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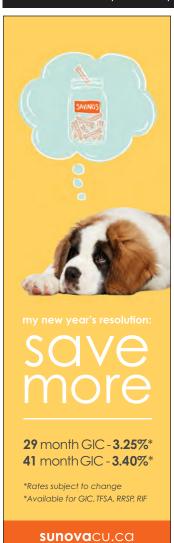


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Ivy Hunnam, left, Payton Farthing, middle, and Kenzie Myers escorted the Stonewall Blues 'A' team onto the ice for the opening ceremonies at the 38th annual PeeWee Veteran's Hockey tournament this past Saturday. All three girls were proud to walk their big brothers out.

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### **End of an era for The Rock**

#### By Jennifer McFee

After building a rock-solid reputation over the past 18 years, the owners of the Rockwood Motor Inn and Motel have handed over the keys to new owners.

On Monday, Feb. 4, Sheri and Bruno Labossiere stepped down from their role as owners, making way for Andy Koprajda to take the reins.

The Labossieres will remain on site for another week to ease the transition, and after that, they still plan to be familiar faces at the bustling business and around town.

"As of today, The Rock is owned by somebody else," Sheri said on Monday.

"It was our baby, so it's a little bit bittersweet. It's been good to us and we enjoy everything we do. We love the business, but it takes up a lot of our time. It's time to move on. We just want to be able to enjoy our family and spend more time with them."

As for Bruno, he'll miss the people most of all.

"We want to thank them for supporting us," he said.

Sheri agrees, and she looks forward to running into folks around town.

"Our customers are great. We've gotten to be friends with so many people. Hopefully we'll still see some around. We'll be patrons here now because the food is awesome," she said.

"We also want to thank our staff for being there for us and to wish the best of luck to the new owners. Stonewall has been great to us, and they'll do well here too. The new owners will bring fresh ideas. They're communityminded people, so it will be good."

Although Koprajda might be new to

the local business, he is certainly not a newcomer to the industry.

"I've been in the hotel business for 35 years, so this is nothing unexpected. I've had hotels in almost every town around. I was in The Pas, Snow Lake, Thompson, Winkler, Rivers, East Selkirk, Winnipeg. I've been at it for a long time," he said.

"Once you start in it, it's difficult to give up because it's always challenging. You would miss it if you leave it for a while."

He plans to make some changes, while also leaving some things the same.

"When you buy, there are always changes," he said. "We're going to renovate and redecorate a little bit."

He plans to move the VLT machines to a different spot with a small barrier around them.

"People at the VLTs will have a quieter area to really pay attention to what they're playing and to get into their own zone," Koprajda said.

"And once we do that, we will be able to have a family-friendly beverage room. Families will be able to come with children and dine in there too."

He also plans to put a buffet in the beverage room to allow customers to come in for a quick meal if they're on a tight timeline.

"It's been successful in other properties that I had. A lot of times, you have different contractors who only take a half-hour for lunch. They don't want to come in and order off the menu because then they have to rush. This way, they come in and have plenty of time to take a plate and eat in that half-hour," Koprajda said.



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY BRANDEN MEIER

Left to right: Sheri and Bruno Labossiere with Andy Koprajda and Andy Koprajda Jr.

"In both dining rooms, we can concentrate on people who want to order off the menu. Then we can also give them a choice of the beverage room side since it will be family-friendly with a lunch buffet or supper buffet."

For the menu, Koprajda plans to add some additional options while still maintaining the tried-and-true favourites

"The menus are great and people support the restaurant. At other properties, we have what's called 'healthier choice.' We want to offer something on the menu for people who want to have a little healthier choice. We'll also try to accommodate choices for diabetics or people with restricted diets. We have to speak to the chef and decide on that," he said.

"The menu will change but not completely. People go there because they like their menu the same. You've got to offer new things in the menu but make sure that people who are supporting it still have the same choice."

On the motel side, Koprajda plans to make a few more changes.

"Bruno and Sheri did a nice job with the rooms. We also want to put hidea-beds and a few little perks more," he said. "I own motels in Ontario, too, so I already have furniture in warehouses. You can't do it all in one day, but winter time is a perfect time because it's a little slower."

Looking ahead, Koprajda is looking forward to meeting people from Stonewall and surrounding areas. He plans to commute from Winnipeg, where he calls home.

"This is a well-supported business and the community is close to Winnipeg," he said. "We've met really nice people so far. I'm looking forward to meeting more people and so is my son."













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## **Community Futures West Interlake earns award**

#### By Jennifer McFee

Community Futures West Interlake is earning accolades for a partnership project with Woodlands Childcare.

The organization recently won the Community Futures Award for Excellence and Innovation 2018 for its indepth research into the social return on investment for Woodlands Childcare (WCC).

Lana Cowling-Mason, general manager of Community Futures West Interlake, said the award came as a pleasant surprise.

"There are lots of great projects that are going on across our province," she said. "It's always great to be recognized, but there are lots of projects that are equally deserving."

In an attempt to quantify the value of WCC, which was established in September 2015, Community Futures West Interlake embarked on a social return on investment evaluation by analyzing the social, environmental and economic impacts.

They determined that the benefits by far outweigh the initial investment in WCC, since \$2.46 of social value was created for every dollar invested.

The non-profit childcare centre is currently full to capacity, providing quality care to four infants, 24 preschool children and 15 school-aged children for 260 days a year. The 2,000-square-foot centre is located within Woodlands Elementary School to serve families from Warren and Woodlands. It's governed by a board of directors and employs six full-time staff members plus two part-time employees.

"We needed a way to measure the benefits and changes in our community in a way that people could understand the value," Cowling-Mason

"What are the benefits to the families that are receiving services? What are the benefits to the board members who are learning about governance



Community Futures Interlake won the Community **Futures Award for Excellence and** Innovation.

and developing leadership skills? What does it mean to the municipality, which now has one more amenity to offer? What does it mean to families that don't have to take time to drive somewhere else to take their kids?"

To measure the impacts of community development, they worked with a Winnipeg-based organization called Health in Common, which offers planning and evaluation services.

"I was so impressed with how this process was with assigning value, and Health in Common was fantastic. Their staff's been trained in this. It was just such an amazing learning process for us to work with them. It was really neat," said Cowling-Mason, who also acknowledged the support of Woodlands Community Development Corporation.

"For funding organizations, whether it be a provincial government or a municipal government, this is a process that assigns a value to that positive



TRIBUNE PHOTO SUBMITTED

The wee ones at Woodlands Childcare had a chance to check out the Inukshuk-shaped award.

change. That is a very important piece of information when they're deciding whether to support things."

Community Futures West Interlake representatives brought the Inukshuk-shaped award to Woodlands

Childcare, where each child had a chance to carefully hold the treasure.

For Teri Kotelko, executive director of Woodlands Childcare, it's wonderful to see about how important childcare is to the community.

"The community definitely sees the benefit of this program, for sure. We have the most amazing staff. We have such a strong team," she said.

"We also want to emphasize that Community Futures has been a great resource for us. We have an amazing partnership and we're really grateful





### Hog operation raises residents' concerns about environmental pollution

By Patricia Barrett

Residents living in the municipalities of Woodlands, Rockwood and Rosser are calling on the province to undertake an environmental audit of a hog facility on the Rock Lake Hutterite Colony near Grosse Isle after years of dealing with increases in animal numbers.

About a dozen residents living near the hog barn – many of whom are small farmers – and residents from the town of Grosse Isle formed a group called Concerned Citizens of Grosse Isle (CCGI) in 2004, and over the years have taken their concerns to the municipality of Woodlands, where the hog barn is located, neighbouring municipalities and their local MLA.

Municipalities have discretionary power over hog barn operations and are responsible for enforcing compliance. The province is responsible for the environment.

Members of CCGI held a press conference Jan. 29 at the legislature to ask Premier Brian Pallister's government to step in and "help solve water and air pollution problems."

The overwhelming stench from the barn — located west of Highway 6 in the southeast corner of the RM — began to plague residents in the midnighties, indicating an intensification of the operation.

Hog numbers have risen since at least 2005 despite the colony's promises to keep them within a set limit, according to CCGI. The colony was later found to have breached that limit and was also fined by the province for dumping partially decomposed animal carcasses in nearby fields. CCGI thinks the colony may be misrepresenting the true number of ani-

mals it has through biannual manuremanagement reports to the province.

After dealing with the RM of Woodlands for over a decade on the need for enforcement, CCGI is calling on the province to test surface water, residents' well water and the nearby Grant's Lake Wildlife Preserve to ensure they're not being polluted by excessive manure, bacteria such as E.coli and harmful nutrients such as phosphorus and nitrogen. Water from the area runs into Sturgeon and Omand's creeks, and ultimately ends up in Lake Winnipeg, which is overloaded with phosphorus.

CCGI's chair Bill Massey, who lives about a mile from the barn in the RM of Rockwood, summed up area residents' 14-year struggle with the colony during a provincial standing committee hearing May 15, 2018, on amendments to the Planning Act, which proposed to give municipalities the option of dispensing with publichearing advertisements on anything from new housing developments to hog barn expansions.

Massey told the committee the colony proposed in 2004 to expand its facility from 658 animal units to 1,815 animal units (animal units correspond to a sow plus her offspring, and are calculated as animal units multiplied by 1.25).

In 2005 the colony bumped down its proposal to 889 animal units, assuring residents it would respect that limit. But in 2007 the Farm Practices Protection Board (later called the Manitoba Farm Industry Board) found the colony had 1,437 animal units after CCGI launched a complaint about extreme odours

"They weren't able to do anything



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Residents in the RMs of Woodlands, Rockwood and Rosser say the Rock Lake Hutterite Colony's hog facility, shown here, has exceeded the permitted number of animals on at least three occasions and residents are asking the province to carry out an environmental audit.

about enforcing the correct number of pigs in the barn. That is the responsibility of the municipality and the responsibility of the municipality only," Massey told the *Stonewall Teulon Tribune* last week. "The municipality has the authority and it doesn't have to enforce limits."

That same year the colony appeared before Clean Environment Commission, saying, essentially, people living in rural areas have to get used to agricultural operations, and that water quality is "paramount" to the colony's quality of life.

Quoting from the Old Testament, colony secretary Ben Hofer said in his written testimony that burying manure is a practice sanctioned by God and that it protects waterways.

"I firmly believe that the only way that phosphorus from manure can end up in a water stream or lake, if the manure itself is washed into the stream, river, or lake," he wrote. "This is highly unlikely if the manure is injected directly into the soil."

But Massey said a CCGI-member farmer told him he had seen the colony out at night spreading manure on a field in the pouring rain, which would likely carry the waste into waterways. And another farmer who acquired from the colony a piece of land that was used as a manure spread field about 10 years ago said phosphorus levels in the soil were at the time — and still are —"through the roof."

In 2007, after the Farm Practices Protection Board found the colony exceeding animal units, CCGI asked the RM of Woodlands to enforce provisions under the Planning Act and hog numbers allegedly declined by 2009.

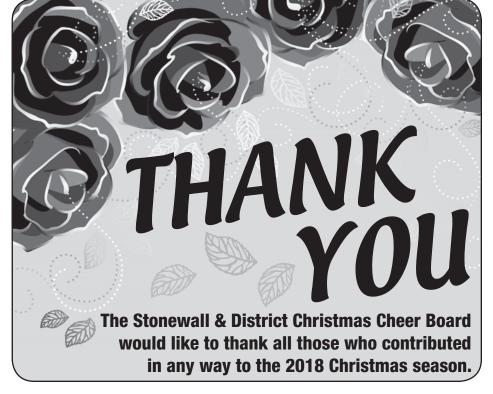
Another hog count in 2012 — after pressure from the municipalities of Rockwood and Rosser on the RM of Woodlands — showed hog numbers again exceeded allowable limits. In 2014, the Manitoba Farm Industry Board indicated the colony had 1,125 animal units.

The CCGI turned to MLA Ralph Eichler in 2016 to request amendments to the Planning Act, which would have enabled the department of Sustainable Development to step in and deal with hog barns breaching compliance. That hasn't happened and it's still down to municipalities to enforce compliance.

Massey said he asked the RM of Woodlands for documentation showing it had allowed the colony to increase its hog numbers.

"If we're establishing how many animal units the colony should have to start with, we are positive it was

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## **Business community hears visitation survey results**

By Ty Dilello with files by Jennifer

Stonewall Mayor Clive Hinds and CAO Wally Melnyk were on hand at the Heritage Arts Centre at Stonewall Quarry Park to go over the recent Stonewall Business Visitation Survey Results with its residents who showed up last Wednesday evening despite the blistering cold weather that was occupying southern Manitoba.

The voluntary survey had been sent out to the town's business community. Legal forms or operations were a close split of 58 per cent corporations and 42 per cent sole proprietorships. Over two-thirds of the businesses that responded operate out of Stonewall only and over 87 per cent of the businesses had their beginnings in Stonewall. Overall, the survey was answered by service business (47%), retail (30%), health care (7%), retail/ service (3%), manufacturing (3%) and other (10%).

One of the big concerns that a lot of the businesses mentioned was the fact that a lot of their people aren't getting the internet service that is needed. Only 74 per cent of the residents in town have high-speed internet, and in the surveys it was noted that over one of three businesses felt there was insufficient internet speed for their business.

It's concerning because most businesses need a strong internet connection for their employees with daily work, emails and so on. The fact that lots of businesses in town are having struggles in that regard is disappointing and it's something that needs to be fixed as soon as possible because it would be a shame if some of these businesses left town purely over poor internet connections.

Some of the other concerns about the local business environment brought up by the people surveyed were the need to include more businesses in local work projects; lack of access to water and sewage services in the industrial park yet businesses are still being charged a sewage levy; ridiculously high commercial property taxes, especially school taxes. The local business park also needs a development plan and services that go with it, and tourism needs to be improved on, getting people to Main Street and buying local stuff. In addition, the town of Stonewall needs a 30- to 40room hotel as soon as possible.

At the end of the day, some of the positive takeaways from the survey were that many businesses in Stonewall have been in business for a long time and many owners feel that Stonewall is a good place to do business. Also, the quality of life in the community is a major advantage to business owners and residents alike.

The issues that need to be addressed going forward in 2019 include access to markets, internet speed/fibre optic access, local red tape, infrastructure upgrades (Industrial Park S&W), provision of space for expansion, greater involvement by the town in economic development and, of course, taxation (school taxes and utility levy).

"The chamber and the council have chosen high-speed internet with which to first focus on out of the priorities of the survey results," said

Stonewall Chamber of Commerce president Graham Starmer. "The survey showed that there were major concerns concerning the lack of highspeed servicing business in Stonewall."

The next steps that the town has identified include immediately going to meet with businesses that indicated that they might be leaving the community in the near future or closing their doors and trying to find solutions that would keep them in town. They'd also like to continue to provide the residents with feedback on their progress and always keep the communication lines open in seeking community input.

### **Woodlands council news**

At its last meeting of 2018, Woodlands council gave third reading to a bylaw to set indemnities, rate of compensation and expenses for council and standing committee members.

The federal government passed

legislation in March 2017 to eliminate the tax exemption portion of elected officials' compensation, effective Jan. 1, 2019. Prior to that elected officials' compensation was one-third exempt under the Federal

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## Teulon resident hopes to start Neighbourhood Watch

**Staff** 

A Teulon resident is hoping to generate interest in starting a Neighbourhood Watch for the community and surrounding areas.

Marcel Lesage has some experience in starting similar communityoriented initiatives, since he started a Neighbourhood Watch program in St. Vital in the 1990s. Now he sees the need for this type of program in Teulon and beyond.

"I just want to try to get some of the negative stuff going in a different direction," said Lesage, who is waiting for some feedback on his idea from the RCMP. "There's lots of negativity around and people are getting fed up."

Lesage said there have been a number of break-ins in the area, and he is hoping that a Neighbourhood Watch might be a deterrent since residents would be paying more attention to what's happening.

"I was broken into in December as well, so it hits me close to home," he said. "I'm just trying to make some positive change."

He would like to see the Neighbourhood Watch encompass a large area from Teulon all the way to Warren.

Anyone who would like more information or to get involved can contact Lesage at doingitright@mts.net.

Bruno & Sheri

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Best of luck to Andy, Andy Jr and family

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Joseph Troisfontaines gets some air while snowboarding at the Stony Mountain Skl Hill last Saturday. The hill finally opened last week after being closed for a couple of weekends due to the extremely cold temperatures in January.

#### Ambulances purchased, improving safety and comfort for patients, paramedics

Submitted by Manitoba government

The Manitoba government will purchase 65 replacement ambulances as part of efforts to modernize its fleet while supporting paramedics in responding rapidly and effectively to medical emergencies across the province, Health, Seniors and Active Living Minister Cameron Friesen announced this past Monday.

"Every day, paramedics take lifesaving care directly to hundreds of patients, responding to 911 calls as well as transporting patients to and between hospitals and other care facilities," said Friesen.

"This significant investment will en-

sure our paramedics continue to have the right equipment to support the excellent care they provide to Manitobans."

The minister noted this investment builds upon the work underway to implement recommendations of the 2013 EMS System Review. This includes a \$5-million annual investment in 60 full-time paramedic positions throughout rural Manitoba to reduce Manitoba's reliance on on-call staffing. These new full-time positions, 35 of which have been filled, will ensure ambulances are staffed 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Additional investments have been

made in capital projects that support the delivery of consistent, quality emergency medical services, including the construction of new EMS stations in Snow Lake and Lynn Lake and new crew quarters for the Kinosota Trails station in Sandy Bay.

"Recommendations of the 2013 EMS System Review, which included significant consultation with front-line care providers, are guiding our investments," said Friesen. "Our approach is focused on implementing changes gradually. This includes the creation of a consistent, integrated EMS and

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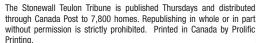
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### Parking ban on Keith Cosens Drive should have had community input

During our civic election last fall, I had the opportunity to speak with both mayoral candidates when they were campaigning in our neighbourhood. As a resident of Stonewall who resides on Keith Cosens Drive, I was asked if I had any concerns about the parking on our street. I told both candidates that, although, I was aware that two neighbours did, I did not, and, in fact, was adamantly opposed to any further parking restrictions on our street. Parking is already limited to one side of the street and the idea of a total parking ban was ludicrous.

I have parking for four vehicles, at best, in my driveway. My wife and I own two vehicles, and I have three children and elderly in-laws. Where are they supposed to park when we host a family dinner or gathering? My daughter is getting married in February and we are hosting several out of town friends and relatives. Where will they have to park? Both candidates confirmed my concerns were valid, and both told me that before any further parking restrictions could be placed, it would be necessary to hold a public meeting so all residents could be informed and have a chance to present their views and concerns. Such is the democratic society that we live in.

Imagine my surprise, when reading the minutes from the Stonewall website, that a first reading of By-law No. 10-18 was held on Dec. 19, and second and final readings were held on Jan. 9, and the bylaw was passed! This makes Keith Cosens Drive between 5th Street West and Lions Way the only street in the entire town of Stonewall where parking is not allowed. The town sends out notices for everything from people asking permission to house a third dog to someone wanting to build a garage, but nothing for something like this.

I immediately called Mayor Hinds to question him about this. His explanation has more holes than a colander. He admitted that residents should have been informed in writing about this, but somehow this did not happen. I asked him to, then, rescind the motion until such time as it could be handled properly. He said they couldn't do that because it was a safety issue. How can this be a safety issue? His answer was that people park right up to the edge of the entrances to Lions Manor and then when residents of Lions try to exit, they cannot see if traffic is coming and they pull out anyways. Solution: ban parking! I then asked the mayor if he intended on banning parking on Main Street because these same residents are driving up town to get their mail and are then forced to exit Westside Plaza where, horrors of horrors, people park right up to the edge of the entrances and exits. No response.

Mayor Hinds then informed me

that it was also a severe safety issue because of the curve in Keith Cosens Drive. How could this be a safety issue? Well, people drive too fast around the curve and cannot see people exiting Lions and may hit them. Solution: ban parking!

I suggested to Mayor Hinds that he was listening to the concerns of two residents, while ignoring all the other residents in that area. He assured me that was not the case and asked me how I would feel if there were to be an accident and someone was injured because I was opposed to a parking ban. I replied that if there was indeed a safety issue I would be the first person to stand up for it. This section of Keith Cosens Drive is, in fact, one of the widest residential streets in Stonewall, measuring 25 1/2 feet in width, not including the curbs.

I am sure the residents further west on Keith Cosens and Lions Way will not enjoy having the extra parking forced onto them due to this ban. What about home care workers who park on that street to assist residents of Lions? Or visitors to Lions who are unable to find parking in the Manor? The guests we are hosting in February will now have to park two blocks away and carry their luggage to our house because, "No person shall stop, stand or park or cause to stop, stand or park any vehicle on this street" punishable with a \$200 fine.

Can you imagine pulling up in front of your residence with a trailer or camper and not being allowed to stop and unload.

The mayor also told me that this

was a temporary solution and would only last till maybe March. I see no mention of this in the bylaw. Mayor Hinds told me that while he would like to discuss this further with me, he had to cut it short because he had to attend a meeting. I told him that he had my number and I would give him a couple of days to get back to me. I told him that if I didn't hear back from him that I would be addressing my concerns in a letter to the editor of the Stonewall Teulon Tribune. To date, I have received no response.

While I agree that there are times when this street has an abundance of cars parked on it, there are other times, as evidenced by the photo accompanying the *Tribune* article, that there are only a couple. The fact is that this is a public street where the public are entitled to park. It is not a safety issue, parking is only allowed on the north side of the street and the width is more than ample to allow vehicles, including large trucks to pass. The simple solution to this would have been to paint the curbs yellow for 10-12 feet on both sides of these entrances and exits, and surely this would serve to clear up " the confusion of the use of these driveways."

I will be contacting the mayor and council to ask for permission to speak on this matter at their Feb. 20 meeting. I would encourage any other residents on Keith Cosens, Lions Way and Lions Manor to attend and voice their concerns.

> - Sincerely Robyn Griffith #6 Keith Cosens Dr.

### You've got my support

I agree wholeheartedly with Sandra Wiebe that voting in the recent municipal election was, shall we say, interesting!

Initially I was unsure where to vote because I was given two different places to vote. I live outside of Stonewall and apparently I could have voted either in Stonewall or in Stony Mountain. As one of my neighbours said, "Does that mean we can vote twice?"

I'm glad I didn't go to Stony Mountain because, from Sandra Wiebe's letter, it sounds like I would have had to go to Stonewall anyway to vote for school trustee.

As it turned out, I went and voted for reeve, etc. When my ID was being checked, I was almost not allowed to vote because I still have the old section/

township/range address on my driver's licence. Fortunately I could see myself on the list and I pointed it out to the person checking my ID. I guess I must look honest. I'm not sure what would have transpired if it had been decided that my ID was inadequate. I still haven't changed my DL's licence because I left it too late this year to change in time to have that changed and pay my registration.

Sometime later that day I realized ... I didn't vote for school trustee ... I was still in Stonewall visiting so I took myself back to the Legion AGAIN. I was able to go in to another corner of the room although I was questioned on the way in because people had already seen me there.

> Glenda Osnach **Rockwood Municipality**

#### > AMBULANCES, FROM PG. 6

patient transport model as part submit proposals for a suspenof Manitoba's broader health system transformation. These efforts will first build capacity, equip staff and invest in skilled professionals across the province."

The restructuring of station locations recommended in the review will not occur until the EMS and patient transport model is in place, the minister added.

The tender sets out the specifications for the new ambulances, including requirements for construction, materials and workmanship. In addition, the tender requests that vendors sion system that enhances ride quality.

Once the tender is awarded, the successful vendor will begin building. It is anticipated that the new ambulances will be delivered and placed in all five health regions later this

Estimated costs are not being released at this time to ensure the tendering process is not affected.

For more information on emergency medical services in Manitoba, visit www.gov. mb.ca/health/ems/index.html.

# Et RED RIVER > CHALET BEACH > LAKE WINNIPEG

#### > ARNIE WEIDL

## My wife dove into the hole to save a fish

Hi guys and gals.

Last week my good friend Guy (Gee) Proulx sent me a picture of a Robin walking on a sidewalk in our area. I guess it found a warm enough place to survive this year's cold stormy winter, which was very apparent to me as I was bouncing over bitter wind driven snow drifts in Old Red on the west side of Lake Winnipeg last Thursday.

I pulled up close to a blue portable shack, lowered my driver's window and shouted,"Is anybody home?"

The zipper door opened and a stout, dark-bearded fellow with squinting eyes and gritty smile poked out. Seeing the sign on the side of my truck that I was a fishing columnist, he called out, "Come on in."

"I'm Shane Barchuck," he continued as I stepped into his shack and took the seat he offered me. We exchanged cards as we began to talk and I noted his card showed the "Hot Taco Band."

"Yeah," he said, catching my glance, "I love two things: fishing and making music."

I laughed saying," I remember a few years ago an angler telling me Ted Nugent the musician went fishing in southern Manitoba when he was here for a concert and almost missed getting on stage because he didn't want to stop."

"I can believe it," Shane laughed. "You want a story," he murmured with his head down in thought as he automatically kept jigging his line in the ice hole's water."There was a time when I and my sister, Christine, were ice fishing on Ross Lake by Flin Flon and she got a strike. She screamed, "Fish on, fish on," feeling heavy weight on the line.

When she got it up to the hole, she cried out, "What is this thing?"

"It's a burbot," Shane shouted.

Christine struggled it halfway out of the hole and then it stopped. She pulled and pulled. Finally there was give and the burbot came up along with a giant jackfish, its teeth sunken deep into the side of the burbot. "It didn't phase my sister at all. She grabbed that jack by the gills





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Grayson Huvel, left, and Rylan Wiens, both of Winnipeg with Grayson's catch on the Red

and tossed it onto the floor of the shack."

A day later on the Red downstream of Selkirk, a pop-up trailer converted into an ice shack caught my attention. I came alongside and before I could get out of the truck, I heard a voice inside shouting, "The door's open. Come in, Arnie." (I guess they saw my truck sign too.)

As I stepped in off to my left was a robust guy with fine facial features and thick tousled grey hair. To my right also nursing a fishing hole was a grey-haired chap with rounder, softer features and seemingly a more gentle nature. Ahead of me, the gas stove blue flame gave welcome heat.

"I'm Willis Holunga and that's my buddy Leon Feduniw," the robust fellow offered. "I'm a retired trucker and my neighbour pal here used to be a university professor. We've fished together for years."

Without waiting for me to ask for a story, Willes leaned over and picked up a very heavily made grapple. Holding it with the end high in the air, he squeezed its mechanism and the claw end slammed shut.

"When I catch a fish, by the time I bend over to get it, sometimes it's gone, so now I just grab it with my garbage picker," he laughed, making the business end of his grapple snap together repeatedly.

We talked fishing for a while and then I left Willis and Leon and moved on down the river until I saw a portable shack with a young boy tumbling out of the zipper door with a fish.

I idled up to him and with my window down, said, "How would you and your fish like to be in the newspaper?" Another smaller lad and two men, who I assumed were the boys' fathers, emerged from the tent. Eager to be photographed, our successful angler, Grayson Huvel, took up his fish and called for his pal Rylan Wiens to stand with him for the picture. Thanks, boys.

Come Saturday, I ventured onto the ice of southern Lake Winnipeg and saw a not-too-tall, well-conditioned chap with rugged features kicking snow around the bottom of his portable ice shack. Reaching him, I asked if he had caught anything. He just chuckled under his breath as he continued kicking snow.

"My wife's in the shack trying to get warm and dry," he smiled, looking sideways at me. "I caught a walleye a little while ago, and just as I was about to pull it out of the hole, it slipped the hook. I couldn't believe my eyes when my wife, Lovella, dove to the hole on her stomach and plunged both arms into the cold water grabbing the fish by one gill. I told her that was pretty extreme, but she just glared up at me and said, 'We've been sitting here for hours without a bite. We're not going home empty-handed.""You have a very determined wife, Noel Eble!

See you next week. Bye for now.



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## RCMP civilian oversight committee formed

#### By Teresa Carey

Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale, along with RCMP Commissioner Brenda Luckie, announced the creation of a 13-person civilian oversight committee that, along with other mandates, will investigate complaints of harassment and bullying in the RCMP.

"The prime minister gave me the mandate to ensure that the RCMP is a healthy workplace, free from harassment and sexual violence,"Goodale said in a statement that was released last month.

The creation of this committee comes after years of harassment allegations brought forward by thousands of affected RCMP employees and former employees. Such a committee was one of the key recommendations made in two reports — one by the Civilian **Review and Complaints Commission** for the RCMP,"Report into Workplace Harassment in the RCMP," which came out in 2017, and an earlier report from then auditor general Sheila Fraser, "Shattered Dreams: Addressing Harassment and Systemic Discontent in the RCMP," released at the end of 2014 (The Fraser Report).

An interim board is to be appointed by this April and legislation is expected to be introduced sometime this spring to make the committee permanent.

"I'm so happy. This is a huge step for the RCMP moving forward,"

said Sherry Benson-Podolchuk, who served with the RCMP from 1989 to 2009.

"Face it, you can't investigate your friends, and that's been the problem,"

Benson-Podolchuk, who was born in the Interlake and now resides in Gimli, had been a victim of bullying and harassment from male co-workers and supervisors starting early on in her career.

After repeatedly being harassed and referred to as "Beaver" and "Raisin Tits," she complained to her superior.

"He laughed and did nothing," Benson-Podolchuk said. "I was pretty much on my own."

In her book Women Not Wanted, Benson-Podolchuk documented her years suffering abuse in the RCMP and hoped by doing so she would inspire others to speak up when witnessing or experiencing abuse and harassment.

Benson-Podolchuk commented that, for the people who spoke up about abuse happening in the RCMP, this oversight committee is a validation.

The committee will investigate and then recommend mediation and/ or education, Benson-Podolchuk explained. However, she hopes that the process will include giving victims and perpetrators the tools and strategies needed to resolve the underlying issues and help all concerned parties work together in a healthy way.

"If they don't have the tools to resolve the emotional part of a conflict, they will not be able to move forward without harbouring resentment," she said. "As police officers, you need to back each other up for safety reasons."

If resentment remains, then a fellow officer may not "have one's back" in quite the same way, she said.

Benson-Podolchuk stressed that, if unaddressed, consequences can be severe for both the victim, who deals with the stress, depression, failed relationships, financial strain, ruined careers, trauma, PTSD and suicide, but also for the public, which relies on the RCMP for good policing.

"A stressed-out worker is not going to be an efficient worker and be able to be a productive police officer protecting people if they're stressed out," she pointed out.

Benson-Podolchuk now works as a consultant, giving presentations at universities and workplaces on bullying and harassment, and also works with individuals. She also gave a TEDx talk in Winnipeg 2015, "Tools to Survive Workplace Bullying."

She believes that the establishment of this civilian oversight committee is an opportunity for the RCMP to rebuild the public's trust in the RCMP, as well as rebuilding trust of the people working on the inside.

less chance of it becoming a toxic workplace where it becomes them against the other



Sherry Lee Benson-Podolchuk

"A lot of people were affected by the culture of the RCMP," she said.

Benson-Podolchuk believes that, if this committee had been in place while she was in the RCMP, her grievances might have been resolved more quickly, not the six years it took. She might also have been spared years of painful recovery.

"It's a lifelong process recovering from that trauma. I work every day to try to have a positive day," Benson-Podolchuk said.

### > WOODLANDS COUNCIL NEWS, FROM PG. 5

Income Tax Act legislation from 1953. On Dec. 18, Woodlands council voted unanimously in favour of the resolution, which states that compensation for elected officials would need to be increased eight to nine per cent to maintain the same after-tax compensation as 2018.

In other news:

Woodlands council held a public hearing on Dec. 18 regarding a conditional use application by Outback Trail Ltd. to develop an automotive service and repair station as well as appointed commercial vehicle inspection stations on a property owned by Keystone Holding Co. Ltd. Council approved the application with conditions.



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## Fibre optic provider makes a pitch to Stonewall council

By Ty Dilello with files by Jennifer McFee

The head staff over at RFNOW Inc, a leading rural internet provider, made a pitch to Stonewall residents at the Heritage Arts Centre at Stonewall Quarry Park last Wednesday about their potential fibre-optic internet services coming to town in 2019.

Chris Kennedy, the chief operating officer of RFNOW Inc, was at the meeting discussing plans to expand to Stonewall. He talked about how most municipalities surrounding Winnipeg don't have access to reliable future-ready internet and communication services. He also noted that there are many opportunities to connect communities to the digital economy and, once complete, the project that they are embarking on will help the Winnipeg Metropolitan Region (WMR) make an even larger economic impact.

This all started coming together on Dec. 13 when a memorandum of understanding (MOU) was signed by JohnQ Public Inc., the Winnipeg Metropolitan Region's economic development corporation, and two industry-leading strategic partners and well-established local and national internet service providers in WireIE and RFNOW Inc. The Winnipeg Met-

ropolitan Region (WMR) is comprised of 18 municipalities that include and surround the City of Winnipeg. The WMR provides the platform for municipalities to work on projects that cross boundaries and that support good growth, good stewardship and good governance. It is the target of RFNOW to not focus on Winnipeg since companies such as Shaw and MTS are predominant in that market. Instead, their attention is focused on rural towns outside of the big city that don't have as strong internet access as they might need.

Bringing high-speed internet connection to the municipalities of the Winnipeg Metropolitan Region (WMR) by partnering with local businesses and industry is something that RFNOW is striving for and wants its target towns to join in with their world-class service and competitive pricing that should entice just about everyone.

"Business owners, industry and residents all rank high-speed services as their top priority," said Reeve Brad Erb of Macdonald, chair of the JohnQ board. "Bringing the right partners to the table is the critical next step to building a cost-effective, sustainable

and competitive broadband network that will allow the region to attract good companies and good jobs while also servicing the needs of residents."

The RFNOW Inc. company, which has its headquarters in Virden, is very familiar with serving the needs of small towns since they have been targeting and building their business for years in rural Manitoba and Saskatchewan. At the same time, they have been paying attention with an ear-to-the-ground on their client's needs.

At last Wednesday's community meeting, Stonewall became the first town that RFNOW had presented to since this all had formally been finalized at the Dec. 13 signing of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). During the Stonewall meeting, the RFNOW's brass went through a lengthy slideshow presentation and then took on questions from those in attendance. The Stonewall mayor and CAO were both very thrilled with the prospect of this new technology coming to town and urged its residents to get behind it.

At the Stonewall meeting, RFNOW said that their goals for 2019 are to be in 2,500 homes with their fibre technology. In his presentation, Chris

Kennedy said that "a fibre mile is cheaper than a wireless mile, which means that the fibre model is much cheaper than the wireless model."

He also said that their model is based on their service performance.

Since the meeting, Stonewall CAO Wally Melnyk has already received multiple inquiries from people who were interested in high-speed internet options.

"From our perspective, we'll probably have another conversation with RFNOW and JohnQ and maybe bring them back in a month's time. That will give some time for the business community to think about whether they're interested or not. If there appears to be interest, they'll also look at private residences and not just businesses so we'll open up the meeting to see if there's more people seeking information," Melnyk said.

"As a project, they need 10 businesses and a number of homes as a minimum in order to look to make an investment here. It's not a really high bridge that we have to cross."

RFNOW Inc. plans to offer TV, phone and internet packages at a discounted rate to houses and businesses in Stonewall and other Interlake towns.

### Woodlands council disbands CDC board of directors

By Natasha Tersigni

After mounting frustration from both sides of the table, the RM of Woodlands council came to the decision to relieve all Woodlands Community Development Corporation (CDC) board of directors from their positions and have begun to restructure the organization with councillors at the helm.

The existing CDC board members were officially discharged of their po-

sitions on Jan, 22, after RM of Woodlands Reeve Lori Schellekens met with the board and explained the need to restructure. Schellekens cited mounting frustrations and legal advice as the reasons why council came to this conclusion.

"The CDC is not dissolved, we as council just disbanded the directors. At the moment the RM council is acting as the directors. We as a council are going to fix whatever is wrong with

their bylaws and incorporation and it will be brought back to the public. We as council are not in the position to sit on this board, we want to bring it back to the residents," said Schellekens.

The Woodlands CDC is an incorporated company whose primary role is to promote community economic development in the RM of Woodlands. The corporation is run

by a board of directors and operates at arm's length from the RM of Woodlands council.

Frustrations between council and the CDC began years ago with the development of the Warren Industrial Park. This was a hallmark project of the CDC but was delayed due to the dispute of the bulk fuel tanks that were placed in the park. While council was dealing with the dispute of the fuel tanks and their placement within the park, CDC could not move forward on selling lots thus stalling their entire project.

"The tanks, unfortunately, were the main bone of contention that caused that board to stop progressing," explained Schellekens who sat on the CDC board for four years before being elected reeve in October 2018.

"Right now, we still have two members out in the community that are bad mouthing those tanks and telling people not to move in there and that they are going to explode."

Along with the issues of the bulk fuel tanks, a lawyer for the council discovered that the framework documentation that the Province of Manitoba provided municipalities to establish CDC's has several errors, the most notable the lack of defining what

operating at arms-length from council looks like.

"This was a cookie cutter framework documentation that was given to CDC's across Manitoba. Our lawyer has found that those things are not right within the framework. This is being brought up to the other CDC's to make sure that it is corrected properly," said Schellekens.

"Another issue with the board structure was the two youth directors being on the board, they can be on the board but they shouldn't have been allowed voting privileges because they are not 18 years old. There was no wrongdoing on anybody's part; CDC or council. This is what we were given to work with from the province."

Having served on the board for four years and then after being elected to council serving as the CDC council representation, Schellekens said she knows first hand the countless hours and hard work of all volunteers and especially the director put in to make the CDC a success and that no one is to blame for this restructuring.

Council plans to move forward with the re-structure and in the meantime will continue initiatives and programs that were established by the CDC





### **Argyle skating club donation**

#### TRIBUNE PHOTO SUBMITTED

The Brant-Argyle Legion #222 donated \$500 to the Argyle Skating Club at the fundraising social on Jan. 12. The funds came from the legion's involvement with the Argyle Fall Supper as well as from summer raffles. Pictured: Kim Shaw, president of the Argyle Skating Club, left, accepted the cheque from legion member Ron Watson.

The Argyle Skating Club is raising funds for new ice resurfacing/cleaning equipment as well as a new building to house the equipment and for skaters to warm up in. The Argyle Skating Club thanks the community members and businesses for their support.

#### > HOG OPERATION, FROM PG. 4

658 in 2004 when they proposed their barn expansion. So why did it grow from that number to 889 in the space of less than a year?" he said. "There was no documentation from the RM of Woodlands that would explain the increase."

Massey said an increase in animal units is significant because "we're not talking about just individual sows. We're talking about sows and all their offspring (about 12 piglets)."

The issue is compounded by the barn's adjacency to the three municipalities. The majority of residents affected by the facility live outside the RM of Woodlands.

"We don't have much leverage with the council of Woodlands because we're not residents of Woodlands. We don't get to vote at the municipal election," said Massey. "And it's not uncommon for hog barns to be situated this way so that the people most affected by the barns don't actually live in the municipality the hog barn is in."

In addition to concerns about water pollution, Massey said residents are worried that the stench from the barn could negatively affect their property values if they decide to sell and could also affect tourism revenues. The Prairie Dog Central train brings about 10,000 people to Grosse Isle every year.

"We're not against the agricultural industry," said Massey, who lives on a small farm and raises a few hogs for personal consumption. "We're farming people. If anything, we support the agricultural industry, but not at the expense of justice to our community. We want somebody who is going to be impartial to go in there and do an honest count. The colony has sent the municipality a count that was done by a veterinarian who works for

Massey said 2013 was the last time

the RM of Woodlands did a hog count, and the new reeve Lori Schellekens (elected in 2018) sent the RM of Rockwood a letter saying the colony has been in compliance since that year.

"But we have a report from the Farm Industry Board that was done in fall 2014 that tells us the count is over. The municipality is saying the colony is in compliance, but the FIB is saying they're not," said Massey. "If they have more animals in the barn than they're admitting to on their manuremanagement plan, they have more manure to dispose of. So where is that going?"

NDP environment critic Rob Altemeyer attended CCGI's press conference and later told the Stonewall Teulon Tribune that the residents have a "pretty powerful argument" about the need for the province to conduct an environmental audit to "show where all the phosphorus and nitrogen is ending up."

"I thinks this speaks to a weakness in the law and to a weakness in government enforcement," said Altemeyer."The changes the Pallister government made to the Planning Act actually make it a lot tougher to enforce proper behaviour in these situations. And municipalities can declare that public hearings are no longer needed for hog barn applications or for expansions.'

A spokesperson for Sustainable Development said the province audits manure-management plans for compliance. It hasn't had a documented complaint about the Rock Lake colony since 2015 when it "checked on the facility ... and an audit of their manure management plan found them to be in compliance."

Allowing manure to escape a property boundary or enter surface water is a violation of the regulation, said the spokesperson, and winter manure application is prohibited "so the operation cannot expand beyond its capacity to store manure over the winter."

The municipality, not the province, would have to address any questions about the number of animals, said the spokesperson.

RM of Woodlands Reeve Lori Schellekens said since March 2013. hog numbers have remained within "target levels" based on counts completed by Manitoba Agriculture, Food and Rural Initiatives (MAFRI) and by the colony itself.

The RM declined to share the results of its 2013 count with CCGI, said the reeve, based on provisions in the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. Releasing the numbers would have constituted a "disclosure harmful to a third party's business interest."The Manitoba Ombudsman upheld the RM's decision.

In 2015 a swine veterinary service company deemed the colony's hog numbers to be in compliance.

"We have received a recommendation from MAFRI that no further recounts are required," said Schellekens. "The colony has continued to provide animal counts every six months for RM records."

The Reeve said the RM won't conduct a hog count as it's been advised not to by a Manitoba Agriculture livestock environmental specialist.

The specialist indicated that "no RM should be entering hog barns to conduct counts due to bio-security. At this time the whole hog industry is on alert for the deadly porcine epidemic diarrhoea (PED). It's unknown how this disease is transmitted, so even provincial officials enter barns with great reluctance."

The RM is, however, currently reviewing all the documentation it has on the facility going back to 2004 and is in contact with provincial government officials, said Schellekens.

"If the Rock Lake Hutterite Colony wishes to increase their animal units, this would require a conditional use approval, which will include a technical review by the Province of Manitoba," she said. "Each conditional use application requires a public hearing."

Massey said CCGI would like to speak with the entire colony about the barn because he thinks the "majority of the people do not know the truth about the operation."

CCGI launched an online petition it hopes will result in a provincially mandated environmental audit of the hog operation. The petition can be found at http://chng.it/nbYYLvbPNK

The group will also be addressing Woodlands council during a special meeting scheduled for Feb. 12.



#### **The Interlake Community** Foundation is accepting applications for 2019 Grants

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### 'A pure health angle': dietitian embraces Canada's food guide facelift

Be mindful of your eating habits, cook more often and eat more meals with others are just some of the tips you'll find in Canada's new food guide.

Health Canada unveiled some major changes to its food guide, the first in 12 years, last Tuesday. The guide is aimed at promoting healthier eating and lifestyle choices while doing away with portion sizes and the four food groups. Instead, the new guide encourages Canadians to eat plenty of vegetables and fruits, protein-rich foods, whole grains while making water your drink of choice.

Jay Adam, a dietitian based in Teulon with the Interlake-Eastern Regional Health Authority (IERHA), is a big fan of all the changes, which he says comes from "a pure health angle."

"Medical professionals who work in obesity, to nutrition scientists, to dietitians who I have been in touch with ... just absolutely love it," Adam said while sitting inside the Selkirk Community Health Office last Thursday. "One of the best things about this guide is it prioritizes food as part of





#### TRIBUNE PHOTOS BY LINDSEY ENNS AND SUBMITTED

Jay Adam, a dietitian with the Interlake-Eastern Regional Health Authority, pictured above, shares his thoughts on Canada's new food guide, which was unveiled last Tuesday. Adam says the cover of the new guide, pictured right, which features plenty of vegetables and fruits, is meant to help inspire Canadians and shouldn't be used as a guideline.

the person."

When it comes to those struggling with weight or cholesterol problems or diabetes, Adam says this new food guide "tackles their issues head on."

"With previous guides there was an ability to make unhealthy food fit the guide in a way and it was done far too often," he said. "This new food guide takes true healthy eating very seriously and it does it in a way that's good for Canadians ... it's also good for the planet."

Adam said if you're trying to eat healthier, it's important to stay away from liquid calories, cook more often at home, take time out of your day to enjoy your food and eat your meals with others. He also recommends either turning your phone off or putting it out of sight during family

"We get so lost in other things that we don't spend time together as a family and that isn't good for anybody," he said. "Spending time together as a family, with food, are sort of the heart and soul of a family."

While cooking at home has obvious health benefits, it can also help you save money in the long run, Adam says.

"It can look expensive at first, it can be a challenge ... but there are many opportunities to make your food dollars go farther in many of these foods," Adam said while looking at the cover of the new food guide.

Cooking a meatless meal a couple times per week as well as purchasing seasonal or canned vegetables and fruits can help you stretch your dollars, he said.

The IERHA also hosts a variety of workshops throughout the region on topics such as how to change your relationship with food, diabetes self-management and eating for health. For a schedule of classes and events, visit ierha.ca and select the "Community Wellness Team & Newsletter

The food guide also recommends Canadians use food labels, limit foods high in sodium, sugars or saturated fat and to be aware of food marketing.

To learn more about Canada's new food guide, visit foodguide.canada.ca. The website features information on food choices, eating habits, recipes, tips and resources.

When it comes to interacting with the new guide, Adam suggests taking the time to explore it for ideas "and see what resonates with your life."

"If I had one suggestion it would be cook with your family and love your food."





**EVENTS IN THE TRIBUNE!** 

### Interlake's young adult choir Tabula Rasa presents Rise Up



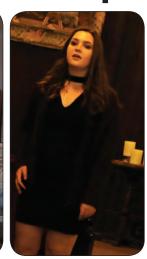
#### TRIBUNE PHOTOS BY JO-ANNE PROCTER

Tabula Rasa, the Interlake's young adult choir, performed to an intimate crowd at Little Britain United Church just south of Selkirk last Thursday. Conductor Kendra Obach with pianist Lisa Highmoor and Cory Sulyma on percussion led the choir through 12 unique songs that were included in their "Rise Up" concert. To enhance the evening, Obach invited seven student guest artists to perform to showcase their musicality and help them build confidence and "rise up" to be brave performers. For more information regarding Tabula Rasa, contact Obach at klobach@gmail.

Photos from left: Tabula Rasa sings the catchy "Gonna Rise Up Singin'" song about finding the joy in each new day; Taylor Manning, Drew MacDuff and Ashley Vieville and willow Reimer.







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### An early spring is on the way



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With much of Manitoba locked in the icy grip of winter the past few weeks, Manitoba Merv's early spring prediction was welcoming for many this past Saturday. Manitoba Merv, the resident puppet at Oak Hammock Marsh, came out of his den, looked around and saw no shadow meaning an early spring is on its way for Manitoba.

While Manitoba Merv's prediction are always fun and entertaining, Saturday marked World Wetlands Day.

On Feb. 2, 1971, in the town of Ramsar, Iran, world leaders signed an important international agreement to ensure the conservation and wise use of wetlands of international importance and their biodiversity, including water resources. Oak Hammock Marsh was officially designated as a Ramsar Site in 1987.

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## Province offers free park entry for February

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#### **Submitted by Manitoba government**

The Manitoba government will once again offer free park entry for the entire month of February so Manitobans and visitors can take advantage of the many winter activities available in provincial parks at no cost, Sustainable Development Minister Rochelle Squires announced this past Friday.

"Winter is an excellent time to enjoy the beauty of our provincial parks and there are many outdoor activities to take part in as a family or on your own," Squires said."Whether it's cross-country skiing, snowshoeing or taking a quiet walk, there is much to see in Manitoba parks and we encourage everyone to enjoy them in winter just as they do in the summer."

Vehicle permits are not required in any provincial park this month, but SnoPasses are still required for snowmobiles using groomed trails in the parks and entrance fees still apply in national parks. There are groomed trails in 12 provincial parks across the province for cross-country skiing, snowmobiling, snowshoeing and hiking. Paint Lake, Spruce Woods and Turtle Mountain provincial parks also offer outdoor skating areas, hockey rinks and toboggan hills while fattire biking is welcome on designated trails in Birds Hill, Spruce Woods and Whiteshell provincial parks.

Trail grooming reports are updated online every Thursday throughout the winter. Manitobans are encouraged to check trail conditions and weath-

### **Policy to foster** economic development and rental unit construction approved

On Jan. 23, the Town of Stonewall council passed Policy 12.1 at its second meeting in January establishing the Stonewall Program for Rental Unit Construction and Expansion (SPURCE). The newly approved program is an economic development initiative designed to promote the creation of residential rental units in Stonewall.

"The town council identified the need for additional rental units as part of its strategic planning process completed in 2018. In fact, rental units is part of the housing stock in greatest need in Stonewall," stated Stonewall

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er forecasts before visiting parks to properly plan their outdoor adventure. Maps of winter trails and updated reports can be found at www. manitobaparks.com.

In addition to free access to provincial parks this month, anglers are reminded they will not need an angling licence to try their luck during this year's Winter Family Fishing Weekend from Feb. 16 to 18. Anglers will be able to fish without a licence provincewide. Note conservation limits will apply and a federal licence will still be required to fish in national parks. Anglers should be sure conditions are safe before venturing onto the ice, always let someone know where they are fishing and wear appropriate clothing for an enjoyable ice fishing experience.

For more information on fishing regulations in Manitoba, view the Manitoba Anglers' Guide at www.manitobafisheries.com.

Park interpreters are offering several guided experiences this winter. Interpretive programs are free and offered year round in Birds Hill, Spruce Woods and Whiteshell provincial parks. Highlights for the month of February include:

- a wolf howl in Whiteshell Provincial Park on Saturday, Feb. 2;
- a guided snowshoe trek in Whiteshell Provincial Park on Sunday,
- a nature detectives program for families with preschool aged chil-



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Manitoba's provincial parks will have free park entry for the entire month of February.

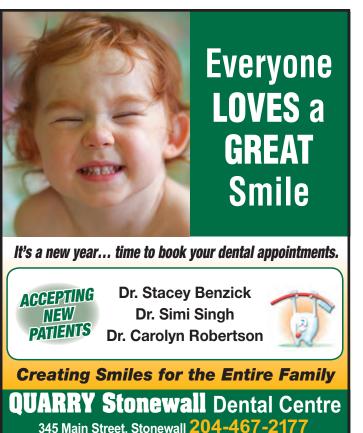
dren in Birds Hill Provincial Park on Wednesday, Feb. 13;

- learn to ice fish session in Whiteshell Provincial Park on Mon-
- a winter family fun day at the winter recreation area in Spruce Woods Provincial Park on Saturday, Feb. 23; and
- a winter safari in Birds Hill Provincial Park on Sunday, Feb. 24.

Interpretive programs are happening every week in February. More

information on these events and other upcoming programs can be found under the events tab at the Manitoba Parks Facebook page at www.facebook. com/MBGovParks and online at www. manitobaparks.com.

Teachers can also book free guided school programs throughout the winter season. For more information on winter activities and interpretive programs in provincial parks, email ParkInterpretation@gov.mb.ca or visit www.manitobaparks.com.





## Stonewall RCMP offers travel tips for poor weather

By Jennifer McFee

The stormy season is upon us, so Stonewall RCMP are offering some tips for travelling in rough weather.

First, they suggest that you ask yourself if you really need to travel today or can it be put off until better weather comes. At the very least, you should let someone know when you are travelling and when you expect to arrive. Since road conditions can change quickly, you should be ready to add some travel time to your trip.

Next, you need to consider if your vehicle is ready to go. You should make sure that all of your lights are working since they should be turned on when travelling in poor visibility.

You'll also want to check if you have enough fuel to get you to your destination, and make sure that you have an emergency kit in your vehicle in case you have a problem along the way.

Lastly, you should keep tabs on the weather by checking local forecasts and road condition information for where you're going.

"The RCMP is committed to the safety of our communities and by providing some tips for travelling in poor weather," said Stonewall RCMP detachment commander Staff Sergeant Kelly Glaspey. "This may prevent some unfortunate events."



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Stonewall RCMP warn travellers to be prepared during winter weather.

### **Funds for Argyle Community Centre**



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Farm Credit Canada recently presented a \$1,000 cheque to the Argyle Memorial Community Centre in support of ongoing improvements to the community hall. FCC's community investment fund supports organizations that enrich local communities where their customers and employees live and work. In particular, FCC's donations work to reduce hunger, promote farm safety and, through Ag education partnerships, they promote agriculture as a vibrant, forward-looking industry. Pictured left to right: Kim Asham, FCC relationship manager, Glen Lawrence, Argyle Community Centre representative, and Kim Friesen, FCC relationship management associate.

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I received an e-mail from a friend who lives thousands of miles away. She was devastated because her husband had announced one day that he no longer wanted to be married. He was in love with someone else. He was leaving, and that was it. My friend implored me to give her some answers as to why something like this can happen. What she really wanted, I suspect, is to know why this happened to her. While I could not answer her question, I replied with the following:

What I Do Know:

Love will lead us to the greatest joy imaginable in this lifetime.

Love makes us vulnerable to the most intense pain and agony imaginable in this lifetime.

Our greatest learning and forward movement occurs through love through the joy, but also through the pain it inevitably makes us heir to.

Nothing stays the same forever. Living hurts.

Sometimes we don't care about wisdom and truth: we just want what we want. And that's okay.

True healing comes through our own hearts - not others.

Our greatest, truest, unconditional love affair must first be with ourselves - then we are never truly alone.

Others may not always be worthy of

### **Pain of Love**

our trust; but we must trust ourselves, knowing that, one way or another, whatever happens, we will eventually be okay.

When we have been hurt or betrayed, it is natural to shut down, be angry, feel victimized and to vow that we will never allow ourselves to be hurt again.

A closed heart does more damage than any that could be wrought by love.

Love is like a flower. It is first a bud, then it bursts into glorious bloom, and eventually it must complete its cycle. Sometimes love seems, for some, to bloom for an entire lifetime. But not usually. It might be there for years and years, but be like a dried flower. If the flower of a mutual love has faded, that does not take away from the gloriousness of its full bloom. Some never have had that experience.

To treasure love while it is there, and release it when it is time, is one of the hardest lessons to learn.

In our deepest sorrow comes the strongest invitation to bring the power of our own love to ourselves.

Love is abundant in this Universe - we just have to learn to be open to it in its many forms. Still, its okay to cry, and rail against that very Universe when it has seemed to pick us up like a wild tornado, dropping us into a world not of our choosing - for seeming to make us participate in an unpredictable curriculum, and not providing any answer keys.

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#### **Cauliflower Popcorn**

Yields 12 bites

1 head cauliflower

4 tablespoons olive oil

1 tablespoon salt (or, for a salt-free alternative, Mrs. Dash table blend) Preheat oven to 425 F.

Cut out and discard cauliflower core and thick stems. Trim remaining cauliflower into florets the size of golf balls. In a large bowl, add cauliflower, olive oil and salt. Toss thoroughly.

Spread cauliflower on a baking sheet (line with parchment paper, if available, for easy cleanup). Roast for 1 hour, or until much of the floret has become golden brown. (That's the caramelization process converting the dormant natural sugars into sweetness. The browner the florets, the sweeter they will taste.) Turn 3 or 4 times during roasting.

Use crumpled up aluminum foil or paper

towels to create a false bottom in your popcorn container, fill it with cauliflower, and serve immediately.

Note: Raw cauliflower can be precut and refrigerated for up to 2 days in an airtight bag or a bowl of water. With minimal sacrifice, cauliflower can be cooked earlier in the day and reheated in a 450 F oven for 10 minutes.



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## Blues host 38th annual PeeWee Veteran's Cup

By Natasha Tersigni

One of Manitoba's longest and largest tournaments continued its legacy last weekend in Stonewall as the Blues played host to the 38th Annual PeeWee Veteran's Cup Hockey Tournament.

Twenty-four teams competing in three divisions took to the ice for three days of hockey. In the 'A' Division, the Blues made it to the gold medal matchup but were defeated 4-1 by the Morden Hawks. The Minnedosa Bombers beat the Altona Maroons 8-2 to capture first in the 'B' Division and the Mac-Gregor Mustangs edged out the Carman Cougars 6–5 to win the 'C' Division.

Opening Ceremonies were held at the Veteran's Memorial Sports Complex and included representatives from Stonewall's Royal Canadian Legion Branch 52, Town of Stonewall, RCMP and tournament sponsors.

This year's guest speaker for the ceremony was retired NHL player Daryl Stanley. Stanley grew-up in Stonewall and before making his NHL debut he played in the WHL for the Saskatoon Blades. Stanley began his career with the Philadelphia Flyers and then was traded to the Vancouver Canucks. After retiring from the NHL, Stanley moved back to Balmoral where he now owns and operates a hunting lodge.

Stanley spoke of his time playing hockey in Stonewall and the important role that it played in his life and the lives of his teammates.

"Hockey develops you not only as an individual for you to get ready for later on in life but it gives you the preparation of being on time, working hard and developing good life skills," said Stanley who passed on some words of wisdom to the next generation of players.



Guest speaker and former NHL player Taylor Manning sang Daryl Stanley.



O'Canada.

"To the young players here what I would like to say to them is have fun with the game; the game of hockey is a lot of fun. Everybody makes mistakes, so don't worry about that, just learn by it so you don't make the same mistake again."

During the ceremony, long-time power skating coach Lana Meier was recognized for her continued dedication to minor hockey in the community and was the tournament's Guest of Honour. Meier has been coaching power skating in Stonewall and surrounding communities for 32 years and her classes provide the foundation to many local players at the grassroots level.

"All the way from Peguis, to Oakbank with Selkirk, Stony Mountain, Balmoral, Warren and Stonewall in between she believes everyone should have the opportunity to learn to skate and wants to see every skater reach their potential," said her daughter Mollie Meier who presented her the award on behalf of the award sponsor Commercial Comfort.

"She truly is passionate about coaching and has incorporated her own figure skating skills into drills to benefit hockey players so they can become faster, more agile players on the ice. I am grateful myself to develop my own hockey skills as a player today and as well as always improving my coaching skills under the guidance of such a passionate and skilled mentor. She has spent countless hours

perfecting her program and always makes sure that everyone is improving even if it means five extra minutes after class for a little on one on."

Lana thanked the tournament's organizing



Master of Ceremonies Geoff Reimer.





PeeWee Veteran's Hockey Tournament Guest of Honour Lana Meier had the honour of dropping the ceremonial puck for Blues players Ty Johnson, left, and Nathan Willey, right.

committee for choosing her as this year's Guest of Honour and spoke on the impact the Veterans cup played in her own family's life.

"It is an enormous privilege to be here to drop the ceremonial puck but to also be recognized publicly at this tournament. This tournament is very dear to me as all five of my children have played in it and for 11 consecutive years," said Lana.

"Hockey is a great sport that builds a great community around it."



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Meier middle, was recognized for her 32 years of coaching powerskating to hundreds of Minor hockey players. Pictured with Lana is her daughter Mollie and husband Jeff.



The Stonewall Blues PeeWee 'A' team had to settle for silver at their home tournament after losing to the Morden Hawks in the gold medal game.

## Is this your garbage?

Staff

Shame on whoever decided to dump their garbage on Road 94N, starting east of the dump to Road 5E where a good portion of the branches were lost from the load to the spot west of Road 3E in the RM of Rockwood recently.

And thank you to the Good Samaritan who sent this photo in and who also collected your garbage for the RM to pick up.

Did you know, if someone gets caught disposing of their unwanted placement of snow, ice, trees, shrubs, rocks, weeds, grass, leaves, refuse and other obstructing material on municipal roads, soil, ditches, parks and reserves within the municipality in order to ensure safe passes, flow and

get caught, they will be required to pay all the costs incurred by the RM.

In addition, the RM has the right to issue a Notice of Breach of By-law #16/15. The first offence carries a fine of \$100 to \$250 plus court costs, inspection costs, removal costs and all other extenuating costs; a second offence \$200 to \$500 plus court costs, inspection costs, removal costs and all other extenuating costs and a third offence \$400 to \$1,000 plus court costs, inspection costs, removal costs and all other extenuating costs.

Next time, confirm what time the landfill site is open before making the trip. If it's closed when you get there, take it home till next time.



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Does this garbage look familiar? This garbage was dumped along a road recently.

#### > SPRUCE, FROM PG. 15

Mayor Clive Hinds.

The Town of Stonewall has long suffered from a low vacancy rate and the total number of rental units as a percentage of the total housing mix in the town is significantly below the provincial average. SPRUCE will provide developers creating five or more units with a potential \$1,500 per unit in economic incentives over a four-year period.

Mayor Hinds added, "It is our hope

that council's decision to proceed with the incentive will boost investment in a much-needed option for housing in Stonewall."

The current plan is for SPRUCE to run for 2019, 2020 and 2021. Individuals interested in reviewing the program or in applying can contact the Town of Stonewall Office at 204-467-7979 or visit www.stonewall.ca for more details.

Attention Businesses in the areas of Argyle, Balmoral, Grosse Isle, Lake Francis, Marquette, Rosser, St. Laurent, Stonewall, Stony Mountain, Warren, and Woodlands.

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To book your space contact

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Stonewall Teulon

## worship with us

### **How Blind Are You?**

Dark rooms suck. Thank God that we have hard shins to help us find sharp corners. Soft feet to help us locate Lego pieces. Foreheads to discover low hanging objects. And millions of nerve endings to remind us that walking in the dark sucks. Dark blindness isn't fun. It slows you down. Increases injury. Raises anxiety. Lowers productivity.



As much as dark sucks, imagine waking up blind. The terror. The confusion. Sitting there. Entirely helpless. What would you do? I'm thinking most people would want a hospital. Figure out what's going on. But how? Driving is out. Now imagine I gave you three options. A roadmap. A walking stick. A person to guide you to the hospital. Which would you pick? Most sane people would choose the third option. A guide is the quickest, best and safest way to go. Especially if you need to cross a highway or two along the way. You might be able to hear a car, but they can see it coming from a mile away.

When it comes to the future, we're entirely blind. Sure, we can plan. Prepare. Study. Insure. Invest. But if we're really honest with ourselves, we don't know what's around the corner. A single phone call can change everything. A medical diagnosis. A relational split. An accident. A death.

Jesus isn't "blindsided" by time. He knows the end from the beginning. Look at the temple? He knew it was going to be torn down brick by brick. What seemed impossible to every rational mind was merely around the corner. Most everyone was blind to it. He tried to guide them. Told them to flee the city. Everyone who did survived. Everyone who didn't died.

How blind are you? Let's check. Do you know what the future holds? Where every path leads? What habits today can make life great tomorrow? Jesus does. You may not need religion. I get that. But how awesome would it be to have a guide who can provide? Yes, dark rooms suck. Take a minute to invite Him who brings light. Jesus.

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## Ollson to represent Manitoba at 2019 IIHF Global Girls' Game

It's been a pretty exciting couple of weeks for Balmoral native Braxtvn Ollson who has been selected as one of two Manitobans by Hockey Manitoba to take part in the upcoming 2019 IIHF Girls' Global Game in Calgary on Feb. 16. The other being Winnipegger Georgia Craw.

The Girls' Global Game is an International Ice Hockey Federation (IIHF) initiative that focuses on bringing female players around the world together as teammates while working to grow the sport of female hockey. Over two and half days, 40 countries will host one-hour hockey games in succession beginning in New Zealand, going across six continents until reaching its final destination in Calgary.

Each country that participates in the games will identify players that will represent either Team Blue or Team White. As the game ends in one country, it picks up in the next with the score continuing to grow, and as the game goes from one country to the next, females all across the world become teammates.

Hockey has been a big passion for the Stonewall Collegiate Grade 9 student Ollson for a while now. Her love for the game has been rewarded with this unique and special opportunity to help grow the sport across the planet.

"My brother was asking to play, so my parents were signing him up. When I found out I asked if I could play too," said Ollson.

"When I started, I played Rec hockey in Balmoral, for four years, and then I came to Stonewall. I now play for the Stonewall Blues Bantam A2 team as a forward, sometimes wing and some-

times center. I am a clean, level-headed, hard working player who works well with my team members."

In addition to playing hockey, Ollson also plays soccer, excels at piano with the Royal Conservatory of Music and volunteers with fundraisers in her community. She's also a big fan of the Winnipeg Jets.

Her favourite athletes are her parents. Ollson's mother played sledge hockey after she unfortunately lost her leg during a battle with cancer and her father continues to play hockey even with a fused ankle.

"I enjoy watching the Jets games with my family, but I don't have a particular favourite player," she said. "I like to play it more than watch it."

This is the fourth year that the International Ice Hockey Federation has put on this event and looking at the numbers it appears to be growing each year. A great sign for the future of female hockey in not just Canada, but in countries all over the world. A lot of the countries participating in this Global Game do not have the same access to the sport as we have here in Canada. Going through the list, some are places with warmer climates that don't even have natural ice, so an event like this really is eye-opening and one that isn't being taken lightly by the hockey world.

When asked about what Ollson will take away from this once-in-a-lifetime experience, she said, "I believe it will help me develop skills on the ice, as well as skills off the ice, such as confidence. It has been wonderful to receive support from my team, friends, and community. Also just to know that Hockey Manitoba believes in me! I'm looking forward to meet-



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Balmoral's Braxtyn Ollson has been chosen to represent Manitoba at the 2019 IIHF Girls' Global Game in Calgary on Feb. 16.

ing other players from across Canada, as well as, professionals in the sport. I hope that together we can promote girls' hockey and encourage new players to join. I want girls to know that anyone can join and play hockey because even if you aren't strong to start,

no one gets worse. They can only get better. I also hope to connect with my teammates from around the globe, and just learn about them, their community, and what hockey looks like in their country."

## Warren Wildcats win fourth-straight tournament title

By Brian Bowman

For the fourth consecutive time this season, the Warren Collegiate Wildcats varsity girls' basketball team has won a tournament championship.

This time, Warren turned the trick in Niverville as the Wildcats defeated the Calvin Christian Eagles 49-45 in overtime in the title game Saturday.

Winning four tournaments in a row is pretty special.

"We've played pretty solid, I would

say," said Wildcats' head coach Kevin Braun. "Some of the tournaments we've had more easier games than we did this weekend but it was good to have a real good challenge this weekend in the final."

The championship win certainly wasn't easy. The Eagles gave the Wildcats a real good battle as the score was tied at 45-45 after regulation time.

Warren tied the score with a free throw with about eight seconds left in the fourth quarter. The overtime was a defensive struggle between the two

"Four points in five minutes is not ideal," Braun admitted. "For some reason, we had a lot of missed layups and easy buckets. But, overall, I'm pleased because if the other team isn't going to score a bucket in overtime then you're going to win."

To reach the final, Warren destroyed the Springs Christian Eagles 57-22.

Warren started the tournament with a convincing 61-22 win over the Green Valley Pirates.

Warren will host the Sanford Sabres in an exhibition game this Thursday at 6 p.m. and then will compete at a Teulon tournament this Friday and

The Wildcats' first game is against the St. Maurice Patriots. The host Teulon Saints will battle the Peguis Wolves in another first-round contest.

## U17 Midget Prep, Bantam Lightning on losing end of games

Staff

The Interlake Lightning U17 Midget Prep hockey team lost a tough one to the Brandon Wheat Kings on Saturday evening in Warren.

Interlake led 2-1 late in the third period but Brandon's Brayden MacKay tied the score with just 37 seconds remaining in regulation time.

The Wheat Kings' Dalton Andrews then scored the game-winner in overtime.

Lucas Singh gave Interlake a 1-0 lead with a short-handed goal at 17:27 of the first period.

Andrews tied the score late in the second before the Lightning's Ashton Fisher tallied 1:40 into the third.

Jackson Kummen made 24 saves in the losing cause.

Last Thursday, the Lightning was blanked 8-0 by the first-place Winnipeg Monarchs in Arborg.

No scoring summary was on the league website at press time.

Interlake will host a very good Sharks' team this Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in Stonewall.

On Sunday, the Lightning will visit the Eastman Selects at 1 p.m.

**Lightning Bantam AAA** 

In Bantam AAA action, Interlake was nipped 5-4

in overtime by the Winnipeg Hawks at the Maples Multiplex on Saturday.

Liam Cunningham scored the OT winner.

The Lightning trailed 3-0 after the first period and then 4-1 late in the second.

But Interlake mounted a comeback with a secondperiod goal from Rylan Slatcher and third-period markers by Karson King and Alexander Kaczorowski.

Peyton Bateman also scored a second-period goal for the Lightning.

The Hawks' other goals were scored by Nathan Lenoski, Carson Shewfelt, Layne Richardson, and Cole Younger.

Zach Meadows made 33 saves in the loss.

Last Thursday, Interlake was blanked 5-0 by the Monarchs in Stonewall.

Sam Court and Michael Cicek gave the visitors a 2-0 first-period lead and then Dylan Moon and James Starr tallied in the middle frame.

Zach Nicholas closed out the scoring in the third. Meadows stopped 31 Monarchs' shots.

Interlake will play Eastman this Friday at 7:30 p.m. in Landmark and then will battle the Yellowhead Chiefs on Sunday at noon in Shoal Lake.

The Lightning will close out their regular season with home games Monday (7:30 p.m.) against the



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY LANA MEIER

Lightning captain Rhett Woods makes a long pass up the ice to Lucas Singh who scored a shorthanded goal. Interlake lost the game 3-2 in overtime to the Brandon Wheat Kings.

Warriors and the Central Plains Capitals on Feb. 16 (6 p.m.). Both games will be played in Stonewall.

## Midget Lightning split with Winnipeg teams



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY LANA MEIER

Lightning goaltender Chris Fines faced 41 shots against the Winnipeg Wild last Sunday.

Staff

The Winnipeg Wild are a very good hockey team - there is no question about that.

Winnipeg showed off their skill once again, cruising to a 9-0 victory over the Interlake Lightning on Sunday afternoon at the Bell MTS Iceplex.

The Wild's Kaden Bryant scored twice while Jackson Klewchuk also tallied in the first period.

Winnipeg then exploded for six goals in the second to grab a comfortable 9-0 lead. Cameron McDonald, with a pair, Bryant, Reese Belton, Tyson Smith and Hughie Hooker scored in the middle frame.

The third period was scoreless.

The Wild scored four power-play goals in the game and also added a shorthanded marker.

On Saturday evening, Interlake edged the Winnipeg Thrashers 5-4 in Teulon.

Nicholas Prystupa scored twice for the Lightning

while Chase Barkley, Austin Adair and William Faraci added singles.

Kai Studler, Cadrick Dueck and Greg Pase-schnikoff each had two assists.

Nick Sharpe, Jack Stewart, Brandon Ambrozik and Jordan Macfarlane replied for the Thrashers.

Winnipeg was 2-for-11 on the power play while Interlake was 0-for-4.

The Thrashers outshot the Lightning 60-15 as Josh Bond earned the well-deserved victory.

The Lightning will visit the Winnipeg Bruins on Wednesday at 7 p.m. at Southdale Arena.

Interlake will then be home for five straight games, beginning Saturday at 7:30 p.m. when it hosts the first-place Wild in Arborg.

The Lightning will then play the Eastman Selects Sunday (2:30 p.m.) in Teulon.

## Mercs wrap up regular season with road loss

By Brian Bowman

The real season is about to begin for the Warren Mercs.

Warren capped off its regular season Sunday with an 8-4 road loss to the Portage Islanders in South Eastern Manitoba Hockey League action.

Portage, which held period leads of 3-0 and 7-1, received goals from Marlon Gardner (three), Tanner Waldvogel, Jon Gaudet, Jeremy Brooks, Derrick Brooks and Robby Moar.

Brock Genyk led Warren with a goal

and two assists while Travis Bobbee and Chad Deprez each had a goal and an assist.

Bryce Spittal made 37 saves in the loss.

The Mercs now have their sights set on the playoffs, which will pit them against the Winkler Royals in a bestof-five series.

Game 1 will take place Friday at 8 p.m. in Warren while Game 2 is set for Winkler on Sunday (7:30 p.m.).

Game 3 returns to Warren next Tues-

day at 8 p.m.

If necessary, Game 4 is slated for Feb. 17 in Winkler while a Game 5 would be played in Warren on Feb. 19.

Last Friday, the Mercs pounded Portage 7-3 in Warren.

Kyle Luschinski led Warren with two goals and an assist while Matt Jacobucci chipped in with three assists.

Mitch Hansen, Reid McLeod, Wes Pawluk, Wade Duncan, and Brenden Luschinski also scored for the Mercs.

Gaudet, Adam Blight and Derrick

Brooks replied for Portage.

Warren outshot Portage 48-29 as Hayden Dola earned the victory.

Warren and Portage finished the regular season tied for second place with 27 points.

The other first-round series will feature Morden versus Altona and Portage against Notre Dame.

Carman finished the regular season in first place and received a first-round bye.

### Manitoba's best curlers heading to Virden for provincials

Staff

The most prestigious curling event of the season in Manitoba curling kicks off on Wednesday at the Tundra Gas and Oil Place in Virden. The Viterra Championships where our province determines our Tim Hortons Brier representative through a gruelling 32 team double-knockout is a very special week and as per usual at this event, there will be a strong Interlake contingent that is of course led by fourth seeded Tanner Lott from Winnipeg Beach.

Winnipeg Beach's Lott has been having a breakout season so far and definitely deserves their number four seed. Lott started the year off strong by winning their first two WCT events and even participated in the Grand Slam of Curling Tour Challenge (Tier II). Most recently capturing the main event of the Manitoba Open so they are definitely one of those teams that are likely going to be in the mix come playoff weekend.

Gimli's Steen Sigurdson will also be in Virden. Steen's rink has had an up-and-down year so far, qualify-

ing in just two of five World Curling Tour (WCT) event's, but are currently trending in the right direction after winning their tricky Interlake men's regional zone over the likes of Kyle Foster, Richard Muntain, and Justin Reynolds. They'll be in tough at the provincials coming in as the 21st seed with a tough first matchup against Pembina's Daniel Birchard.

Tribune reporter Ty Dillelo has a horse in the race as well and will be skipping the ninth seeded team at the provincial championship. Dilello has been having a decent year so far for a first-year as a team together. They made the playoffs or better at most of the WCT events, and have pulled off some big wins, most notably against the reigning Olympic gold medalists John Shuster.

"I like to think that we have the ability to play very well, it's just about putting it together and being consistent at the right time," said Dilello.

For most of this decade, the Manitoba provincials has been a two-horse race between Mike McEwen and Reid Carruthers. Now that they've joined forces and the fact that they haven't exactly had the strongest season so far, this provincial championship seems pretty.

"I know that my team feels like we're one of eight or so teams that actually has a shot at this if we can play well and I'm sure our other competitors feel the same way," said Dilello.

"All in all it should make for a pretty interesting weekend out in Virden."

There is talk of reducing the number of teams in the Viterra Championship from 32 to 24, making the event more difficult to qualify for.

But for now, the 32 teams can enjoy the Viterra Championships as one of the most intriguing events of the curling season.

The 2019 Viterra Championship draw showing the first matchup and the team's seeding in brackets:

- (15) Graham Freeman, Virden Kelly Marnoch, Carberry (18)
- (2) Jason Gunnlaugson, Morris -Darren Perche, Charleswood (31)
- (7) David Bohn, Assiniboine Memorial - Curtis McCannell, Pilot Mound

(10) Steve Irwin, Brandon - Ryan Thomson, Morden (23)

(11) Riley Smith, Fort Rouge – Kelly Robertson, Neepawa (22)

(6) William Lyburn, Granite - Dean North, Carman (27)

(3) Braden Calvert, Assiniboine Memorial - Shaun Parsons, Burntwood

(14) Trevor Loreth, Granite - Brett Walter, Elmwood (19)

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(1) Reid Carruthers, West St. Paul -Robert Daudet, Granite (32)

(8) Corey Chambers, Lorette - Jeff Stewart, Gladstone (25)

(9) Ty Dilello, Fort Rouge - Tyler Drews, Fort Rouge (24).

## Jets suffer pair of MMJHL road losses

By Brian Bowman

The Stonewall Jets lost a pair of road games last weekend in Manitoba Major Junior Hockey League action.

Stonewall earned just one out of a possible four points after the Jets were doubled 4-2 by the Transcona Railer Express on Sunday afternoon in Win-

nipeg.
"I think in the second period it was tied 2-2 and both of us got some pretty hard-working goals," said Jets' head coach Brock Couch. "Both teams got hard on the puck and went to the net and the result was each team scoring because we were going hard.

"But in the third period, to be honest, we just didn't show up."

After a scoreless first period, Aiken Chop and Brendon Burnett scored to give the Jets a 2-0 lead by the 7:29 mark of the second period.

But Transcona's Nik Kowalski and Devon Weimer tallied late in the second and then Nathan Hillis and Ryan Sinclair each scored their first goals of the season early in the third.

Transcona outshot Stonewall 46-19, including 19-4 in the final frame.

"(The third period) was a let down, for sure," Couch said. "We backed off on how tight we were playing defensively and kind of played shy.

Last Friday, the Jets were defeated 4-3 in overtime by the Ft. Garry/Ft. Rouge Twins at Century Arena.

Cole Cadro scored the game-winner in OT on a penalty shot.

"We took some penalties later on in regulation and killed off a couple," Couch said. "The refs didn't call many penalties all game and I think he

called four in the overtime period and then they had a penalty shot. It was tough to watch ... but we got a point off of them."

Brendan Labossiere gave the Jets a 1-0 first-period lead and then he made it 2-0 early in the second.

But the Twins came back with second-period goals by Michael Main and Jack Cowell.

The Jets' Ryan McMahon scored his 16th goal of the season at 11:51 of the third but the Twins' Zach Odwak tied the score with a power-play marker.

Odwak's goal, which was a fluky one, came with just 13 seconds remaining in regulation time.

The Jets are now tied with the Charleswood Hawks for seventh place in the 10-team league, each with 36 points, heading into this week's

Stonewall played the St. James Canucks this past Tuesday but no score was available at press time. The Jets will continue on the road this Sunday when they play the Hawks in a key matchup at Eric Coy Arena. Game time is 7:30 p.m.

Stonewall's next home game is Feb. 13 when it hosts the St. Boniface Riels. It's an important three-game stretch for the Jets.

"It's a big stretch for us," Couch insisted. "It's the last time that we're playing St. James and the series is up for grabs with them. The guys will be pumped up for that one on Tuesday and then we have a bit of a break before Sunday so hopefully that will give us the rest that we need."

### Midget female Lightning drop pair of weekend games

#### **Staff**

The Interlake Lightning lost a pair of Manitoba Female Midget Hockey League games last week.

Interlake was defeated 5-2 by the Pembina Valley Hawks in Morden

on Friday and then was stopped 9-2 by the Yellowhead Chiefs Sunday in Arborg.

In Sunday's loss, Brenna Barylski and Denali Sigurdson each had a goal and an assist for the Interlake.

Pembina Valley goals were scored by Jena Barscello (three), Rylee Gluska (three), Joie Simon (two) and Sadie Wood.

Against Pembina Valley, the Hawks' Breanna Millions had a hat trick while Keanna Clark and Tessa Odell also tallied.

No Interlake goal scorers were listed on the league website at press

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## Sahaidak/Lott win Curling World Cup for Canada

#### By Ty Dilello

It was a storybook ending to a great week of curling in Jonkoping, Sweden at the Curling World Cup for Kadriana Sahaidak and Colton Lott of Winnipeg Beach. Representing Canada in Mixed Doubles at the event, Sahaidak/Lott scored a last-rock 7-5 victory over Norway's Thomas Ulsrud and Kristen Skaslien in the final to win the third leg of the Curling World Cup and advance to the Grand Final of the event later this spring in Beijing, China.

"It means everything," said Lott. "We've been in a couple of tough finals, we lost the National final in Canada and then we lost the Canad Inns this year. So to finally come through in that final it was huge especially being at an international event representing Canada."

Colton Lott is one of the best young curlers in the world right now and he really proved it in the World Cup final by playing nearly perfect at 99 per cent. And with Sahaidak, the fact that she is now a Curling World Cup champion is downright unbelievable since not only is she just nineteen years old, but she doesn't even curl competitively in regular four-person curling. She is strictly a mixed-doubles curler and is already a very elite player, knowing exactly what to do to get her rocks in the right places.

To reach the World Cup finals, Sahaidak/Lott had to navigate through a double round-robin, winning four games and only dropping two. It was the last round-robin game that launched the Canadians to the final when they dispatched South Korea

In the World Cup final, the Winnipeg Beach tandem quickly jumped out to a 4-0 lead after three ends, but as we know in curling, leads sometimes are only temporary. Ulsrud/Skaslien hung in tough and after seven ends, they had fought back to tie the game at five apiece. Fortunately, the young Canadian duo held the last rock advantage in the final end and played a near perfect end, scoring a deuce, and taking home the Curling World Cup. For their efforts, Sahaidak and Lott took home US\$13,250 in prize money.

Colton Lott will now be returning to Manitoba to take part in this week's Viterra Championships in Virden where he plays third for his older brother Tanner. They are the fourth seed at the provincials, and with Colton's recent mixed-doubles success, he is looking to carry that over into men's play.

#### In other curling news

It was a disappointing week for Arborg's Vanessa Foster and her teammates on Team Darcy Robertson. They were on the losing side of things all week going winless at 0-6 in Swe-



WORLD CURLING FEDERATION/CÉLINE STUCKI)

Canada's Kadriana Sahaidak and Colton Lott defeated Norway's Kristin Skaslien and Thomas Ulsrud 7-5 on Sunday to capture the mixed doubles title at the curling World Cup in Jonkoping, Sweden.

den. A tough week for the Winnipeg foursome that was representing Team Canada for the first time.

Finally, in the men's event, Canada's Matt Dunstone (a Winnipegger) won the championship final over threetime World Champion Niklas Edin 5-4 in a thrilling back-and-forth seesaw affair. Tied and holding the last rock in the final end, Dunstone made a quiet-weight hit and stick, removing an Edin counter in the four-foot to pick up the World Cup crown. Which means that in addition to Colton Lott and Kadriana Sahaidak, we will also be seeing Team Dunstone in Beijing for the Grand Final of the World Cup in May. Matt Dunstone and Colton Lott curled together in juniors for many years, most notably winning a Canadian Junior Championship and World Junior Bronze Medal in 2016.



## Team Trinke provincial bound

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Team Trinke, who are Stonewall Junior curling members, won the Winnipeg Regionals A-Side and have now advanced to the U18 Provincials. Playing Regionals at Deer Lodge Curling Club last weekend, Team Trinke defeated Team Wachal of St Vital 3-2 in their first game. In the A final, Trinke blasted St. Vital's Team Steski 14-1 in just four ends to win the berth spot to Provincials.

Team Trinke, which plays at Stonewall and St. Vital Jr. Super League, includes (from right to left), skip Matthew Bijl (Winnipeg), third Elias Huminecki (Winnipeg Beach), second Johnny Trinke (Winker), lead Tyler Giesbrecht (Winnipeg Beach) and coach Darrel Argan (Stonewall).

The Asham U18 Provincials will be played at Swan River from March

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## Junior bonspiel champions





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The Stonewall Pharmacy Junior Bonspiel took place Jan. 25-27 with 18 teams competing (12 U15 and six U18). Left photo: The U18 A Event winner was Winnipeg Beach's Team Maisey, which featured Josh Maisey, Oliver DeMeyer, Sean Giesbrecht and Sebastien Pruneau of Stonewall.

The U18 B Event winner was Team Desaulniers while the U18 C Event winner was Team Wachal, both from

Right photo: The U15 A Event winner was Winkler's Team Krahn. Their rink features Landon Krahn, Luke Trinke, Jace Zacharias and Jared Bueckert. The U15 A runner-up was the Stonewall rink of Blake Good, Autumn Good, Jake McIvor and Nicholas Buternosky. The U15 B Event winner was Team Beaudry while the U15 C Event winner was Team Peters. Both of those teams are from Winnipeg.

### Rams place third at junior varsity girls' basketball tournament

Staff

The Stonewall Collegiate Rams' junior varsity girls' basketball team placed third at a Neepawa tournament last Saturday.

Stonewall defeated the Virden Bears 60-5 in the third-place game.

The Rams started the tournament with a 36-25 win over the Swan Valley Tigers but then was defeated 57-43 by the Dauphin Clippers.

Stonewall will resume league play next Tuesday when it plays the St. James Jimmies in Winnipeg. Tip-off is 4:30 p.m.

In junior varsity boys' tournament action in Neepawa, Stonewall finished seventh after a convincing 69-21 win over Virden.

The Rams opened the tournament with a 68-56 loss to Swan Valley and then was beaten 62-36 by Margaret Barbour.

Stonewall was scheduled to play St. James this past Tuesday but no score was available at press time.

## Balmoral mixed bonspiel has lots of local support







The winners of the Balmoral Mixed Bonspiel that took place Feb. 1-2 included Team Laurie Hogg (A event), far left photo, Team Verne Sheldon (B event), middle photo, and Team Fred Shipley. This year's event attracted 14 teams.

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#### THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF WOODLANDS NEWS RELEASE

January 29, 2019

After careful consideration and in consultation with our Municipal Lawyer, Council of the RM of Woodlands made the difficult decision to make major changes to the Rural Municipality of Woodlands Community Development Corporation (CDC).

The working relationship between the two organizations has been strained over the past years. Council was advised by our lawyer that there were illegalities within the existing by-law for CDC. The articles of incorporation were also identified as not using typical wording. Council will be working with our Municipal lawyer to establish new by-laws and amend articles of incorporation. This corporation represents thousands of dollars of investment on behalf of the rate payers of Woodlands RM.

The first step was taken on January 22, 2019 to remove the existing board of directors. The RM of Woodlands Council members have been appointed as the new CDC board of directors. Once the new by-law(s) and articles are in place. Council will be reevaluating existing projects and programs and will reach out to various stakeholders, including businesses that have entered into agreements with CDC. Council wants to explore all available options to continue these agreements and relationships

Council values the effort of the many people who have been actively involved in the many projects and programs that were initiated by the CDC in the past. We look forward to the day CDC can once again be aided by a volunteer board.

Sincerely, Reeve Lori Schellekens RM of Woodlands

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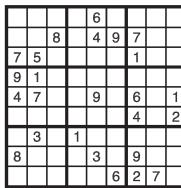
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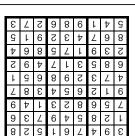


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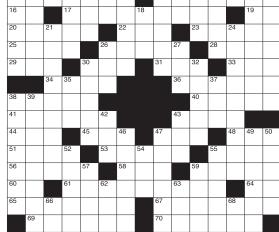
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- 16. Doctor's helper 17. Not holding back
- 19. Type of degree
- 20. Short but severe
- 22. 007's creator 23. Linguistics icon
- 25. Large integers
- 26. Upset
- 28. Former
- 29. Peyton's younger brother 30 An Irish dance
- 31. Title of respect
- 33. Small lump
- 34. Baroque musical instrument 36. The third sign of the zodiac
- 38. The 1st letter of the Hebrew alphabet
- 40. A group of nine
- 43. Capital of Yemen 44. One point south of due east
- 45. Drain
- 47. Moved quickly
- 51. An idiot
- 53. Indicates silence
- 55. Protein-rich liquids 56. Samoan monetary units
- \_ your i's, cross your t's'
- 59. Forms the bottom
- 60 Potato state
- 61. Toy that spins around
- 65. Type of molding 67. Closes again
- 69. Sounds the same 70. Come into view **CLUES DOWN**



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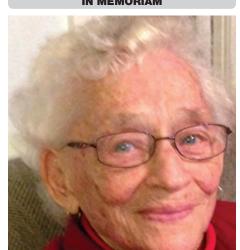
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the generous gifts of food, cards, visits, phone calls, emails and donations to the Balmoral Rec Centre. We are overwhelmed by the love and concern expressed to us which all helped us to navigate our sad loss of Reg. Special thanks to Glenn, Jean and Gord Main, Dr. Loudon, the Teulon Home Care girls, Balmoral United Church, Stonewall Church of the Ascension, Rev. James Bardsley and Ken Leohmer.

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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, ROC 2ZO.

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

Ian Tesarski, Director of Operations Rural Municipality of Rockwood Box 902, Stonewall, MB R0C 2Z0 Phone: 204-467-2272 Fax: 204-467-5329 Email: ian.tesarski@rockwood.ca

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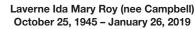


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It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Laverne Roy of Stony Mountain, on Saturday, January 26th, 2019, while on vacation in Mexico.

Left to forever cherish Laverne's memory is her husband of 54 years, Maurice; daughter Darlene Sulyma (Greg); son Keith Roy (Shannon); four grandchildren, Brittany (Chris), Cory (Erin), Katie, and Evan; brothers Ken Campbell (Della) and Ron Campbell; as well as several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her parents Earl and Myrtle Campbell; brothers Stan and Russell Campbell; and sister Joan Sinclair.

Laverne was born and raised in Stony Mountain, where she resided and raised her family. She worked at Stony Mountain Elementary School for many years. After her retirement she enjoyed more time

with family camping, and fishing and vacationing across the U.S.A and Mexico. In the fall she loved canning, her favourites were pickled peppers, tomatoes and her famous "Nana" pickles. Laverne enjoyed many hours watching her grandchildren in their numerous activities.

We would like to thank San Javier Hospital staff, nurses and doctors for their care and true compassion for our mom. We would like to also thank all the friends at Marco's Place (Mom and Dad's winter home) for their support to dad during this difficult time.

Cremation has taken place and a private family interment will follow at a later date.

A come and go celebration of life will be held in the Club Room, of the Stonewall Legion, Saturday, March 16, 2019 from 2 to 4 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, a donation can be made to a charity of your choice.

"Forever in our hearts"

#### Nancy Eileen Crockatt (nee Rodway) June 29, 1934 - January 27, 2019

Nancy passed away peacefully in the early morning of January 27, 2019 at the Souris Personal Care Home. She left this world holding the hand of a caring friend. She will be sadly missed by family

She was predeceased by her husband Hugh (2015) and son Tom (2011), parents Graham and

She is survived by her daughter Nancy Jo (Joe) Moller, grandson Cody (Lauren) and great-grandson Caleb Moller. Also survived by daughter-in-law Linda, grandsons Jay, Kyle (Kyla) and greatgranddaughters Landyn and Brynn Crockatt.

Nancy is also survived by her siblings Pat (Bill) Kotelko, Helen (Chris) Riddell, Bill (Donna) Rodway, Jim (Dell) Rodway; sisters-in-law Anne Ostop, Eileen Crockatt and Phyllis Crockatt and their respective families.

After the loss of first, son Tom and then husband Hugh, Nancy lost her bright will to live and slowly faded away.

Nancy had a gentle soul and welcoming heart. The coffee pot was always on, a meal ready in minutes for anyone that happened to stop in. Anyone lucky enough to be there for her lemon pies always came back.

Over the years, mom was a 4-H leader and Stats Can employee but first and foremost a farm wife and mother. She met many challenges, whether running for parts, making meals or working in the field, head on with a smile on her face. After their farm flooded, mom was a constant companion and caregiver to Dad. Mom was always supportive of her children and grandchildren and nothing made her happier than hearing about their daily lives and being included in their activities.

Eulogy will be given by long time family friend John Lavallee. Pallbearers will be grandsons Jay Crockatt and Cody Moller. Honorary pallbearers will be grandson Kyle Crockatt and friend Katie-Jo Williamson.

Funeral service will be at MacKenzie Funeral Chapel, 433 Main Street, Stonewall, MB on Monday, February 18, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. Pastor Henry Ozirney officiating. Lunch immediately after at Stonewall Legion with interment to follow at Warren Cemetery.

The family would like to thank the staff at Souris Personal Care Home for their excellent care going above and beyond all the time. Also thanks to Katie-Jo and Margie for their compassion and companionship to Mom during her last year.

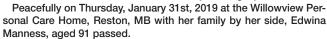
Rest in Peace Mom, Gone but never Forgotten

Donations may be made in mom's memory to: Souris and Glenwood Palliative Care, Box 10, Souris, MB R0K 2C0.

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#### Edwina Marie Manness (McDougall)



She is survived by her children Charles (Beth), Ron (Hilda), Brenda (Craig) Bohne and many nieces, nephews, grandchildren and greatgrandchildren.

Edwina was born on August 27, 1927 in Winnipeg, MB as was her twin sister Rollie. While working at Perth's in Winnipeg she met and married Frederick Manness in 1945.

They moved to an acreage in Arygle, MB before moving to Warren, MB for many years. At one time, Edwina owned and operated the Warren Cafe. Edwina was also busy taking care of the family, farming and cattle chores on a daily basis. After Fred retired they continued to live in Warren until 2001. At that time, they moved to the Lions

Manor in Stonewall, MB. After Fred passed in 2003, Edwina continued to live in Stonewall until 2010 at which time she moved to Pipestone, MB with her daughter Brenda and son-in-law Craig Bohne.

In 2009 Edwina had hip surgery which affected her walking ability and in 2010 had become dependent on a wheelchair. In 2011 she moved to the Willowview Personal Care Home in Reston, MB. She soon got the nickname of 'Smiley' from the nursing staff. Edwina always had quick response to family and friends over everyday conversations which kept everyone in tears laughing.

Thank you to the entire staff at the Willowview Personal Care Home for their wonderful care given to Edwina.

Funeral service will be held on Thursday, February 7th, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. at the MacKenzie Funeral Chapel, Stonewall, MB. Rev. Patricia Baker will be officiating with interment to follow at the Warren Cemetery, Warren, MB. Pallbearers will be Stuart Manness, Rob Urquhart, Bodee Klassen, Justin Klassen, Bill Manness and Kierra Rey.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that a donation be made to the Willowview Personal Care Home, PO Box 250, Reston, MB R0M 1X0.

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#### **OBITUARY**

#### **Ruth Flower** 1930 - 2019

Peacefully, after a courageous battle with Alzheimer's, it is with deep sorrow that we announce the passing of our beloved mother and grandmother, Ruth Flower, on January 27th, 2019 at Kin Place PCH, in Oakbank, MB, at the age of 88 years.

Ruth grew up in Stonewall, MB with her numerous brothers and sisters, lovingly raised single handedly by their mother Matilda (aka: Nanny) Gardner. She later moved to Winnipeg, where after marrying, she raised four children. She worked at various jobs throughout her life, and took many courses along the way. She enjoyed being active, staying healthy, reading, and most of all, playing with her grandkids. She loved adventures, being either on far away travels, or a simple trip to a local park. She also loved gardening and grew a mini paradise in her backyard, for all to enjoy.

A service will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, February 8th, at MacKenzie Funeral Chapel, 433 Main Street, in Stonewall, MB.

A special thank you to Svetlana and the caring staff of Kin Place Personal Care Home.

In lieu of flowers, a donation may be made to the Alzheimer's Society of Manitoba, 120 Donald Street, Winnipeg, MB R3C 4G2.

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