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Stonewall-Rockwood fire fighter Brent Anderson joined Kelsey Dingwall of the Stonewall library on Friday, May 20 for the first storytime in Archie Gray Park. The library is hosting weekly in-person storytimes at the park every Friday from 10:30 to 11 a.m. until Aug. 26. Registration is not required for these 30-minute sessions, which will feature stories, songs and crafts.

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Brant-Argyle students speak out for social justice

By Jennifer McFee

Last week, students showcased their confidence and compassion when they educated an audience about social justice issues.

On Tuesday, May 17, Grade 6 to 8 students from Brant-Argyle School shared their social justice projects with the community at an evening event in the school gym.

Kristin Smith, school principal and learning support teacher, explained the impetus for the initiative.

"Our social justice evening, entitled 'Voices of Youth,' was the culmination of a project that our Grade 6,7,8 students have been working on over the last couple of months," she said.

"Each student or group of students chose a social justice issue that they were passionate about and created an educational speech, multi-media presentation and a piece of art around that issue. Students were tasked to create an experience that would move the audience to want to take action against these injustices."

The socially minded students covered topics that ranged from wild-life rehabilitation, bee preservation and harms against turtles to anxiety and leadership. Other presentations focused on homelessness, missing and murdered Indigenous women, substance abuse, trafficking, sexual exploitation and intimate partner violence.

"It was important to get youth engaged in these topics and discussions because we are trying to promote learning around equity and the importance of taking action when you see an injustice rather than remain silent," Smith said.

"Through the learning process, students have been engaged in creating protocols for healthy discussions and have learned to look at different perspectives in an accepting way."

In total, 15 students were involved in the project, along with three teachers and the school counsellor.

"We had many guest speakers introduce some social justice topics to us,"



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Kaidance, Karmen DeLaroque, Gavin Ward, Bailey Wirch, Katrina Klippenstein, Samuel Jones, Brett Cassan, Benjamin Jones, Jack Palmer, Mykayla Michalsky, Juliana Windross, Kix Salisbury, Hunter Snadden, Liam McDermid and Rob Johnston.



Juliana Windross (presentation on sexual exploitation).

Smith added.

Jack, a Grade 8 student, spoke about the dangers of sexual exploitation and the effects of intimate partner violence.

"I also talked about how you can help to stop these from happening. I chose this topic because I thought it was a big issue and needed to be addressed and brought to light," he said.

"I think I did pretty good for a first time and thought that everyone else did amazing. I will admit that I was super nervous through the whole speech."

Grade 8 student Julianna chose a similar focus.



Rob Johnston, Bailey Wirch, Samuel Jones (presentation on anxiety).

"My project was about sexual exploitation and what happens to the victims and how to see the signs of exploitation. The thing that made me choose this topic was my anger and disgust towards the people who ignore the victims and the people committing the crimes," she said.

"I felt excited to show people how much I care about this topic and to encourage them to help make this world a better and safer place, especially for vulnerable people."

For Grade 7 student Mykayla, she felt nervous about her presentation but she persevered to educate her audience.

"My project was about leadership

and how we need to be better and more careful when electing leaders. I had a personal connection to this topic, and at the time I chose this topic, there was a lot of poor leading going on," she said.

"There were a lot of eyes watching, but I felt it needed to be said."

The Voices of Youth event doubled as a fundraiser, bringing in \$525 in donations through a silver collection. The funds will go towards supporting charities that include Velma's House, The Joy Smith Foundation, SEE Turtles, Hope for Wildlife, Addictions Foundation of Manitoba, Siloam Mission and the Justice Center for Constitutional Freedoms.

"We would like to acknowledge the people and organizations that support these issues on a daily basis, the frontline people who are dedicated to serving others," Smith added.

"We would like people to know that the Interlake School Division employs a social worker, a mental health support worker and an Addictions Foundation of Manitoba school-based rehabilitation counsellor that have been a vital part of supporting student discussions around important and often hard-to-talk-about issues."

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WAVE Tour artist finds Wisdom at the Crossroads

Interlake Artists'
Studio Tour June 11-12

By Iris Dyck

Every time Amanda Onchulenko steps into her studio, she tries to solve a puzzle.

Sometimes, the answer comes to her quickly. The bright flowers and landscapes she is known for flow from her paintbrush, every stroke falling in just the right place.

Other times, it's a more difficult process. She'll turn her canvas upside-down and paint over it, looking for a new angle to work from. The closer she gets to finishing a painting, the more impact each mark has.

"You do eventually get to a resolution," Onchulenko said. "Knowing when something is finished can be really challenging."

Onchulenko has been working toward "resolutions" in her art for over 20 years. After completing art school in Australia where she grew up, she travelled and taught art and English on three continents before settling in Winnipeg. She finds inspiration in Manitoba's changing seasons.

"I'm fascinated by the perennial gardens that can survive in the extreme conditions that we live in here," she said.

Onchulenko draws from her gardens at her cottage in Ponemah to create abstract scenes bursting with colour. During the winter months, when the landscape is cold and grey, the summer hues from back home brighten her studio and drive her painting.

"As an immigrant ... where you

come from comes with you, and so I'm naturally drawn to colour," she said.

She started her studio practice in 2001, around the time of the birth of her first child. She went to her space in Winnipeg's Exchange District whenever she had a spare moment, and was able to go regularly once her children were in school. She has always seen art as a type of therapy — an exercise of the body and mind.

"It's solving a visual equation, is what really what you're doing, and it's physical, it's active," she said. "It can be really inspiring, it can be really infuriating, but it's always something that I want to keep doing, so I keep doing it."

Recently, Onchulenko moved her studio to a smaller space in Winnipeg's South Osborne neighbourhood. The move got her thinking of new ways to create. Her most recent project is a podcast called Wisdom at the Crossroads, a series that reflects on lessons she's learned through her artistic career.

Each episode begins with soft music, and Onchulenko invites the listener to grab a warm drink and "settle in for a short while." She wants the podcast to be a space where people can take a moment for themselves.

"The world is really fast, and we're stressed, and we juggle a lot of balls, and we have a lot of things on the go," she said. "So the idea of having you come to my studio and just chilling out for half an hour with your cup of tea ... that is sort of what I'm hoping to convey."

Onchulenko describes the process behind some of her paintings, similar



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Amanda Onchulenko poses with some of her colourful works that she will have on display at her Ponemah Cottage during the Wave studio tour from June 11 to 12.

to what she does when she opens her cottage to visitors for the WAVE Artist Studio Tour. She keeps that audience in mind as she writes her script, answering questions while making the listener feel welcome. To her, it's a type of meditation.

"Meditation was my way of finding how to deal with things in a different way," she said.

"I find I'm energized by the peacefulness of it, which sounds ironic, but it really has been helpful and I highly recommend it."

Onchulenko is looking forward to

once again hosting WAVE visitors in Ponemah on the weekend of June 11, and says the podcast is a way of saying "thank-you" to all those who have supported her over the years.

"I want to serve my clients and I want to give back to them, so I want to share some of the stories that they've asked me in a new way," she said.

For more information on Amanda Onchulenko and the other artists participating in the WAVE Interlake Artist Studio Tour, visit watchthewave.ca or download the free app from the App Store.

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Grand opening of Winnipeg's Royal Aviation Museum

By Autumn Fehr

The planes stand still in the places they have been left to retire after years of making memories and creating experiences.

These vintage aircraft are a part of Canadian history, representing the stories of pioneers and innovators who are responsible for putting Canada on the aviation map.

After years of dreaming and anticipation, the Royal Aviation Museum of Western Canada in Winnipeg celebrated its grand opening from May 21 to 23.

The museum had been going through the process of planning, building and assembling for nearly 15 years.

Devin Long, from Stonewall, and a pilot for WestJet has been a witness to this lengthy process, being there to lend a hand or two along the way.

"The new museum was a good decade in the making. The capital campaign was going on for several years," said Long, a volunteer in the museum re-build.

Long grew up with airplanes, as his parents ran a small flying outfit in Northern Manitoba.

"It was my chosen career path early on," said Long.

He became involved with the museum re-build through several friends he knew were a part of it, from the annual Out of the Blue Gala — a fundraising gala held every year at the museum.

The last Out of the Blue Gala was held in 2018 at the old museum, marking the next step in their journey as they began the process of transitioning to the new museum.



Welcome to the new Royal Aviation Museum of Western Canada!



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The old museum was the original TransCanada Airlines hangar in Winnipeg that was built in 1929.

Long heard that those planning the re-build were looking for a space to store some of the more fragile aircraft that could not be stored outside, such as the de Havilland Fox Moth.

At the gala, Long approached Joel Nelson, the vice-president of operations and facilities for the museum, and offered to store one of the planes at his shop until the museum was ready.

The property had been purchased by the Exchange Income Corporation and the old museum was being torn down.

Long returned in October 2021 to pick up the de Havilland Fox Moth.

When he went inside, he realized they were low on volunteers to help



TRIBUNE PHOTOS BY AUTUMN FEHR

Devin, Garry and Lucille Long had a pre-opening tour for the Royal Aviation Museum of Western Canada. The Longs are standing in front of the Fairchild 71, the aircraft they built a dolly for to arrive safely at the new museum.

move the aircraft and artifacts out of the old museum.

Long had some holidays and volunteered his time to help move the five other planes and artifacts from the old museum into a safe place for them to rest until they were ready to be moved into the new museum.

"They had five airplanes that were in the back of the museum, and they were fully assembled, and they could not remove them from the museum unless they were either disassembled or they knocked a wall down and took them out through a hole in the wall," said Long.

Fortunately, the latter option was not a problem, as the old museum was set to be torn down anyway.

On Jan. 28, at minus 38 degrees C., one of the coldest days in Winnipeg in over a decade, Long bundled up in his winter gear and headed to the old museum one last time to move the de Havilland Beaver and the Fairchild 24.

Long prepped the Vickers Vedette,

the Fairchild 573 and the Stinson Reliant to be moved on the 30th of January by a tow company, as he had to work.

However, the Fairchild 71 needed a little extra help to remove it intact and undamaged.

Long and his dad Garry Long, came up with a solution to build a dolly for the aircraft to remove it safely from the museum to its resting place.

Now, after several years of struggling to raise funds, you can see all six vintage aircraft at the new Royal Aviation Museum of Western Canada on Wellington Crescent.

The new state-of-the-art building aims to guide visitors through the story of flight across western and northern Canada through 14 immersive galleries. Along with 22 vintage aircraft and artifacts, the museum also features a new outdoor aviation plaza, an observation lounge, a kids' interactive play area, an archive room

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Devin and Garry Long specially built a dolly for the Fairchild 71 to assist with the moving of the plane while the museum was being built.

Armstrong ratepayer raises concerns about 2022 budget spending

By Patricia Barrett

A ratepayer in the Municipality of Armstrong is concerned about where money is being allocated after council held a meeting a few weeks ago to present its budget and vote on its adoption.

Kate Basford, a former reeve and councillor in a Parkland municipality and former executive director for the Manitoba Sheep Association, said she attended the budget hearing on May 12 and has concerns about a lack of funding for flood mitigation, why a privately owned park is receiving thousands of dollars of taxpayers' money and why no money has been budgeted for recreation and cultural services.

"Everybody at the meeting was not happy with this budget and they [council and chief administrative officer] could not provide us with answers because the answers would not be something you could talk about publicly," said Basford last week.

One of her concerns is flood mitigation for which the RM's budget shows no funding set aside.

"This RM has done virtually no ditch and culverts clean-outs. Yes, we did have overland flooding this year, but had this municipality over the last four years — and through the dry period we just had — done a comprehensive drainage plan, which I understand they did have, we could have avoided [some damages]," said Basford, who has lived in Armstrong for two years.

The spending on snow removal for fewer than three months this year was astronomical and the RM has no wiggle room. She requested from the RM the 2022 snow-clearing invoices it received from its private contractor, Armstrong Construction, after examining the RM's draft budget, she said.

An invoice dated Jan. 31 (for Jan 5-30) shows the RM was billed \$144,710.02. An invoice dated March 1 (for February) shows the RM was billed \$139,484.16. An invoice dated April 4 (for snow clearing up to March 18) shows the RM was billed \$211,785.00. In total, the three invoices show the RM was billed \$495,979.18

between Jan. 5 and March 18.

"This municipality will be in serious financial difficulty. They've spent almost \$500,000 in snow removal according to the invoices I asked for. For January, February and half of March, we're already at \$500,000. And they're taking \$200,800 out of the flood mitigation capital projects reserve for snow removal, which I believe is maintenance, not a capital project. If we have snow coming in October, what is this municipality going to do?" said Basford. "Going forward, the CAO said I can no longer get information unless I do a FIPPA [freedom of information] request. It seems they don't like the questions I've been asking."

Basford's also questioning the allocation of funding to Meleb Park (the MPC Reunion Park or Meleb Park-Cumming Park), which isn't a municipally owned asset.

"Meleb Park is private; it's not owned by the municipality, but the RM plans to give them thousands of dollars. Supposedly, the owners approached the RM for playground equipment and the response was, 'We might as well give it to them because we've got nothing for our own people,'" said Basford. "So here's a private individual or group that might be receiving more funding than what the RM provided for ditch clean-outs. It is absolutely ridiculous where this money is going."

Under capital expenditures, the budget shows \$30,000 has been set aside for park improvements. For ditch cleanouts, ditches, road drainage and culvert installations, the RM budgeted \$20,000.

The giant mushroom monument in Meleb Park was painted in 2021 with funding the owners received from the municipality, the province and the Westshore Community Foundation (see Oct. 14, 2021, edition of the *Express* online). The Meleb Park committee did not provide the cost of the restoration work.

Basford said Armstrong should be focusing on providing more services to ratepayers, who, from what she has heard, are paying "an awful lot of tax-

	Last Year Budgeted	Last Year Actual	This Year Budgeted	Next Year Budgeted
Transportation Services Sub-Total Forward from Page 3	948,000	959,154	1,070,500	1,170,000
32330 Sidewalks and Boulevards	0	36		
32340 Ditches and Road Drainage Ditch Cleanout/Culvert Installation	30,000	10,140	20,000	20,000
	25,000	37,312	25,000	25,000
	13,000	6,598	10,000	10,000
	12,000	4,831	10,000	10,000
32371 Snow and Ice Removal				
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RM OF ARMSTRONG

In budget line 32371, under "snow and ice removal – rentals," the RM budgeted \$500,000. Last year it spent \$191,139. Contractor invoices that a resident requested from the RM show the RM was billed over \$495,000 for snow clearing between Jan. 5 and March 18, 2022.

es for what we're getting."

"The municipality I came from had a rural component and a town. The town had sewer and water, a lagoon, a skating rink and a curling rink, a Handivan and curbside recycling pickup. And we had public works staff," said Basford. "My question is, 'What are they [Armstrong municipality] doing with they're spending?'"

At the budget meeting, Basford said she also questioned council and the CAO about why administration costs have risen (CAO salary and staff wages increased by almost \$15,000 over last year) and couldn't get a straight answer.

She also noted that reserves are

down and the net operating surplus of \$29,641 won't take the RM very far. Her former municipality, which underwent amalgamation, had depleted most of the reserves and suffered a deficit. The province makes ratepayers pay back a deficit. They were subjected to a "substantial mill rate increase and, let me tell you, they were upset and rightly so," said Basford. Ratepayers in Armstrong might not be able to find out for while which way the RM is headed, financially speaking.

"There's no oversight and accountability with this council. Armstrong

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More COVID deaths; 4th vaccine doses available; monkeypox in Canada

By Patricia Barrett

Sixteen more Manitobans died from COVID in early May, according to weekly provincial data on the virus as the worldwide pandemic continues.

In its COVID surveillance bulletin for May 8 to 14, the province reported 149 new hospitalizations, of which 16 required intensive care, and the deaths of 16 more Manitobans. There were also four additional COVID outbreaks in long-term care facilities that week.

Manitoba's death toll now stands at 1,913.

Other health news:

The provincial government is expanding eligibility for second booster doses of a COVID vaccine. All residents 50 years of age and older can now get a second booster, or fourth dose for people who've received a primary two-shot vaccine. First Nations, Métis and Inuit people who are 30 years of age and older are eligible for a second booster.

The province also shortened the interval time between second and third doses and between third and fourth doses to four months.

"COVID-19 continues to circulate throughout the province and vaccination is the best protection against serious outcomes," states the province in COVID-19 Bulletin #579 issued May 20.

The province said it has distributed 14.3 million rapid antigen tests (RATs), and that they "continue to be available at libraries and retail locations."

RAT results are not reported to the province, skewing the true number of infections. Infected people are also no longer required by the province to isolate. RATs have been shown to be

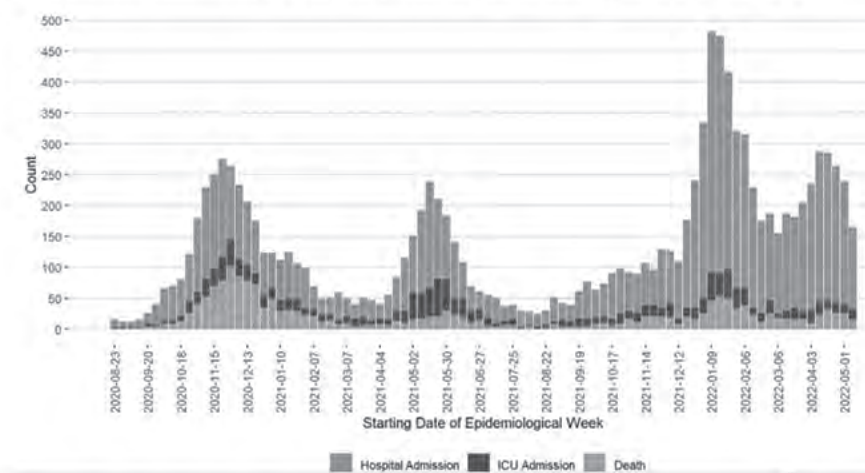


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Figure 8. Severe Outcomes of COVID-19 by Week of Outcome Date, Manitoba, August 23, 2020 – May 14, 2022



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Manitoba hospitalizations, ICU and deaths for May 8-14, 2022.

less sensitive to omicron variants and results cannot be completely relied on.

-The World Health Organization's Weekly Epidemiological Update on

COVID (May 11 report) shows the overall number of cases declining across the world, but says the data do

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This Stonewall brother and sister duo enjoyed some puddle jumping last Friday under grandma's watch. Mother Nature delivered 15 millimetres of rain through the night and the temperature reached a high of 5 degrees. The average May long weekend temperatures typically range from 15 to 20 degrees. Help the Tribune record the weather of the week and send in your photos of friends or family enjoying the outdoors. Email: weather@stonewallteulontribune.ca.

> MONKEYPOX, FROM PG. 6

not reflect the true extent of COVID's spread and number of infections because countries have changed or scaled back testing.

"These trends should be interpreted with caution as several countries have been progressively changing COVID-19 testing strategies, resulting in lower overall numbers of tests performed and consequently lower numbers of cases detected," says the WHO.

From May 2 to 8, there were over 3.5 million new COVID infections reported and over 12,000 deaths reported, decreases of 12 and 25 per cent respectively.

Worldwide, the WHO shows 6,274,111 people having died from the virus (as of May 20). Death counts are grossly underestimated, with at least double the numbers of deaths from COVID.

- Nursing homes and some hospitals in the Interlake-Eastern Region-

al Health Authority continue to deal with COVID outbreaks. The RHA declared an outbreak at the White-mouth PCH on May 20. Outbreaks at the Teulon hospital, the Fisher Branch PCH and Selkirk's Red River Place PCH continue (as of May 20).

- The Public Health Agency of Canada confirmed five cases of monkeypox in Canada on May 20, and it's investigating "dozens" of suspected cases throughout the country. The five confirmed cases are in Quebec.

"Person to person spread of monkeypox is uncommon. However, when spread does occur between people, the mode of transmission is through close contact with an infected individual, such as through direct contact with their body fluids, respiratory droplets, or monkeypox sores, or by sharing clothing, bedding or common items that have been contaminated with the infected person's fluids or sores," states PHAC.

The virus causes fever, rash, swollen lymph nodes, muscle pain, lack of energy, rash, lesions and pustules (filled with a yellowish fluid) that break out on the face and body, similar in appearance to chickenpox and smallpox. The number of lesions varies from a few to several thousand, according to the WHO. Monkeypox is commonly found in Central and West Africa.

There is no vaccine for the disease, but the smallpox vaccine is thought to offer a measure of protection as it is a related virus. Animal hosts for monkeypox include rodents (rats, mice, squirrels) and non-human primates.

As of May 21, the WHO confirmed 80 cases of monkeypox worldwide, with more cases expected to arise. In addition to Canada, the U.K., the U.S., Australia, Sweden, Portugal and Spain have reported cases of the virus.

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The God Infinite Joy

"You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore." (Psalm 16:11)

I won a provincial football championship in high school. Many months of hard work, long practices and violent games came to end as the clock hit 0 and we had accomplished what we had pursued whole-heartedly as a team. The celebration was incredible; there was cheering, singing, great food, and I was surrounded by people who had become very good friends over the course of the season.

But then I woke up the next morning. The emotional high was gone, and I felt empty. We had worked extremely hard and all we really had to show for it was one night of celebration.

People have seemed to form an idea that Christianity is like Greek stoicism: pleasure is bad, extreme emotions are bad, we should all just be both bored and boring. What we see at the end of Psalm 16, however, is that God is actually in favour of Christians pursuing joy and pleasure, He just wants them to find it in the only place it can actually be permanent — in Him.

The reason I woke up feeling empty following our championship win is that God did not intend for humans to be able to find total joy and satisfaction in anything other than Him. We might be able to find it for a day or a month or maybe a few years, but eventually the places we find our satisfaction will fail. Instead of these temporary fixes, God invites us to come to Him for everlasting joy, peace, pleasure, satisfaction, love and life.

When God sent His Son, Jesus, to die for our sins on the cross, He opened the way for us to come to Him and be adopted as His children, with Him as our omni-benevolent Father. He offers Himself to us as a free gift, the only requirement being a sure trust in Jesus as the one who makes as acceptable before His Father. And in exchange for that trust, He offers us an eternal life of infinite joy and pleasure in Him. As far as I'm concerned, it's a pretty irresistible deal.

Daniel Bredin
New Life Church

AgrilInsurance seeding deadline for soybeans extended

Submitted by Manitoba Agriculture

Manitoba Agriculture and the Manitoba Agricultural Services Corporation (MASC) are announcing the extension of the AgrilInsurance seeding deadlines for soybeans starting in 2022.

The full coverage seeding deadlines for soybeans are now June 8 in Soybean Area 1 and June 4 in Soybean Areas 2 and 3. In addition, soybean growers in these areas will now be eligible for insurance if planting occurs

in the five days following the full-coverage seeding deadline. However, coverage will be reduced by 20 per cent. The full-coverage seeding deadline for Soybean Area 4 continues to be May 30 with no extended seeding deadline coverage. These changes are permanent and will be part of the AgrilInsurance contract going forward.

These changes were made in consultation with the Manitoba Pulse and Soybean Growers Association after a review of available data and

agronomic considerations such as growing season length and the use of varieties that are more adapted to Manitoba conditions since the seeding deadlines were last considered. These changes are not expected to materially change the risk to the AgrilInsurance program and therefore there is no change to premiums as a result.

MASC is not considering seeding deadline extensions for other crops at this time. The final spring seeding

deadline for many major crops is June 20. AgrilInsurance contract holders who are unable to seed by June 20 due to wet conditions are eligible for Excess Moisture Insurance.

MASC clients are encouraged to connect with their MASC Service Centre if they have questions about AgrilInsurance or are looking for resources to assist in dealing with wet conditions. For a full list of MASC seeding deadlines, visit www.masc.mb.ca/seeding-deadlines.

> BUDGET SPENDING, FROM PG. 5

came in with a \$29,000 surplus; there's no room here. They can't afford their budget," said Basford.

Armstrong CAO Corlie Larsen said the RM didn't spend \$500,000 this year for snow-clearing but had budgeted that amount.

"The amount of snow received this year has been record-breaking and extreme. We have budgeted to cover these costs for snow clearing in our operating snow budget \$500,000, as well have a snow clearing reserve of \$122,000 if required. From Jan to March 2022, we have spent \$342,647.22 in snow clearing. The number you are referring to, the \$500,000, is the budgeted amount, not what was spent to March," said Larsen by email. "The RM spent \$200,800 so far in mitigation to come from the

flood mitigation reserve. Council has also increased the budget for graveling, grading, snow clearing and road repair to cover costs for repairing roads from the floodwater."

The budgeted amount for snow removal includes snow and ice removal from ditches and culverts, which mitigate flooding, she said. And council will be looking at the province's recently announced disaster financial assistance (DFA) program and "claiming what we can do to recover funds."

The RM doesn't use the "Recreation and Cultural Services" fields in the budget template document, she said, and that's why no funding appears there.

"The items listed [under Recreation and Cultural Services] are for recreation commission administration,

community centers and halls, swimming pools and beaches, golf courses, skating rinks and arenas, parks and playgrounds, museums, libraries – items that really don't pertain to this RM because we don't have a Rec Commission or own these type of facilities or run these types of facilities," said Larsen. "We do however give many grants to our community groups and halls, but that's reflected under the grants section in General Government Services as well as Economic Development Services."

Larsen said the RM approved two grants to the Meleb Park Cumming School District Reunion Committee Inc.

One grant is worth \$3,545 and will go towards the "renewal and painting of the mushroom statue," the model schools, Highway 7 signage and the re-levelling of the pioneer map and other signage at the park.

"The second grant council approved to [Meleb] park is \$22,000 towards a new play structure upon approval of a 50/50 grant applied for to the Building Sustainable Communities Grant," said Larsen.

When asked if community groups that receive money from the RM have to provide financial statements, and if those statements get audited, Larsen said "they are to be following as required in the application and have available to the public financial statements."

According to council minutes posted online, Armstrong Reeve Susan Smerchanski and Coun. Allen Evanchyshin voted against the 2022 budget, while councillors Ralph Hazelton, Paul Humeny, Ted Sumka and Adam Krochenski voted for it. A majority vote passed the budget.

letter to the editor

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When will the town take responsibility?

Can you imagine my surprise when I got my water bill from the Town of Stonewall for the third quarter of 2021 and it was \$595.48. I live by myself and my water bill had run from \$45 to \$55 in the past. Upon talking with the town offices, I am told that the meter cannot lie; something must be running. We disconnected the water softener and awaited the next billing. The fourth billing for 2021 came in at \$617.47.

The reading is done and it takes at least two weeks before I get my bill so I took the meter reading for the next week and it seemed to be run-

ning normal so I reluctantly paid my bill for the fourth quarter. The first quarter billing comes in at a whopping \$540.35. A phone call to the town office again tells me that the meter cannot be wrong!

I took a reading that afternoon and tried calling back just to let them know what my reading was two weeks after the billed reading. The person that I had talked to earlier was on the phone so they took my name and number to call me back. It is three weeks later and I am still waiting for that call back. I continue to monitor my meter daily to see that it is only creeping up like three cubic meters in one month.

Yes, I am frustrated.

Maintenance men were sent out to check my meter on May 16 and found it running correctly and only

going up a fraction but they did agree that there must be something wrong to get that increase. On March 17, I get a call from the town saying that my bill stands at \$540.35. Yes, I am very frustrated!

This is my second dealing with the town.

Two years ago I had sewer back up at my apartment blocks on 2nd Street East. Town employees were working on that street at the time. When they were approached, they came over, lifted the man hole cover and agreed that it was backed up and that they were waiting for assistance to come out from the city. We proceeded to do the clean up, replace carpets and vanities, etc. to the tune of over \$10,000. When all was completed, the bills were turned in to the town office and I was put in touch with

the insurance company. I waited two months and finally contacted them again to be told that they responded a week after my first contact. They must have sent it to mts rather than mymts! Guess what!! I would have got it at either email if it had been sent. The email merely stated that the town was not negligent!

It is very easy to pay an insurance company to send out such letters and neither the town or insurance company is responsible for anything. Many other homes in the area were affected at the same time but people just chose to do the repairs themselves. Contacting the town was useless.

They could not even help by suggesting who to get for clean up. I guess they have never had to use these services! Yes, I am frustrated!

- Pat Moldowan

Rockwood council news in brief

By Jennifer McFee

A much-loved community event is set to return soon.

On June 11, Stonewall Children's Centre's Touch-A-Truck event will be held at the Stonewall Rockwood Agricultural Society at the junction of Provincial Road 236 and Road 75N.

Rockwood council showed support for a fly-by by RCAF aircraft as low as 500 feet for transit, practice and shows.

In other council news:

- The RM of Rockwood will enter into a three-year contract with Interlake Salvage and Recycling for grinding wood waste at its waste facilities.

- An individual was disqualified from registering as a candidate in the 2022 general municipal election

for failing to comply with Section 93.12 of the Municipal Act, which relates to filing an election finance statement.

- The RM of Rockwood will enter into cost-sharing agreement with the Manitoba Water Services Board for a project to replace the Balmoral water meters as well as a project to remediate the Stony Mountain lift station.

- Council tabled a discussion to apply a six per cent fuel charge increase to gravel hauling contracts and the waste collection contract to help offset current fuel prices.

- Council defeated a motion to put up "children playing" signs on Road 94N between Provincial Truck Highway 17 and Road 6E.

- Council accepted a \$124,000 funding levy for the operation and maintenance of recreation facilities in the Town of Teulon.

- Council amended its policy for the construction of private approaches and installation of culverts by the municipality.

- The RM of Rockwood will enter into an agreement with the RMs of Rosser and Woodlands and the Town of Stonewall for SAMS (Stonewall & Area Mobility Service).

- The RM of Rockwood en-

gaged in a waste-to-energy study along with the Village of Dunnottar, the RM of St. Andrews and the Town of Stonewall. The study, conducted by Nativus Consulting Group, quantified residential waste generated within each municipality as part of a review of solid waste to energy alternative to current disposal methods, and more information is still needed for a full evaluation. The RM of Rockwood agrees to the completion a business case study, apply for funding opportunities and programs on behalf of the partner group, and pay 25 per cent of the net cost of the proposed business case study.

- Stony Mountain Community Association received a provincial Building Sustainable Communities grant, and the organization would like to build a barrier-free, accessible, self-contained outhouse in the Centennial Park parking lot. Council approved the project with conditions that include that it would only be open during public events. Volunteer members of the Stony Mountain Community Association would also be responsible for cleaning, sanitizing, locking and pumping out the outhouse after each event.

- Manitoba Hydro requested an amendment to street lighting in

Centennial Park in Stony Mountain. Council approved the request, and Stony Mountain Community Association will be responsible for the monthly fees for the streetlights.

- Council passed second and third reading of a bylaw to provide payment of expenses and mileage to citizen members of municipal-approved boards.

- Council passed second and third reading of a bylaw to provide budget estimates for 2022.

- Council approved the 2022 financial plan.

- The RM of Rockwood will enter into an agreement to provide fire-fighting services to the penitentiary and surrounding lands.

- The RM of Rockwood will enter into an agreement with JR Cousin Consulting for professional engineering services for a project related to the Stony Mountain Institute Wastewater Trash Removal Building project.

- Council granted John and Amber Barnett conditional use to allow for a small animal breeding and boarding establishment on their property.

- Council conditionally approved a proposed subdivision by Skylark Homes.

Construction begins on provincial trunk Hwy 3 between Carman and Brunkild

Submitted by Manitoba government

Manitoba Transportation and Infrastructure (MTI) reports construction will resume on 35 kilometres of PTH 3 between Brunkild and Carman on May 24.

PTH 3 is currently operating as the detour route for PTH 75 that is closed due to flooding. The construction on PTH 3 will require areas of single-lane traffic with pilot vehicle control, and motorists can expect delays for both regular PTH 3 and detoured PTH 75 traffic. PTH 2 is available as an alternate detour route for PTH 75 that will result in minimal delays.

MTI is closely monitoring floodwaters at PTH 75 as they begin to recede. The department has prioritized reopening PTH 75 and will do so as soon as conditions allow.

The project involves resurfacing PTH 3 and adding passing lanes.

Manitoba Transportation and Infrastructure will update impacts to traffic through the Manitoba 511 information system at www.manitoba511.ca/en/index.html.

> ROYAL AVIATION MUSEUM, FROM PG. 4

and an engine room that lets visitors to put the pedal to the metal and experience the sounds and feel of different types of aircraft engines.

The museum also seeks to commemorate the role wom-

en and Indigenous people played in Western Canada's aviation history. Some exhibits were developed in collaboration with Niigaan Sinclair, a professor of native studies at the University of Manitoba. He also helped the museum fulfill calls to action issued by the Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

The museum has a variety of programs and events for groups and schools, open to the public shortly after the grand opening weekend.

After two years of building and \$46 million raised through fundraising and donations, the museum is ready to continue its journey in telling the historical stories of the aircraft.

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Results in Red River Métis national general election

Submitted by Manitoba Metis Federation

The election for the Manitoba Métis Federation, the Government of the Red River Métis, has concluded. The position of president was open. In addition, there were 21 positions open for election in seven regions.

All of the positions were elected by acclamation. David Gray, chief electoral officer, confirmed that this was the first time an entire election cycle had been decided by acclamation.

Cabinet passed the resolution calling the election, and the chief electoral officer issued the notice of election on May 3, 2022. Nominations were open for 11 days and closed on May 13, 2022, at 5 p.m. Citizens then had seven days to challenge any nomination, and that period ended at 5 p.m. on May 20, 2022.

The chief electoral officer has declared elected by acclamation the following:

For president, re-elected:

David N. Chartrand of Winnipeg, Man., and a member of the St. Norbert Local.

In the Southeast Region:

Vice-president: Denise Thomas of Grand Marais, Man., and a member of the Grand Marais Local (re-elected).

Regional executive officers: Shawn Nault of Lorette, Man., and a member of the Woodridge Local (re-elected) and

Marielle Gauthier, of St. Malo, Man., and a member of the St. Malo Local (re-elected).

In the Southwest Region:

Vice-president: Leah LaPlante of Brandon, Man., and a member of the Turtle Mountain Local (re-elected).

Regional executive officers: John Fleury of Minnedosa, Man., and a member of the Les Métis Local (re-elected) and

William Goodon of Brandon, Man., and a member of the Cherry Creek Local (re-elected).

In The Pas Region:

Vice-president: Judith Mayer of The Pas, Man., and a member of The Pas

Local (re-elected).

Regional executive officers: Joan Ledoux of Flin Flon, Man., and a member of the Flin Flon Local (re-elected) and

Darrell Ferland of Barrows, Man., and a member of the Red Deer Lake Local (re-elected).

In the Thompson Region:

Vice-president: Julyda Lagimodiere of Thompson, Man., and a member of the Thompson Local (re-elected).

Regional executive officers: Mildred Dorion of Thompson, Man., and a member of the Thompson Local (re-elected) and

Mark Parenteau of Thompson, Man., and a member of the Thompson Local (re-elected).

In the Northwest Region:

Vice-president: Frances Chartrand of Dauphin, Man., and a member of the Dauphin Amisk Local (re-elected).

Regional executive officers: Richard Genaille of Duck Bay, Man., and a member of the Duck Bay Local (re-elected) and

Peter Fleming of Minitonas, Man., and a member of the Minitonas Local (newly elected).

In the Interlake Region:

Vice-president: Alfred Anderson of Selkirk, Man., and a member of the Selkirk Local (re-elected).

Regional executive officers: John Park of Selkirk, Man., and a member of the Selkirk Local (re-elected) and Mona Buors of Stonewall, Man., and a member of the Stonewall Local (re-elected).

In the Winnipeg Region:

Vice-president: Andrew Carrier of Winnipeg, Man., and a member of the Conseil Elzéar Goulet Local (re-elected).

Regional executive officers: JoAnne Remillard of Winnipeg, Man., and a member of the Seven Oaks Local (re-elected) and

David Beaudin of Winnipeg, Man., and a member of the Kinew Local (re-elected).

Local, emerging filmmakers return to the stage for pitch competition

Submitted by GIFF

RBC and Gimli International Film Festival (GIFF) have launched the 11th RBC \$10,000 Emerging Filmmaker Pitch Competition, which will take place at GIFF on Saturday, July 23, 2022. This year, the competition will return to in-person programming, allowing local, up-and-coming filmmakers to step into the spotlight once more.

With the support of On Screen Manitoba, William F. White International Inc., and the National Screen Institute – Canada, the competition will see five emerging filmmakers pitch their short film ideas to a live audience and a jury of industry professionals.

The filmmaker with the winning

pitch will receive \$10,000 to make their film courtesy of RBC, a \$5,000 William F. White Equipment Rental Grant Certificate, a story-editing and directing mentorship from the National Screen Institute – Canada, a \$500 equipment rental credit and a one-year membership to the Winnipeg Film Group, and a premiere screening of their film at GIFF 2023. All five finalists will receive a one-year membership to On Screen Manitoba, a pass to GIFF 2022, and a

one-day pass to All Access 2023. Last year's recipient, Elena Sturk-Lussier, will premiere her winning short film, Stay, at the festival on Saturday, July 23.

"The Gimli International Film Festival is proud to present another edition of the RBC \$10,000 Pitch Competition for emerging filmmakers this summer in Gimli. The competition has become a staple event of the annual festival, says GIFF executive director Alan Wong. "The experience of

pitching your short film concept to a live audience is exciting and a valuable skill for any filmmaker looking to communicate their vision effectively. As always, our panel of industry professionals will provide feedback to our finalists and decide who will take home the grand prize!"

GIFF is accepting applications for the competition until June 6, 2022. Filmmakers can learn more by visiting the GIFF website and reading the Call for Applications.

Stonewall council news in brief

By Jennifer McFee

At the May 18 meeting, Stonewall council committed to borrowing from RBC for the kilns restoration debenture. Council passed first reading to authorize the expenditure and borrowing of money to restore the histor-

ic limestone kilns in Quarry Park.

In other council news:

- The June 1 regular council meeting has been changed to June 8, the June 8 committee of the whole meeting has been changed to June 15, and the June

15 regular council meeting has been changed to June 22.

- Council accepted a quotation to supply and install a generator at the town's emergency operations centre.

- Council received a request to fly the Pride flag at town hall on June 3. Council plans to raise the flag on June 3 and fly it throughout the weekend until June 6.



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Lundar Fair makes its return this year after COVID hiatus

By Emma Honeybun

The Lundar Fair is coming back on Friday, June 10 and Saturday, June 11.

This will be the first time the fair has occurred since June 2019, marking its 68th year.

The year's program, also available to download on the official website at lundaragsociety.com, will be published in the June 2 edition of the *Express Weekly News*. The fair is stocked full of returning shows and activities and some new ones.

For the older kids, there will be free archery tag and a gladiator jousting ring. Both will be located by the midway of the fairgrounds.

There is also a brand new R/C (remote-controlled) plane display through the Lundar Sports Flyers Club. It will take place in the area on Friday.

The Third Chins, a local musical group, will be playing at the fair's Beer Gardens at 8:30 p.m. Friday. A fireworks show at 10:15 p.m. will follow.

Funds from the beer gardens will be going towards the Lundar Sports Riders Club.

The beef dinner on Saturday is a fundraiser as well; it will be gathering money in support of the Lundar

Gymnastics Club.

The 4-H Club will also be having their annual beef auction this year, though it will be online. Cattle — general cattle, not only steers in the auction — will be judged based on type throughout the weekend.

However, different from previous years, this year's Lundar Fair will not see the return of the Interlake Pageant. The traditional event ended its 53 year spanning run in 2019.

"The Ag Society had decided that 2019 would be the final year for that because it was getting harder and harder to get youth to run in that," said Arlene Darknell.

The parade, a long-time tradition, will be making its return on Saturday at 11:30 a.m. Horses presented in the parade will be featured in a 15-minute long horse hitch demonstration at 1 p.m..

Planning for this year's event went fast, according to Darknell. The Lundar Agricultural Society began to put the fair together at the end of March, right as COVID-19 restrictions started to lift.

"So it's been very busy for myself especially and the directors to get everything together. ... And we're one of the first fairs of the season in this



TRIBUNE FILE PHOTO BY GABRIELLE PICHE

The Lundar Agricultural Society Fair parade will make its return this month at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, June 11.

area," Darknell said.

Updates on the Lundar Fair and the activities will be posted regularly on the official Lundar Agricultural So-

ciety website and Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/lundarag>.



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I also think it's important for you to know that when I purr, it doesn't necessarily mean I'm relaxed and happy. I sometimes purr to get your attention when I'm sick or hurt or to calm myself down in stressful situations.

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Canada Marches event draws local support

Staff

Several community members are voicing their support for a peaceful protest in opposition of government mandates related to the pandemic.

Through the Canada Marches initiative, James Topp is marching from Vancouver to Ottawa as a show of opposition against federal government mandates that require vaccination, testing, quarantine or isolation as a condition of employment.

"I have stepped forward to speak on behalf of those personnel employed by the federal government or otherwise who have been denied access to employment and services, who have lost income and have suffered from damaged relationships due to the imposition of a medical procedure," Topp states on the Canada Marches website, which also indicates that he has served with the Canadian Armed Forces for 28 years.

"I have also stepped forward to speak on behalf of those who have, through the introduction of false constructs surrounding choices and consequences, been pressured into taking part in medical procedures that they would not otherwise have accepted."

When Topp passed through Win-



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Left to right: Valerie Flokstra, Tabitha Oughton, Erika Riley, Bernadeen Meilleur and Dawson Riley with James Topp (third from left) in May.

nipeg in early May, Erika Riley and Tabitha Oughton of Stonewall area attended an event along with Bernadeen Meilleur of Balmoral. They estimate that more than 400 people attended the event.

Riley, who is originally from Venezuela, explained what sparked her interest in the cause.

"I come from a socialist country that

was a free country when I moved to Canada.

In the last 30 years, it has slowly started to degrade, taking rights away from the citizens one at a time, and now we see where Venezuela is — a full-out socialist communist country," she said.

"Canada has such an innocence because they have never experienced communism or socialism full out, but it's more and more getting there — and it concerns me. This is something our community needs to open their eyes to and look into. To me, there are

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Stonewall's Arbour Day & Townwide Litter Cleanup

Meet at Memorial Park

(across from Ecole RW Bobby Bend School)

Saturday, May 28th
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Renovations underway at Jasperson's Greenhouse

By Jennifer McFee

Spring has sprung, and a renewed interest in gardening is beginning to sprout up.

At Jasperson's Greenhouse, a full selection of annuals and perennials are ready for perusal, along with trees, shrubs, garden veggies and prairie fruit.

Located south of Stonewall, the local greenhouse is also undergoing some renovations to make way for the new season.

"We're making a little more space in the front room for seed sales, so we tore out an old office. We also took all of our existing benches out, brought three semi loads of gravel in and levelled off the flooring," said Bruce Jasperson, who is carrying on the family business launched by his parents, Ed and Bev, in the 1980s.

"We put down a new sunbelt and

built all new benches using the existing plastic tops that we had, so we recycled a little bit of the material that came out of the old ones. As well, we put in new locally made recycled rubber matting for all the aisles and we're working on all new bench cards for information for our customers."

Throughout it all, the greenhouse has been open for business since early May — and it's already blossoming with activity.

"A lot of people are asking for the blues and yellows in support of Ukraine," Jasperson noted.

"And the colour red is for Communities in Bloom this year, so there are a lot of red flowers available."

Even if you're still cultivating your green thumb, it's worth giving gardening a try.

"Gardening is a form of relaxation. It's really calming," he said.



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Jasperson's Greenhouse is undergoing renovations to make way for the new season.

"The feeling of getting out and playing in the mud and the dirt is gratifying."

For commercial businesses, Jasperson encourages owners to brighten the space with a touch of nature.

"If they put out pots of flowers, their employees see that and it brings calmness to people. It's nice to see flowers rather than just concrete on the way to the walkway and parking lot," he said.

"You might not realize it's happen-

ing, but it's amazing what a few flowers can do to a person's demeanour."

At home, Jasperson says flowers and greenery can create a similar boost to your mood.

"It's a little something else to look at," he said. "When you just put a few containers on your deck, it adds that little bit of colour and little bit of happiness."

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Home & yard

How to start a vegetable garden

Do you want to build a garden to enjoy fresh fruits and vegetables in your backyard? Whether you're starting from scratch or have some experience, here are a few tips to help make your project a success.

CHOOSE A SUITABLE LOCATION Choose a spot in your yard that receives direct sunlight all day. Ensure the area is far away from the roots of mature trees, so your plants have plenty of space to thrive. If you want to protect your plants from the wind, choose an area against a hedge or fence.

DETERMINE THE SIZE Your garden must be large enough to grow all the fruits and veggies you and your family love. Therefore, consider how many people will be enjoying the freshly harvested goods. Additionally, determine whether you want to rely

solely on your garden for vegetables or supplement your harvest with produce from the grocery store.

If you have an in-ground garden, allow for enough space to move between rows. If you have a raised bed, make sure you can reach each plant from the outside.

USE THE RIGHT PRODUCTS If you plan on starting an in-ground garden, add compost to the soil to provide adequate nutrients for your plants. If you prefer a raised bed, make sure to construct it from materials that won't rot, such as wood composite, stone or steel. Then, fill the bed with high-quality potting soil and add fertilizer as necessary.

PLANT THE RIGHT CROPS Start with easy-to-grow plants like Swiss chard, kale, lettuce, beets, peas and beans. If this is your first garden, these



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

If you are unsure whether your project requires a permit or not, or if you have any questions, please contact the SIPD office at 204-467-5587 and we'd be happy to assist you! More information is also available on our website: www.sipd.ca

Home & yard

4 eco-friendly ways to deal with yard debris

With fall well underway, now is an ideal time to clean up your yard. Here are four ways to get your property ready for winter without sending your grass clippings, dead leaves and garden debris to a landfill.

1. GRASSCYCLE AND LEAFCYCLE Rather than throw away grass clippings, spread this organic material evenly across your lawn to serve as a natural fertilizer. The same can be done with leaves by mulching them with your lawn mower.

2. CREATE A BLANKET FOR YOUR GARDEN A layer of dead leaves, fallen petals and other organic debris can be used to protect the roots of trees, shrubs and other plants in your garden from insects, animals and winter temperatures.

3. TURN YOUR LEAVES INTO MULCH Rake up all the leaves in your yard and place them in large garbage bags. Pierce a few holes in the bags, and store them in your garage or shed for the winter. In the spring, you can use the material as mulch for your garden and flower beds.

4. COMPOST YOUR YARD DEBRIS After you mulch leaves with your lawn mower, rake them up and store them in aerated bags or containers. This organic matter can be gradually added to your compost bin to help the decomposition process. Just make sure they're free of pests and disease.

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Local singer/songwriter to open Argyle Day Ceilidh with new single

By Emma Honeybun

Amanda Cannon will be opening the Argyle Day Ceilidh (The Gaelic word meaning “party or festival with stories and music”) on June 4.

She’ll be singing her new recorded single ‘Saddle,’ among others songs and covers.

Cannon lives in Argyle and has been singing since she was younger. When she was 12, she picked up the acoustic guitar and includes it in her performances.

She said that she’s looking forward to the event but is a little nervous as well as she hasn’t been able to per-

form live in over a year.

Cannon says that she enjoys writing songs from a different point of view from her own. She likes to create music that is personally touching or relatable to listeners, whether it’s a break-up, a familial connection or any moment in their lives. People often come to her after listening to express that or where they saw themselves or their experiences in her work.

“I really try to make people feel related to or just feel at home and comfortable and, like, whether that’s with me talking to them or through

my music, I just want people to be heard,” she said.

“Saddle” is a little different, however. Cannon drew the story from her own life rather than drawing her creativity from a different pair of shoes. She dedicated it to a very import-



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Amanda Cannon will be singing her newly recorded single “Saddle” along with other songs to open Argyle Day Ceilidh on June 4.

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ant person in her life, someone who helped keep her going — “staying on the saddle,” literally and figuratively.

The inspiration for the song, Fred, was and remains as a father figure for Cannon. She said that although they weren’t related by blood — Fred being the father of a now ex-partner — he always continued to stick by her and helped her through the harder periods following the break-up.

“I was probably in, you know, some sad emotions when that relationship ended and I wanted to just give up or frustrate or whatever it was, whether I was on the horse or if it was in life, but he pushed me to stay in the saddle,” Cannon said. “So it’s about having those specific people there to keep you in the saddle.”

Cannon recorded “Saddle” in private with the help of Private Ear Recording studio. She admits she “opened her mouth” and let it slip to her father and some friends so she had someone to be excited with, but she preferred to keep the song a surprise.

She was overwhelmed with the positive reception after its release. It was the first time she had heard herself in such a professionally recorded way.

“It’s kind of an addiction releasing,” she said. “It’s fun because you’re like ‘Wow, now I want to put another one out there,’ so I understand why musicians do that, right? It’s on to the next one.”



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Local photographer connecting through the lens

By Iris Dyck

When Michelle Westman takes a portrait, she's looking for a feeling.

She carefully frames her subject, balancing them with the background and props. Sometimes she adds colourful lighting to change the mood. But just before she presses the shutter, she takes note of where her subject is looking.

"I'm looking and making sure the eyes are connecting," she said. "The whole face matters, but the most important thing is eyes, and the way someone's eyes can show so much emotion."

Westman has been capturing that emotion since she was 15. She started photography as a hobby, taking photos of herself and friends in her backyard in Stony Mountain.

"Then it became a little bit more than that," she said, "and I was like, you know, I can do this as an actual job."

Westman took the Professional Photography course at Red River College Polytechnic in Winnipeg, graduating in 2019. She learned different photography styles and techniques, but por-



Westman tries to "go the extra mile" with her styled shoots and is hoping to expand into editorial and fashion photography.



Michelle Westman's camera has become a part of her since she started her photography career.

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or graham crackers, for serving
In medium bowl, combine apples, strawberries, blueberries and salt.
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Backyard composting

By Nancy McGowan, REACT

There are as many ways to compost as there are people composting. Even donating your kitchen and yard scraps to your composting neighbour is doing your part for the environment. You just have to find out what will work for you.

Composting is the natural process of organic material decomposing to form a rich natural fertilizer. You can use a pile, one box, three boxes, or purchase a ready made one such as a tumbling composter. Just start with something that you think will work for you with the space, time and budget that you have available.

There are two main types of organics that can be put into your backyard compost bin, "greens" and "browns". The greens are the wet materials high in nitrogen that include your food scraps such as fruit, vegetable, used coffee grounds (and filters), garden waste, and fresh cut grass. Browns are the dry materials high in carbon and include dry leaves, straw, hay, twigs, and shredded paper. The two are layered with the browns always on the top to filter any odours. Generally, add 2-3 times as much browns as you do greens. Do not add meat, fish, eggs, dairy products, oily foods, pet waste, bones or weed seeds to your backyard compost.

Combining greens and browns, while providing moisture and aeration will support the health of the stars of composting, the micro-organisms. To create an active composting system that will heat up and decompose faster, you will need to ensure that the materials in the compost are moist. Moisture comes from the breakdown of the greens but you may also have to water it. Drainage is critical though to ensure the ex-



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A tumbling composter helps to break down organic material.

cess moisture is able to drain away. Aeration to the pile in the form of flipping, fluffing or using an aeration tool is necessary to introduce oxygen to the pile. An active compost pile will heat up as the micro-organisms do their work. The compost is ready for use when it smells earthy and has no visible food items left.

The type of composting strategy you use will determine how quickly your compost is available for use. Fast or slow, there is a compost strategy for everyone. Don't be afraid to try, and embrace the adventure. The environment will thank you. If you would like to gather more information on backyard composting, the South Interlake Garden Club in Stonewall is hosting a composting information session on June 14 at the community gardens. Contact Tanya Daher at 204-467-2235 to register.

Information for this article was taken from the 'Composting. Its Worth It!' pamphlet from Green Action Centre in Winnipeg. compost@greenactioncentre.ca. Toll free compost info line 1-866-394-8880.



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Stonewall woman speaks out for motorcycle safety

By Jennifer McFee

A Stonewall woman is driving home the importance of motorcycle safety while she steers down the road to recovery after a near-fatal highway accident.

Ellen Francis of Stonewall says she's lucky to be alive after she hit a deer with her motorcycle 10 months ago.

On Friday, Aug. 13, 2021, the experienced motorcyclist was travelling a familiar route to Saskatchewan.

"I was on my way to see my sister, who lives in Indian Head close to Regina. That's a trip I've made dozens of times over the years. I've been riding for 20 years. I'm not a new rider and I certainly wasn't a new rider that day, but there are some things you just cannot foresee," Francis said.

"Lots of drivers of cars have hit deer, but the only people I've ever known who hit a deer on a motorcycle are no longer here. I'm fortunate to be alive because most people do not survive. There are a few that do and I'm one of them — and I'm very grateful for that."

Although she was alert to her surroundings, Francis didn't see the deer, which was likely tucked out of sight in a nearby ditch.

"When you're on a motorcycle, you're always looking everywhere and scanning the ditches, the bushes, the horizon. It literally came out of nowhere. I blacked out from the impact," she said.

"Then I realized I was laying in the middle of the highway. Luckily, there was no traffic right on my tail. I told myself 'You've got to get off the highway so you're not in the traffic.' I rolled my body to the yellow line. As I looked back, a semi went by my head four inches away."

A man driving the other direction was the first on the scene to help.

"He didn't see what happened. Nobody saw what happened. He stopped traffic and then the ambulance showed up first, followed by the cops. Everyone was terrific," Francis said.

"My bike was totalled and ended up 50 feet down the road. As they were loading me into the ambulance, a cop stuck his head in the door and said they found a deer in the ditch. They had to shoot it."

Francis ended up with a broken shoulder, fractured hand and severe road rash — but she was alive.

"Anything can happen in a split second," she said. "Even now when I tell my story, I get a shiver down my back because it is so unbelievable that I survived that."

She still experiences some mobility issues with



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Ellen Francis of Stonewall is recovering after hitting a deer with her motorcycle last summer. The experienced motorcyclist shares some advice for Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month.

her hand and can only raise her arm halfway, which has impacted her work as the owner of Elemental Artisans jewelry shop in Stonewall. She closed her business for the first six months of her recovery, and she's now open once again.

"I repair jewelry and I do custom work for people. It is a challenge. I've learned to do things in a different way. It takes me a lot longer to do the processes than it used to, but I'm grateful that I can still do it," she said.

"I came back to work two months ago and I had customers who were waiting for their jobs that they dropped off before I had the accident. They waited patiently over the winter and now I'm only just finishing up some of those jobs. Everyone has been terrific."

Since May is Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month, it's the ideal time to remind motorists to share the roads responsibly and exercise caution around motorcycles.

Speaking from decades of experience, Francis offers some words of wisdom.

"When a driver and a motorcycle are involved in an accident, the driver always says 'I just didn't see him.' It's because we become so complacent about shoulder checking, checking in your review mirrors. There's no magic solution. Everybody gets complacent as we get comfortable driving certain routes or certain vehicles. Always double check. Always look twice," says Francis, who used to work at Harley Davidson Winnipeg.

"When you come up to a motorcycle on the highway or one passes you, give them lots of room. Don't crowd them or force them to take a small portion of the road just because you want to get where you're going. A huge issue for all motorcyclists is the danger that cars present when drivers aren't paying attention."

For riders, Francis stresses the importance of choosing the right gear and wearing it properly.

"Always use good eyewear that blocks the wind so your vision is not impaired. And always wear a helmet. I'm a huge advocate for wearing helmets. If I wouldn't have had a helmet on that day and I hit the pavement, I definitely would've had some kind of brain injury," she said.

"All my gear was destroyed, but that can all be replaced. You can buy a new helmet, new boots, a new motorcycle — but you cannot buy a new life."

At the same time, she encourages people to get to know motorcyclists and talk to them about their hobby.

"A lot of people are wary of motorcyclists, yet motorcyclists can be one of the most wonderful, caring, compassionate, giving groups ever. They're involved in fundraisers and they take time to stop and help people on the side of the road. It's a great community," said Francis, who encourages women to take the mandatory motorcycle course if they're interested in giving it a try.

"Most of us enjoy talking about our bikes, so don't be afraid to ask us about our bikes and how long we've been riding."

Now that the weather is warming up, motorcyclists start to get the inclination to ride, she added.

"It is a dangerous hobby; however, it's an exciting hobby. For me, it's a balance of exercise and being outside. It's a feeling of freedom. It is a passion, and once you get that passion in you, it's very difficult to get away from it," she said.

"Even now, after my injury, I'm still considering getting another motorcycle even though it was totalled that day. I understand that I might not ever be able to do that again. It's too early to tell. It's something I just have to accept."

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circumstances that have happened in the last few years that the government has been able to use as an excuse to justify their overreach."

Looking ahead, Riley questions the impact on future generations.

"What will our children and grandchildren be inheriting from the consequences of our decisions and actions?" she asked.

"We want a free future for our country and our children. It is our responsibility to speak up knowing that we can make a difference."

Likewise, Meilleur expressed similar sentiments. "It's caused a two-tiered society because of the mandates that the government has put in place, which makes no sense considering the vaccinated can still catch and spread COVID," Meilleur said.

Similarly, Oughton shared wide-ranging concerns that include suicide, unemployment, substance abuse and business shutdowns.

"Canada's fundamental freedoms are being taken away. People are losing their rights and freedoms every day to the point where Canada is going to end up like Venezuela. Canadians have the right to earn a living. Canadians have a right to feed their

families. How do you do that when you lose your job? I find the segregation and lockdowns really hurt people," Oughton said.

"We want people to make informed consent choices and be educated about what's going on in the world. Your medical status is private information. Question the bills being passed at the House of Commons. We just want to bring awareness and hope that our young generation maintain the freedoms fought by our forefathers because everyone has a choice as of right now, for that choice could be taken away tomorrow."

RCMP reminds motorists to drive safe

By Ty Dilello

The RCMP and Winnipeg Police Service met with the media last Tuesday on a service road just south of the Perimeter Highway to talk about road safety at the scene of a fatal collision earlier this year that took four lives.

The RCMP responded to 71 fatal collisions in 2021 across the province. Already this year, there are 26 people who have died on Manitoba roadways in RCMP jurisdiction.

To mark Canada Road Safety Week, the RCMP and Winnipeg Police Service wanted to have an open conversation about what police are seeing on the roads in Manitoba.

However, this is not just about education anymore.

"People know to avoid high-risk driving behaviours," said Insp. Joe Telus, officer in charge of RCMP Traffic Services. "They know to slow down, buckle up, pay attention to the



RCMP Insp. Joe Telus

road and drive sober. At this point, it is time to realize this is about people making choices, and some of those



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Members of the RCMP and Winnipeg Police Service met at the site of a fatal car accident last week to discuss road safety. Left to right: Sgt. Ken Pinsent (RCMP), Insp. Doug Roxburgh (WPS), Insp. Joe Telus (RCMP).

choices have cost people their lives."

The Winnipeg Police Service is also very concerned about the same high-risk driving behaviours on its city streets that has led to six motor vehicle fatalities already in 2022 (in comparison, there were nine in all of 2021).

"Some of that has to do with increased traffic volumes, but it also reflects some of those seemingly small decisions motorists make that have a big impact on our roadways," said Insp. Doug Roxburgh, commander of the Winnipeg Police Service Traffic Division. "The decisions drivers make don't just affect them. They can affect their passengers, other drivers, cyclists and pedestrians."

The police forces are using increased enforcement, and more enforcement

tools are being used to combat high-risk driving behaviours. Mandatory alcohol screening, automated licence plate readers and continued work by front-line traffic enforcement officers are some of the ways they are doing that.

"It is so important to have the message of making safe choices get through to people," said Sgt. Ken Pinsent, a forensic collision reconstructionist with the RCMP and the officer who investigated the fatal Perimeter collision last August. "It is my job to go to the worst collision scenes, and I have been to many. What I saw that day will stay with me forever. The amount of tragedy on that little stretch of roadway is haunting. I can't help think, if only."

> LENS, FROM PG. 17

traits are still her favourite.

"I like to capture how unique everybody is, because everyone has their own personality and their own style," she said.

After graduation, Westman worked for Lifetouch, a company headquartered in Winnipeg focusing on school headshots. She has since photographed families and couples, and is starting to "dip her toes" into wedding photography. She also likes to experiment with different themes, using costumes and makeup for styled sessions.

One of the photos she is most proud of comes from a Halloween-themed shoot. Purple and red tones in the background make the model's spooky clown makeup pop as she stares into the camera. But Westman has a hard time choosing any one photo as her all-time favourite.

"The newest photo I've taken is always my favourite because it shows my growth," she said.

Westman has run into some roadblocks along the way. Her application to register her photography business, Visions by Michelle Westman, was delayed because of the pandemic. She also says finding clients can be difficult coming from a small town.

"It's really hard to branch myself out into Winnipeg," she said. "That's been a big challenge, just finding my people that want my work, but I'm getting there."

And her perseverance is starting to pay off. Some of her former Lifetouch colleagues sent her their clients when

they stepped away from photography. She's met clients through friends and family. And recently, she travelled to Los Angeles with Winnipeg band Encore to take photos for their album.

"As a photographer, going to L.A. has been my dream ever since I was in college, and I finally got to do that. So that was a really big step for me," she said.

Westman is also participating in her first large showcase on May 27. The event is put on by RAW, a group that hosts multi-disciplinary art showcases around the world. Westman will share the Exchange Event Centre in Winnipeg with other local photographers, musicians, designers and artists.

"It's my first time actually getting to sell my physical prints, and I'm just really excited to meet the other artists and get to showcase my work," she said.

For Westman, photography is all about connection. She loves helping the people on the other side of her lens feel comfortable, showing them they don't need to be camera shy.

"It feels really nice after knowing that someone likes my work and that they finally have photos that they feel confident in," she said.

"Time is limited, and with photography, you get to capture that time in a photo, and it's quite beautiful."

To contact Michelle for a photoshoot and to see her work, visit visionsbymichellewestman.squarespace.com. To buy tickets to the RAW artist showcase, visit rawartists.com/visionsbymich.

> ARGYLE DAY, FROM PG. 16

Cannon said that throughout all of the excitement, certain feedback stuck with her the most: the pride from those she knew.

"I really enjoyed hearing 'I'm proud of you,' whether that was an aunt posting that on Facebook or someone I went to high school with and haven't really talked to since. They'd share it and be like, 'I'm so proud of her,' and that made me feel really good, just hearing people say that they were proud of me," she said.

Saddle was featured on the radio station Energy 106 FM on Friday, May 6 at 4 p.m. Cannon's boyfriend, Derek, organized it as a surprise.

The station had been taking song requests for a fundraising event, and Derek had phoned in to ask

for Cannon's song. The station had complied, though it wasn't something they usually do.

"He had texted me saying 'Listen to the radio at four,' and I think I annoyingly asked why five times," Cannon said.

She described the experience as really cool. She was again excited to hear the professionally recorded version of her own voice.

Argyle Day Ceilidh will take place at the Willow Grove Orchard, Argyle, from 3 to 7 p.m. It will feature other musicians alongside Cannon, including The Playin Janes and The Fitzgeralds.

The social fundraising event's tickets will be \$15 each, and guests must be over the age of 18 to attend.

ABPRC getting hockey back on its feet with golf tournament fundraiser and special guest

By Patricia Barrett

With hockey programs across the province having been hit hard by COVID-19, the Arborg-Bifrost Parks and Recreation Commission will be hosting a fundraising golf tournament in July to help get players back on the ice.

Recreation director Tom Chwaliboga said proceeds from the tournament will be going to Arborg Minor Hockey, the Arborg Ice Dawgs Junior B team and maintenance costs at the Arborg arena.

For two years, COVID and provincial public health restrictions sidelined hockey across the Interlake or forced the closure of arenas.

"COVID has dramatically impacted hockey programs in the province," said Chwaliboga, "from lost seasons and low enrolment to reduced revenues."

The 18-hole golf game offers a number of prizes including 18 closest-to-the-hole prizes and a chance for a team to win back their entry fee. There's also a

\$900 door prize and prizes for first (\$1,000), second (\$600) and third (\$400). To round off the prize offerings, the commission is offering a silent auction, a 50-50 draw and a putting contest.

People can enter as an individual, a pair or a group of four. The entry fee is \$225 per person. Businesses are welcome to sponsor the tournament by offering merchandise in one of four hockey-themed sponsorship levels: hat trick, goal, assist and save.

Arborg's Jermaine Loewen will be signing autographs at the tournament. Loewen played minor hockey for the Falcons, became captain of the Kamloops Blazers (Western Hockey League) and currently plays for the Henderson Silver Knights (American Hockey League).

The tournament takes place on Tuesday, July 12 at the Teulon Golf & Country Club.

For more information, call Tom Chwaliboga at 204-376-5576 or 204-641-0512 or email him at tom.abprc@mymts.net.

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TRIBUNE PHOTO BY FALLON CAMPBELL

The Warren Collegiate Wildcats competed at the MHSAA cross-country provincials on May 10. Pictured left to right: Lauren Voth was 20th, Samie Boonstra was 35th and Colby Darragh was 23rd in the junior varsity girls' race. Ethan Corbett had Warren's top placing, finishing 11th in the junior varsity boys' race.

Rams on track



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY BRETT MITCHELL

The Stonewall Collegiate Rams' Paris Groselle, right, competes in the 100-metre race at the Royal Rumble on the Rubber track and field meet in Selkirk last week.

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Stonewall captures divisional badminton banner



TRIBUNE PHOTOS BY DEAGHAN MCLEOD

Last Thursday nine Interlake schools competed in the 2021-2022 Jr. High Divisional Championships played in Stonewall. Stonewall Centennial dominated the tournament earning 53 points, while Teulon came in second place with 35 points. Woodlands finished third with 15 points. Left photo, left to right, back row: Ryan H. and Julia M. from Teulon won mixed doubles, Stonewall's Sierra Slatcher and Lucy Hoff won girls' doubles and Stonewall's Alec Harrisko and Nick Turner won boys' doubles; front row: Stonewall's Reese Fidler won girl's singles and Stonewall's Josh Learmond won boys' singles. Right photo: Stonewall Centennial school won the Jr. High Divisional banner.

CRJHL welcomes new Beausejour team

Staff
The Capital Region Junior Hockey League has approved an application for a new franchise in Beausejour for the 2022-23 season.
The Beausejour franchise will join the Selkirk Fishermen, Lundar Falcons, Arborg Ice Dawgs, St. Malo Warriors

and North Winnipeg Satellites to form a six-team league.
The CRJHL is a premier Junior "B" league within Manitoba. The league provides athletes 16 to 21 years old the opportunity to play within a competitive environment, while being able to attend school or work. It allows a

wide range of players to compete and play in front of their home communities, and also provide entertainment to a wider range of fans throughout Manitoba.
The Beausejour franchise will be on probation for its inaugural season.
"The league expects you to partici-

pate fully, and in accordance with all expectations of good conduct as representative of the CRJHL," said Cliff Malzensky, president and commissioner of the CRJHL, in a letter welcoming Beausejour to the league. "All the best in the upcoming season."

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Sudoku Answer

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Crossword Answer



CROSSWORD

CLUES ACROSS

- English river
- Particular part of something
- Cool!
- Welsh for John
- Given name meaning "great spirit"
- Wrath
- Social occasion
- Mechanical belt
- ___ de la ___
- Commands
- Body part
- Caught sight of
- Funeral car
- Skin infection
- Sometimes they "burn"
- Russian river
- Famed soap opera character Kane
- Pie ___ mode
- Endangered
- Socially inept person
- Romanian river
- Serve
- Monetary unit of Samoa
- A type of approach to please
- Form of Hebrew name for God
- "Carry On My Wayward Son" rockers
- A team's best pitcher
- A woody climbing plant
- Long, edible marine fish
- Human rights group in Africa (abbr.)
- Data
- Corporate bigwig
- Climbs
- Relating to the ear
- Commercials
- You need it to eat
- Political extremists

CLUES DOWN

- Reconnaissance (Brit. military)

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- Asserts to be the case
- Starchy food made of dried orchid tubers
- Foes
- Rheumatoid arthritis score
- Ruler of Iran
- The top of the head
- Lilly and Manning are two
- Purchase attire for
- Glittering with gold or silver
- The bank of a body of water
- Regions
- Makes tractors
- Adult beverage
- Force unit
- Swiss river
- Cater to
- Woody climbing plants
- Seems less impressive
- Consume
- Boxing's GOAT

- Southwestern farmers
- Beverage holder
- A way to deteriorate
- Judge
- Norse explorer ___ the Red
- Farm resident
- One who helps to govern
- Plant-eating ground bug
- History Finnish county
- Conifer native to Jamaica
- Longed
- Small Japanese city
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- Puts together in time
- From a distance
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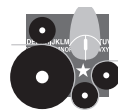
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If you are interested in helping us as a board member please call or email our Executive Director Jimm Simon (JimmS@aclinterlake.ca) or call 204-467-9169. All Expressions of interest must be received prior to June 10, 2022.

Community Living Interlake thanks you for your support. An expression of interest is not a guarantee of board membership. Prospective board members will be contacted for an interview prior to the annual general meeting. Board membership is confirmed at the annual general meeting held in June.



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

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- detail-oriented with a high degree of accuracy
- ability to meet frequent deadlines
- strong Microsoft Office skills, particularly Excel
- excellent communication and interpersonal skills

Applications must include a cover letter, resume and three references. Forward applications (in PDF format as one document) to hr@isd21.mb.ca.

Deadline for applications is Monday, May 30, 2022, 12:00 noon.

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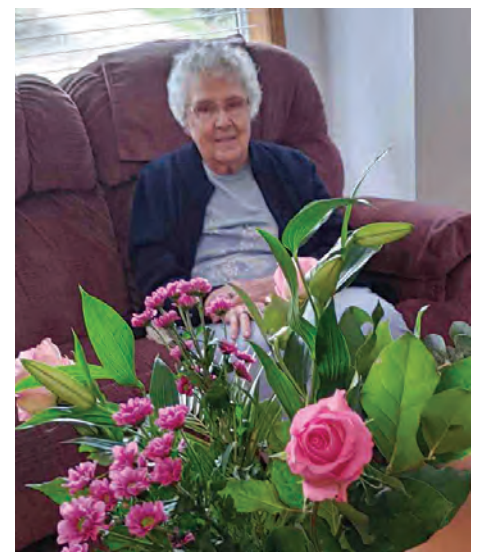
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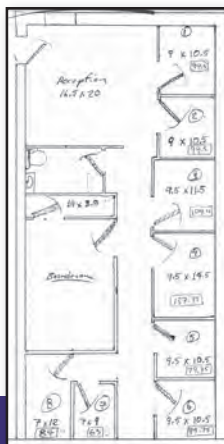
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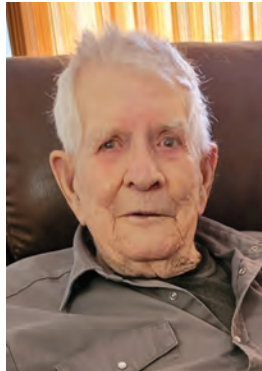
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OBITUARY



William (Bill) Neely
September 1, 1921 - May 17, 2022

Peacefully on May 17, 2022, at the Stonewall Hospital, Bill Neely passed away at the age of 100 years old.

Left to mourn his passing is his son Kerry (Debbie), son-in-law Jim and son-in-law Lorne (Lois); grandchildren Shannon (Tony), Jason (Michelle), Laura (Tom), Jennifer (Keith), Ashlea (Lance); great-grandchildren Jesse (Mat), Jeremy (Melissa), Tori (Charlotte), Justin (Alana), Kyran (Raymond), Payton, James, Sean, Aidan, Billy, Elijah, Samuel, Ezekiel, and Finnley; great-great-grandchildren Kaydan, Rowan, Bentley, Artemis, Teagan, Margaret and many, many nieces, nephews and dear friends.

Bill had been living at Gateway Manor in Teulon and made many friends. Gord and Barb were especially close to him and he appreciated the friendship.

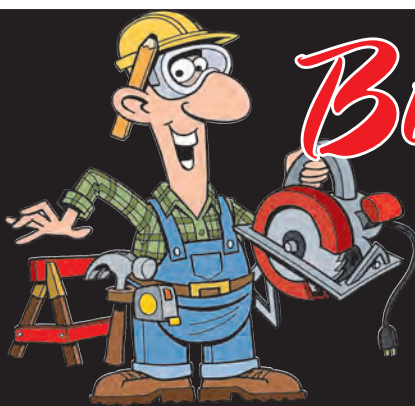
Bill was predeceased by his wife of 68 years Helen Mae Neely (Parkes); his son Brian and his daughter Sharon; his brother Samuel (Phyllis) and his sister Margaret (Arnold).

A service will be held at the Teulon Rockwood Centennial Center in Teulon, MB., Thursday, May 26, 2022 at 2:00 p.m.

In lieu of flowers if you so wish, donations can be made to the Teulon Senior's Resource Center in Teulon, MB., R0C 3B0 in Bill's name.

His family would like to thank the dedicated and caring staff at the Stonewall Hospital for their wonderful care of Bill during his stay.

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