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Staff

The Stonewall Teulon Tribune and its sister publications the Selkirk Record, the Express Weekly News and the Winkler Morden Voice were recognized in a number of categories at the Manitoba Community Newspapers Association's 98th annual Better Newspapers Competition last weekend.

The competition recognizes the best community journalism has to offer from the MCNA's 49 member weekly community newspapers across the province.

The Stonewall Tribune received several awards in the premier category. Natasha Tersigni won Best Spot News Photo for her photo taken when the Con-

servatives won a majority last year, Jo-Anne Procter received third place in Best Sports Photo, Nicole Kapusta received second for Best In-House Ad supporting shop local and Sandra Grouette placed third for Best Advertisement. The *Tribune* also received third for Best Christmas Edition and third in Best Front Page and Best Layout and Design, circulation 3,999 to 9,999 in the General Excellence.

The *Selkirk Record* was named the Best All Around Newspaper for 2016 for a second year in a row.

The *Record* also took home first place for Best in Class, Best Layout and Design, and second place for Best Front Page in the 10,000 and over circula-



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Members of the *Stonewall Teulon Tribune*, the *Selkirk Record*, the *Winkler Morden Voice* and the *Express Weekly News* hold up their awards following the Manitoba Community Newspaper Association's 98th annual Better Newspapers Competition at the Delta Hotel in Winnipeg last Saturday. This year, the *Tribune* took home a total of seven awards.

tion.

The *Express Weekly News* reporter Patricia Barrett was honoured with awards for Best Education Story, Best Feature Story, and Best Habitat Conservation Story. The paper also took home awards in the following categories: Best in Class, Best Layout and Design, and Best Front Page in the 10,000 and over circulation category.

The Winkler Morden Voice, received the second place award for Best Layout and Design and third place for Best in Class in the 10,000 and over circulation category.

Also, Peter Cantelon was named Best Columnist for the second year in a row in addition to taking second place in the Best Local Editorial on a Business Topic for his piece on intentional infrastructure development.

Also honoured was photographer Rick Hiebert, who received second place in the Photographer of the Year category, and editor Ashleigh Viveiros, who placed second in Best Arts and Culture Story for an article on the renovations at the Manitou Opera House and second in the Better Communities Award for her story on a local man's quest to build a school for underprivileged children in the

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Publisher and Interlake Graphics owner Lana Meier said this was the first year the *Express Weekly News* was eligible for awards.

"It is published with the same standards and quality as its sister publications the *Selkirk Record*, the Winkler Morden Voice and the Stonewall Teulon Tribune," Meier said. "Between all of our newspapers we took home 24 awards, which speaks volumes about our commitment and passion for the communities we serve."

Meier added winning these awards "is a huge honour for our staff."

"I am so proud of our staff. They are dedicated and committed to bringing our readers the most up to date, accurate, compelling and relevant news," she said. "We strive to be No. 1, to bring readership to our papers and results to our advertisers."

"Our communities should be proud to have these newspapers serving them while documenting their history."

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NAVIGATOR

Horsin' around with Rosewood Lodge residents



TRIBUNE PHOTOS BY JO-ANNE PROCTER

Residents of Rosewood Lodge in Stonewall had a special visit from a large four-legged friend last week. Tucker, Cheryl Fryer's 15-year-old quarter horse, enjoyed all the love, attention and treats he received from his new friends. Far left photo: Rose Przibislawsky instantly fell in love with Tucker and showered him with kisses. Second from left: Del MacDougall, personal friend of Fryer, gave Tucker a carrot for his great behaviour, while Edna Fisher, second from right, shows Tucker some affection. Far right photo: Tucker gets a pat on the head from Ken Gardner.



Lake Ranch developers moving ahead with cottage subdivision

RM of Woodlands council briefs for May 9

By Natasha Tersigni

After hosting a series of community open houses and receiving feedback from area residents, Lake Ranch Ecological Preserve and Development officials are moving forward with their planned 413-lot cottage subdivision.

During the RM of Woodlands council meeting on May 9, Lake Ranch Ecological Preserve and Development representative Angela Enright appeared as a delegation to express Lake Ranch developers' plans to move forward and to ask council to again support the project.

In 2014, the process to have the RM's development plan amended in order for the project to move forward began. The process was scrapped in the spring of 2016 due to the provincial election.

With the change of government, Enright told council the developers are confident that they will be able to work closely with provincial officials to ensure the project gets through this time around.

"People behind the scenes are very supportive and they are looking forward to council supporting the project and submitting it to them. They are all for economic development as long as it works hand in hand with environmental protections, which this project totally does. It is a win-win situation for the environment, the municipality, and the wildlife," explained Enright, who now has to re-submit an application to council for a development plan amendment in order for the project to move forward.

"The application that we are submitting varies a fair degree from the previous application in terms of the way the project works and the controls that are in place. We addressed the concerns that the community brought forward."

With the RM of Woodlands giving the project second reading the first time around, they indicated they are supportive of the project and looking forward to the application and restarting the process. With any development plan amendment, a public hearing will be called for residents to give council their formal input on the project.

Woodlands School demolition

Council passed a resolution to allow the Interlake School Division to demolish the old Woodlands School. Restrictions council placed on the resolution included the need for a sixfoot-high fence surrounding the entire site; operations must be between the hours of 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. Monday to Saturday; and the Woodlands



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY NATASHA TERSIGNI

Lake Ranch Ecological Preserve and Development representative Angela Enright appeared as a delegation at the RM of Woodlands council meeting on May 9 to speak to council regarding the plans for a cottage subdivision.

Dump cannot be used for the debris from the demolition. Tearing down the old school is scheduled for July and August, and a permit from the Office of the Manitoba Fire Commissioner must be obtained before the demolition can begin.

2017 Financial Plan

Council passed the second and third reading of the RM's 2017 budget, which included a 2.25 per cent increase for RM of Woodlands ratepayers.





TRIBUNE PHOTO BY JO-ANNE PROCTER

The Quarry Strutters line dancers hit the dance floor at the Oddfellows Hall May 8 for the 2017 Jamboree. Approximately 83 dancers from Gimli, Beausejour, Victoria Beach and St. Vital took turns demonstrating and teaching various line dances.

Rosser ratepayers flock to public meeting

By Jennifer McFee

A large group of landowners gathered at Grosse Isle Memorial Hall on Monday to learn more about a local improvement borrowing bylaw for a water and wastewater service project in Rosser.

It was standing room only in the packed hall, where the group learned about proposed bylaw amendments at a public meeting on May 15.

The proposed project is to construct wastewater collection and water distribution systems to service 520 acres of developed land in the local improvement area. The project includes feeder mains from the Cartier Regional Water Co-operative reservoir in Rosser as well as a low-pressure sewer connection to the City of Winnipeg wastewater line.

Costs are estimated at \$22,560,070, and Rosser plans to borrow \$16,360,070 over 25 years. The Water Co-op will also contribute \$5 million and the Manitoba Water Services Board will contribute \$1.2 million.

Originally, the plan had been to pay for the water and sewer project by collecting a per-acre levy from landowners in this local improvement area within the Rosser CentrePort area. In this area, there are 117 properties owned by 85 taxpayers. The rationale was that these properties would benefit from the project, so they should pay for it. However, many landowners are concerned about the costs, especially because many of feel that they do not need the project or the services it would provide. how the RM of Rosser and CentrePort partners could come to the conclusion that the project would only benefit these 117 properties. Instead, the Municipal Board believes that the benefits will impact the broader Rosser community.

As a result of Municipal Board recommendations, the RM of Rosser is proposing amendments to the borrowing bylaw so that all taxable, grant-in-lieu and otherwise exempt properties, such as churches, will be subject to a levy.

With the exception of residential acres, the serviced portion of the Phase 1 Stage 1A area could face a prepayment cost of \$25,113.93 per acre, reduced from the previous amount of \$31,457.44 per acre. The alternative would be a finance option of \$1,964.58 per acre, down from \$2,460.81 per acre, levied annually over 25 years.

For the unserviced portion of Phase 1 Stage 1A, the proposed prepayment cost would be \$3,300.98 per acre or a finance option of \$258.23 per acre levied annually over 25 years.

For the rest of the municipality, the prepayment cash option would be \$10.016 per acre or a finance option of \$0.784 per acre levied annually over 25 years.

A Municipal Board public hearing had tentatively been scheduled for June, but it is now being postponed and the date is yet to be set.



TRIBUNE PHOTOS BY JENNIFER MCFEE

Pictured left to right, Rosser CentrePort project manager Bob Brown, senior project manager Brett Ransom of Stantec and legal counsel Orvel Currie.



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> ARNIE WEIDL Anglers eager to get out on the water

Hi gang. Everywhere I went last weekend, anglers abounded, finally free to revel in their passion for outdoor living and fishing.

At Pine Falls off Manitou Point Road upstream of the dam, I met Ewald Lautenshlaeger of Richer out with his big, wonderful family for an afternoon getaway. Ewald was a tall, strong, dark-haired guy who wore a constant thoughtful smile. All the kids, who sure looked like their dad, were lined along the shore fishing. But only one of the boys, Christian, had caught a good-sized pickerel.

Like Pine Falls, on Saturday, the Selkirk pier was filled with old and new friends. As I parked facing the river, a chap sitting in his truck next to me caught my eye. He was a big man with a rugged face covered with a short grey beard and moustache. His eyes had the look of someone who had seen much in life. His stalwart appearance, however, bore no resemblance to his lighthearted personality.

"Hi Arnie. How's tricks?" he quipped through our open windows. Then I remembered he was Derrick Geurts from Winnipeg. We had met on the Red a winter or two ago.

"I've got a story for ya," he offered and went right into it."A little downstream from here last summer, I thought I had hooked something really big. As I reeled it in, the slim end of a fishing rod popped up out of the water snagged on my hook. It didn't take very long until I had an extra rod and reel, which, in turn, to my amazement, had a surfacing giant carp on the other end trying to pull it out my hands. I reeled him in and as I released him I said, 'You must be tired of dragging that rig all over the place.



TRIBUNE PHOTO SUBMITTED Pictured from top to bottom: Todd Kelly, Jay Gomez and Jordan her mother, began chattering excit-Single-Arnie fish at the Hnausa Pier recently.

Off you go.' When Derrick got home, his wife asked him what he had caught, to which he replied, "Nothing but rods and reels today!"

Recently, in the course of some business in Selkirk, I met local gal Sabrina Tripp. During a break, she said she had a humorous fishing experience so we sat down and I listened to this mellow-voiced lady's story. Apparently, years ago, she and her husband Les took her mother, Farida, boat fishing on Chocolate Lake by The Pas for the first time. Farida, acting like an excited rookie, kept reeling her line in to see if she had lost her worm. Then she would drop it back in the water while constantly rambling on loudly. After a while, Sabrina got a little upset with mom and told her she was never going to catch a fish by being noisy and pulling her line in all the time. Dejected, Farida cast out but this time buried her worm-baited hook in Sabrina's nicely styled brown hair. Frowning, Sabrina pulled the worm and hook out of her hair and tossed it into the water. Almost instantly, mom sheep-

ishly announced, "I've got a bite." "No you don't mom", Sabrina declared.

"I think I do," mom insisted quietly and began reeling in her line as a huge trout burst up from the water. She wasted no time; her hand cranked the reel so fast the fish was towed wiggling across the top of the water right to the boat.

As it came alongside, Les landed it saying, "You've got a master angler fish here girl!"

Sabrina, filled with warm pride for edly about the great catch. Farida, with the air of an angling champion, baited her hook, dropped it into the water and proclaimed, "I'm not going to be able to catch any more fish if you people don't be quiet!" Sabrina just sat there shaking her head.

After Selkirk on Saturday afternoon, I got over to the Hnausa pier and, boy, was it packed! I left my car at the approach and picked my way around the vehicles asking anglers if they had caught anything. No dice! Finally, at the end of the rock water break, I found three young guys who had actually caught a fish. Todd Kelly, Jay Gomez, Jordan Single and I joked about their solitary luck and Jordan's last name, to which he remarked,"The way I look at it, whoever I marry, she'll be 'single' for the rest of her life!" Till next week. Bye now.



Allana Sawatzky



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Proposed fish processing plant surprises Teulon officials

By Natasha Tersigni

In anticipation of the province's dissolving the Freshwater Fish Marketing Corporation this December, and thus the current monopoly of freshwater fish in Manitoba, fish processing companies are popping up in the Interlake in hopes of being ready for the Dec. 1 opening of the fish fair trade market.

The newest fish processing company hoping to get a jump on the market is Northern Walleye Inc (NWI).

At the Teulon council meeting on May 9, NWI owners Shane and Daniel Poitras appeared as a delegation to present their plans to build a \$5-million plant in town. The brothers have purchased the former DeLuca building, located off of Highway 7, and want to turn it into a processing plant where they will process fresh water fish and sell it to both local and international markets.

"This is going to be our branch business starting facility. What we will be doing is receiving fish from the fishers. The fish will come to our Teulon plant headed and gutted and that means there will be hardly any blood or byproduct coming out of our plant. Here, the fish will be sized and sorted and then placed on the conveyor belt to be iced. Then the fish will be packaged and sent out to our buyers," explained Shane.

"Teulon is a great middle-of-theroad location. It is right in the middle of Lake Manitoba and Lake Winnipeg."

With plans moving forward for the company to build a processing plant in Gimli, council questioned the intentions of how long NWI would be running in Teulon.

"Basically, what we can do here with fish is endless. We wouldn't be investing \$5 million if that wasn't the case; we are here to stay," added Shane.

The Poitrases are hoping to have the plant running as soon as possible and are moving forward with planning. They have applied for two sets of amendments needed for the property including, one to the South Interlake Planning District (SIPD) to amend their development plan and re-designate the property from Highway Commercial Area to Industrial Area. The other amendment, which Teulon council gave first reading to during the meeting, is to rezone the property. Both amendments have to go through a lengthy process that includes input from provincial government departments and public hearings.

As well, once the proper zoning amendments are made, NWI will have to apply to the town for a conditional use permit.

"There are many steps, including notification process and public hearings, for this to go forward. This process does take time, about five to six months, and the unknown is the objections. This is the first major step of the process, first reading which will trigger a deeper look at the application," said SIPD manager Eric Shaw, who was in attendance for the delegation.

While council was receptive to the delegation. Mayor Bert Campbell did question the Poitrases as to why this is the first time they have brought the project forward with the hopes of a fast turn-around time.

"I just don't understand if you are planning to move forward with this major plant, why you didn't come to us earlier?" said Campbell.

"I know your project is time sensitive, but it is a slow process and we have to follow government approvals. The zoning amendments alone are not a fast process."



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A big thank you ronment clean and attractive. I want to let those workers know

Last weekend while driving on #7 Highway, I noticed groups of people working in the ditches.

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that their efforts did not go unnoticed. Thank you all very, very much for taking time out of your busy lives to make Rockwood a great place to call home.

Merle Tomyk



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY NATASHA TERSIGNI

Daniel Poitras, left, and his brother Shane Poitras appeared as a delegation at the Town of Teulon council meeting to discuss plans to build a fish processing plant in town. The proposed plant, Northern Walleye Inc., would replace the current DeLuca factory located just off of Highway 7.



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Manitoba Hydro has applied to the Public Utilities Board (Board) for a 7.9 per cent increase to hydro rates on August 1, 2017 and another 7.9 per cent increase on April 1, 2018.

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By Jennifer McFee

• At the May 9 meeting, Rosser council approved a \$500 recreation and cultural grant to help the Stony Mountain Community Association with their Canada 150 celebrations.

• The RM of Rosser is requesting that the library agreement reflect a new funding formula agreed upon with the Town of Stonewall, the Town of Teulon and the RM of Rockwood. The new formula uses data based on the population of each municipality as well as the number of library memberships held in each municipality. The legal costs to amend the agreement will be shared equally among the participating municipalities.

• Council is allowing an appeal and will provide more time for Beverly and Ryan Derrick Weiss of Derrick's Sandblasting to comply with the completion of a subdivision and its conditions. They will need to pay \$10,000 in fines by June 15 on the basis of unlawfully proceeding with development and use of the property

in contravention of the inland port rural zone designation of the property. Also by June 15, they will need to pay \$14,152.08 for legal costs, SIPD costs, municipal administration costs and fire fighting costs. If these conditions aren't met by Aug. 30, the order to comply will be reinstated. They will be required to comply with the order by Sept. 30.

• Rosser council authorized the CAO to upload the Manitoba Ombudsman final report to the RM of Rosser website at www.rmofrosser. com.

• Council unanimously approved third reading of a bylaw to impose capital levies in area known as the Rosser Rural Settlement Centre.

• The RM of Rosser entered into an agreement with Canada Sheep & Lamb Farms Ltd. and David Abas regarding legal fees for a conditional use agreement.

• Council entered into an agreement for 2017 gravel hauling with E. Moggey Trucking.

• The RM authorized a final payment of \$1,942.50 to Lorne Novak as a financial contribution towards landscaping work at 39 Parkland Rd.

• Council agreed to give a \$125 grant towards the 32nd Annual Ralph Eichler Charity Golf Tournament, which will be held in Teulon on June 16. Council is also authorized to attend with expenses paid.

Trevor King of Marquette Coop spoke to council about changes in fuel equity for municipalities. As well, emergency management personnel Bob Poirier and Remi McLaughlin, along with Fire Chief Mike Palmer, attended the meeting to complete a risk analysis exercise for the RM. Council also heard from Orvel Currie and Jennifer Hanson of DD West LLP via conference call, Rosser CentrePort manager Bob Brown, Russell Fitzjohn for a conditional use re-application, and CentrePort senior planner Meagan Boles for a subdivision application and zoning file.

ing, council will present an apology to RM of Rosser staff members in regards to personnel matters. Coun. Angela Emms opposed the resolution.

Council authorized the CAO to release the conclusion of a Legacy Bowes report of a workplace investigation dated September 2016. The conclusion states: "After interviewing the Complainants, the Respondent, the Reeve and three Council members, reviewing minutes of Council meetings, various documents provided to assist in the investigation including several newspaper articles, it is our conclusion that the complaints were legitimate under the RM's Harassment Prevention policy. In addition, it is our conclusion that Councillor Emms has breached the RM's Harassment policy and the RM's Code of Conduct for Council Members."The apology will be uploaded to the RM of Rosser website.

• At the May 23 council meet-

St. Laurent financial plans includes mill rate increase, investment in services

By Jeff Ward

St. Laurent council detailed and approved its 2017 financial plan including a mill rate increase from 17.650 to 18.900 on May 11.

Reeve Cheryl Smith said the increase in mill rate will provide a bump in funding for the municipality's protective services. Smith said there are plans to train as many as 10 new emergency first responders and the fire department will be going through some new training this year as well. The increase will also cover items like repairs and improvements for fire department vehicles as well as repairs to paved roads and dust control. What this means for ratepayers is that their taxes will go up, some more than others, as all school divisions in the area — Prairie Rose, Lakeshore and the Interlake school divisions — increased their mill rates as well. Based on a residential property of \$100,000 in the Prairie Rose School Division, the tax adjustments will be \$1,407.15, up from \$1,314,45 in 2016, which is an increase of \$92.70.

"Not one person showed up to our public hearing on the budget and that spoke clearly to us that people are satisfied," said Smith.

"In our first two budgets we got rid of the \$329,000 deficit and we had a little surplus last year. We decreased the mill rate those two years, as well, to help repair the confidence in the ratepayers while increasing their services. And now we have to move forward as a community because we all want to see more improvements."

Smith said that one of the projects that was non-negotiable this year was the building of a washroom facility and office improvements at the waste transfer site as well as a new skid steer. The fire hall will also see investment this year with new flooring.

Smith added that council creates a list every year of all the things they would like to accomplish in the municipality. There are no limits as to how expensive a project on the list can be or how large a scope the project is. And what it allows council to do is understand all of the areas within the RM that need work. Smith said that once the list is complete, council works backwards, cutting projects that are either too expensive or are low priority until they have the final items for their budget.

"It's our wish list and we put everything in there like we have all the money in the world. When we start cutting, we eventually get to a point where we're aggressively looking at the budget, keeping in mind what we need to do," said Smith.

The reeve said that the last two budgets were about lowering the burden on ratepayers while establishing new services and eliminating the deficit. This budget is about investing in the future and to do so the mill rate needed to come up.



Graduating classes of 2030 getting ready for kindergarten

Community groups hold first ever kindergarten readiness day

By Natasha Tersigni

To ease students' and parents' firstday-of-school fears and anxieties, Interlake School Division (ISD) along with the Interlake-Eastern Regional Health Authority (IERHA) hosted the Ready, Set, Grow kindergarten readiness day on May 8.

The event at École R. W. Bobby Bend School welcomed children who will be heading to kindergarten in the ISD this September. Students and families visited a variety of booths to help prepare students for their first official day of regular classes this fall.

"We tried to make the day really fun and interesting for both the children and their parents. We had a variety of different booths set up, including face painting and the fire trucks aimed at the children and different information booths available for the parents on nutrition, immunization and other health and wellness topics. The IERHA also had a speech pathologist and audiologist conducting baseline assessments for speech and hearing tests to check if there are any issues with a child and have those addressed before they start school," said event co-organizer Caroline LeClair, who is a registered dietician with the Interlake-Eastern RHA.

Along with booths set up by Interlake-Eastern RHA and ISD, there were several from community organizations and businesses, including local dentists who focused on oral health in children, the South Interlake Regional Library discussing programs they offer, and the Stonewall-Rockwood Fire Department discussing fire safety with children.

"For the event, we are working in co-operation with community partners and stakeholders to ease first day anxieties. This is our first year holding it and it has been successful. There have been similar days like this held on the eastern side of our health region, and after we merged, we decided we should try our own day," added



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY NATASHA TERSIGNI

Melodie Versavel, left, attended the Ready, Set, Grow kindergarten readiness day on May 8 at École R. W. Bobby Bend School. Community Mental Health worker Liane Knoll-Kowk talked with Melodie about ways children can self-regulate their behaviour and ease any first-day-ofschool worries.

LeClair.

With the success of this year's Ready, Set, Grow event, organizers are already looking forward to putting on a similar event next year.

Golfers, sponsors needed for golf tourney

Staff

The upcoming annual Ralph Eichler Charity Golf Tournament is taking another swing at raising money for two important local causes.

The 13th annual tournament is scheduled for Friday, June 13 at the Teulon Golf and Country Club to raise money for the Interlake Community Foundation and South West District Palliative Care, Inc.

The event will feature a shotgun start at 1 p.m., a Texas Scramble, a hole-in-one contest with a \$10,000 prize, and dinner at the clubhouse.

Golf chair George Willis said they are looking for participants and sponsors to get involved.

"For the last two or three years, we've had around 96 to 100 golfers, and we'd like to get to a larger number this year," he said.

Anybody who is interested in golfing can find more information and pay their registration fee on the Interlake Community Foundation's website at www.interlakefoundation.



Ralph R. Eichler, MLA for Lakeside

Constituency Office 319 Main St. Box 1845 Stonewall, Manitoba ROC 2Z0 HOURS: Tues & Thurs 10 am - 2 pm Tel: (204) 467-9482 Website: www.ralpheichler.com ca. Individual registrations are \$125, which includes golf, cart and dinner (as well as a \$30 tax receipt). For those who would only like to attend the dinner, tickets cost \$30. The registration deadline is June 2, and anyone who registers and pays by this date will be entered into a draw for a chance to win a signed Winnipeg Jets jersey.

Anyone who would like to become a sponsor or to make a prize donation can contact Willis at 204-467-0060 or willisgm@hotmail.com.



PUBLIC NOTICE

Pesticide Control Program

Manitoba Sustainable Development intends to conduct a Pesticide Control Program during 2017 in the Grant's Lake and Oak Hammock Marsh Wildlife Management Areas.

The program is needed to control noxious weeds on lure crops.

The projected dates of application will be from June 2, 2017 to October 31, 2017.

The herbicides to be used may include:

Broadband Glyphosate Prestige XC Quizalofop Curtail M Infinity Puma Advance Velocity m3

If you have comments or concerns, send them in writing to:

Manitoba Sustainable Development Environmental Approvals Branch Suite 160, 123 Main Street (Box 80) Winnipeg, Manitoba R3C 1A5

Comments must be received by June 1, 2017.



Armstrong farmer's land unusable due to flooded dtiches

By Jeff Ward

RM of Armstrong farmer Arvid Monsen has been battling encroaching water on his property ever since he moved in seven years ago, and he's still waiting for the RM to do something about it.

Monsen said that nearly 75 per cent of his land is currently unusable from overland flooding and that 25 per cent of his 160 acres has been perpetually flooded since he moved to the area in 2010. Monsen said that the issue stems from clogged drainage and that the RM simply hasn't done enough to clean them out.

Culverts, ditches and much of the drainage in his area, just north of Fraserwood, is backed up and hasn't been cleared in years, he said. The issue has become so bad that he and his son, Jett, have actually gone canoeing in a field just south of his property. The water is waist-deep and a quarter of land south of Monsen's home has been under water for as long as he can remember.

"The RM just isn't doing anything to help with the water," said Monsen.

"They put in culverts sometimes but all that does is make the water someone else's problem. It moves it away from my property and it collects on my neighbours' fields. They need to come in here and clean out these ditches because they're clogged."

Ward 4 Coun. Ted Sumka said that he's well aware of the issue and agreed that the problem is that much of the drainage in the area is clogged. Sumka said that since 2010, there has been a lot of rain and the water tables remain very high.

With the ground so saturated, even if the drainage was cleaned out, it would still take a lot of time for the ground to return to a normal amount of saturation.

Sumka said that the RM has done all it can with the money it collects for taxes. He even suggested a tax increase a few years ago that could help address drainage and other infrastructure needs, but he was met with resistance.

"When it came to council, a lot of people had complaints," said Sumka.

"The people who elect you don't want their taxes raised, so what can you do? My hands were tied. You can't just tax one person and not the other. It has to be across the board. I know [Monsen] would pay more taxes, but he's in the minority on that."

Sumka said that one of the biggest issues facing the drainage system in Armstrong is beaver dams. The RM has been fighting beavers for years and they haven't been very successful at it. Beavers are a very costly problem for much of the Interlake and are causing drainage issues in Grahamdale, Ashern and even Gimli. Sumka said that the RM has been throwing money at the problem for years, and even with the most experienced trappers on the case, the beavers are winning because they reproduce so



TRIBUNE PHOTO SUBMITTED BY ARVID MONSEN

Arvid Monsen said that 25 per cent of his land is perpetually under water and that poor drainage management by the RM is to blame. The water is so high in a field just south of Monsen's land that he and his son Jett, pictured, have been canoeing in it.

quickly.

The cost to Monsen is that he is paying taxes on land he can't use and has to purchase hay for his horses because the land he owns, which would be great for hay, is under water. It's hitting him in the wallet hard, and while Sumka is not unsympathetic, he said that the process to fix things is going to be slow.

"What we have to do is keep cleaning the ditches one mile at a time. You can only spend so much on drainage and some years we'll get more done than others," said Sumka.

Small engine repair shop opens in Stonewall

By Natasha Tersigni

J.B.s' Small Engine Repair held their official grand opening just in time for lawn mowing season last Saturday.

The family run business is ready to serve the Interlake region for small engine repairs from simple tune-ups to complete engine overhauls.

Jeff Benson opened the shop with his wife Leslie and their son Jeremy Benson in Stonewall's Industrial Park.

With Jeremy Benson's background in car mechanics and Jeff Benson's previous experience as a small engine mechanic, the new business was a perfect fit for the family.

Jeremy Benson is currently working as an apprentice under his father and will be taking over the business down the road.

"I have extensive experience with small engines and having worked

with automotive engines, Jeremy has an idea of how everything works," said Jeff who added that business has been booming since opening their doors.

"This is a great time of year to open. People are heading out to do lawn work and if their machine isn't working, instead of having to drive to Winnipeg, they can just come down here. The way we have set-up the shop is that we can do everything related to small engines. From your simple oil change, adjustments on the carburetor, a new starter all the way up to an engine re-build. We can take the entire engine apart, fix it and put it back together."

J.B.s' Small Engine Repair is located at 4 Granite Ave. and will be open Tuesday through Saturday 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

For more information phone 204-467-2772.



Family owned and operated J.B.s' Small Engine Repair shop has opened in Stonewall and is ready for customers. Pictured left to right, Jeff Benson, Laurie Benson and Jeremy Benson.

Won't you be my neighbour?

By Jennifer McFee

It's a beautiful day in this neighbourhood, a beautiful day for a neighbour.

Perhaps Mr. Rogers could be seen as an inspiration for the inaugural Neighbour Day, which is slated for Saturday, May 27 in Winnipeg and neighbouring communities.

Winnipeg Mayor Brian Bowman invited mayors and reeves from the capital region to help him launch the new initiative last week.

The goal of Neighbour Day is to help build bonds among Winnipeg communities as well as with municipalities in the capital region. To get involved, neighbourhoods could organize a block party, host a community cleanup, meet for a picnic in the park or initiate an idea of their own.

To help create community connections, Winnipeg councillors took on the municipal politicians in a friendly game of ball hockey at the launch event on May 10, followed by a barbecue in the courtyard of City Hall.

Colleen Sklar, executive director of the Partnership of the Manitoba Capital Region (PMCR), said the upcoming Neighbour Day initiative is something that everyone can participate in.

"Mayor Bowman is asking his residents to get along with their neighbours. He's also saying that we, as regional municipalities, need to be good neighbours and we need to develop these strong relationships," she said.

"It's one of those events that we're thrilled about. A whole new relationship is forming between the City of Winnipeg and the surrounding areas, which is exactly what we need to move forward. It is fantastic."

At the same time, Sklar was also impressed with the camaraderie at the last week's launch.

"It was a wonderful day and it set a whole new tone for relationships," she said.

"Most of the time, when these municipalities meet, it's not always for something fun. The Partnership of the Capital Region is very excited about the momentum that an event like that can bring."

Sklar gives kudos to Bowman for his forward-thinking approach and to all the other mayors and reeves who took time to participate.

Rosser Reeve Frances Smee also spoke highly of the event, where she cheered on the ball hockey players.

"It was excellent. It's good to make personal connections with people you're doing business with or you're partnering with," said Smee, who cochairs the PMCR board along with Winnipeg Coun. Janice Lukes. "We are all neighbours in the capital region."

The PMCR is working on collaborative regional planning and economic development, she added.

"We've got a transportation master plan that's complete, and now we're working with the city, the province and industry leaders to put it into play. We're going onto the next steps to make it a part of every municipality's planning," she said.

"I think we've realized that we've got to work as a region and combine all of our assets if we're going to attract business and investments to the



TRIBUNE PHOTO SUBMITTED

Representatives from the City of Winnipeg and surrounding communities met to launch Neighbour Day on May 10.

capital region."

For Rockwood Reeve Jim Campbell, it was easy to see the immediate impact of networking with neighbours. After the event, he returned to a planning conference and discovered a newfound connection with the other participants.

"When get to know them as people and have conversations with them, then you can talk about issues and get things accomplished," Campbell said.

"With our capital region partners, it's so much better to be working together instead of trying to compete against them."

Representing the Town of Stonewall, Coun. Clive Hinds shared similar sentiments.

"It was a good way to get together and share a fun-filled lunch and a

little bit of play time. We should try to do that more and more each and every year," Hinds said.

"I think it's imperative, especially in the capital region, that we get out and make an effort to meet and greet each other."

In addition to representation from Rosser, Rockwood and Stonewall, participants at the launch included Reeve Bradley Erb from the RM of Macdonald, Mayor Bruce Henley from the RM of West St. Paul, Mayor Debbie Fiebelkorn from the RM of St. Clements, Mayor Robert Rivard from the RM of Tache, Mayor Shelley Hart from the RM of East St. Paul, Coun. Laurie Hunt and Coun. Joy Sul from the RM of St. Andrews, and Coun. Jim Robson from the RM of Headingley.

Rosser council approves 2017 financial plan

By Jennifer McFee

Rosser residents will be paying 8.1 per cent more on their municipal property taxes in 2017.

At the May 9 meeting, council passed second and third readings of a bylaw to levy taxes for 2017. The 2017 mill rate is 8.432, up 0.631 from 7.801 mills last year.

The 2017 financial plan includes a 4.4 per cent increase in expenditures combined with a 3.4 per cent decline in other revenue.

The main expenditures in 2017 focus on transportation services (28 per cent), general government services (17 per cent), protective services (11 per cent) and fiscal services (10 per cent).

General government services in-

clude \$92,000 in legal fees, while economic development expenditures include \$399,500 towards CentrePort and \$237,962.74 for a City of Winnipeg sewer agreement.

Capital costs include \$240,000 for a new grader. As well, utility capital projects include the CentrePort sewer and



water distribution installation (\$22,560,070) and Grosse Isle sewer connection repairs (\$100,000).

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Garden project grows at New Life Church

By Jennifer McFee

A new opportunity for gardeners has cropped up in Stonewall.

This year, New Life Church has 20 garden plots available for use on its property, up from eight plots from its inaugural year in 2016.

Project organizer Jeannette Bailey is pleased with how the initiative has blossomed.

"Last year, we started small. We've got 18 acres on our property, and I thought that there was extra land there that perhaps we could tap into. We just opened it up to people in the church because we weren't certain how good the soil was and if we would be able to grow any produce," she said.

"We ended up having an amazing year. The weather was great, so that was in our favour. We had veteran gardeners and we also had people who had never planted a seed before. It turned out so well."

A farmer from the church recently plowed up more land so that they could expand the project and open it up to the community.

"Whoever would like to join us, they're more than welcome," Bailey said.

The cost is \$25 per plot, which measure about 18 by 18. At the end of the season, \$15 will be reimbursed to those who clean out their plots. "They will have to get rid of the dead growth," Bailey said. "Then we'll have someone come in who will till up the garden and get it ready for next year as well."

Gardeners can grow a variety of produce, as long as they don't use any pesticides or herbicides.

"We use no chemicals. We had everything from squash to corn and beets and cilantro. It was a real variety," said Bailey, who grew a watermelon for the first time last year."Everybody planted something different and it did extremely well. It was a fun season."

As a way to share their bounty, they encouraged gardeners to plant a row to donate to the local food bank.

"That was really great," Bailey said. "That will probably be something that we'll encourage this year as well."

Thanks to the convenient location on the church property, gardeners have easy access to the plots. They can drive their cars right up to the garden, which offers an ideal opportunity for anyone who would like to try their hand at planting.

"Some people live in a condo or have a very small yard or maybe there's too much shade in their backyard," Bailey said. "We've got great sun out there and nice wide open space, so anybody is welcome to join us. We'd love to have them come on out. I'm sure



TRIBUNE PHOTO SUBMITTED

This year, 20 garden plots are available for use at the New Life Church property. Pictured Pastor Andrew Dyck, left, and Jeanette Bailey.

it will be a great time to get to know somebody new and maybe to learn something new as well."

For more information, contact Bailey at 204-467-5762 or New Life Church at 204-467-5529.

Teulon council presented 2017 budget

By Natasha Tersigni

Teulon council held a public hearing to present the 2017 Financial Plan before their regular meeting on May 9.

With a proposed total operating budget of \$2 million, an increase of 54 per cent from 2016's operating budget of \$1.3 million, Teulon ratepayers will be seeing a 1.1 per cent increase on their municipal tax levy this year. The increase will go towards maintenance of roads to ensure yearly upkeep can minimize any major repairs needed in the future.

"We initially wanted no increase in the tax levy, but with the need for road repairs, we thought best to budget for that. It is a minimal increase," said Teulon Mayor Bert Campbell.

Capital projects outlined in the budget include reconstruction of a portion of Second Street SW and First Street NW (\$69,000); development of the new fire hall property (\$83,000); purchase of new self-contained breathing apparatuses for Teulon-Rockwood Fire Department (\$25,000); and the purchase of public works equipment including a snow blower (\$7,5000), sander (\$8,500) and tandem truck (\$58,000). The budget also allocates \$500,000, money from the sale of Crescent Creek Park to be placed in general reserves and to use those funds to contribute to town capital projects in the future.

"It will be there for when projects do come forward and we can have a deeper look into them. If a project such as community pool or splash pad comes forward, then we will have money available to contribute," added Campbell.

During the regular council meeting, second and third reading of the budget was approved by council.

Community Donations Council approved the following donations to community groups and events: \$125 to sponsor a hole at the Annual Ralph Eichler Golf Tournament in support of the Interlake Community Foundation to be held on June 16 at the Teulon Golf and County Club; \$250 for the Sunova Golf Classic to be held June 9 at the Teulon Golf and Country Club; \$1,000 for radio advertisement for the Teulon Tractor Pull being held in town on Aug. 19 and 20; and \$1,000 to contribute towards fireworks for Canada Day celebrations in Teulon.

New CAO

Council passed a resolution for the town's new CAO, Doreen Steg, to receive signing authority for the town effective May 15. Steg has been the CAO for the Town of Stonewall for the last year and a half.

Town Garage Sale

The Teulon and District Chamber of Commerce has set their annual Teulon Community Yard Sale for June 10 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Profits raised from this year's sale will be donated to the South Interlake Regional Library. There is a \$15 registration fee . To sign up, call Jan Lambourne at 204-886-3910. Shoppers can pick up a map of the sale on June 10 from Chamber businesses.

Peru Presentation

The community is invited to attend a public presentation on June 7 at 7 p.m. at the Teulon Civic Centre to learn about the projects that council members and staff have been working on in Peru through the Federation of Canadian Municipalities program. Couns. Danny Hutchinson and Mike Ledarney, along with Jeff Precourt and Dan McDermid, will speak about their missions to Peru including their water initiative and the mayor's summit they attended.

WCI talent shines

By Jo-Anne Procter

The talent pool at Warren Collegiate on May 9 was overflowing. Industrial Arts and Arts students built props and decorated while others helped with costumes, printing, lights and sound. The Human Ecology class prepared and served desserts to a gymnasium full of guests. The choir entertained, which included solos and duets and after an intermission the drama club brought The Big Bad Musical to life. With the audience as the jury, Fairy Godmother fought to have The Big Bad Wolf put away for all his crimes. The Evil Stepmother represented the wolf and Little Red Riding Hood, Grandmother Hood, the three pigs, the woodcutter, the shepherd, the boy who cried wolf and Miss Muffet all took the stand. Sydney Grimm from EFN Network reported on the case and after a vote by applause, the Judge, Wise Old Man pronounced the Big Bad Wolf free and clear of all charges.









RCMP investigating 'suspicious' Paddlewheel Princess fire

By Lindsey Enns

Only a charred metal frame remains of a once iconic Manitoba riverboat went up in flames last week.

Selkirk Fire Department Chief Craig Fiebelkorn said they were called to a report of a fire on the Paddlewheel Princess where it was docked at the Selkirk Slough north of Selkirk early Tuesday morning.

He said the cause of the fire was "believed to be suspicious" and the blaze took nearly two hours to put out because they volunteer crew members had to fight the fire from the safety of the shore

"We train all the time to deal with stuff like this and we're very fortunate that no one got hurt," he said.

Selkirk RCMP confirmed the cause of the fire is suspicious and they are investigating along with help from the Office of the Fire Commissioner.

Anyone with information is asked to contact Selkirk RCMP at 204-482-1222 or call Manitoba Crime Stoppers anonymously at 1-800-222-8477, submit a secure tip online at manitobacrimestoppers.com or text "TIP-MAN" plus your message to CRIMES



PHOTOS COURTESY OF THE SELKIRK FIRE DEPARTMENT AND RCMP Selkirk RCMP are investigating after the Paddlewheel Princess was destroyed by fire last Tuesday morning.

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After the *Record* posted a picture of the Paddlewheel Princess engulfed in flames online, residents took to social media to share their memories of the boat.

"The river will never be the same. I'm grateful I had a chance to work on those boats and become part of the crew," one woman wrote on the Selkirk *Record's* Facebook page.

"Seeing the pics and videos makes me want to cry. So many memories on the Princess," another woman wrote.

"What a shame. That boat was iconic. I hope they find the people responsible," one man said.

This Paddlewheel Princess fire is among a string of suspicious blazes in Selkirk recently, Fiebelkorn said.

He said on May 6 an abandoned house went up in flames and last Monday evening a truck in a scrap yard was set on fire.

Last Tuesday night, a "suspicious" fire also destroyed a concession stand in Selkirk Park.

in 1966, a year after Winnipegger Ray Senft built its sister ship, the Paddlewheel Queen.

Former owner Steve Hawchuk took passengers up and down Manitoba rivers until 2009. He then later docked the boat and put it up for sale.

Hawchuk told the *Winnipeg Free Press* that he sold the boat to another Winnipegger because he "wanted to get rid of it, I didn't need it." He added he wasn't sure it would ever sail again because the new owner didn't seem to The Paddlewheel Princess was built be very knowledgeable about boats.



Happy 150

TRIBUNE PHOTO BY NATASHA TERSIGNI Last week in honour of May 12's Manitoba Day and Canada's upcom-

ing 150th birthday on July 1, Teulon Elementary School celebrated by creating a living Canadian flag. With help from the Teulon and District Canada Day Committee, including head organizer and former Teulon teacher Brian Borkowsky, the entire school participated in the creation of the giant flag that included more than 250 students and staff.



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Youth job centre open for business

TRIBUNE PHOTO BY STEPHANIE DUNCAN The Stonewall Chamber of Commerce is pleased to welcome Neil Davis as this year's Manitoba Youth Job Centre youth engagement leader. Davis will be working in the lower level of the Town of Stonewall administrative building. The office officially opened Monday, May 15 and will be open for business until Aug. 18. To contact Davis, call 204-461-1364 or email him at: stonewallmyjc@gov.mb.ca.



Neil Davis



Woodlands rockstars



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY JO-ANNE PROCTER The Woodlands Childcare children were the headliners at their annual Spring Tea and Bake Sale last Friday. After strutting in with their cardboard guitars to Queen's "We Will Rock You," they took to the stage to sing three of their favorite songs before ending with a dance party. Guests enjoyed fancy sandwiches and dainties before Woodlands Elementary students entertained with a collection of songs, playing musical instruments and some piano solos.

Monies raised through the bake sale, variety auction and donations are used for programing for pre-school, infant and school-age programs and to purchase equipment, materials and supplies for activities.



Free fuel for a year



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY JO-ANNE PROCTER

Stonewall's Larry Brunel will have an extra \$3,200 to fill up his Ford F150 this year thanks to Red River Co-op's Fuel Up to Win contest. Brunel received the lucky Hornby Island, B.C., sticker on the last day of the 5th annual Fuel Up to Win, Free Gas for a Year contest. Pictured left to right: Mike Nugent, Donnie Bergan, Daniel Harris, Mike Scott, Larry Brunel, Kathy Steinthorston, Jill Gorman and Hayley Morrison.



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Ornamental grass is increasingly popular among homeowners looking to embellish their outdoor space. Graceful and light, these plants — characterized by thin, long foliage — complement every style of landscape. Ornamental grasses traditionally border water gardens and Zen corners; however, more and more gardeners are making the bold move of planting them in the heart of their flowerbeds mixed with various annuals and perennials.

Resistant to drought, illness and destructive insects, ornamental grass is extremely easy to maintain. The majority of varieties only require a 10-centimetre trim every spring, while evergreen varieties like blue oat grass don't require any trimming at all. Furthermore, ornamental grass grows vigorously in poor (anemic) soil, as long as it's well drained. Add a bit of fertilizer upon planting and you're set!

Are you afraid that ornamental grass will take over your garden? Visit your local

garden centre or plant nursery to find varieties that remain compact as they grow, such as silver grass (Miscanthus), red grass (Calamagrostis) and greater wood-rush (Luzula sylvatica), the latter of which is perfect for shaded areas.

Boasting feathery spikes and green, red, yellow or blue foliage, ornamental grass is sure to embellish your property and attract the eye of passers-by all season long!







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Wood decks: durable and affordable

Among all of the flooring options available on the market for decks, terraces and patios, treated lumber is undeniably one of the more popular choices, mainly for its reasonable cost and long lifespan. Often made from pine or spruce, these pressuretreated wooden planks are equally suitable for ground-level patios and elevated balconies. Are you looking to complement your yard with a beauti-

exactly the building material you're looking for. Easy to cut, carve and paint, treated lumber is the perfect choice of materi-

ful terrace? Treated wood might be

al for a terrace that is unique in design and resistant to insects and rot. In addition to its superior resistance, it's also very easy to work with. For example, to preserve the natural beauty of the

> surface, you can stain or paint the wood in a colour of your choosing. Furthermore, to ensure your deck remains in prime condition for years to come, you can apply a transparent, waterproof sealant available at any hardware store.

> Contrary to popular belief, wood is actually one of the more eco-friendly options available for deck flooring. Given their exceptional durability, wooden planks limit the number of trees chopped down each year. Additionally, wood is a reusable and biodegradable material that is highly regulated by environmental agencies worldwide. To build a timeless wooden deck of the highest quality, entrust your project to a professional carpenter!









Crab Critter



1 apple

1 mini marshmallow

Cut apple in half lengthwise and remove stem. Remove core from one apple half.

Slice apple half without core into 8 wedges to serve as critter's legs.

Set aside second apple half, which will serve as critter's body.

Take two legs and make simple zigzag cuts into flesh to create" claw-like" shape.

On a plate, arrange critter's legs, fanning them out, then place claws in front of legs and reserved apple half on top for the head.

Cut mini marshmallow in half. Gooey side of each will easily stick to critter's head to serve as eyes.

Phone 467-5553

Little Mouse

1 pear 1 slice orange rind

1 marshmallow

1 grape

2 toothpicks

Cut pear in half lengthwise. On plate, lay pear cut-side down.

Using peeler, slice 3 inches of rind from orange. Trim sides to result in long, thin rectangle. Coil length of rind around finger and hold to set shape. Cut one slice from end of

marshmallow then cut that round in half to create two half-moon shapes. Gooey edge of each half-moon will stick to top of pear half to serve as critter's ears.

Break toothpick in half and place picks in location for critter's eyes, leaving about 1/4 inch sticking out from fruit.

Slice ends off of one grape and place domes over toothpicks to serve as eyes.

Using toothpick, make hole in back end of critter to place tail. Stick end of coiled orange rind into hole using toothpick to wedge rind into fruit. Reshape coil, as needed.

Note: Remember to remove toothpicks before nibbling.

Communication: Making or Breaking the Relationship



Good communication between couples can be a challenge at the best of times, but becomes even more difficult when there is a hot issue. Often couples do not have a healthy process for airing disagreements.

If a partner brings up an issue about which there is some dissatisfaction, there are several scenarios that may unfold. The recipient may simply ignore the message. Naturally this creates frustration, and the issue goes unresolved. Now there is resentment added to the mix.

The recipient may launch an attack on the sender, ignoring the initial message, and getting on his or her own soapbox. This strategy could be called "ignore and deflect," and is almost guaranteed to result in a fight-likely a replay of a fight the couple has had many times before.

Finally, with or without responding, the recipient may distance from the sender, perhaps even giving the "cold shoulder" for hours or days.

Naturally, none of these responses makes for healthy communication, or builds any trust or intimacy in the relationship. Actually, they prevent the relationship from moving forward, and can, over time, undermine the relationship altogether.

To keep it healthy, couples must first allow for differences, not taking their expression personally, or as criticism. Of course, it helps if the sender frames the message in a positive way. Next, they need to define the problem or request, for example, "wife wants more time with husband" (as opposed to, "all you care about is work/golf/your friends"). Finally, they need to work together to come up with a solution.

Communication is a powerful tool, and we need to assess whether our communication style makes things better, or worse.

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Twice Baked Potato Jackets

Recipe courtesy of Smithbites.com 8 small Yukon Gold potatoes

1 cup Classic Hummus

salt, to taste

pepper, to taste

extra-virgin olive oil, for drizzling 2 tablespoons chopped rosemary Heat oven to 425 F.

Scrub potatoes and poke with fork 2-3 times to allow steam to escape while baking.

Place whole potatoes on rimmed sheet pan and bake approximately 25-30 minutes, or until potatoes are soft; cool 10 minutes.

Carefully slice potatoes in half lengthwise; scoop out insides into bowl, leaving 1/4-inch ring of potato around edges.

Lightly mash potato chunks; add hummus and stir until combined. Season mixture with salt and pepper; taste and adjust, if necessary.



Using spoon, divide potato-hummus filling evenly between potato jackets. Drizzle with olive oil and broil 5-7 minutes, or until tops are golden and crispy; watch closely as they will burn quickly.

Remove from broiler and sprinkle with rosemary and pinch of salt. Serve immediately.





Spinach and Artichoke Hummus Pull Apart Bread



Recipe courtesy of PoetInThePantry. com

Nonstick spray

2 tubes (8 ounces each) crescent rolls

1 container (10 ounces) Spinach and Artichoke Hummus

1 can (14 ounces) quartered

artichoke hearts, drained

12 cups fresh baby spinach leaves 1 cup shredded cheese blend

Heat oven to 350 F. Spray 9-by-5 loaf pan with nonstick spray and set aside.

Lightly spray work surface and carefully unroll 1 tube crescent rolls, so it stays as close as possible to one piece. Pinch seams.

Spread half the hummus over entire surface. Sprinkle with half the artichoke hearts, spinach leaves and cheese blend.

Cut into 8 squares. Prop loaf pan up to vertical then stack 4 squares and place them in loaf pan. Stack remaining 4 squares and place them on top of squares already in pan.

Repeat with remaining ingredients. Bake on center rack 55-60 minutes, or until browned on top and cooked through, rotating pan halfway through bake time.

Place plate over top of pan, invert, then carefully flip over to invert bread. Serve as-is to pull apart, or slice for easier eating.

Quarry Choristers find true love at Healing Hearts Retreat

Staff

The Quarry Choristers annual performance was once again an exceptional example of the musical talent and acting that we have in the Interlake. Right from the opening act to the grand finale, the audience was captivated by the music, talent and humour at the Healing Hearts Retreat.

Director Vhana Moldowan continues to bring out the best in these ladies year after year. The stage at Quarry Park Heritage Arts was turned into a beautiful rustic camp for two weeks where the Choristers performed eight sold-out shows.

The performers or guests at the Healing Hearts Retreat received an authentic self-discovery experience that helped guide them to loving, stable relationships. The camp setting helped nurture the hurting soul and went hand in hand with the philosophy of getting oneself back to the basics in order to improve. The highly skilled and experienced life coaches, in pink golf shirts, pinpointed imperfections and guided the uniquely challenged, over/under abundantly confident, wealth-focused and fidelity-challenged guests to change what was holding them back from finding love.









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Fundraising walk to raise money for Prader-Willi research

Fundraising walk will take place May 28

By Jennifer McFee

A Stonewall mother is taking one small step towards raising funds for research into a medical condition that affects her son.

Kim Obsniuk is organizing a fundraising walk on Sunday, May 28 in Quarry Park to support the Foundation for Prader-Willi Research Canada.

Her 33-year-old son Michael has Prader-Willi Syndrome, which is a genetic disorder that impacts the 15th chromosome.

"The people affected with it don't metabolize the same way, so they can gain weight really fast. On top of that, they don't have the mechanisms to tell them that they're full," Obsniuk said.

"In our case with our son, we're really lucky because he is high functioning and he wants to do well. But some people can have a full meal and then be hungry 10 minutes later."

One theory is that people with Prader-Willi Syndrome have a high amount of the hormone ghrelin in their stomach, which creates a powerful sensation of hunger.

Researchers are studying different ways to secure food and how to manage hyperphagia, or excessive eating,

Obsniuk said.

"In a lot of cases, the food is always locked up," she said. "In our case, our son actually thanked us when we locked the food up."

Prader-Willi Syndrome also affects a long list of other areas, such as behaviours and awareness of body temperature.

"The hypothalamus doesn't function properly, so the central nervous system is affected," she said.

"Our son does feel the cold, but I've never heard him say that he's too hot. So some families have to watch for frostbite with their kids and others have to watch for overheating in the summertime."

About five years ago, Obsniuk collected donations for a virtual walk, but this is the first time she is organizing an actual walk.

"It actually started with my niece, who works for RBC bank in the city. She had won an award, and part of the award was \$1,000 to a charity of her choice. She said I'll help you with a walk, and that's what kick-started it," she said.

"We're fortunate that we got the \$1,000 donation from RBC. That's huge support."



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY LANA MEIER

Kim Obsniuk is organizing a fundraising walk on Sunday, May 28 in Quarry Park to support the Foundation for Prader-Willi Research Canada. Taking part in this year's walk will be Mandy Primrose, left, Kim Obsniuk, middle, and her son Michael.

She said that her niece has likely secured another \$1,000 from RBC for employee volunteer efforts. As well, Obsniuk's husband secured a \$5,000 sponsorship from his employer, Mac-Don Industries. These sponsorship donations go towards supporting the walks that take place across Canada.

"The sponsor dollars go to the walks and the donor dollars go 100 per cent sniuk at 204-467-8473.

towards research," Obsniuk said. "Every little bit helps."

Registration for the event will take place on May 28 at 10:30 a.m. in Quarry Park. To register in advance or to make a donation, visit https://onesmallstep.fpwr.org/dw/users/kimobsniuk/stonewall2017.

For more information, contact Ob-

Bra boutique helping breast cancer survivors

By Lindsey Enns

Being able to help a breast cancer survivor feel better about herself is difficult to put into words for Jeanie Webb.

Over the past year, the owner of Bella Ragazza Lingerie and Swimwear Boutique has helped nearly 40 local and area women get fitted and order a breast prosthesis through Bressanté Curve.

"It feels absolutely amazing for someone to walk out so happy,"Webb said with a smile while standing inside her Selkirk shop last Wednesday. "We like to make this an easy experience, a comfortable experience and there are options out there. You don't have to wear an uneven prosthesis that doesn't match your breast."

Bella Ragazza Lingerie and Swimwear Boutique, located at B-63 Main St., will host a Bressanté pop up day on Wednesday, May 24 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Anyone looking to learn more about Bressanté or wanting a fitting is welcome to attend.

"We're still getting the word out that we offer this in Selkirk,"Webb said.

Linda Perrin, a Bressanté education

liaison and consultant, is a breast cancer survivor and said her customized and light weight breast prosthesis has been life changing.

"For me, I feel more confident wearing it and I don't worry if anybody can tell any different," Perrin said." Before, I didn't want to go out anywhere."

Perrin said wearing a breast prosthesis is an option more women should be aware of. She added they are also covered under the Manitoba Breast Prosthesis Program and are fully customizable. Some of them even have freckles or a tattoo.

"It's whatever a woman wants," she said.

Webb said this type of prosthesis also opens up your options when it comes to bras.

"You don't have to go with a pocketed bra," she said.

Perrin added it's all about feeling confident.

"It's natural ... I put mine on and I wear it all day, I'm ready for the day," Perrin said. "You don't have to worry about it."

Wendy Smith is the founder and president of Winnipeg-based Bres-



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY LINDSEY ENNS

Linda Perrin, a Bressanté Curve education liaison and consultant. left. and Bella Ragazza Lingerie and Swimwear Boutique owner Jeanie Webb stand next to a mannequin wearing a Bressanté breast prosthesis. The Selkirk shop is trying to get the word out that they offer Bressanté fittings to local and area breast cancer survivors.

santé and a certified prosthetist and clinical anaplastologist.

Over almost three decades, she has created highly detailed, medically and esthetically accurate, fine prosthetic devices such as hands, fingers, ears, noses and breasts.

For more information, visit bressante.com or call 1-877-607-7645.

Local nurse urges students to apply for IERHA bursary

By Maggie Wysocki

With summer holidays right around the corner, most post-secondary students are dreaming of sleeping in and staying up late. But for others, summer also means finding a way to pay off student loans.

Post-secondary education students in Manitoba take on an average of \$8,000 in debt per year, which can add up to \$27,000 for a student who borrows for all four years of a degree, according to the Canadian Student Loans Program.

Clandeboye resident Melissa Skrumeda understands the financial struggle.

Now a registered nurse at the Selkirk and District General Hospital, Skrumeda says she worried about paying off her loans when she was a nursing student at the University of Manitoba from 2012 to 2015.

"Obviously, schooling is expensive, and when I found this bursary, I immediately submitted my application," the 26-year-old said.

The bursary that freed Skrumeda from financial debt was the Interlake-Eastern Regional Health Authority's (IERHA) Grow Your Own bursary. Intended to support health-care stu-



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY MAGGIE WYSOCKI

Melissa Skrumeda, a registered nurse at the Selkirk and District General Hospital, says applying for the Grow Your Own bursary helped her pursue her dreams without the stress of paying off student loans.

dents within the Interlake region, the bursary covers up to \$2,550 per academic school year to full-time students.

"We currently have 26 students fulfilling their return of service agreements with us," says Brianna Demchuk, the IERHA's human resources manager.

Applying for the bursary in both her third and fourth year in nursing school, Skrumeda says it allowed her to graduate debt-free and to see the potential she had as an RN. "It's about growing as a person, finishing school and getting a career that will lead you somewhere," she says, regarding the bursary's title, Grow Your Own.

The bursary comes with the agreement that the recipient gives one year of service to the IERHA.

A two-time recipient, Skrumeda had to dedicate her first two years after graduation to Selkirk, but she says it worked out for the best.

"I started out thinking I'd want to work at a hospital in the city but now I'm glad I stayed close to home," she said, adding that the she sees herself being a "lifer" at the Selkirk and District General Hospital.

Sticking around Selkirk also means that Skrumeda gets to work at the bigger and better new hospital set to open in June, which she says is "just beautiful."

This year's Grow Your Own bursary deadline application is June 30, and Skrumeda encourages other nursing students to fill out the "quick and easy" online application.

For more information and application forms, visit ierha.ca.

Community coffee break



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY NATASHA TERSIGNI

The South Interlake 55 Plus, South Interlake Resource Centre and Stonewall Age Friendly joined forces to hold a coffee break on May 12 to recognize "Let No One Be Alone Awareness Week" at the Odd Fellows Hall. The week is aimed at bringing awareness to issues surrounding social isolation in seniors while advocating to ensure that seniors keep active in their community. There are a number of simple gestures that can brighten a lonely person's day including a quick phone call, a surprise visit or even a quick "hello." Where is your ad going?



FACT #3: Several major companies from supermarkets to banks recently pulled their YouTube ads after they appeared next to videos containing homophobic and anti-Semitic messages.

Meanwhile in print, ads still share the page with town council news and local sports photos.

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A message from the members of the Provincial Community Newspapers Associations of Manitoba and Saskatchewan and AdWest.





Source: https://www.marketingweek.com/2017/02/14/brands-pulling-digital-ad-spend-terror-funding-claims/

Local war hero

By Scott Billeck

The life of a Victoria Cross recipient from Stonewall — one that ended the Armistice. nearly 100 years ago after a heroic display in the First World War — was commemorated this past week in Winnipeg.

A new headstone and plaque bearing the story of 19-year-old Lt. Alan McLeod, a pilot in the Royal Canadian Air Force and a descendant of the Selkirk Settlers, was unveiled beside the McLeod family headstone at Old Kildonan Presbyterian Cemetery last Tuesday by members of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission and local members of the RAF and Royal Canadian Air Cadets.

"The cemetery board approached us two years ago and asked us if it would be possible to install a commissioned headstone commemorating Lt. McLeod with his Victoria Cross engraved on the headstone," said Dominique Boulais, operations manager for the Commonwealth War Graves Commission.

Because the Victoria Cross is on the family headstone, the Commission didn't feel the need to install a new marker bearing it. But Boulais said that since the cemetery had asked, and because Veterans Affairs had commission of the War Graves Commission to install headstones of Victoria Cross recipients who survived the war, the decision was made to honour McLeod, who enlisted as an 18-yearold.

McLeod's heroics in the war included surviving a crash landing of his plane, which was flying behind enemy lines in France in 1918.

Prior to landing in "No Man's Land," Lt. McLeod and his observer, Lt. A.W. Hammond, helped shoot down three German planes. Enemy fire pierced a gas tank on one wing of the plane, setting fire to it. McLeod, piloting the aircraft, got onto the wing and stabilized the plane, which was strapped with explosives. McLeod, side-slipping on the wing of his aircraft (allowing for the flames to only engulf one side of the wing), managed to land and get the wounded Lt. Hammond out of harm's way.

McLeod himself sustained several wounds from the ordeal and was transported to London, England, to recover.

After receiving the Victoria Cross in England, Alan and his father, Dr. Alexander, who had come to England to tend to his son, returned to Canada. McLeod, who had survived the war, contracted Spanish Influenza upon

his return and died five days before

"I just really feel for his father. It must have hurt him tremendously," said Alan Arnett McLeod Adams, the nephew of Lt. McLeod and lone surviving member of the McLeod family. "You think you're the best one to do the job and here you've somewhat failed. I'm sure that must have bothered him the rest of his life."

Adams, 69, lives in Hamilton but had travelled to Winnipeg to visit the gravesite in the past. On Tuesday, he was impressed with the new addition.

"I wondered what they were going to have because when I was here before, I saw the Victoria Cross on the (family's) gravestone, so I wondered just what is going on here," he said. That is quite something."

With no First World War survivors still living, and with numbers dwindling of those who survived the Second World War, RCAF Lt.-Col. Chris Morrison, who read McLeod's story at



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Local cadets attended the ceremony to honour hometown hero Alan McLeod.

the ceremony, said it's important for Canadians to remember heroes like McLeod.

"When you consider how fortunate we are to just be able to enjoy the freedoms that we have as Canadians, it's purely based on the sacrifice on folks like Lt. McLeod," he said.

Lt. McLeod's story is also unique in

that he's the only Victoria Cross recipient that is war dead, meaning he died during the war period during the First World War but is interred in Canada. All the Canadian Victoria Cross recipients who died during the First and Second World Wars, who died during the wars, are buried overseas where they fell.



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY NATASHA TERSIGNI Alan Adams, nephew of Alan McLeod, visited McLeod House Tea Room.





Life of Victoria Cross recipient honoured in Winnipeg

Alan Adams, the nephew of Alan McLeod, was in Manitoba last week to represent the family during the commemorative events. He kindly took the time to answer a few questions for the *Tribune* to share some of his reflections.

Q: How are you related to Alan McLeod? Did you grow up knowing about all that he did?

A: This is a very extended family spread over two generations.

My mother (Alan McLeod's youngest sister) was born when Alan was 13 years old. I was born when my mother was 36; thus, I made Alan an uncle when he would have been about 50 years old. This is why, after all this time, Alan McLeod is my uncle.

I did know about it. First, I am named after him. My full name is Alan Arnett McLeod Adams. I was at one time going to have his Victoria Cross, but we gave it to the War Museum in Ottawa. We had a number of pictures of him in our house when I was growing up, which I have in mine now. He has always been a part of me; the topic just doesn't come up very often.

Q: *How do you feel now that he is being honoured with the ceremony and plaque?*

A: I think it is a great honour to have this. Knowing what I do about Alan, though, I think he would wonder what all the fuss was being made of him. He just did what he thought best to do under the circumstances. We did not know about the Air Cadets from Stonewall bearing his name. We



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY SCOTT BILLECK

A new headstone and plaque bearing the story of 19-year-old Lt. Alan McLeod, a pilot in the Royal Canadian Air Force and a descendant of the Selkirk Settlers, was unveiled beside the McLeod family headstone at Old Kildonan Presbyterian Cemetery last Tuesday in Winnipeg.

were surprised and touched when we saw that.

Q: What were your impressions of the ceremony?

A: I was very impressed by the ceremonies. I especially liked having the bagpipes there, I guess the love of them just runs in the family! An officer of the RAF was there, which was fitting as Alan was in the RAF and his name is on the plaque of war heroes in St. Clement Danes Church in London, England, and on a monument in downtown Toronto of Canadian war heroes. We saw Alan McLeod VC Avenue when we were in Stonewall on Wednesday. There is a painting of him in the Warplane Heritage Museum in Hamilton. We were most honoured to meet the great niece of Arthur Hammond, Alan McLeod's gunner who came for the ceremonies and brought pictures to show.

Q: *In what way is this gesture meaningful to you and the rest of his family?*

A: This touches me from a point of family history. I know and said on Tuesday that if Alan's sisters were alive today, they would both want to be there, so being the closest living relative, I felt I was there representing them. His parents, too, I know, thought very highly of him, so much so that 30 years after his death, his youngest sister would name her son after him!

Q: Do you come to Manitoba often?

A: I live in Hamilton, Ont. I have been to Winnipeg three times, once when I was just four. (I still have a picture of my grandmother and I walking down a Main Street of Winnipeg where we had our picture taken by a street photographer.)

I was in Winnipeg in 1997 and visited the gravesite then and also Stonewall. I still have a history book about Stonewall called *Stonewall Turning a Century* in which there is a picture of my Mother in Grade 5!

We were in Stonewall last Wednesday and dined at the McLeod House Tearoom, visited the monument the cadets so nicely cleaned, visited the Legion with the great mural painted on the outside and took our picture on Alan McLeodVC Avenue.

Q: Is there any other message that you would like to share?

A: Thank you to everyone who came out to the ceremonies. It was a cool, windy day. Thank you for writing this article. Thank you to the Air Cadets for coming out. Thanks to the McLeod House Tea Room for being such great hosts and to the Commonwealth War Graves Commission for all their work.

Blue Bomber shares his faith with YFC youth

Staff

Winnipeg Blue Bombers offensive lineman Matthias Goossen was a mystery guest at Stonewall's Youth Drop in Centre on May 10.

Youth for Christ director Paul Emmer had made arrangements with Goossen to come speak with the youth about his upbringing and to talk about some of the trials that he has overcome to become a professional football player.

Goossen grew up playing football and attended Simon Fraser University on a football scholarship.

Things weren't easy for Goossen and he explained how he had to be patient and relied on his faith to keep him going while his football career unfolded.

For two years, he was the backup centre, and for two years, Goossen continued to train daily with hopes that one day he would get a break. And just as Goossen had hoped for, that break finally came. When the centre on his offensive line was injured during a college game, Goossen was called up to fill in. Goossen had been waiting for this day and it was all up to him to prove to his coaches that he could play. Well, Goossen played that night and has continued to play game after game.

In 2014, Goossen was the second overall draft pick in the CFL draft and signed a three-year contract with the Winnipeg Blue Bombers, making 28 careers starts in his 51 of a possible 54 appearances.

In his third CFL season, Goossen played in all 18 games and started every game. He became a full-time starter right out of training camp. Goossen enters 2017 with a 42-game consecutive played streak.



Winnipeg Blue Bomber Matthias Goossen visited Stonewall's Youth for Christ Drop in Centre on May 9 and talked about how his faith has kept him grounded while pursing his football career.

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I was struck by our modern times and how our culture of privilege and entitlement stops up our ears while we shriek, "Fake News! Fake News! Fake News!" and "Crooked Media" while we look askance at our brothers and sisters whose skin is perhaps a shade darker than our own and who have been driven from their homes and country, due in part to the money making potential of armed aggression.

At some point we need to unstop our ears, cease our own cries about putting Jesus back in our community, schools, and country, and put Jesus in our heart, mind and soul where he has always belonged as Good Shepherd! As Deacon, Stephen spent his life in work and witness, standing up for the widow and orphan, feeding the poor and acting as Messenger of the Good News.

We need to heed the call to love justice, show mercy and walk humbly with our God, or the only Bible verse we are going to need is the shortest.... (John 11:35): "Jesus wept".





Interlake Thunder's Henry a hit at Blue and Gold game

By Brian Bowman

Connor Henry may be just 14 years old, but he already has experienced something that many aspiring football players highly covet.

He competed in a professional football stadium.

The talented linebacker from Warren was one of three Interlake Thunder players invited to participate in Football Manitoba's Blue and Gold games last Saturday at Investors Group Field in Winnipeg.

Brandyn Linklater of St. Andrews and Karson Karish of Fraserwood also received an invite although Karish did not participate due to injury.

For Henry, it was a pretty cool experience to play in the home of the CFL's Winnipeg Blue Bombers. He was on Team Blue, which lost 5-0 to Team Northwestern Ontario and defeated Team Gold 7-0 in a pair of shortened games.

"It was really great," said the 5-foot-8, 175-pound Henry. "I was in there quite a bit. The first game I was in there more than in the second game."

Henry was thrilled to represent the Thunder and

play in a CFL stadium.

"Just being in that stadium (was a thrill), with all of those people watching," he explained. "It was amazing, to be honest, and it's way different than playing in a typical high school or midget field."

Henry is a first-year Midget player with the Thunder. He's looking forward to playing in the Midget Football League of Manitoba for the first time.

"I'm turning 15 in October, so I'm kind of the young one in the group," he said. "I play against 17-year-olds, so it's easy sometimes and hard at other times."

Linebacker is a tough position to play, especially for a young athlete. But Henry has one attribute that all good linebackers must have – he has a passion for hitting.

"I've played linebacker the past three years and I just love the hitting part," he said. "I love hitting people."

The Thunder is currently hosting its mini camp in Stonewall and Selkirk.



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Connor Henry (41) of Warren played football at Investors Group Field last weekend.

Wildcats look good to begin Zone 5 season

Gimli.

By Brian Bowman

Even though the Warren Collegiate Wildcats failed to win a game last week, they saw plenty of positives in their first action of the season.

Warren lost 6-3 to the Stonewall Collegiate Rams and then played to a 5-5 tie with the Gimli Lakers in Zone 5 league action. The Wildcats let a 3-0 lead slip away against Stonewall.

"Stonewall has obviously played more games than us, so they weren't really as inexperienced as us at the time," said Wildcats' co-coach Baily Proctor.

The Wildcats did a pretty good job on the defensive end in the two games.

"Defensively, I'm pretty content," Proctor said. "But both offensively and defensively we have to be more consistent right from the beginning of the game until the end."

Like all teams early in the season, Warren could benefit greatly from seeing more live pitching and getting more productive at-bats. It's a short high school season, so Warren doesn't have much time to get a lot of work in. The other Zone 5 scores from last week included Gimli beating Charles Sinclair 18-5 and the Rams shutting out the Hawks 15-0.

Warren wrapped up its four-game Zone 5 season with two important games this past Tuesday in Lundar. The Wildcats played the Lundar Kodiaks and the Rams but no scores were available at press time.

"Right now, we're in fourth place in the zone," Proctor noted. "So we have to pull two wins out to take us out of fourth place and guarantee us going into the zone (championship)."

The fourth- and fifth-place teams at the end of the regular season will play each other to see who advances to the Zone 5 championship next Wednesday in Stonewall.

The Zone 5 winner will then move on to the MHSAA provincials, which are slated for June 1-3 in Altona.



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY JO-ANNE PROCTER Wildcats' first baseman Owen Tataryn receives a pickoff attempt against



Rams win consolation side at Altona tournament

By Brian Bowman

The Stonewall Collegiate Rams won the consolation side of the W.C. Miller Aces Baseball Classic last weekend.

Stonewall defeated the Virden Bears 12-8 in the consolation final on Saturday. It was a battle between a pair of third-place teams from their respective pools.

Brendan Labossiere started on the hill for the Rams and pitched well.

The Rams were 0-2 in pool play, losing to the Vincent Massey Vikings (12-11) and NPC Nighthawks (5-3).

"In all three games there were a lot of positives," said Rams' head coach Kyle Nixon. "We scored some runs, which was nice, and a lot of guys got lots of at-bats."

Offensively, the Rams were pretty good, scoring 16 runs in two games. But Nixon admitted Stonewall still has some work to do on the defensive end.

"We played close against good teams and close against average teams and close against teams that maybe we should beat," Nixon said. "We have to raise (our level of play) against the level of competition in order to be successful."

Nixon said the Rams will benefit from playing seven-inning games at the tournament. Zone 5 games, in contrast, are just five-inning affairs.

Stonewall began its Zone 5 regular season May 9 with wins over Warren and Charles Sinclair. The Rams doubled the Wildcats 6-3 and torched the Hawks 15-0.

Stonewall played two more Zone 5 games this past Tuesday in Lundar to wrap up its regular season. The Rams were scheduled to play the Wildcats and Kodiaks but no scores were available at press time.

The top three teams at the conclusion of the regular reason will await the winner between the fourth- and fifth-place teams in a one-game playoff to earn a post-season spot.

"We're in a good spot right now but those two games (on Tuesday) are pretty big," Nixon stressed.

The Zone 5 playoffs are slated for next Wednesday in Stonewall. The winner of the league advances to the MHSAA provincials, which will be held June 1-3 in Altona.



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY JO-ANNE PROCTER The Rams' Rhett Woods slides under the tag of Charles Sinclair's Lyle Murdock at third during league play last Thursday.

Interlake makes return to MJBL

By Brian Bowman

The Interlake Blue Jays re-introduced themselves to the Manitoba Junior Baseball League last week.

After a lengthy hiatus, Interlake returned to the MJBL with a 5-0 road loss to the Carillon Sultans on May 10. The game was called after just five innings due to the sun, according to Blue Jays' manager Adam Kirk.

"Even though the score was 5-0, it wasn't really that bad," said Kirk earlier this week. "There were a few moments in the game that really stuck out and made the difference."

Carillon scored three runs in the first inning and then added two more in the fourth. Interlake errors, said Kirk, led to Carillon runs in both innings. Blue Jays' starter Martin Knutson pitched well in the loss, giving up four hits and four walks while striking out eight.

"It was a chilly night but our pitcher threw well," Kirk said. "He found his curveball just a little too late. They scored three in the first inning and he just didn't have his second-pitch command. But, after that, he pretty much dominated."

Interlake's best chance to score, meanwhile, came in the third inning when they loaded the bases with none out. Cody Bartel, a former Midget player of the year, wiggled out of that jam. Bartel only allowed one hit to the Blue Jays' Emerson Klimpke the entire game.

Interlake was back in action last night when it hosted the Pembina Valley Orioles in Stonewall. The Blue Jays were excited to bring junior baseball back to the Interlake.

"We have lots of kids really excited about this program," Kirk said. "Carillon has a decent ball club and we were able to see where we're at (in comparison).

"We're all first-year, and a couple of second-year (players), and four or five midget (players), so we're a very young team. It was really good to see us that close to the competition already." Interlake will visit the Brandon Marlins next Wednesday and then will host the St. James A's on May 26 in Stonewall. First pitch is 7 p.m. to begin a four-game Blue Jays' homestand. The Stonewall Blue Jays, meanwhile, will begin their Winnipeg Senior Baseball League season tonight (7 p.m.) when they travel to Whittier Park to face the St. Boniface Legionaires.

Stonewall's first home game of the season will be next Tuesday when it hosts the St. James A's at Fines Field. Game time is 7:30 p.m.



Rams win B-side title at Garden Valley tournament

By Brian Bowman

The Stonewall Collegiate Rams' fastpitch team had a great showing at the Garden Valley Invitational tournament.

Amber Schneider picked up the victory as Stonewall defeated the Garden Valley Zodiacs 5-2 in the B-side final last Saturday.

"It was very good, we only lost the one game to Portage and that was a tight one, 5-4," said Rams' coach Rebecca Brewster. "All the girls played well. We have a number of Grade 9s on our team and they all looked good."

The Rams received some great pitching from Schneider and were effective at the plate against Garden Valley.

"We were good on the bats," Brewster noted. "We were consistent where we got a couple (of runs) here and there in the five innings."

Stonewall reached the B-side final after defeating the Nellie McClung Collegiate Stingers from Manitou 3-1.

"It was another good defensive effort but we did have a little bit more trouble at the bats," Brewster admitted. "We had a lot of pop-ups against them."

Besides the 5-4 loss to the PCI Saints (Kyra Shewchuk pitched well in the loss), Stonewall cruised to lopsided pool wins over the Killarney Raiders (12-2) and Major Pratt Trojans (20-4).

"The girls hit well and hit hard," Brewster noted."Aggressive base run-



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY DEREK FROST-HUNT The Stonewall Collegiate Rams' fastpitch team won the B-side final at the Garden Valley Invitation tournament last Saturday. Pictured front row, left to right, Camryn MacInnes, Anna Shewchuk, Kenzie Bremner, Loren Proven, Rikki Frost-Hunt, Ashton Wallack; Back row, Amber Schneider, Kyra Shewchuk, Ellen Marshall, Alycia Palmer, Sarah Fines and Hanna Marshall.

ning helped and we have speed on the team, which is nice."

At this weekend's tournament, Stonewall will face Steinbach, Boissevain, and Prairie Mountain in their preliminary round.

"It's nice to see a bunch of different teams," Brewster said.

The Zone 5 fastpitch championship date was not known at press time

although it is expected to take place next week. The zones would have to be played before the MHSAA provincials, which are slated for June 2-3 in Steinbach.

Thunder bucks Mustangs in senior girls' play

By Brian Bowman

The Interlake Thunder senior girls' football team earned a huge road win over the St. Vital Mustangs last Thursday evening.

Trailing 12-9 in the third quarter, Interlake outscored St. Vital 12-6 in the second half to eke out an impressive 21-18 victory.

"It was a gutsy win," said Thunder head coach Joel McDonald. "The girls worked hard throughout the game. Our defence made a couple of mistakes, which put us behind the eightball and, on offence, we weren't getting off the ball well." The second half was a much different story, however. Interlake's offensive line did a great job after the break, enabling the Thunder to produce long scoring drives.

Interlake running backs were consistently getting four or five yards a carry.

"We're a grind-it-out team," McDonald stressed. "We don't get 60-yard touchdowns."

The Thunder's defence, meanwhile, was outstanding in the second half.

With the victory, Interlake improved its regular-season record to 2-0. The Thunder started the season with a wild 42-32 win over the Transcona Nationals on May 4.

Interlake will battle the winless Eastside Eagles (0-2) tonight at 7:10 p.m. at Stonewall Collegiate. It is the Thunder's first home game of the season.

"We're excited to be at home," Mc-Donald said. "We've been away for two games and we have some exciting news things at the field in Stonewall with the new building. The girls are excited to be able to play at home and put on a pretty good show in front of our fans."

The Thunder's roster of 17 players is comprised of athletes scattered across

the Interlake.

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The Technical Review Committee report and other documents related to this matter are available for inspection and copying at the Woodlands Municipal Office (57 Railway Ave, Woodlands, MB) during regular office hours. The Technical Review Committee report and associated information is also available at: http://www.gov.mb.ca/imr/mr/livestock/ trc-12-024.html

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Happy 90th Birthday Jim Persoage Come and Go Tea on Sunday, May 28th at St. Stephen's Church Hall, Pleasant Home 1 – 4 p.m. No Gifts Please Your presence is your gift.



As a young man, he spent many hours curling, playing baseball, and playing goalie in hockey. He enjoyed watching sports, especially curling, wrestling and his beloved Toronto Maple Leafs. Dad loved going for Sunday drives on any day of the week. He loved to check the crops,

A Celebration of Dad's life will be held on Saturday, May 20th, 2017 at 2:30 at the Meadow Lea Community Centre.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Meadow Lea United Church C/O Tammy

The family would like to extend their gratitude to the Warren/Woodlands Fire Department, and Emergency Personnel. A very special thank you to Dad's nurses Gary, Cara and Gianna at the Grace Hospital 3 South for their attention to detail in ensuring his comfort during his final days. We cannot thank you enough for all you did. A final thank you to Dr. MacMillan for his years of providing care for Dad.



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Irene Joyce Meads

Peacefully, with her family at her side, Mom passed away on May 12th, 2017at Middlechurch Home of Winnipeg, at the age of 94.

Mom was predeceased by husband Albert, her son Arthur and her son-in-law Gary.

Left to mourn her passing are two sons, Ron (Janet) and Brian (Sharon); four daughters Lillian (Dennis) Robinson, Lorna (late Gary) Armstrong, Dorothy Meads and Lori (Kerry) Baldock; nine grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. She is also survived by Helen Kwamsoos, Dolly Mustard, Thelma Lawrence, Stan Olson and their families, as well as numerous nieces and nephews. We would like to thank the staff and families at Middlechurch for their wonderful care and compassion during her time there.

Cremation has taken place and a memorial service will be held at New Life Church, 6106E Highway 67, Stonewall, on Wednesday, May 17, 2017 at 2:00 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Canadian Cancer Society or the Winnipeg Humane Society.

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Donna Lynne Raflant

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the peaceful passing of Donna Lynne Raflant. Donna is predeceased by her husband Ed Raflant; her sister Kathy Pilgrim; and her parents Fred and Lilian Pilgrim. She is survived by her sons Brad (Tanya) and Dan (Sheryle); grandchildren Liam, Laura, Hanna and Ellen; and her brothers Ray (Hope) Pilgrim and Tom (Arlene) Pilgrim.

Donna was born in Winnipeg on May 17, 1942, growing up on Goulding St. until the family moved to Brandon in 1953. Mom finished high school in Brandon then trained to become a Laboratory and X-ray Technologist, graduating in 1962. In 1963, she married Brian Marshall and they started a family.

In 1973, Donna and her boys moved to Stonewall and she took a position at the Dr. Evelyn Memorial Hospital where she

eventually became the lead lab and x-ray technologist. Donna and Ed met while they were both working at the hospital and married in 1977. They enjoyed their time together, camping and fishing with friends and family. Over the years, they continued to build their dream home south of Stonewall. After seeing both her boys off to university, she and Ed moved in to their new house in 1986.

Donna was diagnosed with leukemia in 1991. She fought bravely and conquered the cancer with a combination of chemo, radiation and a bone marrow transplant. However, the treatment left her suppressed immune system vulnerable and she soon contracted a brain virus that severely affected her mobility and ability to communicate.

The next 25 years became a testament to her courage and determination. She worked hard to regain her speech and her ability to walk, driven by the desire to see her family grow and flourish. She lived to see her sons marry wonderful women and she was able to develop a special bond with her four grandchildren. Over the past few years, Donna's health began to deteriorate again. She faced these mounting hardships with great dignity and grace.

Our family has many people thank for their support during Donna's 26-year journey. She was supported by an amazing community of friends, family, and health care providers. For their love, compassion, and dedication to mom's well-being, our family is truly grateful.

In lieu of flowers, please direct any donations to the Rosewood Lodge Recreation Department. Donations can be addressed to: Rosewood Lodge, 513 1st Ave. North, Stonewall, Manitoba ROC 2Z0.

Service of Remembrance will be held on Tuesday, May 23, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. at Church of the Ascension (Anglican). Rev James Bardsley will officiate.

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OBITUAR **Edward George Liebrecht**

May 15, 1940 - May 12, 2017 It is with deep sadness that we announce the peaceful passing

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of George Liebrecht on Friday, May 12, 2017, at the age of 76. George is survived by his wife, Helen; daughters LaVerne (Jim)

and Leslie (Joseph); grandchildren Ashleigh (Erik), Erin, Avery, Owen and Joel. Siblings Helen (Laurie), Bob (Debby) and extended family members.

Dad was born and raised in Selkirk, before moving to Warren with his mother.

Dad married Mom on September 11, 1965 in Meadow Lea, where they planted their roots at the Toogood homestead, which they farmed. It was here that they started their family.

In addition to farming, Dad spent 42 years driving the school bus for the Interlake School Division.

or checking in at the Marquette Café to catch up on the local news. His favourite destinations usually included ice cream.

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Donald Alvin Procter November 20, 1962 - April 29, 2017

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He was predeceased by his father Alvin Procter in 1985; sister Brenda Procter in 2000; step-father Allan Morrison in 2012; grandparents Ed and Ella Procter; James and Agnes Millar; also, aunts, uncles and cousins.

Donnie was born in Winnipeg and raised on the family farm in Warren, Mb. He loved to hunt and fish with his dad and his friends. His dog Fisher (Fish) was the pride and joy of his life and he was devastated when Fish had to be put down. Don was a truck driver. He drove all across Canada for different trucking companies and was presently employed by Allan Hanslip Const. Don had many friends who will miss him dearly.

There will be a Celebration of Life for Donnie on Saturday, May 20, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. at the Stonewall Legion Hall, 459 Main St. Stonewall, Mb.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to the Winnipeg Police Service - Missing Persons Unit; and to the Falcon Lake RCMP Detachment for their help and compassion at this verv difficult time.

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Astrid Maria Procter (Nee Simonson)

It is with great sadness that the family of Astrid Maria Procter of Woodlands, Manitoba, announces her passing after a lengthy and courageous battle with Alzheimer's on Sunday. February 5th. 2017. at the age of 81.

A Memorial Service to celebrate and remember Astrid will be held on Saturday, May 27th at 1:00 p.m. at the Woodlands Hall, Woodlands, Manitoba, Shirley Williams officiating. Interment will follow at Woodlands Cemetery.

Those who so desire may make memorial donations in memory of Astrid to the Alzheimer's Society of Manitoba 10-120 Donald Street, Winnipeg, Manitoba, R3G 4G2 or Canadian Cancer Society (Canadian Breast Cancer) 375 University Ave, 301 Toronto, Ontario M5G 2J5.

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Peacefully on Sunday, May 14, 2017 with her family by her side, Beatrice Larsen aged 96 years and formerly of Inwood, MB passed away at Rosewood Lodge, Personal Care Home, Stonewall.

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