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Staff from Rosewood Lodge Personal Care Home in Stonewall stick to the recommended social distancing staying two metres/six feet apart whenever possible. All medical staff are required to wear protective masks and goggles to prevent the spread of the COVID-19 virus. Pictured left to right: Jackie Varnes, Margarete Moulden, Joan Marr, Carrie Munroe, Marjorie Olson, Leanne Waldner, Lindsay Harrison, Kelly Frias and Melaine Bardarson.

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Remember - THIS TOO SHALL PASS



Province gives a thumbs-up to greenhouses as of April 16

By Evan Matthews

Despite some confusion last week, the Province of Manitoba has OK'd farmer's markets and greenhouses for operation, providing they follow public health orders and social distancing measures.

Last week, CTV reported Schriemers Market Garden Centre in Winnipeg was open to the public. Owner Scott Schriemer told CTV the province told him he was able to be open, though public health orders at the time had not listed greenhouses as an essential business.

"As a business owner, I'm forced to listen to and operate based on what the province is saying," said Lori Schellekens, owner of Whispering Oaks Greenhouse. Schellekens is also the municipality's reeve.

"Originally, we were planning to operate solely as an online store for the summer because we were not allowed to have people in our establishment."

Other Interlake greenhouses including Jaspersen's Greenhouse and Nursery in Stonewall, Sabados Greenhouse near Lundar, Friendly Flowers just outside of Arborg and Country Blessings in Gimli, all found their businesses in similar situations. With Schriemers operating before the change to the public health orders, many Interlake greenhouses were left to wonder about fairness and whether or not they, too, would be able to open up.

"We were concerned because we weren't allowed to open and we weren't sure about selling our product online," said Charlie Loewen,

owner of Friendly Flowers.

"Online sales can sometimes be impractical in this industry."

But as of April 16, the public health orders had changed, citing a provision to allow farmer's markets, garden centres and greenhouses to operate, providing social distancing measures are in place.

Sabados is now open, with the others getting set to open. Jaspersen's is aiming for April 25; Friendly Flowers is eyeing up May 5; Country Blessings, May 7; while Whispering Oaks is scheduled to open by Mother's Day.

"It's a huge relief," said Bruce Jaspersen, owner of Jaspersen's. "This year could have been lost; it would have been a massive shake up."

Despite the fact that greenhouses are now (either already or scheduled

to) open to the public, they all have launched online websites.

Challenges still remain, according to Karen Sabados. In her store, some of the buildings are 20 feet wide but have four-foot alleyways. Social distancing will be challenging in that building, she said, so employees may have to monitor how many customers enter that specific building at once. Owners of each greenhouse are still encouraging customers to look at products online to expedite shopping experiences, as curbside pickup and delivery is available.

"We want our customers to stay healthy," said Sabados. "We're hoping people will use the website to minimize traffic and arrange pickups."

Working together will bring successes to all: message from Stonewall's Mayor

By Clive Hinds, Mayor of Stonewall

It was four months ago that we heard of this dreaded COVID-19 virus. We thought something happening elsewhere around the world would never affect us.

Finally, we realized that the world is a small place and we are all interconnected.

We have had to face new realities

dealing with our everyday lives, with caution and suspicion of everyone around us. The new reality has made our houses our home sanctuaries and places of work. The new realities have placed us, as municipal leaders and decision makers, at odds with what was once reality and now the necessary changes for the town's stability.

The council, although not seen be-

cause of social distancing, has been working behind the scenes using Skype, Zoom, GoToMeetings and every web initiative available to communicate with each other.

We have closed all public facilities with hopes to stop spreading this virus. We are constantly trying to find ways to provide services that we have become accustomed to having. Council has done the unthinkable. We have had to lay off employees, restructure departments and retrain and shift staff to keep things moving.

As the mayor, working with dedicated councillors, sending out emails to each other, we are constantly finding and/or deciding on the best avenue for our community.

A list of all the town's closures have been publicly shared using social media as well as being published in your local newspaper.

We recognize that the Town of Stonewall was built on limestone and that makes us strong. The community was built with strong, enthusiastic people making us resilient. The ability to work together as we always have done will bring successes to us all.

Please stay safe. Take the necessary precautions to avoid this pandemic.



Mayor Clive Hinds

From all of us, mayor and council, we would like to thank you, our residents, RCMP, emergency responders, paramedics, health-care workers, essential services, frontline services and our staff who are always here to do the job while keeping us safe.

"Heroes are ordinary people who step up in troubled times or situations without thoughts of personal needs."



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Spring and summer are busy seasons for construction, and it's also a time when many are preparing to enjoy the outdoors.

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Permits help ensure that Buildings and Structures meet Manitoba Building Code, which in turn increases the level of safety for everyone.

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Teulon sees spike in sewer blockages

By Evan Matthews

Due to an influx of sewer clogs and blockages, the Town of Teulon is urging its residents to think about what they flush.

While there is never an opportune time for a toilet to back up in one's home, Teulon CAO Andrew Glassco said the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic could create even more difficulty for anyone affected.

"At a time when we are being quarantined or self-isolated at home due to COVID-19, nobody wants a situation that would force you out of your home where you are safest," said Glassco, added that due to toilet paper shortages, some have been forced to consider alternative products.

"While there are many alternatives, they cannot be flushed. We are urging everyone in our town not to flush anything other than human waste and toilet paper."

Alternative products that have already created problems for the town include sanitary wipes, paper towels, rubber gloves and tissues, according to Glassco.

The sewer system in Teulon is designed for waste, and Glassco said toilet paper is specifically designed to deteriorate quickly.

Anything else flushed down toilets or

sinks causes problems that could lead to clogs, blockages and wastewater equipment damage, he said, which results in the town having to shut down its sewer systems.

"We have seen a spike in the number of clogs attributable to increased use of alternative products. ... Even tissues do not break down like toilet paper," said Glassco.

Over the Easter weekend, the town had to hire a contractor for infrastructure repairs, which cost over \$700. Those costs start to add up, Glassco said, and responsible spending of taxpayer dollars is of the utmost importance.

"It doesn't matter if the manufacturer claims on the packaging that it is 'flushable,' as these products are not (in our sewer system)," he said.

However, the issue is not solely attributed to products alternative to toilet paper, Glassco said, as residents who are pouring fat, oil and/or grease down the sink are contributing to the problem.

The aforementioned cooking products congeal and line the sewer walls, according to Glassco, and then the wipes, paper towels and hygiene products collect with the grease to clog the system.



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Town of Teulon CAO is reminding residents that the only thing flushable is toilet paper.

With increased public health concerns, Glassco said the town is urging residents to be conscious of their flushing practices.

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Town of Stonewall Mayor and council Working together
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Given the continuing situation regarding COVID 19, the extended Manitoba Provincial Public Health Order, and the recommendations from medical professionals for social distancing and/or self-isolation, the Town Council has made the decision to close the following areas to the public effective immediately until further notice:

- Cooke Field Soccer Pitches • Fines Field Baseball Facilities • Quarry Park Picnic Shelter • Quarry Park Campground (including washroom facilities and playground)

The closures identified above are in addition to the facilities that were closed to the public on March 17, 2020 and continue to remain closed until further notice:

- Veterans Memorial Sports Complex (including the Ice Palace and Curling Club)
- Heritage Arts Centre • Town Office • Town Playgrounds

The actions being taken by Council are intended to ensure the greatest success in stopping the spread of COVID-19. These are unprecedented times and the Town is committed to ensuring the safety of its residents and employees. To that end we would ask that Stonewall residents continue to follow the instructions of Manitoba Health and Health Canada in conducting their daily lives to help prevent the spread of COVID-19.

Stay home as much as possible, practice proper social distancing by keeping a distance of at least 2 metres from others, avoid all non-essential trips in your community, do not gather in groups, go for walks or get regular exercise, perform frequent good hand hygiene, avoid touching your face, and regularly clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces within your homes and workplaces.

Links to both Manitoba Health and Health Canada can be found on the Town of Stonewall website: www.stonewall.ca

Stonewall is a vibrant community, and by working together Council is confident we can reduce the health and safety risks for Town residents during these unprecedented times.

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Can we apply pandemic principles for a better world?

By Evan Matthews

Whether you agree or disagree with worldwide government response to COVID-19, there is no denying the impact of the virus. The closures, our social lives, the way COVID has changed our lives is significant.

We've seen what can change globally — and how quickly the change can happen — when world leaders focus on a serious issue.

What could be possible if the world applied this concept to other serious issues; if we all pulled the symbolic rope in the same direction?

What if we applied the same principles we've applied to COVID-19, the same global change, to issues like world poverty, world hunger or even climate change?

Each one of the aforementioned issues — poverty, hunger, climate change — has the potential to do what COVID-19 has done: kill a lot of people globally and destroy the world's economy.

Yet, for some reason, world leaders have responded to the global pandemic with unprecedented aggression; measures (much of) society has not seen in this lifetime.

Why have we allowed other issues to fall by the wayside?

Through this pandemic, people from many differing walks of life and professions — including technological experts, cultural critics and even world leaders — talk about how this pandemic could change the future world we live in.

We have been presented with a never-before-seen opportunity: the slowing — if not complete halt — of almost everything we've come to know.

We have seen firsthand how quickly things can change, if needed, if deemed mandatory.

With that being said, how can the world resume as it was pre-COVID-19 and not acknowledge the implementation of potential solutions to global issues as mandatory?

How does re-distributing the world's wealth to those who need it the most — ensuring a roof over people's heads and clothes on their backs — not be deemed an essential priority, or mandatory, now that we've seen what can happen when we are unified?

How does ensuring food to those who have none not be deemed as possible, plausible and/or probable;

mandatory, now that we've seen how quickly change can happen in times of crises?

How does investing in solar and wind power, making a switch to electric vehicles, mandating more efficient buildings now seem more invasive than a complete shutdown of the economy — a more difficult adjustment than that of the public health orders requiring us to stay at home every single day?

With the novel coronavirus, we have seen government implement sweeping powers to health care and wage subsidy, nearly guaranteeing a healthy well-being to most everyone affected by this crisis.

How can that notion not extend to those living in crises every day, both at home and abroad?

The more genuine reality is that it is unlikely that the coronavirus pandemic will lead to solving issues brought up in this editorial. But as a society, we now know what that change can look like and that it is possible. It may be naive to believe the issues discussed here will change overnight, but at this point, it's just as naïve to believe they can't.

letter to the editor

Municipal government should supply masks for each resident

I enjoyed a recent *Free Press* article in which the Yeo family from Stonewall mentioned this pandemic will pass. For sure it will! I do think, however, that the towns, RMs and cities could play a more active role to make it happen.

This would pass a lot quicker if every person wore a mask whenever they went to work. It would pass quicker if everyone wore a mask whenever they

went shopping. In China this is what they are doing because they know that it works to minimize the exposure to the virus.

How would this work? It would mean that our municipal government would buy masks in bulk and it would mean that they would set up an allocation system to distribute the masks.

We do not need the coveted N95

medical masks but rather something simple. Maybe the local churches and those that have the talent could make "homemade" masks as well to help the supply. I can't think of any greater need than the supply and distribution of masks in our communities right now.

Again, this will pass but why not do the obvious to hasten its exit.

- Respectfully, Lockie McLean

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Visiting elephant retirement park a highlight for Myskiw

By Bryan Myskiw

Warren's Bryan Myskiw ventured out on a backpacking journey to Southeast Asia on March 8. He is sharing his photos and weekly adventures with readers.

The rushing city of Bangkok ceased to exist in the city centre upon my arrival. The shoulder-to-shoulder crowds on streets and traffic jams throughout the night were absent. I was told by my driver that the day after my arrival over 100,000 people left Bangkok to return to their native homes outside of the city.

I arrived on the last day foreign travellers were being welcomed into Bangkok without needing to quarantine. Pubs, restaurants and some tourist sites timely announced their closure upon my arrival of March 22. The iconic Grand Palace of Bangkok closed on March 21 just an hour after my arrival to the city. While sites like Wat Arun and Wat Pho (known for its large reclining Buddha) remained open, both had limited visitors of only two to five couples when I visited. The kilometre-long Khao San Road saw only a handful of restaurants open, offering only takeout options and limited selections. Domestic travel had even become limited.

My daily temperature checks average three to four a day, with required facemasks and sanitizing stations at any spot where people gather.

While I await my flight home from Bangkok, (a re-re-re-re-scheduled flight), I decided to take a 13-hour sleeper train up to the city of Chiang Mai, which is known for its elephant sanctuaries and jungle tours.

The train station that I arrived at for an overnight trip up to Chiang Mai was eerily silent and still. Waiting areas were halved. Notices attached to every set of middle seats warning not to sit in them to protect against COVID-19 transmission.

With talk of case levels rising in Bangkok, I figured it would be best to stay somewhere a bit more secluded in the more northern part of Thailand.

However, as many have discovered timing is everything in the current



Bryan with one of the elephants at the Elephant Retirement Park.

state of the world and what is fine one hour will completely change in the next.

I arrived to Chiang Mai at 9 a.m. on March 24 to find that the elephant sanctuaries and jungle zip line that I had checked to confirm with only the night before had closed and would remain closed through to the end of April. Many temples had also taken precaution by closing high traffic sites.

Travellers here, most from European countries, have found themselves stranded in the country either unable to book flights back or fearful of returning home to cases in Spain, Italy and United Kingdom. Some have sought to extend their visa stays by 30 days and live in isolation here for the foreseeable future.

My arrival into Chiang Mai was met with high levels of smog — some reporting levels 12 times the “safe” level. This, combined with the 39-degree temperatures and requirements of wearing masks, has naturally made it difficult to breathe, in turn putting my hypochondriacal senses on high alert.

Leaving behind the consistent high alerts of the current state of the world for a moment, I was grateful to have found one elephant sanctuary that had managed to remain open for the time being. Elephant Retirement Park is a not-for-profit foundation set to



PHOTOS BY BRYAN MYSKIW

Wat Phra That Doi Suthep, Thailand.

rescue elephants from circuses and elephant riding camps in Thailand. The price of these elephants range from \$75,000 to over \$110,000 CAD, more for the younger elephants.

One elephant that I met here was Bella, who is 27 years old and used to be involved with a circus performance. Sadly, some time before her arrival to the park Bella fell from one of the drums that she was forced to stand on and broke her front leg. For the last seven years, she has spent her time at the elephant sanctuary becoming a “second mother” to some of the younger elephants.

The park cares for seven elephants on 4.5 acres of land, one hour outside of Chiang Mai.

Elephants typically eat 10 per cent of their body weight, which means they enjoy eating most of the day. Here they are fed bananas and other fruits root vegetables, shoots, grasses and banana trees.

My day was upgraded when I was picked up and discovered that I would be the only visitor for the day and last visitor for a month. Alex, my guide for the day, wasted no time putting me to

work with a machete to cut down the banana trees from a local farm that had harvested the bananas.

One of the highlights for me were the bathing exercises that involved me in a mud pit and dugout with these massive animals.

A truly surreal experience to be so close to two elephants, one flopping around in the mud while you scratch her side and the other inches away from you spraying themselves down.

On March 26, the Thai government began restricting traffic and curfews between 8 p.m. to 5 a.m., with high penalties for those who do not abide to anything deemed “non-essential.” This is their first attempt to limit the number of causes, which by March 26 totalled over 1,000 local cases in Bangkok. If this approach does not improve the spread, the government has warned further restrictions will be in place in the coming days.

With talk of interprovincial travel being locked down within the next week, I decided to return to Bangkok, where my flight is as of this moment still scheduled to depart next week.

Annual Winnipeg Folk Festival cancelled for 2020

By Jennifer McFee

The old saying insists the show must go on, but that won't be the case for the Winnipeg Folk Festival this year.

The 47th edition of the Folk Fest, scheduled from July 9 to 12, has been cancelled due to the COVID-19 outbreak.

Local musicians Cory Sulyma and

Erin Corbin of Two Crows for Comfort have been involved with the much-anticipated festival for many years.

“We were not surprised that the Folk Fest was cancelled of course, but we were definitely still disappointed to hear the news,” Sulyma said.

“We’ve been going to the Folk Fest for years, whether it’s been to play on

stage or just to hang out and enjoy, so it’s going to be a strange summer without the festivities. But we’re already counting down until 2021.”

Refunds are available for anybody who has already purchased a ticket. However, Folk Fest organizers are also encouraging patrons to consider donating their tickets as a tax-deductible

contribution to the organization.

More information about donations and refunds will be announced soon, and ticket holders will also receive an email with instructions.

For more information, visit www.winnipegfolkfestival.ca. Anyone with questions can email info@winnipegfolkfestival.ca.

Interlake well represented at provincial Good Roads competition

By Evan Matthews

Despite its annual general meeting and awards ceremony being cancelled due to COVID-19, the Interlake has been well represented by the 2019 Manitoba Good Roads Association Awards.

The MGRA acknowledged several Interlake communities over a number of categories, with winners coming from the RMs of Rosser, Rockwood, Woodlands, as well as the City of Selkirk, the towns of Stonewall and Teulon, and the Village of Dunnottar.

But two individual winners, specifically, stood out. Brian and Lois Borkowsky of Teulon, as well as Suzanne and Gavin Jones of the RM of Woodlands, were recognized for efforts on their properties.

The MGRA gifts winners a plaque inscribed with the details of their victory, but the AGM and awards ceremony — originally scheduled on April 13 — has since been postponed due to the pandemic.

The Joneses won the Lewis Instruments Shield for District 1, the Best Farm Home Grounds award.

Originally, the Joneses were in Florida for the winter when they had been notified of the win.

"This is something I've wanted to win for many, many years but never put our names in," said Suzanne.

"God really blessed us with the win. I was really happy about it. We've done so much work to our yard."

The couple has a number of (raised) flower beds and pergolas across the property, Suzanne said, having added trees over the years as well as two greenhouses, a water fountain and a pond.

Visitors frequent the property often, she said.

"They tell us it's just like a park," said Suzanne.

"It's a nice thing to have been awarded something



PHOTO SUBMITTED BY BRIAN BORKOWSKY
Brian and Lois Borkowsky's yard won the Best Urban Home Grounds Award.

for the work."

The Borkowskys won the Jeffries Nurseries Ltd. Shield, the Best Urban Home Grounds award, in the population of 1,001 to 2,000 category.

This is the Borkowskys' third win, but as an ex-farmer who is now retired, Brian said it means just as much as it did the first time.

"Our property has always been a work in progress. We moved to Teulon in 1976 and started developing the yard in 1981," said Brian.

"Each year we try and work on different perennial beds, adding different statues or interesting works of art. ... Both Lois and I enjoy designing parts of

the yard to make it interesting."

Coming from a farming background, Lois said the yard is her husband's chance to farm at home.

The couple has a vegetable garden, many different flower beds, as well as areas of stone and bark with shrubbery.

Other Interlake winners

The RM of Rosser won the AMM Shield for District 1, the Best Maintained System of Rural Municipal Roads award.

The RM of Rockwood won the Brandt Tractor Shield for District 1, the Most Improved System of Municipal Roads award. The RM of Rockwood also won the Canada Culvert Shield, the Highest Standard of New or Rebuilt Road award.

In the Urban Beautification Competition, the City of Selkirk won the Brandon Clarion Hotel and Suites Shield for the population of 7,501 plus category. The Town of Stonewall won the CAA Manitoba Shield for the population of 2,001 to 7,500 category. The Town of Teulon won the Western Financial Group Shield for the population of 1,001 to 2,000 category. The Village of Dunnottar won the Handy Hitch Manufacturing Shield for the population of up to 1,000 category.

The Manitoba Good Roads Association was formed in 1909 to promote the development of roads in Manitoba, according to the organization.

True to the founders' aim of promoting better roads in Manitoba, the organization said it presents awards to recognize achievement in road construction and maintenance, as well as awards for community and individual home grounds beautification.

Prairie Dog Central Railway 2020 season postponed

By Evan Matthews

With many industries and businesses coming off the tracks amidst COVID-19 concerns, the Prairie Dog Central finds itself in a similar position.

When the train doesn't operate, general manager Paul Newsome said there is zero revenue from ticket sales. But given the situation, the PDC will postpone its scheduled opening.

"During the pandemic, we are demonstrating our responsibility to both the public as well as our volunteer members by delaying the opening of our season," said Newsome.

"We do not want to contribute to spreading COVID-19 to anyone, and we will take whatever steps are needed to reduce the risk of contributing to the

spread of this virus."

The PDC's original opening date was scheduled for Sunday, May 10, Mother's Day.

Newsome said the organization had three operating trips scheduled for May but have cancelled all operations for the time being. Management will reassess in mid-May to decide whether or not operations will take place in June, he said.

"We are hopeful," said Newsome. "But everything depends on how, and if, this virus is contained."

The Prairie Dog Central Railway is a heritage railway with regular trips scheduled throughout the summer almost every Saturday, Sunday and holiday Monday from May through September.

Each trip typically lasts roughly four hours, with a

stop in Grosse Isle.

The PDC often does seasonal trips, too, including Howlin' Halloween Express Trains, as well as a Santa Train.

Starting in 1970, The Vintage Locomotive Society Inc. opened the PDC out of Charleswood on the now-abandoned Canadian National Cabot Subdivision, according to the organization.

From 1975 to 1996, the train operated out of St. James, immediately west of Polo Park on a now-abandoned Canadian National Railways line, according to the organization.

In 1999, the station, now a federal heritage site, moved to its present location at Inkster Junction in Rosser.

Scammers continue to threaten Manitoba Hydro customers with disconnection

Submitted by Manitoba Hydro

Aggressive scammers continue to target Manitoba Hydro customers throughout the province, threatening to shut off their power unless immediate payment is made.

Scammers contact customers by phone or email claiming they have an outstanding bill. They then demand payments of up to \$1,500. The scammers say failure to pay within 30 minutes will result in their electrical service being disconnected.

Chris McColm, Manitoba Hydro's security and in-

vestigations supervisor, said the scammers appear to be taking advantage of the COVID-19 pandemic.

"We're all under a lot of stress and these scammers are trying to take advantage of that," he said. "These scammers are extremely convincing. With so many people at home, they're preying on our anxiety and hope we let our guard down."

McColm said Manitoba Hydro has suspended all service disconnections indefinitely due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

"We will never phone you and demand immedi-

ate payment by a prepaid card or a money order," he said.

McColm also said scammers falsify their caller ID information to make it appear they're calling from Manitoba Hydro. Customers should call Manitoba Hydro at 204-480-5900 or 1-888-624- 9376 if they get a call or email and are unsure if it's authentic. Customers can also send a message to the utility's Facebook or Twitter pages @manitobahydro.

Stonewall couple send words of encouragement

By Evan Matthews

In uncertain times like these, sometimes all a person needs to keep going is a little bit of encouragement, according to a Stonewall couple.

Karen and Brian Korchinski moved to Stonewall in 1995 from the Edmonton area, drawn to the small town by its sense of community. It's that very sense of community they're trying to give back in what they're calling "encouragement packages."

"We tend to focus a lot on perspective and how we view what could be perceived as negative situations," said Karen.

It's been her goal to focus on the positive aspects of life despite the pandemic, while also recognizing a lot of people are struggling.

"As hard as things can be, and they aren't great for us right now either, we believe if you focus on the negative that it just doesn't get you anywhere," she said. "If you focus on the positive, focus on what's important and love one another, things feel a lot easier."

With an artistic and creative flare to her personality, Karen said she is part of an online creative group. One of the ladies in the group received a gift, a jar full of positive messages, that one of the other creators had sent to her.

Having enjoyed the idea, Karen said she wanted to do something similar in her community.

"I wanted to help people I'm connected with feel

good, and I wanted to acknowledge people on the frontlines," said Karen, adding it was fun for the couple to have a project to work on, too.

"We turned it into a four-day project. We did watercolour painting on paper to create some background and then started writing positive messages on the paper, eventually putting the messages not in jars but in gift bags."

Messages to frontline workers read things like, "Not every superhero wears a cape," or "You've got this! We're all behind you!"

The couple went around town April 7 and 8 to the hospital, seniors homes, each of the pharmacies and grocery stores, the gas stations, Tim Hortons, Home Hardware and more in an attempt to acknowledge anyone working to keep the community afloat.

The Korchinskis also gave 25 encouragement packages to people they're connected with, Karen said, hoping to keep everyone positive.

"Hopefully they know there are people thinking about them," said Karen. "It helped us to feel a little less hopeless, too."

As information relates to the pandemic, Brian said so many feel bombarded and overwhelmed.

With so many unknowns — how long will this last? What does the future look like? Who is being most impacted by the virus? — Brian said the encouragement packages were a way for the couple to help create a positive outlet for people to get some relief.



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Brian and Karen Korchinski have distributed encouragement packages around Stonewall to provide some positive mental health to friends and frontline workers.

"When they get through the encouragement package, they can pay it forward and pass it along to someone else. Despite the social distancing, you can feel a different sense of community evolving," said Brian.

"This just felt like the right thing to do."

Officer's throat slashed by inmate at Stony Mountain Institution

With files from CBC

A Stony Mountain Institution correctional officer was airlifted to Health Sciences Centre on April 15 after being assaulted by an inmate with an edged weapon, Correctional Service of Canada says.

The officer's throat was slashed, said the Union of Canadian Correctional Officers Prairies regional president James Bloomfield.

The incident happened at approximately 6:30 p.m. in the prison's structured intervention unit, a spokesperson for the federal corrections agency said. That unit is used to hold inmates who can't be managed in the mainstream population for security or other reasons.

STARS air ambulance was dispatched following the assault the correctional officer was taken to Winni-

peg.

The officer has since been released and is now recovering at home but will need a significant amount of time off to recover from his injuries, Bloomfield said.

The incident was "extremely traumatic" for everyone involved and some other officers who witnessed the attack are also off work and getting counselling, he said.

"You know, it's not a movie. It is unbelievably traumatic, and we're just very fortunate at this point that the officer was able to be recovering from these injuries," Bloomfield said.

The prison and RCMP are investigating.

Bloomfield said the union plans to review what can be done to make the structured intervention unit safer for correctional officers, as they have had

concerns about it in the past.

A spokesperson for the federal corrections agency said they do not tolerate any violence in the institutions.

"Disciplinary action is taken and criminal charges can be laid against offenders involved in violent inci-

dents," said Isabelle Robitaille, regional communications manager for Correctional Service of Canada.

"We examine each incident of violence to find out how it can be better prevented and address these situations."

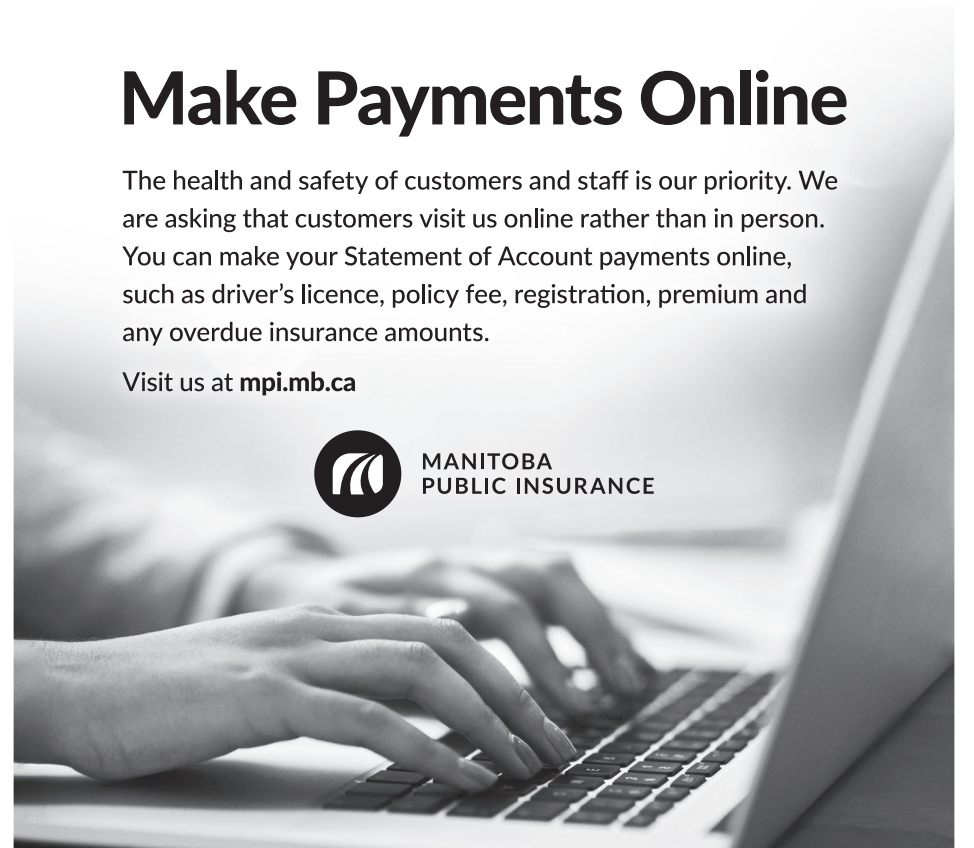
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Thousands in funding granted to local organizations

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The Interlake Community Foundation (ICF) grants thousands of dollars to local non-profits annually to help fund current and future projects.

This year was no different than others except there will be no formal awards presentation event due to the COVID-19 provincial rules including self-distancing, self-isolating and no gatherings of more than 10 people.

The ICF 2020 grant allocations have been made to the respective organizations.

"The granting process was very difficult this year as we had requests of over \$164,000 and only \$47,000 in available funds," said ICF executive director Tracy Holod.

Including the Build 150 grant funds, ICF granted over \$47,000 in community grants. Including designated and scholarship funds, ICF granted \$64,280.

Grant allocations are as follows: Rosser Central Community Club

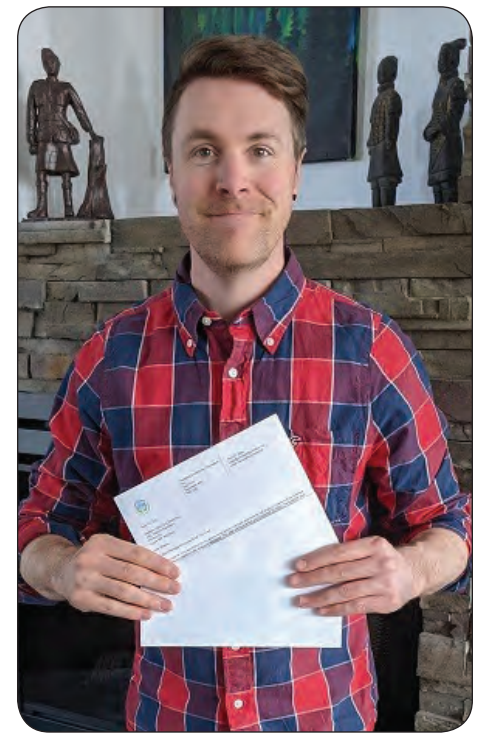
Inc. - upgrade HVAC system, \$4,400; Grosse Isle Memorial Rec Club Inc. - tech A/V presentation equipment system, \$3,675; Ducks Unlimited Canada (Oak Hammock Marsh) - build wetland centre, \$2,000; Teulon & District Museum Historical Society Inc. - paint exterior of shoe shop \$695; Prison Fellowship of Canada - purchase laptop, \$750; Woodlands Pioneer Museum Inc. - create Mission Trails Bottle Cabin exhibit, \$2,450; Starting Blocks Inc. - material to paint interior of facility, \$1,300; Teulon United Church - upgrades to CE building, \$2,650; Royal Life Saving Society of Canada - MB Branch Inc. - equipment for lifeguard training at Quarry Park, \$1,500; Green Acres Art Centre--Town of Teulon - purchase equipment for Drop-In Centre, \$2,650; The Vintage Locomotive Society Inc. Grosse Isle Heritage Site - concrete phase of washroom facility, \$2,000; Association for Community Living Interlake portable hoist lift and sling, \$4,160;

Settlers, Rails, and Trails Inc. - roofing three heritage structures, \$2,225; Stony Mountain Community Association Inc. - restoration of Centennial Park, \$5,240; South Interlake Regional Library - purchase a new bookmobile, \$7,500; South Interlake Regional Library Stonewall Branch - create a board room for community use \$2075; Stonewall Collegiate- Student Leadership Awards, \$600; Teulon Collegiate - Student Leadership Awards, \$600; Warren Collegiate - Student Leadership Awards, \$600;

Designated and Agency Endowment scholarships and awards totalled \$17,210.

Grand total for 2020 is \$64,280.

The ICF operates in the RMs of Rockwood, Rosser and Woodlands and the towns of Teulon and Stonewall and is a non-profit organization that manages endowments funds that are established from donations from municipal governments and private donors.



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Settlers, Rails and Trails Inc.'s Shayne Campbell received \$2,225.

Missing man safely found after walking away from the hospital

By Jennifer McFee

The community came together last week to search for a missing Stonewall man, who was found alive in a heated building near the Winfield Transfer Station.

On Monday, April 13, 70-year-old William (Billy) Swanton left the Stonewall hospital on foot and was reported missing in the early evening. He was spotted heading westbound on 3rd Avenue South.

RCMP officers, firefighters, and a search and rescue team searched for the missing man with help from droves of volunteers.

The temperature was chilly at the time, and Swanton wasn't dressed for the cold weather.

Fire chief Curtis McClintock said the Stonewall-Rockwood Fire Department got the call at about 9 p.m. and they worked alongside local RCMP to search for the missing man.

"We would co-ordinate sections of the town. When we would clear each section, we would be given another section," he said.

"While we were out and about searching, there were numerous cars and people walking with flashlights, so the community really pulled together to look for the male."

McClintock was impressed with the response from the community.

"It was unbelievable. When it got out there that the in-

dividual had gone missing, social media blew up," he said.

"The Brethren community contacted us and they brought meals to the fire hall for the crews that were searching. They supplied food and beverages and coffee."

The fire department left the fire hall at about 2 a.m. and then resumed the search again around 9 a.m.

"The RCMP had the dogs out and drones in the sky and the military had their plane doing the thermal imager from the sky. When we were walking and seeing people with flashlights, the fire department had their thermal imagers just in case they saw somebody," McClintock said.

"It was definitely a good team effort and the end result was that the individual was found — so a sad story ended in the good."

After spending 18 hours on his own, Swanton was taken back to the hospital. He was healthy but disoriented.



PHOTO SUBMITTED
William (Billy) Swanton was found safely after walking away from the Stonewall Hospital on April 13.

Honour Stonewall's hometown heroes

By Jennifer McFee

Do you know a hometown hero who is making a difference during this pandemic period?

The Town of Stonewall would like to honour these local heroes who are working hard to keep the community going and to keep residents safe.

Laine Wilson, Rockwood-Stonewall recreation facilitator, is excited about the initiative.

"The intent of the project is to highlight some positivity and good. Right now, it can be hard to connect and I just wanted to try and bring

people together in some way," she said.

"Our community is strong, caring, compassionate and proud. I am really looking forward to seeing the community highlighting all those local heroes who are keeping us going. They deserve recognition."

Residents can submit a photo and short write-up about a person they would like to recognize for their community contributions by emailing info@stonewall.ca.

Each day, a new hero photo and story will be posted on the town's social media website.

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Rosser family struck four times by coronavirus

By Jennifer McFee

An RM of Rosser councillor is recovering from a bout of COVID-19, but her husband remains in hospital due to the virus.

Lee Garfinkel began experiencing chest pains, cough and headache on March 21 along with her 24-year-old daughter Ava.

"The symptoms are different for everybody. I'm 56 and I didn't know if I was having a heart attack or not. But I was going through it at the same time as my daughter, and she had chest pain also. That was one of the worst symptoms for me," said Garfinkel, a health-care worker.

"Then I got pneumonia. I had burning in my chest and a shortness of breath. You lose your sense of taste and smell."

Then around April 4, Garfinkel's husband Harvey and 17-year-old son Max started to show symptoms too.

"My son came through it pretty quick. In five days, he bounced back," she said, adding that their other son Alex lives on his own and has remained healthy.

"But my husband is in the hospital right now with pneumonia and he's on oxygen. It's not good because you can't go in and visit. My husband has no underlying health issues. It is hard."

Garfinkel and her daughter are feeling much better now, but they're still trying to regain their energy.

"My pneumonia is mostly gone and I think the COVID's gone, but it's still the stamina and fatigue that I'm dealing with. The problem is that you have



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Harvey and Lee Garfinkel.

this residual fatigue," she said.

"I have actually been cleared by Public Health already. I have to go through a process to go back to work, and they're thinking that I don't quite have the stamina yet so I'm trying to build it up. I'm doing better but my husband, unfortunately, is not. He's had a rough ride of it."

Garfinkel sees parallels between today's situation and that of the 1918-19 flu pandemic that is estimated to have killed 50 million people worldwide.

Her grandmother Edna Miller wrote about the pandemic, among other stories from her life in small-town Manitoba, in a book called *A Country Girl's Life*.

Born in 1899, Miller was being courted by her soon-to-be husband during last century's flu pandemic. She was a school teacher, and she had to take over for the local teacher when the pandemic hit.

In part of the book, she wrote about how the flu was "spreading like

wildfire over America at that time."

"They were unable to give people proper burials in large cities like New York," Miller wrote, "so trenches were dug and mass funerals held."

In January, the quarantine was lifted in her community of MacGregor, but a second wave of flu soon spread through the area.

"They had a big carnival in early February and in two days there were 500 cases of flu. We were all still at the carnival, and when we heard of all the cases, my father went at once and got in a supply of groceries and some drugs," she wrote.

"On a Sunday night, a day or so after, I was setting my bread and I just collapsed and our whole family, except my father and mother, were very ill."

Some cousins, who had experienced the flu earlier in the fall, cared for the family during their illness. Deaths occurred in the town, and one of the large houses was turned into a temporary hospital.

For Garfinkel, reading from her grandmother's book helped to put the current pandemic into perspective.

"My advice would be to proceed very cautiously, even if things open up. It's not something you want to get. You're not immune. You can get it and you don't have to have an underlying health condition to be hit really hard," she said.

"I naively went into it thinking that we would be OK because we were all healthy. None of us take any medication for any chronic health conditions. I thought we would be OK, but that was an error in thinking. I was naive to think this was something we would all bounce back from."

Looking ahead, Garfinkel is holding onto the hope that her husband's health will take a turn for the better.

"I hope that I'll have good news that my husband has turned a corner and made a full recovery," she said.

"It certainly can hit people pretty hard. It's been quite an experience and it really takes a chunk out of your life. This has been going on for a month for us — and it's not done yet."

Special window visitor



TRIBUNE PHOTOS BY LINDSAY HARRISON AND CORINNE NYKORAK

With window visits being the new normal, residents at Rosewood Lodge Personal Care Home in Stonewall were thrilled with their four-legged visitors and riders last Friday. Kimberly Lyons riding Lark, left, and Corinne Nykorak riding Doc from Blackbird Ranch Equine Rescue and Rehab were responsible for the smiles on the residents' faces. The horses were as curious as the residents as they got their noses right up to window.

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Rosser residents raise the roof to show support and share love

By Jennifer McFee

Rosser residents embraced the opportunity to “raise the roof” in honour of all the helpers during this pandemic period.

On Sunday, April 19 at noon, residents took to the streets to make some noise in an effort to share love in the community.

Reeve Frances Smee launched the initiative as a way to show that we’re all in this together.

“We were all seeing on TV the different things people are doing — whether it’s singing on balconies in Italy or everybody coming out and clapping and sounding the sirens,” she said.

“I just thought that we should do something out here because it can be hard in rural areas to stay connected. We can’t necessarily be on a farm and look out the window and see our neighbour and give them a wave.”

However, it’s possible to make a lot of noise in rural areas — and that’s just what the community did last weekend.

“We can make a lot of noise on the farm, so we thought we would invite the community to do this to thank everybody who is continuing to work and provide services — the health-care workers and drug stores and grocery stores and all of these people who are still managing to go on,” Smee said.

“Of course, we also have people who



Greg and Deanna Johnson along with Burke, Callie and Reid.

are fighting the virus themselves, so we thought we would do this too. There’s so much bad news that is disheartening, and we all need a bit of things like this.”

Smee also encourages Rosser residents to share posts on the RM’s new #RosserTogether social media sites or email them to rossertogogether@gmail.com as a way to connect. Some ideas for photos or videos include words of gratitude to front-line workers or any other uplifting messages.

Posts could also share ways to pass the time at home during the pandemic or photos or videos of residents holding the #RosserTogether logo.

“If anybody wants to share anything



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Rosser Fire department participated in the “raise the roof” initiative.



Rosser Reeve Frances Smee was ringing a bell as vehicles passed by.

good that’s going on, just send it in and we’ll get it up,” Smee said.



Grosse Isle residents Addison, left, and Jill Campbell banged on pots to make some noise.

“Hopefully it will be a way to get everybody connected again.”

ISD plans ahead for next school year

By Jennifer McFee

Amid educational changes due to the pandemic, the Interlake School Division is planning ahead for the next school year.

With the 2020-21 budget, the school division is looking to fill divisional positions for a literacy support teacher and numeracy support teacher in keeping with its continuous improvement plan. In addition, the division will be seeking a second school psychologist to support students, families and staff.

The division is also looking to fill several administrative positions, including principals for both Ecole RW Bobby Bend School and Teulon Collegiate Institute as well as teaching principals for Balmoral School, New Haven School and Mallard School.



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Small gestures create big impact on Lions' residents

By Jennifer McFee

Sometimes it's the smallest gestures that can make the biggest difference.

For Diana Goudy, these dark days are a little brighter thanks to interesting items that another Lions Manor resident posts daily on his door.

She looks forward to strolling past Dale and Rosemarie Yeo's abode to check out what witty or thought-provoking tidbits are affixed for all to see.

"I go for a daily walk in the building and I always look forward to stopping at Dale's door and seeing what he has posted. He either puts something humorous or thoughtful and it adds to the day," said Goudy, who contacted the *Tribune* to share her appreciation for the gesture.

"It's one of the positive things that somebody's doing. I think it's very thoughtful of him to have something new every day."

As for Yeo, he's been gathering materials to post from family and friends from near and far, as well as from



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One picture depicted a new method for baptism with social distancing.

newspapers and an array of other sources.

"There's no shortage of raw material. It's something that either makes them laugh or makes them think," he said.

"If we give up our sense of humour or our sense of hope during this time, then we're in big trouble. If it gives people a laugh as they're going by, that's the whole point of it."

While some posts are funny, others

offer insights including poignant poetry and notes of gratitude.

"Sometimes we just put thank-yous up for people around the building. We've had wonderful care here from the Lions Manor. They were ahead of the curve in terms of recognizing the problem," Yeo said.

"They got in front of it and have done a great job. That's not just my opinion but also the opinion of a good

many people here. So we put a big thank-you out to a lot of individuals here who are making sure things keep going as well as they can."

The daily posts provide a sense of hope during the uncertainty of the pandemic.

"Apparently it touches a cord with a few people because I hear them coming down and taking pictures of the door and forwarding it to others," said Yeo, who is also committed to phoning other Lion Manor residents in an effort to keep connected.

"I even had a thank-you note one day for one particular inspirational thought."

These little actions boost the morale of many others, including Goudy.

"Dale is the kind of person who's always helping people out and this is a new thing that he's doing during this time," she said.

"The little things make a big difference."

Rosser council news in brief

By Jennifer McFee

Rosser council met by teleconference for a special meeting on April 2 to amend a borrowing bylaw.

Council passed first reading to allow for the expenditure and borrowing of money to build a wastewater collection system and water distribution system to service the undeveloped part of the Rosser CentrePort Phase 1

Stage 1A area.

Council met again by teleconference for its regular meeting on April 7. Coun. Lee Garfinkel was granted a leave of absence.

During the meeting, council accepted the Rockwood-Rosser Weed District 2020 budget and approved a \$16,580 levy, which is budgeted for in the 2020 financial plan.

In other council news:

- The RM will be getting public service communication radios for the Rosser Fire Department. The provincial government selected BellMTS to provide these radios for the province and asked municipalities to submit their needs for this equipment. Council accepted proposal for BellMTS for the radios at a cost of \$73,129 plus tax,

which will be included in the 2020 budget.

- Council accepted a quote from B&B Landscape and Cartage Inc. for aggregate hauling at a cost of \$5.21 per tonne in 2020 and \$5.36 per tonne in 2021.

- Edna Jeffrey of Jeffrey's Environmental will be provided with two Rockwood Rosser Wastewater Treatment Lagoon wastewater disposal vehicle licences and gate key for 2020.

- Fort Distributor's Ltd. will provide dust control for 2020 after providing a quote of 31 cents per litre for magnesium chloride. The application deadline for dust control is May 31 at a rate of \$275 based on a 12-foot by 300-foot strip.

- Council approved a request from Manitoba Hydro to install electrical service on Goldenrod Drive.

- Council defeated a conditional use application from Nicolas Stratuliak to run a junk removal business called Chuck It Junk Removal on a property on PTH 7.

- Council accepted a proposal from the RM of St. Francois Xavier regarding Second Creek drainage.

- Council granted a 12-month extension on a conditional use order that will allow Martin White to build a new single-family home on a property on Road 9E.

- The RM will reverse penalties charged for April on arrears for water and wastewater utilities and property taxes due to the COVID-19 pandemic. In addition, no penalties will be charged for the month of May.

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We're not out of this yet: IERHA bracing for potential COVID increase

By Patricia Barrett

Ron Van Denakker, CEO of the Interlake-Eastern Regional Health Authority, has been holding conference calls with media once a week to provide updates on the continuing spread of the highly infectious coronavirus, COVID-19, and what measures the RHA is taking to help contain and manage it. There was no conference call on Good Friday. The following updates are from April 17.

- Although provincial health officials reported low numbers of new COVID infections last week, Manitoba could see a spike in case numbers if people failed to stay home during Easter (COVID symptoms generally emerge within a 14-day period), and begin to break their isolation as the weather warms up.

As of Sunday evening, Manitoba had 253 COVID cases, with 143 recoveries, 105 still active and five deaths, according to provincial data. Seventeen cases are in the Interlake-Eastern region.

"Even though we're seeing small numbers, we're getting into warmer weather and people are getting tired of [staying home], so it's possible we could see a reversal in the numbers and it could hit in a big way," said Van Denakker. "Those numbers can increase exponentially and quickly get out of control. We are still very much planning for the worst. We're not out of this yet."

That's the reason why some medical tests and surgeries have been cancelled, he said. The RHA is, however, providing virtual care and monitoring patients who had been scheduled for procedures. If a patient's condition requires attention, they'll get medical care.

- The IERHA has 27 beds at the Selkirk hospital set aside exclusively for COVID-infected patients who don't require acute care or intensive care. Those beds are part of a provincial-wide "bed map" and are ready to go at a moment's notice.

- The IERHA has health-care workers moving between multiple care homes, but they're being screened before starting a shift to help protect residents from a potential COVID outbreak.

"There's a self-screening process and there's also screening at the door," said Van Denakker. "We'll soon

have infrared thermometers and we'll be doing temperature checks."

Long-term care homes in other provinces have experienced severe COVID outbreaks and dozens and dozens of residents have died. Public health authorities recognize that health-care workers taking shifts at multiple homes have contributed to infections. Low wages are the reason workers need to work at more than one facility.

In Quebec alone, about 55 per cent of COVID deaths have occurred in care homes. Premier Francois Legault was quoted a few weeks ago as saying the deaths "look a lot like major negligence" and has asked police to investigate.

Van Denakker said the health authority is "keenly aware of the tragic situations" in other provinces. And if there is a move towards the need to prevent staff from moving between multiple care homes, the RHA will consider it.

In the meantime, "we've rolled out universal precautions, including personal protective equipment (PPE), in our long-term care centres," he said. "Those are mechanisms to prevent any potential transmission between staff and between staff and patients. If full PPE is required ... it's deployed."

N95 masks, designed to prevent small viral particles from penetrating the material, are available in the IERHA's long-term care homes should a COVID-positive case arise, he said. N95s are typically used only for specialized procedures requiring nebulization or intubation.

"If there were a resident experiencing respiratory issues, staff would go in wearing the appropriate equipment to make sure they're safe and to keep the client safe," he said.

There is enough PPE in areas where staff are "most likely going to end up dealing with people who have COVID," but there is a worldwide shortage, he noted. The province is working on bringing more equipment in. Very soon, the IERHA is going to be receiving sterilization machines for "gently used" N95 masks that haven't been soiled or broken.

"We're distributing PPE very cautiously and monitoring it closely. We're trying to preserve PPE for high-need areas," said Van Denakker.

- If a situation arises where a long-term care resident is suspected of having COVID, they would be immediately isolated — as had been done



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Colourized image of a cell (in blue) infected with COVID-19 (in red).

when a Betel Home staffer in Gimli was thought to be COVID-positive — and monitored on site.

"The last thing we want to do is move a COVID case from one location to the next. You want to keep it isolated. That's the whole idea," said Van Denakker. "So we're monitoring people and should their condition deteriorate to the point where they'd need an acute care hospital, they'd be transferred to one. It's important to know that ... they would absolutely be transported to the hospital."

- To help prevent the transmission of the highly infectious virus, the IERHA had, early on, restricted family members from visiting long-term care facilities, apart from "compassionate" visits in which a resident is close to death from a non-COVID-related condition.

- Worldwide, COVID has infected 2.4 million people and killed over 165,000, according to Johns Hopkins University data as of Sunday evening. Almost 36,000 Canadians have been infected with over 1,500 deaths.

Well deserved break



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Six-year-old Hailey Stetch took a break from her studies last week and could be seen picking garbage out of the ditches around Stony Mountain last week. The French immersion kindergarten student filled two large bags. Hailey was inspired by Ted Bronson who can be seen picking up garbage on a regular basis.

Invisible and forgotten in the COVID-19 Crisis: Canadians with intellectual disabilities

Submitted by CACL

While Canadians are well informed of seniors' vulnerability to COVID-19 and all too aware of its devastating and life-threatening impact, the same cannot be said for individuals with intellectual disabilities, leaving them in harm's way.

The Canadian Association for Community Living (CACL) and its provincial and territorial associations have been raising the alarm and pleading for governments to act and protect the lives of individuals with intellectual disabilities, just as they have for other vulnerable populations. Governments have rightly committed to protecting those who are homeless, people experiencing domestic violence, and seniors yet remain unmoved by the comparable needs and risks of people with intellectual disabilities.

However, to the virus, individuals with disabilities are neither invisible nor forgotten. As families and those who provide support to people with

intellectual disabilities, we are forced to conclude that individuals with intellectual disabilities are not equally valued and their lives are expendable.

"The blatant disregard of the value of my daughter's life and others with intellectual disabilities is unconscionable and should never have been possible in this country," stated Robin Acton, CACL president and parent of an adult daughter with intellectual disabilities. "Every day across this land, politicians and health authorities attempt to reassure us. With each passing day, my daughter and others with intellectual disabilities remain invisible and forgotten. My anxiety and fear mounts."

Whether they live in their own homes, with their families, group homes or residential facilities, the vast majority of individuals with intellectual disabilities require personal support workers. Without these supports, their very lives are at risk at the best of times, so it should not be dif-

ficult to understand their vulnerability to the COVID-19 pandemic. Many cannot fully isolate from others due to their disabilities or living arrangements and therefore have a higher risk of contracting the virus.

The personal support workers who continue to provide support are among the many unsung Canadian heroes yet remain unrecognized and unsupported. They are deserving of additional wages as they risk their lives in the support of vulnerable Canadians. They continue day after day in their commitment to be in the homes of individuals with disabilities, without essential guidance from health professionals, access to needed protective personal equipment (PPE), or measures to address COVID-19's impact when it strikes an individual they support and/or themselves. These resources and measures, which need to be available to families as well, must be brought to bear today, not tomorrow.

Although proposals have been made to government by CACL and its member associations, plans still do not exist to ensure a trained workforce is available when individuals or staff become ill or to provide alternative living arrangements for those who require isolation. Government is only taking action when there is a COVID-19 crisis in a residential facility. As a result, lives will be lost which might otherwise have been saved.

Recently, Minister Carla Qualtrough announced the COVID-19 Disability Advisory Group to which Krista Carr, CACL executive vice-president, was appointed.

"I will be seeking a nationally co-ordinated approach with the provinces and territories that is immediately responsive to individuals with disabilities, their families and those who support them to ensure they are no longer invisible, forgotten or treated as if their lives do not matter," Carr stated.

Manitoba RCMP seize multiple firearms in Rockwood

Submitted by the RCMP

On April 10 at 3:25 p.m., officers were conducting a patrol on Highway 7 in the RM of Rockwood when they performed a traffic stop on a pickup truck towing a utility trailer.

In speaking with the 32-year-old male driver from the RM of Rockwood, the officers observed a firearm which led to his arrest. A further search of the truck led to the seizure of two additional firearms, one of which was prohibited. The utility trailer was also discovered to have been reported stolen from Winnipeg back in October of 2017.

Further investigation led to a search warrant being executed on April 11 at a residence located in the RM of Rockwood. The search resulted in the recovery of additional stolen property as well as a large quantity of firearms, ammunition and other firearm related material.



The 32-year-old has been released for court scheduled July 20 in Stonewall Provincial Court and will face numerous property and firearm related charges.

The investigation — being completed by the newly formed East District Crime Reduction/Enforcement Support Team (CREST), the National Weapons Enforcement Support Team (NWEST), The Roving Traffic Unit and Stonewall RCMP — continues.



TRIBUNE PHOTO SUBMITTED

Stonewall RCMP recovered a large quantity of firearms, ammunition and other firearm-related material during a search on April 11.

Manitoba RCMP release statistics on COVID-19 enforcement

Submitted by the RCMP

Between April 8 and April 13, the Manitoba RCMP received 64 calls related to COVID-19. The majority of the calls were reports of 10 or more people gathering at a location and not respecting the orders in place

under The Public Health Act.

Enforcement was not required for 46 of the calls as they either did not fall under the purview of the RCMP or were resolved through education and/or guidance given by responding officers.

In 18 instances, officers attended the location of the complaint and issued a verbal warning.

There were no fines issued or arrests made during this time period.

The RCMP would like to thank all Manitobans for their continued sup-

port and cooperation.

Manitobans living outside of Winnipeg are reminded not to call 911 for COVID-19 related issues. Reports of non-compliance can be made to the Manitoba Government Inquiry line at 204-945-3744.

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Humeniuk's baseball season ends early in Louisiana

By Brian Bowman

Ryan Humeniuk's baseball season at the University of Louisiana Monroe devastatingly ended early last month due to the ongoing coronavirus pandemic.

Then, on Easter Sunday, the city of Monroe suffered more devastation as a tornado savagely ripped through their area and destroyed multiple homes and buildings.

"I heard about it (Sunday) morning after getting notifications on my phone about severe weather in the Monroe area," said Humeniuk from his family's Stonewall home last week. "I was talking to a couple of my teammates from west Monroe and they said, 'That it was getting pretty dicey and the wind was starting to howl pretty good.' I talked to all of my coaches soon after it hit and the Monroe Regional Airport got destroyed. They closed that airport until further notice now and you just send prayers to the people of Monroe and Louisiana."

"The world is going through a tough enough time as it is and this certainly is not going to help them. I've reached out to all of the people that I know of and, as far as I know, everyone has been OK."

Humeniuk has been at home for the past month. He made the lengthy drive home with his girlfriend as panic soon spread in the south regarding COVID-19.

"We were planning on staying down there as long as we could but they closed down campus and I had no ac-

cess to the weight room or access to the field," Humeniuk explained. "Obviously, school was shut down with the classrooms so I wasn't going to class. Then they started talking about closing the borders and we didn't know when that would be so we figured it would be the safest with all the insurance type of stuff."

Humeniuk and his Warhawks' teammates had gotten off to a tremendous start to their season, posting a 12-5 record.

"It was either the best or second-best start in ULM history and that was an incredible feat and a testament to how hard our guys were working in the offseason and how hard the coaches worked to get us ready for the season," Humeniuk said. "I felt we were firing on almost all cylinders early in the year, which was exciting. The other part that was exciting was we felt we were getting better and playing better baseball against top competition with schools like Ole Miss."

The Warhawks' offence was a very potent one. Louisiana Monroe had already scored 26 runs in one game and 23 in two others.

"A big thing was having all of that speed on the bases," Humeniuk said. "We stole a ton of bases and that really makes a pitcher's life tough when he doesn't know what's going on because we're moving around all of the time."

Humeniuk had four of those stolen bases to go along with a team-leading .410 batting average with three home runs and 14 RBI in 61 at bats.



PHOTO SUBMITTED

Ryan Humeniuk was having a fantastic season at the University of Louisiana Monroe when their season was forced to shut down due to the coronavirus pandemic. The Stonewall product was hitting a team-leading .410 with three home runs and 14 RBI in 61 at bats.

He was off to a red-hot start.

"I was seeing the ball well and I did a lot of work in the summer and fall on pitch recognition and making sure I had better pitches to hit in my at bats and pitches I could really do damage on," Humeniuk said.

"I really have to tip my hat to the guys hitting around me. It's tough to pitch to a guy when you have so many good hitters to face."

Humeniuk, a senior, still has one

more year of eligibility due to the season being shut down early. But scholarship money has yet to be determined for next season.

"We don't have all of the details yet with the school still figuring it out," Humeniuk said. "It's new to everyone how that's all going to get lined up. As far as right now, my plan is to return to ULM or if I get some kind of opportunity to play professionally."

Sholdice selected as a Basketball Manitoba Graduating All-Star

By Brian Bowman

Hunter Sholdice was selected to two graduating all-star games this season.

He had an opportunity to play in the volleyball one earlier this year but last Saturday's basketball game was cancelled due to the coronavirus pandemic.

The Warren Collegiate student-athlete was proud to have been chosen as a Basketball Manitoba Graduating All-Star.

"It's great but I actually didn't even know I was nominated," said Sholdice last Sunday. "My coach just texted me one day and I was, 'Oh sweet.'"

"There were quite a few (great players selected). Just from the Interlake, (Gimli's) Blake Magnusson is a great player and he probably deserves it a lot more than me but, even though we won't be playing the game, it feels cool to be honoured to play with lots of those good guys. It would have been neat."

Besides excelling in basketball, Sholdice is also a very good volleyball player. He also plays badminton, curls, runs cross country, and competes in track and field at the high school level.

He wasn't able to compete in a cou-

ple of those events this year due to Manitoba school's shutting down.

"I'm not overly disappointed but I'm more disappointed about our basketball season being cancelled," Sholdice said. "The thing with basketball and volleyball, it's a team (sport) whereas track I was on my own. I like the whole team aspect of it."

Sholdice has a lot to be proud of during his time at Warren Collegiate. He really enjoyed many different experiences at the school.

"It's an amazing school," he stressed. "The athletic program is great and all of the coaches and the people that

get behind you is just amazing. My volleyball coach Mark Hnatiuk and Cathy Pleskach, my basketball coach, they are probably the two best coaches that you could ever ask for."

The camaraderie among students was really good, too.

"The whole environment is just great," Sholdice said. "I have a few close friends and pretty much since Grade 9, we've all played (sports) with each other because we're a bit of a smaller school."

Magnusson recognized by Basketball Manitoba

By Brian Bowman

Blake Magnusson had a tremendous senior season with the Gimli Lakers' varsity boys' basketball team.

And on Saturday he was rewarded for that excellence.

Magnusson was named a Manitoba first-team A-AAA all star and was also named a Basketball Manitoba Graduating All-Star.

"It's something I've worked for in all of high school and before to get those honours," said Magnusson on Monday afternoon. "It's nice to have it happen but it would have been nicer to have played in the game this past weekend but circumstances have made everything different."

Magnusson was really looking forward to playing in that all-star game against the province's elite players

"It sucks to not get a chance to play with the best basketball players in Manitoba," he said. "But hopefully with university I'll still be able to play again against high-level players."

The Lakers were playing at a very high level before their season was abruptly ended due to the coronavirus pandemic.

Gimli, the No. 4 seed in Manitoba among "AA" schools, had a very good shot at doing some serious damage at provincials.

"This was our one chance in the past four years to put a run together," Magnusson said, noting the Lakers lost just three games this past season. "But it came to a close two weeks early."

Gimli had a very strong team that got better and better over the years while playing together. They also had good size and some very talented younger players.

"Our three younger Grade 11s all improved dramatically over the past three years to the point that we could contend with the best in Manitoba," said the 6-foot-6, 255-pound power forward. "Through all five positions, we had no weaknesses and I think that was one of the biggest things from

playing with that group in Grade 10 when we got second in provincials to now where we all improved dramatically."

The Lakers had a ton of fun while winning a lot of games.

"We had a goal in mind of winning provincials so there were quite a few games where we took it for granted," he said. "They were easier-type games for us and now you look back when you're done and you wish you didn't take them for granted."

"But it was the most fun year of basketball I've ever had."

Magnusson, a dominant player inside and a good shooter, will be playing at the university level next season. He said an official announcement as to where he will be playing would be released soon.

"My goal has always been college basketball and hopefully get some education paid for along the way," he said.



Blake Magnusson

Local athletes named MHSAA Graduating basketball all stars

By Brian Bowman

Four local athletes were selected as MHSAA Graduating basketball all stars last Saturday.

Teulon Collegiate's Jacey Ledochowski and Mackenzie Garand were both selected to the all-star teams Saturday.

"Very proud of both girls being selected as all stars by the other coaches we have played against this year," said Saints' coach Jason Darragh in an email. "Our team was made up of girls from grades 9 to 12. We had five Grade 12s that usually were asked to play most of the time in close games and were a big reason we were ranked No. 1 heading into (the varsity girls') provincials this year before they were cancelled. Jacey and Mackenzie usually played the entire 40 minutes of



Jacey Ledochowski



Mackenzie Garand



Hunter Sholdice



Joy McCutchen

games this year."

Garand was also selected as a first-team female A-AAA all star. She was the only "AA" player selected to the first team with the rest being "AAA" players.

"I have coached her now for five years since Grade 8," Darragh noted. "She was a great player for us over the years and especially this year. She was our leading scorer and usually our top rebounder and was a big reason why we had a 15-3

record this season. I really think if she is willing to keep working hard she could go play at the next level if she wants."

Warren Collegiate's Hunter Sholdice and Joy McCutchen were also named Graduating all stars.

MJHL announces 2020 Auto-Protect list

Staff

The Manitoba Junior Hockey League announced the 2020 Auto-Protect list on Monday.

The Selkirk Steelers chose St. Andrews' forward Dawson Zeller and Lockport defenceman Andrew Hladun.

Both players were with the Winni-

peg Hawks this past season.

Each 11-member club was given the opportunity to list two players born in 2005 from their respective home zone. The 2020 Auto-Protect list features 17 players who will no longer be eligible for the upcoming 2020 MJHL draft.

New to this year's draft procedures, teams had the option to decline an

Auto-Protect selection and defer that pick to round seven or eight of the draft.

"The auto-protect selections are an important process for our clubs leading up to the draft every season that can be challenging but very rewarding towards their future success," said MJHL director of operations Kevin

Saurette. "Many players who are protected during this process each season go on to become solid pillars of each club and standout players in the MJHL."

The 2020 MJHL draft will commence this Sunday at 9 a.m.

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2. For safety purposes, the maintenance of roads by the Municipality takes priority over anyone's application of dust control.
3. The Municipality shall not be responsible to replace anyone's application of dust control.

The Rural Municipality of Rockwood will accept requests for the application of dust control, on a **PRE-PAYMENT BASIS ONLY**, on municipal roads in front of residences in the Rural Municipality of Rockwood. **This includes residences in the Rural Residential Zones.**

Ratepayers may obtain dust control on the basis of \$400.00 per application. **Orders and pre-payments** for same to be made to the Rural Municipality of Rockwood Administration Office by **Friday, May 15, 2020**. The application will consist of actual width of road x 100 metre strip. The area to be serviced must be staked out prior to application. Dust Control will be applied during the early part of June, **weather permitting**.

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THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF ROCKWOOD

UTILITY OPERATOR

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Under direction of the Utility Manager, the Part-Time Utility Operator will assist in the operation of modern Class II Reverse Osmosis treatment system, Class II Water Distribution Systems, and Class II Wastewater Collection. The Part-Time Utility Operator is expected to conduct necessary weekend water analysis to ensure Canadian drinking water quality guidelines are met, and to participate in the work schedule in effect as established by the Utility Manager.

The successful candidate must possess the following:

- Directly related experience in operation of a Reverse Osmosis process would be an asset
- Demonstrated ability to apply knowledge of the principles and concepts of water treatment
- Excellent computer skills and familiarity with SCADA control, Microsoft Word and Excel are a definite asset
- Ability to work with minimum of supervision or alone
- Ability to work with the public, employees and external stakeholders
- Class II in Water Treatment, or willing to obtain
- Class II in Water Distribution, or willing to obtain
- Class II in Wastewater Collection, or willing to obtain
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Duties to commence as soon as possible.

Applicants who do not meet the above qualifications will be welcomed, providing they are willing to obtain certification in the future.

Salary shall commensurate with experience.

Interested candidates should submit a cover letter and a complete resume outlining education, experience, and three references, and should be submitted in a sealed envelope marked:

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The deadline for application submissions is open until filled.

For further information on this position, please contact Alan Schick, Utility Manager 204-467-2272.

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From: Wednesday, May 13, 2020 starting at 9:00 a.m.
To: Wednesday, May 6, 2020 starting at 9:00 a.m.

Council,
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Rural Municipality of Woodlands

REQUEST FOR QUOTATION

Gravel Hauling & Spreading


The RM of Woodlands is requesting quotations for 2020 hauling and spreading of approximately 22,000 tonne of RM gravel. The option for contractor self-loading must be shown separately in the quote.

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Note: Deadline for applications is May 29, 2020.

Council
 The Rural Municipality of Rosser

 **Teulon Rockwood Fire Department Cleaning Tender**

Tenders will be received by the Town of Teulon for Cleaning Services at the Teulon Rockwood Fire Hall located at 371 Main Street South. This tender will be for two years. Commencing May 11, 2020 until April 30, 2022. All tenders must be in writing and sent in a sealed envelope, clearly marked **"Teulon Rockwood Fire Department Cleaning Tender"** on the outside of the envelope to the attention of the Chief Administrative Officer, Town of Teulon, PO Box 69 Teulon, MB R0C 3B0 or emailed to cao.teulon@mymts.net

Detailed specifications are included in the Tender Package and will be made available starting April 16, 2020 to interested parties by sending an email request to cao.teulon@mymts.net. Contact information for a building familiarization tour is included in the tender package.

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OBITUARY

Donna Webb

Donna slipped away peacefully on April 7, 2020 at the age of 83 after several years of declining health.

She had a happy upbringing as the oldest child of Bruce and Ruby Hogg, growing up on the family farm south of Warren with her two brothers. After attending the Manitoba Normal School, Donna began teaching at age 19, spending two years at Grosse Isle and one year at Britannia School in St. James.

She married Ernie Webb of Stonewall in 1957 and became a full-time mother for several years before returning to teaching as a substitute in Stonewall. Later she completed a university degree and became a family support worker for Manitoba Community Services, where she spent 15 satisfying years assisting families with special needs children.

Donna was a talented amateur musician, playing piano and trombone and singing in choirs. She loved nature, kept a large garden and each year canned hundreds of quarts of vegetables and saskatoons. She was a generous supporter of many environmental groups and medical charities and sponsored foster children in Africa and Central America. During their 43-year marriage, Donna and Ernie enjoyed Elder Hostel programs in Manitoba, Ontario, Quebec and British Columbia. After Ernie's death, Donna continued to travel to places as diverse as Alaska, Labrador and Iceland.

She leaves to mourn her children Bruce (Nicole Armstrong), Allan (Marion Zerrenthin), David (Massimo Lanaro) and Barbara Smith; her brothers Bruce (Pat), Glenn (Margaret); grandchildren Michael Poloski and Carrie Smith; great-grandson Tripp Poloski; sisters-in-law Marlene Taylor (Jim) and Gwen Webb; many nieces, nephews and cousins as well as the families with whom she worked over the years.

We will miss her generous supportive nature and her cheerful common sense approach to life.

The family would like to thank Dr. Graham and especially the sensitive and compassionate staff at Rosewood Lodge who cared for our mother so well in her last year.

At Donna's request, she has been cremated and there will be a small family gathering to remember her life well lived.

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OBITUARY

Rose Przibislawsky

With great sorrow we announce the passing of Rose Przibislawsky age 93 years on April 18, 2020 at Rosewood Lodge.

We would like to thank the nurses, Dr. Graham and all staff for taking great care of Mom. Also special thanks to the nurses for allowing us to be with Mom during her final hours. She will be missed and is now at peace.

Cremation has taken place and no formal service will be held.

Donations may be made to Alzheimer Society of Manitoba, 10-120 Donald Street, Winnipeg, Manitoba, R3C 4G2.

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OBITUARY

Kelly Rae Atchison

November 28, 1974 – April 6, 2020

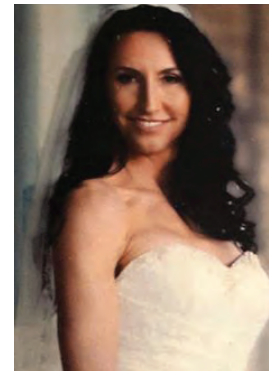
Kelly was a 1993 graduate of Warren High School and the University of North Dakota in 1997 with a Bachelor's Degree in Nutrition and Physical Education. She still holds the divisional record for track since the 1980's and was scouted by Olympic coaches.

On March 8, 2017 she married her husband Jeremy Chancellor. Kelly taught physical education in middle school from 1997 – 2001. She was a NASM certified personal trainer and a fitness model for Naturally Fit (WBFF). Along with her husband they own the cleaning service "Cleanfreaks". She attended Lincoln Berean Church where she was involved in many women's and mother's groups.

Family members include her husband Jeremy; children Kaelyn Rae and Chasen David; parents Doug and Sheila; brother Scott (Sheri) Atchison; niece and nephews Teagan, Donovan and Katie, all of Woodlands, Manitoba, Canada; parents-in-law Dennis and Charlene Chancellor, Lincoln; sister-in-law Michelle (Scott) Henrickson and family, Lincoln; brother-in-law Mike Chancellor and family, Littleton, CO and many other extended family members and friends.

Kelly loved life, especially her children, Jeremy and the Lord.

Kelly's service was held on April 13th in Lincoln, Nebraska. The service may be viewed at <https://vimeo.com/407371987/81b547b91f>



OBITUARY

Douglas L. Swanson

February 1, 1947 – April 10, 2020

With heavy hearts and a great sense of loss, the family of Douglas Swanson age 73 years of Teulon, announces his sudden and unexpected passing on April 10, 2020.

He leaves behind his loving wife Doreen; his son Rex and his daughter Twila; as well as three grandchildren Milen, Kinsley and Abigail-Rose. He is also survived by his two brothers, his sister and their families.

Doug was born February 1, 1947 in Winnipeg. He grew up in Inwood. Doug and Doreen knew each other almost all their lives as they began as pen pals as kids. They were married November 9, 1974 and were married for 45 years. Doug moved with his wife and children to Teulon in 1979, where he lived happily for the last 41 years.

Doug worked at CP Rail for over 35 years. He retired in 2002 at the age of 55.

Doug was a cowboy at heart. He could always be seen wearing his cowboy hat. He loved going to rodeos, watching old westerns and listening to his country music.

Doug was a man of few words. He had a huge heart. Doug would go above and beyond to help anyone in need. He was such a gentle and kind soul. Doug will forever be loved and missed by his family and friends.

Cremation will be taking place.

Thank you to Ken Loehmer Funeral Services.

As per family's decision there will not be a service.

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