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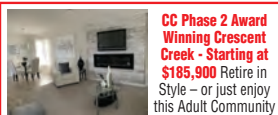
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 Stonewall's Nolan Brunel, left, and Myles Murray, middle, and Chase Murray from Stonewall lace up their skates before hitting the ice on Stoneridge Development's pond for a friendly game of pond hockey last Friday. Families are grateful to have the pond where their children can gather with friends and enjoy our Manitoba winters.

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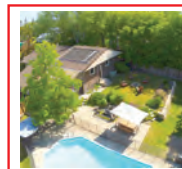
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# Tickets on sale now for SCL's musical 'Disaster!'

By Jennifer McFee

Be sure to mark your calendar for the upcoming Stonewall Collegiate Institute drama production, since it would be a real disaster if you missed it.

The musical show called *Disaster!* will entertain audiences on Thursday, March 19 and Friday, March 20 at the Quarry Park Heritage Arts Centre.

Director Kendra Obach has been involved in the preparing for the production, along with fellow staff members Lindsey Sturgeon and Jesse Hourie.

"I'm very excited about this show. I think it's super funny. It is definitely a cheesy kind of show. The whole show is based on the style of the '70s disaster movie so it's very much over the top. There's lots of silliness and ridiculousness — sharks, rats, earthquakes, tidal waves — just disaster after disaster," Obach said.

It features songs that are all '70s hits, and you can hear how the script was written around that to feature the songs. Audiences will definitely be familiar with at least a good portion of the songs that are used in the show, so



SCI drama students will be performing *Disaster* from March 19 and 20.

TRIBUNE PHOTO BY JO-ANNE PROCTER

that's really fun."

This year, about 28 actors will take the stage, and many more will help out behind the scenes.

"We have a really great turnout this year. We have a good group of actors and a good crew that will be doing tech stuff and backstage work," Obach said.

"We've had some students working for months, painting our sets and backdrops and creating props. There are so many behind-the-scenes things

that need to happen."

Shows start at 7 p.m. on both days, and there will also be a 12:30 p.m. matinee on March 20. Tickets cost \$12 for the evening shows and \$10 for the matinee, and they can be purchased at the Stonewall Collegiate Institute office or at the door of the Heritage Arts Centre prior to each show.

## Manitoba government releases third quarter financial update

### Submitted

The Manitoba government released its third quarter report for the 2019-20 fiscal year, which indicates the province is on the right track to financial recovery in uncertain economic times, Finance Minister Scott Fielding announced Tuesday.

"Manitoba is showing continued progress toward balancing the budget and steadily reducing the deficit," said Fielding. "The third quarter report provides a clear picture of the fiscal year and is indicating revenues are higher than anticipated due to our resilient economy."

At this point, the deficit is projected to be \$325 million, about \$35 million ahead of the government's target. The province remains ahead of schedule to eliminate the deficit.

Revenue is up \$248 million compared to budget projections, mainly related to an increase in income taxes. Expenses are also up \$118 million

compared to budget projections, as the forecast includes over \$150 million for new green initiatives, partially offset by a reduction in debt-servicing costs.

Fielding noted the report proves the province is delivering on the infrastructure promises made as part of Budget 2019, which committed at least \$1 billion in strategic infrastructure spending on priorities such as roads and bridges, flood protection, hospitals, schools, universities and colleges. The third quarter report forecasts \$1.227 billion on infrastructure spending. The minister noted the province continues to ensure value for money on procurement and has centralized many capital delivery functions to create efficiencies.

Manitobans can view the third quarter financial report online at [www.gov.mb.ca/finance/publications/financialreports.html](http://www.gov.mb.ca/finance/publications/financialreports.html).



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# Co-op contest for \$25K community donation opens March 5

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Win \$25,000 for your town from your local Co-op by playing this year's Fuel Up to Win.

Now in its eighth year, Fuel Up to Win is an annual event that gives Co-op members and customers in Western Canada an opportunity to win more than \$8.5 million in prizes and discounts. This year, online entries not only give you a chance to win, they will also enter your town for a chance to win a community donation.

"Fuel Up to Win is a great way for our Co-op members and customers to engage and have some fun," said Carey Tufts, FCL's director of marketing and communications.

"Co-ops are known for giving back to their members and to their communities. This contest is another opportunity to do this with a \$100,000 grand prize for one lucky person and \$25,000 for a great community initiative."

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Every time you enter the online sweepstakes, your town receives a vote for the donation. The town with the most votes per capita will receive the community donation.

In 2019, Co-op donated \$25,000 to Reaching Youth Serving Community in Birch Hills, Sask., after the town won the community portion of Fuel Up to Win. The community-based non-profit organization used the donation to expand the local skate park and community gardens built a few years ago to include outdoor washrooms and a camping gazebo.

Help your community win by playing Fuel Up to Win today. No purchase necessary. For complete contest rules and regulations, visit [fueluptowin.ca](http://fueluptowin.ca).

# Believe in magic and miracles



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY JO-ANNE PROCTER

Local business owner Rita Weare of Rita's Salon is the first of many businesses in Stonewall that are showing support for young Amaya Dawson and her family by painting unicorns on their store front windows. Amaya was injured in an accident on Feb. 23 and the community and beyond as well as a large social media following has joined Amaya in her love of unicorns and more so the symbolism of magic and miracles. Local artist Erin Waterer has been busy painting unicorns to help spread the love and hope for Amaya's recovery. Waterer can be contacted by text at 204-461-4626. #MagicForAmaya #believe



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# SCI students shine at annual Heritage Fair

By Jennifer McFee

Stonewall Collegiate Institute students showcased their research skills in the recent Heritage Fair.

Grade 9 students Holden Fotty and Collin Froese took home first place for their project on the History of Magic in Canada.

"I just found it was a really cool topic because you don't really hear much about magic in Canada. I don't really do magic, but Collin does it," Holden said.

"We learned about magicians in Canada and how they evolved throughout time. It was pretty cool. I felt it was a little shocking to win first place. I didn't know they'd pick a Magic in Canada project."

Maya Olson and Kaylee Steen ranked second for their project "The Devastation of '97."

"For our Heritage Fair project, we decided to research the 1997 Flood (Flood of the Century). We got a couple of months to research, plan and put together our project. The reason we chose this topic was because we think that it is still very relevant in

Canada's history, especially Winnipeg's," said Kaylee and Maya in an email.

"During the process, we learned a lot about Winnipeg, surrounding towns and the flood control systems. Throughout this project, we both had a lot of fun doing this and we are happy with the final outcome!"

Gillian Gesell and Emily L'Heureux earned third place for their project called "In the beginning behind the scenes of the residential schools," which focused on the process of making residential schools.

"You will find in our hours of research why the schools came to be, what the government was wanting as an outcome for the students and the man behind it all — Sir John A. Macdonald," 15-year-old Gillian said in an email.

"We chose our topic because when you think of residential schools, you think of the terrible events that happened to all the people in the schools and how it all ended. We aimed to ed-

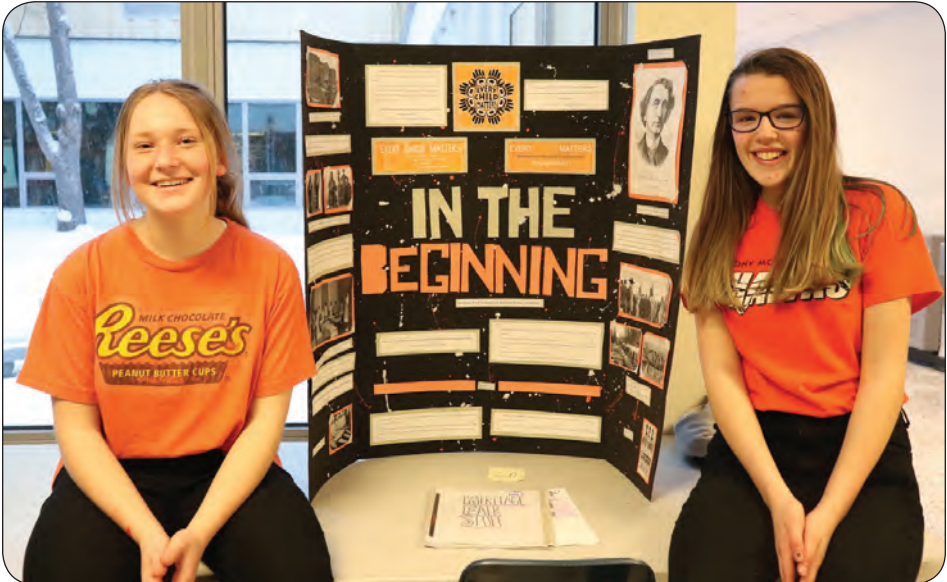
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# Interlake organizations announce plans for Manitoba 150 funding

By Evan Matthews

Five Interlake organizations have received Manitoba 150 funding and are busy planning and spreading the word of their plans with the collective Interlake community.

The five Interlake organizations to receive funding included the Town of Stonewall, the Riverton and District Friendship Centre (RDFC), the Interlake Tourism Association (ITA), the Gimli Film Festival and Gimli Harbour Authority.

## Town of Stonewall

The Town of Stonewall received \$3,500 from Manitoba 150, according to the town's CAO Wally Melnyk.

The funding has already been used to bolster the kickoff celebration's firework display on Dec. 31, 2019.

"The funding allowed us to enhance the kick off, which we're grateful for," said Melnyk. "We normally have a small event, and the funding allowed us to add fireworks."

## Riverton District Friendship Centre

The RDFC received \$7,500 from Manitoba 150, according to Tanis Grimoifson, the organization's executive director.

RDFC will be hosting three community celebrations, she said, which will bring together all community members — all Manitobans — to celebrate what it means to be a Manitoba com-

munity.

"Our organization would be unable to host such wonderful events for the community without the generous support of Manitoba 150," said Grimoifson through a spokesperson.

"This has allowed us to plan incredible events ... to bring people into our community and enjoy and experience Manitoba 150 celebrations," she said, emphasizing the funding makes events accessible to people from all walks of life, subsequently promoting and strengthening the community's unity.

## Interlake Tourism Association

The ITA received \$1,500 from Manitoba 150, according to manager Gail McDonald.

The funding will be used to assist with the making of a Manitoba 150 road trip colouring book, which will focus on the Interlake's unique roadside statues and natural features of the Interlake such as the Steep Rock cliffs or Narcisse snakes, she said.

"Heritage sites, festivals and some businesses have decided to sponsor pages, and then we will write a short story about the history or story behind this site, festival, place or business," said McDonald.

"We are giving away colouring books to all Grade 2 or 3 students dependent on the curriculum in all four (Interlake) school divisions, and any

home schoolers, as well as Hutterite colonies."

McDonald noted the \$1,500 was half of the ITA's original request for \$3,000 in funding.

## Gimli Film Festival

The GFF declined to disclose the amount received from Manitoba 150.

Director Aaron Zeghers said the funding the organization received will go towards the "Special 20th anniversary/Manitoba 150 initiative, The Manitoba Project."

The Manitoba Project is a year-long, multi-faceted project celebrating and reflecting upon Manitoba's past, present and future through film.

"Gimli Film Festival is extremely excited to be able to celebrate our 20th anniversary and Manitoba 150 by shining a spotlight on Manitoba's films, filmmakers and history," said Zeghers.

"Films have the ability to break through borders and boundaries, reaching across cultures and communities to encourage empathy and understanding of the world around us."

## Gimli Harbour Authority

The GHA declined to disclose the amount received from Manitoba 150.

GHA's Harbour Masters Cindy Blicq and Lori Hiscock sent a joint statement and said the funding will be used to celebrate the harbour's 120th

anniversary in conjunction with Manitoba 150.

Though unwilling to disclose the amount received, the harbour masters said the GHA will match the funds in order to support "three special events" to be held this summer, each focusing on the roles the Gimli Harbour and local commercial fishery have played in the development of Manitoba and the Gimli Area.

When the *Stonewall Teulon Tribune* approached Manitoba 150 to confirm the amounts received, director of communications Aimee Rice responded with, "Hopefully you see that there is so much more to the Celebrate 150 story and Manitoba 150 than how much money any given organization or region received."

"The story is about how Manitobans are embracing the opportunity to celebrate, to tell their stories and to share an experience," she said.

However, a provincial spokesperson told the *Stonewall Teulon Tribune* that the average Interlake award number was \$10,000. The spokesperson said it's the Province of Manitoba's understanding that both Gimli organizations that received funding were "within the range of the average award."

Of 450 applications for funding, a provincial spokesperson said the Manitoba 150 Committee could only approve 85 applications for funding.

## > SCI, FROM PG. 4

ucate the public on what most people don't know: how they were created. The intention of the creators was just as horrible as the act."

The partners were glad to be recognized for their hard work and research into a topic that made an impact on them.

"Winning third place made me jump in joy for the fact that our hard work was being recognized for its beauty," Gillian said.

"When I do a project at school, I get the criteria, work my butt off, hand it in, get the marks and it is done. With this project, however, I was elated to

be able to share knowledge with others and know that they learned a different aspect of something that isn't usually taught. In other words, I was very excited to present to the public).

"I hope that all the other students enjoyed this experience as much as I did!"

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## Can't spell positive without PST

By Evan Matthews

Having never been shy to criticize the Pallister-led Manitoba Conservative government, it's only fair we give credit where due.

There have been many reasons to criticize: lack of support for Interlake farmers, restructuring and budget cuts relating to the health-care system, budget cuts to education, and so on.

Education is an interesting one because, while the provincial education budget is scheduled to increase, local Interlake divisions are seeing their funding reduced. Provincial financial forecasts show a decrease in financial support to schools, but a major increase to (education) spending as it relates to economic opportunities and immigration.

Generally, these aforementioned cuts could be (and have been by the political left) labelled as short-sighted, as investment in education, health care and local industry are typically thought to benefit the province as a whole.

The benefit to Manitobans would be

short-term gain, which we are about to see.

The Manitoba provincial sales tax (PST) is scheduled to drop by one per cent — from eight to seven — on July 1.

This is important to acknowledge for two reasons: more money saved by Manitobans on every purchase and a government that has lived up to its word on at least one promise.

Looking back to 2016, balancing the Manitoba budget and dropping the PST was the now-Premier's main campaign promise.

The Manitoba Conservatives are suggesting the tax cut will save the average Manitoba family \$500 over the 2020 fiscal year, and who doesn't like the sounds of that?

Though, of note, the province is still running a deficit and continues to incur growing debt, and how this province will cope with those financial struggles remains to be seen.

But the reality is those "big picture" problems don't affect most people on a day-to-day basis. The average Manitoban family saving an average of

\$1.37 a day, somewhat, does.

Regardless, it's nice to see a group of politicians live up to their word. They gave us exactly what they promised.

We may see emergency rooms closing, classrooms growing larger and teachers becoming overworked, farmers leaving their lifelong industry with no plan to recover any form of retirement, but at least the province is picking up the tab for your daily cup of coffee.

Celebrating a fulfilled promise is one thing, and extra cash is always nice. But it's worth asking, is it really extra cash for Manitobans?

At what cost?

Were we, as citizens, vigilant in assessing these promises from the Manitoba Conservatives?

A second term — four more years — suggests either we were or, as a provincial population, we currently value short-term, minimal financial gain, over social programming and infrastructure. *Evan's View* is a recurring column where he expresses his own opinion. The Stonewall Teulon Tribune may not share his opinion.

## Rosser Central Community Club events

### Staff

Rosser Central Community Club is ready to fill up your calendar with plenty of fun-filled events and activities.

- Yoga with Jen is underway on Mondays from 8 to 9 p.m. at a cost of \$15 for drop-ins or \$100 for the eight-week session, which started on March 9. To register, contact Andrea at 204-479-6476.

- Rosser Gymnastics also runs on Mondays from April 6 to June 15 (with no class on May 18). Classes are available from parents and tots all the

way up to adult gym, with all abilities welcome. For more information or to register, email [rosserwoodlandsrec@mymts.net](mailto:rosserwoodlandsrec@mymts.net).

- Adult Cooking Classes with Chef K (Carl Klassen) will provide six classes of instruction from March 24 to May 1. Five classes will be on Tuesdays from 7 to 9 p.m., followed by a class dinner with one invited guest on Friday, May 1. The cost is \$180 per person, which includes food to take home. Participants will learn knife skills and sharpening, deboning chicken, pasta making, stock and soup

making, and much more. To register, call or text Carl at 204-467-2241.

- Rosser Quiz Night is slated for April 17 at 7 p.m. The cost is \$20 per person. There will be a cash bar, and players can bring their own snacks. To register a team or individual, contact Brooke at 204-461-2675.

- Gymnastics Summer Camp is set to run from Aug. 24 to 28 at a cost of \$200 per child. The camp will run from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and it's geared for kids aged six to 12. To register, call or text Kayla at 204-981-6456.

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Last Friday was a perfect day for a Snow Day after the Interlake School Division cancelled classes due to the large amount of snow Mother Nature dumped over night. Once the sun came out, droves of children spent the day playing hockey on the Stoneridge Development Pond.

## Criminal charges laid against suspected fraudsters

### Submitted

A total of 14 charges have been laid against five individuals this year who allegedly committed separate frauds against Manitoba Public Insurance.

"Following extensive investigations, these files were forwarded to the provincial prosecution office for review," said Curtis Wennberg, vice-president of customer service and COO for MPI.

"These charges fall within either the Criminal Code, the MPIC Act or Highway Traffic Act. A conviction of any nature carries a very serious consequence. A criminal record can affect travelling across the border, employment or business opportunities. Insurance fraud is not a victimless crime and this fraudulent activity affects honest Manitobans through their premiums."

The 14 charges range from making a false statement, fraud over \$5,000, and false or misleading claim information. The individuals, whose names are not being made public as they are presumed innocent until proven guilty in the courts, range in age from 30 to 55.

MPI remains committed to reducing auto insurance fraud. Education about auto insurance fraud is further heightened as March is Fraud Awareness Month in Canada.

Recently, MPI announced that auto insurance fraud costs every Manitoba Public Insurance ratepayer about \$50 a year on their annual vehicle insurance bill and honest Manitobans are helping MPI more than ever. Last year MPI received a record-high 594 calls to the TIPS Line.

Anyone with information about auto insurance fraud is encouraged to call the Manitoba Public Insurance TIPS Line at 204-985-8477 or toll-free at 1-877-985-8477. All calls are anonymous. Suspicious claims are handled by MPI's Special Investigation Unit, which continues to enhance its investigative methods, saving Manitobans nearly \$12.8 million in fraudulent claims last year.

Fraud Prevention Month is an annual campaign held in March that aims to prevent Canadians from becoming victims of fraud. Insurance fraud —

automobile, home or health care — costs Canadians more than \$3 billion a year in premiums, according to the Insurance Bureau of Canada.

A recent survey by financial comparison website Finder Canada found 43 per cent of those responding to a poll said they wished that they could upgrade some part of their lives through an insurance payout.

Some respondents admitted that they would be willing to stage an event or mislead their insurance company to obtain an insurance-paid upgrade, with 21 per cent saying they'd do so if they were sure they wouldn't get caught.

The survey found that 12 per cent would crash their car or pretend it was stolen. Younger Canadians are also more likely than older residents to create a car catastrophe with 26 per cent of Gen Zs and 16 per cent of millennials saying they'd be willing to crash, damage or say their car was stolen.

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# Manitoba introduces legislation to streamline municipal acts

## By the Manitoba government

The Manitoba government has introduced legislative changes that would increase transparency, create a level playing field and provide a fair say to municipalities for municipal elections, Municipal Relations Minister Rochelle Squires announced this past Monday.

"Voters in municipal elections should have the same assurances as those in provincial elections that their elected officials are not unfairly using their position as incumbents or

using taxpayer resources to influence voters," Squires said. "These changes also include measures that have been requested by municipalities that will reduce red tape for them during elections."

The proposed changes include measures such as:

- giving fair say to municipalities to pass a bylaw establishing rules and procedures for the use of municipal resources in a municipal election by candidates;
- restricting incumbents from us-

ing their position title in election communication;

- allowing Brandon, Thompson, Portage la Prairie and Flin Flon to set their council size, aligning practices among all other municipalities outside of Winnipeg;
- streamlining how all municipalities are required to refund excess taxes in a fair manner, effective July 1;
- exempting regional public libraries from municipal taxation to ensure public libraries remain exempt from municipal taxation; and

• strengthening provisions to protect vulnerable Winnipeg residents facing a tax sale from unscrupulous lenders.

The province has had ongoing consultations with the Association of Manitoba Municipalities and many of these changes are the result of municipal requests. Additional consultations will occur as the changes are implemented, as they are expected to be in effect for the 2022 Municipal General Election, the minister noted.

# Legislation to allow safe testing of automated vehicles on Manitoba roads

## Submitted

The Manitoba government has introduced legislation that would allow testing of automated vehicles on provincial roads, Infrastructure Minister Ron Schuler announced last Thursday.

"Development of vehicle technology, including automated self-driving vehicles, is progressing rapidly worldwide and these changes will help make Manitoba competitive in attracting business and keeping pace

with other jurisdictions," said Schuler. "Our government is honouring our commitment to bring forward legislative amendments that would create a framework to allow the safe testing of automated vehicles on Manitoba roads."

The Vehicle Technology Testing Act (Various Acts Amended) would create a framework to enable testing of vehicle technology and types including automated and connected. Testing advanced and alternative vehicle

technologies would also position the province as an attractive location for companies to test intelligent transportation infrastructure.

Before the province can authorize testing, it would develop regulations and a permitting system this year, in consultation with stakeholders, the minister noted.

"By enabling developers to safely test emerging vehicle technologies on provincial roadways, we are supporting Manitoba's large agricultural,

trucking, heavy vehicle manufacturing and technology development sectors," said Schuler. "Numerous vehicle technologies are in development and ready for testing, creating opportunities for Manitoba-based business."

The bill also amends The Manitoba Public Insurance Corporation Act and The Insurance Act concerning registration and insurance requirements for vehicle testing organizations.

# Province to modernize licensing for outdoor enthusiasts, improve service delivery and accessibility

## By the Manitoba government

The Manitoba government has introduced legislation that would pave the way for a new, online service for the sale of outdoor licences and permits, Conservation and Climate Minister Sarah Guillemard and Agriculture and Resource Development Minister Blaine Pedersen announced Monday.

"There are endless adventures to be had in our great outdoors," said Guillemard. "We are excited to improve and modernize the way Manitobans and visitors access and enjoy the many outdoor activities offered throughout our province and in our provincial parks. Moving to an online system from a paper-based one will enable our government to improve the services we deliver, while decreasing our carbon footprint."

The province recognizes this is a significant change in the way people will access licences and park permits so it will be phased in, starting with hunting and angling licences as well as provincial park vehicle permits this spring, Guillemard said.

Users would be able to go online, create a customer profile, select the desired product or licence, and check out as they would with any other online purchase. There will also be an option to purchase licences and permits online at Manitoba Conservation and Climate offices around the province and at participating retailers. A digital copy of the licence would be available to download from the customer's account and a copy must be printed out and carried while hunting or fishing so it can be presented

upon request. Park vehicle permits would also have to be printed for display on the vehicle's dashboard.

"The Manitoba Wildlife Federation has been advocating to have e-licensing brought to the province for years," said Chris Heald, executive director, Manitoba Wildlife Federation. "We appreciate the work that has gone into this project and are glad to see the province has listened to the voice of hunters, anglers and trappers. We look forward to having access to the added convenience this system allows."

Benefits of using an e-licensing approach would include:

- access 24 hours a day, seven days a week online or by telephone;
- access through participating retailers (list will be available online);

• the ability to immediately purchase and print licences and permits at home;

- receiving email confirmation of licences/permits purchased; and
- improved data collection that will support program management.

"With expanded access such as the ability to make purchases from a smartphone or mobile device, we are using technology to move Manitoba forward," said Pedersen. "As Manitobans embrace the new system, we will roll out additional licences and permits for purchase online and continue taking steps to improve our services."

This initiative is a priority as identified in the ministers' mandate letter, and supports the government's commitment to enhance public services, reduce red tape and advance innovative technology solutions.

In addition to current base licence fees, an administration fee of \$4.50 will be included in all licences and permit purchases to support enhanced service delivery, with the exception of the Manitoba Resident Seniors Conservation Angling Licences that will remain free of charge. For more information on the program, visit [www.manitobaelicensing.ca](http://www.manitobaelicensing.ca).



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## Don't feed the otters

Hi gang. How was your week?

There must have been 50 vehicles, many truck-trailer rigs and a big highway passenger bus on the huge ice parking lot off Warner Road in Matlock when I arrived there early last weekend. Anglers were hustling about, coming and going off the vast white ice fields of Lake Winnipeg. I sat in Old Red, marvelling at the fevered activity. Surveying the expansive parking area, I could see licence plates from our neighbouring provinces as well as most of the mid-western United States. I noticed two men from the U.S. loading their off-road vehicle comprised of a car fitted with tracks. They had obviously been fishing all day so I got out of my truck and called out, "Did you guys catch anything?"

"Yeah, we got a few," the taller chap responded.

Standing in a fresh, cool wind with an overcast sky, we introduced ourselves. The guys, Todd Koepplin and Cory Longnecker, hailed from North Dakota and soon our conversations turned to the many Americans coming to Lake Winnipeg for ice fishing.

"Gosh, you Manitobans have a gigantic asset with your big lakes," Todd remarked. "When we were kids at home, we fished in creeks and were lucky to get Bullheads, but in the last 10 years with good transportation and internet communication, it's so pleasurable coming here for some real fishing. We talk all year when we're at home about coming here to fish and can't wait for next winter to roll around so we can come back!"

Later as they were leaving, I told them we very much liked them coming here for fishing and hoped to see them again next year.

Last week I passed along the story of an unwanted snake in Steve Tyhys' boat. Here are a few more stories of unwanted guests in anglers' fishing crafts. A few weeks ago I was on Lake Winnipeg and came across a big, boisterous chap with long, dishevelled brown hair fishing with a group of friends. He spoke in a loud voice, constantly cracking jokes. After getting acquainted with our new friend, Gary Kuz of

Fraserwood, he told of a time some years ago when he was boat fishing with a couple of guys on Catherine Lake, Ont., and saw an opportunity to have some fun with them.

Apparently they were motoring from one fishing spot to another when they came within arm's reach of a boulder outcropping. As they passed it, Gary saw a turtle sleeping in the sun. On an impulse totally in keeping with his devilish nature, he stood up in the boat, reached over and scooped the baffled half-asleep reptile into the boat. It woke up angry! Immediately it began charging the anglers, its clawed feet scratching against the bottom of the boat. It gave a hissing sound through an open mouth filled with teeth.

The guy driving the boat started swinging his head backward and forward first to see if the turtle was coming after him, then forward looking for a place to beach the boat. He found a spot, and as the bow scraped to a stop on the sandy shore, the men jumped out in an act of self-preservation, getting wet up to their waists! Gary, the prankster that he was, calmly sat in the boat and asked if anyone wanted turtle soup for supper.

"Come on, Gary," one of the guys exclaimed. "Let the poor thing go!"

Another chap I recently met by the name of Marcel Lemire from Grand Marais also proved to have a sense of humor. It seems he and his buddies love to go fishing on Long Lake northeast of Bissett. In the middle of the lake is an island called Otter Island and its main inhabitant is an otter with an attitude. According to Marcel, for a few years now, when they went fishing there, the otter would appear out of nowhere, slapping its front paws together expecting to be fed. Marcel was of the opinion that someone had previously fed him so every once in a while they would toss him a bass. Last year unexpectedly, however, the otter took their relationship to a whole new level.

The first day they were there fishing, within



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From left to right: Todd Koepplin and Cory Longnecker of North Dakota with one of their catches from Lake Winnipeg.

an hour the otter showed up but the boys hadn't caught anything yet. They waved him off in a good-natured way, telling him to come back later. The otter was not amused! With a great clattering, he jumped into the boat and began slapping his paws on the boat seat wanting fish. Marcel couldn't help laughing at his persistent guest. He drove the boat to shore beaching it where the guys "shooshed" the little critter overboard. So far, they haven't seen him again.

Till next time, my friends. Bye for now.

## RBC \$10,000 emerging filmmaker pitch competition

### Submitted

Are you an emerging filmmaker? Are you in relentless pursuit to bring your short film to life and share it with the world? Are you over the age of 18 and a resident of Manitoba? Are you prepared to complete your three- to five-minute short film in one year's time for a premiere screening at the 20th edition of the Gimli Film Festival in 2021? If yes, we want you!

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Premiere screening of your film at the 2020 Gimli Film Festival

\*Over the next year, the \$10,000 will be released in four installments:

\$2,500 on approval of a final script  
\$2,500 on first day of principal photography

\$2,500 on completion of photography

\$2,500 on delivery of finished project  
The deadline to enter is June 5, 2020.



# Nova House board accused of bullying

## Source validates Pazdzierski's claims

By Evan Matthews

A source has come forward to validate Anna Pazdzierski's claims against the Nova House board of directors.

Pazdzierski served as the executive director for Nova House over an almost 18-year tenure, retiring from her role in March 2018. Pazdzierski is now the mayor of Teulon.

Last week, Pazdzierski revealed details regarding a lawsuit she had filed against the Nova House board of directors, alleging Nova House owed her a large amount of vacation pay. Pazdzierski officially dropped her lawsuit in February 2020.

The lawsuit specifically named Nova House board chairperson Debra Jenkins, along with directors Vanessa Luloff, Retha Lynn Simpkin, Ingrid Pflug, Carolyn De Coster and Doug Simister.

Pazdzierski alleged as part of her annual salary, she was entitled to six weeks' vacation pay.

However, Pazdzierski said because the job was so demanding, she was never able to take such time off, and she alleged she accumulated over 48 days of vacation pay during her tenure.

Pazdzierski alleged she offered to stay on and help the new executive director transition into the role, but the new executive director had asked her to leave — forcing Pazdzierski out of the office — before Pazdzierski's official retirement date.

The Nova House board of directors disputes Pazdzierski's account, saying she only stayed and orientated the new-hire for four of the 30 days she had committed to.

"She was never asked to leave," said Deb Jenkins who has been on the Nova House board for 22 years, acting as chairperson for the last 12.

The source — another former Nova House employee — confirmed Pazdzierski's version of events as they relate to the tumultuous departure.

The source asked to remain anonymous out of fear of further persecution by the Nova House board of directors.

"The new executive director went and got boxes and was throwing (Anna's) things into the boxes," said the source, who claimed to be sitting in a nearby office at the time.

"The new executive director said there wasn't enough room in the office for both her and Anna. If that's not telling someone to get out, I don't know what is," the source said, who added seven former Nova House

employees have sought counselling related to what she called workplace bullying and discrimination.

Jenkins said the Nova House board of directors vehemently denies the allegations brought forward by the former employee.

Once Pazdzierski left Nova House in March 2018 — whether asked to leave or on her own accord — she received a record of employment in the mail and a cheque she alleges was for only 30 days of her accrued holiday pay.

Pazdzierski did not cash the cheque for those 30 days of vacation pay, telling Nova House she was owed the full 48 days.

Nova House said because, from its point of view, Pazdzierski did not fulfill her obligation in March 2018, they were not going to pay the difference of 18 days, suggesting the month of time she did not work would be charged as vacation time.

Nova House said Pazdzierski did not formally request the time off in March 2018 — rather told the new executive director she would not be returning — therefore the organization would not be paying out the final 18 days of vacation time.

One other caveat, according to Jenkins, was an agreed upon working arrangement for the last three years of Pazdzierski's tenure. Jenkins said Pazdzierski would work Monday to Thursday, taking three-day weekends to make up for some accrued vacation time.

After the back and forth, Pazdzierski said Nova House Inc. offered her a cheque for the full 48 days on one condition: she sign a non-disclosure agreement, stating she would not discuss Nova House publicly.

Pazdzierski refused to sign the non-disclosure agreement, she said, and in the end received payment for zero of the 48 vacation days she alleges Nova House owed her.

The anonymous source present at the time of Pazdzierski's tumultuous departure said whatever Pazdzierski alleges Nova House owes her is "just a fraction of what she deserves."

"(Anna) was on call for 18 years, 24/7," said the source, who worked with Pazdzierski for nearly a decade. "She really cared."

Once Pazdzierski filed her lawsuit, the Nova House board began what it called a "thorough examination" of Pazdzierski's vacation time and vacation pay over her 18-year tenure and subsequently decided to counter-sue Pazdzierski.

"We would prefer not to discuss those details in the media. ... But we would like to put some rumours to rest and get on with the good work we are all doing to protect women and children in the very large community we serve," said Jenkins, when asked to comment by the *Tribune*.

"(Pazdzierski's) claim for alleged back pay owed to her was proven untrue. Her claim was unsuccessful before the Manitoba Employment Standards board, and the allegations put before the small claims Court of Manitoba were withdrawn."

However, Pazdzierski stated her Manitoba Employment Standards claim was not unsuccessful; rather, the employment standards board would only review the previous 22 months of her employment. Pazdzierski said because her employment with Nova House was 18 years, any decision or ruling by the labour board dating back 22 months would be "redundant."

"I know over my almost 18 years ... I gave far more to Nova House than I ever received," said Pazdzierski.

"I certainly never took anything I was not entitled to and approved for."

In the end, Nova House stated the organization would drop its counter-suit if Pazdzierski withdrew hers.

Jenkins said the Nova House volunteer board members are not paid a salary and were successful in having lawyer Richard Deeley defend them pro bono in the civil suit.

Under normal circumstance, Jenkins said legal fees would have totalled over \$17,000; however, the only fees charged by Deeley will be covered under "directors liability insurance," and shouldn't exceed \$5,000 (but with no cost to Nova House).

"We are thankful to Mr. Deeley for that," said Jenkins.

Pazdzierski said her legal team was not pro bono, which was another reason for dropping the lawsuit.

"This lawsuit was never about the vacation days, or the money," said Pazdzierski.

"This was about principle. You just can't treat people this way. ... Never mind being an organization dedicated to helping women."

Since Pazdzierski's departure — almost two years to the week — Nova House has had seven long-term staff members leave the organization, according to the anonymous source, who is included in the seven.

Nova House would not confirm nor deny those departures, citing employee confidentiality.

The high turnover within the organization, according to the source, is



Anna Pazdzierski

largely in part to what both the source and Pazdzierski describe as "workplace bullying, discrimination, harassment and intimidation."

"All of it was so foreign comparatively to how Anna did business. My own mental health was languishing. It caused me a great deal of anxiety," said the source.

"When an organization sees a mass exodus of seasoned staff, how does one not see that the staff is leaving management? Staff doesn't leave the agency. But when the agency's management no longer cares for its staff, you see people leave the agency's management."

"In my exit from Nova House, (management) was very unkind, which is ironic for an agency dedicated to the care of women. I had to see a doctor and get counselling," the source said.

Other reports of former staffers who sought counselling were brought forward to the *Tribune*, as well.

The anonymous source said Pazdzierski is a woman of integrity, a person of the highest quality morals and ethics and someone who deserved far better than was she received at the end of her tenure with Nova House.

The anonymous source also noted Pazdzierski deserves a large portion — if not all — credit for the new Nova House women's shelter in Selkirk.

"Whereas the board members were often nowhere to be found, Anna was always advocating for more funding," said the source. "She wanted to see that shelter constructed."

Pazdzierski disclosed one last piece of correspondence she had submitted and addressed to the Nova House board of directors after dropping her lawsuit.

"You need to know that you have traumatized, bullied and mistreated at least six staff who worked very hard for Nova House. We did not deserve to be treated this way. We were



# Local cadets compete at the National Cadet Biathlon Championship

By Heather Lawrence

Local cadets Olive Johnston, Skylar Kopec and Adam Stamler from Stonewall's 301 Alan McLeod Royal Canadian Air Cadet Squadron travelled to Valcartier, Que., to take part in the National Cadet Biathlon Championship that was held March 3 to 7.

Cadets Johnston and Stamler were competing in the championships and cadet Kopec was attending as a cadet coach. The National Cadet Biathlon Championship is four intense days of skiing and marksmanship featuring the very best cadet biathletes from each province and territory. In this year's competition, there were 130 athletes competing. In addition to participating as athletes, cadets have the opportunity to attend as officials and coaches, adding a uniquely cadet experience to the sport that reinforces the importance of youth leading youth.

"The job is always busy. I am always counting something, sighting someone in, or just taking care of the athletes and their equipment," said Kopec.

Biathlon combines cross-country skiing and precision marksmanship. The races are organized by laps of skiing separated by a round of shooting. Typically, each missed target during a participant's shooting round results

in a penalty loop of a specific number of meters. The resulting combination of high intensity aerobic activity with the discipline a concentration of Olympic-styled marksmanship challenges the participants to effectively balance athletic with focus.

"This is my third year attending the championship and it is her first," said Stamler.

"I am excited to show her (Olive Johnston) the ropes and am happy to have someone else from my town competing with me on the Manitoba team," said Cadet Stamler, who added that only 10 male and 10 female cadets are chosen from Manitoba each year to attend the event.

For more information about cadets please visit [www.cadets.gc.ca](http://www.cadets.gc.ca).

## Championship results

Sr boys 6km Sprint (single start) – 28 competitors – 14th – Adam Stamler – 28:54.0;

Sr girls 6Km Sprint (single start) – 21 competitors – 21st – Olive Johnston – 47:12.0;

Mixed open – 6km relay – 13 teams – 11th – 1:13:19.0 – Manitoba Adam Stamler, Olive Johnston;

Senior boys – 7.5km mass start – 28 competitors – 20th – Adam Stamler – 40:47.4.



Stonewall Cadet Skylar Kopec attended the National Cadet Biathlon Championship as a coach for Team Manitoba in Valcartier, Quebec from March 3 to 7.



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Cadet Adam Stamler of Stonewall's 301 Alan McLeod Royal Canadian Air Cadet Squadron races to the finish line at the National Cadet Biathlon Championship.



Representing Manitoba are Stonewall's 301 Alan McLeod Royal Canadian Air Cadet Squadron cadets, Skylar Kopec (left) Adam Stamler (middle) and Olive Johnston.

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all well respected, well known and appreciated in the Manitoba shelter community," said Pazdzierski in her letter.

"We — former staff members —

have all sought counselling to deal with our treatment by Nova House and will continue to hold you up as an example of workplace bullying, discrimination, and how not to man-

age people or organizations.

"I now really understand intimidation and bullying, and the impact it can have. Our lives will go on, but we will never be the same," she said.

Nova House did not make comment on the specific allegations, but

Jenkins said the board, as well as the current executive director, take allegations of workplace bullying and discrimination very seriously. Nova House has policies in place to deal with any similar issue in the workplace, she said.



# IERHA preparing for COVID-19 should it arrive in Manitoba

By Patricia Barrett

The Interlake-Eastern Regional Health Authority (IERHA) is monitoring the spread of the new coronavirus, or COVID-19 as it has formally been named, and is working in conjunction with all Manitoba RHAs and other health services organizations in order to have a provincially coordinated response to the virus should it appear in Manitoba.

As of Monday, the virus had infected more than 113,000 people in 107 countries and resulted in over 4,000 deaths, according to World Health Organization (WHO) data. In Canada 72 cases of COVID-19 have been confirmed as of Monday. Quebec, Ontario, Alberta and B.C. have all reported cases.

"Public health officials are reminding Manitobans the risk of acquiring COVID-19 in Manitoba remains low at this time and most people who acquire it have a mild illness," said Ron Janzen, incident commander for the IERHA's co-ordinated response to COVID-19.

COVID-19 is marked by fever, coughing and difficulty breathing. But infected people can also experience a sore throat and a runny nose.

The WHO has yet to deem the extensive spread of the virus a pandemic, but the "threat of pandemic has become very real," it said in a briefing Monday. The WHO is advising countries that have experienced community transmission (cases that cannot be traced back to a particular source) to consider closing schools and cancel mass gatherings.

Italy's government put the entire country on lockdown Monday after initially restricting social movement in the northern part of the country. Italy has almost 9,000 cases, the second highest number of infections outside China.

The IERHA said information about the virus is being regularly shared with health leaders and front-line health staff with regard to preparation and planning should an outbreak occur in Manitoba.

"Provincial management and response of COVID-19 is being informed by clinical evidence and by

the expertise acquired by leadership and front-line providers during the management of previous incidents of severe respiratory illnesses, including past flu seasons and H1N1," said Janzen.

Several countries have reported shortages of personal protective equipment (PPE) for health-care workers, and the WHO has called on industry and governments to increase their manufacturing. Face masks have flown off store shelves and purchased through online sites as people panic and hoard them.

There also shortages of gloves, goggles, face shields and gowns. Panic-buying has put "lives at risk" from COVID-19 and other infectious diseases, said the WHO. It estimates 89 million face masks are required for the COVID-19 response "each month."

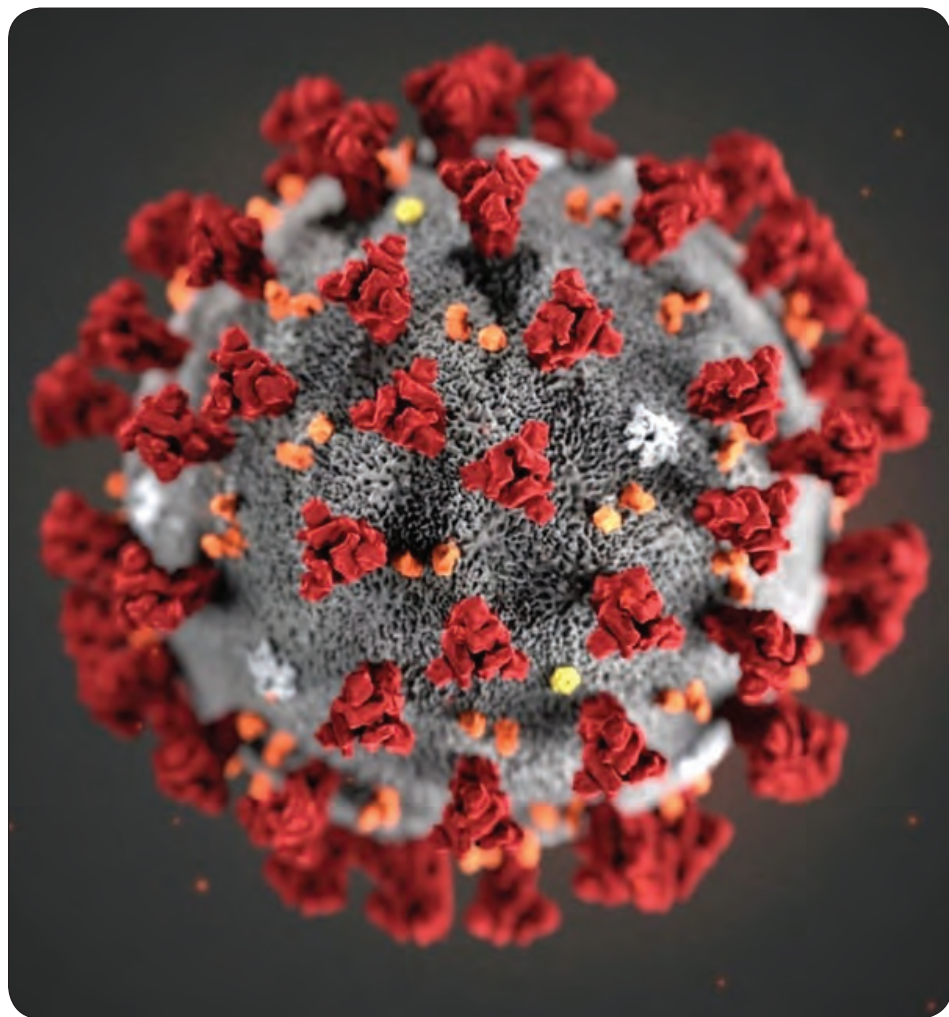
Epidemiologists have said there's no compelling evidence face masks can prevent the transmission of the virus as it can live for an estimated 24 hours on metallic and plastic surfaces — and even bank notes — and be transmitted by people touching their eyes, nose and mouth. Tiny aerosol particles carrying the virus is also thought to be another means of transmission.

Janzen said the IERHA has not experienced any shortage of protective equipment and has been in contact with other health authorities to coordinate and prevent supply-chain shortages.

"Ensuring that staff have access to the equipment and supplies required for safe patient care and the personal protection of staff is a priority," said Janzen. "Managing access to supplies provincially is a topic discussed regularly on provincial COVID-19 conference calls so that we and other RHAs in the province can identify our needs and ensure we'll have the supplies we need in the event that more are required."

Preventing the transmission of the virus is the best defence. The IERHA advises people to wash their hands after being in public places, cover their coughs and stay home if they're ill.

Health authorities in several countries have advised people to avoid



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The corona virus.

touching their faces until they've washed their hands in order to try to prevent the further spread of the virus.

The IERHA has a pandemic plan that it will put into action should cases of COVID-19 arise in the region and is in the process of "ensuring it aligns with the provincial plan so we are in sync across all health regions and that we're responding consistently," said Janzen.

The virus has infected children, young adults, older adults and seniors across the world. The vast majority of people recover from the illness. But people with underlying health conditions — especially seniors — are most susceptible to complications.

The IERHA is monitoring its personal care homes and encouraging visitors to stay away if they're ill. If they're

not sick, they're advised to wash their hands when they arrive at a facility for a visit.

"We are in the process of posting signs on all public entrances reminding people to clean their hands upon entry to the personal care home and when they leave. We also discourage people from visiting when they are ill," said Janzen.

Should IERHA staff become ill, the health authority will have them follow the same steps as members of the public who think they may have been infected.

People who've recently travelled to a COVID-19 affected area or are ill or have been in close contact (within two metres/six feet) with an ill person connected to the outbreak are asked to call Manitoba Health Links-Info Sante. The service is available 24-7 and is staffed with registered nurses who can provide advice on where to go to be assessed.

Health Links-Info Sante can be reached at 1-888-315-9257. In a health emergency, call 911.

The IERHA is also encouraging the public to access reputable information about the virus, such as through the provincial and the federal governments' respective websites.

Visit [www.gov.mb.ca/health/coronavirus](http://www.gov.mb.ca/health/coronavirus).

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# Inwood School starts clothing company

By Evan Matthews

As part of Inwood School's project- and student-based learning curriculum, the school has launched a new entrepreneurial endeavour.

Winnie Huynh, a teacher at Inwood School, said the school acquired a screen printer from Lunder School back in February, and Inwood students are beginning to print T-shirts for local teams and organizations.

"We thought it would be a really cool opportunity for our students," said Huynh.

"We've done some experimenting. We have a plan as to where we're heading with it, but so far it's been a lot of trial and error."

The goal is to print T-shirts and/or sweaters for local community groups, according to Huynh. Students who participate are working toward business and entrepreneurship course credits. The business course — aside from T-shirt production — offers glimpses into accounting and inventory, among other legitimate business elements.

Grade 12 student Lance Lecocq-Gareau and Grade 10 student Taydan Hazelton said despite having access to the printer, there isn't any other community group in the area offering a T-shirt printing services.

With that being said, the students saw T-shirt printing as a viable business opportunity.

"Our first trial was for Inwood School students. ... We made sweaters and T-shirts," said Lecocq-Gareau.

"We wanted to start within our school to work the kinks out of the process and see what — if anything — needed to be adjusted."

Because the students are working toward course credits, the Lakeshore School Division funded the business' capital, according to Huynh.

Once the Inwood students acquired the printer, they constructed it from the ground up and started production on their first trial. The first trial should have T-shirts sent out by the end of spring break, she said.

As the students work out the kinks and move along in the process, Huynh said they will start to approach other local community groups and organizations around the Interlake, likely starting with other schools.

"Eventually, we hope to approach curling clubs, hockey teams, organizations like that," said Hazelton, who added the students want to ensure production of a quality product before starting with community outreach.

"The idea is that a club or organization will send us their logo, and we'll



TRIBUNE PHOTO WINNIE HUYNH

After acquiring a screen printer in February, Taydan Hazelton (Grade 10, far left), Wyatt Westfall (Grade 11, middle), Angelina Waldner (Grade 10, far right) are pictured assembling the unit in order to begin production on the business' first trial.

produce their product."

Right now, Huynh said the students are providing a "T-shirt printing service" as opposed to running a busi-

ness that designs its own logos via in-house graphic designers.

Being from a rural farming community, Hazelton said delving into an opportunity like this one has been a very different and immersive experience.

"A successful business doesn't have to be something full-scale; it can be as small as providing a service," said Hazelton.

"I came from the farm. I like hands-on stuff and trying new things. This seemed really interesting."

## Beautiful snow clearing



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY LIZ BROOK

Cruz Carde, left, and Richard Marcotte were out early last Thursday clearing the sidewalk in front of Something Beautiful. The duo wanted to make sure their customers were able to get into the shop and the cafe without filling their boots.



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# Interlake students make music together

By Jo-Anne Procter

Interlake School Division students united in harmony last Friday at the inaugural Divisional Choir Day held at Stonewall Centennial and Stonewall Collegiate.

The Divisional Choir Day, a new initiative sparked by ISD choral directors, Vhana Moldowan and Kendra Obach brought Grade 7-12 students together to collaborate making music.

Approximately 110 students were given the chance for extra development by working with guest conductor Scott Reimer and accompanists Lisa Highmoor and Stephen Cocks. Students were split into two groups, Grade 7 and 8 and Grade 9 to 12 and

rehearsed throughout the day learning vocal techniques and three to four songs.

Obach told the *Tribune* that she was really excited about the choir day.

"Singing together is such a wonderful way to build connection," she said.

"The students were in for an intense day of learning, which will pay off not only in their performance but also when they return to their own school music programs. I'm so pleased that the students get to sing together and that ISD has supported this initiative, continuing to show their support of music education in the Interlake."

Audio recordings will be made available on websites at a later date.



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY JO-ANNE PROCTER

Conductor Kendra Obach directs Interlake Grades 7 and 8 students at the first annual Divisional Choir Day held in Stonewall on March 6.

# Province announces payroll tax cut

Changes will benefit an estimated 1,000 employers throughout Manitoba

By the Manitoba government

As part of Budget 2020, the Manitoba government is providing employers with a break on the Health and Post-Secondary Education Tax Levy, commonly called the payroll tax, Finance Minister Scott Fielding announced on March 10.

"Too many small businesses are paying payroll taxes, which penalizes those who can least afford it," said Fielding. "It's another form of bracket creep and it discourages

entrepreneurship and costs jobs. Budget 2020 increases the payroll tax thresholds, which will result in more jobs and more opportunities for Manitobans."

The Health and Post Secondary Education Tax Levy is imposed on wages paid by employers with a permanent establishment in the province. Approximately 3,000 employers in Manitoba pay around \$510 million in payroll taxes per year.

As of Jan. 1, 2021, Manitoba will increase the following payroll tax thresholds:

- employers with an annual payroll of \$1.5 million or less will be exempt (up from the current \$1.25 million exemption threshold);
- employers with an annual payroll between \$1.5 million and \$3 million will pay 4.3 per cent on the amount within this range (up from the current range of \$1.25 million to \$2.5 million); and
- employers with an annual payroll above \$3 million will pay 2.15 per cent of the total payroll (up from the current \$2.5 million threshold).

The increased thresholds are expected to benefit approximately 1,000 employers in Manitoba, and make approximately 220 employers exempt from paying the tax altogether.

"We have heard from Manitoba business owners and operators that one of the key factors affecting business growth is the tax burden, in particular payroll taxes that affect business growth the most," said Fielding. "We are addressing this concern with these changes to make Manitoba an even more attractive place to do business."

Manitoba's payroll tax thresholds have not changed since 2008.

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## Community support



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Alex Krawec, left, with the Knights of Columbus presented a \$100 cheque to the Community Living Interlake executive director Jimm Simon, right, and Kelly Eichler at Something Beautiful last week. CLI relies on donations and grants to help out as recent government budget cuts have made an impact on CLI, which supports individuals who live with intellectual disabilities. Pictured from left: Krawec, Kelly Eichler and Jimm Simon.

*Thank you*

A heartfelt "Thank you" to each and every person that played a part in Emily's and our family's journey.

To the staff and new friends at Ecole Bobby Bend and the First Beaver Troop in Stonewall, thank you for accommodating Rylan and being his friends! We have new friends to visit now when we come to town.

To the ladies from Project Linus and the United Church Outreach Committee in Stonewall, thank you for your generosity and for thinking of both of the kids. Thank you also for keeping in touch with my parents and helping them deal with our situation.

To my Grad '89 classmates and the Grad Committee – a big "Thank You" for thinking of us and your generosity. It means so much after not seeing many of you for so many years!

To the friends and members of the Jonathon Watson Memorial Bonspiel Committee - our hearts are filled with the generosity you have shown us. Thank you for choosing us and your continued love and legacy for Jonathon.

We are happy to be back home in The Pas. Emily is recovering and doing well and glad to be back at school with her friends.

We have felt the support and kindness of community even though we no longer live in the area. We are grateful to you all that took the time and effort to include us, think of us, and offer help in any way.

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# Stonewall council news in brief

By Jennifer McFee

Starting in May, the Stonewall and District Handivan Services will become known as the Stonewall and Area Mobility Services (SAMS).

The Interlake Eastern Health Authority had approached the Handivan service's municipal partners — the Town of Stonewall and RMs of Woodlands, Rosser and Rockwood — about a change to the administration of the service.

As a result, the municipal partners had to develop a transition plan. Administration and operation of SAMS will now be done entirely by the committee, whereas until now the IERHA had provided drivers and administrative support. This involvement was an anomaly that the IERHA wasn't doing anywhere else.

Over the upcoming months, competitions will be held to fill key positions for the new service so that SAMS will be fully functioning by May.

Representatives in Teulon have been able to provide some insight, since the Handivan services there recently un-

derwent a similar transition. The new name SAMS will come into effect on May 25.

## In other council news:

- Selkirk-Interlake-Eastman MP James Bezan met with Stonewall council during the March 4 meeting.

Bezan meets with all of the municipalities in his constituency. Since he hadn't visited Stonewall council for a couple years, it was the town's turn.

- The Town of Stonewall will provide a \$300 grant for the Rockwood Festival of the Arts and will also purchase a page of advertising in their program.

- The Town of Stonewall appointed WSP to complete some work regarding the capacity of its sewer and water system.

- The Town of Stonewall received a letter asking for clarification about the use of ponds and public reserve space in Stoneridge Development. Council confirmed its position that the ponds and public reserve are open for public use.



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A number of families were in attendance at the Stonewall council meeting on March 4 asking for clarification about the use of ponds in the Stoneridge Development. While there, the children had their photo taken with Selkirk-Interlake-Eastman MP James Bezan.

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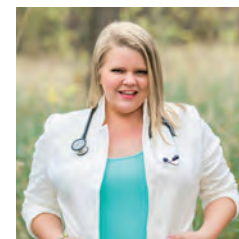


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# ISD students attend gender equity conference

By Jennifer McFee

Right before International Women's Day, local students had the chance to participate in a two-day conference that focused on gender equity.

On March 2 and 3, female and female-identified students from all three Interlake School Division high schools (Stonewall, Warren and Teulon) met at Oak Hammock Marsh for the event.

The school division had received a \$25,000 grant made available by the Interlake Community Foundation's participation in the Pilot Fund for Gender Equality in Canada, a new collaboration between Community Foundations of Canada and the Equality Fund, which is supported by the Government of Canada.

The conference started off with a talk by speaker and author Samra Zafar, who was a child bride originally from Pakistan. The talk was live-streamed to the high schools so other students had the chance to hear her message.

"I heard the kids say that she was the best speaker that they'd ever heard. It was very empowering," Laura Perrella, principal at Warren Collegiate Institute.

"She talked about finding your voice and being strong through adversity. She also talked about putting people around you who support you and help you to be your authentic self."

In another presentation, two-spirit comedian Issa Kixen spoke to the students about being themselves and finding their voice.

"They talked about racism and how it's OK to be angry and feel a lot of different emotions, but then to take those emotions and funnel them to do something positive with it," Perrella said.

"They found that using laughter and humour was their way of coping with some things that had happened, which were obstacles and struggles in life."

Teulon Mayor Anna Pazdzierski, who used to work with Nova House, spoke to the students about healthy relationships. She also told them about some supports and resources that are available if they ever find themselves in an unhealthy relationship.

"It was really nice because she brought the grandmother's voice to it. It was really neat to have all of the different generations over the couple days," Perrella said. "Some-



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Embroidery was used to help students find their voice to say non-traditional things with a traditional media.

body had brought their baby in the morning, so we had babies all the way up to grandmothers."

Helga Jakobson, originally from Arborg, brought her skill for embroidery to the event. She also spoke about feminism and the lack of women in the STEAM fields.

"Helga was really neat and they had done a lot of embroidery, which is a very traditional stereotypically feminine way of making an art piece," Perrella said.

"Then they were taking that art form to help them find their voice by saying non-traditional things with a traditional media."

Perrella also points out the benefits of bringing students together from the different schools.

"It was really neat to see the three schools come together. Usually when we come together, it's to compete against each other in sports or whatever it is. This really helped them to see how everybody's really similar in a lot of ways. By the end, they were trading phone numbers and contact information," she said.

"The students were very happy that they came and they felt very empowered. We got some messages from parents saying that it was very impactful for their children. Thank goodness for the Interlake Community Foundation for ac-



Students participated in a recording session where they transferred music onto plastic plates.

quiring this grant and making this opportunity available to us. It was really amazing."

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"Initiatives like this one from the Manitoba government have meaningful impact on businesses like ours," said Jamie Kozak, Principal Architect at Prairie Architects Inc., a business that will become exempt from paying the tax next year. "Raising the payroll tax exemption to \$1.5 million allows our company to reinvest approximately \$5,000 back into our business operations every year."

Prairie Architects Inc. is leading the Fort Richmond Collegiate New Life Skills Suite and Band Room Addition and Renovations project, into which the provincial government is investing \$1 million. Fielding visited the work site today to present a new pair of steel-toed work boots to Jaycek Valentine, a junior apprentice on the project.

This is the fifth year in a row where the Mani-

toba government carried on its tradition of presenting a new pair of shoes to a deserving Manitoban, rather than the finance minister purchasing himself new shoes to wear on budget day.

"These work boots symbolize one of our government's priorities – to create more jobs for Manitobans and drive economic growth," said Fielding. "Our Economic Growth Action Plan is growing optimism throughout the province and we are working to create 40,000 new jobs during the current term of government. We know we are on the right path, as approximately 9,700 more Manitobans were working in the first two months of 2020."

Fielding will present Budget 2020 tomorrow afternoon in the Manitoba legislature.



# TCl set to stage a mystery performance

By Jennifer McFee

If you like “who-dun-it” mysteries, you’re in for a treat.

Teulon Collegiate Institute drama students are staging a mysterious comedy called *Mystery at Shady Acres* on March 25 and 26.

Director Carolyn Szun expects that it will be lots of fun — for those on stage as well as for those in the audience.

“It’s really neat. The kids are excited about it,” she said. “The gist is that a few misfit people end up in a hotel and mysterious things happen. We get the audience involved in trying to guess ‘who dun it.’”

All the students in the school’s drama course are involved in putting on the production.

“We’ve actually got some other kids involved through the school, too, to help out backstage,” Szun said. “Lots of staff are also involved.”

Dress rehearsal takes place on March 25 at 1:30 p.m., followed by the opening night performance at 7 p.m. The closing night show will start at 7 p.m. on March 26. All shows will take place at the school.

There is no cost to attend, but there will be a silver collection for anyone who would like to make a donation.

“It’s going to be great,” Szun said. “I hope the audience enjoys it as much as we do.”



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TCl’s drama students will stage a mystery comedy on March 25 and 26.

## Oak Hammock Marsh interpretive centre receives \$1.5 million

By Manitoba government

The Manitoba government is providing a matching contribution of up to \$1.5 million to support wetland education and conservation through a campaign to renovate the award-winning Oak Hammock Marsh Interpretive Centre.

“Oak Hammock Marsh is recognized as a wetland of international importance and its interpretive centre helps visitors to better understand why, while bringing wildlife and people together,” said Agriculture and Resource Development Minister Blaine Pedersen. “We’re pleased to support the capital campaign to renovate the centre, to ensure Manitobans and visitors from around the world can continue to connect with nature, enjoy and respect Manitoba’s wild areas and learn why we all depend on wetlands.”

The minister announced Manitoba’s contribution at Ducks Unlimited Canada’s 24th annual Minister’s Dinner last month. The fundraising event brings together more than 230 people in support of the Oak Hammock Marsh Interpretive Centre and its wetland education programs. The



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The provincial government has committed \$1.5 million in matching funds in support of the Oak Hammock Marsh Interpretive Centre.

province has committed to \$1.5 million in matching funds if \$3 million is raised in support of the interpretive centre project. This funding is in addition to the \$225,000 in annual operating funding the interpretive centre receives from the Manitoba government.

Upgrades to the interpretive centre will be guided by a comprehensive plan that re-imagines the space. Renovations and enhancements will focus on creatively and strategically highlighting the natural surroundings while leveraging innovative and

interactive educational tools.

“The opportunity to enhance our space and visitor experience is exciting,” says Karla Guyn, CEO for Ducks Unlimited Canada. “Since the interpretive centre was built more than 25 years ago, it has provided students and visitors with unique ways to learn about the natural world. We look forward to finding new ways of connecting people with wetlands within an updated facility.”

Open year-round, the interpretive centre is used by school groups and tourists and offers a variety of guided

programs. It also features a theatre, a scenic cafe, a gift shop, meeting rooms, rooftop observation deck and interactive exhibits.

Spearheaded by Harry Enns, former minister of natural resources, and Claude Wilson, former president of Ducks Unlimited Canada, the interpretive centre first opened its doors in 1993. Since then, Ducks Unlimited Canada and the Manitoba government have worked together to manage the interpretive centre.

Located east of Stonewall, Oak Hammock Marsh is a 36-square-kilometre marsh that features a restored prairie marsh, aspen-oak bluff, artesian springs and some of Manitoba’s last remaining patches of tall-grass prairie. Its interpretive centre welcomes close to 100,000 students, tourists and environmental professionals annually who can explore 30 kilometres of trails and lush natural habitat that is home to 25 species of mammals, 300 species of birds, numerous amphibians, reptiles, fish and invertebrates.

For more information on Oak Hammock Marsh, visit <https://www.oakhammockmarsh.ca/>.



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## Creamy Couscous with Broccoli, Tomatoes and Cheese

Recipe courtesy of culinary dietitian Marcia Stanley, MS, RDN  
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1/2 cup chopped onion  
2 tablespoons butter  
3 cups broccoli florets  
1 teaspoon minced garlic  
1/2 teaspoon pepper  
3 cups fat-free, 2% or whole milk  
1 1/2 cups plain couscous (wheat pasta)  
1 cup finely shredded Parmesan cheese  
1 cup (4 ounces) shredded cheddar cheese

1 1/2 cups seeded and chopped tomatoes  
2 tablespoons slivered fresh basil leaves  
In large nonstick skillet over medium heat, cook onion in butter 2 minutes. Add broccoli, garlic and pepper. Cook and stir 2 minutes.  
Stir milk into broccoli mixture. Bring to boil. Stir in couscous. Remove from heat. Cover and let stand 5 minutes. Gently stir Parmesan cheese into couscous mixture. Spread on serving platter. Sprinkle with cheddar cheese. Top with tomatoes and fresh basil leaves.



## Labneh Spread

Recipe courtesy of Jenn Fillenworth, MS, RDN of Jenny with the Good Eats  
Prep time: 5 minutes  
Servings: 6  
12 ounces whole milk Greek yogurt  
1/8 teaspoon salt  
1/2 teaspoon fresh lemon juice  
2 tablespoons olive oil

1 pinch sea salt, for garnish  
fresh herbs, for garnish  
pita bread, grilled  
assorted seasonal vegetables  
In bowl, mix Greek yogurt, salt and lemon juice.  
Transfer mixture to fine mesh strainer lined with cheesecloth.  
Wrap mixture in cheesecloth and strain over bowl in refrigerator 24-48 hours. Strain longer to make thicker. Once thickened as desired, remove from cheesecloth and top spread with olive oil, sea salt and fresh herbs. Serve with grilled pita bread and assorted seasonal vegetables.



## Blueberry Apple Crisp Smoothie Bowl

Recipe courtesy of Rachel Gurk of Rachel Cooks  
Prep time: 5 minutes  
Servings: 1  
1 cup frozen blueberries  
2 cups apples, roughly chopped, reserving 2 tablespoons for topping  
1 teaspoon cinnamon  
1/2 cup plain, non-fat Greek yogurt  
1 cup spinach  
pure maple syrup, to taste

ice cubes (optional)  
Toppings:  
2 tablespoons oats  
1 teaspoon pure maple syrup  
1 tablespoon pecans, chopped  
2 tablespoons reserved chopped apple  
fresh blueberries  
In blender, blend blueberries, apples, cinnamon, yogurt and spinach until smooth. Taste and add maple syrup, to taste. If thicker mixture is desired, add ice cubes.  
Pour into bowl. Mix oats with maple syrup. Top smoothie mixture with oats, pecans, apples and blueberries.

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## Lentil Tacos with Tangy Guacamole

Recipe courtesy of culinary dietitian Marcia Stanley, MS, RDN  
Prep time: 40 minutes  
Servings: 6

**Tangy Guacamole:**  
1 medium ripe avocado, pitted, peeled and chopped  
1 tablespoon orange, lime or lemon juice  
1/4 teaspoon hot pepper sauce  
1 clove garlic, minced  
1/2 cup plain, fat-free Greek yogurt  
**Lentil Tacos:**  
2 1/3 cups water  
1 cup dry brown lentils, rinsed and drained  
1/2 cup finely chopped onion  
2 teaspoons chili powder  
2 cloves garlic, minced  
1/2 teaspoon salt

1 1/2 cups seeded and chopped tomatoes, divided  
1 1/4 cups (5 ounces) shredded cheddar cheese, divided  
12 yellow corn taco shells  
To make Tangy Guacamole: In small bowl, mash avocado, juice, hot pepper sauce and garlic. Stir in yogurt. Cover and refrigerate until serving time.  
To make Lentil Tacos: Heat oven to 400 F.

In medium saucepan over medium-high heat, combine water, lentils, onion, chili powder, garlic and salt. Bring to boil. Reduce heat. Cover and gently boil 12-15 minutes, or until lentils are just tender. Uncover and boil 5-15 minutes, or until most liquid evaporates. Remove lentils from heat. Stir in 1 cup tomatoes and 3/4 cup cheese. Spoon into taco shells. Stand filled tacos in 13-by-9-by-2-inch baking dish. Sprinkle tacos with remaining tomatoes and cheese. Loosely cover dish with foil. Bake 3-5 minutes, or until cheese melts. Stir guacamole. Serve with warm tacos.

  
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# sports & recreation

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## Stonewall wins Atom A1 hockey provincial championship

By Brian Bowman

Stonewall won the gold medal at the Atom A1 hockey provincials after defeating Springfield 5-1 in the final last Sunday in Notre Dame.

Parker Hennie (two), Landen Rempel, Carson Kirk, and Griffin Lowry scored in the win.

It was a great finish to a fantastic provincial showing by Stonewall.

"Basically, we dominated the game entirely from start to finish," said Stonewall head coach Shaun Dalgeish. "The kids played extremely well and hemmed them in their end. We played shorthanded a pile, we lost one of our players with a major in an Atom game early on, which was absolutely crazy, so we had to play shorthanded."

"But, at the end of the day, we were still able to get the outcome."

With that outcome, Dalgeish must now follow through with his promise of letting the team shave his beard. That was supposed to happen Tuesday evening.

"I think they're more pumped to shave my beard," Dalgeish laughed. "I gave them some incentive. I have had my beard since I moved to town here and if they won then they would get the chance to shave it - they're pretty pumped about that."

In a semifinal game earlier Sunday, Stonewall beat MacDonald 6-2.

On Friday, Stonewall skated to solid wins over Carman (5-2) and Dauphin (1-0).

The victory over Dauphin was Stonewall's toughest test.

"We were on our second (game)

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TRIBUNE PHOTO BY JADE REMPEL

Stonewall won the gold medal at the Atom A1 Hockey Manitoba last Sunday in Notre Dame. Back row, left to right: Shawn Dalgleish (head coach), Andrew Kirk (coach), Chris Arbez (coach), Adam Kirk (coach) and Shaun Rempel (coach); middle row, Band Chartrand, Liam Cox, Ryden Dalgleish, Griffin Lowry, Nevan Roy, Adam McLean and Carson Kirk; front row, Aidan Kirk, Lucas Kaczorowski, Jackson Arbez, Tyler Loehmer, Parker Hennie, Duncan Thompson and Landon Rempel.

## Provincial bound



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The Teulon Collegiate Saints won the Zone 5 junior varsity girls' basketball championship after defeating the Warren Collegiate Wildcats 38-35 in the final on March 3. Teulon will now host the AA provincials this Thursday through Saturday. Pictured back row: coach Jason Darragh, Mhea Reed, Abby Skinner, Brookelyn Morris, Sarah Simcoe, Desiree Chartrand, Maisey Williams, Hannah Spence, Bella Smith, and coach Heather Tataryn. Front row: Madi Charison, Otilja Yankech, and Hannah Kraychuk.

## Zone champions



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The Teulon Collegiate Saints won the Zone 5 junior varsity boys' basketball banner after defeating the Gimli Lakers 53-44 on March 3. Teulon will now compete at the A/AA provincials, which begin Thursday and wraps up Saturday, in Carberry. Pictured, back row left to right, Rylan Daniels-Webb, Victor Einarsson, Logan Mott, Caleb Hepples, Matthew Dzuba, and coach Groves. Front row, left to right, Liam Tinker, Kelbey Lambourne, Mark Stott, Jaxen Park and Gavin Gebhardt.



# Rams advance to JV girls' basketball provincials

By Brian Bowman

The Stonewall Collegiate Rams have punched their ticket into the MHSAA "AAA" junior varsity girls' basketball provincials.

Stonewall had a great effort in a dominating 44-26 victory over the Steinbach Christian School Flames in a wildcard game on Monday evening.

"The girls played very well," said Rams' head coach Jason Cassils. "We had a bit of a slow start in the first quarter and then we pressed them and scored a fair amount of points. We played really good defence the whole game. It was a team effort, every single one of them that came in played solid defence."

The Rams led 14-4 after the first quarter and 28-12 at the break. Stonewall really took over the game in the third quarter as it limited Steinbach Christian to a paltry three points.

The Rams' press can be very effective at various points in a game.

"It gets our girls engaged in the game right away," Cassils noted. "We have a good-sized bench with a lot of players. If they need a break, we can throw another group at them, which definitely helps. If we had a smaller team, we couldn't do that because

they would be exhausted."

The Rams moved the ball around well and did a great job rebounding at both ends of the floor.

Rena Kathler led Stonewall in scoring with 13 points while Alex Clark had 12 and Nicole Pagulo added 10. Grace Fines had a tremendous game rebounding.

The Rams head into the provincials as the No. 3 seed and will take on Altona's W.C. Miller Aces, which are ranked sixth.

That game will be played Thursday at 12:30 p.m. at St. John's High School in Winnipeg.

"They've been playing very well this year," Cassils said. "It looks like they have put up a lot of points against quite a few teams. It will be a tough first match."

In WWAC play, the Rams were defeated 44-31 by the St. James Jimmies in the league final last Friday. St. James is the No. 1-ranked "AAA" team in the province.

"They moved the ball around quick and played us very tight defensively," Cassils said. "They don't give you much time and space."

Fines and Clark were named league playoff all stars.



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY JO-ANNE PROCTER

The Stonewall Rams junior varsity girls' basketball team qualified for provincials with a 44-26 win over Steinbach Christian.

Pictured back row, left to right: Jason Cassils (coach), Hayden Turner, Chelsea Snively, Natalie Taylor, Rena Kathler, Sidney Schaeffer, Ryann Snell, Hunter Lupyrypa (assistant coach). Front row, Gillian Gesell, Kira Hatcher, Grace Fines, Alex Clark, Nicole Pagulo and Emerson McAuley. Missing from the photo is Nadia Schultz and Ashley Woods.

## Stonewall Curling Rink busy over the weekend



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The Stonewall Ladies' "Save a Curler, Ride a Cowboy" bonspiel was held this past weekend with 24 teams participating. The Stonewall Curling Club was decorated in a western theme complete with a watering hole, jail, photo booth and outhouses. Life and Honourary Stonewall Curling Club members were invited to the banquet, which featured chicken, ribs, baked beans, coleslaw and buns.

The first event was won by Team Watling, which included Kristy Watling, Jenna Boisvert, Taylor Maida and Katrina Thiessen after defeating Team Laurie Deprez. The second-event winners were Team Bergner. Their rink, which defeated Team Woods, featured Tracy Konzelman, Nicole Derkach, Tara Bergner and Leigh Adams. The third event was won by Lisa Slatcher and her team of Amanda Hickey, Jackie Dewer and Vanessa Chetyrbok who defeated Team Purdy.

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of the day whereas they were coming in fresh," Dalgeish noted. "From start to finish, we held the pressure on them. We only scored one goal but their goalie played well but, overall, we completely dominated that game. It doesn't sound like it with a 1-0 score but other teams didn't even know how to play against us because we were changing on

the fly regularly.

"We hemmed them in their end constantly. There were very few whistles because we were cycling the puck like crazy."

Stonewall was very good defensively all weekend, allowing just five goals in five games. This team continued to improve throughout the season.

"We're a solid unit from top to bottom and everybody put in a good effort," Dalgeish noted.

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# Jets, Canucks to clash in MMJHL playoff series

By Brian Bowman

Just one point separated St. James and Stonewall as the Canucks played their final regular-season game of the season this past Tuesday against the Raiders Jr. Hockey Club.

Regardless of the outcome of Tuesday's game, St. James finished the Manitoba Major Junior Hockey League regular season in fourth place, just ahead of the fifth-place Jets.

That will give the Canucks home-ice advantage in their best-of-seven quarter-final series which will begin Friday (7:30 p.m.) at the St. James Civic Centre.

While the Jets would have preferred to have the extra home game in the series, at this point it really doesn't matter.

If the Jets are going to advance past the Canucks, they have to win a game or two in St. James' barn.

"We ended up one point or a few points shy ... but we played well against the better teams in the league in their rink, especially towards the end of the season," said Jets' head coach Brock Couch Monday evening.

"The way I look at it, if you win the first one on the road, you just grabbed home-ice advantage for the rest of the series. Winning the first one and the last one will be crucial for us."

Stonewall will be looking at slowing down St. James and getting the puck deep in the Canucks' zone.

"They have a lot of speed," Couch noted. "Basically all of their forward lines can skate. They don't have the greatest size on their team so hopefully with our mix of size and speed, we can intimidate them a little bit and maybe get them to slow down by having them look over their shoulders."

The Jets wrapped up their regular season with a 3-2 shootout loss to the Transcona Railer Express in Stonewall.

"It was good for us to have a close game like that with a playoff feel," Couch said. "Both teams had something to play for that game and we had plenty of chances to win it in regulation but their goalie (Dylan Arnold) is very good."

Burke Heide scored the game winner in the ninth round of the shootout.



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The Stonewall Jets' Jared Hulme scored his team's first goal in their 3-2 shootout loss to Transcona last Friday in Stonewall.

Stonewall took a 2-0 lead with goals from Jayson Brooks (on the power play) and Jared Hulme late in the first period.

Transcona's Conner Grunsten replied with a power-play goal in the second period and then added another

tally early in the third.

Stonewall will host St. James in Game 2 on Sunday (7 p.m.) and then Game 3 returns to the Civic Centre next Tuesday (7:30 p.m.).

Game 4 will be played in Stonewall on March 20.

## Provincial finalists

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Team Maisey from Winnipeg Beach reached the final of the U-18 men's curling provincials last weekend in Minnedosa. Maisey had a 5-0 record during round-robin play and then won two playoff games before losing to Team McDonald from St. Vital in the final. Pictured, left to right: Josh Maisey (skip) Sean Giesbrecht (third), Oliver DeMeyer (second), Sébastien Pruneau (lead) and Dale Lott (coach). Pruneau is a resident of Stonewall.



Stonewall  
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## Playoff Games

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**Tuesday, March 17**

Stonewall Jets at St. James Jr. Canucks  
at 7:30 p.m.

St James Civic Centre



# sports & recreation

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## Merces beat Islanders in Game 1 of SEMHL final series

By Brian Bowman

The Warren Merces continue to play some great playoff hockey.

And they are getting rewarded with some well-deserved victories.

Warren defeated the Portage Islanders 3-1 in Game 1 of their South Eastern Manitoba Hockey League best-of-seven final series last Sunday.

"The boys played good," said Merces' coach Matt Figur. "These guys came out after a week off and they know what they want to do. They were here (in the final) last year and they're doing the little things right. They got the pucks deep and played 60 minutes and stuck it to them."

It was the Merces' fourth consecutive win in the playoffs.

Trent Genyk gave Warren a 1-0 lead just 4:58 into the game but Portage's Jens Meilleur tallied 1:50 later.

The Merces' Chase Faulkner and Chad Deprez then scored second-period goals.

Reed Peters made 42 saves for the win.

A lot of different Merces' players are contributing on a nightly basis during this winning streak.

"Depth-wise, we're very deep," Figur said. "Coming into the season we knew that and our blueline is so deep with guys like Travis Bobbee, Brendan Mitchell and Kyle Lundale. And then you put Reed in net and he gives those

good guys confidence that they need."

Game 2 of the series was played this past Tuesday in Portage la Prairie but no score was available at press time.

Game 3 returns to Warren Thursday and then Game 4 will be played in Portage on Saturday.

If necessary, Game 5 is set for Warren next Tuesday, followed by Game 6 in Portage (March 19) and a series-deciding seventh game in Warren (March 21).

All games will start at 8 p.m.

On March 3, Warren defeated the Altona Maroons 4-0 in Game 7 of the best-of-seven semifinal series.

"It was an awesome job by the team to come out in front of a big crowd," Figur said. "The boys were rolling and there is definitely some chemistry with the boys up front."

Braydon MacDonald gave Warren a 1-0 lead at 17:07 of the first period and then Brenden Luschinski tallied twice in the second.

MacDonald closed out the game's scoring with an empty-net goal at 18:21 of the third.

Peters was rock-solid in goal once again, making 36 saves for the shut-out.

Portage, meanwhile, earned its spot in the final after beating the Carman Beavers 7-3 in Game 6 of their best-of-seven semifinal series on March 1.



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The Merces' Brenden Luschinski tallied twice against Altona to win Game 7 on March 3.



Brenden Luschinski celebrates his goal.



Warren Merces' forward Brock Genyk narrowly misses on a glorious scoring opportunity against Altona.

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# sports & recreation

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## Stonewall reaches final of Atom A2 hockey provincials

### Staff

Stonewall reached the final of the Atom A2 hockey provincials where they lost 8-4 to Brandon in MacDonald last Sunday.

James Knutson led Stonewall with two goals and an assist while Kade Williams and Dustin Campbell also tallied.

In a semifinal game earlier Sunday, Stonewall trounced Morden 10-1.

Ethan Zagrodnik paced Stonewall with two goals and two assists while Williams added two goals and a helper.

Cash Palsson (two), Kaden Phinney, Campbell, Knutson and Kaden Ban-

man also scored for the winners.

Stonewall started the provincials with a 3-3 tie with Morden last Friday.

Williams (two) and Knutson scored for Stonewall.

Later that day, Stonewall outscored Winkler 7-5.

Williams (two), Knutson (two), Palsson, Campbell and Cole Beresford scored in the victory.

On Saturday, Stonewall doubled MacDonald 8-4 as Williams had a hat trick and Knutson added two goals and two assists.

Phinney, Palsson, and Beresford also scored for Stonewall.



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Pictured back row, left to right: coach Kyle Korchinski, James Knutson, Cash Palsson, Niam Wedel, Grady Brunel, Kade Williams, Kaden Banman, Ethan Zagrodnik, Dustin Campbell, Kole Beresford, assistant coach Ryan Beresford; Middle row: Kaden Phinney, Sam Marbach, Jonah Van Den Bogaard, assistant coach Travis Williams; Front row: Cohen Korchinski and Ryan Richen. Missing from the photo is Ewyn Davidson and assistant coaches Nathan Brunel and Travis Zagrodnik.

## Local teams compete at hockey provincials

### Staff

Warren finished with a 1-2 record at the Atom Rural B hockey provincials last weekend in Carberry.

The local squad started action Friday with a 5-3 loss to Rock Lake as Madden Van Kemenade scored twice. Ashton Baldwin netted Warren's other goal.

Warren rebounded from that loss to crush Cross Lake 11-4 later on Friday.

Baldwin scored five goals while Van Kemenade tallied four times and added an assist. Lee Hearn and Beck Van Kemenade also scored in the win.

Warren was then defeated 5-3 by

Killarney in the four versus five game on Saturday.

Madden Van Kemenade (two) and Baldwin scored for Warren. Beck Van Kemenade had three assists.

At the Bantam Rural C hockey provincials in Warren, Stonewall and the hosts each finished with 0-3 records.

Stonewall was blanked 8-0 by Tri Valley last Friday and then lost 7-4 to Russell on Saturday.

Carter Nesbitt and Emmitt Gillespie each had a goal and an assist for Stonewall while Brody Kopyns and Alex Evans also tallied.

On Sunday, Stonewall was edged 6-5

by Treherne/Notre Dame in a consolation game.

Aiden Singh paced Interlake with two goals and two assists. The team's other goals were scored by Hayden Faragher, Anthony Baml and Hunter Manning.

Warren opened play Friday with losses to Grunthal (12-3) and Melita (9-0).

Cedrick Puffalt led Warren with a goal and an assist while Rowan Waluk, and Lelan Chartrand also tallied.

On Sunday, Warren lost 10-2 to Treherne/Notre Dame. Cain Romanchuk and Chartrand scored for War-

ren.

Meanwhile, Interlake finished with an 0-3 record at the Bantam Rural AA hockey provincials in Manitou.

Interlake was defeated 4-1 by the Pembina Central Flyers 4-1 in a consolation semifinal last Sunday.

Interlake started the provincials with a 7-0 loss to the Pembina Valley Rockets and then were beaten 7-3 by the Northern Knights.

There were no scoring summaries posted on Hockey Manitoba's website at press time.

## Manitoba Junior Hockey League playoffs in full swing

### Staff

The Portage Terriers lead the Dauphin Kings 2-0 in their Manitoba Junior Hockey League best-of-seven quarterfinal series.

Portage won Game 1 by a score of 4-2 last Friday as Logan Christensen, a Lundar product, tallied a goal early in the third period to give the Terriers a 2-1 lead.

The Terriers then beat the Kings 5-2

on Sunday in Portage la Prairie.

Dauphin's lineup includes Teulon's Brayden Pawluk.

Game 3 of the series was played this past Tuesday and then Game 4 of the series will be played Friday. Both games were hosted by Dauphin.

The Steinbach Pistons also lead the Winnipeg Blues 2-0 after a 5-1 victory on Sunday at the RINK Training Centre.

In Game 1 last Friday in Steinbach, the Pistons edged the Blues 3-1.

Game 3 was played on Tuesday in Steinbach and then Game 4 is set to be played on Winnipeg's home ice Wednesday.

The Virden Oil Capitals and Winkler Flyers' series was tied at a win apiece after the first two games.

Virden's lineup features Gimli's Jack Einarson, who scored the game

winner in double overtime while the Oil Capitals were shorthanded in a 1-0 win on Friday. Einarson also tallied a power-play goal in a 6-3 loss Sunday.

The Swan Valley Stampeders shut out the Waywayseecappo Wolverines 5-0 in Game 1 of their series on Friday.

Game 2 was played Monday but no score was available at press time.



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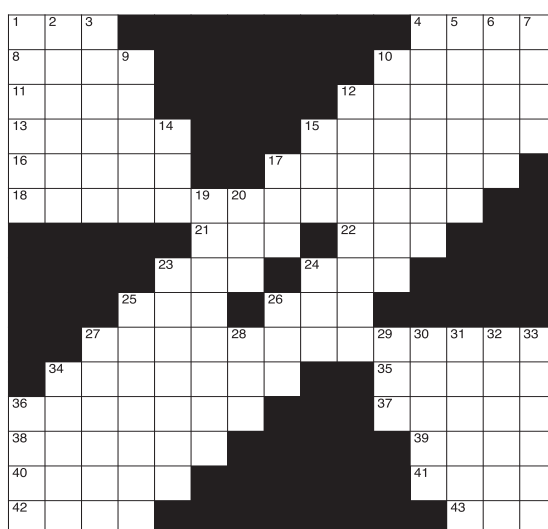
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22. Single unit
23. Unit of measurement
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25. Burundian franc
26. Self
27. Bengals great
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35. Piece of pizza
36. Illegal drug
37. Card game
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5. Wear away
6. Beginnings
7. Essence
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10. Path
12. Repeated tones
14. Expresses surprise
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17. When you hope to get there
19. Brighten
20. Fifth note of a major scale



23. Dark brown timbers of tropical trees
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references to  
psd@prspirit.org.  
Deadline Noon,  
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### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**IN THE MATTER OF:**  
The Estate of Dorothy Violet Irwin, late of the Town of Stonewall, in Manitoba, deceased.

All claims against the above estate, duly verified by Statutory Declaration, must be filed with the undersigned at their offices, P.O. Box 1400, Stonewall, Manitoba, R0C 2Z0 on or before the 8th day of April, 2020.

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#### IN MEMORIAM

"They don't make 'em like my  
daddy anymore"



Pete Skihar  
March 14, 2003  
Dad

I never wished for someone to love me  
In good times and bad, whatever would be  
I never prayed for someone to dash my fears  
Or wash away a myriad of tears  
I never searched for a hero to gently guide  
Or watch over me, side by side  
I never wished for someone to look up to  
I never had to...I had you.

-Arlene Skihar

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

### ANNOUNCEMENT

#### IN MEMORIAM



Denis Nolin  
1937 - 2016 March 11

I have lost my souls companion  
A like linked with my own  
You have joined our first born Ricky,  
We lost so many year's ago.  
It hurts so much to walk through life without  
you's  
I have our children, grandchildren and great-  
grandchildren  
They remind me of you every day  
If only you were here to love us.  
I think and miss you every day.  
We will love and miss you always and forever.  
-Your loving wife  
Shirley and family

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### SEASONAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

The Town of Stonewall  
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following seasonal  
positions

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be comfortable dealing with the public. Typing  
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### STONEWALL & AREA MOBILITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

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including three references, marked **SAMS Coordinator/  
Driver, to the undersigned.**

Town of Stonewall Attention: Wally Melnyk  
info@stonewall.ca

293 Main Street, Box 250, Stonewall, MB R0C 2Z0

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## ANNOUNCEMENT

### IN MEMORIAM



In Loving Memory of  
John MacLeod Hannah

18 June, 1941 – 14 March, 2019

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But you are always right here in our hearts.  
Missed and loved forever and ever

Pat, Susan, Chris, Helena, Delta, Francis,  
Charlie and Chico  
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## ANNOUNCEMENT

### IN MEMORIAM



In Loving Memory of  
John MacLeod Hannah

June 18, 1941 - March 14, 2019

Dear Dad and Grandpa,  
It's hard to believe that a year has passed  
since you left this Earth.  
We think of you every day.  
The fond memories we have will continue to  
keep your gentle spirit alive.  
"You are the whisper in the wind..."

-Love always,  
Susan and Delta

## ANNOUNCEMENT

### CARDS OF THANKS

Thank you to the kind soul who cleared out our  
driveway after the snowstorm last week! We  
really appreciated it.  
-Rob and Laura

## ANNOUNCEMENT

### CARDS OF THANKS

To the INTERLAKE LIGHTNING AA BANTAM  
BOYS HOCKEY TEAM - coaches, parents and  
particularly the players - your generosity and  
great sportsmanship truly impacted a life this  
weekend, THANK YOU  
-Jen and Donna

## OBITUARY

### Edwin "Ed" Bintliffe

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the sudden passing  
of Edwin "Ed" Bintliffe on February 29, 2020 at the age of 49.  
He is survived by his partner Robyn Werner, children Erica (David  
Hills) and Noah, grandsons Grayson and Jesse; his dad Ted and  
sister Emily (Brent) Keating. He will be remembered by Michelle  
Bintliffe, Lauren, Dani and Leah Keating, Kyle Nero; his aunts,  
uncles and cousins in Ontario, England and The Netherlands and  
his many friends. He was predeceased by his mom Joan.

There was a celebration of Ed's life on  
Sunday, March 8, 2020 at Heritage Arts  
Centre Quarry Park in Stonewall.

In lieu of flowers, please make a dona-  
tion in Ed's name to the charity of your  
choice.

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## OBITUARY

### Clarence Langrell

June 23, 1929 – March 2, 2020

Our beloved father and grandfather passed peacefully to be with  
his Lord and Savior. Clarence is finally reunited with his beloved  
wife Gladys (Barnes) whom Clarence had pened for since her  
passing in May 2009. Also, Clarence will be reunited with his infant  
daughter Marlene and grandson Mark.

Clarence was born to Frank and Jenny (Broadfoot) Langrell and  
raised in Woodlands and lived in Woodlands all his life. Clarence  
was a hardworking man, farming nearly all his life and was well  
known and respected in the community.

Clarence leaves to mourn and cherish his passing his five sib-  
lings: Mamie, Hazel, Russell, Ken and Ruth. His eldest brother  
David is deceased. Clarence also leaves to cherish his memory  
six children: Art (Elaine) Langrell, Lorraine (Fred) Wyman, Sharon  
(Peter) Coulter, Diane (Garth) Emptage, Maxine (Marty) Diener, Irene (Tim) Diener. Clarence is also  
survived by numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, many nieces and nephews.

Clarence spent his last two years in Rosewood Lodge where he was cared for so well. The  
family would like to extend our heartfelt thank you to the caregivers, nurses and Dr. Graham of  
Rosewood Lodge. Your care, compassion and love shown to our father  
and grandfather will not be forgotten.

A private family service was held and Clarence was laid to rest at  
Meadow Lea Cemetery.

Rest in Peace Dad - till we meet again.

*kl*  
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