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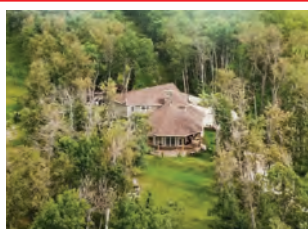


Double dipping

Twin sisters Katelyn, left, and Carly Hanchar have been busy baking cake pops and are taking orders for Easter. See story on pg. 3.

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Lions Manor residents receive Pfizer vaccine

By Jennifer McFee

The vast majority of Lions Manor residents have now received their first vaccine dose to offer protection from the COVID-19 virus.

General manager Andre LaFleche got a call in mid-February saying that the Stonewall manor would be getting the vaccine soon.

"We were always in communication with the health authority. There was a lot of work involved to get it all organized," LaFleche said.

"We had to get consent forms filled out and signed and then we made ap-

pointments. It was administered by the Interlake Eastern Regional Health Authority, and we were able to have it here on site at the manor. We ended up having five stations on March 9. It started at 9 a.m. and they were done just before 3 p.m."

In total, 246 out of 258 residents signed up for the vaccine, which is slightly more than 95 per cent.

Originally, the plan was for residents to get the Moderna vaccine, LaFleche said. However, plans changed and they ended up receiving the Pfizer vaccine, with March 30 scheduled for

Toes tapping at GAAC



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY LANA MEIER

Tapping toes at Green Acres Art Centre Sunday morning was music to organizer Lana Knor's ears. Dance classes kicked off on March 9 with the Little Stars (three- and four-year-olds) class on Tuesday with eight new dancers registering. Tap (pictured above) and musical dance are being held on Sundays. GAAC is planning summer camps along with an outdoor recital in May. Registration for musical dance, tap, fitness and piano can be done by emailing gaac@mymts.net.

GAAC is adhering to Manitoba Health infection prevention guidelines to protect dancers. These guidelines include physical distancing, washing hands, avoiding touching their face and wearing a mask.



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY JASMIN WOLF

Ninety-year-old Allan Hickey of Lions Manor in Stonewall received his COVID vaccine from IERHA nurse practitioner Heather Worth on March 9.

their second dose.

"We had people confirm they were coming. Before anybody went in, they were asked verbal screening questions. They would come in one door and out the next, so we had a very good rotation," LaFleche said, adding that residents sat and waited for 15 minutes after receiving the vaccine before leaving the makeshift clinic.

"The feedback was amazing. People were ecstatic when it was booked, and they were ecstatic the day of the vaccines. We had so many thank-yous afterwards. Nobody had any ill effects that we know of. It was unbelievable."

Allan Hickey was pleased to be among the Lions Manor residents who received the vaccine.

"I think it went very well," said the 90-year-old. "Lions Manor is one of the greatest places to live. They look after everything."

He and his wife Helen both had no adverse reactions to report.

"The following day, Helen touched her arm and said it was a wee bit touchy. I touched mine and it was a wee bit touchy too," he said. "But a day or so afterwards, it was fine."

Hickey said he was amazed at the high percentage of Lions Manor residents who got the vaccine.

"We have a well-vaccinated lot," he said. "I really felt it went very smoothly. If it goes that smoothly everywhere, it would be great."

As for LaFleche, he also feels that all went well — but there are no plans to relax the rules at this point.

"We are going with the provincial protocols. They recommend that just because you've had the shot, it doesn't mean you're good to go," he said.

"It takes a little while for it to come into effect. But after their second shot, they should be quite immune a few weeks later. We're following or exceeding the provincial guidelines."

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Sweet entrepreneurs



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY DANELLE HANCHAR
Katelyn, left, and Carly, right, Hanchar delivered \$100 worth of items they purchased for Before the Bridge Senior K-9 Rescue to Judy Smith.

By Jo-Anne Procter

A sweet donation has recently been made to Before the Bridge Senior K-9 Rescue by 12-year-old twin sisters Katelyn and Carly Hanchar of Stony Mountain.

The sisters set out to make themselves some extra money while at the same time working towards a Girl Guides of Canada award.

The duo, who have been Girl Guides for the past three years, spent several days in the kitchen in February and made 375 cake pops to sell for Valentine's Day. They wanted to support a local charity with a portion of the money raised and spent \$100 of their earnings to purchase items for the pet rescue in Stony Mountain.

Their endeavour is twofold as they were able to help out the local rescue and earn the highest award that a Girl Guide (ages 9 to 12 years of age) can

achieve.

Katelyn and Carly received the Lady Baden Powell Award for taking an extra initiative in the area of community service and volunteering while learning valuable life lessons.

The sisters belong to the Stonewall Girl Guides program, which has been forced to run via Zoom this past year due to the pandemic.

Girl Guides of Canada is the largest organization for girls and women in the world and enables girls to be confident, resourceful and courageous, and to make a difference in the world.

The girls had an order for 205 St. Patrick's Day cake pops and will be taking orders for Easter, selling them in bundles of five for \$5.

Katelyn will be taking orders and will do custom orders of more than 30. For information or to place an order, text or call 204-461-4230.

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Stonewall family turns their hobby into a small business

By Sydney Lockhart

Surrounded by wax samples, fragrances and different types of wicks, Stonewall resident Rachel Kinsley and her son Hudson set out to make their perfect candle.

Months later, they have a small at-home business named Prairie Sun Candles to sell their hand-poured creations.

"My son and I both love candles and we've been buying them for years," said Rachel. "We've been going through them quite a bit and he was like 'We need to get some more' and then it was 'Why don't we just try and make our own?'"

They are both fans of scented candles and missed being able to go out and shop for new ones due to the pandemic.

The mother-son duo makes a variety of different scented candles in mason jars, their most popular being maple syrup.

"We realized that it was actually quite difficult. There was a lot of math and science involved," she said. "We just kept getting pulled into it. We kept trying to want to make the perfect candle."

Rachel said most of their evening



Prairie Sun Candles are made with SOY WAX.

and weekends are spent creating more candles. They have sold over 100 since they started in November 2020.

"It's nice to be able to sell a few here and there. I don't know what the future is going to look like, if this is going to be something that takes off, but a year ago I would never have thought that I would be making candles, labels and researching all this stuff," she said.

Rachel said while she and her son Hudson make the candles, her daughter Talia and husband Mark have started helping out with the business as well.

"It's kind of become like this family little candle-making business."



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY TALIA KINSLEY

Rachel Kinsley and her son Hudson created Prairie Sun Candles because they didn't want to shop for them during the pandemic and decided they could do it from home.

Their candles are made with soy wax. The Kinsleys said they chose this option because it is more environmentally friendly as it is a renewable resource.

"It doesn't leave any residue on your furniture, and it's clean burning so it's not releasing carcinogens into the air," she said.

Rachel said she has been talking to other candle makers for advice and that they have been super helpful and supportive of her business.

She also said that in the beginning when they were still learning, she had many people donate different vessels for her to experiment with.

Her cousin helped them create labels for the candles and came up with the name of their company.

"She said 'Prairie Sun because you guys are from the prairies, Hudson's your son and you loves sunsets.'"

After receiving support from the people around her, she started selling

the candles and asking people to test some out for her before adding them to her list of products.

Rachel said her 14-year-old son Hudson was the one who suggested they sell their candles to save up for his education or to go on a trip together.

Hudson said his favourite part of candle making is creating the scents.

"It's just kind of fun, and I like to make things that smell good," he said. "It smells like maple syrup. It just smells really good."

Prairie Sun Candles delivers their candles within Stonewall and does pickups in Winnipeg as well as a delivery to farther places with a \$5 delivery fee.

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'We're really in that race to get Manitobans vaccinated'

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Manitoba began the work week with no new COVID-19 deaths but 50 new cases, including 18 new cases of the more contagious B117 variant.

One of those variant cases was found in the Interlake-Eastern health region while the rest were in Winnipeg. That brings the total number of variant cases to 41 (30 of B117 and 11 of B1351).

At press time, Manitoba had 908 active cases of COVID-19 and 30,968 recoveries. A total of 151 people were in hospital due to the virus, 23 in intensive care.

Our province's death toll due to COVID-19 since last spring is 917.

The province's test positivity rate is on the rise once again, hitting 4.8 per cent provincially and 3.5 per cent in Winnipeg.

Those are numbers Manitoba's top doctor wants to see moving in the other direction.

"We're really in that race to get Manitobans vaccinated, but it's going to really impair our ability to vaccinate Manitobans if we start to see high test positivity rates again," said chief public health officer Dr. Brent Roussin at Monday's press briefing.

The restrictions of the past few months have had an impact on the spread of the virus, Roussin said, so we're in better shape than we were in November or December.

That said, as restrictions continue to ease, the risk for transmission increases so it's important people continue to follow the fundamentals: physically distance from non-household members, wear your mask, avoid crowded spaces and stay home if you're ill.

"I do feel overall we're in an optimistic place, but we still have to be quite cautious right now for these next many, many weeks as the vaccine rolls out," Roussin stressed.

In our region on Monday, Northern Remote had 15 active case while Powerview/Pine Falls had five. Reporting no active cases were Arborg/Riverton, Beausejour, Eriksdale/Ashern, Fisher River/Peguis, Gimli, Pinawa/Lac du Bonnet, Selkirk, Springfield, St. Clements, St. Laurent, Stonewall/Teulon, Unknown, Whiteshell and Winnipeg Beach/St. Andrews. The Interlake Eastern Regional Authority had an additional death on Saturday, a male in his 70s from the Northern district, bringing our total to 37 deaths due to COVID-19.

Interlake Eastern as a whole had 38 active COVID-19 cases at the start of the week.

Public health officials have announced a few changes to the public health orders in effect until March 25. Church-goers are now allowed to take off their masks while seated in household groups at a service, assuming they are appropriately distanced from other groups and are not singing. Restaurants are also now allowed to seat up to six people from different households at their outdoor patios. The province also announced on Friday that indoor singing and playing instruments, including wind instruments, are once again allowed in K-12 schools as long as COVID-19 precautions are taken. Concerts and public performances are not yet permitted. Meanwhile, Manitoba over the week-

end marked a milestone when it comes to its vaccination program.

Health and Seniors Care Minister Heather Stefanson announced Saturday that 100,000 doses of the COVID-19 vaccination have been administered thus far.

"We know we still have much work to do so that we can return to our new normal with COVID-19," she said. "But it's also important to acknowledge hard work, commitment and dedication from those on the front lines and on our Vaccination Implementation Task Force who have made this possible."

The province is aiming to be able to give 20,000 doses of the vaccine a day at its super sites and pop-up clinics throughout Manitoba.

The age eligibility for vaccination continues to drop — on Monday it was expanded to include anyone aged 77 or older and First Nations people aged 57 or older.

Visit www.gov.mb.ca/covid19/vaccine/eligibility-criteria.html for up-to-date criteria before calling to book an appointment.

Stonewall council news in brief

By Jennifer McFee

At the March 10 committee of the whole meeting, Stonewall council discussed a community-led initiative to open beach volleyball courts in the summer, with a targeted start date of spring or summer 2022 for a potential beach volleyball league.

The estimated expense would be \$15,000 to cover one court, and the five-member board has been actively applying for grants. The goal is to start construction this summer and to have at least one court ready for next summer.

Council also reviewed information about the conditionally approved Stonewall Developments subdivision.

Council is considering creating a policy for the potential replacement of some fencing at Stoneridge Meadows.

Danelle Guenther from S.T.A.R. expressed concerns to council about the Interlake School Division's potential elimination of two of their three social workers, as well as the Addictions Foundation of Manitoba school-based counsellor. She's hoping to raise awareness and support to keep these resources in the community.

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Op ed: COVID-19 pandemic – lessons to keep

By Cam Dahl, Manitoba Pork

As we approach the one-year anniversary of pandemic lockdowns, COVID-19 fatigue has set in for most.

We want to see our families again. We want to have a barbecue with our neighbours. We want to be able to meet a group of friends at a restaurant. While we don't want to talk about positives coming out of the COVID-19 experience, there are lessons for our relationship to agriculture and food that need to be remembered after the pandemic response ends.

One of the foremost lessons we have learned during this pandemic is the importance of people on the front lines. There are too many "front lines" to list. I am grateful for them all.

I would like to focus on the front-line workers of Canada's food supply. Being able to put food on the table depends upon staff at grocery stores being willing to come to work every day despite the risk of infection. Having full grocery shelves would not be possible without truckers who are willing to make the long haul, even with restaurants and rest facilities closed across the country. Farmers from coast to coast continue to produce healthy and nutritious food. We would be lost without them.

We cannot forget the workers who keep our processing plants running. These jobs might have been taken for granted in the past, but we need to acknowledge their importance. It would only be a matter of days before meat counters were empty if processing plants were forced to close due to labour shortages.

Canada's agriculture supply chains have proven to be incredibly resilient during the pandemic. Demand from domestic consumers continues to be met, and we are seeing record export levels for agriculture commodities



Biosecurity is a higher priority to protecting our food supply.

as countries around the world turn to Canada as a reliable supplier. We should honour the people who have created and maintain this reliability. We can do this by giving priority vaccine access to those employed in critical infrastructure and essential services.

The second key lesson from COVID-19 is the importance of biosecurity. How do you stop a pandemic (no, this is not the beginning of a bad joke)? The best way is to prevent the virus from spreading from one host to another. We have spent a year physical distancing, limiting contacts outside of our home, not travelling and wearing masks. These lessons apply to raising livestock too.

Foreign diseases are one of the biggest threats to the animals under producers' care. Like COVID-19, these diseases are spread from contact with someone who has travelled to an infection zone, contact with infected animals and contaminated equipment, feed and clothing.

African Swine Fever (ASF) is one example of a virus that has devastated the pork industry around the world. For the past 15 years, the disease has spread across Africa, central Asia and several European countries. Some estimate that more than 200 million pigs in China were lost in the first year of the outbreak there. There is no cure for the disease and there is no vaccine



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Governments are passing biosecurity legislation to protect animals from disease outbreaks.

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How do we keep ASF out of the Canadian swine population? Through rigorous adherence to biosecurity protocols, similar to steps taken to limit the spread of COVID-19. Animals that are brought into barns screened to be disease free, as is the feed used to raise healthy animals. Pork producers also restrict contact with the outside world through carefully limiting barn access to only those who provide animal care.

The threat of disease outbreaks is why we are seeing provincial governments across the country pass legislation that impose penalties for those who trespass onto farm operations. This legislation is a necessary step to protect animals and helps producers ensure that disease outbreaks like ASF do not happen.

Gratitude for front-line workers that keep our grocery shelves full. Understanding the reasons for enforcement of strict biosecurity requirements that keep livestock safe from devastating foreign animal diseases. These are two lessons from the global pandemic that should not be forgotten after we are vaccinated, and the lockdowns are finally lifted.

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Have you ever felt that way? Like you're surrounded by problems that keep coming back, howling like dogs? In the memoirs of Ulysses S. Grant, the U.S. president emeritus writes about his former life as a soldier in the mid 1800s, out at night in the wilderness of Mexico, when he and one other officer were brought up short by the nearby howling of wolves.

"To my ear it appeared there must have been enough of them to devour our party, horses and all, at a single meal." Despite the alarming howls, his more experienced companion continued to ride forward, quiet and undisturbed. When he finally spoke up, it was to ask Grant how many wolves he thought were producing the howls.

"Suspecting that he thought I would over-estimate the number, I determined to show my acquaintance with the animal by putting the estimate below what possibly be correct, and answered: 'Oh, about 20,' very indifferently."

His companion smiled and rode on. In a minute they came upon the source of the howls, which, as Grant then observed, was comprised of only two wolves.

"Seated upon their haunches, with their mouths close together, they had made all the noise we had been hearing for the past 10 minutes."

Only two wolves. And the moral of the story? As Grant himself put it, "There are always more of them before they are counted."

So wherever you are right now, whatever you're facing, however numerous or daunting the howls may seem, remember: there are always more of them before they are counted. So count them! Name them one by one to God, who invites you to "cast all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you" (1 Peter 1:7), and let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts (Colossians 3:15).

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Balmoral Grade 5 students Hadley Moscall, left, and Maci Otter were having fun playing on the ice last Saturday. The thermometer reached 7 degrees melting most of the snow in the fields. Help us record the weather of the week and send in your photos of friends and/or families enjoying the outdoors. Email your photo to weather@stonewallteulontribune.ca.

Legislation introduced to ensure Legal Aid Manitoba can be more responsive

Submitted by Manitoba government

The Manitoba government is introducing changes to the Legal Aid Manitoba Act that would give Legal Aid Manitoba (LAM) the authority to set fees for private bar lawyers, Justice Minister Cameron Friesen announced Thursday.

"Giving Legal Aid Manitoba the responsibility over the tariff will ensure that Legal Aid has the ability to make adjustments quickly and manage services more effectively," said Friesen. "Fees have not increased for years. We acknowledge the importance of addressing this in order to ensure that lawyers will continue to choose this important field of practice."

The proposed amendment would ensure that LAM has the necessary levers and tools available to make modifications quickly to ensure fair or reasonable services. This would also provide opportunities to make adjustments when law or procedures

change.

LAM provides free or affordable legal services to low-income Manitobans and ensures access to justice for those who are disadvantaged and facing a well-resourced individual or entity in court. These services are delivered using a mixed model, with roughly half of the cases handled by lawyers on staff and the other half of cases handled by private bar lawyers who are paid a fee for each case. Fees for private lawyers are currently set out in provincial regulation based on an hourly rate, which has not increased since 2008.

Early last year, the province released an independent review of Legal Aid Manitoba that identified several important opportunities for improvements. The report included a number of recommendations to improve legal services and support the sustainability of the organization, including amendments to the Legal Aid Act to

give Legal Aid the authority to set the tariff as they see fit.

This change aligns with Manitoba's throne speech commitment to enhance the provision of legal aid to ensure it delivers on its core mandate to efficiently provide legal services for those who cannot afford them. The minister noted it also supports the goal of Manitoba's Criminal Justice System Modernization Strategy to improve the timeliness of the justice system including bail hearings.

LAM operates at arms length from government and is funded by the Manitoba government, the Government of Canada, the Manitoba Law Foundation and fees paid by clients. Similar programs exist across Canada. For more information about LAM, visit www.legalaid.mb.ca/.

The independent review of LAM and its recommendations are available online at www.gov.mb.ca/justice under Publications.

letters to the editor

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Ag-Gag law gives animal factory owners and operators a free pass

Dear Editor:

Re: Carl DeGurse - It's time to talk about Ag-gag in Manitoba. (*Winnipeg Free Press*, Feb. 27) "Manitoba is exploring potential legislation that would protect bio-security at food production premises where livestock or other animals are being kept in order to protect animals from hazards that may compromise food safety."

However, it doesn't say why bio-security is suddenly so critical that it now needs legislative action especially when factory hog barn establishments have been in Manitoba for nearly 25 years!

Ag-Gag laws are dangerous because they essentially give animal factory owners/operators a free pass at doing what they want to animals. These laws are designed to scare off activists or potential whistle blowers from taking videos, photos or documenting anything that takes place on the premises. There would be no accountability. What are they afraid of? Self-regulation and scrutiny would be a mockery to animal stewardship. And if hog factory operators (a.k.a. farmers) are so terrified that protesters will bring disease onto their properties, I find that somewhat ironic in that they are spending manpower and resources to try and create disease-free barns, when they are exacerbating the problem by providing the perfect medium for diseases to proliferate within the barns themselves, along with the huge storage lagoons of feces.

As citizens of Manitoba, we need to decide what kind of a country we want to live in. A healthy, vibrant, rural economy with small family farms and small local abattoirs, which are good for urban Canada as well. We need to restore public confidence in the food system (currently very low). We need to develop a food supply system that does not destroy community, here in Manitoba, Canada or in

other countries. Farmers must be valued for the contribution they make to our society.

Sadly, this is not taking place in Manitoba. The public good, our concerns for health, the environment and protection to our water sources have fallen through the cracks.

Today, caring people are continually in conflict to save our communities, their health, their way of life and to preserve precious water sources and environment. Sadly, however, it's like fighting fires with a hammer.

"Why?" one might ask, "has the Manitoba government deserted their obligations to uphold and protect our rural citizens?"

As we know, our present Manitoba government is a proponent of the hog industry and also the regulator, which is wrong. Needed regulation must be determined and administered by another independent agency, else there is a conflict of interest.

Justice Horace Krever, the presiding judge during the tainted blood scandal, expresses the following as a solemn warning (Inquiry-Oct. 1993).

"The relationship between a regulator and the regulated must never become one in which the 'regulator' loses sight of the principle that it 'regulates only' in the public interest and 'not' in the interest of the regulated."

- John Fefchak
Viriden

at 12th and Second Avenue. They appeared right in front of me on the road, coming out of the ditch, kept driving north and without stopping turned west toward the sewage treatment lagoon.

When my son was young and walked his bike to drive his dirt bike only on the unpaved road going west towards the lagoon, he had his bike impounded because he was on a road illegally. Where are the police today? Is this legal? I just hope that none of the boys get hurt because from what I witnessed on Monday, March 8 was total disregard for the road and legal drivers.

- John Sawatzky

Warning

At two locations in Stonewall, they are selling sunglasses that do not have U.V.A. protection. There is no tag on them indicating that they protect one's eyes from possibly harmful ultraviolet rays of the sun. The locations are the downtown drugstore. There is a parallel with food in a way — "good" food must be both nourishing and tasty, not just tasty, in order to rightfully be termed "good." We must satisfy more than our tongues when we are eating.

Eyes are even more important, and for longest-life vision, they must be sheltered. It's a very high priority, much higher than the shape and style of the frame, although I'm sure there are many teenagers who would roundly dispute that ! OK, so, yes, the frames matter too.

Mrs. M .Rowbotham

Keep our dirt bike riders safe

I thought it interesting to see the "Boys and their toys" photo on the front page of the *Tribune* last week.

The cutline reads "ditches of mud and water." I am all for the activities that get kids out of the house and doing something like dirt biking or other outdoor activity providing it is safe. My property backs onto 12th Street in Stonewall and I usually go to and come home from work on this road from Highway 67. From our home we can also clearly see what goes on to the west of us.

On Monday specifically, there were a number of dirt bikers not in the ditch but rather on the road and not adhering to any "rules of the road," including not stopping at the stop sign

Letters

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Recorded presentation available for annexation update

By Jennifer McFee

The Town of Stonewall and RM of Rockwood praised their amicable relationship during a virtual meeting last week to provide an update about the annexation process.

At the March 11 meeting, CAO Wally Melnyk outlined the annexation proposal made to the Municipal Board for eight quarter-sections of land located on the west and south boundar-

ies of the Town of Stonewall.

He also outlined the timeline of steps, which began with a January 2020 meeting with property owners potentially impacted by annexation. Last week's meeting included a long list of questions from the initial January 2020 meeting, as well as answers to the inquiries.

In addition, residents had the chance to ask questions and receive answers

during last week's meeting.

The public consultation process will wrap up this spring. Taking public feedback into account, the Town of Stonewall and RM of Rockwood will then finalize the agreement and submit a response with additional information to the Municipal Board in April.

A second consultation meeting will be scheduled for March 25. The antici-

pated implementation date is Jan. 1, 2022.

The full 53-minute meeting is posted on YouTube and the link is available on the Town of Stonewall's website at www.stonewall.ca.

Copies of the annexation proposal, as well as additional reports and studies, are also available on the town's website.

Province sets target to return to balanced budget within eight years

Submitted by Manitoba government

The Manitoba government is charting a careful path to balance the budget post-pandemic through the fiscal responsibility and taxpayer protection amendment act, Finance Minister Scott Fielding announced Monday.

"The COVID-19 pandemic has caused significant financial and economic harm in Manitoba and around the world, and in response to this unanticipated health and economic disaster, our government has committed \$3.2 billion to protect Manitobans and support businesses," said Field-

ing.

"The unexpected costs of the pandemic and decreased revenues are driving our deficit. Given the uncertainty surrounding how long the pandemic will last and how much it will damage our economy, we are resetting our balanced budget legislation and charting a cautious and realistic path forward."

Fielding noted Bill 48 makes important amendments to the Fiscal Responsibility and Taxpayer Protection Act and sets into legislation a framework for Manitoba to return to

balanced budgets. It would reset the baseline deficit from the existing \$524 million target under the current act to what will be reported in the public accounts for 2020-21.

To reach balance at the latest by the end of 2028-29, the annual deficit reduction target would be reduced by the lesser of one-eighth of the deficit for the 2020-21 fiscal year and the amount of the actual reduction in the previous year.

"Our government is proud of the work we did to eliminate the deficit in 2019-20, which put us in a far stronger

position to face COVID-19. Manitobans can trust our proven track record of fiscal responsibility and exceeding our targets to once again carefully return Manitoba's budget to balance," said Fielding. "Our government has made, and will continue to make, important and necessary investments to fight the pandemic and help Manitoba's economy recover and grow."

The province will release updated 2020-21 projections this spring as part of Budget 2021.

Province moves to protect privacy while enhancing transparency

Submitted by Manitoba government

The Manitoba government is acting on comments and recommendations heard during a review of two important pieces of information and privacy legislation, Health and Seniors Care Minister Heather Stefanson and Legislative and Public Affairs Minister Kelvin Goertzen announced recently.

"We have always maintained a spirit of openness and transparency, with the goal of providing timely access to information, while ensuring personal information is protected," said Goertzen. "Following a detailed review of our legislation, we have proposed changes that will balance the needs of external stakeholders and the public, with the ability of public bodies' and trustees to administer the acts."

Proposed amendments to both the Personal Health Information Act (PHIA) and the Freedom of Infor-

mation and Protection of Privacy Act (FIPPA) include mandatory breach notification where there is a real risk of significant harm to an individual; a requirement to make public out-of-province travel expenses from Crown corporation board members and chief executive officers, authorizing an employee to report suspected contraventions of the acts to the Manitoba ombudsman; a requirement for public reporting on the summary of respectful workplace complaints and investigations, and changes respecting offences and prosecutions.

"The government understands the damage a privacy breach may cause an individual. Mandatory breach notification will increase accountability and assist in lessening any harm to an individual," said Stefanson. "The protection of personal information is paramount and these amendments to

PHIA legislation will ensure that protection continues."

The government is committed to making more information available to the public on the Open Information and Open Data websites. The amendments to FIPPA would increase transparency by requiring government departments and other public bodies to publicly disclose certain types of information such as mandate letters, expenses, briefings, summaries of access to information requests and other information.

Additional amendments would include provisions to assist public bodies in responding to access requests by clarifying procedures and provid-

ing additional time for responding when required.

FIPPA came into force in 1998 and was significantly amended in 2011. FIPPA provides a right of access to information in records held by public bodies. It also protects personal information by setting rules for the collection, use and disclosure by public bodies.

PHIA came into force in 1997 and addresses the protection and management of personal health information. The legislation provides individuals access to their own personal health information and ensures appropriate protection of that information from unauthorized use or disclosure.

"WE HAVE ALWAYS MAINTAINED A SPIRIT OF OPENNESS AND TRANSPARENCY, WITH THE GOAL OF PROVIDING TIMELY ACCESS TO INFORMATION, WHILE ENSURING PERSONAL INFORMATION IS PROTECTED."

Rosser council news in brief

By Jennifer McFee

- At the March 9 meeting, Rosser council set sewer surcharge rates for 2021. Through the Service Sharing Agreement with the City of Winnipeg, the RM is required to pay the city an amount equivalent to surcharges applied in Winnipeg. As a result the 2021 sewer surcharge rates are set at \$1.35 per kilogram for total suspend-

ed solids, \$1.30 per kilogram for biochemical oxygen demand, \$5.75 per kilogram for total nitrogen and \$24.80 per kilogram for total phosphorus.

- The RM hosted a public hearing regarding an application to vary the minimum site requirement for a proposed residual lot to 70 acres from 80 acres. Council approved the variation request.

Vaccine availability increases in Interlake area

By Jennifer McFee

Medical clinics and pharmacies across the Interlake are gearing up to administer doses of COVID-19 vaccines.

Last week, the provincial government announced that the AstraZeneca/Covishield vaccine will be distributed to participating pharmacies and clinics as part of a pilot project.

Since the current vaccine supply is limited, many medical clinics and pharmacies will directly schedule immunizations for patients who meet the criteria for the first round. The eligibility criteria currently includes Manitobans aged 50 to 64 (and First Nations people aged 30 to 64) who have certain high-risk conditions.

Mike Olynik, a pharmacist at the Shoppers Drug Mart in Teulon, is expecting to get 200 doses of the AstraZeneca vaccine to start.

"I'm just in the process of calling all my high-priority patients right now to make appointments. It's going to be appointment-based," he said, adding that folks can also call the pharmacy to book an appointment if they meet the eligibility criteria.

"We're trying to net as many of these people as we can. Right now, it's 50- to 64-year-olds with underlying certain health conditions. If they're unsure, they can call the pharmacy."

Appointments started on Monday,

March 15 and Olynik said they'll continue making bookings as the vaccine keeps arriving.

"The AstraZeneca vaccine was really only tested in 18- to 64-year-olds. So right now the first eligibility is 50 to 64 with certain underlying conditions," he added.

"We have to get them done first before we open it up, and it's based on vaccine availability."

At Stonewall Pharmacy, pharmacy manager Jason Nutbean said they didn't receive any vaccine in the first shipment but they're expecting to receive some soon.

"We're registered to get the vaccination. In the next couple weeks, we'll know more. There are certain criteria because we're going to be sent the AstraZeneca version. We can't do anybody age 65 and older. Those persons can't get vaccinated at our facility," he said.

"Hopefully there's enough vaccine so we don't have to prioritize people, but we have to give it to those who need it the most — and that's understandable. We have a list of criteria and we'd like to get those people done first because they're more at risk."

They're ready to start the process as soon as they receive the vaccine.

"We're willing. We're all registered and we have four pharmacists that can give vaccine. We have to still prac-

tise pharmacy at the same time, but we have people here who can give it," Nutbean said.

"We went through the flu shots in October and November, but there will be a little bit more paperwork and more questions. We're looking forward to it. Hopefully we'll get some supply and can start doing it soon."

At Interlake MediCentres, 50 doses of the AstraZeneca vaccines arrived last Thursday. The first appointments were scheduled for Monday. Teulon Medical Clinic also received 50 doses.

At Quarry Ridge Pharmacy, Bryn Lindsay expects they will receive 50 doses soon, with the hopes of more to follow. Likewise, Rexall pharmacy is a vaccination centre, but there is currently no timeframe to indicate when they'll receive the vaccine.

Dr. Joss Reimer, medical lead for the Vaccine Implementation Task Force, stressed the importance of abiding by public health precautions even after getting the vaccine.

"I would encourage everyone to get the vaccine as soon as they are eligible to help slow the spread of COVID-19. Vaccines are safe, effective and will protect you and the people you love," she said in a press release.

"Once people get the vaccine, it is important to continue to follow public health measures because we do not yet know whether or not COVID-19

may still be able to spread to others even if you have been vaccinated and do not get sick."

According to the provincial COVID-19 website, Quarry Ridge Medical Centre and Stonewall Medical Clinic will contact priority patients directly.

Stony Mountain Pharmacy has been approved to administer the vaccine but doesn't have any doses yet. They are expecting to get some in the near future.

In addition, pop-up clinics are scheduled from 10:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. in the following communities:

- Ashern – March 18 at Ashern Centennial Hall (#1 MB-325)
- Teulon – March 23 at Teulon Anglican Parish Hall (60 2nd St. SE)
- Eriksdale – March 25 at Eriksdale Recreation Centre (2 1st Ave.)
- St. Laurent – March 25 at St. Laurent Rec Centre (Lot 825, PTH 6)

Appointments are required at these pop-up sites, which are now being launched in rural and northern Manitoba. People who are currently eligible for the vaccine at a supersite can now make an appointment at a pop-up clinic by calling the vaccine call centre at 1-844-626-8222 (1-844-MAN-VACC) from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily. Callers should have their health cards ready.

More information on the COVID-19 vaccine in Manitoba is available at www.manitoba.ca/vaccine.

Grosse Isle resident's request to house chickens defeated

By Jennifer McFee

- At the March 10 council meeting, Rockwood council accepted three companies to complete gravel hauling as needed by the public works department: C. Slater Construction Ltd., Dola Brothers Trucking Ltd. and Glen Medwid.

- Council approved the installation of a second approach at 32 Main St. in Stony Mountain on the Memorial Boulevard side, if approved by Manitoba Infrastructure.

- Council authorized the CAO to execute an agreement between the RM and KGS Group for the Teu-

lon landfill expansion and monitoring well installation. The estimated price is \$34,782 plus tax, and the funds will come from the Teulon Rockwood waste disposal reserve.

- Council accepted a quote from 1 Life Workplace Safety Solutions to provide a safe and sustainable environment for RM staff. The RM will pay \$3,875 plus tax for the company's "Peace of Mind Package."

- The 2021 financial plan includes the purchase of a mower and offset arm for the public works department. The RM received three quotes for a Schulte mowers and offset arm,

and one supplier was within the budgeted amount. As a result, council is authorizing the RM to buy a Schulte XH1500 and FLX1510 from Keystone Agri-Motive for \$54,580 plus tax.

- Council defeated a motion to extend sewer service on the Bristol Rural Water Line to include a property on Road 72N in Rosser, with costs to be covered by the homeowner.

- Council also defeated a motion to authorize residents at a property on Road 72N in the town site of Grosse Isle to have four to five chickens at their home.

- As well, council defeated a


motion to authorize the public works department to add Road 6E in Balmoral (from Prairie Gate South northbound 190 metres) to their 2021 dust control budget.

- The RM of Rockwood appointed Kevin Knapp as captain of the Stony Mountain Fire Department effective March 1, as recommended by the Stony Mountain fire committee and fire chief.

- Council approved Stony Mountain Community Association's application for the annual family festival to be held on June 30 on the grounds of Centennial Park and Bison Bandstand.

- Council gave second and third reading to a bylaw to prepare and adopt an emergency preparedness plan.

- RM of Rockwood's spring road restrictions started on March 6 and will continue until May 9. More information is available on the RM's website at www.rockwood.ca.



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Granddaughter raises money in memory of her late Baba

By Sydney Lockhart

After a long battle with cancer, her Baba died in October, leaving granddaughter Megan Humeniuk inspired to fundraise for cancer research.

"She fought a long and hard battle against cancer from basically when I was born until she passed away, so it was always a big thing in my life," said 18-year-old Humeniuk.

Her Baba, Augustine "Auggie" Konopetcki, was 85 years old when she passed from cancer. Humeniuk said losing her during the pandemic was hard because not everyone could enter the hospital to visit with her.

"She was in palliative care at the Stonewall Hospital, and they were just really, really good to her," she said.

Humeniuk said when she started to reflect after she passed, she realized she wanted to do more to help end cancer, even though her Baba was no longer there to see her efforts.

"I talk to her now, even though she's gone. I won't be able to like say, 'Hey, I'm doing this for you. I don't want people to suffer the way you suffered,'" she said.

Humeniuk teared up while talking about her late Baba but said it was because thoughts of her make her happy.

"I realized I should have done something in support of the disease, not just on her, because I'm not the only

family that's hurt by this. People all over the world are hurt all the time and it's just not fair. And it sucks, and I think that cancer sucks," she said.

Humeniuk participated in Dry February to raise money for the Canadian Cancer Society.

So far, she has raised over \$1,700 but said she hopes to continue her fundraising even though the Dry February is technically over.

"SHE WAS IN PALLIATIVE CARE AT THE STONEWALL HOSPITAL, AND THEY WERE JUST REALLY, REALLY GOOD TO HER."

"I had some friends and family members sign up and join as well so I would love to do it again. I would do it all year if I could raise that much money," said Humeniuk.

Throughout Dry February, the fundraiser does not drink

any alcohol and goes for as long as they can to raise as much money as they can.

"She was just like a really good person, like genuinely had a like a beautiful, beautiful heart," said Humeniuk, "And she was a teacher, too, so she was like a saint basically."

Humeniuk said she and her Baba were always close and that she was always there to support her and her brother at any sports event she could, even when she was sick.

"You know those cinnamon hearts? She used to have all the time like no matter where we were, she would have them on her. They were always like rock hard, just like awful, it's so old," said Humeniuk. "But she always



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Megan Humeniuk is raising money for the Canadian Cancer Society in memory of her late Baba Augustine "Auggie" Konopetcki.

had them so if we were crying or if we were happy, if we were sad, it didn't matter — she had them for us."

Humeniuk said her Baba was one of the kindest people she knew and would help anyone out if they needed it. She described her as her "all-star."

"My brother (Ryan) and I, when we were little, would sit on the counter in the kitchen and watch the driveway for my mom to come home. And my Baba every day, she would sing this song, 'She'll be coming round the mountain when she comes,'" said Humeniuk.

She added that she wants to fundraise every year to remember her Baba and help in the fight to end can-

cer for other families going through the same thing hers did.

To donate and help Humeniuk fundraise for the Canadian Cancer Society, go to <https://www.dryfeb.ca/users/megan-humeniuk>.

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AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccine temporarily halted in Europe

By Patricia Barrett

Several European countries pulled the Oxford-AstraZeneca vaccine last week as a precautionary move after reports of blood clots developing in some people after inoculation, but Health Canada said it has no plans to suspend it.

The department is working with European health regulators to assess whether "action" needs to be taken, according to its advisory dated March 11. It said the European Medicines Agency informed it of reports of blood clots and that several countries have either paused the use of specific batches of the vaccine or suspended it altogether.

Austria and Italy were among the countries reported to have stopped using certain batches of the vaccine while Norway, Denmark and Iceland were among those that suspended its use after one person who received it in Denmark died several days later after developing a blood clot.

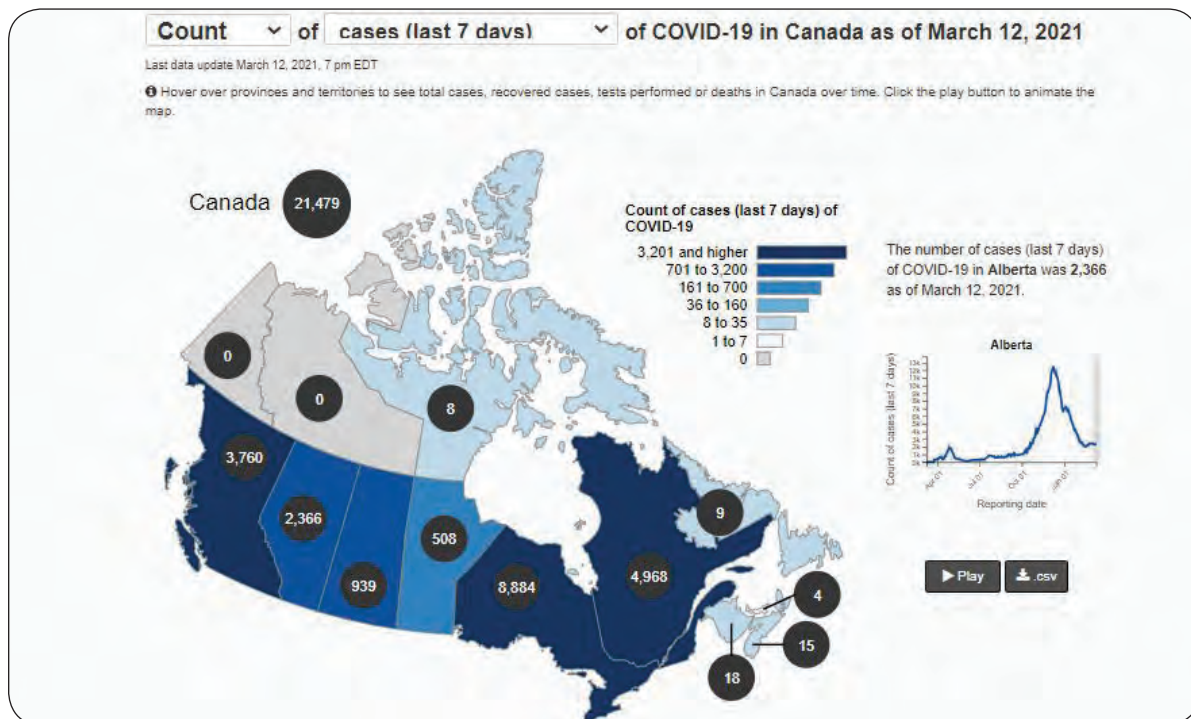
Health Canada is reassuring Canadians there's no evidence at the moment showing the AstraZeneca vaccine is linked to the formation of blood clots.

"At this time, there is no indication that the vaccine caused these events," states the advisory on Health Canada's website. "To date, no adverse events related to the AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccine, or the version manufactured by the Serum Institute of India, have been reported to Health Canada or the Public Health Agency of Canada."

It added that the benefits of the vaccine "continue to outweigh its risks."

The department says common side effects of all vaccines, including the COVID vaccines, include pain at the injection site, feeling feverish, feeling tired and developing body chills. Serious side effects are allergic reactions.

According to March 5 Health Canada data, 2,255,174 doses of COVID-19 vaccines have been administered in Canada with 1,923 adverse events (or .085 per cent of all doses given). Of those adverse events, 214 were serious with anaphylaxis being the most frequently reported. Fifteen people have died after receiving a COVID vaccine; nine of those are not linked to COVID vaccines and the remaining six are still under investigation.



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Health Canada data as of March 12 shows the number of new COVID-19 infections over the past seven days by province and territory.

The vaccine was developed by British pharmaceutical company AstraZeneca in collaboration with Oxford University. The U.K.'s Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency said that following 11 million doses of the vaccine, "reports of blood clots are no greater than expected." Blood clots "occur naturally" in a population.

The Manitoba government started distributing 18,000 doses of the AstraZeneca vaccine to pharmacies and clinics in rural and northern areas last week as it can be stored in fridges in clinical settings unlike the Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna vaccines which require colder temperatures.

Thrombosis Canada issued a statement March 11 addressing the unproven association of the AstraZeneca's vaccine with thrombotic complications (blood clots).

"It is the view of Thrombosis Canada that, based on the available evidence, there is no link between receiving this vaccine and the development of blood clots. In general, vaccines of any type are not associated with the development of blood clots."

It goes to say that thrombosis is a common medical problem, especially in older people.

The organization "strongly recommends" that people get inoculated against COVID even those with a history of blood clots.

It's up to provinces and territories to determine who will get what vaccine. The Manitoba government decided that people aged 65 and over won't be offered the AstraZeneca vaccine after Canada's National Advisory Committee on Immunization (NACI) said earlier this month that those over 65 shouldn't receive it because of insufficient data

showing its efficacy in seniors.

Although clinical trial data found the Oxford-AstraZeneca vaccine safe, only a small number of trial participants aged 65 and older had been recruited and the efficacy, therefore, is uncertain, according to an interim guidance document dated Feb. 10 from the World Health Organization. More efficacy data for the age category will become available as ongoing trials are completed and from studies of its effectiveness that are being carried out by countries administering it.

Despite NACI's recommendation that people 65 and older shouldn't receive it, Health Canada's vaccine information webpage shows the two-dose vaccine is authorized for use in adults 18 years of age and older.

Manitoba is offering AstraZeneca to people under 64 years of age and who have chronic conditions, such as hypertension, diabetes, heart problems, a history of stroke, HIV, renal disease and obesity.

Based on ongoing research, health officials and infectious disease experts have said all the COVID vaccines presently on the market, regardless of their efficacy rates, protect people from serious illness should they become infected with COVID or one of the more infectious variants.

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Zebra mussels found in moss balls sold for aquarium and water garden use

Submitted by Manitoba government

Manitoba Agriculture and Resource Development advises that zebra mussels have been detected in a variety of moss and algal ball products for aquariums or water gardens sold in Western Canada. These products are sold individually or in packages, and are a popular ornamental plant that are also kept with betta fish.

In Manitoba, zebra mussels are designated as an aquatic invasive species (AIS) and are prohibited.

Zebra mussels have been found at all life stages, including some that are extremely small (size of grain of sand), and are often found inside the moss or algal ball itself. This makes it difficult to detect whether your moss or algal ball is infected simply by visual inspection.

Due to this risk, Manitoba is asking the public to remove and treat all moss or algal balls in their possession that were purchased after Jan. 1, 2021. A process to treat and dispose of moss or algal balls safely and treat the aquarium contents (e.g., water, décor etc.) can be found below.

Thanks to a well co-ordinated effort across Western Canada between the department and its partners in neighbouring jurisdictions, and swift action and collaboration from retailers across Western Canada, moss or algal balls are being removed from the supply chain, ensuring that potentially contaminated products are no longer available for distribution or purchase.

Steps to safely treat and dispose of moss or algal balls are as follows:

- Step 1: Treat the moss or algal balls:
 - place into a plastic bag, seal and freeze (preferably in a deep freezer) for at least 24 hours; or
 - place in boiling water for at least one minute and then let cool.
- Step 2: Dispose of moss or algal balls:
 - place it and any of its packaging in a sealed plastic bag and dispose in household garbage.

To prevent zebra mussels from getting into water bod-



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A tiny, invasive zebra mussel found on a moss ball sold as aquarium decor in a pet store. Officials say moss balls containing the invasive species have been reported in pet stores.

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ies, do not dispose of the moss, algal ball or any aquarium or water-garden contents (e.g., substrate, plants etc.):

- by flushing down the toilet,
- by putting down drain, or
- in a compost.

After moss or algal balls have been removed from an aquarium, do not dispose of untreated water down the drain or into any residential water system or waterbody.

If you have questions, or if you think you have found a zebra mussel, contact Manitoba's AIS Unit by email at AIS@gov.mb.ca or by calling 1-877-867-2470 (toll free). To learn more about zebra mussels, visit www.manitoba.ca/StopAIS.

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Combining dentures and dental implants

By Elisha Vandor

Why not have the best of both worlds? To make the transition to dentures easier and a whole new experience, you can combine a denture with dental implants! Dental implants help the dentures function like natural teeth would, which provides a sense of normalcy when eating and talking with dentures. For Don, a recent patient, he said the dental implants combined with his denture has "changed his life!"

Basically, a dental implant acts the same way a natural tooth root does. When a natural tooth is pulled the root goes with it. A dental implant replaces that root and mimics its function, which keeps the jawbone from shrinking because the dental implant continues to stimulate the bone with the force of chewing and biting. When dentures are removed from the mouth the facial structure somewhat collapses because the

dentures are its support system.

We know dental implant technology is the answer to specific anti-aging problems. They improve looks, chewing, and are safe. So then, what is the process to get these? What kind do you choose? Honestly, it can be different for each individual based on their preference and oral situation, so it all starts with a conversation with Brock, where he will go over your options and various price points. For example, do you want your teeth permanent or removable? Even those who have been wearing dentures for years are able to combine dental implants with full upper and/or lower dentures. A fantastic option for someone who has a loose lower denture is a removable denture that snaps into two dental implants to secure it into place. Alternatively, teeth can be placed permanently for both the upper and lower with dental

implants. This is a common choice for patients who are ready to have the function and feel of natural teeth again. You may have heard of us talk about it before and refer to it as the Freedom Smile™.

There's so much more to discuss, but I'm running out of room! This is when your part kicks in. If you have any questions about dental implants, which I know you do, then book a free consultation to come in and talk to our Denturists Brock and Matthew. They have the answers you've been looking for. In fact, I often ask them my questions about dental implants, like titanium or Zirconia ceramic, which is better? What has a better success rate, mini or full-sized dental implants? It's so important to be well-informed and we want to make sure you feel comfortable with the decision you've made, whether you're starting with dentures or wanting to combine dentures with dental implants!



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Your FARM



Brad Reykdal, a fifth-generation farmer

By Evan Matthews

Though technological advancements have drastically changed Canadian farming methods over the last 153 years, remnants of a simpler time remain on Lake Manitoba's Birch Island, where Brad Reykdal's family has farmed for five generations.

But as much as things change, they stay the same, as 35-year-old Reykdal said he and his family have been preparing for the annual calving season on the farm. The Reykdals' commercial cow-calf operation totals about 600 head of cattle.

"Going back five generations, our descendants immigrated from Iceland in the late 1800s. My great-great-grandfather was named Havardur Gudmundson," said Reykdal, making note that his family first started the farm where it is today—"Hayland"—in 1907.

The farm is located roughly 30 minutes west of Ashern, between Lake Manitoba Narrows and Vogar.

"My grandfather, David, would tell stories about growing up, when he lived on Birch Island. We still farm the island today. We take cattle out to pasture on a barge, and in the context of some of his memories out there, he was four years old. Some of the equipment they used is still out there.

"Our family has a lot of history on that island. The lineage and the history, it definitely adds value for me when I'm spending time out there," he said, noting the island itself is technically considered Crown land.

Reykdal returned to the farm full-time after the passing of his grandfather. He said the family intends to spread his grandfather's ashes at Birch Island. While growing up, the farm belonged to Reykdal's grandparents, but the entire family had a hand in having things run smoothly.

Whereas many kids growing up would leave the farm for



Brad Reykdal, right, with his son Thorian and his uncle Calvin Reykdal whom he farms with.

summer to find other employment experience, Reykdal said he never did work off the farm. Some of his fondest memories growing up are those summer days and nights, he said.

"All summer, those times were spent in the hayfields," said Reykdal. "The farm has always been really important to me. I've spent a lot of time here."

The notion has been passed down to his own kids, according to Reykdal. He said one of his kids is in school now, but the other often goes to spend time with grandma while dad goes to work on the farm.

It's something both grandma and Reykdal's son enjoy, but he said he also enjoys seeing the history continue.

"Right now, I'm farming with my mom, my uncle and my grandma, so we have three active generations," said Reykdal, noting his children are five and eight years old, respectively.

"My kids are starting to get involved and they would be the fourth (active) generation. I kind of hope they grow up and go to college, maybe go do something else for a while, then come back and take over the farm. It's a lot of hard work, but it's a great lifestyle," he said.

On the side, Reykdal has started a business in which he sells state-of-the-art video equipment, specifically designed for cow-calf operations. The technology makes it easier for farmers to monitor their herds from afar, he said.



The Reykdal's cattle enjoy the ride, on their way out to pasture at Birch Island.



TRIBUNE PHOTOS BY BRAD REYKDAL
Brad Reykdal said though his children are young, he sees both Thorian and Stannis taking an interest in the family farm.

Calling his side business Reykdal Ag and Security, Reykdal said it has become quite successful. For inquiries, Reykdal said to call 204-302-1402.

The future of Manitoba's agriculture industry

Year over year, Reykdal said it seems there are fewer and fewer family farms.

For a young person interested in the agricultural industry, it's an uphill battle, to put it mildly.

"A lot of the current programs don't really cater to cow-calf operations," said Reykdal, referring to AgriStability, agricultural insurance, and even



Reykdal's late-grandfather David Reykdal guiding in the barge at Birch Island.

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Keeping an eye out for Canadian Canola

By Katelyn Boulanger

The Canola Council of Canada is celebrating its 15th year of connecting to canola growers, processors and exporters to make sure that the canola grown and processed in Canada meets all the needs of international buyers.

"The [Keep It Clean] program is about sharing that information with growers across Canada, and now it actually includes cereals as well as pulses in addition to canola," said Brian Innes, VP of public affairs for the Canola Council of Canada.

For the canola part of the program, the council wants to make sure that farmers only grow registered varieties of the crop.

"We have a registration system for all varieties that are grown for a number of crops. And, for canola, there's a very specific process to get varieties

registered and as part of our quality assurance system," said Innes.

The reason that they maintain this list of varieties is to ensure consistent and reliable products for customers who buy canola oil all around the world as well as making sure that it follows all of the varying guidelines necessary to be sold in all of those countries.

"Really, that means that when that variety is growing, that it's going to keep the canola reputation and the canola brand around the world for consistency in things like oil quality, disease resistance, and also in just the characteristics of canola and what it is for our customers," said Innes.

The companies that hold the patent for varieties need to keep them in good registration standing with the Canadian Food Inspection Agency, which is part of the Canadian government. If, for some reason, the company elects not to, that variety becomes a de-registered variety, which the Canadian Canola Council needs farmers to keep track of so that they don't accidentally grow the wrong type of canola.

"The case of canola oil, actually, is the risk is that some of the older varieties contain biotech traits that are no longer approved for export markets.

So, in each country, each jurisdiction has its own biotech regulatory requirements. In the case of the [European Union], as an example, they're only approved for 10 years. Then, after which time, they have to be re-approved essentially, but it's not always the case that variety of traits are re-approved because technology genetics change quickly and those traits may no longer be relevant for farmers," said Innes.

The Keep It Clean program's website keepitclean.ca is the best place to find information about canola growing and resources to the correct pages on the Canadian governments website about which varieties are registered according to Innes.

"The Keep It Clean program [also] covers a number of practices that farmers do, including how they use pesticides, how they store their crop, how they manage disease in their crop, as well. You can [find] all of those aspects that farmers [may need] covered in the program across multiple commodities on the website."

Farmers, processors and exporters all working together is how Innes says everyone can get the most out of their hard work.

"This is about preventing risk in our exports and for canola, we export 90



FILE PHOTO

The Keep It Clean program includes cereals as well as pulses in addition to canola.

per cent of what we produce in one form or another. So, keeping our reputation for a high-quality product is something that everybody in the value chain has a role in doing," said Innes.

"The Keep It Clean program is really about helping our farmers be part of keeping our canola brand strong with our customers and preventing risk related to market access issues that occur when we don't meet our customer requirements."

Catching up with the crop chief

By Nicole Buffie

The Canadian Grain Commission has announced the appointment of a new chief and assistant chief commissioner, with one being from the Interlake.

The federal agency that oversees the regulation, supervision and advocacy for grain farmers and producers across the country made the announcement in December 2020 of the appointments.

Doug Chorney, acting chief-turned-head-honcho, resides on a farm in East Selkirk where he grew up and is currently working remotely most days.

With a degree in agricultural engineering, multiple positions on boards

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related to agriculture and a heritage that is rife with farming, Chorney has the references for the position.

Working beside assistant chief commissioner Patty Rosher and third commissioner Lonny McKague, Chorney's job is to oversee operations of the CGC and participate in conferences of interest to the bureau. Chorney was appointed chief after operating in the role since June 2020 when former chief Patty Miller retired.

At a time when operating in a federal role may seem daunting amid efforts of economic recovery due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Chorney said the agriculture and grain industry is holding their own for the most part.

"The grain sector through the pandemic has performed very well, and we find demand is continuing," he said. "It's kind of a silver lining for the Canadian economy, which has been hurt in many other ways because of

the pandemic, so it's good that agriculture has been able to do its part to perhaps support the country."

While it's not exactly clear why the industry has been alive and well amid the economic crisis due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Chorney said it could be due to a range of reasons such as the uptick in home baking and cooking, which caused a national flour and yeast shortage in the early days of the pandemic.

"Food is essential for life, and when you have people in a situation where they're challenged to figure out what to do next, it seems like securing good food supplies is a first step that a lot of countries took and that might have driven some of the demand," he offered.

As for farmers in the Interlake region, Chorney said they are in a unique position where the climate during growing season usually works

in their favour, but they are not immune to problems that can happen elsewhere.

Despite excessive moisture in 2019 when a freak October snowstorm destroyed many fields and had farmers worried about the spring growing season, the province reported crop yields in most categories were up for 2020, saying the pandemic did not measurably affect field crop production.

"Producers are supposed to be resilient and I think they've proven themselves to be resilient this year," he said.

In addition to their resilience, more and more farmers are getting creative with their crops. In addition to wheat, oats, canola and soybeans, forage seed and grain corn crops have been on the rise in the Interlake area in recent years. While corn tends to be grown close to the southern border, Chorney said it's becoming more and more popular in the region.

"It just shows how farmers are always trying to do better the next year than they did the year before," he said. "And that's been something I think a lot of Interlake farmers have done over their careers."

While it is a time of ingenuity for the agricultural industry, it is also a time of reflection. The federal government is currently reviewing the Canadian Grain Act, a framework for ensuring the quality of crops across the country and the CGC itself. Chorney and



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The Canadian Grain Commission has appointed Doug Chorney as chief commissioner for a three-year term.

his co-commissioners are helping to oversee the agency's participation in the review and contribute to the discussion of the future of the legislation and commission itself.

"We actually try to really wholeheartedly support the industry in many ways," Chorney said. "My No. 1 goal is to guide that process to make sure we have the best Canadian Grain Commission possible."

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recent changes to the Agricultural Crown Lands Leasing Program.

He said larger corporate farms are outbidding smaller operations for Crown land leases, which acts as a difficult barrier to entry for young farmers. However, legacy farms such as the Reykdal's always have priority on lease renewals.

"It would be extremely tough to start from nothing. If you don't have generational farm ties, I can't imagine it," he said, emphasizing how lucky he and his family are to have the lineage and history they do.

Flood Outlet Channels Project

Farmers in the region are still recovering from the floods of 2011 and 2014, according to Reykdal.

The Province of Manitoba has responded by initiating the Lake Manitoba and Lake St. Martin Outlet

Channels project, both designed to enhance flood protection for the respective lakes and help to strengthen Manitoba's existing flood mitigation network.

Reykdal said while the project has been controversial in some ways — including the expropriation of farmers near Moosehorn, as well as environmental concerns raised by First Nations — farmers he's spoken with in the region are supportive of the projects.

"The land still hasn't come back the way it was before the floods. Birch Island even, we couldn't use it for a couple years and had to find pasture elsewhere," said Reykdal.

"The outlet channels are going to be a good thing and reduce the risk of major floods, which set the farm back many, many years. I'm all for it."

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Kindergarten to Grade 12 review puts students first

Submitted by Manitoba government

The Manitoba government released its kindergarten to Grade 12 strategy with a focus on putting students first, Education Minister Cliff Cullen announced Monday, saying the Better Education Starts Today (BEST) strategy that will shift resources to the classroom while giving parents and guardians much more input, as it rebuilds Manitoba's kindergarten to Grade 12 education system through the proposed putting students first bill.

"The strategy introduces much-needed change to create a unified provincial education system that is accountable for results, classroom focused, student-centred and parent friendly, leading to the most improved education system in Canada," said Cullen. "We want students to graduate high school with the knowledge, skills and competencies they need to move into post-secondary education, the labour market, or whatever path they choose, and have the best opportunity to succeed."

Manitoba is one of the highest spending provinces on education and getting among the country's lowest student achievement results. Per capita, Manitoba has the highest number of school divisions and elected trustees across all provinces.

The government's plan streamlines administration by unifying 37 school divisions into one Provincial Education Authority (authority) while maintaining the French school division, Division Scolaire franco-manitobaine (DSFM). The authority will deliver kindergarten to Grade 12 education, manage shared administrative services such as collective bargaining, procurement, IT and workforce planning — money that will be reinvested directly into classrooms. Within the authority, 15 regions will provide a focus on local needs. Parents will have involvement that is more meaningful in local decision-making through new School Community Councils.

"Our government believes in a robust education system that addresses the inequalities of the current system," Cullen said. "We have committed to building 20 new schools and followed that up with our \$1.6-billion education funding guarantee. However, we want to ensure we have a system focused on students, teachers and, ultimately, results."

Within the next five years, Manitoba's government is committed to becoming the most improved education system in Canada by:

New Regions	
Winnipeg, St. James-Assiniboia, Louis Riel, Pembina Trails, Seven Oaks and River East Transcona	Garden Valley, Western
Frontier, Kelsey, Flin Flon and Mystery Lake	Evergreen, Lakeshore
Beautiful Plains, Park West, Rolling River	Interlake, Lord Selkirk
Mountain View, Swan Valley, Turtle River	Hanover
Fort La Bosse, Southwest Horizon, Turtle Mountain	Sunrise, Whiteshell
Brandon	Seine River
Portage La Prairie, Pine Creek	Border Land, Red River Valley
Prairie Spirit, Prairie Rose	

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The 15 new regions plus DSFM will replace 37 separate school divisions.

- shifting resources to the classroom to ensure that student learning and achievement come first;
- ensuring that teachers, school staff and leaders have the capacity, knowledge and tools they need to support student performance;
- unifying the education system with a focus on accountability for results, outcomes and addressing the vast disparities in the system;
- giving parents and caregivers more opportunity to participate and play a meaningful role in the design and oversight of the system; and
- considering the provincial needs and ensuring that all students are ready for life-long success regardless of where in the province they live.

"Maintaining the status quo puts our students further behind, and that is why our government is making the necessary reforms and investing in our children's futures," said Cullen. "By unifying our system and focusing educators on what matters most — student outcomes — the government expects up to \$40 million will be shifted to the classrooms to support educational results."

Manitoba Education will be undertaking public

consultations on a variety of areas as it builds a roadmap for the future on topics such as curriculum development, teacher training and learning, and ways to support the most vulnerable students. This includes further conversation with education partners, parents and the wider Manitoba community, and a survey that will be available on <http://engagemb.ca>.

The BEST strategy was informed by the Manitoba's Commission on Kindergarten to Grade 12 Education report, Our Children's Success: Manitoba's Future, received in March 2020. The 75 recommendations of the commission represent the most extensive reformation of Manitoba's kindergarten to Grade 12 education system in decades and presents a clear plan of action for becoming the most improved education system in Canada. The BEST strategy also drew on lessons learned during the COVID-19 pandemic from across Manitoba's education system.

For more information, visit www.bettereducationmb.ca.

Province advises spring run-off has started in southern Manitoba basins

Submitted by Manitoba government

Manitoba's Hydrologic Forecast Centre advises that spring run-off due to snowmelt has started in most of the southern Manitoba basins.

River ice conditions are expected to weaken and users should be cautious when venturing onto the ice.

Water levels on the Red River continue to rise approximately one foot per day. The Red River is expected to peak at Emerson between March 18 and 21. The Red River is expected to

remain within its banks and the forecast peak will not require the use of the floodway.

Run-off on the Assiniboine and Qu'Appelle rivers, and the upper Assiniboine river (Shellmouth basin) is expected to begin later this week.

Manitoba's Hydrologic Forecast Centre released its first spring thaw outlook on Feb. 26. The report is at https://www.gov.mb.ca/mit/floodinfo/pdf/2021/february_2021_high_water_outlook_report.pdf.

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Prep time: 15 minutes
Cook time: 20 minutes
Servings: 4

- 1 package broccoli slaw
- 1/2 cup blue cheese dressing
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon black pepper
- 1 cup flour
- 4-6 tablespoons butter, melted
- 1/3 cup Buffalo-style hot sauce, plus additional for serving, divided
- 1 cup panko breadcrumbs
- 3/4 cup blue cheese crumbles
- 8 veal cutlets, pounded about 1/8-inch thick
- 4 sub rolls

Preheat oven to 400 F. Line rimmed baking sheet with parchment paper; set aside.

In medium bowl, using tongs, lightly toss broccoli slaw and blue cheese dressing.



Crunchy Buffalo Baked Veal Cutlet Sandwiches

In shallow bowl, stir together salt, pepper and flour.

In separate shallow bowl, whisk melted butter and hot sauce until combined.

In bowl of food processor, pulse panko and blue cheese crumbles until combined. Transfer mixture to plate.

Pat veal cutlets dry with paper towels. Dredge one veal cutlet in seasoned flour then coat with hot sauce and butter mixture. Place cutlet on top of panko blue cheese crumbs and gently press down to coat one side. Turn cutlet over and press down again gently to coat, including edges. Place on prepared baking sheet. Repeat with remaining cutlets. Bake 10-15 minutes, or until internal temperature reaches 160 F.

Cut rolls in half, add two cutlets per roll, top each with broccoli slaw mixture and drizzle lightly with Buffalo-style hot sauce.

Substitution: Ranch may be used for blue cheese.



Total time: 15 minutes
Servings: 4

- 1 cup fresh cilantro
- 2/3 cup fresh parsley
- 2 tablespoons dried oregano
- 2 garlic cloves, minced
- 1/4 cup red wine vinegar
- 2/3 cup olive oil
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon pepper
- 1 can (14 1/2 ounces) chickpeas, drained

Chimichurri Chickpea Salad

1/4 teaspoon crushed red pepper flakes

1 bag Fresh Express Baby Kale Mix
1 cup NatureSweet Cherubs Tomatoes, diced

1 medium avocado, diced
4 tablespoons Litehouse Avocado Ranch Dressing

In food processor, combine cilantro, parsley, oregano, garlic, red wine vinegar, olive oil, salt and pepper. Pulse until sauce is smooth.

Place chimichurri sauce in small bowl with chickpeas and crushed red pepper flakes; toss to coat. Cover and refrigerate overnight, if possible.

Divide kale, tomatoes and avocado between four bowls. Top each bowl evenly with marinated chickpeas. Drizzle with avocado ranch dressing and serve.

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Christine Ibbotson

Dear Greg,
Most people never want to share their social insurance number (SIN) for fear of a hit to their credit bureau, but unfortunately you may find it a necessity when asked by your lender who now need to ensure identity due to increased consumer fraud. If you apply for credit at a bank, open a bank account or finance a vehicle, chances are you will need to disclose your SIN. Many people still believe that they should never agree to an inquiry or give out their SIN number too many times to obtain credit. They think their credit will either become damaged or their credit bureau rating and score will go down. This is sometimes not true - So to help you out Greg, I'm going to dispel all the myths and also let you know what the banks are looking for.

There are two major credit bureau companies that all financial institutions and merchants use today. They are Equifax and TransCanada Union - agencies that rank and provide an overall score to each person who uses credit. The system for measuring hits to your credit score is indeed intuitive, meaning it measures and evaluates the type of merchant and inquiry. So, it knows if you are shopping around. If you have several inquiries from different banks because you are rate shopping for a mortgage you will usually not see any decline in your score, (however, these inquiries must be contained within a 30-day period). Same thing when you are shopping for a vehicle, multiple hits to your credit bureau from car dealers will not alter the score if contained within 30 days. But, on the other hand, if you are truly shopping and going to different stores, applying for multiple credit cards, personal and retail loans, or buying items on deferred payment plans, then YES, this will drop your score regardless of the 30-day limit.

First and foremost, you want to protect your credit. This is the foundation of all lending and is the only way for lenders to judge your creditworthiness for the future. If you always pay your bills on time and have never declared bankruptcy, chances are you will have good credit. But if you are the opposite, and your credit score is too low, you may find it very difficult to get future credit. Your credit bureau score can range from 300 to 900. As a general guideline, Banks and A-Lenders are looking for clients with scores above 680 and will generally automatically decline applications with scores under 600. Credit card companies

are a little more lenient and will go down as low as 530, with auto declines for scores under 500. Here are some tips to improve your credit and maintain a good rating.

1. Pay your bills 2-3 days before they are due. Paying them on the due date (especially through online banking) will make you 1-2 days late. This is recorded on your credit bureau and will definitely lower your score without you knowing it.

2. Do not carry balances on credit cards or personal loans month over month. This means your credit is revolving and will automatically drop your score.

3. Resist the urge to have a lot of open credit cards, even if they have zero balances.

4. You must have some credit. If you had previous bad credit and now are just using cash, you are essentially handcuffing your future. Without re-establishing good credit, the banks will decline you every time.

5. Property taxes and support payments in arrears can also drop your score once they are reported.

6. Mortgage and vehicle payments in arrears, once reported (which usually happens after 60 days) are a major hit to your score. Please try to avoid this.

I have heard in the past that some merchants or banks do soft hits to your credit. Please do not get fooled by this. There is no such thing as a "soft hit" or a "hard hit" to your credit bureau. If they have your verbal consent, (even if they don't have your SIN number) when they adjudicate a consumer credit request, they WILL hit your credit and it WILL adjust your score.

Good Luck & Best Wishes,
ATML - Christine Ibbotson

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ISD presents recommendations to balance budget

By Jo-Anne Procter

The Interlake School Division presented the proposed draft 2021-2022 budget virtually last Thursday via Zoom. The meeting started a bit late due to the large number, over 100, of people that logged on to the meeting.

The evening was planned to give constituents an opportunity to ask questions and provide input and feedback once the budget was presented.

ISD chairperson Alan Campbell delivered the budget providing details for the agenda.

The provincial government's base funding increased across the province by \$6.7 million, which will be split amongst all 38 school divisions. The ISD will see a calculated decrease of 1.18 per cent, thus has been faced with the task of balancing a budget that requires a \$700,000 shortfall.

Enrolment for 2020-21 is 2,964 students and the projected enrolment for 2021-22 is 2,952.

With a continuous reduction of funding from the provincial government for the past five years and with ISD enrolment basically stabilized, schools are expected to function with approximately 98 per cent of the funding they received the prior year.

Campbell explained that provincial funding is not keeping pace with expenses. ISD's annual expenses include 84 per cent of salary increases, as well as increased hydro rates, diesel and gas prices, natural gas and general variables of cost of living calculations. The costs continue to rise and funding is not adequate. The ISD is projecting an increase of \$1.05 million over the current year's expenses.

Supt. Margaret Ward delivered the board's explanation for the budget considerations, which is devised by senior administration and the board of trustees.

Ward said the items for consideration are not a reflection of the value that each item has. The goal is to make reductions that would least affect K-12 classrooms, while keeping the impact as minimal as possible.

- A suggested reduction of administration assistant allocations is a consideration with a possible savings of \$76,000.

A combination of a reduction in both school-based and divisional allocations, which is equivalent to one and a half positions from 24 schools and a reduction of a 0.57 position in the maintenance and the transportation department.

- The suggested removal of the Continuing Education programming could potentially save a net worth of \$38,000. The programming is offered

to community members outside of the K-12 mandate. The ISD does not receive government funding for this programming.

- The removal of the junior kindergarten programming, which began three years ago, could save the ISD \$162,000. The program offers four-year-olds one half-day per week in a school setting prior to joining kindergarten. The program did not run this year due to COVID. The ISD staffs three instructors to run the program.

- The reduction of student fee support could be a possible savings of \$20,000. The ISD supported families by covering student fees in the amount of \$65,000, which covered elective course fees for grades 7-12 (home economics, art, industrial arts) for programming that had fees related to courses that families had to pay.

Last year that amount was increased to \$100,000 and was distributed on a formulated basis. The suggestion for the proposed budget is to reduce that amount to \$80,000 so families will still be exempt from the fees.

- A reduction of library staffing could see a possible savings of \$82,000. Currently library's staff include clerks and technicians. The reduction would still provide full coverage of staffed libraries with library clerks but would see a reduction of three library tech staff but a half-time divisional library tech would provide support to library clerks.

- A possible reduction of school bus purchases could account for a savings of \$130,000. Rather than purchasing two new buses, which was originally budgeted for, the division would only purchase one. There are currently 34 bus routes and a number of spare buses that allow the fleet to be up and running.

- School supply budget reduction could see a savings of \$80,000. Supplies for the 24 schools total approximately \$1 million. With the two per cent decline in provincial funding each year, the ISD is proposing the reduction of 92 per cent of their current level.

- Clinical service staffing could potentially save \$40,000 with the removal of AFM and the reorganization of student services.

The ISD is currently in a cost-sharing agreement with the Addictions Foundation of Manitoba for a full-time AFM councillor, who is in schools four days per week and one day in the office. The ISD realizes there are not AFM services in the community and will look to current staff to help students that require that connection.

There is also a proposed reorganization within student services with-

in schools. Those affected would be guidance and resource allocations, clinical staff (physiotherapy, occupational, speech language, psychology, social work and well being support). They are all housed within 235 full-time equivalent staffing allocations. The reallocation is not a cost-savings piece. There will be a reallocation or reorganization so there will be reduction in some spaces and increases in others.

A reduction within social workers could mean the current three staff reduced to one. At the same time, an increase in guidance time targeted at K-8 and a proposal for a small increase in school psychology time and mental health services. All of these things would balance out.

- High School Alternative Programming could see a reduction of \$55,000 by giving up the leased space on Main Street in Stonewall where The Infinity Program is currently housed.

All three high schools have in-school alternative programs and TIP would revert back to the high school locations. ISD would set aside staffing as there will be a change in programming.

- Other adjustments with possible savings of \$91,700 would include expenses such as furniture grants for new classrooms and computer hardware. Schools requiring furniture will be asked to use funds from their own school budgets. The ISD has just outfitted all grades with additional computer hardware over the past four years, which will elevate funding required.

The suggested considerations total \$774,700, with the actual target being \$700,000.

Ward and Campbell addressed questions that were submitted:

- Administration was ordered to reduce by 15 per cent last year, and ISD did apply this to admin expenses and feels it meets the needs of division.

TIP is the only non-school building leased in the division. The lease will be cancelled but this program will move into the three high schools and staffing will continue.

- Possible reductions to PD (professional development) funds in the coming school year: As part of the 15 per cent administration cuts that the government mandated, the ISD made a 15 per cent cut to PD budgets throughout the division. The ISD will be very cautious going forward with post-pandemic needs of system recovery, learning and ongoing support for staff moving out of COVID-19.

- French immersion staff: As larger numbers enter the high school, there will be more staff required. Currently, there are two teachers for four cohorts, but the year after more staff will be required.

- PTR (pupil-teacher ratio): ISD looks to this by school admin based on enrolment and it doesn't vary widely by school to school.

- Continuing Education removal: Post-pandemic, schools will be accessible for bookings as before.

- Reduction to admin assistants: Allocations of school-based 1.5 positions that will impact three locations.

ISD's commitment is to make up for the \$700,000 shortfall. The intentions of the presentation were for constituents to understand what is being considered. Some items will come off list depending on how deliberation goes.

The draft budget can be viewed on the ISD website www.interlakesd.ca as well as a list of questions and answers. On March 22 at 7 p.m., the ISD will host their regular school board meeting, which is open to the public. At that time, the ISD budget will be finalized and approved.

The minister of Education requires all school division budgets to be finalized and submitted by the end of March.

Pandemic tickets on the decline

Staff

Efforts to enforce the COVID-19 public health orders across Manitoba continue, though provincial officials noted last week that the numbers of tickets being issued continues to decline.

The Manitoba government reported that its agents had issued a total of 89 warnings and 19 tickets for the first week of March, including 15 \$1,296 tickets to individuals for various offences (10 related to gatherings in private residences or outdoors), three \$298 tickets to individuals for failure to wear a mask in indoor public plac-

es, and one \$5,000 ticket to a business.

Officials note that most Manitobans are doing their part to reduce the spread of COVID-19, but education and enforcement remain necessary in some instances.

Since enforcement efforts began in April 2020, a total of 3,391 warnings and 1,028 tickets have been issued, resulting in more than \$1.4 million in fines to businesses and individuals.

Manitobans are urged to continue reporting compliance and enforcement issues by visiting www.manitoba.ca/COVID19 or by calling toll-free 1-866-626-4862.

Protecting yourself from the top frauds in Manitoba

By Katelyn Boulanger

Want to know how the fraudsters are trying to get into your wallet? March is Anti-Fraud month and the Canada Anti-Fraud Centre (CAFC) gave virtual presentations this year addressing the top frauds in each province for residents and businesses and giving advice on how to protect yourself.

Extortion, personal information and general phishing scams are the top three frauds both Canada-wide and in the province of Manitoba by number of reports, according to the CAFC. However, if you look at the top frauds by money lost, extortion still takes the top spot followed by romance investments and spear phishing as the ways Manitobans are being duped.

The CAFC wants to limit the number of frauds and the amount of money lost to scammers by Canadians, so they have created their #Tell2 campaign, which asks Canadians to each talk to two other people about fraud to spread the word about how to protect themselves.

The presentation then explained the basics that you should know about each of these frauds.

Extortion fraud is when someone unlawfully obtains money property or services from a person entity or institution through coercion. An example of this is the typical call you might get from a scammer saying that your social security number has been linked to criminal activity. The scammer might then threaten the resident with arrest or imprisonment unless they pay them in some way. Another example might be a fraudster impersonating a hydro employee and saying they will cut off power unless they are paid.

The CAFC representative said that in these cases and many others the scammers usually do something called call spoofing where they disguise their number so that it appears on call display as a legitimate call from whatever agency they are impersonating.

"Never provide personal information over the phone to an unknown caller. Always remember that no government or law or law enforcement agency

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Fraud Type / Type de fraude	Reports / Rapports	Victims / Victimes	Loss (\$) / Pertes (\$)	Fraud Type / Type de fraude	Reports / Rapports	Victims / Victimes	Loss (\$) / Pertes (\$)
Extortion	1730	688	12.5 M	Extortion	925	458	1.9 M
Personal info	6689	4386		Personal info	297	199	
Phishing	3672	1167		Phishing	182	85	
Merchandise	3354	2728	8.7 M	Merchandise	103	60	231,000
Sex of Manitoba	2320	1478	4.2 M	Sex of Manitoba	102	50	100,000
Idol	2287	1005	2.6 M	Idol	76	53	174,000
Service	2009	1281	6.5 M	Service	58	17	98,000
Spam Phishing	1049	525	14.8 M	Spam Phishing	41	18	295,000
Romance	899	520	18.5 M	Romance	40	14	136,000

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Slides from the Manitoba anti-fraud presentation.

will demand immediate payment or submit all of your money for investigation," said the CAFC representative.

Romance scams involve a fraudster making contact via social media or dating websites and establishing a romantic relationship with the person they are targeting. They will typically profess their love very quickly and then run into trouble needing money and will run into more trouble making it so they can't pay the initial money back and may even need more for this new trouble. These frauds can last years.

"Some warning signs and how to protect yourself from romance scam: always be wary of individuals quickly professing their love for you. Beware of individuals who claim to be wealthy but need to borrow money. When trying to set up an in-person meeting be suspicious if they always provide you with reasons to cancel," said the CAFC representative.

Spear phishing frauds collect information on targets and then send convincing emails that seem to be from a trusted source.

An example of this might be the fraudster sending a company a duplicate invoice from a company that they do work with, saying the initial payment went

astray and asking that it be paid urgently. Another example might be someone in the human resources department of a company receiving a legitimate-looking email from a fraudster impersonating an employee submitting a change to their direct deposit information.

"Some of the warning signs are unsolicited emails. Direct contact from the senior official you're not normally in contact with requests for absolute confidentiality, pressure or a sense of urgency. Unusual requests that do not follow internal procedures," said the CAFC representative.

Their advice for people who have fallen victim to any type of fraud is to:

- Gather all the information that you can about the fraud
- Contact the two major credit bureaus Equifax and Trans Union about the fraud
- Report the incident to local law enforcement
- Report the incident to the CAFC
- Keep reviewing your financial statements even after the fraud and report any suspicious activity
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But, most importantly, they want all residents to talk about fraud before a scammer takes advantage of someone and ask that people share their knowledge to help protect more people from becoming victims in the first place.

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Hockey Manitoba cancels spring development programs

From Hockey Manitoba

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, Hockey Manitoba cancelled the following spring development programs for the spring of 2021: Female U13 Prospects program, Director's Cup, Prospects program and Rising Stars Plus program.

The cancellation of these programs

is a full cancellation for 2021 and these programs will not be rescheduled this year. Programming for all three programs is scheduled to return in the spring of 2022 and information regarding next year's programs will be made available in early 2022.

Some regions may choose to continue with minor hockey skills program-

ming or other development programming; however, this may vary from region to region based on ice availability. Athletes should contact their Minor Hockey Association or region regarding any programming that may be offered in their area.

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Cvar's hockey season ends with a pair of wins

By Brian Bowman

The St. Cloud State Huskies women's hockey team won their final two games of the season.

But, unfortunately, those victories — a 3-2 overtime win and a 4-1 triumph over Bemidji State University — came in conference play rather than in the postseason.

"It was an awesome way to finish the year off," said Stonewall's Olivia Cvar on Sunday evening. "It was kind of bad (though) because we had to say goodbye to our seniors that day but I'm glad we ended it on a good note."

St. Cloud State finished its season with a 6-12-1 record and did not make the playoffs. Still, Cvar was grateful to have an opportunity to play hockey this season with all sports shut down in Canada.

"With COVID, it was difficult because you didn't even know if you were going to have a season," said

Cvar, one of 16 St. Cloud State women's hockey players named to the 2020-21 WCHA All-Academic Team. "I thought that this year we put together some good structure for our team and came away with a couple of more wins than last year. I feel it will be a work in progress."

St. Cloud scored just 32 goals in 17 games while allowing 62. The Huskies need to score more goals next season to be successful.

"I definitely feel like scoring, I wouldn't call it a problem, but almost like a struggle," Cvar said. "Sometimes the puck seemed to bounce the other team's way and that seemed to happen to us a lot. Maybe we could do some more technical practices (to get better at) scoring and having that dominant offensive type of forward."

Despite the lack of scoring, St. Cloud played some close games against the No. 1 ranked Wisconsin Badgers and

the No. 2 Minnesota Golden Gophers. The Huskies are not too far off against the top teams.

"We're there," Cvar said. "It just seems to happen in the third period when people are getting tired and it's just those very small areas where mistakes are made and then those teams capitalize on it every time. It's just cleaning up those errors and hopefully next year we can get a win against Wisconsin."

On a personal level, Cvar finished the season with a goal and five points in 17 games. During her playing days in Manitoba, she often put up big offensive numbers.

"I definitely thought I could have had a couple of more goals or made more plays but we'll just have to wait until next year, I guess," she said, noting she has three more years of eligibility remaining at the collegiate level.

"I'm really looking forward to next



Olivia Cvar

year. I have a couple of years (of experience here) now so it's comfortable for me to be on the ice and try new stuff. I'm really excited for this upcoming year."

Local rinks well represented at 2021 Canadian Mixed Doubles Championship

By Brian Bowman

The 2021 Canadian Mixed Doubles Championship is loaded with talented curlers.

And three of them live right here in our area.

The Winnipeg Beach Curling Club's duo of Colton Lott and Kadriana Sahaidak will be one of 35 teams vying for national bragging rights — along with the top prize of \$50,000 — when play begins this Thursday and wraps up on March 25.

The Gimli Curling Club's Kerri Einarson will be teaming up with St. John's Curling Club's Brad Gushue. Einarson is fresh off winning the Scotties title in Calgary while representing Team Canada and defeating Ontario's Rachel Homan 9-7 in the final.

There will be, no doubt, some outstanding curling action in the bubble in Calgary.

"It's definitely exciting," said Lott in the car on his way to Calgary on Monday afternoon. "We can't wait to get back on the ice. We haven't had a competitive game at all this season. It will be nice to get back out. We just have to take it one game at a time and not expect a lot. There's going to be

misses out there and everybody is in the same boat as we are."

Lott and Sahaidak have had a few good weeks of practice leading up to nationals. They have plenty of experience playing elite mixed doubles teams in previous years, noted Sahaidak.

"We're pretty excited," she said. "I even noticed yesterday that I was getting pretty nervous but I think getting there, getting settled, it will be easy and we'll have lots of fun."

The pair will have to get off to a strong start if they want to advance from their Pool A. They begin action Thursday at 8:30 a.m. against the Oshawa team of Clancy Grandy and Patrick Janssen. Lott and Sahaidak will have an opportunity to practise on Wednesday.

"There's 16 teams that advance but there's extra teams this year from previous years," Lott noted. "We're going to have to have a decent record out of the pool to be able to advance to the playoffs."

Lott said it didn't matter to him which pool they were placed in. All of the rinks are extremely talented.

"Whatever pool we're in, I personal-



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The Winnipeg Beach Curling Club's Kadriana Sahaidak and Colton Lott are in Calgary this week competing in the 2021 Canadian Mixed Doubles Championship.

ly think we can beat anybody as long as we play our game and make our shots," he said. "(But) it's definitely a field where you are going to have to be at the top of your game, especially with half of these teams already being there with the Scotties and the Brier.

They almost have a bit of an advantage with the whole venue and adapting.

"For the both of us, we're just going there for our first time and we're going to have to adapt. But it will be good."

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Sudoku Answer

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Crossword Answer



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1. __ fi: popular genre
4. Curved shape
7. Defunct airline
10. Beverage receptacle
11. Corporate bigwig
12. Belong to he
13. They cover cuts
15. Cost per mille
16. Walk into
19. Power-producing machine
21. Part of one's character perceived by others
23. Emotionally appealed to
24. Protected
25. Wrestling icon Okerlund
26. Thailand's former name
27. Muscle weaknesses
30. Chooses
34. American film studio
35. Expression of satisfaction
36. Mythical winged horse
41. Ballplayers
45. Edible seaweed
46. Chinese politician
47. Tested for fertility
50. Glove worn with medieval armor
54. Basaltic lavas
55. Small shoaling fish
56. Surrendered
57. Taxi
59. Potato part
60. Female sheep
61. Trouble or difficulty
62. Put into service
63. Soviet Socialist Republic
64. 17th letter of Greek alphabet
65. Type of student

CLUES DOWN

1. Frighten
2. Partner to corned beef

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3. Parts
4. Agrees to a demand
5. Elected official
6. Navigator's tool
7. Relating to heat
8. Attractive
9. Wealthy US merchant
13. Engine additive
14. A passage with access only at one end
17. Midway between northeast and east
18. Cool!
20. Brazilian NBAer
22. NW Pennsylvania city
27. Young dog
28. Mimic
29. Large truck
31. The NFL's Newton
32. One and only
33. Diego, Francisco, Anselmo
37. Julie __, actress
38. More nourishing
39. Compound
40. A small carrier attached to the side of a motorcycle
41. Object of fear or alarm
42. __ Ladd, actor
43. Sacred place
44. A way to express enjoyment
47. Trigonometric function
48. A team's best pitcher
49. Intersecting points
51. Roundishly shaped
52. Adam's partner
53. God of battle (Scandinavian)
58. Human hormone

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SALE OF LANDS FOR ARREARS OF TAXES
RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF ST. LAURENT**

Pursuant to subsection 367(7) of The Municipal Act, notice is hereby given that unless the tax arrears for the designated year and costs in respect of the hereinafter described properties are paid in full to the Municipality prior to the commencement of the auction, the Municipality will on the 8th day of April, 2021, at the hour of 10:00 AM, at Rural Municipality of St. Laurent, Council Chambers, 16 Veteran's Memorial Road, St. Laurent, proceed to sell by public auction the following described properties:

Roll Number	Description	Assessed Value	Amount of Arrears & Costs for Which Property May be Offered for Sale
44100	LOTS 26 AND 27 PLAN 574 WLTO (P DIV) TOGETHER WITH A RIGHT-OF-WAY FOR THE PURPOSE OF INGRESS AND EGRESS IN DRAWING WATER AS APPURTENANT TO BOTH OF SAID LOTS ABOVE DESCRIBED OVER AND UPON LOT 24 AS SHOWN ON SAID PLAN 574 IN LOT 4 OF THE SETTLEMENT OF OAK POINT - 84 LEIGHTON AVE, OAK POINT	L - \$1,800 B - \$40,000	\$2,754.94
67447	LOT 16 BLOCK 3 PLAN 13810 WLTO IN LOT 6 PARISH OF ST LAURENT - 50 SANDPIPER COVE, SANDPIPER	L - \$5,900 B - \$45,700	\$5,416.98

The tax sale is subject to the following terms and conditions with respect to each property:

- The purchaser of the property will be responsible for any property taxes not yet due.
- The Municipality may exercise its right to set a reserve bid in the amount of the arrears and costs.
- If the purchaser intends to bid by proxy, a letter of authorization form must be presented prior to the start of the auction.
- The Municipality makes no representations or warranties whatsoever concerning the properties being sold.
- The successful purchaser must, at the time of the sale, make payment in **cash, certified cheque or bank draft** to the Rural Municipality of St. Laurent as follows:
 - i) The full purchase price if it is \$10,000 or less; OR
 - ii) If the purchase price is greater than \$10,000, the purchaser must provide a non-refundable deposit in the amount of \$10,000 and the balance of the purchase price must be paid within 20 days of the sale; AND
 - iii) A fee in the amount \$309.75 (\$295 plus GST) for preparation of the transfer of title documents. The purchaser will be responsible for registering the transfer of title documents in the land titles office, including the registration costs.
- The risk for the property lies with the purchaser immediately following the auction.
- The purchaser is responsible for obtaining vacant possession.
- If the property is non-residential property, the purchaser must pay GST to the Municipality or, if a GST registrant, provide a GST Declaration.

Dated this 17th day of February, 2021.

Managed by:



Hilda Zotter
Chief Administrative Officer
Rural Municipality of St. Laurent
Phone: (204) 646-2259
Fax: (204) 646-2705



**RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF ROSSER
EMPLOYMENT
OPPORTUNITY**

The Rural Municipality of Rosser invites applications for the position of Public Works Heavy Equipment Operator Employee (Seasonal)

Under the direction of the Public Works Foreman, the position will be required to assist the Public Works Department and perform general municipal related work.

Qualifications – Public Works Heavy Equipment Operator Employee (Seasonal)

- Valid Province Manitoba Drivers Class 3 license would be an asset
- Minimum 2 years experience in operating heavy equipment
- Mechanically inclined
- Knowledge in the operation and maintenance of different equipment (tractor/mower, grader, loader, tandem)
- Ability to work with minimal supervision
- Driver Abstract to be provided
- Duration from May to October
- Salary Range \$20.00 – 23.00/hr. depending on qualifications

Applications must contain a resume with three references, deadline being March 25, 2021 at 12:00 noon.

Forward application marked "Application for Public Works Employment" to Randy Slatcher, Public Works Foreman at:

RM of Rosser
Randy Slatcher – Public Works Foreman
Box 131, Rosser, Manitoba R0H 1E0
fax: 467-5958
e-mail: pwforeman@rmofrosser.com

If you have any questions, please call the Municipal Office at 467-5711.



**THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF WOODLANDS
PUBLIC NOTICE**

Public Notice is hereby given that the Rural Municipality of Woodlands inclusive of the L.U.D. of Warren intends to conduct the following Pesticide Control Programs during 2021:

1. To control noxious weeds and brush on public right-of-ways and on publicly owned property within the Municipality. The projected dates of application will be from May 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021. The herbicides to be used include:

- 2,4-D Amine 600
- 2,4-D Choline
- Dicamba
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- Diflufenzopyr
- Iron HEDTA (FeHEDTA)
- Paraffinic Oil Alkoxylated alcohol non-ionic surfactant
- Methyl and ethyl ester
- Flumioxazin
- Detail

2. To control rodents at the waste disposal grounds, waste water lagoons and any municipal owned property at various times during the year using the rodenticide:

- Bromadiolone
- Difethialone
- Diphacinone

3. To control the following insects pests including grasshoppers, mosquitoes, cankerworms, forest tent caterpillars etc., if and when necessary. The proposed dates of application will be from May 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021. The insecticides to be used include:

- Deltamethrin
- Bacillus thuringiensis israelensis
- Bacillus thuringiensis . kurstaki

The public may send written submissions or objections within 15 days of the publication of the notice to the department below. Persons who have objections to the issuance of this permit must register their objections annually.

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Manitoba Government Job Opportunities

Maintenance Worker

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Manitoba Infrastructure, Technical Services and Operations, Regional Operations 1 and 2, Stoney Mountain (3) Gimli (1), Morris (1), MB
Advertisement Number: 37212
Closing Date: March 28, 2021
Salary Range: LAB (\$35,896-\$38,442) / OR1-4 (\$38,859-\$46,414)

The Manitoba government recognizes the importance of building an exemplary public service reflective of the citizens it serves, where diverse abilities, backgrounds, cultures, identities, languages and perspectives drives a high standard of service and innovation. The Manitoba government supports equitable employment practices and promotes representation of designated groups (women, Indigenous people, persons with disabilities, visible minorities).

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Manitoba Infrastructure is currently looking to fill five (5) full-time departmental positions within Regional Operations 1 and 2 in the following maintenance yards: Gimli (1), Morris (1), and Stoney Mountain (3). New employees are hired as Labourers (LAB) and promoted to the Operator (OR1-4) series as training, orientation, and proficiency testing milestones are achieved.

If you are interested in a career with Manitoba Infrastructure, we encourage you to apply once you have reviewed the complete list of conditions of employment and qualifications on our website at: www.manitoba.ca

Applications must clearly state location preference(s) and describe how the applicant meets the conditions of employment and qualifications.

Duties:

Maintenance Workers (MW's) report the Area Works Supervisor and receive lead hand direction from the Assistant Works Supervisor. MW's operate and maintain maintenance equipment, small hand and power tools, and perform physical maintenance work associated with highway maintenance activities to ensure the safety of workers and the travelling public while maintaining public infrastructure.

Apply to:

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Fax: 204-948-3382
Email: govjobs@gov.mb.ca

Applicants may request reasonable accommodation related to the materials or activities used throughout the selection process.

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Please be advised that job competitions may be grieved and appealed. Should a selection grievance be filed, information from the competition file will be provided to the grievor's representative or the grievor, if unrepresented. Personal information irrelevant to the grievance and other information protected under legislation will be redacted.

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Rural Municipality of Woodlands REQUEST PROPOSALS

The RM of Woodlands Is Requesting Proposals From Professional Auditing Organizations To Perform The Annual Audit Of The Financial Statements Of The RM of Woodlands, The RM of Woodlands CDC and The RM of Woodlands Community Pastures Inc. Commencing With The Year Ending December 31, 2021. The Term Of The Engagement Of Service Will Be For Three (3) Years With Independent Audits Performed For Each Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2021 to 2023 inclusively.
Closing Date: May 19, 2021 04:00 PM CST

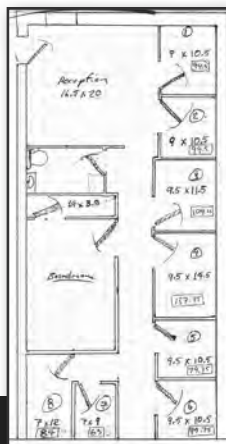
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THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF ST. LAURENT PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 162(2) of *The Municipal Act* that the council of the Rural Municipality of St. Laurent shall hold a PUBLIC HEARING to present its 2021 Financial Plan on:

**Thursday, April 29, 2021
7:00 p.m.**

St. Laurent Recreation Centre or RM Council Chambers inside the Recreation Centre

PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED – Please call 204-646-2259 or email rmstlaur@mymts.net to register your intent to attend so we know what space to book, to adhere to public health order.

At this time Council will present the proposed 2021 Financial Plan for the municipality. The presentation will provide an overview of the proposed financial plan followed by a forum for questions and comments from the public. The purpose of the hearing is to allow any interested person to make a presentation, ask questions or register an objection.

A draft copy of the 2021 Financial Plan will be available upon request after March 31st.

Dated this 15th day of March, 2021

HILDA ZOTTER
Chief Administrative Officer
Rural Municipality of St. Laurent
16 St. Laurent Veterans' Memorial Road
St. Laurent, Manitoba ROC 2S0
Email: rmstlaur@mymts.net
Phone: 204-646-2259
Website: rmstlaurent.com

THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF ROCKWOOD



SEASONAL PUBLIC WORKS URBAN MAINTENANCE / EQUIPMENT OPERATOR

The Rural Municipality of Rockwood invites applications for the position of Public Works Urban Maintenance / Equipment Operator Employee (Seasonal).

Under the direction of the Manager of Public Works, the position will be required to assist the Public Works Department and perform general municipal related work. The work would consist primarily of the maintenance of public property in the townsites within the Rural Municipality of Rockwood (Stony Mountain, Grosse Isle, Argyle, Balmoral, Gunton and Komarno). The applicant would be based out of the Municipal Shop at Stony Mountain.

QUALIFICATIONS –

1. Valid Province of Manitoba Driver's Class (5) with abstract.
2. Experience or general interest in a Public Works related field and an interest in operating other pieces of municipal equipment would be an asset.
3. Experience in pulling a loaded trailer.
4. Good interpersonal skills to work with fellow employees and deal with the public.
5. Knowledge in the operation and maintenance of different equipment (Mid mount mower, string trimmer, chainsaw).
6. Mechanically inclined.
7. Ability to work with minimum supervision.
8. Ability to work on slopes / steep inclines.
9. Ability to perform manual labor such as shoveling, raking and heavy lifting (min. 50 lbs).
10. Available from June – November (length of time is weather dependent).
11. Salary Range \$18.28 - \$21.19 / hr. – dependent on qualifications

Applications should be marked "**Application for Seasonal Public Works Employment**" and must contain a cover letter and full resume with three references.

Questions regarding the position, as well as applications, shall be forwarded to the undersigned no later than 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 31, 2021.

Attention: Ian Tesarski – Director of Operations
Rural Municipality of Rockwood
Box 902, 285 Main Street, Stonewall MB ROC 2Z0
Telephone No. 204-467-2272
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OBITUARY

Forrest Finlay
1930 - 2021



Peacefully on March 7, 2021 Forrest passed on. Forrest will be sadly missed by his wife of 66 years, Verla and his two sons, Dwight (Darlene) and Dean (Lenore) as well as his grandchildren, Ryan (Ashley), Jesse (Denise), Kirsten (Steve), Carlee (Sam) and David (Breanne). Forrest was also a proud great-grandfather to Lewis, Felix, Wesley, Wyatt, Malcolm, Jack and Eloise.

Forrest was born on June 3, 1930 and grew up on the family farm outside of Neepawa, Manitoba. He was predeceased by his father Harold and his mother Florence. Forrest chose to leave the farm and pursue a career as a locomotive engineer with the CNR. He worked with CNR until his retirement in 1989.

Forrest and Verla raised their family in Transcona and then moved out to Sandy Hook, where Dad was able to pursue his passion for golf. Mom and Dad spent their winters in Mesa Arizona, for 28 years. Getting away from Manitoba winters clearly agreed with them. Dad forged long lasting friendships wherever he went, and friends were a very important part of his life. Dad cherished the time that he was able to spend with friends.

Nothing was more important to Dad than his family. He loved being a father to his sons, a grandfather to his five grandchildren and a great-grandfather to his seven great-grandchildren. He modeled for his entire family, the importance of love, in keeping family connected. He and Mom danced at each of their grandchildren's weddings and the pride and love that they had for family was so evident. In his final days, he took the time to remind us of how blessed he felt to be surrounded by the love of his family.

Dad lived his life one day at a time and entered the final stage of his life with an appreciation of the blessings that had come his way. His love for Mom was at the center of all that he did, and he wanted to make sure that she would be well taken care of in his absence. The void left by the passing of Dad will be difficult to fill, but Dad's fingerprints are all over his family and his love of life and family will be carried forward and without question, his presence will continue to be felt.

The family would like to thank the staff of the Stonewall (Dr. Evelyn Memorial) Hospital for their compassion and caring during Dad's final days.

In lieu of flowers, the family would ask that donations be made in Forrest's name to CancerCare Manitoba.

Those wishing to sign the online Guest Book please visit mackenziefh.com

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Joan Sinclair

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We are looking for someone who is both motivated and passionate about being the best outlet of interesting and breaking news stories and event coverage in the Interlake and surrounding area communities.

Qualifications:

- A post-secondary degree/diploma in journalism or equivalent experience in a related field
- Strong photography and writing skills with an interest in social media
- Self-starter with the ability to exercise solid news judgement
- Ability to establish professional relationships to consistently source and write a wide range of stories and cover events in a fair, balanced and accurate manner
- Able to work both independently and as a team on a flexible work schedule including both evenings and weekends to meet our weekly editorial deadline
- Experience covering council and school board meetings
- Knowledge of CP Style and about the Interlake and its surrounding communities would be an asset

Please forward your resumé along with three writing and photography samples to:

Lana Meier
Email: news@stonewallteulontribune.ca

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CARD OF THANKS

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OBITUARY



Kenneth Frederick Kolesar

In the early morning hours of Thursday, March 11, 2021 we said our final farewell to our most beloved husband and father. The hole in our hearts is tremendous, but the love we have for you is endless. We love you more.

We will be having a Celebration of Life at a later date. Condolences can be shared at mackenziefh.com.



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OBITUARY



Olive Alma Klimpke (Ludtke)
February 15, 1925 – March 10, 2021

Peacefully on March 10, 2021, Olive passed away at Rosewood Lodge.

She leaves behind her three daughters Marlene, Vivian and Faye (Brent); four grandchildren, numerous great-grandchildren and a great-great-grandson.

She was predeceased by husband Fred, son-in-law Jim and grandson Robert; as well as 12 sisters and brothers.

Mom was a life member of the Ladies Auxiliary, Stonewall Branch #52. She worked for the T. Eaton Company in Winnipeg for a few years and then married Fred. She opened her home to borders on Ruby Street, while raising her family. After moving to Stonewall she opened up Stonewall Florist. She loved to bake, can pickles and you couldn't beat her fried chicken and cinnamon buns. There was always a pot of "hair curling coffee" on the stove when friends, neighbors and grandkids visited.

Mom was seldom seen without a cat on her lap and a dog at her feet. Her and Callie always loved their afternoon "catnaps". She loved to knit and watch curling and baseball on television, the daily crossword puzzles was a must. Playing cards for money and joking with everyone was a favorite pastime. Her long road trips consisted of picking wild flowers, berries, "bullrushes", and "pussy willows". Listening to all the "oldie records" especially Wilf Carter and Anne Murray always brought a smile to her face.

Thanks for the great care she received from Home Care workers, Stonewall Hospital, Teulon Care Home and Rosewood Lodge.

A private family service was held on Saturday, March 13 at Immanuel Lutheran Church, with interment in the Stonewall Cemetery.

Special thanks to Pastor Mark for his visits and comforting words. Also to Ken Loehmer for his compassion.

If friends so desire, donations may be made to Immanuel Lutheran Church, 2528 King Edward Street, Winnipeg or to a charity of your choice.



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Sylvia Frances Hiebert
September 2, 1943 – March 10, 2021

Survived by husband Jake, brother Steve (Emily), cousin Gloria and numerous nieces and nephews.

Sylvia and Jake had a hobby farm near Argyle, MB. where she enjoyed looking after cattle and making hay. She also worked 11 years at Sig's Grill in Stonewall where she met many wonderful people.

After retirement they moved to Winnipeg and she then enjoyed city life.

As per her wishes she will be cremated and no service will be held.

Remember her as you will.



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Joyce Irene Davis

Joyce Irene Davis passed way on Friday, March 12, 2021 from a short battle with cancer.

Predeceased by her parents Orvan and Mary Hawkins; sisters Laura, Mable, Evelyne, Dorothy, Eleanor and Doreen and brother Jack.

Survived by sisters Viola and Mary; son Barry and Beverly; foster daughter Evelyn Laham; granddaughter Jen Holmstrom (Kris) and grandson Greg (Ashley); great-grandchildren Maddison Penniston, Millie and Poppy Holmstrom and special friends Shirley and Don Campbell and Nancy McGowan and Steve Shier and family.

Mom was born in Carman, MB. on October 1, 1928. The Hawkins family moved to Rosser, MB. where she grew up and met the love of her life Jim Davis and were married in November 1947.

Mom worked hard over the years and made a good life and

loving home for us all.

Mom and Dad moved from the farm to Lions Manor in Stonewall in 1994 where they met many new and old friends. Dad passed away on June 7, 2003.

Mom had many hobbies and talents. She spent many hours sewing and quilting and did many other crafts. She loved her get togethers for card games and bingo or just tea breaks. One other love was to dance and she, with all her dancing partners, travelled to many communities to attend the senior dances and enjoy a good meal. She also met a dear friend Bruce McGowan who they shared many happy times together. Bruce passed away in November 2010.

A special thanks to Mom's closest and dear friends Nancy McGowan and family, and Don and Shirley Campbell. They spent many hours together sewing and quilting. They were also there for Mom when she needed help especially the last few weeks.

A special thanks to Interlake Regional Health Authority, Palliative Care and the Homecare specialists as they assisted Mom and our family through this difficult journey.

In lieu of flowers, in Mom's name donations may be made to Palliative Care Manitoba, Alzheimer's Manitoba or a charity of your choice.

A private family graveside service will take place at a later date.



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Ingrid Pillmann (Willems)
(nee Schwenzer)

Peacefully following a brief illness and supported by family and friends, it is with sadness that we announce the passing of Ingrid Pillmann on March 5, 2021 in Gimli, Manitoba at the age of 78 years.

Ingrid was born in Berlin Germany on June 13, 1942.

She is survived by her husband Josef Pillmann, daughter Debra Willems, granddaughter Alexandria Willems and sister Evelyn Gerhard and niece Ilonka Schad-Jergen in Germany, nieces and nephews Ricky and Holly Schwenzer and Bridgette Houle. Stepdaughters Lydia Empringham (Randy), Vesna Harland (Brad), Blanka Pillmann and their families, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, families in Serbia, Radulovic Radmile / Ivica and Mikica Katic and families, Sharon Dunn-Norm and family, Mike and

Lorraine Habes and family.

She was predeceased by her parents Richard and Margarete Schwenzer, brother Ginter Schwenzer and husband Andy Willems.

After retiring from Sears Canada in 1997 Ingrid and Josef spent 23 winters "snow birding" to Magic Valley Park in Weslaco, Texas enjoying the warm weather and the companionship of many friends. They moved from Lac du Bonnet and have lived in Crescent Creek Estates in Teulon, Manitoba for the last 10 years. Ingrid spent many hours crafting beautiful creations in quilting, needle point, and knitting. She has knit many newborn baby hats for donation to the hospitals in Winnipeg.

A small celebration of life will be held at Green Acres.

The family would like to thank the neighbors and friends of Crescent Creek Estates, Cancer Care staff, Dr. Pitz and nurse Sonu, all the staff at the Gimli Hospital. Special thanks to, Heather and Donna for their compassionate care to Ingrid.

Rest in Peace knowing you were loved.

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