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As temperatures hovered around -10 degrees C. last weekend, many people were out making the best of the mild weather by engaging in outdoor winter activities such as snowshoeing, horseback riding, cross-country skiing, snowmobiling and tobogganing. Pictured left to right: Debbie Bagan on her Paint mare Jinx, Carolyn Finnson and Siberian husky Bo, Janine Deprez Pruneau, Heather Martin and Amy Martin.

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Cattle farmers call for province to 'step up'

By Nicole Brownlee

There's always a cost to producers accessing alternate needs.

Provincial supports are falling short for Interlake cattle farmers struggling to feed their herds.

After several years of moderately dry conditions, the 2021 drought left Manitoba farmers with grim decisions.

Forced to choose between feeding herds scraps from whatever producers could scrape together, selling livestock or culling, farmers looked to the province for any assistance they could get.

"I think (the government) came (to the plate), but they didn't come as wholeheartedly as well all wanted," said Arvid Nottveit, a beef producer from Peonan Point.

The province released three programs to help producers in August and November 2021. The federal government is sharing the cost of the three programs, covering 60 per cent, while the province picks up the rest of the tab.

The programs offer livestock producers help with the cost of replacing breeding animals culled because of winter-feed shortages and buying, transporting and testing feed.

Nottveit applied for all three programs.

The 2011 flood destroyed acres of

Nottveit's Tribar Ranch, forcing him to sell half of his cattle. Nottveit's reduced cattle numbers from the 2011 disaster helped him in 2021, and he did not have to sell any of his herd.

The producer supplemented his hay to feed his over 400 cattle with cattails and edible cull beans from North Dakota.

In a normal year, Nottveit would book one load of grain from North Dakota for his calves, but this year he's requested seven to feed the herd. Nottveit also booked extra grain in August to feed his cows, even though they've always been fed hay.

"I don't particularly like what I'm doing," said Nottveit.

Producers are accessing any support they can, he said, but there's always a cost to accessing alternate needs, and it's not covered by any programs.

In a herd of cattle, there are varying ages, which require different quantities of feed, nutrients and minerals. When producers only have one type of feed and an average quantity they need to give to every animal, the cattle will react differently.

"Not every cow will adjust to a new ration the same," said Nottveit.

For example, if the cattle are fed corn, producers need to ensure the cows have enough calcium to calve properly.

"One of the biggest reasons for calv-



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Cattle farmers are trying desperately to save their herds with federal and provincial ag funding.

ing issues is inadequate body condition of your cattle," said Nottveit.

The government added feed additives and premixes like molasses-based products, vitamins, minerals, oils and fats to be eligible for financial assistance as of June 1, 2021.

The province will make payments to producers based on the head count of the livestock but will only cover up to 75 per cent of the purchased cost of feed and feed testing. The max the province will pay for each cattle, bison, elk or horse is \$250, and \$50 per sheep or goat.

"Just because I didn't make my full complement of bales doesn't mean I didn't expend the same amount of fuel that I do every summer," said Nottveit.

Potential amendments the province could make to the program could be issuing assistance as soon as the weather indicates drought conditions in areas of Manitoba.

"We've had a number of dry years ... but the areas that were in a drought situation were not as extensive as they were this year."

Producers who needed financial assistance with their crops in previous years didn't receive help from the province, said Nottveit.

"If you want help from the government, you sure hope the whole prov-

ince needs it."

On Jan. 25, the province announced that AgriInsurance premium rates have increased by around 10 per cent because of record payments in 2021. The estimated average coverage for 2022 is \$463 per acre, a 44 per cent increase from 2021.

"Our government knows the importance of creating the environment for businesses to succeed," said Derek Johnson, Minister of Agriculture.

Agriculture contributes 11.5 per cent of Manitoba's GDP and supports around 50,000 jobs.

"It's important to ensure that farmers not only survive in Manitoba but thrive."

Producers are starting to apply for the herd replacement and management program, which was released in November 2021, said Johnson.

The feed assistance and transportation programs have been popular, but Johnson could not provide statistics on how many farmers have accessed the programs so far.

"Those (applications) are rolling in by the day," said Johnson.

The province is working with farmers to revise the program as needs are acknowledged, added the minister.

"It's adapted and been very well received by the industry."

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Selkirk snow carver sculpts Mario for community

By Ty Dilello

Gord Amirault's snow sculptures have been a fixture in Selkirk for quite some time.

Every winter, residents in town flock to his street to see his carvings.

Amirault, who grew up in Stonewall, has had an interest in carving wood since he was a young kid. He later took inspiration from the sculptures at Festival du Voyageur and started to try his hand at it. It took off from there.

"I loved to draw but had a hard time making my pictures 'pop' off the page. Sculptures was an easy transition for me," said Amirault.

"I have always loved winter and Festival du Voyageur and wanted to try doing a snow sculpture. I use plywood forms and shovel all the snow in by hand. I like the challenge because my wood carvings are relatively small and easy to get perspective while carving. Huge snow sculptures pose an interesting challenge because you have to step back often to make sure you aren't losing what you're trying to accomplish."

Amirault has been making snow sculptures for roughly 14 years now and churns out an average of two per year. While they usually last a few months, some of the sculptures haven't lasted long because of the winter weather or vandalism.

"Snow sculptures are what art should be. No one gets to own it, and everyone gets to enjoy it. Plus, if it looks crappy, or you make a mistake, it's gone in a

couple of months."

This winter, Amirault has completed a sculpture of the popular Nintendo video game character Mario. It is displayed outside his sister's house in Winnipeg. He is currently working on a similar Mario sculpture at his home in Selkirk and hopes to have it completed real soon.

"It took two hours to make the block in the city (it's 4' wide x 4' deep x 8' tall) and about seven hours to carve it. The block at home is about 8' wide, 8' tall and 20' long. I won't be done that till the end of this week, hopefully."

"I usually follow a theme for our place and my sisters. The Super Mario Bros games are popular in our house (with my kids) and her place. It's a recognizable character, not very controversial and gives people something else to talk about other than the pandemic."

Despite how much Amirault enjoys the process of making these snow carvings, the biggest thrill for him, he says, is seeing people drive or walk by the sculptures and enjoy the finished product.

"I love to interact with people who stop to talk. Everyone is very supportive and generally enjoy my work. My parents said their favourite part of my carvings (when I lived at home) was to watch the forms come out of the wood. My neighbours have said that that is their favourite part too — guessing what it's going to be and watching it come to life."



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Gord Amirault has been making snow sculptures since 2007. This winter he has done a rendition of the popular Nintendo video game character Mario.

Rockwood council news in brief

By Jennifer McFee

Rockwood council received an update about all that's happening with Grosse Isle Recreation Club by president Susan Lindsay and second vice-president Monica Baldwin.

The duo presented the club's strategic plan to council during the Jan. 26 committee of the whole meeting. They also discussed plans for the current year and how they applied grant money. As well, Baldwin and Lindsay discussed the financial strain due to the pandemic.

"Our focus for the 2022 year at the Grosse Isle Rec Centre is the exterior work. We need to do an exterior face-lift for the building," Baldwin told the Tribune.

"We've applied for grants to hopefully be able to finish that project this year."

In addition, they shared their accomplishments completed during the lockdown when the building was not in use.

"We had many projects with groups of volunteers going in, in a COVID-friendly way, to tackle some of our renovations. We did a complete basement reno. The dance floor was redone. There was a bar reno and a bunch of painting took place," Baldwin said.

"We were successful in completing a lot of projects due to grants and vol-

unteers having more time. With our building being vacant for so long, it was bittersweet in a way. If it wasn't for COVID, there's no way we could have tackled all those projects so it worked out well. Thankfully, we had a number of grants, so it wasn't coming out of our funds."

Reeve Wes Taplin and Coun. Curtis McClintock recently toured the building, which prompted the presentation to council.

For more information about the Grosse Isle Rec Club, visit www.grosseisle.com.

In other council news:

- Council approved a conditional use request by James and Kelly Bezan for an 836-square-foot detached secondary suite on their 120-acre property. They would like to move a modular home to an old hay yard on the property for their daughter, who is returning home after working in Ontario for several years. There were no oppositions during a public hearing at a special meeting on Jan. 26. One of the conditions of approval is that the applicants will need to pay a \$10,500 capital development levy to the RM of Rockwood.



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New recreation facilitator for Rosser Woodlands

By Jennifer McFee

A new recreation facilitator who will serve two local communities jumped into the role in January and hit the ground running.

Riley Morningstar started her new role on Jan. 4 as the recreation facilitator for Rosser Woodlands Recreation Commission and she's looking forward to putting some ideas into action.

"I am still very new to the role and very excited to get started. This role was created by the Rosser Woodlands Recreation Commission in 2010 to support community groups by providing them access to resources," she said.

"I am here to assist with the creation of new programs, grant applications and the longevity of community groups. I also will be developing programming that complements the programs and events that are already happening in the community. Our long-term goal is to be able to offer programs to community members of all ages."

Before launching her career, Morningstar earned a bachelor of commerce degree with a double major in marketing and leadership from the University of Manitoba.

"As a student I worked for the City of Brandon as the heritage marketing co-ordinator with a focus on promoting the importance of heritage, including planning the Doors Open Brandon event two years in a row," said Morningstar, who grew up on an acreage near Douglas, Man., and moved to Argyle in early 2020.

"After graduation, I worked in marketing and event/education co-ordination for a small company in Winnipeg. I was excited for this opportunity because it allowed me to get more involved in recreation and community development, both things I am passionate about."

Looking ahead, Morningstar plans to continue offering some programs that existed in the past, such as Camp-Be-A-Kid, Viva La Musica, art programs and open gym nights.

"Unfortunately, due to COVID, some programming has been put on hold," she said.



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Rosser Woodlands recreation facilitator Riley Morningstar and her dog Torino walk daily.

"I am also wanting to start some new programs and events for our community that provide value to the people in the area."

The importance of providing recreation opportunities is paramount to Morningstar.

"Recreation directly impacts the health and wellness of a community. It can bring people together, help youth get involved with their community, support physical and mental health, and bring enjoyment into peoples lives," she said.

"Even if you don't attend recreation programs, they will have an impact on making your community a place people want to live and grow. I grew up

in a small community and understand how important it is for people to have programs they can rely on close to home."

Even on a personal level, an essential component of Morningstar's routine hinges on staying active.

"I am an avid walker, and you can often find me walking my dog, no matter the weather," she said. "In the summers, I also enjoy biking."

In her new role, Morningstar looks forward to meeting and connecting with community members.

"Community feedback is really important to me," she said. "I would love to hear from members in our community about what areas in recreation are most important to them and what programming they would like to have in their town."

Local residents can provide feedback through a survey that can be seen on the Facebook page @ RosserWoodlands or they can scan a QR code to view the new website (www.rosserwoodlandsrec.com) and complete the survey.

In addition, if any community groups need assistance or would just like to say hello, Morningstar welcomes them to contact her at the new Rosser Woodlands Recreation Commission email address at rwrc@rosserwoodlandsrec.com or by calling or texting 204-461-4040.

The Rosser Woodlands Recreation Commission includes representation from the RMs of Rosser and Woodlands, the Interlake School Division and the West Interlake Trading Company, along with a community economic development officer, a recreation and special events co-ordinator and three community representatives.

Morningstar notes that they are currently looking to fill the three community representative spots.

"If anyone is interested in joining the commission and sharing their love for recreation," she said, "please contact me."



Local communities receive funds for asset management

By Jennifer McFee

Four local municipalities will benefit from a federal program that aims to help communities focus on strengthening their asset management.

The Government of Canada is investing \$1.18 million 26 Manitoba communities, delivered by the Federation of Canadian Municipalities.

Funds are flowing to local municipalities

with \$50,000 to the RM of Rosser, \$49,950 for the RM of Rockwood, \$46,350 to the Town of Stonewall and \$27,000 to the Town of Teulon to use jointly for a project called the Manitoba Interlake Collaborative Asset Management Program.

Together, the four municipalities will hire a resource person to increase capacity on asset management within

the area. Teulon Mayor Anna Pazdzierski noted that interviews were underway last week for the position. Once hired, the resource person will likely begin by identifying the physical assets in the communities.

Rosser CAO Larry Wandowich said the employee will be hired for a two-year term, with the first year funded by portions of the grant money that

each municipality receives.

Each municipality will be able to expand capacity through training, data register information improvements, geographic information systems and software enhancements, customer service surveys and risk analysis.

"Across the country, communities of all sizes are gearing up for life post-pandemic," said Joanne Vanderheyden, president of Federation of Canadian Municipalities. "They're working to enhance their infrastructure and natural assets so they can continue to have sustainable and reliable services to improve residents' quality of life. Ensuring local governments have the right tools to make sound asset management decisions is one way we can help drive Canada's economic recovery."



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Manitoba Beef Producers' virtual AGM set for Feb. 10

By Jennifer McFee

A local agriculture industry organization aims to beef up interest in its upcoming annual general meeting.

Manitoba Beef Producers will host the 43rd annual general meeting on Feb. 10 via Zoom, and all are welcome to register for the free event.

General manager Carson Callum explained that the organization represents approximately 6,300 beef producers across the province.

"We represent them through a variety of avenues such as communication, advocacy efforts, research and education," he said.

"That all takes place within industry, to different levels of government and to end consumers to try to drive forward the beef industry in the province. That's the main focus of our staff and our board."

Callum will launch the AGM in the

morning with introductory remarks, followed by a knowledge sessions about business risk management.

"In light of all the recent weather challenges we've had in the last number of years, it's just a reminder of what programs are available. It's important to put this information in front of them so they know they have options to mitigate some of their risk," he said.

"There will also be a market update, some updates from industry partners such as the National Cattle Feeders Association, and then we'll be going through our usual business component. There will be a report from myself, from the president, from the finance chair and a couple small updates to our bylaws, as well as the resolutions debate that take places during our AGM every year."

Another highlight will be a presen-

tation by Dickson Delorme of Tuffnell, Sask., who is better known by the moniker "Quick Dick McDick."

"We're going to end it off with a keynote presentation by the YouTube sensation Quick Dick McDick from Saskatchewan," Callum said.

"He's going to be doing a presentation about the importance of mental health in the sector and trying to get some smiles and laughter out of producers after the last several months being so stressful."

Members are encouraged to attend the virtual event, particularly for the business component, and others are welcome to tune in too.

To register for the Feb. 10 virtual annual general meeting — and to view the draft agenda and proposed bylaw amendments — visit the Manitoba Beef Producers website at www.mb-beef.ca.



Carson Callum, general manager of Manitoba Beef Producers

Survey finds majority of Canadians in favour of mandatory COVID vaccination

By Patricia Barrett

A national survey released last month by Maru Public Opinion shows 66 per cent of Canadians in favour of mandatory vaccination against COVID-19 for people five years of age and older.

And 61 per cent of Canadians think the unvaccinated should pay the full medical cost of their hospital or ICU stay should they contract the virus.

Maru measured Canadian attitudes towards the unvaccinated and examined some of the reasons as to why they refuse to get jabbed.

One in 10 Canadians have refused a COVID vaccine, states Maru's Jan. 19 news release. Alberta and Quebec have the highest number of people refusing a vaccine (12 per cent) followed by Ontario (11 per cent), Atlantic Canada and British Columbia (five per cent), and Saskatchewan and Manitoba (three per cent).

A majority of Canadians say they

have no sympathy for the unvaccinated who get ill or die from COVID.

"A majority (54 per cent) of Canadians don't have sympathy for an unvaccinated person if they become seriously ill or die as a result of contracting COVID — offset by the remainder that do (46 per cent)," states the release.

The survey found Canadians view the unvaccinated as responsible for overwhelming the health-care system (48 per cent), holding Canadians back from having a normal life (40 per cent), endangering society (36 per cent), being misguided conspiracy theorists (36 per cent), being good people with legitimate reasons/concerns (27 per cent), being reckless (26 per cent), being super-spreaders of the virus (17 per cent) and being heroes for free speech/choice (12 per cent).

In varying degrees, Canadians agreed there were a number of acceptable ways to encourage the un-

vaccinated to get jabbed, including banning them from public spaces such as restaurants, theatres, liquor and cannabis stores (77 per cent), forcing them to pay the full medical cost of their hospital or ICU stay should they fall ill with COVID (61 per cent), forcing them to pay a health-care surcharge on their taxes of up to \$150 per month (61 per cent) and refusing them access to any publicly funded hospital/medical services (37 per cent).

Although Maru found two-thirds of Canadians in favour of mandatory vaccination, a majority of those people (82 per cent) were "open to some exemptions," which include a person having a diagnosed medical condition which disqualifies them from getting vaccinated.

The survey examined the reasons why a minority of Canadians refuse to get vaccinated against COVID. Their reasons include defending their civil

liberties (45 per cent), waiting for more data to determine if vaccines are safe (42 per cent), believing their immune system can "beat" COVID (32 per cent), fearing how the vaccine could affect them (28 per cent), not wanting the government telling them what to do (22 per cent), believing COVID is a bad flu, not a deadly virus (9 per cent), and stating that vaccination is against their religion (1 per cent).

The survey was conducted Jan. 14-15, 2022, with 1,506 randomly selected Canadian adults. It has an estimated error margin of +/- 2.5 per cent, 19 times out of 20. Maru states that it does not do any work for any political party. Survey data and the news release are available online.

Worldwide, there have been over 364 million confirmed cases of COVID and more than 5.6 million deaths, according to the World Health Organization's COVID dashboard (viewed Jan. 28).

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Government to assist with costs incurred by transferred hospital patients

By Patricia Barrett

The Manitoba government said last Friday it will cover some of the costs of food, transportation and accommodation incurred by the designated support person of hospital patients who are subjected to mandatory transfers to medical facilities in other health regions.

Last October, the governing Conservatives made patient transfers mandatory in order to prioritize care for COVID-19 patients and free up hospital beds for them. Interlake-Eastern Regional Health Authority patients were at times transferred to hospitals in other regions hundreds of kilometres away from their home communities and their families and friends.

"We are putting a new program in place that will provide financial assistance for meals, transportation and accommodations or link to community support resources when a person is relocated to a facility outside of their region for ongoing inpatient care," said health minister Audrey Gordon in a Jan. 28 news release.

The government said it will cover up to eight visits a month by a patient's "designated support person," by providing meal vouchers so that the support person can dine with the patient when on-site meal service is available or cover a maximum of \$8 for breakfast, \$10 for lunch and \$15 for dinner when on-site meal service is unavailable.

The program will also provide return bus fare or gas expenses and accommodation up to a maximum of \$70 a night plus taxes.

The government also said it will "work with" about 250 patients that

had been transferred prior to its announcement, but didn't say what that will entail.

"The program is effective today and the province will work with the approximately 250 transfers that occurred prior to today to ensure these situations are also addressed," said Gordon.

Additional patients may have to be relocated outside of their home region to manage hospitalizations and ICU capacity, states the release.

Current public health orders are being extended until Feb. 8 as the government determines the impact of omicron.

"Manitoba has imposed restrictions earlier and for a longer period of time compared to most other Canadian jurisdictions," said Gordon. "As we all learn to live with the virus, it is still critical that we stay the course over the next week. There are signs of stabilization but we need more data to fully assess our next steps and implement initiatives that support our pandemic response."

The release says "severe outcomes" from omicron may have "peaked" while at the same time stating that the viral count may be increasing based on Winnipeg wastewater surveillance data.

Although omicron was touted as being mild, it put hundreds of Manitobans in hospital over the space of three weeks. On Jan. 7 there were 297 people reported in hospital with COVID. By Jan. 28 there were 715 people in hospital.

The government restricted access to PCR testing as new infections overwhelmed testing capacity. New case



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NDP leader Wab Kinew said last Friday at the legislature that the government should commit to retroactively covering the costs of patients and their families who were subjected to the government's mandatory patient-transfer protocol.

data has been lost by people deterred from getting tested or who were able to acquire rapid antigen tests, the results of which aren't reported to public health.

As far as government's provision of data goes, NDP leader Wab Kinew said Manitobans should have a clear picture of the extent of COVID infections in order to assess health risks and make informed decisions.

And the government, furthermore, has provided only a "description" of wastewater surveillance data rather

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Jimm's Hill was a flurry of activity last Sunday with friends and family taking advantage of the single-digit temperatures. Help the *Tribune* record the weather of the week and send in your photos of friends or family enjoying the outdoors. Email: weather@stonewallteulontribune.ca.

Access CU to merge with Noventis, Sunova

By Lorne Stelmach

Another financial institution merger will take effect this summer, with members last week voting in favour of the amalgamation of the Access, Noventis and Sunova credit unions.

Each one held special meetings of members last Thursday where all three achieved more than the two-thirds majority voting in favour to approve the merger.

Access members who voted were 76 per cent in favour, while Sunova had 74 per cent and Noventis had 86 per cent in support of the merger.

The new entity will remain known as Access Credit Union when it is created July 1.

"All three credit unions are very happy that the membership supported the recommendation by all three boards," said Larry Davey, CEO of Access Credit Union.

"For our Access members, I think they realized the benefits of the latest merger and understood that this is just probably part of the landscape in the credit union system these days,"

he said.

Davey further suggested that members recognized the benefits of "the alignment of the three credit unions as far as there's rural roots in all three. The new geographic footprint provides greater convenience to the membership."

In promoting the merger, Davey had cited two key factors that they said in the near-future would require credit unions to invest millions of dollars in financial technology to meet new government-mandated standards.

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

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

Open banking will allow people to more easily move money from one in-

stitution to another, and that will require a significant and costly change in technology. Payment modernization basically involves speeding up the time it takes for payments to go through the system. Right now, it allows three days for payments to reach their destination. The government has mandated that to be reduced to three hours and eventually to be instantaneous.

"I think the membership certainly understood the cost of technology these days and how the scale helps us reduce that cost per member," suggested Davey, who also cited other advantages ranging from being able to continue offering competitive rates, charges and patronage refunds to seeing no impact on local branches and services while in fact expanding on the insurance and wealth management divisions.

The new credit union will have over 169,700 members and \$9.5 billion in assets with about 800 employees in 52 branches.

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For those of us who like predictability, living in our uncertain and ever-changing world makes these days a little more challenging. As we find ourselves continually looking for some shade of normal, many are weary, to say the least. As I navigate this myself, I am trying to slow down and be more intentional with my time. The hours of endless scrolling on my phone or aimlessly watching TV leave me empty and dissatisfied. Yet as I continually work at staying grounded in God's word and spending time in His presence, the chaotic world around me becomes a little quieter. The Bible says in Ephesian Chapter 3 that God is the Creator of everything in heaven and on earth. Verses 16-17 say, "I pray that from God's glorious, unlimited resources he will empower you with inner strength through his Spirit. Then Christ will make his home in your hearts as you trust in him. Your roots will grow down into God's love and keep you strong." What a great reminder that we can find strength in God and as we place our trust in him. Let me encourage you to read the Bible, spend time with God and talk to him about how you're really doing. He loves you and he is ready and waiting for you to invite him into your life as you journey with him. Verses 18-19 say, "And may you have the power to understand how wide, how long, how high, and how deep God's love is, and may you experience the love of Christ." Each of us are deeply loved by God and I invite you to ask him to show you how much he really loves you, because he will. I hope and pray each of us will experience the reassurance and the fullness of God's love today and in the days ahead. Let's remember to be kind to one another, let's check in on each other and help where we can and let's be sure to offer grace to each other as we continue to navigate these unfamiliar waters.

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Beautiful bouquets for a good cause

By Jennifer McFee

A floral designer with local roots has launched a new fundraising initiative that is already beginning to bloom.

Cassie Mae McIvor, originally from Stony Mountain, is creating beautiful bouquets to benefit good causes through her new initiative called Posies with Purpose.

"Posies with Purpose is a monthly offering of bouquets where 20 per cent of the sales will be donated in support of a different cause each month. The first Posies with Purpose was in support of the Alzheimer's Society of Manitoba," said McIvor, who operates a home-based studio in West Kildonan.

"Donations will be made to a variety of causes like health charities, shelters, conservation and social issue movements, to name a few. As February is Heart Month and Black History Month, donations will be in support of the Heart and Stroke Foundation and Black Lives Matter."

Each month's bouquet will showcase a unique assortment of flowers and will sometimes match corresponding holidays of that month, such as Valentine's Day in February.

Three years ago, McIvor launched her business called Cassie Mae Design Co. She mainly focuses on weddings, but she also likes to provide floral offerings during holidays. This new initiative allows McIvor to use her talents as a way to give back.

"Posies with Purpose was conceived from a desire to make more of an impact. When you work in a creative industry, it's nice to be able to make people happy by providing beauty, but I started to feel like my line of work was at odds with myself. I care a lot about environmental and social issues, and especially in today's climate with the pandemic and climate change, I felt like my work was disconnected from the bigger picture," she said.

"I love to be a part of my clients' special days, but in the scheme of things, there's a lot going on in the world that makes a beautiful bridal bouquet feel quite trivial. It's easy to feel overwhelmed and to think, 'I'm just one person, how can I do anything?' until I realized that my business could be the platform I use to start supporting all those causes one bouquet at a time."

To reserve a Posies with Purpose bouquet, fill out the online form through



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Cassie Mae McIvor is creating bouquets to benefit good causes through her new initiative called Posies with Purpose.

the Cassie Mae Design Co. website at www.cassiemaedesign.com or email: info@cassiemaedesign.com

The Valentine's edition of Posies with

Purpose costs \$30 plus tax and will be available for pickup. Delivery can be arranged between Feb. 10 and 14.

letter to the editor

Letters to the Editor: letters@stonewallteulontribune.ca

Is the compensation sufficient?

Regarding your article in the Jan. 20 *Tribune* "Public hearing set for proposed rezoning for aggregate extraction"

The proposals are to allow for extraction of gravel from three sites close to Stonewall. So, essentially we are asked to approve three gravel pits.

The pits are all in close proximity to

the town of Stonewall and Road 236. One gravel pit is just 1/2 mile north of the town, one is between roads 78 and 79 and the other is between roads 79 and 80. Two of the pits are east of the 236. One of them is west of the 236 and would require trucks and machinery to cross the 236.

Excavation period is anticipated

to be 8-10 years in duration, during which time we will have a moonscape for a landscape and noise and air pollution from machinery, trucks and explosions. There may also be added risk to the road and those using the road. Is the compensation to the community sufficient to offset this?

There is also the issue of rehabilitating the properties after the excavation. For this, I understand the quarry

owner applies to the province, essentially the taxpayers, to fund the restoration. So, we, the tax paying community, not only get to witness the devastation unfold in front of us but are requested to pay for the restoration of the landscape as well.

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than details, he said.

"We haven't actually seen a lot in terms of the concrete facts right now. It's so important to equip Manitobans with this information because more public information can only support public health," said Kinew last Friday. "Let's arm the public with this data. Let's arm the public with information about what's going on with COVID right now and let's ensure Manitobans can have the full lay of the

land and the full picture of what's going on."

Kinew also said the government should have committed to cover the retroactive costs of the 250 or so patients who were transferred to other health regions prior to the announcement of the new program.

"It [has had] a very dramatic impact on the families affected. The fact that this is not being made retroactive is very disappointing," he said. "We know that hundreds of patients have been moved so far. That means hundreds of loved ones also who've had their lives affected. So the government really does need to make this program retroactive immediately. Many folks have already incurred these expenses and they should not be left out of consideration at this time."

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Manitoba Ag Days connecting agriculture to the classroom

By Jennifer McFee

Several new agriculture-related programs are sowing the seeds of knowledge for students across Manitoba.

Agriculture in the Classroom-Manitoba (AIRC-M) is a charitable organization that creates curriculum-linked programs for schools throughout the province.

The organization has launched a Manitoba Ag Days Adventure Virtual Program since the in-person event has been postponed due to pandemic restrictions.

Geared for students in Grade 7 and 8, this virtual adventure is made possible thanks to support from Manitoba Ag Days, Canadian Agricultural Partnership and Viterro.

AIRC-M usually offers hands-on, in-person programming at Manitoba Ag Days in Brandon based on the theme “think global, act local.” To adapt to the pandemic reality, the program has now gone virtual, complete with a video and gaming component that allows students to look at agriculture on a global scale. After that, they hone in on local connections and learn about the variety of careers available in Manitoba’s agriculture industry.

The virtual program has opened up the opportunity to students across the province who wouldn’t have been able to travel for the in-person event.

“Already, we have over 1,000 students registered for this virtual program from all over Manitoba. We piloted this last year and then made changes based on the feedback. The teachers who piloted the program absolutely loved it,” said executive director Sue Clayton.

“Students in Stonewall would never

have come to the in-person Manitoba Ag Days program. Now they’re able to experience this. Everything we do is linked to curriculum, so teachers know that our programs are hitting the curricular targets that the provincial government sets for them.”

Teachers recently had the chance to participate in an in-person professional development session for the program. As another option, teachers can register to access online resources throughout the school year.

Taylor Studler, who teaches Grade 7 at Ecole Stonewall Centennial School, was pleased to take part in person. She enjoyed using the AIRC-M programs while teaching primary grades. Now that she’s moved to middle years, she was curious about the programs available at those grade levels. Last week, she planned to introduce her Grade 7 students to their first lesson.

“It is important to me that students understand that agriculture is an essential industry that will always employ people now and in the future,” she said.

“The program explores the depth, diversity, economic impact and job opportunities in agriculture in our province and beyond.”

The program will provide Studler’s Grade 7 class with a global as well as local Manitoba perspective on the impact of agriculture on our daily lives.

“In the teacher guide that is provided in the PD (professional development) session, there is a section that clearly outlines the specific grade level outcomes in relation to the Grade 7 Manitoba social studies curriculum,” she added.

“Along with relating to three dif-



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Student Dominic Kaemingk and teacher Taylor Studler are ready to embark on the Manitoba Ag Days Adventure virtual program.

ferent social studies clusters, the program also offers an awareness of a variety of agricultural career opportunities for students to consider.”

From Studler’s perspective, she absolutely recommends for other teachers to get involved in this initiative.

“The Agriculture in the Classroom program provides flexibility in delivery options, which I have really enjoyed, especially during a time where

we have worked with students both in the classroom as well as remotely,” she said.

“The program has different options for teacher delivery. For example, there is a teacher-led classroom experience, an in-class independent student learning experience or a remote student learning experience. The teacher can decide how to deliver the

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RM of Woodlands user-friendly site updated

By Nicole Brownlee

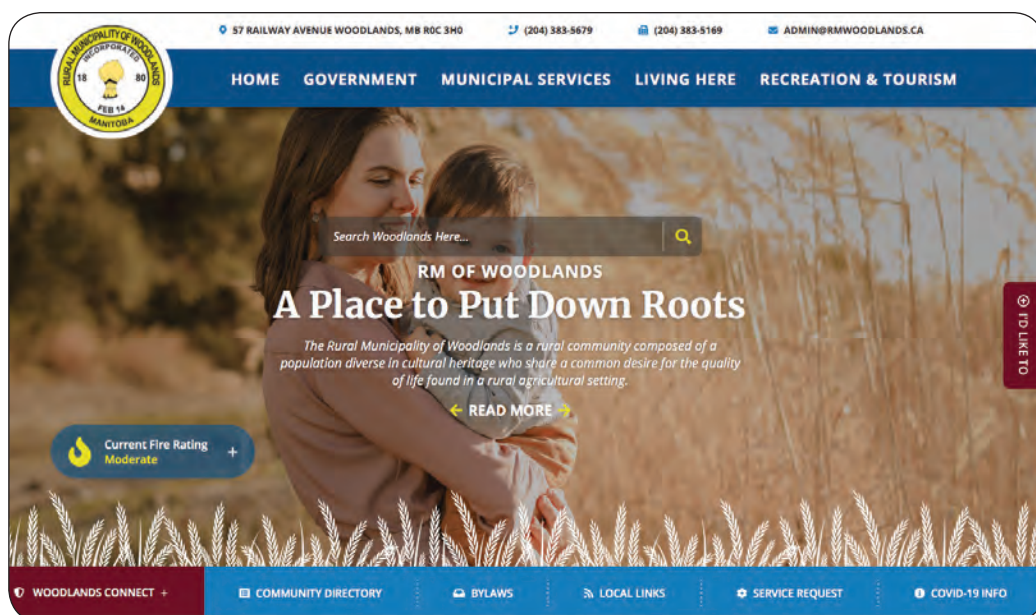
The RM of Woodlands released its new website on Jan. 24.

Reeve Lori Schellekens said the website needed to be updated to make it easier for residents to access information like hours of service and frequently asked questions.

The home page of the site lists upcoming events, news, notices and separate pages for the six communities in the municipality. Bylaws, council agendas and minutes are also accessible through links on the first page.

A new feature of the website includes a tab on the right hand of the page that opens into a menu prompting users to “Learn About” the town’s history; “Submit” and e-service request; “Visit” building permits, community director or documents and forms; or search for specific pages. Another tab, featured at the bottom of the webpage, connects users to COVID-19 information. When a user clicks the button, they are redirected to the Government of Manitoba website, which lists information about the provincial response level, COVID-19 testing and vaccination locations. Site visitors are also encouraged to sign up for Woodlands Connect, an email and text messaging service that sends subscribers messages about news updates, upcoming events, emergency alerts and weather forecasts for the RM of Woodlands.

To view the site, visit rmwoodlands.ca.



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Visit the RM of Woodlands' new user-friendly website at rmwoodlands.ca.

Betty White Challenge benefits horse rescue with local ties

By Jennifer McFee

The legacy of Betty White lives on with an influx of donations to a cause that was near and dear to the late entertainer's heart.

The well-known actress died on Dec. 31 at the age of 99, weeks shy of her 100th birthday.

The #BettyWhiteChallenge went viral with encouragement for people to donate towards animal rescues or shelters on Jan. 17 in honour of the day she would have marked her century milestone.

Blackbird Ranch Equine Rehab and Rescue benefited from the cause, starting with a donation they received weeks in advance.

“Our first Betty White donation was from a random person on one of the horse Facebook pages around the time that Betty White passed away. She had put out a question saying she wanted to donate in Betty White’s honour and was looking for suggestions of where to donate,” said Corinne Nykorak of Blackbird Ranch.

“A bunch of people commented that she should donate to us, along with a couple other rescues around. But because we do things a little bit differently, she chose us — and she’s not even from Manitoba. That was a surprise.”

Donations continued to trickle in to the horse rescue in increments of \$5 all the way up to \$200, adding up to a grand total of \$1,455.

The organization plans to use the funds to purchase hay and pellets, and they’ve already purchased a special gift for one of their youngest ani-

mals.

“We have a little filly named Angel who was born last April. She was wearing her sister’s hand-me-down winter blanket and it was too small,” Nykorak said.

“So we took some of the funds from the Betty White Challenge and purchased a new horse blanket for her.”

Blackbird Ranch Equine Rehab and Rescue is a non-profit horse rescue that launched about nine years ago to care for vulnerable and neglected horses. The volunteer-run organization recently moved to the Anola-Springfield area after being based in Stonewall for about eight years.

“We go to horse auctions a few times a year. There is a high demand for horse meat. We can’t do much, but we take what we can from the auction,” Nykorak said.

“We’re a lot different from other rescues because we take some horses that we can adopt out, but also we take in a lot of old, sick ones that won’t find a place. We keep them until it’s their time. Sometimes we can only keep them for a week because they’re in such bad shape that they need to be helped across the bridge quickly. We do rehab when we can, but we take in is the sad cases that nobody wants.”

Occasionally, they also take horses surrendered by their owners.

“We try not to unless it’s a dire emergency because that leaves less room for the ones that really need it,” Nykorak said.

“We’ve also gotten horses in from the provincial vet when there’s a horse seizure.”



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Blackbird Ranch Equine Rehab and Rescue used funds from the #BettyWhiteChallenge to buy a new winter blanket for Angel the filly.

In terms of fundraising, Nykorak notes that the past couple pandemic years have been tough since they haven’t been able to host any events to help pay for hay.

However, they will gladly accept donations any time — and not just for the Betty White Challenge.

“We are so grateful for every do-

nation we get, down to the smallest penny,” Nykorak said. “And donations don’t have to be money. It could used blankets, horse feed, horse tack, anything.”

A PayPal link is posted on their Facebook page and website at <http://bbrequine.weebly.com>, and the organization also accepts e-transfers.



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Petition for highway improvements sparked by death count

By Nicole Brownlee

T.D., R.U. and H.D. are three initials found on a petition to Premier Heather Stefanson to improve the safety conditions of Highway 6, the most direct route from Winnipeg to Thompson.

The initials were added by participants signing the petition in memory of three people who died from collisions and accidents while driving on the highway.

Countless names and tragic stories accompany signatures on the petition created by a group of volunteers in Thompson.

"You watch (the petition) grow day by day in the comments," said Brenda Redman, a volunteer.

"My heart breaks for the families."

Volker Beckmann, one of the petition's lead organizers, reached out to Redman in December 2021 to join the effort to make the stretch of highway safer.

Redman lived in Thompson for over 50 years before moving over 750 kilometres away to Winnipeg to be closer to family. Before relocating three years ago, Redman would often make the seven-and-a-half-hour drive from Thompson to Winnipeg.

"There's been lots and lots of near misses," said Redman.

"What makes it really dangerous is the number of semis in the winter."

The death of Thompson MLA Danielle Adams on Dec. 9 motivated Beck-

mann to push for change.

"Danielle Adam's death was a terrible tragedy; a loss that never should have happened," said Beckmann in a statement.

"The death of this young MLA has now brought the issue to top of mind."

Adams, 38, was heading south on Highway 6 around 11:20 a.m., 50 kilometres south of Ponton when her SUV crashed with a northbound semi-truck. Road conditions were poor at the time of the crash, said RCMP.

"There are many people who have commented (on the petition), who have been through the same, and their families are suffering," said Redman.

The group is appealing to the provincial government to add passing lanes every 50 kilometres on Highway 6, rumble strips, widened shoulders and lay-bys for rest stops over the next three years.

They're also requesting the province implement 2+1 roads, which are three-lane roads, with two lanes in one direction and one opposing, alternating every few kilometres and usually separated by a barrier, and faster emergency response times for highway accidents.

Devan McCoubrey drives on Highway 6 at least twice a day, five times a week.

"I drive up to Ashern two times a day, and then I'm in the city way more often than I should be," said the RM of



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A group of community members from Thompson are urging the provincial government to improve the condition and safety of Highway 6.

Grahamdale administrator.

"It's a very dangerous highway."

Additional safety measures for Highway 6 would be money well spent, said McCoubrey.

"There are a lot of suggestions within that petition that our elected officials should be considering."

While McCoubrey doesn't know anyone personally who has had an accident on Highway 6, she said most people you ask from the Interlake would.

Lori Schellekens, RM of Woodlands' reeve, said she agreed with the proposed improvements to the highway but also suggests a review of the current passing lanes along the stretch.

"They need to address where they have some of these pathways where

they're starting and ending."

Northern drivers are also often exhausted when they reach Woodlands, making the community more at risk for accidents.

Someone close to Schellekens died in a collision on Highway 6 several years ago.

The group is reaching out to First Nations, mayors and chambers of commerce along Highway 6 to join their fight for a safer highway.

Over 3,500 people have signed the "Improvements Needed to Stop Deaths on Highway 6" petition found on change.org.

To learn more about the petition, email manitobahighway6@gmail.com.

MPS hosting free seminars for Psychology Month

By Ashleigh Viveiros

February is Psychology Month in Canada and the Manitoba Psychological Society (MPS) is celebrating by offering a series of free online workshops.

"It's an opportunity for psychologists to give back to the community," says society president Dr. Jo Ann Un-

ger, a clinical physiologist with a practice in Winnipeg.

It's also, she adds, a chance to "engage with the community around psychology and the use of psychological practices and science in our lives."

To that end, the workshops run the gamut in terms of topics — everything from managing anxiety and stress to

surviving chronic pain to dealing with children's temper tantrums. A complete list of topics and workshop links are available online at www.mps.ca.

All of the sessions are free and only one requires pre-registration. For the others, you need only click on the talk's link via Zoom to tune in. The first workshop — *Understanding and Managing Anxiety in the Pregnancy and Postpartum Periods* — is next Monday over the lunch hour. Other sessions are held during the afternoon and evening hours.

"Folks are welcome and encouraged to attend one or as many as they would like to get some really useful information, particularly now during COVID when our mental health is really important to pay attention to," notes Unger.

Psychology Month has been observed in Canada since 2005 and MPS has hosted these workshops annually for years, though usually they're done in person.

Due to the pandemic they've shifted



Dr. Jo Ann Unger, MPS president

things online, which has come with a silver lining.

"One of the things we're really pleased about is the ability for them to be more accessible to people across

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Truck convoy through Arborg gains Interlake support

Staff

A convoy of over 60 vehicles protesting federal vaccine requirements for cross-border essential workers streamed through Arborg on Jan. 24 on route to Winnipeg.

Owner of Roseridge Trucking Inc., Elmer Penner, said the 60 vehicles trailing in the Arborg convoy were met with zealous community support. "People waving at us and cheering us on," said Penner.

"We had guys in tears when they (saw) the amount of support."

Enforcing the mandatory vaccinations will cut Roseridge Trucking's yearly earnings in half, said Penner. The company currently makes \$5 million a year with 18 drivers.

"We know that our freedoms are being taken away from us," said Penner.

"Our business is now being put in jeopardy because of the madness that Justin Trudeau has put in place."

As of Jan. 15, 2022, the federal government is enforcing that essential service providers, like truckers, are only allowed into Canada if they are fully vaccinated. Otherwise, truckers

will have to quarantine for 14 days when returning from the U.S.

The U.S. announced a similar mandate in October 2021, requiring all foreign national travellers for essential or non-essential travel be fully vaccinated and provide proof of vaccine by January 2022.

The majority of truckers are fully vaccinated, with roughly 10 to 15 per cent of truckers who travel between Canada and the U.S. potentially being unvaccinated, said the Canadian Trucking Alliance.

Penner, who has been a trucker for 30 years, disagrees with CTA's claims, refuting that it might be closer to 50 per cent who won't be able to cross the border.

"The government and media have been lying to us in the last two years," said Penner.

"Most of my information is either from direct friends (and) some on social media."

Though he expects around half of his drivers are vaccinated, Penner said all his employees support the convoy.

"We're standing up for all the un-



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY LOUISE ANDERSON

A truck convoy drove through Headingley the afternoon of Jan. 25 en route to Ottawa to protest a federal vaccine mandate. Supporters lined the Trans-Canada Highway to welcome the convoy with signs of support as it continued its journey around the city on the Perimeter Highway.

heard voices."

The convoy also stands with unvaccinated workers who are losing their jobs because of vaccine mandates across the country, said Penner.

Vaccine guidelines close to home include the provincial mandate that all Manitoba employees who work with vulnerable populations, like children, had to be fully vaccinated by Oct. 31, 2021, or agree to undergo regular testing.

Similar rules have been adopted by the City of Winnipeg, Winnipeg Police Service and Manitoba health-care professionals.

Tamara Lich, a supporter of the

trucking convoy and secretary of the Western separatist Maverick Party, started a GoFundMe page on Jan. 14 to raise money to pay for the truckers' fuel, food and lodgings during their journey to Ottawa. The fundraiser has collected over \$6 million from almost 80,000 donors.

GoFundMe froze the fundraising page on Jan. 25 because the fundraisers need to prove how the funds will be distributed.

The same day, truck drivers and supporters slowly trekked through the outskirts of Winnipeg. Supporters waved and cheered, parked in a one-kilometre line as the convoy passed.

Water lines on the move



TRIBUNE PHOTOS BY JO-ANNE PROCTER

The Town of Stonewall is upgrading the size of the water line along 3rd Avenue southeast to 4th Street E. The water line will then be taken south along 4th Street E and connected to existing water lines.

The upgrade in size and looping of the lines will upgrade fire flows for the southeast portion of town and provide a water source for future development on the east side of 4th Street E.

A second part of the project will take a water main east on Highway 67 to the western edge of the industrial park; however, the water will not be installed in the industrial park.

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the province," Unger says. "One of the things as MPS we're always looking at and trying to help with is to improve accessibility for psychologists and psychological services in the province."

Unger is leading a workshop herself, tackling the topic of stress management. It's an area of expertise she's been asked to weigh in on a lot over the past couple of years.

"We're really in a state, for many of us, of chronic stress at this point with all of the different changes that people have to adapt to, the pressures that living in a pandemic have on people's lives," she observes. "I'm hoping to focus on helping us overcome some of the obstacles of doing some of the things that we know are good for our health and our mental health."

Self-care is incredibly important for one's mental health, but many people shrug it off or downplay the struggles they may be facing. It can also be difficult for people to ask for help when they need it, Unger says

"There's a bit of stigma still around mental health and just folks really understanding that our wellness is a whole package — it's not just physical," she says.

In the same way that we all have a certain level of physical health that affects how we go about our lives, so too does our mental health have an impact.

"We often think about mental health as being about mental illness," Unger says. "But we all have mental health — how well are we doing emotionally, socially, behaviorally and in our thinking? It's just a little bit less visible."

"So it's really important that just as we take care of our physical health by going and exercising regularly or eating good foods, there's certain practices that we can do for our mental health that help in times of stress, that help us manage and be resilient."

Head to www.mps.ca for more details on MPS' Psychology Month sessions.

Province offers free provincial park entry for February

Submitted by Manitoba government

The Manitoba government will again allow free entry to provincial parks for the entire month of February so Manitobans and visitors can take advantage of the many winter activities they offer, Environment, Climate and Parks Minister Jeff Wharton announced Monday.

"Free park entry gives everyone more opportunities to enjoy nature and the great outdoors," said Wharton. "People across our province love Manitoba's parks and our government is pleased to make it easier to explore them and to experience all that they offer."

Vehicle permits will not be required at any provincial park in Manitoba in February, though Snopasses will be needed for snowmobilers using groomed trails in parks. Entrance fees will continue to apply at national parks.

Provincial parks have groomed trails for a variety of activities, including cross-country skiing, snowmobiling, fat biking, snowshoeing and hiking. Paint Lake, Spruce Woods and Turtle Mountain provincial parks also offer outdoor skating areas, hockey rinks and toboggan hills. Trails province-wide are in excellent condition with a good snow base, the minister noted.

Manitobans are encouraged to check trail conditions and weather forecasts before visiting parks to properly plan their outdoor adventures. An online interactive trails map is updated regularly with grooming and condition reports at www.manitobaparks.com. Trail users are reminded to use only

trails that are designated for their activities, to keep dogs on leashes and to practise the principles of Leave No Trace by not littering.

While being outdoors and active in nature is important for physical and mental health, COVID-19 public health orders must be followed, including for physical distancing and group size restrictions. Warming shelters are open with reduced capacity limits and masks are required indoors. Park visitors are reminded to observe capacity signs and to kindly limit their time in shelters to share with others. Info on COVID-19 guidelines in provincial parks is available at www.manitobaparks.com.

Park interpreters offer numerous guided experiences to help Manitobans learn and discover natural and cultural heritage at Birds Hill, Spruce Woods and Whiteshell provincial parks. Highlights in February will include wolf howl hikes, snowshoe treks, quinzhee building and ice fishing. Event details and registration information can be found under the events tab on the Manitoba Parks Facebook page at www.facebook.com/MBGovParks and at www.manitobaparks.com.

Teachers can also book free guided field trips to Birds Hill, Spruce Woods and Whiteshell provincial parks, along with virtual programs to bring park interpreters into their classrooms.

For more information on winter activities and interpretive programs in provincial parks, email ParkInterpretation@gov.mb.ca or visit www.manitobaparks.com.

Annual park vehicle permits will be available for



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY LEANNE CORBETT

The province announced free entry to provincial parks for the entire month of February to encourage Manitobans and visitors to take advantage of the excellent trail conditions.

purchase beginning on March 1.

Manitobans can stay up to date with provincial parks news, activities and events by following Manitoba Parks on Facebook at www.facebook.com/MBGovParks and on Twitter at www.twitter.com/MBGovParks.

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content depending on the students' needs and circumstances."

A few other AITC-M programs are accepting applications:

Follow the Farmers

Follow the Farmers is a new virtual program that allows classrooms to connect to a live farm tour via YouTube. Although the curriculum links are geared for Grade 4 and 5 classes, any grade could sign up.

The next session is scheduled for Feb. 15 to highlight Manitoba sheep farms in partnership with video sponsor Penner Farm Services. Students will learn about the growth stages of sheep, animal care and wool. They'll also discover everything that's involved in raising healthy sheep to provide us with healthy food.

"We show a short video and then the farmer is there for the next half-hour or 45 minutes to answer questions," Clayton said.

"Teachers can send in questions in advance, but the majority of questions come during that time. Teachers can type any questions into the chat box on YouTube and the farmers are able to answer some of them. It's fantastic."

Two sessions took place earlier this school year, with the first focused on weather and the second focused on

dairy farms.

"We had over 4,200 students that participated in our very first Follow the Farmer about weather in the fall," Clayton said.

"For this one right now, over 6,200 have registered already."

Coming up in May, the fourth and final instalment of this school year will focus on a hog farm.

"It's a brand new program this year and it came out of COVID. How can kids have these on-farm experiences and really connect with how their food is produced when they're not able to go anywhere? We thought, 'Let's bring the farms to classrooms,'" Clayton said.

"Once teachers register, they're able to go into this hidden page on our website for Follow the Farmers. They can see previous sessions and show their class those videos, even though it's not live for them."

Teachers can also access curriculum-linked resources for every video so the students can engage in pre-learning and post-learning after each session.

"It's great because it's so interactive for them. They're not just sitting there receiving information. They're engaged," Clayton said.

"Our feedback from educators has been phenomenal."

Canadian Agriculture Literacy Month

March is Canadian Agriculture Literacy Month, and Agriculture in the Classroom-Manitoba is arranging virtual visits with farmers or agriculture professionals for Grade 1 to 6 classrooms. Usually the program is conducted in person, but it has also been modified due to the pandemic. If teachers prefer to deliver the program themselves without the virtual visit, they will have resources available to them.

All teachers will receive a grade-appropriate book focused on seeds, plants and foods derived from them. They'll also receive a teacher guide with instructions and curricular connections.

In addition, Grade 1 and 2 students will receive a mini seed-growing kit. For Grade 3 to 6 students, each class will receive the Manitoba Seed Kit, containing five sets of 15 Manitoba seeds with hands-on activities.

"The seed kit is going to be absolutely amazing. We've been wanting to do this for years. In this last year, we raised a lot of money to be able to make these gorgeous seed kits. Year after year, seed kits are our No. 1 requested resource by teachers across the province," Clayton said.

"This kit will contain 15 different seeds that represent different crops

in Manitoba. There will be activities to do with the kids, and we're also producing a video to go with it where the kids can see what seed growers do. They can talk to someone involved in the science in a laboratory and understand where seeds come from. Last year, we had almost 9,000 students participate across Manitoba."

Careers program coming soon

Agriculture in the Classroom-Manitoba has a new staff member joining the team in February to launch a program for middle years and high school students to learn about careers in the agriculture sector.

"No matter what grade a teacher is teaching," Clayton said, "there's a way to incorporate agriculture education."

For more information or to sign up for any of the programs, visit the Agriculture in the Classroom-Manitoba website at www.aitc.mb.ca.

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Stonewall junior curlers on the rise

By Ty Dilello

Despite the COVID-19 pandemic that has hindered so much this year, the Stonewall Curling Club is having a banner year for their junior curling program.

"We have excellent numbers for our junior program this season. The largest we've ever had," said Stu Brown, president and junior co-ordinator of the Stonewall Curling Club. "There are 50 kids ages 5-13 in the junior learn-to-curl program, then another nine kids ages 11-16 play in a junior interclub league, for a total of 59 in all."

Two young juniors making some noise on the curling ice are sister and brother duo Autumn and Blake Good. Autumn is in Grade 12, and Blake is in Grade 10. And they've been curling from the time they could throw a rock.

"Our dad was the icemaker at the Stonewall and also Balmoral Curling Club for a long time, and he would bring us to the rink when he was doing the ice, and we practised sliding. And then he eventually put us into curling lessons, and it just kind of moved on from there," said Autumn Good. "We have pictures of us on the ice when we were one and two years old chucking rocks around, but we've played for around seven or eight years now, I think."

Autumn currently plays competitively for two teams. She plays at the U18 level for Team Emily Ogg and



at the U21 level for Team Samantha Gevers. She is hopeful that they'll get to play their provincials, as they were initially supposed to be held in January but was postponed due to COVID-19.

Blake doesn't have a competitive team at the moment, but he's practising and sparing for his cousin's team whenever he can. Blake and Autumn are also trying to go to mixed doubles high school curling provincials if it happens this year.

They both have aspirations in curling and would like to win a provincial



TRIBUNE PHOTOS BY JO-ANNE PROCTER
Autumn Good, left, and Blake Good are two of the latest junior curlers that the Stonewall Curling Club is churning out.

championship one day.

"I'd like to see how far I can go with the sport," said Autumn Good. "Hopefully, I can get a Buffalo sometime in the future."

In addition to the junior program, the Stonewall Curling Club's season, in general, has been pretty good. Its member numbers are down slightly, but the leagues are in reasonably good shape.

"Since Christmas, there have been a few more defaults but not too many, considering," said Stu Brown. "Closing the bar at 10 p.m. hasn't helped either. As well, we had to cancel our

stick bonspiel and junior bonspiel as a result of the current health orders. We're hopeful that they will be lessened again starting in February, since we plan to still have our bigger annual events, including a legion bonspiel, ladies bonspiel, men's bonspiel and wind-up. If all those things are allowed to proceed, then I think the season will be a successful one. If they aren't, then our bottom line will most certainly take a hit, even though our leagues and programs will still have been about as good as hoped for."

Blues win with home ice advantage

TRIBUNE PHOTOS BY LANA MEIER

The Stonewall Blues' Payton Farthing, left, carries the puck up ice while Julia Harrisko has a great scoring chance against Macdonald (1) during U13 Eastern Manitoba Female Hockey League action last Saturday in Warren. Stonewall (Minnie) won the game 7-4.



Rams varsity girls' win pair of games last week

By Brian Bowman

The Stonewall Collegiate Rams varsity girls' basketball team played a couple of great games last week.

And they picked up a pair of victories.

Stonewall improved its record to 2-1 in league play this season after a dominating 54-24 victory over the Shaftesbury Titans last Wednesday.

"They played OK considering where we're at right now just because with all of the shutdowns and all of those types of things, we've really only had a couple of practices since Christmas," said Rams' head coach Christy Steeves. "They did some really good things. I'm happy to see some of the progressions they're making as far as moving the ball well, getting down the floor where they're supposed to be, adjusting better on defence. All of those things are starting to come together but we still have a lot of stuff to work on. We're still trying to break some of the junior (varsity) habits that are still there."

Defensively, the Rams were very good in limiting the Titans to just 24 points.

"We definitely shut down the inside, for the most part," Steeves said. "They then tried to do some shots from the outside and the girls adjusted really well."

Grace Fines led Stonewall with 21 points while Taylor Agostino had 15.

"(Grace) had a good game," Steeves noted. "Grace, I think is going to be a

very versatile player for me this year. She seems comfortable, not only playing inside, but I may actually use her on the wing a little bit more and possibly even (have her) bringing up the ball. She sees the floor well, she was picking up on some good breakout passes and getting us a fast break a couple of times."

Stonewall will host the St. James Jimmies next Monday (4:30 p.m.) and then visit the Portage Collegiate Saints on Wednesday (7 p.m.).

On Jan. 24, the Rams defeated the St. John's Tigers 53-49 in Winnipeg.

In varsity boys' action, Stonewall lost 55-50 to the Teulon Collegiate Saints in an exhibition game on Saturday.

In league play, the Rams were defeated 92-61 by Shaftesbury last Wednesday.

On Jan. 24, the Rams lost 71-48 to St. John's in Winnipeg.

Stonewall will host the St. James Jimmies next Monday at 6:15 p.m.

The Rams' junior varsity girls' team, meanwhile, defeated Elmwood 42-37 last Thursday. Stonewall, now 4-0 in league play, will visit Portage Collegiate next Tuesday. Game time is 5 p.m.

In junior varsity boys' action, the Rams lost 72-46 to the Churchill Bulldogs last Friday.

The day previous, the Rams were defeated 79-30 by the Elmwood Giants in Stonewall.

Stonewall will host Shaftesbury this Thursday at 4:30 p.m.



TRIBUNE PHOTOS BY JO-ANNE PROCTER

The Rams' Grace Fines works the ball inside while teammate Chelsea Snively looks on.



The Rams' Kayden Stewart goes up for a layup against Shaftesbury during varsity boys' basketball action last Wednesday in Stonewall.



Stonewall Collegiate's Tessa Carey, left, and Braxtyn Ollson were part of the Rams' stifling defence that allowed just 24 points in a win over Shaftesbury.

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Canucks shut out Jets

Staff

The St. James Jr. Canucks scored three power-play goals and two shorthanded markers in a 6-0 victory over the Stonewall Jets in Manitoba Major Junior Hockey League action on Sunday evening in Winnipeg.

Kale Price scored a first-period goal and then Mack Whitely, Kurtis Luke and Brady Whitely tallied in the second.

Brady Whitely and Ashton Romaniuk closed out the scoring in the third.

The Jets were a dismal 0-for-11 with the man advantage while first-place St. James was 3-for-6.

Last Friday, the Jets were defeated 3-2 in overtime by the Raiders Jr. Hockey Club in Stonewall.

Tyler Kupchak scored the game winner in OT.

Stonewall's Nolan Wiehs opened the game's scoring midway in the first period but the Raiders' Juliano Garcea tied the score at 1-1 at 7:55 of the middle frame.

Alex Loschiavo gave the Raiders a 2-1 lead early in the third but the Jets' Kyle Van Deynze tied the score with just 23 seconds remaining in regulation time.

Liam Jardine made 42 saves as the Jets were outshot 45-17.

The Jets will have three road games this week, beginning Wednesday (8 p.m.) at Pembina Valley. Stonewall will play at St. Boniface on Friday (7:30 p.m.) and St. Vital Sunday (7:30 p.m.).



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY LANA MEIER

The Jets' Emmitt Farebrother moves the puck against the Raiders Jr. Hockey Club last Friday in Stonewall. The Raiders won the game 3-2 in overtime.

Mercs stage great comeback against Notre Dame

Staff

The Warren Mercs were the comeback kids on Sunday.

Warren erased a 4-0 second-period deficit and then trailed 5-3 in the third before scoring four unanswered goals in a 7-5 home win over the Notre Dame Hawks in South Eastern Manitoba Hockey League action.

The Hawks took a 2-0 first-period lead on goals by Christian Prejet and Griffen McLean.

Elijah Carels made it 4-0 with a pair of goals by the midway point of the second.

But that's when Warren's offence

came to life.

James Maxwell scored twice sandwiched around a Kyle Lundale power-play marker to close the deficit to 4-3 heading into the third period.

Notre Dame's Jeff Michiels and Lundale traded power-play goals early in the final frame and then Chad Deprez tied the game at 5-5 with a goal at 15:50.

Lundale completed his great game with the game winner on the power play at 19:52. Seven seconds later, Braydon MacDonald iced the win with a goal.


The Mercs' Carson Ouellette had

three assists in the game while Johnny Lazo, MacDonald and Travis Bobbee each had two assists.

Hayden Dola made 44 saves for the win.

The Mercs, now 10-4-2, hosted the Winkler Royals this past Tuesday but no score was available at press time.

Warren will visit the Carman Beavers this Saturday for a 7:30 p.m. game.




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Stonewall Jets Player Profile

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at 7:30 @ St. Vital Centennial Arena

Wednesday, February 9

Stonewall Jets vs Ft. Garry/Ft. Rouge Twins
at 7:30 @ VMSC

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U17 Lightning double Thrashers

Staff

The Interlake Lightning doubled the Winnipeg Thrashers 4-2 in U17 "AAA" action last Sunday in Warren.

No goal scorers were available at press time.

On Friday, Interlake lost 5-1 to the Wheat Kings in Brandon.

After a scoreless first-period, Brandon's Quinn Schutte, on the power play, Andre Balcaen and Ethan Gerdis scored in the middle frame.

Interlake's Adam Vigfusson scored a power-play goal in the third but Brandon came back with goals from Balcaen and Henry Van Vuuren.

Lightning netminder Alex Myers made 54 saves.

Last Wednesday, the Lightning lost 6-5 in overtime to the Eastman Selects in Ste. Anne.

Avery Laliberte scored the game winner in OT.

Interlake stormed out of the gate, taking a 4-0 first-period lead on goals by Ian Buors (two), Morgan Mantik,

on the power play, and Vigfusson.

Eastman cut the deficit in half with second-period goals from Jeremy Warkentine and Easton Gaffray.

Warkentine pulled the Selects to within a goal when he scored 51 seconds into the third.

Buors completed his hat trick 1:19 later but Eastman tied the score at 5-5 with goals by Logan Dearborne and Warkentine.

Myers made 49 saves in the loss.

Interlake will host the Winnipeg Bruins this Friday in Warren. Game time is 7:30 p.m.

In U15 "AAA" action, Interlake was beaten 4-3 by the Winnipeg Thrashers White on Sunday.

Winnipeg's Nolan Fielding and Interlake's Gavin Holod traded power-play goals in the first period.

Noah Oughton gave the Lightning a 2-1 lead with a shorthanded goal in the second.

The Thrashers started the third with goals from Gavin Ulrich (two) and Ar-

iel Shuhtin-Poushkariov to go ahead 4-2.

Blake Farthing pulled Interlake to within a goal at 17:41.

Braedan Cormack stopped 24 Winnipeg shots.

Last Saturday, the Lightning was defeated 7-2 by the Winnipeg Wild Green.

Cole Swanson scored a second-period goal for Interlake and then Holod struck on the power play in the third.

Winnipeg, which built period leads of 3-0 and 6-1, Quinn Parker (two), Drew Russell, Cole Babych, Lucas Spencer, Cameron McDonald and

Carter Kjartanson.

Cormack stopped 33 Winnipeg shots.

On Jan. 26, Interlake lost 7-2 to the Winnipeg Bruins Brown in Stonewall. No goal scorers from the game were posted on the league website at press time.

The Lightning will host the Thrashers White this Friday (7:30 p.m.) in Stonewall and then the Eastman Selects on Saturday (4:30 p.m.) in Warren.

On Sunday, Interlake will battle the Brandon Wheat Kings in Warren. Puck drop is 2:30 p.m.

Blues holding on to first place



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY JO-ANNE PROCTER

With six games remaining in league play, the Stonewall Blues U18 A1 team is battling to keep their spot at the top of their division in the Winnipeg Female Hockey League. The Blues have an 11-3-1 record. Last Saturday, Stonewall defeated the Storm 3-2 in Warren with team captain, Bobbi Bullivant, recording a hat trick. The Blues will host the Eagles on Feb. 12 at 5:15 p.m. at VMSC and the Polar Bears Feb. 13 at 4:45 p.m. in Warren.

U18 Lightning blanked by Bruins

By Brian Bowman

The Interlake Lightning were shut out 6-0 by the Winnipeg Bruins in Manitoba U18 AAA Hockey League action Sunday afternoon.

After a scoreless opening period, the Bruins grabbed a 4-0 lead after two periods with goals from Jonas Woo (on the power play), Lucas Gillson, with a pair, and Nathan Brown.

Brown and Hayden Moore then tallied in the third.

Last Saturday, the Lightning were beaten 7-1 by the Eastman Selects in Teulon.

Trailing 5-0 late in the second period, Hayden Wheddon scored Interlake's lone goal.

Eastman's Isaac Gordon, Merik Boles, Bryce Warkentine, Loch Stefanyshyn and Carter Johannesson scored in the second period. Trey Sellen and Johannesson tallied in the third.

Interlake will play the Yellowhead Chiefs Saturday (7:30 p.m.) and Sunday (1:30 p.m.) in Shoal Lake.

In U18 "AAA" female action, Interlake lost 3-2 to the Central Plains Capitals on Sunday.

Kenady Christensen and Seanna

Price scored second-period goals for the Lightning.

Taylor Bell, Danika Botterill and Izzy Colatruglio replied for the Capitals.

Katelyn Dorsch stopped 37 Central Plains' shots.

Last Saturday, the Lightning were edged 2-1 by the Capitals.

Veronica Smarz scored Interlake's goal in the second period.

Central Plains' goals came from Botterill and Madison Haliuk.

Lightning goaltender Rachel Hall-dorson stopped 33 Central Plains' shots.

On Jan. 27, the Lightning were defeated 10-3 by the Winnipeg Avros in Stonewall.

Kylee Emms-Finnson, Sarah Shewchuk and Mackenzie Waddell scored for Interlake.

Winnipeg goals were tallied by Kahlen Wisener (four), Norah Collins (two), Raya Hrankowski (two), Elizabeth Bird and Kyleigh Johnson.

The Lightning will host the Eastman Selects on Saturday (2:30 p.m.) in Lundar and then will play Yellowhead on Sunday (4:30 p.m.) in Shoal Lake.

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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, R0C 2Z0.

**Deadline for Quotation Packages is 4:00 p.m. (CST)
Wednesday, February 23, 2022**

Ian Tesarski, Director of Operations
Rural Municipality of Rockwood
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THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF ROCKWOOD

MECHANIC POSITION

The R.M. of Rockwood invites applications for a full-time mechanic position.

The Mechanic will be under the direction of Public Works Manager. The incumbent is responsible for servicing, preventative maintenance and repairs for all small equipment, vehicles and heavy mechanical equipment of the Municipality.

Qualifications:

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RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF ROSSER EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

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HOW TO APPLY

For more information and a full job description visit www.rmofrosser.com. Applicants should send a resume and cover letter outlining how they meet the specific requirements of the position, deadline being **February 11, 2022 by 12:00 p.m.**

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IN MEMORIAM



Theodore Sobkowich (Teddy)
March 11, 1941 - February 7, 2020

The stories continue to be written even though you are not here. The seasons change and they remind us of you at different moments. Spring showed us the promise of new growth; Summer brought the work of the yard and garden along with camping; Fall was hunting and gathering season, Winter was ice fishing and projects in workshop and playing cards. We all have our memories of you and of many special moments shared. Friends were plentiful and the door was always open to them. We are grateful we can see your reflection in their eyes when they speak of you.

That is something special.

You taught us to be learners and readers, to always be wanting to know something more, learn something new.

Teaching did not end after class. It was an everyday all-day occurrence in your life.

From bugs to rocks to engines to boats and everything in between, you did your best to make every moment a teachable one.

That too is something special.

So, no tears, just laughter, hugs and stories until we Dybosia together once again!

-Love, Alma and family

IN MEMORIAM



Ethan Boyer
February 1, 2000 - October 25, 2019
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Family, Friends and Critters

IN MEMORIAM

Cecil Dew
January 24, 2002
Wayne Dew
January 8, 1990

Though your smiles are gone forever,
And your hands we cannot touch;
Still, we have so many memories,
Of you both, who we loved so much.
Your memory is our keepsake,
With which we'll never part;
God has you in His keeping,
And we have you both in our hearts.

-With love,
Lyle, Myrna and families

*Your memory will live forever
Engraved within our hearts*

OBITUARY



Elizabeth Pauline Dziedzic (Martini)
January 22, 1961 - January 25, 2022

After a courageous battle with cancer, Elizabeth peacefully passed away at the Stonewall Hospital.

Elizabeth will be lovingly missed by her husband of 35 years, Randy; her son Rj (Cindy), grandsons Gage and Levi, granddaughters Hailey, Kylie, and Alexandra, son Roy and grandson Nathan, as well as her best friend, Sharon Kozak, who was always there for her no matter what. Liz is also survived by numerous family and friends.

Elizabeth was predeceased by her parents, Leonard and Isabell Martini, sister Linda Martini and her father and mother-in-law Kasper and Pearl Dziedzic.

Elizabeth worked at 17 Wing in Winnipeg for 35 years where she made many friends and eventually retired in 2016. In early retirement she spent her time looking after her first precious grandson Gage, taking him to Norris Lake, which was one of her favorite spots. This is where she would meet and have cocktails with many friends and family. Her door was always open to anyone who stopped in, either for a coffee or a cocktail. She also loved her flowers and gardening, but her biggest enjoyment in life was her three grandsons.

Over the years Liz volunteered throughout the community, at Polson Hall and the Children's Wish Ride (Inwood). She was always one that could be counted on to help at various community functions.

We would like to thank the Stonewall Hospital's staff for their kindness, care and compassion during this difficult time.

A service will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers donations can be made to the Canadian Cancer Society (uterine cancer research) or to St. Mary's Cemetery (Inwood), Box 166, Teulon, MB, R0C 3B0.

We were happy that we got to spend your last birthday with you just the way you wanted it...enjoying some beer and chocolate!

Rest In Peace Liz. You are now free of pain.

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OBITUARY



Eric Ammeter
September 4, 1929 - January 30, 2022

It is with profound sadness that the family of Eric Ammeter announce his passing at age 92.

Funeral arrangements pending, longer obituary to follow.

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OBITUARY



Beverly Joan Lazaruk

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of our beautiful sister Beverly Joan Lazaruk on January 21st, 2022.

Bev was born on November 12, 1950 in Winnipeg. She attended special needs classes at Kinsmen School and later Margaret Scott School. Bev had many challenges in her life and had resided at home with her parents (William and Myrtle Lazaruk) until their demise. Bev continued living with her brother Jack and when Jack became ill and was no longer able to care for her Bev then moved to Stonewall, MB. to live with her sister Marie. Bev and Marie enjoyed their time together until Bev required more health care. In the recent year Bev moved to Rosewood Lodge in Stonewall where she received great care and continued to live her life, loving to sing all her most remembered Patsy Cline tunes, watching her favourite tv shows and participate in crafts and some recreation and continued to fight her many health and physical challenges.

Bev leaves to mourn her sister Marie Livingston and brother Jack Lazaruk, and nephew Dan Pancoe (Rachelle) and niece Stephanie Pancoe (Andrew), sister Lynda Sundseth (nephew Clint Sundseth (Yvette) and great nephew Jersey).

The family wishes to thank all the care-providers at Rosewood Lodge who treated our sister with so much love and respect and great care and to Dr. Graham for his continued care.

In lieu of flowers kindly make a donation in Bev's memory to The Winnipeg Humane Society or a pet rescue of your choice.

Rest in Peace Bev.

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OBITUARY

Charles David Payne

On Wednesday, January 26, 2022 with his son by his side, Charles peacefully passed away. Left to mourn are his wife Katherine and son Tyler (Samantha).

Predeceased by his parents Cecil and Shirley Payne and his brother Allan Payne.

Chuck loved spending time with family and friends and looking after his garden. He loved watching the Olympics, figure skating and curling. He was a die hard Saskatchewan Rough Rider fan.

We would like to thank the Tudor House staff for their care and support given to him and his family.

A private ceremony will be held at a later date.



OBITUARY

Keith Lawrence Cook

October 3, 1961 - January 26, 2022

Suddenly, while on the job at Muskrat Dam in NW Ontario, Keith passed away at the age of 60.

He is survived by his loving wife of 42 years, Lois (nee Benedictson), whom he took great joy in reminding that she was older than he was - and he made sure everyone knew it. He is also survived by his daughters, of whom he was immensely proud: Melissa (Barry) Hopman, Christy (Adam) Putz, Rachelle (Jim) Manness and Megan Hnatiuk; grandchildren, his pride and joy: Sebastian, Caleb and Charolette Hnatiuk; his sisters Lois Matis (Rod Boles), Lorine (David) Waters and Beryl (Rudy) Singbiel; Lois's family and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by his parents, Clifford and Rosella Cook, his brother-in-law Steve Matis and niece Shelley Matis.



Keith grew up in the Komarno area where he farmed with his parents, married and raised his family. His spontaneous adventures with his family made many wonderful memories, from going to hotels with waterslides, often including extended family, a spur of the moment midnight trip to Winnipeg to a Garth Brooks CD release, camping trips, adventures to BC because "it rained too much to make hay", taking the whole family on a Caribbean cruise to a last-minute trip to Disney World that included the grandkids, just to name a few.

He learned to operate Cat dozers as a teenager and continued to work in the construction industry in Manitoba as an equipment operator, in Saskatchewan as a Consultant and on the Husky Sunrise Project in Fort McMurray, Alberta, as a Supervisor. About 10 years ago he and Lois decided to start their own construction company, K & L Contracting Ltd., completing many projects across Manitoba. Keith took great pride in putting a pushpin on the map where each project was located. He had a knack for estimating a job, the logistics to complete the job efficiently and establishing a congenial rapport with employees, clients and engineers alike.

He was so looking forward to retirement this fall, was excited to tour in their RV, and spend their winters at their newly purchased condo in Texas, that had his favourite, "a pool within walking distance!" He wasn't one to shy away from sharing his opinion but he had a heart of gold, helped family and friends whenever he could, especially if it involved something with more than 100 horse power! He took co-workers and employees under his wing, mentoring them in both work and life skills. He always had everyone laughing and was the life of every party. His competitive spirit was evident when playing Scrabble, Chess or any game where it was "boys against the girls". He will be sorely missed by everyone who had the privilege to know him.

Thanks to JoAnne and Sandra and everyone for your prayers, condolences, food, etc. and for your offers of meals, support and assistance. A special thanks to Clayton who went above and beyond when we couldn't be there.

A private memorial will be held at a later date.

John 11:25 "... I am the resurrection and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live."



There is a link death cannot sever,
Love and remembrance last forever.

OBITUARY

Vivian Asham

It is with deep sadness that we announce the passing of Vivian Marie Asham (Simpson) on January 23, 2022, at the age of 86, in Salmon Arm, BC. Vivian was able to spend her final days with her family by her side.

She was predeceased by her parents Earle Simpson (Catherine) and Enid Dufault (Maurice) and numerous siblings, family and friends.

Left to mourn her loss is her husband of 64 years, Roy Herbert Asham and her children, Mark Asham (Shelly), Brenda Balfour (Randy Stepputat), Ron Asham (Dawn) and Brent Asham. She also left behind six grandchildren: Nathan, Bryce (Kaitlyn), Krystal, Brianna (Tage), Deana, and Taegan, along with two great-grandchildren, Irelynn and Bennett.



Vivian was born July 4, 1935 and started life in Dominion City, MB. As a child she lived in Port Arthur and Ear Falls, ON. As a young woman she worked as a switchboard operator for Bell Telephone in Toronto. She moved to Winnipeg, MB. where she met and married Roy on February 28, 1957, where they started their family. The family moved to Teulon, MB. in 1972 to raise their four children. She spent many hours volunteering for the Teulon Hockey Association where all her boys played. After raising their children, Roy and Vivian moved to Maple Ridge, BC (1990), then Alberta (1997) and finally to Salmon Arm, BC (2014) where she resided until her passing.

Some of her hobbies included knitting, ceramics, treasure hunting at garage sales, bingo and collecting photos of her grandchildren. Vivian had a great love of hockey, especially the Calgary Flames.

The family wishes to thank Dr. Angela Plessis and the nursing staff on the 2nd floor of the Shuswap Lake General Hospital for their compassionate care of mom in her final weeks of life.

Cremation services were provided by Fischer's Funeral Home. To honour mom's wishes there will not be a memorial service.

In lieu of flowers donations can be made to the Diabetes Association.

Share memories and condolences of Vivian through her obituary at www.fischersfuneralservices.com

OBITUARY

Larry Brian Friesen

Larry Brian Friesen left our physical earth on January 17, 2022, at the age of 75. Larry was born June 4, 1946 to Abram (Abe) and Tina (nee Wiebe) Friesen.

He grew up on the farm near Sewell, MB. On December 30, 1972, he married Caroline (nee Hoyak). They moved to Rosser, MB where they purchased their home and piece of land that they made their own and raised their children.

Larry loved working with his hands, was a hard worker, and was a jack of all trades. He met many people and friends through his different occupations over the years, from running his own mechanics shop, working construction, and hauling gravel with his Mack gravel truck. He could strike up a conversation with anyone. He loved going to the car races and would search them out wherever he found himself. He enjoyed driving and being able



to travel all over Canada and the United States for the last 30 years as a long-distance truck driver/owner operator. This past summer, Larry spent more time at home with his grandchildren and going fishing.

Larry was predeceased by both his parents, Tina Friesen (2004) and Abram Friesen (2014). He is survived by his wife of 49 years Caroline; daughter Lara (Mike), son Stuart; grandchildren Declan, Evan, Margot; brothers Harvey (Maxine) Friesen, Stanley (Anna) Friesen, sister Darlene (Patrick) Germain; nieces and nephews.

In his memory, please consider making a donation to Canadian Cancer Society or making a blood donation with Canadian Blood Services.

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