in as skip for Ackland and seemed to fit in like a glove as they were 2-2 at the halfway point of the event, which was highlighted by a big win over fourth seed Allison Flaxey. Due to work commitments on the Friday, Brandi was unable to play, so the team picked up Meghan Walter from the spare pool and she skipped the team to another win. Ackland finally returned to the team after that and led them to wins in their last two round robin games to

put them at a 5-2 record.

Ackland's 5-2 record was good enough to force a tiebreaker with clubmate Beth Peterson on Saturday afternoon. After escaping with an 8-7 win in the tiebreaker, Ackland went up against Kerri Einarson in the 3v4 game of the page playoff and put up a valiant effort, but with the Einarson rink holding the coveted last stone in a tied-up game coming home, Einarson removed an Ackland counter to advance to the semi-final.

Over 200 volunteers helped make the 2019 Manitoba Scotties Tournament of Hearts one of the best events the province has put on in recent memory.

Kristin MacCuish, lead for Team Fleury, remarked, "I think that they've done a really good job with the event. This is the third time that they've hosted something so they certainly know what they're doing and what they could improve on from the event's prior that they've hosted so I definitely think they did a great job. It

seems like the town is full of volunteers, there's tons of them and they're all very willing to help you out which has been super nice."

MacCuish knows all about the fan support of the Interlake because prior to this season she had spent the past four years curling with Gimli's Kerri Einarson. "The fans definitely are very supportive and with Einarson being from here they're always supportive of good shot making."

Before the playoffs started, the All-Star team for the event was announced as selected by the members of the Manitoba Curling Media Association. The 2019 Manitoba Scotties All-Stars were as follows: Lead - Kristin MacCuish (Team Fleury), Second - Shannon Birchard (Team Einarson), Third - Hailey Ryan (Team Ackland), Skip - Darcy Robertson (Team Robertson).

Team Tracy Fleury will now represent Manitoba at the 2019 Scotties Tournament of Hearts in Sydney, N.S., from Feb. 16 to 24.

Pembina Valley Twisters topple Stonewall Jets in Morris

Staff

The Pembina Valley Twisters have been a tough team to beat this season with just four regulation-time losses in 34 games.

And they continued their winning ways yet again last Saturday with a 4-2 home win over the Stonewall Jets in Manitoba Major Junior Hockey League action in Morris.

Jeremie Goderis and Elijah Carels

gave Pembina Valley a 2-0 lead before Stonewall's Aiken Chop and the Twisters' Sven Schefer traded goals late in the opening period.

Chop's goal was his team-leading 23rd of the season. He also leads the team in points with 38 points, one more than Ryan McMahon.

The Jets' Braden Groot netted the lone goal of the second period and then Carels scored his second goal of

the game early in the third.

Stonewall was 2-for-4 on the power play while Pembina Valley was 0-for-5.

The Twisters outshot the Jets 41-27 as Curtis Beck took the loss.

Stonewall is now 16-14-3 and has 35 points to sit in seventh place in the 10-team league.

The Jets, which have just eight regular-season games left on their schedule, will visit the Ft. Garry/Ft. Rouge

Twins this Friday (7:30 p.m.) at Century Arena.

On Sunday, Stonewall will play the Transcona Railer Express at 12:45 p.m. at the Ed Golding Arena.

The Jets will continue on the road next Tuesday when they battle the St. James Canucks at the Civic Centre. Game time is 7:30 p.m.

The meteoric rise of Team Robertson and Foster

By Ty Dilello

One of the most fascinating stories going on in Manitoba curling is how Arborg's Vanessa Foster and her teammates on Team Darcy Robertson have come out of the shadows of relative anonymity over the past few years to become one of the top women's curling teams in the world.

Currently ranked seventh in Canada on the CTRS standings, the squad that has become a regular fixture at Grand Slam events features skip Darcy Robertson, third Karen Klein, second Vanessa Foster, and lead Theresa Cannon. It's an unheralded rink that doesn't really do anything too flashy out on the ice. They just quietly go about their business and win a lot of curling games in doing so.

"I think some of the success we've seen is from the work we've put in," said Foster. "We've tried really hard to put in extra time both on the ice and off the ice to put us in a position to be successful. We've come up with a formula that seems to work for our team, so we do our best to try and stick with it in hopes of being as consistent as possible."

Last week's Scotties marked the third consecutive year where the Rob-

ertson foursome reached at least the semi-finals of the Manitoba Scotties, losing both the 2017 and 2018 finals to Michelle Englot and Jennifer Jones respectively. After losing the provincial final the past two years, Robertson was looking for their breakthrough in Gimli. They burst out of the gates firing, going undefeated in the round-robin with a 7-0 record. A tight last-rock loss to Tracy Fleury in the 1v2 game placed them in the semi-final against Kerri Einarson, but it just wasn't meant to be as they fell 11-4.

"Obviously the start of our event was great. We pulled out some fantastic wins and ended the round robin in first place, which is where you want to be. We had a good game against Fleury in the 1-2 game, but couldn't quite pull it out," said Foster, "and unfortunately we came out pretty flat in the semi-final. So, a disappointing end to our week for sure. After losing the final two years in a row we sure hoped this would be our year."

A half-hour drive is all that separates Arborg from Gimli which was an added bonus of this year's Scotties for Foster.

"It was great playing close to home. Often the Scotties (or any event) is far



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY LANA MEIER

Team Darcy Robertson, which includes Arborg's Vanessa Foster, has become one of the top curling teams.

from home, so being able to see family and friends throughout the week means a lot. It's a grind of an event so support in the stands helps make the week a little easier."

Team Robertson's meteoric rise in the curling world has been culminated by an invitation to compete as Team Canada at the Curling World Cup in Jonkoping, Sweden starting on Jan. 30.

"You play for years in hopes of winning the buffalo, so when the chance to wear the maple leaf came our way we had to say yes," Foster said. "It feels like a dream come true, so in spite of being pretty tired from our week at the Scotties we can't wait for our adventure in Sweden to begin. We want to have a ton of fun, embrace the opportunity, and give it our best out on

the ice."

The Curling World Cup pits Robertson (Team Canada) in a pool with the host Anna Hasselborg (Team Sweden), Yilun Jiang (Team China) and Anna Sidorova (Team Russia). There are two pools and at the conclusion of a double round robin, the top team in each pool advances to play in the World Cup final.

Team Robertson has no signs of slowing down and are looking to continue their growth as a team as they keep climbing the world rankings.

"For the rest of the year we are just focusing on Sweden for now and potentially another grand slam, but no plans beyond that. With full-time jobs and Darcy and Karen having families, we usually take things one step at a time."

Powerful lifting



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Dean Smith of Warren entered Manitoba's first-ever bench-press-only competition in West St. Paul last weekend. He had three successful lifts, with the final being 142.5 kg (314 pounds), which is a Manitoba record for those aged 50 to 59. The previous record was 130 kg (286.6 pounds), which Smith set at the Western Canadian Championships in September. Smith will be heading to the nationals in Ottawa in March as part of Team Manitoba.

Midget female Lightning lose pair of games

Staff

The Interlake Lightning Midget female hockey team played a couple of solid games last weekend.

But, unfortunately, the local squad could not turn that good effort into a win.

Interlake was doubled 6-3 by the Winnipeg Ice last Friday and then was defeated 3-1 by the Westman Wildcats on Sunday in Warren.

Brenna Barylski, Natalie Chivers,

and Ally Rokowski scored for the Lightning against the Ice.

No Interlake goal scorer was listed on the league website for the game against the Wildcats.

Interlake will play the Pembina Valley Hawks on Friday in Morden and then the Lightning will host the Yellowhead Chiefs on Sunday in Arborg.

Puck drop for the home game is 2:30 p.m.

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Wheddon leads Bantam Lightning to victory

Staff

Hayden Wheddon scored three goals and had an assist to lead the Interlake Lightning Bantam hockey team to a solid 6-2 win over the Winnipeg Hawks last Thursday in Stonewall.

The Lightning grabbed a 2-0 first-period lead on goals by Rylan Slatcher and Wheddon.

Peyton Bateman made it 3-0 early in the second before Winnipeg's Liam Russell and Interlake's Karson King traded goals.

Wheddon then completed his hat trick with a pair of goals just 3:52 apart midway in the third.

The Hawks' Luke Janus closed out the scoring with 10 seconds remaining in the game.

Bateman, Alexander Kaczorowski, and Austin Lourenco each had two assists in the game.

Interlake was 2-for-5 on the power play while Winnipeg finished 0-for-3.

Zach Meadows made 26 saves for the win.

With the victory, Interlake improved

its record to 12-14-0-3 and now has 27 points to occupy fourth place in the five-team league.

The Lightning played the Warriors last Sunday but no score was posted on the league website at press time.

Interlake is back in action Thursday when it hosts the Monarchs in Stonewall. Puck drop is 7:30 p.m.

On Saturday at 7:15 p.m., the Lightning will take on the Hawks at the Maples Multiplex.

In Midget U17 Prep play, Interlake had a rough week with a pair of losses.

The Lightning were defeated 4-1 by the Eastman Selects last Thursday in Arborg and then were beaten 10-1 by the Sharks on Saturday.

Tyson Barylski scored a third-period goal for the Lightning against Eastman and then Interlake's Rhett Woods netted a first-period marker against the Sharks.

The Lightning will host the Monarchs on Thursday (7:30 p.m.) in Arborg and then will play the Brandon Wheat Kings on Sunday (4 p.m.) in Warren.



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The Lightning's Hayden Wheddon scored three goals and had an assist to lead Interlake to a 6-2 win over the Winnipeg Hawks last Thursday.

Mercs vault into tie for second place in SEMHL standings



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY JO-ANNE PROCTER

The Mercs' Kyle Luschinski scored to give Warren the lead against Carman last Saturday before they lost the game in a shootout.

By Brian Bowman

The Warren Mercs are keeping pace in the race for top spot in the South Eastern Manitoba Hockey League.

Warren earned three out of a possible four points last week after a 4-3 shootout loss to the Carman Beavers on Saturday evening.

Wes Pawluk and Johnny Lazo gave the Mercs a 2-0 lead just 2:31 into the game but Carman's Aaron Lewadnik tied the score with a pair of goals early in the second.

Kyle Luschinski scored to give Warren the lead again at 11:43 of the second before Carman's Matt Owen replied 27 seconds into the third.

Mercs' netminder Hayden Dola made 34 saves.

Last Thursday, the Mercs edged the Maroons 5-4 in Altona.

Eric Swanson and Brendan Luschinski, with a pair of goals, gave Warren a 3-0 first-period lead.

The Mercs' Brock Genyk made it 4-0 at 8:34 of the second but Altona came back with goals from Nolan McGuire and Tyrell Bueckert.

Reid McLeod put Warren up 5-2 when he scored at 18:32 of the middle frame.

McGuire then netted a pair of goals in the third, the second coming with just 23 seconds remaining in regulation time.

Warren outshot Altona 46-28 as Dola earned the victory.

Warren is now 12-4-0-1 and has 25 points, two behind Carman with a game in hand heading into this week's action.

The Mercs, Portage Islanders, and Morden Redskins each have 25 points. At press time, Warren had played fewer games than both of those two teams.

The Mercs visited Altona this past Tuesday in a game that originally was to be played Dec. 22.

The Mercs will then have a key matchup with Portage in Warren on Friday at 8 p.m.

On Sunday, the two teams will hook up in Portage la Prairie to wrap up the regular season. Puck drop is 3 p.m.

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Local players contribute in Bisons' hockey victories

By Brian Bowman

Local players made significant contributions in leading the University of Manitoba Bisons' hockey teams to victories last weekend.

The line of Nick Zajac, captain Brett Stovin of Stony Mountain, and Colton Veloso combined for nine points as Manitoba defeated the Lethbridge Pronghorns 5-1 on Saturday afternoon at the Wayne Fleming Arena.

Stovin finished the game with two goals and an assist and was a plus-two.

"They were really good tonight," said Bisons' head coach Mike Sirant of the trio on the school's website. "It's been a really challenging year for (Stovin) and all the injuries he's faced, so it was good to have him back in the lineup playing regular shifts. "He makes such a difference for us and it's just a really good fit with Colton and Zajac. They have all the ingredients of a great line."

With the win, the Bisons improved to 5-17-2 and are still mathematically alive in the playoff hunt. They will travel to UBC this weekend to battle the Thunderbirds.

In women's action, the Bisons scored twice in 10 seconds late in the second period on their way to a 4-2 win over the Pronghorns in Lethbridge on Friday evening.

Warren's Mekaela Fisher opened the game's scoring at 17:28 of the sec-



Mekaela Fisher

ond period. Stonewall's Allison Sexton had one of two assists on the goal.

Karissa Kirkup quickly made it 2-0 before Lethbridge's Kyra Greig and Manitoba's Courtlyn Oswald traded goals midway in the third. Fisher assisted on Oswald's goal.

The Pronghorns' Alli Borrow and the Bisons' Natasha Kostenko scored goals just 35 seconds apart late in the third.

Manitoba goaltender Lauren Taraschuk made 15 saves in the game. At the other end, Lethbridge starter Alicia Anderson stopped 30 Bisons' shots.

On Saturday afternoon, Manitoba



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Bisons' captain Brett Stovin had two goals and an assist in the University of Manitoba's 5-1 win against Lethbridge last Saturday.

eked out a 2-1 shootout victory.

With the win, the Bisons improved

to 15-4-3-2, solidifying their conference lead over the Alberta Pandas.

Midget Provincial Lightning lose pair of weekend games

By Brian Bowman

It was a real tough weekend for the Interlake Lightning Provincial Midget hockey team.

First, they lost their head coach. They then lost a pair of road games in lopsided fashion.

Interlake was blanked 6-0 by the Southwest Cougars on Saturday evening and then was defeated 7-0 by the Brandon Wheat Kings Sunday afternoon.

"I don't think the coaching change had too much of an effect on (the scores)," said new Lightning head

coach Trent Genyk. "I talked to the manager of Southwest and the head coach of Brandon after and they told me that was probably the best games that they had played in a while.

"And, that being said, we didn't play all that bad."

Southwest, which held period leads of 2-0 and 3-0, received goals from Cody Gudnason (two), Cody Shearer, Callum Fortin, Tyson Kozak and Grady Lane.

Southwest was 2-for-8 with the man advantage while Interlake was 0-for-3.

The Cougars outshot the Lightning 48-20.

In the loss to Brandon, the Wheat Kings took a 3-0 first-period lead with goals by Calder Anderson (on the power play), Jackson Orr and Troy Hamilton.

Hamilton, with a pair, and Mitch Thiessen scored to make it 6-0 after 40 minutes.

Tanner Morrison closed out the game's scoring in the third.

Brandon was 3-for-5 with the man advantage while Interlake was blanked in seven opportunities.

Life doesn't get much easier for the Lightning as the Interlake will host the fourth-place Winnipeg Thrashers this Saturday at 7:30 p.m. in Teulon. The Lightning then head to the Bell MTS Iceplex on Sunday for a 1:15 p.m. matchup with the first-place Winnipeg Wild.

"It definitely doesn't get any easier," Genyk admitted. "I think we play the Wild two or three times in the next few weeks. The road doesn't get any easier but we just have to stress positivity and get the guys coming out and working hard."

Warren varsity boys playing great basketball this season

By Brian Bowman

Cathy Pleskach feels her Warren Collegiate Wildcats varsity boys' basketball team has a lot of potential this season.

And the head coach is probably right.

Warren has played some very good basketball this season. Most recently, the Wildcats suffered a tough 49-46 loss to the highly-ranked Gimli Lakers on Jan. 21.

Warren led for most of the game but Gimli came on strong at the end.

"That was a real good game for us," said Pleskach last Friday afternoon. "We surprised them. We're surprising everybody but ourselves right now. We've been working really hard and we have the best team unity that I've had in a while. These kids are outworking teams that they have no business being close to."

Warren also had close games against top-ranked teams at a MacGregor tournament back on Jan. 18-19. The Wildcats lost 59-53 to Treherne and 65-55 to Green Valley before blowing out Killarney 59-19.

"We're playing at a really high level right now and we're hoping to push that just a little bit further and then start seeing the results," Pleskach stressed.

Defensively, Warren has been very good in shutting down opposing of-

fences. But the Wildcats need to improve on the offensive end if they want to start winning games.

"Our offence needs to improve," Pleskach said matter-of-factly. "We need to start making the easy shots, and that's what I've been saying to them, let's just keep it simple and go out there and be a teammate and make the simple plays. If we can start getting our offence going, that's the one piece that we need to put us over the top." "We're not scoring a lot of points and we're holding teams down to lower points."

Warren will host Teulon next Monday and then the Lakers on Feb. 13 in exhibition play.

"Maybe the 13th will be lucky for us," Pleskach joked. "We play Gimli at home and we're hoping that 13 will be lucky for us."

In between, the Wildcats will be hosting an eight-team tournament Feb. 8-9.

"This group likes playing together and they're looking forward to playing in front of their fans, family, and friends," Pleskach said. "They're playing on a such a high right now that they want to show everybody that."

The varsity boys' Zone 5 championship will be Feb. 20 in Gimli. The tournament format will feature Warren, Gimli, Teulon and Peguis.

A qualifier is set for March 2.

Teulon Saints highly ranked



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The Teulon Collegiate Saints varsity girls' basketball team is currently seventh in the MHSAA 'AA' rankings after placing second at a Gimli Lakers' tournament last Saturday. Teulon defeated Ste. Rose 55-24 and Niverville 40-26 before losing 59-27 to the King's Knights in the championship game.

Pictured, back row, left to right: coach Heather Tataryn, Jubilee Nichols, Mackenzie Garand, Olivia Skinner, Otilja Yankech and coach Jason Darragh; front row: Madison Charison, Hannah Kraychek, Emily Haynes, and Taylor Traub. Missing from the photo is Jacey Ledochowski.

Argyle curling club senior bonspiel winners



TRIBUNE PHOTOS BY TOM WOODWARD

The Argyle Curling Club held a senior bonspiel Jan. 22-24 with 10 teams participating, including three from Selkirk. The first-event final featured two Selkirk rinks, with the winners being Linda Bumstead, Dennis Johnson, Ken Bumstead and skip Ron Lemay. They defeated Peter Helash (skip), Enzo, Greg Shettler and Gord Kazina. The second event was won by a local rink skipped by John Melnichuk and supported by Ed Cherniak, Lyle Appleyard and Therese Dandeneau. The runner-ups were Wally Janzen (skip), Paul Hnatiuk, Christian Jones and Don Briscoe of Selkirk. The third-event winners were Darlene Grandmont, Marilyn Miller, Bill Rossington and Ed Rootsart (skip). They beat Fred Shipley (skip), Neil Stewart, John Shipley, Irene Dare and Tom Woodward. Both rinks curl out of Argyle.

This first-time event was a great success and the senior curlers are now looking forward to their next bonspiel in Selkirk on Feb. 12-13.

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4. You must provide a certified cheque or bankdraft for 5% of the price being offered payable to Pitblado LLP.
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7. Vendor responsible for taxes on the property to December 31, 2018.
8. Title to land shall be transferred free and clear of all encumbrances.
9. For general inquiries please call (306) 530-6341.

Submit offers and inquiries to:

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The Rural Municipality of Rockwood is inviting quotes for hourly rental rates of various equipment, for the purpose of establishing pay rates for the 2019 construction and maintenance season.

Quotation packages including submission documents are available at the Municipal Office, or from the RM's website, www.rockwood.ca.

Quotations may be submitted to the Rural Municipality of Rockwood, Box 902, Stonewall, Manitoba, ROC 2Z0.

Deadline for Quotation Packages is 4:00 p.m. (CST) Friday, February 15, 2019

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Missing you and loving you so much.
You will always be in our hearts.

-Love Barb and Ashley

OBITUARY



Robert Allan Dodd

Peacefully on Monday, January 21, 2019 our dear husband, father and grandfather passed away suddenly at his home.

Robert was born October 2, 1946 in Stonewall, MB and spent nearly his entire life living in the area. He will be lovingly remembered and missed dearly by his wife Jean; his daughter Gisele (Dan), his son Jason (Nancy) and his grandchildren Elle, Jacob, Ava and Abigail. Robert also leaves behind his siblings Edwin (Linda), Wayne (Gwen), Martin (Lil) and Sharon (Nick); brothers/sisters-in-law Arlette (Edward), Francine, Rheal (Odile) along with so many nieces and nephews, friends and neighbours. He was predeceased by his parents John and Margaret, father/mother-in-law Marcel and Beatrice and brother-in-law Norman.

Robert was the middle of five children that grew up on the farm west of Balmoral. Robert attended school in Balmoral then onto Stonewall Collegiate before heading to work in Winnipeg at Nutty Club and Canada Post. He married the love of his life Rejeanne (Jean) Dubois in August of 1968 recently celebrating 50 years together. He was then blessed with two children, his daughter Gisele in 1973 and his son Jason in 1977. Robert and Jean left the city in 1972 and bought a small farm in Balmoral where they worked side by side for 30 years raising their family along the way. Robert loved the farm, golfing, curling, playing cards and watching the Jets, Jays and Bombers. Robert loved being with friends, listening to music and dancing either at the hall or around the kitchen table. Every Saturday night he would have the Saturday Night Polka Party playing while watching Hockey Night in Canada getting ready for the local do. All of these activities recently came second to spending time with his grandchildren who loved to pester Papa stealing his treats and ice cream.

We would like to thank the many family, friends and neighbours who have supported our family during our time of need.

A Celebration of Robert's Life was held at Christ the King Church, Stonewall on Saturday, January 26 at 11:00 a.m. and a luncheon followed at the Balmoral Memorial Hall.

If friends so desire, memorial donations may be made to the Heart & Stroke Foundation.



OBITUARY

Stanley Gudmundur Jonasson
July 21, 1934 - January 27, 2019

Stan peacefully passed away in the arms of his wife and soul mate of 56 years at the Red River Place in Selkirk, MB.

He is survived by his wife Barb; nephew Les (Marj) and their sons Allan (Diana) and their grandson James; Ian (Becky) and their grandson Logan; nephew Jim (Irene) and their son Greg; cousins Maryann, Geraldine and Beverley.

Stan is also survived by his brother-in-law Barrie Tully and family; his daughter Debbie (Lyle) Iriam, daughter Karen Brown and her children Jeremy, Jasmine, Violet, Ivy and Ezra, son Bryon Tully along with Stacey Allan whom Stan considered his "special little girl".

He is predeceased by his parents Kris and Lilja Jonasson; sister and brother-in-law Ethel and Steve Runolfson; great nephews Jeff and baby Steven Runolfson; cousins Charlie and Garry along with in-laws Ernie and Margaret Tully.

Stan was so proud of his Icelandic heritage and was thrilled to be Afi to Kailey Allan. He was known as a kind and gentle man and will be missed by many.

As per his wishes, cremation has taken place and no formal service will be held. A private graveside service will be held at a future date in the Otto Churchyard Cemetery in Lundar, MB where he was born.

I will love you always and forever, honey.
Thank you to Arnason Funeral Home.

Arrangements by:
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OBITUARY

Doreen Marie Goodwin

Peacefully, on Friday, January 25, 2019 at the Stonewall Hospital, Doreen Marie Goodwin passed away.

As per her wish's cremation has taken place and no formal service will be held.

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