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Chad and Kim Sheppard were busy planting potatoes at the Stonewall Community Garden located north of the cemetery last Monday night. The Sheppard family was one of the first to rent a plot over five years ago when the South Interlake Garden Club in conjunction with the Town of Stonewall developed the plots for rent at a minimal fee.

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Stonewall's 'wish upon a tree' during lockdown

By: Sydney Lockhart

Armed with paint, paper, string and rocks a local 9-year-old Stonewall girl is determined to bring joy to her community during the lockdown.

Grade 3 student and avid reader Victoria DeThomasis created a wish tree in her front yard inspired by *wishtree*, a book written by Katherine Applegate.

"Because of COVID, we can't see people, and if people put their wishes down on the wish tree maybe they would spread it with their family and friends and hopefully they feel better," said DeThomasis.

She is asking community members to write down their wish on a piece of paper and attach a string to it. When they have decided on their wish, they can hang it on her tree in the front yard if they spot it on a walk through Stonewall.

"I added my own wish and then I started painting some rocks," said DeThomasis.

She added that anyone can add a painted rock to the base of the tree to bring it extra good luck. Her first wish hangs from the tree reading, "I wish COVID would be over so I can see my family."

DeThomasis said she hopes that her tree will help other people, and that she painted "The Wish Tree" on it so that people can find it.

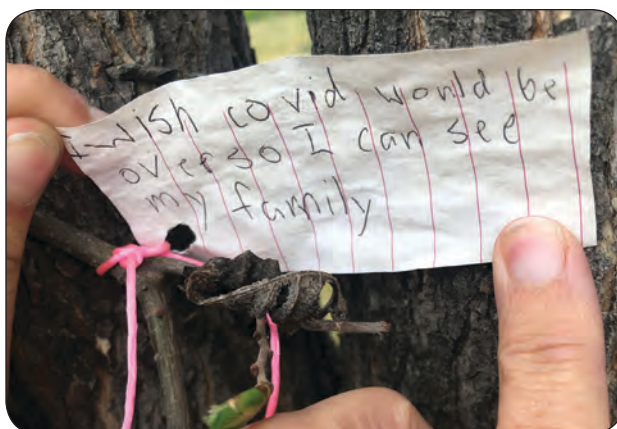
Her mom, Brandie Lev, said that her daughter came up with the idea completely on her own after reading *wishtree* and that she collected wishes from her family to tie to the tree after she had painted it.

"She just has made this thing to make people happy," said Lev, "She's always been just so creative and special and has so much empathy."

Lev said last year she was very sick and had a herniated disk and her daughter helped her immensely. Since then her daughter has talked about wanting to become a nurse to help other people.

"I was off work for almost nine months and she definitely took care of me," said Lev.

DeThomasis and her family hope that people will



DeThomasis hopes her first wish on the tree will bring comfort to the community.



Painted rocks lay beneath the tree, DeThomasis said she hopes they will add extra luck to the wish tree.



TRIBUNE PHOTOS BY BRANDI LEV

Nine-year-old Victoria DeThomasis holds her copy of *wishtree* by her wish tree she created in her front yard. She hopes that people will add to it if they find it on their walks around Stonewall.

get out of here'. And so, that's where it came from that frustration and that that anger," she said.

Applegate said she wanted to write it as children's book not only because it is her area of expertise, but also because she hoped her book would help children learn compassion.

"That's where minds are being made up and change is possible. The kids are so open, in a way that adults unfortunately are not," she said.

Applegate added that hearing about DeThomasis' wish tree project helped inspire her to continue writing a book she was working on and feeling frustrated by.

"Victoria I am so honored and delighted that *wishtree* inspired you in this way, it means the world to me, and I hope to others as well," she said.

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The search for the owner of a historic drum

By Jennifer McFee

A Stonewall resident is hoping to drum up some information about a musical instrument that she hopes to reunite with its original owners.

This resident, who prefers to not share her name, bought a drum from McSherry Auction Service more than a decade ago. She believes it's from the Second World War era since the drum is inscribed with names and dates from that time period.

These inscriptions include Bruce Ball, 1946; Bill Beverids; Russell Stock or Stack, 1943-44; Harold Bellingham; Wayne Carver; Dave Sloane, 1954-53; Cpl. Earle Cooke, Nov. 27, 1945; and Bill White.

"I can see some dates without names. And there are more names, but it's hard to make them out. Some of the names have faded, and whoever owned it spilled some coffee on it," she said.

"I don't know who owned it. I just want to find out if anybody knows who these people are and where this drum should go."

To her, it looks as though it's a snare drum.

"It looks like the drum they would hold in their hand. It's wood banded

on the outside. It's very worn but well kept," she said.

"This skin is original because the names are only once written — and they're all different writings and letters, so it's not done by one person."

She also wonders if the drum might have Indigenous origins.

"I'm Métis. That's why I bought the drum. I don't know if these people are Métis or they're First Nations. Some of my great-uncles were in the Second World War. Some came home and some didn't," she said.

"With this corporal, I'm wondering if these are men who were at powwows and they signed their names and that guy happened to be in the army. Who knows where this drum is from and how far it has travelled."

Originally, she thinks she only paid about \$35 for the drum from the auction.

"I didn't pay very much for it and this is a piece of history. When they held it up front-wise, these names are in the inside of the other side of the drum so it's a piece you wouldn't see," she said.

"I'm getting on, and I don't know if my kids are interested in something like this. Maybe there's somebody



TRIBUNE PHOTOS SUBMITTED

A local women who purchased an historic drum at McSherry's Auction a decade ago is hoping to find some information about it and possibly a new home.

out there who says it used to belong to their dad or uncle or that should belong to the First Nations people or to the Métis. As long as it goes to the right place, I'm not looking for money out of it. I just want to make sure it

gets to the right people."

If you have any information about the drum, please contact the Tribune newspaper at news@stonewallteulon-tribune.ca or 204-461-5352.



Rosser council news in brief

By Jennifer McFee

- Rosser council would like to form a committee with a citizen representatives for the municipal cemetery. Councillors Kelvin Stewart and Lee Garfinkel will be co-chairs and facilitators of the committee.

- At the May 11 meeting, Rosser council hosted a public hearing regarding a conditional use application from Arnason Industries Ltd. to authorize a contractor's yard and allow a 60 by 60-foot addition to its existing commercial building. Council approved the request with conditions.

- Council approved a culvert application for Goldenrod Drive. The

applicant will need to cover the cost of supplies and installation.

- The RM will enter into an agreement with Brookport Business Park Phase Three Ltd. regarding development and servicing.

- On April 27, the RM designated a burning ban in all zones except for campfires. However, there's a higher risk in Little Mountain Park since campfires are left unattended. So at the May 11 meeting, council designated an additional ban on campfires in Little Mountain Park as reflected in the CentrePort Lands effective May 12. The ban remains in force until further notice.

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Keeping safe on the water this fishing season

Enjoy the water with the peace of mind that you are prepared for all eventualities

By Katelyn Boulanger

With fishing season starting on May 15 this year, and bringing more people to the water the Lifesaving Society of Manitoba is reminding residents to make boating safety a priority before they leave the dock.

"One thing that everybody needs to know is they have to check their specific craft because the required safety equipment does vary depending upon the exact type and length of your craft," said Manitoba Lifesaving Society's Water Smart Coordinator Dr. Christopher Love.

Love says that even though you'll need different equipment for a Jet Ski than you would for a fishing skiff or a yacht there are some basic pieces of safety equipment that everyone should be aware of.

"Common things that everybody's going to need is they are going to need an approved life jacket, for each person who is going to be in the boat. By law, you just have to have it, it has to be the appropriate size, and it has to be in the boat when someone is in the boat. Our recommendation is that they actually need to be wearing that life jacket," said Love.

Lifejackets are the number one thing that he recommends, saying that they should be put on even before you get on the dock and not taken off until after you are safely off the dock. However, he says that one thing that people may not know about lifejackets is that they need to be either Transport

Canada approved, or Canada Coast Guard approved which means that if a fisher grabbed a lifejacket on a trip to the US, prior to COVID, that jacket might not meet Canadian standards.

Another item that is required on many crafts is a sound signaling device such as an air horn or a whistle which can be used to avoid collisions when you are in reduced visibility but also helps if you fall overboard as your voice will eventually give out but a whistle can make noise for much longer.

"We recommend with those two things that I've already mentioned, the life jackets and the sound signaling device, you actually combine those, you put a whistle on every single lifejacket that's in your boat so that when somebody is wearing [their lifejacket], they automatically have the sound signaling device on them," said Love.

Some other common items that you will need are a heaving line, which is essentially a rope that floats and can be used for rescues, an anchor, a manual propelling device like paddles, a fire extinguisher if you are cooking or have a fire hazard on the boat and lights if you operate outside of daylight hours.

For larger crafts a reboarding device may also be necessary and should you be taking your boat on a larger body of water where you may not be able to see land at all times, a radar reflector could be necessary.



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY BRETT MITCHELL

Chris, Kim and Kaiden Yap enjoyed a day on the water on May 15.

"A radar reflector is essentially a device that you affix to the highest point of your craft or you affix to a pole so that it gets some height above your craft and it's to make you visible to other crafts that are using radar as part of their navigation methods.

It's also used if you are ever reported missing, and search and rescue are out looking for you," said Love.

Some things that may not be required but that he recommends you consider when taking the boat out are a toolkit of basic mechanical repair supplies and a basic first aid kit.

"I've heard plenty of stories of incidents where fish hooks have gone in the wrong direction or into the wrong place. I've heard stories about fillet knives on a rocking boat. I've heard stories simply. I mean some of the fish that we have in Manitoba, they bite or they've got really rough scales and so having those basic first aid supplies — you don't have to have the world — but having some basic antiseptic, some band-aids a little bit of gauze that can be a big difference between dealing with something easily and immediately or it becoming worse," said Love.

He also suggests, especially at this time of year, to prepare for changing weather conditions. It may be colder on the water than it is on the shore and water temperatures at this time of year are still very cold as the water hasn't had time to heat up yet.

Additionally, let someone know where you are going and when you plan to get back just in case.

COVID-19, of course, also comes into play this year as you need to adhere to provincial safety regulations even if you are out on the water.

Also, as always you will require your craft operator card and boat license.

"By doing this planning ahead, by preparing ahead, you can avoid a whole lot of problems and you can have a really, really enjoyable time out on the water," said Love.

Love recommends anyone wanting to head out whether it be on the lake or the river check out the Canadian Safe Boating Council's Boat Notes App, which is available on both the Google Play Store and Apple's App Store and breaks down all the items that you need for your particular boating situation. You can also get additional information on the Manitoba Lifesaving Society's website at lifesaving.mb.ca or the Canadian Safe Boating Council's website at csbc.ca.

Celiac Association Virtual Walk-a-thon

Submitted

The Canadian Celiac Association Manitoba Chapter would like to invite everyone to participate in our Annual Virtual Walk-a-thon. The event will be starting June 5 to the end of June to raise funds to support those requiring gluten free food through Harvest Manitoba. Pledge


sheets will be sent out to supporters but the general public is invited to join in.

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Community fundraising effort raises thousands of dollars overnight

A Stonewall family is overwhelmed with gratitude as the community rallies in support of their son

By Tyler Searle

The last month has been an emotional rollercoaster for the Barbour family. Three weeks ago, doctors discovered a problem with Dustin Barbour's heart valve—one that requires immediate surgery.

Now, the Barbour's are preparing for an emergency road trip to Edmonton, where Dustin Barbour, 30, will undergo his fifth open-heart surgery with a cardiac specialist. The trip could last up to a month, and the family will shoulder the brunt of the expense.

Fuel, food, and accommodations will come out of pocket for the Barbours, plus any additional medical supports Dustin may need when he returns home.

"We realized that we had really no

coverage to go to Edmonton with," said Dustin's mother, Nicky Barbour.

To compensate for the cost, Dustin's sister Tessa Barbour, 26, proposed the idea of a fundraiser. Her parents were initially reluctant to agree, but after some persistence, they came around, she said.

"We just thought, 'well, I guess we've got to let other people into our lives and let them help us,'" Nicky Barbour said.

Tessa Barbour organized the campaign on the morning of May 19 using GoFundMe, which facilitates online fundraising. She set the goal at \$3,000, shared the link via social media, and then set off for work.

Soon after, the donations came pouring in.

"I didn't really believe it," she said.

"I was driving home from work later in the afternoon, and then I just started sobbing. It's amazing seeing the support for my family."

Within one day, the donations exceeded \$11,000—nearly four times the Barbour family's initial goal.

At the time of print, the current total is \$13,967 and still rising.

Dustin Barbour is a well-known and

beloved fixture of the Stonewall community, said Tessa Barbour, but the family is astounded by the generosity.

"I just want people to know how grateful myself and my family are. My parents are never the people to ask for help," Tessa Barbour said.

"They are having a hard time grasping how many people are supporting them and their son."

Dustin Barbour has a message for the community as well.

"I just want people to know that I'm going to get through this—that I'm going to get better and hopefully be farming again. I just want to get my coveralls on and start pulling out my fence posts. Thank you so much. Thank you so much," he said.

"To my sister too, I love her to the moon and back," he added.

"She did this from the kindness of her own heart. I'm just shaken up. I don't know how I'll say thank you to everybody who supported me."

When he recovers from surgery, Dustin Barbour plans to get back to his cowboy lifestyle.

"I'm into Stompin' Tom and country music. I love working in my shop and the yard. I love tractors, and I've got



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Dustin Barbour requires open heart surgery and will be travelling to Edmonton with his parents.

my own on the farm."

The Barbour family extends their most sincere and heartfelt thanks to the people who love and support Dustin—not just with money but with thoughts, prayers, and encouragement.

Anybody interested in supporting Dustin Barbour can do so through GoFundMe at <https://www.gofundme.com/f/dustins-open-heart-surgery-recovery>.

Stonewall council news in brief

By Jennifer McFee

Selkirk-Interlake-Eastman MP James Bezan paid a virtual visit to Stonewall council last week.

At the May 19 council meeting, Bezan took time to answer councillors' questions and also to speak about the idea of initiating a national three-digit phone number for people to call if they're experiencing a mental health crisis.

Todd Doherty, MP for Cariboo-Prince George in B.C., recently tabled a motion in Parliament to bring together suicide prevention services under the emergency phone number 988.

Bezan explained that the 988 number would be similar to how people can get help by dialling 911 in other emergencies.

"It will immediately be put into a mental health crisis management centre. It will be coordinated at a provincial level just like 911. I'm sure that larger populated areas will have dedicated hotlines as well, but with 988 they'll be able to connect with the centre," he said.

"They'll be able to ascertain at that point what the crisis is and whether or not they need to send somebody out to help those individuals or determine who they need to talk to. If it's a youth in crisis, there are counsellors who are trained that way. And we do have in Manitoba an agriculture mental health crisis centre out in Brandon, so they may want to direct calls out that way."

This service would be particularly important for people dealing with im-

pacts of the pandemic.

"As we strive more and more ahead to de-stigmatize issues surrounding mental health, we also want to continue to help people out — especially now as we are dealing with this pandemic that has impacted people's anxiety, isolation and depression that are tied to it," Bezan said.

"I also see this as being a way to help first responders and our Forces who suffer from PTSD. Even though a lot of them have been diagnosed and a lot of them have access to help, they still often have to go online and search around who they should be talking to."

Bezan said he hopes that the Town of Stonewall will support the 988 initiative.

"We have a good, strong effort right

across this country. I can see that the federal government along with the CRTC as well as the provinces will bring this into fruition," he said.

"It has been done in other jurisdictions and I think that this is a great initiative."

In other council news:

- Council hosted a public hearing related to a request to vary the minimum rear yard setback to 12 feet six inches from the required 25 feet for the installation of an 18-foot above-ground pool to be built off an existing deck at a property on Jim Mandryk Crescent. The South Interlake Planning District did not have any concerns with the proposed variation.

- Council passed first reading of a bylaw to establish new water rates, wastewater rates and to regu-

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RCMP reminds public about bicycle safety

With summer
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RCMP urges cyclists
to wear a helmet at
all times

By Sydney Lockhart

As the weather warms up biking season arrives once more, and the RCMP are reminding everyone that taking a few steps towards basic bike safety can make your ride much more enjoyable.

"Safety [is] not for just themselves but for fellow pedestrians and drivers," said RCMP Constable David Wong.

One of the most important things cyclists can do is to wear helmets that are approved by the Canadian safety standards symbol, are bright coloured, fit snugly, are less than five years old and are buckled up properly.

"In my mind, because adults tend to be biking at a higher speed than the kid would be on the road. Larger risk factors are there so I would much prefer an adult to be wearing a bicycle helmet as well," said Wong.

The RCMP recommend that cyclists wear a helmet at all times, despite the law only requiring helmets for those 18 years of age and under.

"Your head is just as precious as a kid's head in my mind," said Wong.

Other bike safety rules recommended by the RCMP are using hand signals, obeying traffic rules, keeping to the right, shoulder checking, turning carefully, being cautious around parked and moving cars, knowing



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY BRETT MITCHELL

Connor and Lucas riding their bikes safely.

where to ride and making sure you are visible to others at all times.

"[Drivers] are looking for cars, listening for larger automobiles, [it's] the same with motorcyclists. They don't see something that's small, in their side view or rear-view mirror," said Wong.

He added that cyclists not being visible is a large problem when on the road results in many vehicle and bicycle collisions.

"The most important thing is just letting people know to wear their bike helmets, bright coloured clothing, or [to have] lighting on their bikes, because the number one thing, if they are biking on the road, is that people can see you," he said.

While many people bike on sidewalks Wong said adults should technically bike on the roadways.

"I can understand why they want a bike on the sidewalk. They feel it is safer because it's on the sidewalk, there's not going to be a car on the sidewalk. However, there are rules, you're supposed to be biking on a

roadway," he said.

Wong added that they won't stop children from biking on sidewalks because it is safer for them, however, they will stop kids if they see them not wearing helmets.

"We don't want to come down hard and enforce tickets, that is not educational," said Wong.

He said instead of ticketing people under 18, they stop and talk to them about bike safety, and ask to speak to their parents about the importance of wearing a helmet.

This year the pandemic put the annual RCMP bike rodeo on pause that they run for grade three students to teach bike safety but Wong says that they plan to bring it back when it is safe to do so.

"Once COVID stops, we'll be back in schools to try to do those bike rodeos where we can educate kids on the importance of a helmet, especially younger kids that are newer to biking," he said, "We go through bike safety bike rules hand signals like the basics of bicycling with on the road."

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Education property tax rebate cheques being mailed to Manitobans

Submitted by Manitoba government

The Manitoba government will begin mailing education property tax rebate cheques in the next week to the owners of residential, farm and commercial properties in Manitoba, Finance Minister Scott Fielding announced Thursday.

"Our government promised to start phasing out the education property tax in 2021, which will return nearly \$250 million this year to Manitobans who own homes, farms and businesses," said Fielding. "The education property tax phase-out represents the largest tax savings in Manitoba history and protects Manitobans' hard-earned incomes by offering much-needed tax relief."

Budget 2021: Protecting Manitobans, Advancing Manitoba committed \$248 million in education property tax rebates to the owners of approximately 658,000 eligible properties, based on municipal assessment information. Depending on the municipality, own-

ers of multiple properties may receive one combined bill.

To provide property owners their rebate as soon as possible, the government has passed new legislation and will begin the printing and mailing process in the week ahead. Manitobans do not need to apply for the rebate, as the province will calculate the amount and automatically mail cheques before the municipal property tax due date.

In 2021, home and farm owners will receive a 25 per cent rebate, which will increase to 50 per cent in 2022. Other property owners will see a 10 per cent rebate this year. The average rebate will be an estimated \$1,140 per property over the next two years. The province will also reduce various related credits and rebates to ensure all property owners are paying 25 per cent less on residential and farm properties, regardless of whether they qualify for existing credits and rebates.

"By keeping our promise to begin phasing out the education property tax this year, we are fulfilling our \$2,020 Tax Rollback Guarantee one full year ahead of schedule," said Fielding. "We are modernizing Manitoba's tax structure and this rebate will be paid for entirely by government so it will not affect funding to schools."

The minister noted Manitoba is the only province that uses school property taxes, which are set locally by each different municipality, to fund the education system. The rebate will not impact the amount of school taxes that fund local school divisions.

The legislation also makes a change to the Residential Tenancies Act to freeze the rent increase guideline at zero per cent in 2022 and 2023.

For more information about Manitoba's education property tax rebate, visit www.manitoba.ca/eduproperty-tax or call Manitoba Government Inquiry at 1-866-626-4862.

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Submitted by the Reverend James Bardsley Anglican Church of the Ascension, Stonewall Member of Stonewall and Area Ministerial

Pentecost - The Coming of the Holy Spirit

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Acts 2:1-4

With the coming of the Holy Spirit the followers of Jesus were changed. They began to speak in other languages. Peter refers to the prophecy of Joel: "that God would pour out God's spirit upon all flesh- and your sons- and your daughters shall prophesy. Your young men shall see visions and your old men shall dream dreams." In explain what is happening to the crowd that gathers.

Pentecost was the turning point for the disciples and the birth of the church. The Holy Spirit emboldened the followers of Jesus to proclaim the gospel in words that they had never used before.

The Power of the Holy Spirit is still here for followers of Jesus today, allowing us to proclaim the good news of the gospel in new ways. While it is unlikely we will speak a different language, we may find ourselves communicating the gospel message to others of a different cultural background, a different generation, and even using different technologies than we have used before. We simply need to trust that God's Holy Spirit will allow us to find ways of relaying the good news of the Gospel.

God's Holy Spirit continues to empower followers of Jesus to overcome fear and boldly proclaim Jesus Christ. The Holy Spirit brought into existence the church and continues to empower followers of Jesus to find new ways of communicating the good news of the gospel today.

Teulon-Rockwood Rec Commission prepares for changes

By Jennifer McFee

Changes are in the works for the Teulon-Rockwood Recreation Commission.

In December 2012, the Teulon-Rockwood Recreation Commission was established. Now plans are underway to terminate the agreement.

Rockwood council recently passed a resolution to give notice to the Town of Teulon to end the agreement on Dec. 31, providing the required six months' notice. Councillors Terry Hartle and Tom Huffman voted against the resolution. Representatives from both municipalities met mid-May to discuss the situation.

Rockwood Reeve Wes Taplin said the meeting went very well.

"Each side got out how they felt and how we wanted to proceed — and

cooler heads prevailed. We are talking and we're trying to come up with answers," he said.

"We had been banging heads and we were spending way too much time administration-wise and resource-wise trying to figure this out and make it work. So there were frustrations on both sides and it was going nowhere. We ran into a brick wall."

Now discussions have taken an amicable turn, since recreation remains a priority for both municipalities.

"When we decided to pull out of the rec commission, Rockwood gave notice and it started a little bit different dialogue. That's what's needed to get the talks progressing forward," Taplin said.

"Now we are in very progressive talks. There's good conversation be-

cause, at the end of the day, both municipalities want recreation for our constituents. How we get to that end game is going to be figured out in the next six months, but we want the same end goal. The talks are ongoing."

Teulon Mayor Anna Pazdzierski also reflected on the recent meeting between the two municipalities.

"It's a matter of organizations changing as time goes on, and COVID has certainly been an issue for everybody in recreation," she said.

"We've made our plans with the RM of Rockwood and had an initial discussion. We will be meeting again at some point in the near future to finalize how that's going to work."

The campground was fully booked for the May long weekend, so some recreation activities are carrying on,

she added.

"We'll figure out what will work best. There will be some changes but nothing major," Pazdzierski said.

"Rockwood and Teulon share a lot of organizations. We've got the fire department and our waste disposal grounds. Teulon administers the fire department and Rockwood administers the waste disposal grounds."

Now they're looking at Teulon taking on more of the administrative tasks related to recreation, she said.

"It makes sense because the facilities are all right in Teulon. It will work fine," Pazdzierski said.

"I believe there will be an advisory committee similar to the one that's already in place. We'll just continue looking at what's best for Teulon and Rockwood."

Smoke and carbon monoxide detectors must be certified

By Nicole Brownlee

Officials urge Canadians to look for certified symbols when purchasing smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.

"Smoke and CO detectors in the home are critical," said Dennis Kim, consumer product safety officer for Health Canada. "They are life-saving devices."

COVID-19 restrictions have led to more Canadians shopping online, said Kim.

"With the emergence of these online shopping platforms, Health Canada takes action to advise consumers of

safety hazards with these types of products," said Kim.

When purchasing detectors, consumers should look for Health Canada's certification mark that shows the product meets design and safety requirements. Approved products will have CSA, cUL, ULC or cETL on both the product and the packaging.

"The main function of these alarms is to alert [residents] in their homes when an adverse event is happening, like a fire or a carbon monoxide leak," said Kim. "The major issue, of course, is by having an uncertified product in the home, they might fail or operate

incorrectly."

"Failure in this type of product with a certain adverse event going on could pose a major risk to the Canadians living there," said Kim.

All living residences such as homes, ice fishing shacks, cottages and campers must have detectors installed.

"We remind Canadians that whatever living space you have, that the manufacturer's instructions are followed for both hard-wired and battery-operated alarms," said Kim.


Building codes dictate where to place detectors throughout residences, and local fire departments can

help ensure the devices are properly installed and operating.

"Questions about any requirements, where they should be in a living space, can be directed to your fire departments," said Kim.

Residents should also note the life expectancy of the detector listed on the packaging, said Kim.

For more information, visit Health Canada's Consumer Product Safety page at <https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/consumer-product-safety.html> or contact your local fire department.



INFORMATION TOWNHALL

The Interlake School Division Board of Trustees invites all members of our community to an

Information Townhall on Bill 64: The Education Modernization Act

Thursday, May 27th at 7:00 p.m.

(Zoom link will be posted on the ISD website - interlakesd.ca)

The agenda will include a short presentation on Bill 64: *The Education Modernization Act* and on the provincial government's "BEST" (*Better Education Starts Today*) strategy.

Following the presentation, community members are encouraged to engage in a Q&A session with the ISD Chair of the Board and Superintendent.

Please plan to attend to learn about the impacts of the government's plans on your local school division.

If you would like to submit questions in advance, please email them to: isd@isd21.mb.ca

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late fees and licensing for septic haulers for the town's water and wastewater utility.

- Council approved grants for the Association for Community Living (\$10,000), South Interlake 55 Plus (\$10,000), South Interlake Seniors Resource (\$7,500), Stonewall Youth Drop-In Centre (\$10,000), Interlake Community Foundation (\$4,000), STAR (\$4,500), REACT (\$500), Age Friendly (\$500), MADD (\$169) and KidSport (\$300).

- Council discussed the possibility of hosting a public event during pride month after a student at Stonewall Collegiate Institute proposed the idea. Council was sup-

portive of the idea and will encourage discussions with the Heritage Arts Centre manager to possibly develop an event that respects COVID restrictions.

- Council passed a resolution to change the parking lot access from 3rd Avenue South to Main Street for the Home Hardware store.

- Council approved an option presented by RFNow Inc. to install fibre optic internet infrastructure for town facilities that include the works and operations office, the Heritage Arts Centre, the Stonewall water treatment plant, the town office, the park's summer shop and Veterans Memorial Sports Complex. There are also a couple other facilities that the town operates in partnership with other groups that haven't yet been confirmed.



Annual General Meeting

Monday, May 31, 2021 at 7pm

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Supply chain delays throttle the Interlake auto industry

By Tyler Searle

A global shortage of microchips is creating an automotive famine in the Interlake, with dealerships unable to access a supply of new vehicles to meet consumer demands.

"It's going to be a long, skinny summer as far as automobile dealers are concerned," Bruce Giesbrecht said.

Giesbrecht is co-owner of Giesbrecht & Sons in Gimli. He has been in the automotive industry for forty years and never seen such a significant disruption to vehicle supplies.

"It's quite a scenario actually, because of the shortage, inventories are shrinking daily," he said.

Microchips are tiny silicon cards layered in billions of semiconductive transistors that process and store information. They are found in nearly every form of electronics, including computers, appliances, and automobiles.

In modern cars, microchips manage infotainment systems and regulate engine functions. Without them, vehicles are left braindead and immobilized.

Numerous brand-new vehicles slated for delivery to Gimli Ford are parked in a compound in Dearborn, MI, said owner Russell Einarson. The new product cannot make transit without the microchips.

"We can be frustrated, but really there's no control. We've just got to keep doing what we're doing," Einarson said.



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Russ Einarson, left, of Gimli Ford and Bruce Giesbrecht of Giesbrecht & Sons patiently wait for new stock to arrive. The shortage of microchips has slowed down production at plants all across North America.

son said

Multiple factors influence the shortage in chips, including delays at shipping ports in Vancouver and Montreal and temporary shutdowns at numerous manufacturing plants. Of course, the primary culprit is COVID-19, Giesbrecht said.

When the pandemic hit early last year, automotive sales in Canada plummeted. Market research from DesRosiers Automotive Consultants estimated the drop was as steep as 19.7 per cent. Automakers like Ford, Chevy, and GM responded by scaling back their production.

When vehicle sales rose later in the year, the foreign companies that manufacture the integral chips had al-

ready sold their wares to the electronics industry, so automakers could not resume the same level of production.

Dealers like Giesbrecht and Einarson are now at the mercy of a faulty supply chain.

"Business is good—supply is poor. So, we've got almost the reverse of what it was 16 months ago when there was lots of supply, but business was down," Giesbrecht said.

"From what I've been told from General Motors, we won't see an improvement in the supply of microchips for anywhere from three to five months."

Both Giesbrecht and Einarson agree the shortage is unprecedented and completely unexpected.

"It's just a whole bunch of weird

things combined that nobody would have ever thought of. It's crazy how we are so dependent on such a little item," Einarson said.

It's not just microchips that are being delayed. The pandemic exposed vulnerabilities in global supply chains across a multitude of industries. Statistics Canada reported impacts to medical equipment, pharmaceuticals, food, and other goods.

The law of supply and demand suggests when demand exceeds supply, prices tend to rise.

"The automobiles actually have not skyrocketed in price yet, but we will see what happens if this continues," Giesbrecht said.

"I think that's why people are out there buying. They might be thinking there's going to be a dramatic price increase in automobiles across the board."

It is automakers who determine the price of vehicles—not dealers, said Giesbrecht.

If manufacturing cost rises, automakers compensate by charging dealerships more, and the added expense trickles down to consumers.

If you are in a position to buy, and you can find what you're looking for, then now is the time, Giesbrecht said.

"We're hanging in there and doing what we can, but supplies are dwindling, and apparently, it's not going to get much better until the end of summer or early fall."

Homebound seniors connect with new app

By Nicole Brownlee

A B.C.-based app offers convenient entertainment and helpful services for seniors with an age-friendly design.

Co-founder Barry Jones launched Stayhome-living in Jan. after recognizing the harsh impact COVID-19 restrictions had on seniors' social lives.

"For most people our age, it's doable but very inconvenient. For the seniors, it was a much harder experience for them," said Jones.

Seniors rely on social circles to stay engaged and connected with their community, and because of COVID-19 restrictions, they become isolated, said Jones.

"Many of us have the luxury of having to work from home and keep connections up through technology," said Jones. "I saw this firsthand through my parents in their late 80s, very social people suddenly all of their social angles, their weekly get-togethers for potluck dinners, cocktail parties... all of that just fell away dramatically."

Jones wanted to create a free resource for seniors to help them regain some connection to their friends and family. With the help of his business partner Carolyn Glazier, and Glazier's father Tom,

the team built the Stayhome app last summer.

"We did a survey of about 150 seniors in the community and sort of asked them what they would like and what they would find useful in it, and it sort of grew organically from those roots," said Jones.

The app looks like a house. Portals for entertainment, healthcare services, local resources and social media apps are located in windows and doors.

Videos walk the user through setting up the app, like joining their Facebook or email to the "connect" page or showing users how to book a medical appointment online.

"People have really enjoyed [the instructional videos], you know, they can ask 10 times, and they're not embarrassed, and nobody's losing their patience if they have to pause it and go back and watch again," said Glazier.

As users become proficient with the app, they can access different features like playing online games, ordering food from delivery services and arranging transportation depending on their region.

"It's just a wonderful mentality that this age group has," said Jones. "They have a 'give it a go' mentality, and it's refreshing."

First launched in Surrey, B.C., the team hopes to



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Barry Jones said he wanted to create an app that would help seniors like his parents reconnect with their friends and family during the COVID-19 pandemic.

expand its reach across Canada and continue adding new services to the app.

"You see and hear of new apps being launched, but really none of them have seniors in mind," said Jones.

To learn more about the free app and access instructional videos on how to install it, visit <https://www.stayhome-living.com/>.

Stonewall optometrist sees more patients suffer screen time strain

By Tyler Searle

Extended periods of screen time have the potential to harm your eyes, but there are ways to mitigate the damage.

Dr. Dawn Dunford, an optometrist at Doctor's Vision Centre in Stonewall, is seeing an increase in patients suffering from blurry vision, eye dryness, and fatigue as a result of working and learning from home, she said.

"When you are using the computer a lot, you are not blinking near as often as you should, and so your eyes dry out more."

Dunford recommends taking frequent breaks from the computer, working in a well-lit room with minimal glare, and making a point of blinking more often. For best practice, people should abide by the 20-20-20 rule.

"For every twenty minutes on the computer, you should take at least a twenty-second break to look twenty feet or further," Dunford said.

Another helpful tip is to bolster your diet with omega-3 fatty acids. Omega-3s are fat nutrients commonly found in many foods. Oily fish like sardines, anchovies, and salmon are particularly high in healthy fats.

Omega-3s provide a wide range of benefits, but in the context of ocular care, they ensure the eye stays lubricated, she said.

Dunford's final recommendation is to invest in a pair of glasses with blue light filters—prescription or otherwise.

Screens emit a large amount of blue light, and the effect it has on human eyes is a contentious issue

in the world of optometry. The light is proven to disrupt sleep, but the long-term implications of extended exposure are unknown, Dunford said.

While animal studies have shown blue light can damage cells in the retina, there is little evidence regarding humans.

"A lot of stuff we can say anecdotally, which means there's no direct evidence but the things we are hearing from our patients," she said.

"I myself use them; I have my daughter in them. It's kind of one of those things where the science is there, but it's not proven yet."

When it comes to kids, it is always best to err on the side of caution. The World Health Organization (WHO) recommends parents do not expose children under two to any screen time, and kids between two and three should be limited to one hour per day.

A study from the University of Calgary found toddlers who engaged in more screen time performed worse on behavioural, social, and cognitive development tests.

Online learning for school-aged children presents its own set of challenges because they have to spend extended periods online.

Keeping kids physically active is paramount. Take frequent breaks, ensure your kids get exercise, and try to spend as much time outside as possible, she said.

Replacing your child's chair with an exercise ball will keep them moving, engage their core, and promote balance.

For eye health, parents should also apply the 20-



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Optometrist Dr. Dawn Dunford says applying the 20-20-20 rule is vital for eye health.

20-20 rule to their children and supplement their omega-3 intake with a healthy, balanced diet, Dunford said.

Dunford suggests people looking for more information refer to the WHO or the Canadian Association of Optometrists.

Summer science club offers virtual programming for kids

By Tyler Searle

The University of Manitoba is inviting students between grades three to eight to participate in virtual science summer clubs hosted by Women in Science and Engineering (WISE) Kid-Netic Energy this summer.

The week-long summer clubs feature various experiments and activities that teach kids about ecology, engineering, medical science, chemistry, and coding.

"(The summer clubs) provide an opportunity for any kid to step out of their comfort zone and learn about the concepts in a very fun, hands-on way," said WISE Summer Logistics Lead Alora Anis.

The university developed WISE to get kids excited about careers in science, technology, engineering, and medicine (STEM). The outreach program began focusses on reaching youth with social, economic, and geographic barriers to STEM education.

In a typical year, WISE instructors provide in-person workshops to students across the province—even travelling to Thompson and other more remote communities.

This year, the program is transitioning to a digital format, and kids will attend the STEM-themed summer clubs online.

"The year has been very strange, but we are hoping that this will provide our students and undergrads students an opportunity to learn," Anis said.

The student will spend an hour-and-a-half each day in a virtual classroom playing games, watch-

ing science demos, and interacting with their peers. Then, WISE instructors will leave them with a task or experiment to complete on their own.

Some of the projects are completely independent, while others are collaborative, said WISE instructor Calleigh Gingras.

In the Codemakers club, students use tiny, pocket-sized computers called Micro:bits to learn how to code.

A Micro:bit is an exposed computer chip roughly the size of a credit card with two buttons, speakers, and a cluster of tiny lights on its face. Students program the lights to flash in sequence to form letters and shapes, create music, or play simple games like Pong.

"By far, in everything we've done, it's always coding that kids really, really like," Gingras said.

In addition to the assorted STEM-themed clubs, WISE is also offering a Space Farm club. Kids who register for the space farm will learn how technology and agriculture work together in space.

Participating in the summer clubs is an opportunity to expose kids to science terminology and concepts they are likely to encounter later in their academic careers, Gingras said.

"I've had emails from parents thanking me, saying their children had kind of lost interest in STEM subjects at school, but seeing more real-life applications and doing these experiments really kind of brought them back to having an interest again," Gingras said.



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WISE Kid-netic Energy has been teaching kids about STEM using fun experiments and activities since 1990.

WISE is offering the clubs every week beginning July 1 and ending Aug. 20. Registration costs \$100 for the themed clubs and \$125 for the Space Farm club. To register or find out more, visit www.wisekidneticenergy.ca/summer-clubs.

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Home & yard

The pros and cons of irrigation systems

Maintaining a lush, green lawn and thriving landscape that includes shrubbery, flowers and trees requires time, money and often some sweat equity. However, the beauty that results from such effort compels many homeowners to take on the landscaping challenge.

Forgetting to water the greenery or getting hit with a drought can cause a lawn to deteriorate rapidly. An irrigation system may seem like a smart investment, but homeowners should weigh the pros and cons of such systems before having one installed.

Irrigation systems are installed to protect landscaping so plants can thrive year-round. Irrigation systems come in various forms, from sprinkler to drip to surface irrigation systems. No system is necessarily better than another. That's because each is designed to address specific watering needs.

Here's a look at various irrigation systems and the pros and cons of each.

Sprinkler system

Sprinklers are popular because they tend to be very affordable and easy to set up. Manual sprinkler systems utilize a hose and sprinkler head, while automatic systems are programmed and do all the work once they're installed. Sprinklers cover a lot of ground and can irrigate large spaces quickly. However, that same benefit can be a disadvantage as well.

Sprinklers are indiscriminate in their watering, sometimes hitting pavement or driveways. Also, the Gardening Channel says that water from sprinklers is lost due to evaporation on hot, windy days. In fact, as much as 80 percent of the water used may not make it onto the grass or plants.

Surface irrigation system

Sometimes called gravity irrigation, these systems use channels or furrows throughout the cultivation area. Once the water runs through these channels, gravity distributes it accordingly.

Surface irrigation systems require minimal effort but are best suited for farms and commercial enterprises because they require a large reservoir or pond to accumulate water. Also, uneven terrains could divert the water.

Drip irrigation system

This type of irrigation system is used primarily in arid regions. It is made up of lateral lines of flexible or rigid polyethylene pipe. Drip irrigation allows homeowners to focus watering on a particular garden area. It provides moisture directly to the soil. Therefore, there is no water waste from runoff or evaporation. Drip irrigation waters plants slowly and can cause less soil erosion and reduce nutrient leeching.

While easier and more effective than some other irrigation methods over the long haul, a drip irrigation



system has a substantial startup cost. In addition, the system can get clogged at times. When gardening season is finished, a drip irrigation system will need to be drained and dismantled.

Irrigation systems can help care for plants and lawns. However, they can be costly and some require significant maintenance. Weather and pests also can reduce the effectiveness of yard irrigation systems by damaging equipment or directing water in directions homeowners did not intend. Customers are urged to do their research regarding which system, if any, is best for their properties.



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Home & yard

What can and cannot be composted

Avid gardeners know that compost can add vital nutrients to soil used in gardens, container plants and lawns. The fact that compost is so versatile and nutrient-dense may not even be its most admirable quality. Made from items used in and around the house, compost costs just about nothing to produce.

The raw materials that make up compost come from organic waste. These can be disposables from the garden and kitchen, as well as other areas around the house. According to the United States Environmental Protection Agency, yard trimmings and food scraps add up to 20 to 30 per cent of the municipal solid waste in the United States. Turning waste into compost not only helps the landscape, but also the planet.

Compost is relatively easy to make, and there are scores of materials that can be put into compost. But it is just as essential to know which ingredients cannot be used in compost.

Okay for compost

Most organic materials, or items that were once living, can be used in compost. Plant-based items used in

cooking, such as potato peelings, carrot skins, banana peels, cocoa hulls, coffee grounds and filters, corn cobs, apple cores, egg shells, fruit peels, kelp, and nut shells, can be added to compost.

Other items from around the house, like unused kitty litter, hair, shredded newspapers and cardboard, leaves, flowers, paper, pine needles, ashes, and sawdust, can be successfully added to compost. Stick to items that are not treated heavily with chemicals.

Should not be used in compost

Inorganic and non-biodegradable materials cannot go into compost. These are items like plastic, glass, aluminum foil, and metal. Pressure-treated lumber, although a natural material, is treated with preservatives and often pesticides that can be harmful if they leech into the garden.

The small-gardening resource Balcony Garden Web indicates coated or glossy printed papers, such as those from catalogs, magazines, wrapping paper, marketing materials, and business cards, should not be added to compost piles because of the chemicals and inks used in these papers.



Planet Natural Research Center says to avoid pet droppings from dogs and cats. Animal products like bones, butter, milk, fish skins, and meat, may decompose and start to smell foul. Maggots, parasites, pathogens, and other microorganisms can form in the compost. These materials also may attract flies and scavenger animals. Plus, they decompose very slowly.

Any personal hygiene products should be avoided because they are tainted by human fluids and that can

pose a health risk.

While weeds are not harmful in compost piles, there is the risk that seeds can germinate and then infiltrate garden beds when the compost is used. The same can be said for tomato plants and some other hardy fruits and vegetables.

Compost is a winner in the garden and around the landscape. Learning which ingredients can and can't be added to compost piles is useful for any gardener.

4 questions to ask before pruning a tree

Since pruning trees can be tricky and even dangerous, this job typically requires the expertise of a professional arborist. If you're thinking about doing your own pruning, there are four questions you should ask yourself first. 1. IS IT NECESSARY? There are several reasons to prune a tree, including to remove dead and damaged branches that are at risk of falling. Pruning a tree simply to improve its appearance should be avoided. After all, each cut you make is a wound that takes time to heal and puts the tree at risk of infection. 2. IS IT SAFE? Never prune a tree that's within three metres of a power line. It's best to leave this extremely hazardous work to a professional, and in some places it's the law. Similarly, cutting large branches can lead to serious accidents and injuries if you don't use the right tools and technique. 3. WHAT EQUIPMENT IS NEEDED? To safely prune a tree, you need to use specialized tools. Pruning shears, loppers and saws may all be required. Make sure your tools are clean and sharp to facilitate the tree's recovery. You'll also need personal protective equipment including safety goggles, a helmet, work gloves and



possibly a harness. 4. WHAT'S THE BEST WAY TO PROCEED? Before you start pruning a tree, analyze its structure and determine where you'll make each cut. Most importantly, you should limit your alterations and respect the natural shape of the tree. This is the best way to keep your tree healthy and improve its appearance. If you don't feel comfortable pruning your own trees, contact an arborist in your area.

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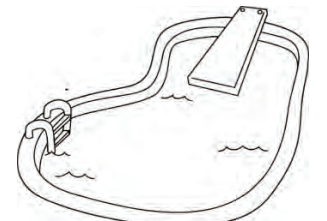


SOUTH INTERLAKE PLANNING

Make a (Safe) Splash this Summer!

The South Interlake Planning District (SIPD) would like to give a friendly reminder that **private pools (inground and above ground), hot tubs and swim spas** require a Development and Building Permit.

The *Manitoba Building Code* requires any artificially constructed basin, capable of containing a water depth of two feet or more, to conform to the *Code*. Part of conforming to the *Code* means having proper fencing installed, which helps prevent accidents.



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

Winkler resident grateful for War Amps

By Jennifer McFee

This year, the War Amps Key Tag Service is celebrating a milestone 75 years of supporting amputees across the country, including many who are close to home.

Winkler resident Silas Penner was born a left leg amputee and benefited from The War Amps Child Amputee (CHAMP) Program. This program provides financial assistance for artificial limbs, adaptive devices and peer support.

CHAMP is funded through the key tag service, which launched in 1946 to provide work for war amputees while also providing a service to Canadians that could generate funds for the organization.

"I think I started with The War Amps at around age five. There are a lot of younger kids who definitely benefit from it," said Penner, who is now 23 years old.

"They helped pay for prosthetics for me growing up and they help with it until this day. Obviously, that's a big thing when they can help you in that way. Prosthetics aren't cheap, so it's a big plus if they can help you with that."

In addition, Penner appreciates the

peer support he gained through annual seminars.

"I was been able to go to seminars often growing up. Almost every year, I'd get to go to a seminar in Winnipeg or Regina or Calgary or around Western Canada. At those conferences, they'd help out with tips on how to use a prosthetic. It's also a good chance to go and interact with other people with a prosthetic who you can connect with in a different way," he said.

"It's probably not something they can do right now with COVID, but growing up it was definitely really cool to go to seminars and build those connections and seminars."

Penner encourages others to consider supporting these initiatives through the key tag program.

Through the program, Canadians receive confidentially coded key tags in the mail each year. These key tags are registered to individuals' name and addresses.

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This key tag service is free, but anyone can choose to make a donation to the registered charity. Each fall, The War Amps mails donors a thank-you gift of peel-and-stick seasonal address labels, which provides further employment for Canadian amputees and people with disabilities.

"The key tags are really cool. If you lose your keys, whoever finds them can put them in the mail and they'll get mailed back to you, which is a pretty awesome service," Penner said.

"The War Amps is run totally through people donating and helping out that way. There are a lot of people who are in the CHAMP program or in The War Amps who benefit from it. It helps out a lot."

For more information about The War Amps, or to order key tags, visit www.waramps.ca or call 1-800-250-3030.



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Winkler's Silas Penner has benefitted from The War Amps Child Amputee Program most of his life.

Manitoba Pork launches "Manitoba's Best Teacher" contest

Submitted by Joey Dearborn

Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, teachers have proven their dedication to educating and inspiring the next generation of outstanding Manitobans. Manitoba Pork has launched "Manitoba's Best Teacher", a contest to acknowledge and celebrate four teachers across the province who deserve special acknowledgement, and who have gone above and beyond in keeping our schools safe and classrooms functioning this past year.

"Teachers have been challenged throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, but their commitment to educating students across our province has been unwavering," Manitoba Pork community engagement coordinator Laurel Lyons said. "Manitoba Pork is proud to recognize deserving teachers with a special gift and prizes for their school staff as a token of appreciation from Manitoba's hog farmers."

As part of the campaign, Manitoba Pork is asking students, parents, and educators to submit nominations for deserving teachers who have gone above and beyond in their dedication to their students. The winning teachers will receive a \$500 Visa gift card and a pork-based lunch for their entire school staff.

Nominations can be submitted at manitobapork.com/teacher. Nominators are asked to include the name of the teacher, the school's name and location, as well as a brief paragraph explaining why their teacher deserves this special recognition. Nominations are open from May 19 to June 9 and can come from anyone, including Manitoba teachers, school staff, parents and students. Manitoba Pork will work with the winning teachers to organize lunch deliveries before the end of the school year and in accordance with provincial COVID-19 protocols.

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Forest fires interrupt work trip for Stonewall plumbers

By Nicole Brownlee

A Stonewall man and his colleagues witnessed two forest fires last week and got to try their hands at firefighting.

Riley Patterson was driving on Highway 6 on Tuesday, May 18. They were travelling to Grand Rapids to complete a plumbing contract for Mukwa Expert Inc, a local construction company.

As they moved further north, smoke from a nearby forest fire in the RM of Homebrook clouded the air. The fire forced the province to close the highway "right behind" Patterson.

Patterson had planned to work in Grand Rapids for the next two days and assumed the road would be open once it was time to drive home to Stonewall. He and his crew including Colby Thiessen, Evan Loewen and Chris Wilkinson got to work when they arrived, installing plumbing in ready-to-move homes.

"I wasn't too concerned," he said.

Just a few hours after their first brush with fire, Patterson called out to his crew working underneath one of the houses. He could see another fire in the trees just beside the jobsite.

"They didn't believe me because we just drove through a forest fire," he said.

"And the next thing you know, boom, the tree was up like a matchstick."

The fire grew quickly, jumping from tree to tree. Dry conditions and a strong wind pushed the fire toward the houses Patterson and his team were set to work on the next day.

"It was just ripping through the forest," he said. "There was really no stopping it."

Volunteer fire fighters arrived on the scene, but the fire had already grown too big to be put out from the ground. Patterson and his team helped the firefighters set up the hoses and douse what flames they could as a helicopter dropped water on the fire from above.

Within the hour, RCMP officers began evacuating the area. Patterson could feel the heat radiating from across the road.

Winter precipitation levels across the province were below normal this past winter, causing the dry spring conditions that pose a fire risk. At the time of writing, a fire ban and back-country travel ban remain in effect for much of the Interlake region.

By the next day, crews had the fire under control, and residents were allowed back into the community. Patterson and his colleagues were able to return to the job site and finish their work. The homes they were working



Riley Patterson watched as flames approached the new homes he and his team were working on.



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Patterson assisted the volunteer firefighters with setting up their hoses to douse the fire.



Colby Thiessen snaps photos of the forest fire that broke out as he worked across the road in Grand Rapids.



A helicopter dropped water on the fire from above.

on were spared, but two buildings burned down nearby in Misipawistik Cree Nation. No one was hurt in the fire.

As Patterson and his team got ready to head home on Thursday, they ran into another roadblock: the fire they'd encountered on their way to Grand Rapids was burning out of control, and Highway 6 was still closed. They

had to take a detour around Lake Winnipegosis to get home, adding about five hours to their trip. Despite this, Patterson made the most of the

experience.

"It was something to see," he said of the fire. "It was powerful."



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Cassils continues to coach in the community

By Brian Bowman

With COVID shutting down sports in Manitoba, Jason Cassils hasn't been able to do what he loves - coaching amateur sports.

Cassils currently coaches the South Interlake U16 Phillies, who, like many teams, are patiently waiting for the green light to play competitive games.

He has three daughters, including two on the U16 Phillies.

"Coaching them has been a treat," he said Monday afternoon. "I coach the U16 team and help out with the U10. I absolutely love it and it's great to see them grow and develop. It's tricky because you don't want to favour your own child so you have to find that right balance. You don't want to be hard on them, too. It's been great and they're fantastic to coach and the other kids on the team are a treat to coach. The families we have involved, I can't say enough good things about everybody we have been able to work with. I know that's not always the case, but for me, it has been with the people that we have grown up around here with. It makes it that much more enjoyable."

Cassils was born in Boissevain and grew up in Hartney before the family moved to Brandon and later settled in Warren. After graduating from Warren Collegiate, Cassils moved on to the University of Manitoba.

His first teaching job landed him at Stonewall Collegiate.

"I was very fortunate at the time that a job came up," said the 45-year-old Cassils, now a principal at SCI. "The timing was right so I ended up teaching math and Phys. Ed at Stonewall Collegiate and I've been there ever since. There were lots of people that I knew, friends and stuff, that had to look elsewhere.



TRIBUNE FILE PHOTO BY LANA MEIER
Jason Cassils has spent countless hours volunteering his time over the years as a coach in the community.

It worked out very well. I've been extremely fortunate to be here the entire time and work with such great people. The community is fantastic and the kids are great. I'm definitely very happy with the way the situation worked out."

Cassils has coached numerous sports with the SCI Rams, including basketball, volleyball, baseball, track and field, and soccer.

He loves coaching high school students.

"That's one of the reasons I got into education," said Cassils, who also coached Team Manitoba boys' baseball for seven years. "Of course, it was for

the teaching part and connecting with students. I really enjoy the coaching piece of it and it helps you get to know your students a lot better and you get to know the families and the community. The competition, too, I always grew up playing sports so when that slowed down a little bit I was still used to that competition which you kind of thrive on."

As an athlete, Cassils grew up playing baseball, volleyball, basketball, and badminton. He also ran track and field and cross country.

"That was the nice thing about going to a smaller school (Warren Collegiate), you get a chance to be involved," he said. "We had such great coaches and great athletes to play with. We had a lot of great opportunities to go to provincials and stuff."

Cassils excelled in baseball, playing in the Manitoba Junior Baseball League with the Legion 141 Veterans for three seasons.

He then moved on to play in the Winnipeg Senior Baseball League with the Stonewall Blue Jays. He was named the league's rookie of the year in 1997 and the Blue Jays' team from 2003-08 was inducted into the Manitoba Baseball Hall of Fame in 2015.

"We had a great group of guys to be around," Cassils recalled, noting the Blue Jays were crowned WSBL champions in 2003, 2008 and 2009 and Manitoba AA Senior winners in 2002, 2005 and 2006. "To get (the rookie of the year award) was a bonus, for sure. You just learn so much from all of those guys that played a high level of ball."

Getting together as a team to be elected into a hall of fame was a great experience.

"It was great to go down there and see the guys again when we went into the hall of fame," Cassils said. "To be there with that group of guys and go into it together was very special."

Tataryn signs with OCN Blizzard

By Brian Bowman

After playing hockey for the Pilot Mound Academy Buffaloes the past three seasons, Brett Tataryn is used to being away from home.

He hopes to be away from home once again this upcoming season as he signed with the Manitoba Junior Hockey League's OCN Blizzard last week.

Tataryn is looking forward to heading up north to continue his hockey career. He has been to OCN before at camp and really liked the environment and the passion the team had to win hockey games.

"With COVID and everything, hopefully we can get started some time eventually, that's what everyone hopes," said Tataryn, an Argyle product, last Thursday. "Having to move on to Junior 'A' as I am aging out of Midget, the (OCN) GM/head coach Billy Keane knows what he's doing and seems really interested and happy to have me. He's a great guy

and just meeting him and letting him talk about what he can offer, he really seems to know what he's doing. He's a great person and, overall, a great guy to be around."

Cracking the Blizzard's roster won't be easy, though, as the team lost just three forwards from last year's team as they aged out of junior hockey.

"I'm going to have to keep working and it's been good for me so far," said Tataryn, a former Interlake Lightning. "I have to keep on the right path and hopefully I get a spot (on the team)."

Tataryn, 18, had a good taste of what it's like living away from home as a teenager in the time he spent in Pilot Mound. He improved a lot as a hockey player over that time and really enjoyed the experience.

"I got the one championship out of the three years that I was there," he noted. "It was good, I liked it. I feel that I developed playing there and became a totally better person and hockey player. It's all thanks to the coaching



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Argyle's Brett Tataryn recently signed with the Manitoba Junior Hockey League's OCN Blizzard.

there. They know what they're doing and they have everyone prepared for junior hockey."

Tataryn, a 6-foot-1, 198-pound power forward, put up some good offensive numbers with the Buffaloes. He scored 15 goals and had 22 points during the 2018-19 campaign and then added six goals and 28 points the next

season.

"I feel I probably could have done a bit better," Tataryn admitted. "But I feel I did pretty good and with me being an older guy this year, if we would have played more games, I would have had way more (points)."

"But I guess we'll never know. I did (well) overall."

Ledochowski sisters enjoying their time with Lake Region State College

By Brian Bowman

Jacey Ledochowski was able to experience playing college softball in the United States for the first time - and she loved every minute of it.

The Teulon product just returned home last week from her school, located in Devils Lake, North Dakota.

"It's just a whole different experience," she said. "You finally get to be independent and you have to look after yourself. You learn a lot in your first year of college. It was a great experience."

Ledochowski had a great freshman season with Lake Region State College. She batted .322 with 29 RBI, 22 runs scored, four home runs, and also had a stolen base.

"I started off strong with the home runs and everything," she said. "But you get into a drought where 'Oh, I'm not hitting as well' and you kind of feel the pressure. But as soon as you get a couple of hits, it all comes back. It's a natural motion."

She's really looking forward to next season and putting up even better statistics.

"I'm hoping to put up better numbers to show them freshman what's going on and how to play," Ledochowski said with a laugh.

Ledochowski's move to Devils Lake was made a lot easier with the fact that her older sister Jade is an assistant coach at Lake Region State College.

"Whenever I felt stressed about school or needed to get away, I would just come to her house and play with

the dogs that she has so that was great," she said.

Ledochowski, a catcher and outfielder, quickly found out that playing a collegiate sport while attending school can be challenging. But all of that hard work has definitely made her a much better player, she said.

"It's definitely tough," Ledochowski said. "You don't realize how tough it is. I played ball in high school but in college you realize how tough it is. Managing your time is very tough and you have to manage workouts and practices."

The Royals' season ended earlier this month at the Region 13 West Sub-Regional in Montana. After beating Miles Community College 9-3, Lake Region State College was defeated by Dawson Community College (10-2) and Miles Community College (9-1).

"That (experience) was amazing, especially after winning our first game," Ledochowski said. "All of the sophomores that didn't get to play last year, they were almost crying because it was such a relief to win against a very tough team that went on to win regionals."

Jade, meanwhile, played two seasons for the Royals before moving on to Mayville State University.

It was quite the change going from player to coach.

"It was a different mentality," Jade admitted. "You go from thinking about yourself to thinking about everybody else."

The Royals finished this past season with an 18-21-1 record, which includ-



Jade Ledochowski

ed a nine-game losing streak followed by a nine-game winning streak.

"I thought (the season) went really well," Jade said. "We had some people not able to come back after the Christmas break. We had some injuries and were down to two pitchers and one catcher and they all did a really good job and the rest of the team helped support those three."

Jade really enjoyed the experience of coaching this Royals' team alongside head coach Kory Boehmer.

"It was a phenomenal group of girls," she said. "It was a good group for me to get my first official college (coaching) season in. They were fun, they had good attitudes, and worked really hard all of the time. It was a really good group to be a part of."

Jade felt it was special to be able to



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Teulon's Jacey Ledochowski hit .322 with four home runs in 40 games for the Lake Region State College Royals, located in Devils Lake, North Dakota this past season. In the background is her older sister Jade, an assistant coach with the team.

coach her sister.

"It was fun but it's hard sometimes because she's sometimes a little too much like me for her own good and my own good," Jade said. "But it's nice to see her here and grow, especially with the pandemic and our parents and family not being able to come here and watch. I think she appreciated having me here for that little extra guidance and support."

Motorcycles roar across Manitoba to complete six challenges

By Nicole Brownlee

A local initiative offers patches to encourage Manitobans to travel within the province by motorcycle this summer.

Myles O'Reilly started Manitoba by Motorcycle in 2016 to challenge riders to visit town statues and provincial parks across the province. He thought of the idea after he and his wife April completed a similar route in North Dakota a year earlier.

"We looked around to see if there was anything locally, and there was nothing that I could find in Manitoba or kind of anywhere else in Canada," said O'Reilly.

He wanted to find a way to explore his "own backyard" and reward riders with patches for making the trek. To earn a patch, a rider must submit a photo of themselves in front of specific landmarks. Each region has around 20 locations for motorcyclists to visit, and O'Reilly sends a patch after each

completed challenge.

There were over 100 people who submitted photos last season, said O'Reilly.

"Because of [COVID-19] people aren't really travelling, so they're focusing more on local tourism, which is good for me," said O'Reilly with a laugh. "What I really want is local tourism."

O'Reilly has curated six patches for six challenges this season with the help of local tourism boards.

"I was speaking to Central Manitoba Tourism, and they had the idea of being more kind of hyper-local, finding places within each region," said O'Reilly.

The new challenges feature motorcycle routes in the Interlake, East and Central Manitoba.

"I love finding new places to go and to have new things to look at and visit," he said. "I do my best to visit every single location."

Andrew Gagnon is one of the first people to earn a patch this season. Gagnon has travelled Manitoba by Motorcycle routes for three years.

"The last two years I tried the same routes," said Gagnon. "It just never worked out, but this year I was able to do them all."

Gagnon completed the town statues route in early May, visiting 10 statues in one day.

Manitoba by Motorcycle is also available on the Interlake Tourism app called Driftscape. The app highlights different attractions, businesses and eateries for people to visit, said Melissa Van Soelen, Interlake Tourism manager.

"It's basically like our travel guide, but we've digitized it," said Van Soelen.

O'Reilly will continue to update the routes and add more locations across Manitoba for motorcyclists to explore.



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Myles O'Reilly stands with his oldest son Myles (left) and his daughter Amy (right) at one of the 60 locations featured on his Manitoba town statue route, the "World's Largest Mosquito" in Komarno.

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Green Acres Art Centre (GAAC) is a non-profit organization located in the entrance of the Green Acres Park. The GAAC offers yearly and summer art, culture and wellness programs for people of all ages in the community of Teulon and surrounding area.

CAMP COORDINATOR

As part of a Canada Summer Jobs Grant, GAAC is seeking TWO mature outgoing individuals who are creative, enthusiastic and reliable leaders with a positive attitude who enjoy working with youth. The successful candidates will be responsible to oversee day or evening camps under the direction of the GAAC Board of Directors. Camp Coordinators will be strong leaders who create and maintain a safe and fun working environment for all employees and campers. They will be required to assist with the planning and daily preparations of camp activities.

Qualifications:

- Experience & interest with working with youth ages 5-17
- Post-Secondary Schooling in Education an asset
- Experience in a Leadership/Supervisory Role
- Ability to work independently and as a team
- Excellent organizational and time management skills with the ability to multi-task
- Excellent interpersonal, written and oral communication skills
- Experience with Organizing Events an asset
- Art skills - interest & skills in drawing/painting, playing musical instruments, theatre and dancing experience an asset
- Athletic skills - interest, knowledge & ability to assist with a variety of sports an asset
- CPR Training an asset
- Provide Criminal Record & Child Abuse Checks

There are two positions - one position for day camp (ages 4 - 10) and one position for evening camps (ages 11 - 17).

Each Camp Coordinator position will be for 8 weeks with a minimum 30 hours per week to a maximum 40 hours. Positions will be scheduled Monday-Friday, starting at the end of June. Salary will be paid hourly and will be determined based on experience. Applicants must be between the age of 15 and 30.

Please email resumes with the Subject "Camp Coordinator" to gaac@mymts.net by Friday May 28, 2021. Only candidates considered for an interview will be contacted. No phone calls.

*The GAAC is committed to following Public Health Orders. Employment may be subject to change as the provincial guidelines are updated

CAMP LEADER

As part of a Canada Summer Jobs Grant, GAAC is seeking FIVE mature outgoing individuals who are creative, enthusiastic and reliable leaders with a passion to work with youth. Camp Leaders will be positive role models who provide campers with guidance, assist with daily activities and create a fun learning environment for all campers.

Qualifications:

- Experience & interest with working with youth ages 5-17
- Experience in a Leadership Role an asset
- Ability to work independently and as a team
- Excellent organizational and time management skills with the ability to multi-task
- Excellent interpersonal, written and oral communication skills
- Art skills - interest & skills in drawing/painting, playing musical instruments theatre and dancing experience an asset
- Athletic skills - interest, knowledge & ability to assist with a variety of sports an asset
- CPR Training an asset
- Provide Criminal Record & Child Abuse Checks

There are five positions - applicants must have flexible daytime and evening availability.

Each Camp Leader position will be 8 weeks and a minimum 25 hours a week to maximum 35 hours. Positions will be scheduled Monday-Friday, starting at the end of June. Salary will be paid hourly and will be determined based on experience. Applicants must be between the age of 15 and 30.

Please email resumes with the Subject "Camp Leader" to gaac@mymts.net by Friday May 28th, 2021. Only candidates considered for an interview will be contacted. No phone calls.

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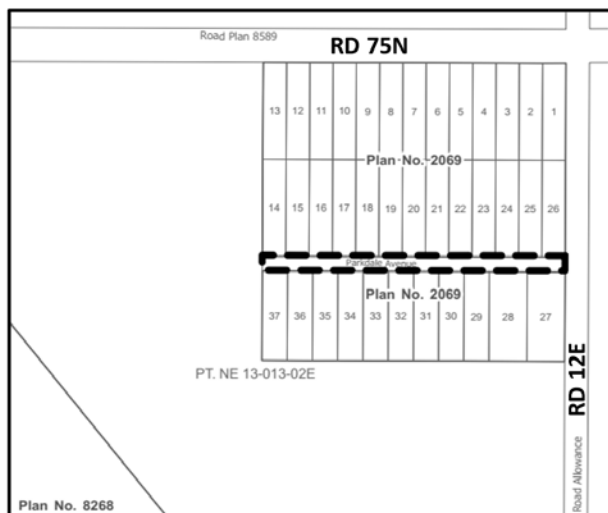
The R.M. of Rockwood hereby gives notice pursuant to Section 290 of The Municipal Act (Manitoba) regarding a Public Hearing to receive public representation on a proposed by-law to close a public road:

R.M. OF ROCKWOOD BY-LAW NO. 10/20 Being a BY-LAW to CLOSE A PUBLIC ROAD in the R.M. OF ROCKWOOD

HEARING LOCATION: Heritage Arts Centre
166 Main Street, Stonewall, MB

DATE & TIME: Wednesday, June 9, 2021, at 10:00 AM

GENERAL INTENT: To receive representations from any person on the proposed **Public Road Closure By-Law No. 10/20** concerning Parkdale Avenue, as shown below:



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IN MEMORIAM



Nick Neumann

June 10, 1933 – May 23, 2014

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If only we could have you back for just a little while;
Then we could sit and talk again just like we used to do,
You always meant so very much and always will do too.
The fact that you're no longer here will always cause us pain,
But you're forever in our hearts until we meet again.

-Always missed and forever in our hearts,
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OBITUARY

In Loving Memory Edwin John Mitchell

It is with heavy hearts the Mitchell family regrets to announce the passing of their beloved Edwin Mitchell on Monday, May 24th, 2021. His sharp wit, sense of humor, warm heart and generous spirit will be deeply missed.

Dad was predeceased by his parents John and Jordis Mitchell along with his sister Mary Slater.

He is survived by his loving wife Maureen as well as his three sisters Alva (Don), Hilda (Murray) and Inis. Papa will also be missed by his children Erik (Sam), Melanie (Derek), Kelly (Jason), Joe (Tannis) and his grandchildren Breanna (Travis), Jenny (Kegan), Emma (Grayson) and his great-granddaughter Oaklynn. He will also be remembered by many other relatives and friends.

The family would like to thank the amazing staff at Betel Home in

Gimli, Manitoba for all the care and compassion they gave Edwin in his final years.

A private family gathering will take place at a later date.

On the wings of a snow-white dove

He sends His pure sweet love

A sign from above (sign from above)

On the wings of a dove (wings of a dove)

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IN MEMORIAM



Bill Blair

March 18, 1933 - May 30, 2020

Deep in our hearts your memory is kept,
To love, to cherish, to never forget.
Today, tomorrow, our whole life through,
We will always love and remember you.

- Love always,
Pat, Perry, Cindy and family,
Brian, Debbie and family

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

MEAL COORDINATOR POSITION

Inwood Manor is looking for a responsible individual to join our team.

Duties include:

Meal Planning & Cooking for the Monday-Friday Meal Program.

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OBITUARY



Joe Drohomereski

February 16, 1934 – May 17, 2021

After a brief illness our beloved father passed away at Stonewall Hospital on May 17, 2021 at the age of 87 years.

Survived by his daughters Valerie and Arlene (Brad); grandchildren Craig, Kimberley, Sherri and Clay; Joe had six great-grandchildren; brother Norman (Helen).

He was predeceased by his wife Jean, his parents Alec and Rose and brother Glen.

Joe met Jean at Winnipeg Beach, Manitoba. They were married on October 3, 1959 and had two daughters. Joe and Jean then moved to Saskatoon, Sk. in 1969 and settled there. Joe worked at Crown Zellerbach for years until he retired. They eventually moved back to Teulon in 2004. Joe was always beside Jean helping her outside

with gardening.

A private family graveside has been held.

Thank you to the staff at Stonewall Hospital for taking care of Joe. (Dad)



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OBITUARY



Raymond Wayne Walker

It is with heavy hearts we share with you that in the early morning hours of May 12, 2021 Ray passed away with his wife, Patti and stepson, Michael by his side. They ensured that he knew he was loved and treasured.

Ray is survived by his soulmate of 27 years; his three children Mark (Sarah), Sarah (Tim) and Aaron as well as his two stepsons Michael Ruddock (Tyne) and Colin Ruddock (Crystal); as well as his brother Joe (Chris) and sister Pam Ryckman (Paul). He is also survived by his grandchildren Ava, Raymond, Katie, Lleyton, Vallen, Oden, Matthew, Nicholas, Benjamin and Emily as well as many nieces and nephews.

Ray served his country with pride for over 30 years and then joined the Commissionaires as he couldn't quite let go of the military way of life. Once he decided it was time to relinquish

wearing a uniform, he joined the Local Urban District of Warren, MB and served two terms.

Ray's bear hugs, which he gave freely, his warm smile and laughter and the way he gave of himself to his family and friends will be sorely missed.

Thank you to Dr D. Venter and the staff of the Stonewall Hospital.

Cremation has taken place, thank you to MacKenzie Funeral Home, Stonewall. Due to COVID, there will not be a service.

Ray is now in heaven, next time you look up, give him a salute.

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OBITUARY



Robert James Miller

Peacefully, on May 18th, 2021 Robert James Miller, passed away surrounded by his family.

He is survived by his wife, Shelagh Miller (nee Crone); his son John (Liz); his daughters, Linda (Dave), and Lee (Harvey); and grandchildren Aidan, Angus (Shannon), Alex, Colin, Ava, Madeleine, Max, and his two great-grandchildren Olivia, and Caoimhe.

Bob lived his life farming in Grosse Isle, Manitoba. He was an Elder in the United Church of Canada, a past-president of the Rosser Curling Club, and a 4-H Leader for many years. He loved animals, the farm, and many trips abroad. He met the love of his life, Shelagh Crone, at Danceland in Clearlake Manitoba. They were married for 60 years and have resided at the Shaftesbury Retirement Residence for the last 10 years.

Our father is the reason we know:

- Right from wrong.
- That showing off is bad.
- That snakes breathe and that you can feel their respirations if you hold them in your hand.
- The names of every weed and wildflower indigenous to Manitoba.
- That it's important to buy stocks with dividends.
- That it's never the animal's fault... even if you're bleeding.
- That people are forgiven even if they don't deserve it.
- That you can get at least a few days out of a shirt.
- That even if you can't pay every bill, you should open the envelopes and talk to the people you owe money to.
- That a good night's sleep will cure most things that seem really bad at 10 o'clock at night.
- That animals will fight if you introduce a new one to the pen.
- That everyone has something of value to impart no matter what they look like or what they have... if you would just listen.
- That you shouldn't feel the hamburger at Safeway.
- That everything will probably be alright.

A private family service will take place at a later date

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Grace Hospital Foundation or to the Canadian Diabetes Association.

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OBITUARY



Donald Wayne McLeod

With broken hearts we announce that our beloved Donald Wayne McLeod at the young age of 55, peacefully died 14th of May 2021 at his acreage near Balmoral, MB with his family, after a short but fierce battle with cancer.

Wayne was born January 15, 1966 in Moosomin, Saskatchewan. When he was young, Wayne's first job was delivering the local paper and with his dedication to deliver these papers he won his first work related award, the Regina Leader Post watch. In his teens he worked summers as the lifeguard at the pool, then as a butcher at Moosomin Coop. He graduated in 1984 from McNaughton High School and not surprisingly was presented with the Congeniality Award. In 1986 he began his future goal to get his pilot's license. He reminisced all the time about the drive to Brandon with his fellow airplane enthusiast Terry McGonigal, and in 1989 he received his commercial pilots license from the Brandon Flying School in Manitoba. His first aviation job was with historic La Ronge Aviation in Lynn Lake, Manitoba and later flew out of their main base in La Ronge, Sask. This is where he met and married his coworker and love of his life Janice (Boy); to which these best friends just celebrated their 25th year anniversary on May 4th.

Wayne was an impeccable hard worker and would "just get it done", so naturally he worked his way up through the ranks and excelled through various types of aircraft. From Bush planes flying in Northern Manitoba and Saskatchewan to soaring in the beautiful Canadian Arctic flying medevacs in the most adverse flying conditions. Then flew with the Province of Manitoba Water Bombers & Life Flight Program. After he flew internationally to pick up the Snowbirds sunning in warm destinations by air ambulance jet until he finally settled with his supporting young family in Winnipeg and area. Up to his last days here on earth, he finished his career as the EIC Presidential awarded President and Accountable Executive of Keewatin Air LP. In those 15 years as President; Wayne led Keewatin Air to become the all-inclusive Air Medical Company delivering the latest in aviation, medical and communications technology to the same Canadian Arctic that he flew in years before. During this time, he also was a highly respected 3-year President of the Northern Air Transport Board (NATA) and held a seat on Board of Directors for Manitoba Aerospace and was invited to take part to various aviation groups throughout Canada. His dedicated hard work, knowledge, integrity, transparency, and passion of aviation was known from all his past and current staff; his parent company Exchange Income Corp (EIC) and all their subsidiaries; Government associates, Canadian and US aviation companies and of course fellow aviators that he worked with along the way.

Wayne is survived by his again co-worker wife Janice and their children Mitchell, Carlee, and Mackenzie. His parents Don and Mary McLeod of Moosomin, Sask. Sister Rose Marie (Peter) of Westbank, BC; sister Barb (Dano) of Langford BC; sister Debbie (Dan) of Duncan, BC and his brother Darryl (Donna) of Yorkton, SK. He was treasured by his numerous nieces, nephews, aunts and uncles, and cousins. Janice's parents Fred and Mary Boy adored Wayne as their son-in-law as well as all her sisters, brothers, and their children.

Even though he lived a very hectic lifestyle, he still made the time to take part in his beloved children's successful local interests; Interlake Lightning AAA Midgets and the Manitoba Junior Hockey League. Manitoba Thunder A Fast Ball, and their Stonewall High School hockey team and band concerts.

Wayne's other loves was riding his treasured Indian Roadmaster with the local Winnipeg chapter, cruise ship sailing around the world and loved spending time with his close friends and his highly respected work managers and peers. His passion for his work took him to some of his favorite memories of NASCAR races, Reno Air Races, Las Vegas Speedway; Winnipeg Jets games, various music concerts and executive meetings throughout North America. In his past, he was a Volunteer Fireman in Lynn Lake and La Ronge and modestly showed off his skills as a fisherman and water-skier and downhill skier.

Wayne's parents were proud of the incredible successful man he became, and his siblings cherished his tremendous support and compassion that he shared among them equally.

His wife and children admired his prominent strength, and in turn his adoration and devotion to them was equally returned to him 10-fold.

Wayne has touched many lives along the way, and you were blessed to receive his advice, or to just be there to sit and enjoy a great conversation with him. His gift for seeing the good side of those he met and bringing out your best by mentoring was admired. His persona was riveting, and now he will be always remembered by everyone in his family's tribute to him.

In his favorite Indian Motorcycle T-Shirt, Wayne was cremated so that his friends and family will be invited to join them in a Celebration of Wayne's Life gathering at their acreage at a time and date that will be announced once COVID restrictions have subsided.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that you can donate with your name at Jaspersen's Greenhouse 204-467-2081. The family is creating a memorial garden in his honor. Every perennial, shrub and tree will be handpicked and ensured that when they are planted, every year the memories of those he touched will grow bigger and bloom forever.

To also express condolences please visit MacKenzie Funeral Home website.

Janice and their children would like to express their upmost gratitude to the amazing Interlake-Eastern RHA Home Care workers: Kim, Tessa and Rilda; and to the compassion that the Palliative team of Christine Skakum, Dr. Graham and the EMS staff displayed to allow Wayne to pass at their family Manitoba home.

As Wayne flies above us on his latest mission flight, we will always remember our dear Son, Brother, Husband, Father, In-Law, Friend and Co-Worker.

We miss you, Captain D. Wayne McLeod, but we are comforted as we know you will watch over us with your irresistible smile. Fly Safe.

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OBITUARY



John Elmer Schott
April 5, 1927 - May 14, 2021

On May 14th, Jack passed away peacefully at the age of 94 at the Boundary Trails Hospital with family by his side.

Left to cherish his memory are his children Allan (Valerie), Dwayne (Dale), Ryan (Jacquie), Lynda (Brent), daughter-in-law Marlys, his 14 grandchildren (Daniel, Monica, Bonnie (Dave), Stacey (David), Robert (Braylinn), Jeffrey (Linda), Kristina, Craig, Kristen, Rob, Ashley (Thomas), Brayden, Stephanie and Nicole), and one great-granddaughter, Emmalyn. He is also survived by his brother Ron Schott.

Jack was predeceased by his wife Jona, son Eric (Marlys), his sisters Velma and Hazel and great-grandson Wilson.

Jack was born in 1927 to Martin and Margaret (Hogg) and lived in Warren where his father owned a mechanic shop. At the age of

8, while at the height of the Great Depression, his family moved to the present-day farm located northwest of Warren. Jack bought the farm from his siblings after the passing of their parents in 1953.

In his twenties, Jack went to a dance in Lundar and saw a "good-looking girl" (Jona Erickson) who he hoped would dance with him. She did and they married in 1954. Jack cherished the 65 years they had together while raising five children on the farm. As the family grew so did the farm, growing various grains along with beef cattle and hogs. Jack loved working the land and repairing machinery. He and Jona also had a large garden and enjoyed summer family corn feeds.

Jack was a hard worker and a successful farmer. He was also an avid bird watcher and photographer. He instilled in his children the love of agriculture and nature, along with a strong work ethic and commitment to family. He encouraged and supported his children's many activities. Jack had a quiet demeanor, but he also had a mischievous side that would occasionally come out!

In later years, Jack and Jona enjoyed traveling to such places as Hawaii, Kenya, Iceland, Australia including a cruise around Cape Horn. They also travelled across Canada, mostly by car, from the Pacific Rim to Newfoundland, and north to Churchill, Inuvik, and Alaska.

In November 2010 they moved to Lions Manor in Stonewall. They continued to spend summers at the farm the following nine years as their grandson Daniel gradually took over the family farm.

In his last few years, he continued to demonstrate his commitment to family, as he cared for Jona through her declining health.

He will forever be remembered and cherished by his loving family.

A private interment was held at the Warren Cemetery.

The family wishes to thank homecare and the medical staff of Stonewall and Boundary Trails Hospitals for taking such good care of him.

Gone is the face we loved so dear,

Silent is the voice we loved to hear.

Too far away for sight or speech,

But not too far for thought to reach.

Sweet to remember him who once was here,

And who, though absent is just as dear.



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OBITUARY

Lyn Bailey

On Tuesday, May 18, 2021 at the Selkirk Regional Health Centre, Lyn Bailey, aged 70 years of Lockport, MB, beloved wife of Allan; mother of Tricia (Chris), Jenaya and Jason (Diana); Baba of Madelyn, Alexi and Naomi and sister of Donna, passed away.

In keeping with her wishes, cremation has taken place and no formal service will be held.

In remembrance of Lyn's life, the family asks that any charitable donations be made to the Manitoba Association of Women's Shelters (maws.mb.ca).

Condolences may be left on her tribute wall at www.gilbartfuneralhome.com

Gilbart Funeral Home, Selkirk in care of arrangements.



OBITUARY

Jean Caroline Kuran
November 10, 1930 - May 16, 2021

It is with great sadness that the family of Jean Kuran (nee Barbour) announce her sudden passing on Sunday, May 16th, 2021 at Extencicare Red River Place at the age of 90.

Jean will be lovingly remembered by her children Robert, James (Nicole), William (Molly); grandchildren Tierney, Connor, Sarah, Cole, Wyatt, Aaron, Devon; her great-grandchild Sawyer; sister Ethel; bother John (Florence); as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

Jean was predeceased by her loving husband Robert of 51 years, son Raymond Kuran; her parents Ada (nee Clark) and John King Barbour; and brother-in-law Bob Gottfreid.

Jean was born and raised in Balmoral where she met Robert Kuran. On September 5th, 1952 she graduated from nursing school. Jean and Robert married on November 29th, 1952. She followed Robert's career with CP Rail as he moved up in rank through four cities. While raising four boys in 1949, Jean took a refresher course in nursing so she could continue with her passion. She held a head nurse position at a Veteran Hospital in Montreal.

Jean was devoted to her family. For all of those who knew Jean as the loving and caring person she was, little needs to be said of her kindness and devotion to her family and friends. Mom was known as Jean's taxi service free of charge! She never missed any of her children's hockey games or practices. She would go as far as being on the receiving end of William's 60 mph fast balls in his little league.

The family wishes to send a special thank you to the staff at Extencicare Red River Place in Selkirk for their care and compassion.

As per Jean's wishes, cremation has taken place and a private family interment will be held

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