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Korner Kutz Day Spa & Salon owner Tannis Thomson was happy to get back to work this past Monday. Hair salons in Manitoba were allowed to open if they followed strict COVID-19 guidelines created by the province. See story pg. 4.

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Fire chief transition for Teulon-Rockwood fire department

By Evan Matthews

The Teulon-Rockwood Fire Department has a new chief.

As of Jan. 1, 2020, Ryan Trombo has transitioned into the role of Teulon-Rockwood fire chief, taking over from Chris Dawson, who served as chief for the last 10 years.

"This wasn't a decision I made lightly, and it certainly wasn't an easy decision. It's one you make with mixed feelings. I really enjoy what I do, and I took a lot of pride in being the chief of the department, and what the department is and has come to be," said Dawson, who has served on the department for 28 years. He will remain a part of the department in a reduced role.

"It's with those same interests in mind you have to sometimes consider the greater good. When you've got an energetic and robust group coming up underneath you, you need to ensure they can continue to grow and evolve," he said.

Dawson said though his resignation may have come as a surprise to some on the department, and though he and Trombo are close in age, fire department members in the same age category will start stepping down in the next 10 to 15 years.

By Dawson stepping out of the role, Trombo will get some time as chief while some of the younger members will begin to take on more responsibility, too, as they begin moving up the ladder toward the role of chief when their time comes.

"In order for them to gain more responsibility, you kind of have to get out of their way and let them go and do things. It's for the long-term betterment of the department," he said.

Dawson added that the department's positive culture is, in his mind, the crowning achievement during his tenure.

"It's easy to look at the materialistic things. ... But in my tenure, I tried to be very open and committee-orientated in how things were done in our hall," he said.

"If you can create an atmosphere where everyone buys in and takes ownership, and they all take pride in what they're doing and want to improve, you're going to be successful ... and that translated to the fire scenes as well."

Dawson once learned from a predecessor that if you can leave an organization in a situation where it is better, stronger and faster (or more efficient) than it was before you joined, then



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Chris Dawson, left, handed over his official Teulon-Rockwood Fire Department fire chief title to Ryan Trombo on Jan. 1, 2020.

you've been successful. Dawson's hope is that such is the case with the Teulon-Rockwood Fire Department.

During Dawson's tenure, the department finalized the planning and construction of the new fire hall (which opened October 2019) and purchased news trucks, trailers, quads and pumps.

With Trombo now at the department's helm, the hope is to continue keeping up with technological advancements.

"With fire fighting, in general terms, not a lot has changed in how we fight fires, but the technology in doing some of the same work has," said Trombo, who served as deputy chief for seven years prior to his promotion. In total, Trombo has served on the department for 17 years.

"One of our main goals is going to be to stay on top of new technology and how it helps us fight fires," he said, mentioning the department's new drone as an example. The drone has thermal imaging capability, which

will help firefighters map out active fires and come up with best strategies for containment.

The value added to the department by having Dawson stay on as a member is immeasurable, according to Trombo, who said he is thankful for his predecessor's commitment.

"Chris did a great job of letting me know what would be involved prior to this transition. He's still there and not going anywhere, and if I have questions or anything, he's there to give his opinion and help us out," said Trombo.

"We have a really good core group of guys, we have good turnout, and we're all brothers in that hall. We treat each other like family," he said.

Dawson added that a key aspect to the department's success and growth during his tenure was in no small part due the support, assistance and dedication of Deputy Chief Perry McMahon.

"Together, as a department, we learnt a lot and were able to accomplish many things."

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B&C community newspapers still rolling off the press despite Postmedia closures

By Patricia Barrett

Since the mid-2000s, the circulation of print newspapers has been in freefall thanks to platforms such as Facebook and Google with their seductive ability to capture readers' and advertisers' eyeballs but which don't pay publishers for news content. Then COVID-19 came.

That lethal combination may have been partly responsible for the demise last week of 15 Postmedia community newspapers, but it has so far left Big and Colourful's (B&C) newspapers — *The Express Weekly News*, *The Selkirk Record*, *The Stonewall Teulon Tribune* and *The Winkler Morden Voice* — still rolling off the press.

As COVID decimates the economy, the survival of B&C's newspapers has come down to strong, loyal advertising support and a great staff who are willing to do everything.

But that doesn't mean the locally owned company has escaped COVID unscathed: 80 per cent of its advertising revenue from flyers and in paper ads — the fuel that drives print newspapers — has evaporated since the end of March.

Lana Meier, who co-owns and operates the four weeklies with business partners Brett Mitchell (*Selkirk Record*) and Rick Reimer (*Winkler Morden Voice*), said the company has had to furlough six of its 22 staff, whittle

down edition size and find other cost-cutting measures in order to keep operating while paying remaining staff and its bills.

"Fortunately, we are the newspapers left standing at the end of the day," said Meier after she heard Postmedia's bad news. "I'm getting emails, phone calls and messages on social media from people worried about the future of their newspapers. The most important message I share with everybody is this: buy locally, support local businesses."

Businesses such as grocery and hardware stores that pay to put flyers in the papers and others who buy ads are the people who bring you the paper. Support their business and in return thank them for their support to the paper," said Meier, whose headquarters are in Stonewall where she grew up.

Last week corporate behemoth Postmedia announced the shut-down of the *Interlake Spectator*, *Selkirk Journal*, *Stonewall Argus & Teulon Times*, *Morden Times*, *Altona Red River Valley Echo*, *Carman Valley Leader* and *Prairie Farmer* (Winkler), as well as several papers in Ontario's Windsor-Essex region. The company is laying off 80 people.

Postmedia CEO Andrew MacLeod, who earned a base salary of \$900,000 in 2019, plus a \$500,000 cash incentive reward contingent upon his continu-



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY JO-ANNE PROCTER

Lana Meier successfully launched a rural Manitoba newspaper chain in 2010. Last week she was reminiscing her life in the newspaper world.

ing role as CEO, said in an April 29 news release that these are "unprecedented times" and "we made the difficult decision to implement temporary salary reductions, temporary layoffs and some permanent closures."

The irony of Postmedia pulling the plug on community newspapers is not lost on Meier. Her dad, Merv Farmer,

bought the *Argus* in 1967 and started up the *Selkirk Journal* and *Spectator* in the 1980s, all of them eventually falling under Postmedia's banner.

But the death knell of those papers is not "my dad's legacy," said Meier, because his vision was fundamen-

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Hair salons given the green light to open their doors

By Jennifer McFee

Although the province is beginning to lift a few restrictions, it won't exactly be business as usual.

On Monday, May 4, the provincial government allowed several types of businesses to reopen — including hair salons, outdoor restaurant patios, dental clinics and most retail stores — as long as they follow strict rules to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

Tannis Thomson, owner of Korner Kuts in Stonewall, was surprised at the rapid-pace timeline to reopen after the initial announcement last Wednesday.

"We were told that we could tentatively reopen on May 19 — and then we were instructed that we had five days to reopen," she said.

"I wasn't happy with how they did it. I figured that we would be in the second phase."

She shifted to high gear to organize her shop for the change, although she decided to wait until Tuesday to welcome back the public with a modified schedule.

"We've had piles of people calling.

Anybody that had an appointment that was cancelled from March 15 till Monday will be getting priority calls to be first on the list. Then anybody else that calls right now will be added to the list," Thomson said.

"After everybody on the list gets in, we can start making appointments for the same day. Anybody who wants to do a walk-in or to buy products will have to phone first because there won't be anybody just walking into the salon."

Everyone with appointments will wait in their car at the back of the salon and then the receptionist will let people in at the time of their appointment.

"We have a protocol that you have to follow once you're in the salon. We've got 15 minutes booked between each client to sanitize everything that they've touched during that service," Thomson explained.

"We're asking people to wear a mask while they're here. It's a little bit of a problem when you're going around the ears but we'll work around it. For all of our staff, I've got face shields for

all of us to wear."

In addition, the pay station is now enclosed with Plexiglas for added safety.

"We're hoping to do as little amount of cash as possible and hoping to do it with the tap," Thomson said.

"As well, clients are not allowed to touch the retail products. They have to ask for it and the receptionist will get it for them."

As for the available services, they will be limited to only a few options.

"If you want a haircut but you usually get it washed, cut and blow-dried, we're telling you to wash it at home. Normally you would come in and I would wash and blow-dry your hair and then curl it or straighten it. We're not doing that," she said.

"We're just going to do the haircuts. I need to dry the hair to make sure it's falling into place and that's it. We won't be going into the major styling. But for our clients who come in every single week, we'll still wash, blow-dry and curl their hair. A lot of them have trouble washing their own hair at home."

For now, Korner Kuts will only be doing half highlights rather than full highlights, and balayage services will not be available.

"We'll be limiting you to one chemi-

cal service, so if you normally get colour highlights and a toner and lowlights, you'll be getting your roots done and a haircut only," she said.

"We also won't be doing any styling other than our weekly people who get their hair washed and blow-dried and curled. So if you're having a party on the internet with all of your family and you want an up-do, we won't be doing that."

In addition to figuring out how to amp up sanitation and safety processes, hair salons will also need to wade through challenges with staffing, schedules, wage subsidies and product availability.

"It's a mad rush to try to get everything in place, and it's a little bit more stressful for the business owners the way they did it. I wish they would have given us more notice. That would have made it a lot easier for everybody," Thomson said.

"I understand that we don't have to open if we don't want to, but lots of us have been financially hammered with this. We need to try to get back to a new normal — and our bank accounts need it too. I'm excited to get back to work, but I just wish it was another week before we had to get going."



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Rosser council news in brief

By Jennifer McFee

- In the RM of Rosser, the tax sale auction will be placed on hold for four months. The decision stems from Manitoba's declaration of a state of emergency due to the COVID-19 pandemic, which is causing financial difficulties for many businesses and individuals.

- On April 16, the Public Utilities Board provided approval for all municipally owned utilities to optionally waive late fees for utility bills. The RM of Rosser will not apply penalties for late payments due on April 1 and May 1 for water and wastewater utilities, which are both owned and operated by the RM.

- Council hosted a public hearing related to the 2020 financial plan, which proposes to lower the mill rate to 5.83.

- Council passed first reading for the 2020 tax levy bylaw.

- Council also passed first reading to establish water and wastewater rates within the Rosser CentrePort Utility.

- Council approved that the South Interlake Planning District can have Viterra proceed with an expansion while its still in the conditional use process, since there might be delays in conditional use hearings due to COVID-19. These delays would create challenges for the start of construction of the train facility expansion and loop track.



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Stonewall Quarry Days postponed

By Jennifer McFee

It's sad but true — Stonewall Quarry Days has now been added to the growing list of summer events postponed due to COVID-19 uncertainty.

Co-chair Stephanie Duncan said it's been a very difficult week and the volunteer committee was devastated to share the news with everyone.

"On April 29, the province announced that mass gatherings such as concerts, summer festivals and major sporting events will not be considered before September 2020," she said.

The stress is shared with co-chair Tanya Swanson, who lost sleep over

the announcement.

"I know how many people look forward to this event," Swanson said.

"I've been on the board for over 16 years and Stephanie has been for over 20, and it's hard to imagine the third weekend of August without Stonewall Quarry Days."

This event takes many volunteers and businesses to make it possible. The committee extends gratitude to local businesses for their continued financial support and patience when Main Street closes down to welcome more than 10,000 visitors for the popular event.



"It will be a different summer this year with Manitoba festivals cancelled, but we all know that we need

to be socially responsible in our actions," Duncan said.

"Stonewall Quarry Days Committee will continue to plan for a fantastic event in 2021, with entertainment on the free stage, fireworks, midway, vendors and a car show."

Next summer's event will run from Aug. 20 to 22, 2021, so it's worth marking it on your calendar in advance.

"On behalf of our committee, we want to thank you for shopping local, especially during this pandemic," Swanson added, "and that you continue to shop in our local stores as they start to rebuild from their closures."

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tally different from the way corporate news outlets run.

Farmer worked from a nondescript office in Stonewall, hiring locals, focusing on local events and politics and even resorting to Dickensian-like child labour (his own kids) to make the papers the success they had become before they were acquired by Quebecor and then by SunMedia/Postmedia.

"Every Tuesday at 5 a.m., dad would take all of us kids to the office to help with collating," said Meier. "He had big industrial shelving units where he kept all the papers. We could hardly reach the top so we would have to stack papers up under our feet so that we could collate flyers until we had to leave at 8:15 for school."

Of her six siblings, Meier was the only one to catch the news bug and she never recovered. She jacked in the idea of going to university in favour of working side-by-side with her dad in the news business.

After Farmer sold the papers to Quebecor, Meier stayed on, working as a senior group publisher for Manitoba and northwest Ontario for 17 years. She left SunMedia in 2010 after watching the lens shift towards a "cookie-cutter model" that was heavy

on syndicated news while still seeking rural advertising dollars.

She returned to her and her dad's roots — community-focused news — starting up the *Record*, *Voice* and *Tribune* before launching the *Express* in 2014. She also runs Interlake Graphics, a sheet-fed, quick-print operation that produces posters, brochures, office stationery and just about anything else that requires ink. (The newspapers are printed in Winnipeg.)

"We provide newspapers with strong readership value because of up-to-date and relevant news, balanced stories and a strong distribution network, including Canada Post's mailbox delivery, door-to-door carriers and newspaper pickup boxes located across our coverage areas," she said.

Each week the four free papers reach 119,500 readers (based on a standard metric of 2.5 readers per household), and advertisers are placed strategically on a page containing stories germane to their respective local areas, she said.

"We have reporters on the ground — except during this unprecedented pandemic — we've built relationships with our readership and we are a trusted news source," Meier added.

B&C is eligible for the federal government's 75 per cent wage subsidy program, a definite help as the pandemic guts revenues, but it's only a

short-term measure.

"We're very fortunate we've been able to continue publishing a paper every week and printing the same number of copies we did at the start of the year with the incredible local advertising support we've received," she said. "There are advertisers who absolutely value the paper and know it's important."

Advertisers aren't the only ones. Doreen Pendgracs, a public speaker best known for her expertise on high quality chocolate and author of the *Chocolatour* travelogue, said she's sad to see the loss of "local voices" and local jobs.

Pendgracs lives in Matlock, about halfway between Gimli and Selkirk, and said she gets B&C's *Express* and *Selkirk Record* and Postmedia's *Spectator*. She had to pick up Postmedia's *Journal* in Clandeboye, 22 kilometres down the road.

"It's wonderful having all these different papers because you get a slightly different perspective on the same issue from reading more than one writer's story," said Pendgracs, who's president of the Professional Writers Association of Canada and is currently helping amalgamate the organization with the Canadian Freelance Guild.

Advertising revenues are vital to both small and large publications, she said. And she should know, having worked as a freelance journalist for

rural newspapers such as Steinbach's *Carillon* and Pine Falls' *Clipper*, as well as for numerous magazines, some of which folded after advertising dollars dried up.

She said she hopes B&C can withstand COVID's impacts as the *Express* is a "trusted" community newspaper that has "earned its reputation."

"We frequently discuss *Express* stories at our Toastmasters' meetings," said Pendgracs, who founded the Gimli-based Toastmasters in the Arts club seven years ago. "I hope [Meier] finds a solution because I think the *Express* is one of the best written newspapers in Manitoba, as far as I've seen, and for local coverage. You don't miss any [community] issues and reporters cover things in a very balanced way."

As for the road ahead, Meier said it's business as usual. But if readers or local organizations are concerned about the future of newspapers, they can help by purchasing ad space, whether it's a block ad, classified or announcement.

"If every household that receives our paper takes out a small ad such as a congratulations, a thank you, a birth/death announcement or a for sale ad every couple of years, then the community newspaper will survive," she said.

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Liberals jump the gun with legislation?

By Evan Matthews

Last week, the minority Liberal government of Canada banned roughly 1,500 makes and models of “military grade assault-style” weapons in this country.

Good decision or bad decision? Let the debate begin.

This conversation seems delicate, as even people who are not gun owners have taken issue not with the legislation itself but how the government chose to pass it.

But there is also a large concentration of people expressing support for the ban.

In the midst of a global pandemic, the Liberal government used an order in council (OIC) to ban an array of semi-automatic rifles, all the while the Canadian judiciary system and parliament are effectively shut down.

Many people — even people who do not own guns — have been vocal about how undemocratic it is to use an OIC during a public health emergency to pass legislation.

The reality is, likely, that a topic this delicate should be debated among our elected leaders.

But with the recent massacre in Nova Scotia, many on the left view this as the perfect time to ban these weapons.

“Canadians need more than thoughts and prayers,” Prime Minister Justin Trudeau said.

What isn’t being mentioned, at least not very much, is that the east coast

shooter didn’t have a firearms licence when he carried out his massacre.

Nova Scotia RCMP said the gunman used semi-automatic pistols and semi-automatic rifles, all of which are now on the banned list.

Interestingly, though, Nova Scotia RCMP have been exploring whether or not the weapons used were illegally smuggled from the U.S.A. Regardless, those weapons were not purchased through legal means but through the black market.

The majority of registered gun owners in Canada are law abiding, though. So then the question then comes in: does taking firearms away from those people do anything to stop criminals who obtain their guns illegally?

But people can get many things on the black market, including drugs, rhino horns and elephant tusks, child pornography and so on. Does that mean our society should not have laws in place to prevent people from acquiring those items?

Then there are the case studies.

In 1996, in Port Arthur, Australia, a man killed 35 people and wounded another 28 with a semi-automatic rifle. Legislation changed within a month, restricting legal ownership of guns in the country, banning automatic, semi-automatic and shotguns all together.

According to stats in 2011, firearm-related suicides and homicides decreased.

In the 18 years before Port Arthur, reports suggest there were 13 total mass

shootings in Australia, compared to the one incident in the 22 years since legislation changed.

Prior to Canada, New Zealand was the most recent country to reform its gun laws, which has banned most semi-automatic weapons. Buyback programs, similar to what we are about to see in Canada, started in July.

It is too early to analyze New Zealand’s situation, but Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern cited Australia’s gun control success as inspiration for the change.

There are aspects to this conversation (in Canada) that, politically, are troubling: the way the Liberals have seemingly used a public health crisis and a recent act of terror to quickly pass legislation.

But there are also aspects to this that seem positive: cut and dry, assault-style weapons are no longer permitted in this country. It is illegal.

The analysis shows Canadians are likely safer as a result of this law, but at what cost? Does government continue to erode citizens’ rights for the “greater good?”

Ultimately, it depends on your value set.

Only one thing is for certain: it seems more and more that these are complex and polarizing times we live in.

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Premier unveils Manitoba's roadmap to expanding services safely

Physical distancing measures still in effect

Submitted the Manitoba government

Manitoba will begin a careful, multi-phased effort next week to gradually restore services, open some businesses and increase recreational opportunities while maintaining social distancing advice, Premier Brian Pallister announced April 29.

"We applaud Manitobans for doing their part to help flatten the curve and it is thanks to everyone's tremendous efforts that we are able to announce today a gradual, safe restoration of services and easing of restrictions on businesses, allowing many to reopen, should they so choose," Pallister said. "We must remain diligent in maintaining physical distancing and practising good hygiene, but our gradual, levelled approach will help us safely restore our services."

As of May 4, a variety of non-essential health-care and retail businesses will have the option to reopen under strict guidelines. All businesses and venues will be required to continue following social distancing and stringent cleaning practices to protect both employees and customers.

Size restrictions of public and private gatherings of no more than 10 people will remain in place. Everyone is expected to continue to follow social distancing rules at all times and to stay home if they are sick. Travel restrictions will remain in place such as avoiding all non-essential travel outside of Manitoba, and requirements for self-isolation for 14 days following travel will continue.

Based on the evolving global public health recommendations and modelling, Manitoba is in a position to begin a methodical, phased-in approach to reopening businesses, said Dr. Brent Roussin, Manitoba's chief provincial public health officer.

"Our public health measures to date have helped us reduce case numbers

and flatten the curve, but it is not practical to maintain these measures indefinitely," said Roussin. "That is why we will gradually reduce these measures including balancing the need to protect vulnerable Manitobans from COVID-19 with the need to protect Manitobans from the unintended impacts of strict public health measures, which include health and social impacts."

Phased Approach to Restoring Services

Restoring Safe Services: Manitoba's Pandemic Economic Recovery Roadmap consists of multiple phases. It is critical to note the timing and specifics noted in each phase are subject to change, based on the advice of public health experts and a continuous assessment of transmission patterns and other factors.

Full details are available at www.manitoba.ca/restoringsafeservices.

Restoring Services (Phase One) – beginning May 4

Critical public health measures and travel restrictions remain. Priority elective surgeries have been restarted, diagnostics screening will resume and some non-essential businesses will reopen but must limit occupancy to 50 per cent of normal business levels or one person per 10 square metres, whichever is lower. Services, businesses and venues include:

- non-urgent surgery and diagnostic procedures;
- therapeutic and medical services;
- retail businesses;
- restaurants – patio/walk-up services;
- hair salons;
- museums, galleries and libraries;
- seasonal day camps; and
- outdoor recreation and campgrounds.

The province will continually re-

evaluate and adjust plans for further easing of secondary public health measures and may reintroduce others.

Restoring Services (Phase Two) – No Earlier Than June 1

Critical public health measures and travel restrictions may remain in place. Public gathering sizes may be increased and more non-essential businesses will be considered for reopening including:

- additional personal services, such as nail salons;
- restaurants – dine-in services;
- non-contact children's sports; and
- film production.

Future Phases

Public health measures may be eased further. Additional guidelines will be developed, public gathering sizes will be increased and some non-essential business will fully open. Others may begin to reopen, such as bars, pools and spas, movie theatres and indoor recreational facilities. Travel restrictions may be eased.

Specific considerations for other businesses and sectors may be made including:

- performing arts venues;
- other non-essential businesses;
- tattoo parlours, estheticians, cosmetologists and tanning studios; and
- large gatherings/events.

Mass gatherings such as concerts, summer festivals and major sporting events will not be considered before September 2020, Roussin noted.

Child care plays an important role in restoring services, enabling parents to return to the workplace, and remains a priority. The Department of Families will continue to work with the child-care community to expand the temporary child-care services available, including a grant available to child-care providers seeking to open a new, home-based child-care service.

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Most recently we enjoyed hearing the news that the Province of Manitoba was relaxing some of the restrictions brought on by COVID-19, perhaps seeing that light at the end of the tunnel. However, just as we were getting our hopes up, we were hit by the unwelcome news that COVID-19 could be with us for another year and a half, all the way into 2022! For some, this news weighs on them very heavily. The changes we have made in our lives have been difficult. How are we to endure many more months of social distancing?

Recently I heard some very profound words by a young woman who said that the pandemic has been teaching her that it is too difficult to live life jumping from one high experience to the next. Living in these days has taught her that life is too erratic and prone to disappointment when we only expect so-called good experiences. She had come to realize that she needed a different constant in her life that provided a better foundation for living from day to day.

In fact, it was something that had been within reach for most of her younger life but now was ready to accept; that is, Christ as that foundation and constancy she longed for!

There is one component of this woman's awakening that we dare not miss, as it is at the heart of her experience. What I am speaking of is the gift of hope. Many believe hope is like living as an eternal optimist or wishing for things that may or may not be realistic, but it is not. Hope is something much greater; it is living life having confidence that God will make good on His promises to us, and in particular that Jesus was sent by the Father to bring us life, and life to the full.

You see, hope is really not about desiring something but rather having as the object of our desires Christ himself. It is God who puts hope within us when he becomes the object of our Love. It is like faith itself: we do not believe in something; we believe in someone! Someone who provides a new way of looking at ourselves and the world around us. Hope enables us to transcend the immediate experiences of life and the resulting responses of happiness or despair. Instead, Our Lord stands with the person of faith giving us the ability to see that with God as a part of our life we are able to endure all things as we live in joyful hope.

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WCB of Manitoba returns \$37-million surplus to provide financial relief to employers

Welcome relief to Manitoba employers during COVID-19 pandemic

Submitted by Manitoba government

The Workers Compensation Board of Manitoba is returning a \$37-million surplus to provide financial relief to eligible employers in the province, Premier Brian Pallister announced.

"The COVID-19 pandemic is having a dramatic impact on employers across the province, with businesses especially hurting right now, and we're working across government and with our partners to find ways to provide relief to employers that need it," said Pallister.

The Workers Compensation Board (WCB) board of directors has ap-

proved and authorized further relief for employers who fund the WCB by returning approximately \$37 million in surplus funds.

"The COVID-19 pandemic has had a significant impact on the majority of our customers and we have actively explored how we can help mitigate the financial impact to employers," said Michael Werier, chairperson of the WCB. "With a healthy reserve fund, we are pleased to provide a refund of approximately 20 per cent to employers to help bolster their bottom line. It's incumbent upon businesses like ourselves to do our part to actively help support financial recovery efforts over the next several months."

This is the second year the WCB has returned surplus funds to eligible employers while still maintaining the lowest assessment rate in Canada. In making this decision, the WCB's board of directors considered the long-term financial projections in conjunction with maintaining rate

stability and still protecting the workers compensation system against risk, uncertainty and market volatility.

In May, eligible employers will receive a credit to their account based on 20 per cent of their 2019 premium. To be eligible to receive the surplus, employers must have fulfilled their payroll reporting responsibilities for 2019 and paid a WCB premium in 2019. Employers can still report their 2019 payroll to receive the surplus distribution.

For the health-care sector, which includes regional health authorities and several other agencies such as CancerCare Manitoba, Riverview Health Centre and personal care homes, this equals an approximate \$6.2-million refund.

Of the \$37 million, WCB expects \$29 million will be returned to the private sector, with approximately \$7 million going to small businesses in Manitoba.

"We are proud the work we've done over the years to increase our system

efficiency allows us to have the lowest WCB rate in Canada and we can now offer some measure of relief to employers suffering the financial hardships COVID-19 has created," said Winston Maharaj, president and CEO, WCB. "We applaud all of the employers and front-line workers who continue to serve the public in these extremely challenging times."

Earlier this month, WCB announced it would defer premium payments until the end of May, not charge business interest and/or penalties for non-payment until October, extend the payroll-reporting deadline until the end of May and ensure that coverage remains active for accounts that choose to defer payments until the end of October. Clearances will remain in good standing.

The WCB is a mutual workplace injury and disability statutory corporation funded by employer premiums. It insures more than 34,000 employers and 76 per cent of the Manitoba workforce.

COVID-19 impacts Stonewall's budget

By Jennifer McFee

Stonewall council has revamped its 2020 budget to deal with the widespread impact of COVID-19.

Only a month after reaching a consensus on the financial plan that the town would present to the community, council and administration tackled the tough task of revisiting the information. They reviewed operations to seek ways to provide relief for businesses and residents while also considering the pandemic's impact on the town's revenues.

As a result, they created a budget with a 0 per cent tax increase and they will extend the tax due date to Oct. 31 for 2020, which will be a one-year exception to allow property owners extra time to pay.

The budget also includes a \$465,000 deficit that will be recovered over the next decade. As well, the town's tax sale will be rescheduled to April 2021

from December 2020.

"The COVID-19 impact has been significant on the town's budget like most everything over the past six weeks," said CAO Wally Melnyk by email.

"Council was considering a balanced budget with a small tax increase prior to the pandemic and now we are looking at a deficit of over \$450,000."

The town is reliant on user fees from the Veterans Memorial Sports Complex, the Heritage Arts Centre, ball diamond rentals, campground rentals and more, he added.

"We have already lost some of that revenue while others are in jeopardy," Melnyk said.

"Uncertainty and risk from not knowing when or if we will return to normal have also impacted the numbers."

The decision to run a deficit while holding taxes with no increase stems

from the recognition of the difficult times that we are currently living through, he noted.

"There is real concern by council of the impact that COVID-19 is having on businesses and residents alike," he said.

"People's lives are on hold and the 0 per cent tax increase will mean that a lot of people will see a small reduction in their tax bill when compared to 2019."

Since 2020 is a reassessment year, the tax reduction won't happen for everyone, Melnyk said, but there will be a slight decline for most people.

"As for the deficit, I have already eluded to the impact that COVID-19 has had on user fees. Without the availability to raise taxes, a deficit was the only option," he said.

"The deficit will need to be paid back, of course, but we have requested an extended timeline to accom-

plish that to ensure we can flatten the economic impact curve of the virus on Stonewall tax payers."

Planning ahead, council is already looking at the town's operation for the remainder of the year while the full impact of the pandemic evolves.

"There are some projects that have been committed to, like the upgrade of 1st and 3rd Street W as well as a new ice resurfer. These commitments were made before the pandemic started," Melnyk said.

"Other projects and initiatives that are in the budget will be scrutinized based on the best information going forward. Some may go ahead; others may not, depending on the extent of COVID-19 impacts."

For all involved, the 2020 budget has proven to be a unique and difficult exercise.

"I would hope that the residents would see the budget as a significant attempt by council to address the current problems caused by COVID-19. Council has made some tough choices: laying off valued and dedicated employees, attempting to keep taxes to zero and still hope to provide an acceptable level of service," Melnyk said, noting that 2020 has been and will continue to be a difficult year.

"Hopefully most people and businesses will see the efforts made by council to deal with some of that impact as a positive."



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The 75th anniversary of the Liberation of the Netherlands and V-E Day

By Dale Yeo

"See if there's a letter from your dad."

It was a Saturday morning early in May of 1945, the slow-ebbing final days of the Second World War in Europe.

Fourteen-year-old Margie Scott of Sheho, Sask., was in the family home when she heard her mother Sophie's voice call out.

"Margie! The train will have just come in with the mail. I'd like you to go to the post office to see if there's a letter from your dad. We haven't heard from him for a while now."

"Dad" was Corporal Cecil Scott of the R.C.E.M.E. (Royal Canadian Electrical Mechanical Engineers). He had landed at Normandy in the D-Day landings of June 6, 1944, and then fought his way through France and into Holland.

The post office was about three blocks away. Margie got ready to go. Should she take her five-year-old brother Charles? No, she decided. He could be such a little brat.

Leaving the house, Margie's thoughts strayed to her father, so far away from the family. These were perilous times, she knew, and death in the war was no stranger to the people of her little Sheho community.

Two years earlier, the Ukrainian Orthodox priest in Sheho had come up with the idea of showing lighthearted movies in the Ukrainian Hall. For 15 cents per child, 25 cents per adult, the stress of wartime could be relieved by a western movie or an Abbott and Costello comedy.

But even then, the war could intervene.

Margie recalled the evening back in 1943 when the projectionist had halted that night's showing part way through. Mr. Currie, the stationmaster who received any telegraph sent to Sheho, had walked through the hall and up onto the stage.

He delivered sad news. The son of

the United Church minister and the son of the town grocery store owner, both airmen and both friends, had been killed in action over Europe. The names of Airmen Munroe and Leckie can be seen today on the great black granite memorial to RCAF personnel located at the airfield outside of Brandon, Manitoba.

Margie had never forgotten that sad evening and its sad news.

As she walked down the street, Margie spotted a man in uniform in the distance. That was hardly an uncommon sight in the little town. It was an everyday reminder that the war loomed overall.

She walked on, her thoughts those of any young teenager on a warm spring day.

Her attention was drawn again to the man in uniform who had by now moved considerably closer.

The way he walked . . . he was now hurrying toward her . . . it couldn't be, but it was . . . her dad. Her very own dad!

She bounded toward him and then threw herself into his arms. He responded by wrapping her up in an enormous bear hug.

Minutes later, they turned to go home — together. It was a moment that Margie would never see diminish in memory.

Just before arriving at their house, Margie let go of her father and skipped ahead. She went to the back door of the house where she entered the kitchen.

Her mother, hearing her enter called out, "Is there a letter from Dad?"

"No," said Margie, "something better than that."

This is a true story. "Margie" is Marge Cherney of Roblin, Man. Now 88 years young, Marge is a long-ago teaching colleague and a much longer friend of this story's author. In 1962, when they first met, she was Mrs. Marge Perchaluk, a teacher in Roblin's elementary school system. She is a wonderful lady who remains



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The RCAF World War II Memorial, a 300-foot black granite wall in Brandon includes Corporal Cecil Scott of the R.C.E.M.E. (Royal Canadian Electrical Mechanical Engineers).

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Province implementing wildfire prevention measures

Submitted by Manitoba government

Manitoba Climate and Conservation advises the current risk of wildfire is generally low across the province, with a significant amount of snow still on the ground in northern Manitoba.

Human-caused wildfires, primarily grass fires, have been reported in the south. In order to reduce the risk of fire and the risk of exposure

to COVID-19 for front-line firefighters, the province is asking the public to be particularly cautious when outdoors to prevent human-caused wildfires. Protecting front-line firefighters and support staff during the COVID-19 pandemic is a top priority to ensure they remain healthy and available to respond to wildfires during the upcoming season.



Is your dog depressed?



Did you know that dogs can be afflicted by bouts of depression? Indeed, many animals can suffer from mental health disorders similar to the ones humans experience. If you're worried about your pooch, here's what you should know about canine depression.

Symptoms

Canine depression isn't always easy to recognize, and in many instances, a medical condition can explain a dog's behavioural changes. However, the signs typically associated with canine depression include:

- Loss of interest in normal activities
- Sleeping more
- Loss of appetite
- Excessive paw licking
- Hiding

Causes

There are a variety of things that can lead to depression in dogs, including:

- An upheaval. A schedule change, move or the arrival of a new family member can affect your dog more than you might expect.

- Bereavement. Dogs can feel the loss of a loved one — human or canine — as much as we do. If a close member of your family has just moved away or died, your pooch may be grieving.

- Illness. In some cases, the symptoms of a medical condition will either mimic or cause canine depression. A veterinary exam can determine whether this is a factor in your dog's behaviour.

If you think your dog is suffering from depression, the best thing you can do is maintain a regular schedule. Be consistent with feeding times and go for lots of long walks to ensure your pup gets sufficient exercise. Most importantly, praise your dog when he or she seems to be happy, amused or playful.

If symptoms don't go away within a few months, talk to your veterinarian. They may prescribe an antidepressant or suggest another treatment that can help.



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Happy Mother's Day to all

By Jennifer McFee

Even with social distancing in effect, families will find creative ways to celebrate Mother's Day this weekend.

On Sunday, May 10, moms will be the centre of attention for all of the tireless commitment and boundless love they share.

For some, this motherly affection extends beyond their own family to embrace the entire community.

Lana Knor became affectionately known as the "mom" of her group of friends starting at a young age.

"It's just who I've been for most of my life. I babysat lots starting when was 11 years old," said Knor, a Teulon resident.

"As a teenager, it was an ongoing joke among a lot of my guy friends that I've always been like a mother. I think it's just my personality that I want to help."

In addition to being a mother to two boys — 12-year-old Kevin and 13-year-old Kelvyn — Knor has taken on multiple other maternal roles in her life.



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From left: Lana, Kevin, Kelvyn and Kelly Knor

She's actively involved in the Green Acres Art Centre and the Teulon Ag Society, and she also works as an education assistant at Teulon Elementary.

"I run the canteen at the school and a group of kids would regularly help me out by learning how to bake. They

were making cupcakes and breakfast pizza, which was empowering for them," she said.

"We sold these things at the canteen and it was lots of fun. It was a great way to connect with the kids too."

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Volunteer Nominations - Board of Directors

Nominations are now being accepted for volunteer board members for Community Living Interlake.

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We are looking for people who have an interest in assisting our organization fulfill its mandate. We are looking for people with time, experience and skills to assist with our governance. We need your enthusiasm, your time, your skills and your expertise.

We are accepting applications by email at JimmS@aclinterlake.ca. On or before Friday May 15 at 4 pm. Please include your qualifications and a brief statement regarding your interest.

If you have questions regarding this volunteer position or your application please feel free to email/or call Jimm Simon Executive Director (email: JimmS@aclinterlake.ca phone 204-467-9169) for more information.

We thank you for your interest. Only applicants who are selected for an interview will be contacted.



On April 29th, the Province announced that mass gatherings such as concerts, summer festivals, and major sporting events will not be considered before September 2020.

Unfortunately due to this pandemic we had had to postpone our festival this August.

We want to acknowledge the many local organizations that help us in the lead up and during the weekend of Quarry Days. Without your helping hands, we would not run as smoothly as we do. You all bring much value to our volunteer committee.

We want to send out a HUGE THANK YOU to the local businesses for their patience and the continued financial support which is the only way that our festival can happen. We look forward to having you back again next year.

It will be a different summer this year with Manitoba festivals cancelled, but we all know that we need to be socially responsible in our actions. We host this event for you, our residents for you to enjoy and show off your community to the thousands of visitors that come to Stonewall for our annual event.

We look forward to seeing you again in 2021.

Home & yard

How often should my air ducts be cleaned?

Regularly cleaning your air ducts can improve indoor air quality, reduce the amount of allergens in the air and lower your heating and cooling bills.

In general, homeowners should have their air ducts cleaned every three to five years. However, it may need to be done more often if people smoke in the home, you have pets that shed or someone in your family suffers from allergies or a respiratory illness.

The following signs could indicate that your ventilation system is dirty:

- Visible dust in the ducts
- Dirt buildup around the registers
- Worsening allergy symptoms
- Respiratory distress

It's also important to have your air ducts cleaned after any home renovation. Dust and debris from the project can clog your ventilation system and render it inefficient. You should also clean them if water has infiltrated your ducts, as inhaling mould spores



can seriously impact your health.

In addition, many new homeowners choose to have their ventilation system inspected and cleaned prior to moving into a new home.

Air duct cleaning isn't something that the average homeowner can do on their own. A proper cleaning requires specialized vacuums with filters that can trap even the smallest particles of dust and dirt. For this reason, it's best to hire a pro.

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Home & yard

Spring maintenance: 5 key things to inspect outside your home

When spring arrives, it's important to inspect the exterior of your home to make sure it hasn't been damaged over the winter. Here are five key things you should check.

1. The roof. A visual inspection from the ground or a window will indicate if immediate repairs are needed. In particular, look out for curled, wavy or missing shingles. Also, check the ceilings inside your house for signs of water infiltration.

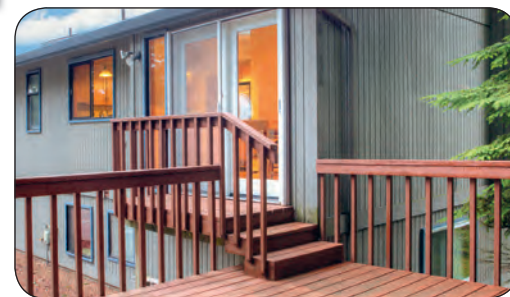
2. Gutters and spouts. Make sure they're still firmly attached to the house and that nothing is blocking water from flowing through them. Remove any debris that's accumulated over the winter.

3. Foundation. Examine the concrete for cracks or signs of water damage. Even the smallest fissure can cause big problems for your home. If you see any signs of degradation, schedule a repair as soon as possible.

4. Balcony or patio. Clean your deck thoroughly and secure any loose boards. Wood patios should be stained every one to three years. If it needs to be done this spring, sand the surface and apply your chosen stain.

5. Windows and doors. Check the caulking around each window and door, and replace it if necessary. Inspect wooden frames to make sure they don't show signs of water infiltration or rot.

If you notice any major damage during your inspection, be sure to make the needed repairs.



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Should I reseed or re-sod?

If your lawn is looking a little worse for wear, you may be wondering if it's best to reseed or re-sod. Here's what you should know.

Lawn quality

If your grass is sparse and there aren't many weeds, it's best to reseed. But if there are large patches of dead grass, or if more than half of the living plants are weeds, opt for new sod.

expensive, labour-intensive solution.

Timing

The best time to reseed or re-sod your lawn depends on the local climate and the type of grass you're growing. Cold-weather grasses fare best when planted in the fall, whereas warm-weather grasses do better when planted in the spring.



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ISD launches support line for students, staff and families

By Jennifer McFee

Students, staff and caregivers now have more supports in place thanks to a well-being line to connect with the Interlake School Division's clinical team.

Michelle Procter, student services administrator, said the initiative stems from the idea that we're all disconnected during these times yet we can still support each other in the community.

"The clinical team of ISD is a very skilled group of professionals both in education and well-being," said Procter, who will lead the team.

"During this time of learning from home, we wanted to make sure that our staff, students and families know we are still here to support them."

Anyone can call or email with a request for support, which is offered free of charge. The team will then review the request to determine which clinician would be the best fit for the situation. The clinical support team includes social workers and behavioural specialists well as experts in school psychology and occupational therapy.

Although the service is not a crisis line, it will be a place to access information, problem solving and support.

Experts can help with topics such as accessing the right school support personnel, agencies, resources or government programs. Help is available for coping with change, stress, anxiety, depression or basic needs. Callers can access mental health information and find support for staying active, setting up routines and maintaining balance while supporting students' learning at home. Supports are also available for children with disabilities as well as for parents.

"While support might look different, it is still accessible," Procter said.



Michelle Procter

"What we are all experiencing right now is unprecedented, and no one needs to feel alone."

To access the Interlake School Division's support line, parents, caregivers, students and staff members can send a confidential email — including the question or concern — to wellbeing@isd21.mb.ca.

Anyone without access to email can call 204-467-5100 and listen to the prompts.

The team of experts will be on hand to offer support until June 26.

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IERHA, provincial public health officials maintain restrictions on PCHs

By Patricia Barrett

The Interlake-Eastern Regional Health Authority will be maintaining its no-visiting rules that were put in place weeks ago in personal care homes in keeping with provincial health recommendations.

COVID-19 is circulating in the community and PCH residents are still vulnerable.

With Mother's Day coming up, the IERHA said in a May 4 news release that it has been receiving requests from community and family members who want to visit loved ones in the hospital and in PCHs.

No visits are permitted nor are deliveries (including flowers) allowed to PCHs. The IERHA has also not allowed "physically distanced visitations" outside or through open windows with residents.

"In addition, for their own safety and that of others, residents in personal care homes are still unable to go on walks or other community outings," said communications associate Lita Savage-Murray in the release.

Families can contact a PCH's recreation department to discuss communication options, including emails, phone calls and virtual visits.

"Recreation staff are working hard to create a sense of normalcy for residents in our long-term care facilities to make Mother's Day special for residents across the region," said IERHA recreation manager Lori Martin in the release. "We are setting up calls from family and friends, printing and delivering emails for residents and

organizing activities that align with physical distancing requirements."

For patients in hospital, the RHA has a "Thinking of You" online central messaging centre where messages can be sent online. Visit <https://is.gd/ThinkingofYou>.

Other COVID updates:

-bThe province's chief public health officer Dr. Brent Roussin announced last Friday that health-care staff will no longer be able to work in more than one long-term care facility, effective May 1. The measure will provide "additional protection" against the spread of COVID.

-bDr. Roussin said the province's loosening of restrictions, beginning May 4, doesn't mean we're "returning to normal." People shouldn't abandon hygienic precautions such as frequently and thoroughly washing their hands and maintaining a two-metre (over six feet) physical distance from others in public. He also encouraged people to continue to avoid gatherings and stay home where possible.

"We have to keep our guard up," he said.

With regard to people holding garage sales as the weather begins to warm, Roussin said: "Not now. We're still dealing with this virus."

The province announced last week it will be allowing some businesses to re-open and the restoration of select services starting May 4 as the number of new cases of the highly infectious virus began to level off. Those include non-ur-

Town of Stonewall Hometown Heroes during COVID pandemic



Brenda Peters and Judy Aucoin of Canada Post.



Lisa Taplin, Stonewall & District Health Centre registered nurse.



Tyler Grayson-Lauber and Erica Corrigan-Lowe of Stonewall Family Foods.



Kelly Glaspey, Manitoba RCMP Search and Rescue team co-ordinator.



All children of Stonewall.

By Jennifer McFee

The Town of Stonewall is celebrating its hometown heroes who are making a difference during the pandemic period.

The intent of the project is to highlight positivity and connect people during this time of social distancing.

Community members were invited to submit photos and write-ups about people they would like recognize for their community contributions. Each day, the Town of Stonewall posts a new hero photo and story on its social media sites.

On April 27, Brenda Peters and Judy Aucoin were recognized for their dedication to providing service to the community at the Stonewall post office during the COVID-19 pandemic.

"They are working hard to ensure the post office is a safe place for Town residents to receive and post their mail, as well as a safe place for them and their colleagues to work every day," states the post on the Town of Stonewall Facebook page. "Your work is greatly appreciated."

On April 28, Lisa Taplin earned recognition for her work as a registered nurse at the Stonewall and District Health Centre while also raising her young family. Born and raised in the Interlake and in Stonewall, Taplin always wanted to help and take care of people, so the career is a perfect fit.

"We are so proud to call her ours," states the Facebook post. "Thank you for going to work on the frontlines to serve your community through this pandemic, Lisa!"

On April 29, Tyler Grayson-Lauber and Erica Corrigan-Lowe of Stonewall Family Foods, along with entire store team, were honoured for their hard work to bring groceries into the store and onto the shelves for customers.

"From drivers making record numbers of contact-less grocery deliveries to the staff that are sanitizing more than ever before, the social distanc-

ing floor stickers and dedicated vulnerable shopper hours, the staff and management have gone above and beyond, and continue to do so, all while working in public every day to serve our Town and surrounding communities," states the Facebook post. "A fantastic job by everyone in unprecedented times!"

April 30 brought gratitude for Kelly Glaspey, who volunteers his personal time as the Manitoba RCMP Search and Rescue team co-ordinator while also being involved on the Manitoba Urban Search and Rescue team.

"As many people in our community know, Kelly keeps his teams' SAR truck and equipment here, at the Stonewall RCMP detachment. Folks can attest to often seeing him heading out day or night, responding to calls across Manitoba," states the Facebook post about the dedicated husband and father.

"His team is dedicated to helping people in need and Kelly volunteers his time 24/7/365 days of the year, year after year, call after call. Recently, he returned from a 20-hour SAR call to step directly into another, right here in Stonewall."

In that situation, Glaspey — along with RCMP team members, Office of the Fire Commissioner members, and local and regional volunteers — worked together to safely locate a community member.

"It doesn't matter if it is today, tomorrow, his holidays, Christmas or the COVID-19 pandemic, Kelly will always stop what he is doing and answer a SAR call to help others," states the Facebook post.

"Kelly is also well known within the Town of Stonewall and local communities for his participation at school events, community events or you may have even seen him strolling along in uniform, lending a hand to our school patrols, maybe even wearing a costume to make the kids smile! Thank you for your service, Kelly, especially

with the increased risks you have been facing due to the pandemic."

Then on May 1, the children of Stonewall got a shout out for their heroic efforts over the past six weeks.

"The world as you've known it got flipped upside down by COVID-19, and you have faced the complete upheaval of your daily routines with amazing resilience. Thank you for learning how to properly wash your hands, for making sure you're properly distanced from people when you go for walks with your family or ride your bikes, and for putting up with your parents when they try to help you with your school work," states the Facebook post.

"We know some of you have missed out on having birthday parties and that you miss all your friends at school. But we hope that you know how IMPORTANT you are and that staying at home over the past six weeks has made a HUGE difference for our town and our province. So today we say THANK YOU to our Littlest Heroes whose adaptability is an incredible example for us all during this COVID pandemic."

To submit a photo and write-up about a hometown hero, email info@stonewall.ca. To view the Hometown Hero posts, visit the Town of Stonewall's Facebook page.

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FROM MANITOBA PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS

Interlake receives flood mitigation funding

By Evan Matthews

Though the provincial funding was originally earmarked in March, 10 Interlake communities have started purchasing flood preparation and protection equipment.

Announced March 26, the province said it would invest nearly \$8 million to support more than 80 Manitoba municipalities with enhancing spring flood preparation and protection.

"Manitobans always rally together in challenging times, and while we are facing unprecedented global circumstances, our government is helping municipalities take important steps to enhance flood protection," Municipal Relations Minister Rochelle Squires said at the time.

"Municipalities know best what will work for them, and this program is designed to help ensure protection put in place this year will benefit communities for many years to come," she said.

In the Interlake, the RMs of Armstrong, Bifrost-Riverton, Coldwell, Fisher, Gimli, Grahamdale, St. Laurent, West Interlake, Winnipeg Beach and Woodlands all received funding that collectively totalled roughly \$1 million.

The funding covers a range of items including generators, pumps, steaming equipment to unclog frozen culverts, utility trailers, equipment for emergency operations centres, sandbags and other small equipment that will assist municipalities in protecting vital infrastructure and reducing flood damage, according to the province.

In Woodlands, Reeve Lori Schellekens said the

RM received \$150,000 and has assessed what equipment will work best. The RM is investing in a mobile (flood) light tower, a mobile six-inch pump, a mobile generator, hip-waders and a harness for municipal workers, as well as additional sandbags and signage.

"Hopefully we never have to use this stuff, but we've experienced first-hand that we might have to," said Schellekens.

While the equipment is now available in case of a flood, it is now part of the RM's equipment repertoire and can be used in other instances too.

"If the power goes out in Woodlands during any emergency and ... we need access to our computers to run a command centre (for example), now we have a generator to run power," she said.

Under the 2020 Flood Protection Program, the province offered one-time funding support to municipalities to enhance municipal capacity for flood preparedness, equipment costs and building resiliency for future floods.

Funding will bring added resources for projects and equipment for the crews who will be working on flood protection in areas all across Manitoba, according to the province, while boosting economic activity during extraordinary global challenges.

Proposals were reviewed by a panel made up of representatives from the Association of Manitoba Municipalities (AMM), Winnipeg Metropolitan Region and the Manitoba Government, according to the press release.

Municipality	Eligible Funding
RM of Armstrong - Culvert steaming equipment, pumps, Emergency Operations Centre equipment, generators, traffic barricades and signs, water rescue equipment, tow ropes, tarps and gas cans	\$69,933.99
RM of Bifrost-Riverton - Generators, pumps, lights and sandbag machine	\$125,928.23
RM of Coldwell - Pumps, generators, power saws and safety equipment	\$145,741.00
RM of Fisher - Pumps, generator with trailer, transfer switches, utility trailer, hoses and saws	\$100,180.00
RM of Gimli - Generator	\$66,960.00
RM of Grahamdale - Pumps, trailer, generator, lights, sandbag filling machine and sandbags	\$150,000.00
RM of St. Laurent - Pumps, sandbags and transfer tank	\$120,424.48
RM of West Interlake - Culvert steaming equipment and trailer, pumps, generator, traffic barricades and signs, emergency plan development and sand bags	\$85,000.00
RM of Woodlands - Generator, sandbagging equipment and sandbags, traffic signs, lights, trailer-mounted pump, personal protective equipment and heater	\$150,000.00
Town of Winnipeg Beach - Trailer-mounted pump with hose and attachments	\$45,000.00
Total	\$1,059,167.70

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Evaluation of proposals considered factors including flood risk, ability of the proposal to enhance emergency preparedness or resiliency for future flood events, as well as potential regional benefits.

"The Association of Manitoba Municipalities commends the provincial government for more than doubling its initial commitment to support the Spring Flood Preparedness program," said Ralph Groening, AMM president.

"As municipalities cannot fight floods alone, these additional dollars further help underscore the importance of the provincial-municipal partnership."

> MOTHER'S DAY, FROM PG. 10

At the Green Acres Art Centre, the philosophy hinges on creating positive experiences for everyone who walks through the doors. Likewise at the Ag Society, Knor has encouraged countless young people to enter the fair.

The ripple effects of these nurturing experiences are clear to see, since many youngsters have overcome their stage fright at GAAC or returned to Pumpkinfest as volunteers when they get older.

While she worked as an education assistant at the local high school, Knor received plenty of phone calls to be an employment reference.

"Those relationships with kids are important and they carry on. Some of those kids are now adults with kids who are in our school," she said.

"They still acknowledge me when I see them in town. I enjoy hearing how they're doing."

Knor never expected to become an education assistant, but she said the role has changed her life.

"It allowed me to shine and allowed that motherly attitude towards the right people. I don't turn my back on any child. Even if they have problems,

it challenges me more to establish a relationship with them," she said.

"It challenges me as a human being to find a way to make kids feel secure and trust me to develop that bond. We just all want to feel love. If you have a bad day today, tomorrow is a new day."

She aims to encourage youth, even when they're making poor choices.

"I will always acknowledge them because they need to feel loved more than anybody," she said.

"They can come to me if they need somebody to talk to. I've run into some who've come back and said I've made a difference."

For Knor, she's looking forward to spending Mother's Day with her husband Kelly and their two sons.

"We like to play games together and watch movies as a family," she said.

"We're not big into celebrations. I'm happy just being with the kids."

From the perspective of a daughter, Knor also reflects on what she would do if she had five more minutes to spend with her mom before she died.

"I would tell her I love her and give her a hug," she said. "That's something I wish I could do."

> PCHs, FROM PG. 14

gent surgeries and diagnostic procedures, the re-opening of restaurant patio and walk-up services, hair salons, museums, libraries and campgrounds.

Schools remain closed but the province will allow playgrounds to open. The Manitoba School Boards Association, however, advised against the opening of school playgrounds as they won't be disinfected.

Despite the province lifting some restrictions, COVID continues to spread. On Friday there were four new cases (Dr. Roussin said information on those cases is pending). On Saturday there was one new case, as well as one on Sunday. Monday saw no new cases as of 9:30 a.m. The total number of cases is 281, with 238 recovered, 37 active and six dead.

Worldwide, COVID has infected over 3.5 million people and killed almost 250,000 (Johns Hopkins University data as of May 4 at 3 p.m.)

- Dr. Roussin said so far nine cases of COVID in the province cannot be linked to known contacts or to travel, which means community transmission is occurring.

- There is no routine serological

testing being done in Canada right now to determine what percentage of the population has been infected by COVID, he said.

"It's very likely in the near future we'll get [those] studies to give us an idea of the true infection rate in the population," said Dr. Roussin.

And as far as antibody protection goes, he added: "We don't know whether antibodies are neutralizing COVID and we don't know how long that protection — if there is any protection — lasts."

- Provincial conservation officers will be helping with enforcement at campgrounds and if there's a need to "expand things that could occur," said Roussin.

- Shared Health's chief nursing officer Lanette Siragusa provided data on the numbers of health-care workers who have been infected with COVID during the media briefing May 1.

She said 601 health-care workers have been tested for COVID, so far, with 22 confirmed cases. Two of those are IERHA staff with one from Prairie Mountain RHA.

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Marathon runners denied a finish line this year

By Brian Bowman

Running enthusiasts put in a ton of hard work training for marathons each year.

So, what does it feel like when all that hard work has been done and then a particular marathon is postponed, or in most cases, cancelled this summer due to the coronavirus?

Stonewall's Barry Lamm knows first-hand what that disappointment feels like.

"They have pulled the pin on all of the majors, for sure," said Lamm on Monday afternoon. "There's 18 weeks of hard running with long runs and speed work. There's a lot of training to build up for a marathon and then, all of a sudden, someone tells you that you can't run."

Lamm's story is a phenomenal one. He took up running when he was 260 pounds at 50 years old.

"I figured I had to do something about it because I wasn't feeling good," he recalled. "Now, I'm 200 pounds at 59 years old."

Lamm has run nine full marathons, including the iconic Boston Marathon back in 2018. He also ran a marathon in Chicago.

Both experiences were amazing, especially the Boston Marathon, which takes place on Patriots' Day in April.

"It was everything I thought it would be and more," Lamm said. "I didn't realize how big of a thing it was because I had never been to a big marathon like that until I did get to Boston because I used to run Fargo and then Manitoba."

Boston Marathon runners are heroes to the locals.

"For three days, you're a rock star," he said. "It was the worst weather that they have ever had. It was a 35 mile-an-hour headwind and four inches of rain and we started and we finished - it was amazing."

"Everyone is buying you beers at Cheers and buying you dinner and buying you burgers. My goal is to get back there but you have to qualify - you don't just enter Boston. It's second-to-none as far as I am concerned."

The Chicago experience was pretty cool, too.

"Chicago was amazing," he said. "There were 45,000 runners. It's a lot bigger than Boston. It's huge and you run right through the city, I think they call it the five boroughs, through Chinatown, Little Italy, and there's probably (800,000) or 900,000 people along the course cheering you on. It was absolutely amazing and one of my best marathons."

With more people staying home from work or school, Lamm has seen more people being active and running in Stonewall.

"I don't know if it's attributed to people wanting to get outside for mental health because they're all cooped up with this COVID stuff or people are starting to take (running) up," he said. "I don't know what the cause is but it's great to see. It makes me smile when I see all those people out there running or running by me."

"All it costs you is a pair of runners. It's not an expensive sport and you don't have to be the best at it and you're not going to the NHL. You're doing it for your benefit only."



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Barry Lamm is still out running even though marathons across the world have been cancelled or postponed due to the coronavirus. He encourages everyone to get outside and get some exercise.

Basketball Manitoba makes an announcement regarding its future plans

From the Basketball Manitoba website

Basketball Manitoba put out a release on its website last Wednesday outlining its plans regarding resuming basketball in the province.

It read as follows:

The health and safety of all participants in sport, including players, coaches, staff, officials, fans, family, volunteers and the general public, is of the utmost importance to Basketball Manitoba.

In light of ongoing concerns result-

ing from the coronavirus (COVID-19), and in support of suggested recommendations from Manitoba Health, Seniors and Active Living and Manitoba Education and Training, effective April 29, Basketball Manitoba is extending the blanket stoppage of all basketball activities in Manitoba which falls under its governance until at least June 30. A point of clarity that needs to be made tied to the Province of Manitoba's "Pandemic and Economic Road for Recovery" announce-

ment on April 29 referenced a return of "non-contact children's sports" as early as June 1.

This does not include the sport of basketball.

The term "contact" references if a sport or activity involves any physical contact (i.e. being able to maintain "social distancing" while playing the sport).

So long as there are social distancing stipulations in any Manitoba health directives, the sport of basketball will

remain on pause.

The basketball impacts of the health concerns after June 30 will be made at a later date as time passes that may impact the sport for July and beyond.

Additional basketball programs and events have been updated on the Basketball Manitoba website, including the recently cancelled or postponed Manitoba Provincial Team Program, Manitoba Summer Games and the Manitoba 3x3 Basketball Championships, among others.

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Staff

MHSAA athlete of the year awards will not be presented for the 2019-20 school year.

As well, Certificates of Recognition, Male and Female Coaches of the Year, the Frank L. McKinnon Award and Nick Laping Leadership Award will also not be presented for the 2019-20 school year.

Meanwhile, as per the Province of Manitoba's Restoring Safe Services Together announcement last Wednesday, the MHSAA reminds all of its member schools that the provincial championships for baseball, fast-pitch, soccer and track and field have been cancelled.

In addition, all school sport activities involving spring football, lacrosse,

rugby and ultimate are also cancelled. This includes all training and practices.

"The MHSAA is committed to protecting the health and safety of our student-athletes, staff, coaches, member schools and the health of all of our fellow Manitobans," read a statement.

In other news, the call for MHSAA board of directors nominations is due

June 1. Please send your nomination, including a brief bio of the nominee, to Chad Falk at chad@mhsaa.ca. Board member elections will occur at the MHSAA annual general meeting on June 15. Positions up for election include urban administrator representative, urban representative, rural representative (two positions) and phys-ed representative (female)..

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Cowan selected by Winnipeg Blues in MJHL Bantam draft

Staff

It was erroneously reported in last week's paper that two Interlake Lightning players were selected in the Manitoba Junior Hockey League draft.

In fact, there were three.

Lightning goaltender Dawson Cowan was selected by the Winnipeg Blues in the sixth round.

Cowan posted a 4-15 record with a 3.88 goals-against average and .905 save percentage this past season. He also had a shutout.



TRIBUNE FILE PHOTO BY LANA MEIER

Interlake Lightning goaltender Dawson Cowan was selected by the Winnipeg Blues in the MJHL Bantam draft.

Jets acquire Bound in MMJHL trade

By Brian Bowman

Sports may be at a standstill right now, but the Stonewall Jets were recently busy on the trade front.

The Ft. Garry/Fort Rouge Twins traded the Manitoba Major Junior Hockey League rights of Dryden Bound to the Jets for the MMJHL rights of Matthew Lehman.

Bound scored twice in 18 games with the Twins last season.

"He's a big presence," said Jets' gen-

eral manager Dale McClintock last weekend. "He played U sports hockey, one year with Bottineau college down south. He's close to a couple of guys on the team so he reached out and they wanted to get a deal done. It's a deal that works great for both teams."

The 6-foot-3, 190-pound forward spent the 2018-19 season with Dakota College at Bottineau, scoring seven goals and producing 12 points in 27 contests.

"He's offensively gifted," McClintock noted. "He's got great hands and great net-front presence and he can find the seams when he's passing the puck. He is just a better fit for our organization moving forward."

The La Salle product also played three seasons of high school hockey with the Sanford Collegiate Sabres.

Bound also suited up for four games with the Pembina Valley Hawks in the Manitoba AAA Midget Hockey

League.

Lehman, meanwhile, had an assist in 12 games with Stonewall last season. The Carman product, listed at 6-4 and 220 pounds, also played in six games with the St. Boniface Riels in 2019-20.

In other league news, the Twins are accepting applications for the position of head coach, assistant coach, or a full coaching staff for the 2020-21 season.

Province announces staggered campground bookings to resume May 4

Submitted by government

Reservations for Manitoba campgrounds open next week and staggered dates will be offered to make it easier for outdoor enthusiasts to book a site at their favourite campground, Conservation and Climate Minister Sarah Guillemard announced today.

"We thank Manitobans for their commitment in acting on the advice our health-care experts to stay home for the benefits of themselves, their loved ones and their community," said Guillemard. "It is through their dedication and actions that we are able to allow Manitobans to continue to visit our provincial parks, and we are pleased to open up our campgrounds for the season, with additional safety measures in place. I believe this is welcome news for many Manitobans and their families."

"I encourage everyone to keep practicing the fundamentals of good hygiene and social distancing while at home, and especially while enjoying some quality time outside with their loved ones, whether camping, at the cottage and throughout our beautiful parks."

Manitobans are reminded to take advantage of the new opportunity to buy a park vehicle pass online as part of the province's new e-licensing program that launched earlier this year.

To accommodate the expected high demand on the opening day of the parks reservation system, online and call centre services will begin at 7 a.m. at <http://prs.gov.mb.ca>, 204-948-3333 (in Winnipeg) or 1 888-482-2267 (toll free). Check the website for call centre hours on other days. Customers making online reservations are advised to check their user IDs and passwords prior to May 4. For more information, visit www.manitobaparks.com.

The Manitoba Parks Reservation Service will accept bookings in two phases:

- May 4 at 7 a.m. campsite reservations open for Winnipeg Beach, Betula Lake, Big Whiteshell, Brereton Lake, Caddy Lake, Falcon Beach, Falcon Lakeshore, Nutimik Lake, Opaskaw, Otter Falls, West Hawk Lake and White Lake campgrounds; and
- May 6 at 7 a.m. campsite reservations open for all remaining provin-

cial park campgrounds.

As part of Restoring Safe Services: Manitoba's Pandemic and Economic Roadmap for Recovery, additional measures will be in place and enforceable under the public health order, the minister noted. Campers are reminded that current public health orders limit gatherings to 10 people or less and people must continue to practice good hygiene and social distancing protocols. Provincial parks will implement enhanced cleaning procedures and sanitization of public washrooms and shower facilities in the campgrounds. Staff will be monitoring to ensure social distancing is adhered to, especially in public areas like beaches and recreation areas. For more information, visit www.gov.mb.ca/covid19/restoring/phase-one.html#parks.

In addition, campers are reminded there is currently a travel ban north of the 53rd parallel, with certain exceptions for essential travel. While the ban is in effect, anyone from southern Manitoba should not be travelling to a campground in the north. If making a booking for a northern campground (anywhere

north of Lake Winnipeg), confirm the travel ban has been lifted prior to the planned camping trip. Out-of-province campers and visitors must follow the public health orders related to travel including a requirement to self-isolate for 14 days when entering the province.

Walk-in reservations and in-person payment arrangements can be made at 200 Saulteaux Cres. in Winnipeg and will be available Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. beginning May 4 for the parks and facilities described above. Be aware that public access to the building is limited due to COVID-19 protocols and may require queuing outside. Online or call centre reservations are preferred.

For more information on the e-licensing program or to purchase a park vehicle pass when the program, visit www.manitobaelicensing.ca.

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

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Tenders accepted until May 28, 2020

Please email inquires and tenders to erinviewcemetery@xplornet.ca

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THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF ROCKWOOD

UTILITY OPERATOR

CASUAL / PART-TIME / WEEKENDS

The Rural Municipality of Rockwood's utility jurisdictions are Stony Mountain, Balmoral, Gunton and a portion of Grosse Isle.

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
- Class I in Wastewater Treatment

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:

"Application Part-Time Utility Operator" on the outside and mailed or delivered to the Attention of Alan Schick, Utility Manager, The Rural Municipality of Rockwood, Box 902, 285 Main Street, Stonewall MB R0C 2Z0, or via Email: info@rockwood.ca or Fax: 204-467-5329.

The deadline for application submissions is open until filled.

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

The Rural Municipality of Rockwood would like to thank all the applicants for their interest, however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF ROCKWOOD

2020 FINANCIAL PLAN - PUBLIC HEARING

In accordance with Section 162(2) of The Municipal Act, the Rural Municipality of Rockwood shall hold a **PUBLIC HEARING** to present the 2020 Financial Plan for the Municipality at:

6:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 21, 2020

Heritage Arts Centre

Stonewall Quarry Park – 166 Main Street
Stonewall, Manitoba

The Rural Municipality of Rockwood 2020 Financial Plan consists of:

1. The 2020 Operating Budget
2. The 2020 Capital Budget;
3. An Estimate of the Operating Revenue and Expenditures for the following fiscal year, and
4. A five (5) year Capital Expenditure Program.

The purpose of the **PUBLIC HEARING** is to allow any interested person to make representation, ask questions, or register an objection in respect of the Rural Municipality of Rockwood 2020 Financial Plan.

Any person who wishes to make a Presentation, Ask a Question, or Send a Letter to Council must provide a copy of the presentation and/or documentation no later than 4:00 p.m. on May 19, 2020.

Copies of the 2020 Financial Plan are available for review at the Municipal Office, Monday to Friday between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Chris Luellman, CMMA
Chief Administrative Officer
The Rural Municipality of Rockwood

2020 Financial Plan & COVID-19

We hope that all residents of the Rural Municipality of Rockwood are staying indoors and following proper protocols as set out by the Province of Manitoba.

We understand that during these trying times it is difficult to be present at the meeting, however we will be proceeding with the hearing while practicing social and physical distancing as we feel there is adequate space at the Heritage Arts Centre. Public Hearings must, of course, be open to the public and residents are allowed to interact, ask questions and have the opportunity to speak for or against the proposed By-Law.

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Rural Municipality of Woodlands EQUIPMENT AUCTION



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1990 Pierce Cab Forward Pumper

To view information on each piece of equipment, place bids, to view auction closing date and time please go directly to www.govdeals.com and search by above equipment description. There is also a link available on the municipal website, www.rmwoodlands.info
RM of Woodlands

Rural Municipality of Woodlands 2020 DUST CONTROL PROGRAM



The Rural Municipality of Woodlands will accept requests for the application of dust control, on a PRE-PAYMENT BASIS, on municipal roads in front of residences within the Municipality. The application will consist of a 16' x 300' strip at a cost \$300.00 plus GST (\$315.00). Application forms are available on our website www.rmwoodlands.info. If you are unable to access the application form via website, please call the office at 204-383-5679 for alternative arrangements. Applications and payment can be left in the RM Office drop box located outside the office or mailed along with payment to:

Rural Municipality of Woodlands
57 Railway Avenue
Box 10
Woodlands, MB R0C 3H0

Deadline to submit application forms is **Friday, May 15, 2020.**

In the event of insufficient requests, payments will be refunded.

NOTE: Any property owners undertaking Dust Control privately must provide Public Works with 5 days notice prior to commencement of any works and road prepping will only be undertaken during the same time frame when the Municipality is undertaking its dust control.

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Rural Municipality of Woodlands

RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF ROSSER GREEN TEAM WORKER



The Rural Municipality of Rosser is seeking applications for the following positions for the spring/summer of 2020:

Green Team Worker

- > Must be between the ages of 16 – 29
- > Have a valid driver's license

Duties to include but are not limited to the following:

- > Mowing grass at various locations
- > General maintenance on the Public Works building
- > Clean-up garbage throughout the municipality.

Deadline for Applications is May 29, 2020

Please submit your application and resume and date available to start to:

Rural Municipality of Rosser
Box 131, Rosser, Manitoba, R0H 1E0
fax: 467-5958 e-mail: info@rmofrosser.com

RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF ROSSER ANNUAL PUBLIC NOTICE



Additions to the Voters List and/or Personal Security Protection Requests

In accordance with Section 36 of *The Municipal Councils and School Boards Election Act* (MCSBEA), the R.M. of Rosser Voters List is open for changes or revisions.

- Any person who is eligible to vote in municipal elections in the Local Authority of the R.M. of Rosser can have his or her name added to the Voters List, or have any information about the voter on the Voters List corrected.
- Any person can request to have his or her name and address obscured from the Voters List.

A person whose name has been obscured will receive a Personal Security Certificate and identification number. In a civic election, that person may only vote by Sealed Envelope Ballot and cannot vote in person at the regular or advance voting places.

To implement the above, a written request must be submitted to the Senior Election Official, in person, by e-mail, fax or mail.

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P.O. Box 131, Rosser, MB R0H 1E0
Telephone number:(204) 467-5711
Fax Number: (204) 467-5958
Email: admin@rmofrosser.com

The next General Election takes place on October 26, 2022.

Rural Municipality of Woodlands PUBLIC HEARING



REGARDING THE 2020 FINANCIAL PLAN

In accordance with Subsection 162(2) of The Municipal Act the Council of the Rural Municipality of Woodlands shall hold a PUBLIC HEARING to present the 2020 Financial Plan for the Municipality being held

May 14, 2020 at 6:00 P.M.

Rural Municipality of Woodlands Multi-purpose Building
152 MacDonald Avenue, Warren, MB

The Rural Municipality of Woodlands 2020 Financial Plan consists of:

- 1) 2020 Operating Budget
- 2) 2020 Capital Budget
- 3) an estimate of the operating revenue and expenditures for the following fiscal year (2021), and
- 4) a five-year Capital Expenditure Program (2021-2025)

The purpose of the Public Hearing is to allow any interested person to make representation, ask questions, or register an objection in respect of the Rural Municipality of Woodlands 2020 Financial Plan. If you are planning to attend we are requesting that you pre-register with the RM of Woodlands Office at 204-383-5679 or by email at finance@rmwoodlands.ca.

Due to COVID-19 information and documents concerning the 2020 Financial Plan are available for review by email, mail or fax. Please call 204-383-5679 to arrange for delivery.

Adam Turner, CMMA
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Rural Municipality of Woodlands

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The family of the late Ralph Trombo would like to express their thanks for the cards of condolences and special words of remembrance that you shared with us. The donations to the Teulon Food Bank and Teulon and District Museum were two organizations that were special to Ralph. The gifts of food and flowers that were brought to the house was greatly appreciated, as well as the many phone calls of support. Our sincere gratitude to Shirley Williams for her caring and compassion, at the grave side service and to Mackenzie Funeral Home for their support. Our family extends our greatest thanks for your acts of kindness at our difficult time.
-Joan Trombo and family

THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF ROCKWOOD 2020 DUST CONTROL PROGRAM

When requesting application of dust control, the Applicant acknowledges and accepts the following:

1. The product to be used for dust control purposes is Magnesium Chloride. The Municipality does not guarantee any dust control product.
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.**

In the event of there not being sufficient requests for a truckload, payments will be refunded.

COUNCIL
The Rural Municipality of Rockwood

STONEWALL & AREA MOBILITY SERVICES DRIVERS

The Stonewall & Area Mobility Services (SAMS) Committee is seeking applications from qualified individuals for positions of Driver. Reporting to the SAMS Coordinator, Drivers will perform the duties and responsibilities necessary for the handi-transit service for the area, based on the needs of the entire region.

The preferred applicant will require a valid Class 4 Driver's License and be able to produce a clear Driver's Abstract.

Remuneration will be commensurate with qualifications and experience.

A detailed Job Description is available at www.stonewall.ca

Qualified persons are invited to submit a detailed resume including three references to the undersigned.

Stonewall & Area Mobility Services
Attention: Sharon Inman
293 Main Street, Box 250
Stonewall, MB R0C 2Z0
SAMS@stonewall.ca

Deadline for applications: 4:00 PM on May 11, 2020

Start date: To be determined

We thank all those persons who apply, however only those granted an interview will be contacted.

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> GAMES

SUDOKU

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6	4	1	5	7	9	2	8	3
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6	5	2	8	9	3	4	1	7
9	7	8	2	5	3	8	7	4
8	7	3	9	4	6	5	2	1
2	9	6	1	8	7	3	9	4
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3	8	6	4	9	1	7	2	5
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Sudoku Answer

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A	V	G	V	I	N	O	I	O	V
A	R	A	T	I	A	R	A	M	E

Crossword Answer

CROSSWORD

- CLUES ACROSS**
1. Expression of sorrow or pity
 5. Not bad
 11. NYC Mayor
 14. Essays
 15. Walk lightly
 18. Those who utilize
 19. Actress Judd
 21. One-time community of nations
 23. Norwegian river
 24. Unconscious states
 28. Make muddy
 29. Unit of volume
 30. Consciousnesses
 32. Envision
 33. When you aim to get there
 35. Electronic data processing
 36. Passports are some
 39. Snakelike fish
 41. Military flyers (abbr.)
 42. Popular computers
 44. Ecological stage
 46. Wings
 47. Used in combination
 49. Laid back
 52. Princess's headgear
 56. Musical composition
 58. Famed Falls
 60. Reiterations
 62. Eras
 63. Track event

- CLUES DOWN**
1. Defensive nuclear weapon (abbr.)
 2. Instead
 3. Gifts for the poor
 4. A type of gin
 5. Torments

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6. One point south of due east
7. Actor Pacino
8. Feline
9. Chinese dynasty
10. Short cries for help
12. Straits can sometimes be this
13. Further
16. Variety shows
17. Supernatural
20. A university in Connecticut
22. Atomic #27
25. Of I
26. We all have one
27. Religious guilds
29. This can sting
31. Sunscreen rating
34. Brew
36. Religious leader
37. Indigo bush
38. Burn with a hot liquid
40. Jr.'s father
43. Ray-finned fish genus
45. Morning
48. Straight line passing from side to side (abbr.)
50. S-shaped line
51. Small bunch of hay
53. Ripened
54. Crater on Mars
55. Humanities
57. Of the ears
58. To the ___ degree
59. Wood
61. Cools your home

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BIRTHDAY



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BIRTHDAY



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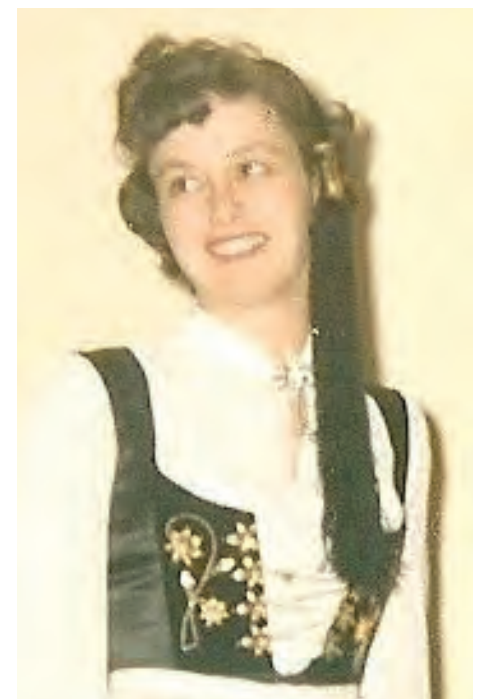
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-Esther, Amanda
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OBITUARY



Chelsea Elliott

It is with deep sorrow that we announce the sudden passing of Chelsea Elliott, on Sunday, April 26, 2020, at the age of 31. Surviving to mourn the loss, parents Shane and Noble Elliott; sister Jennine (Travis, Jase and Jessa) Campbell; grandmother Elaine Elliott; as well as numerous relatives and friends. Predeceased by grandparents Albert (Lorna) Moman, Arthur Elliott and cousin Brendan.

Chelsea was a fun loving, free spirit with a smile that would light up a room and an infectious laugh. She was a very independent person with a strong will and the determination to achieve anything she set her mind too. If you told her she couldn't do something she would do it just to prove you wrong. She grew up spending many hours and days with friends and family as she was a social butterfly. She loved being outside and could be found walking,

biking and skating in her hometown.

As she grew older her zest for adventure only grew, her job with Valard provided her with some of the most beautiful scenic views around. On her days off work she would travel to other provinces to visit friends or just to get some rest and relaxation in. Her favorite place to recharge was in Steep Rock at the family cabin. She would spend as much time as she could there and loved to share the experience with friends.

She always found time to spend with family, whether it be shopping with her mom, helping dad with projects, or spending time with her sisters' family and spoiling Jase and Jessa to the fullest out of pure love and pride. She held a special place in her heart for her cousin Renee, they grew up like sisters and even though time passed their relationship never faltered. She loved and treated Renee's kids like they were her nieces. She gained many friends over the years some who have come and gone but they were a part of her life and who she became today. Growing up she had many pets in her life and would reminisce often about those that were no longer with her, she had a love for all animals especially if they appeared to be a stray.

A Celebration of Life will be planned for a later date.

A special thank you to first responders, family, friends and our wonderful community.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in memory of Chelsea to the Winnipeg Humane Society.

MacKenzie Funeral Home will be hosting the obituary on their website mackenziefh.com.

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OBITUARY



Edith Hofer

March 17, 1947 - April 29, 2020

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Edith Hofer of Warren, Manitoba. Edith's memory will be cherished by her son Chris, daughter-in-law Paula and family.

After a long 8 1/2 months in the hospital, mom peacefully went to sleep surrounded with nothing but pure love and admiration, just to be reunited with the love of her life, Sam.

Mom fought a hard battle this past year and we could not be more proud of her. She tried the best she could, but ultimately wanted to go home to be with Dad. The strength she had shown is something we will never forget.

Countless hours of conversations with mom over this past while, leaves us with an enormous sense of love and pride. We will cherish these memories as it proved to us just how content and

at peace mom truly was.

Right up until her last days, mom managed to enjoy the music she loved so much. I truly believe she's strumming her guitar and harmonizing with Dad to the countless songs they sang together.

Mom loved her grandchildren Taylor (Ty), Amy (Connor) and Josh. She made sure to tell them every chance she could, just how proud of them she was. Nothing could have made Mom happier than being a grandma, except maybe her great-grandchildren Levi and Harper. How incredibly special they were to her! Our niece Shelby was also like a grandchild to Mom and Dad. We will forever cherish the fun memories we all share.

Mom's big heart only opened wider when we welcomed Thalissa, Natalia and Camron into our family. They soon learned where Gramma's infamous candy drawer was. She always managed to keep it fully stocked so the kids always had a special treat.

Mom was my biggest cheerleader and greatest support. I will feel her loss every day. I love you Mom, but I know you are where you wanted to be, with Dad, together again.

May we all take comfort in our memories.

Also left to mourn are mom's siblings Annie, Laura, Ruby, Pat and Jim as well as many nieces, nephews, extended family and countless friends.

We would like to thank all the staff at the Stonewall District Hospital who became part of our family. The love, compassion and care you provided for mom will forever remain in our hearts. She truly cared about each and every one of you.

Service to be determined at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in mom's name to South West District Palliative Care.



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