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Sisters Jolene and Kayla Hofer were excited to get out to play in the water while the streets were temporarily flooding last Saturday. Some parts of Manitoba, including Elie, received over seven inches of rain while Stonewall and surrounding communities received just under an inch.

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Staff members celebrate Teulon Collegiate grads

By Sydney Lockhart

Graduating students are going to miss out on their high school celebrations after it was cancelled due to COVID-19, but TCI's teachers wanted their students to still feel celebrated.

"It was like a big parade. There was a long procession of us taking individual vehicles," said vice-principal Jason Darragh. "We would honk our horns as we approached the grad's house."

A total of 17 teachers travelled house to house for all 40 graduates bringing them celebratory yard signs.

Darragh said at each house the staff would chant the students name and cheer them on.

The staff was met by emotional students and parents on their front lawns.

"We started at 9:30 a.m. and delivered the last sign at 5:30 p.m., and we covered quite a bit of area," said Darragh.

He added that the parade of vehicles traveled everywhere from Teulon, Norris Lake and Komarno to Gunton.



TRIBUNE PHOTO SUBMITTED

The staff of Teulon Collegiate Institute delivered yard signs to their graduates homes.

"We wanted to make them feel special about being a graduate," said Darragh.

TCI and the Town of Teulon are in the process of getting banners to hang on Main Street with the grads' names printed on them.

Graduate Jubilee Nichols, 18, said she was surprised that all her teachers showed up and spent time talking to her.

"They gave us a round of applause. It was super

sweet, and I cried a little," she said.

Nichols added that it made her feel better about not having a graduation because she got to say goodbye to her teachers.

"They've been a big part of our lives and they helped us become the people we are today," she said. "We are very grateful to have teachers that care enough to do that for us."

Stonewall and District Handivan transitions to SAMS

By Jennifer McFee

It's the end of an era — and the start of a new one — as the local Handivan service transitions to a new driving force.

On Friday, May 22, the Stonewall and District Handivan Service wrapped up with its last rides. The following day marked the beginning of the Stonewall and Area Mobility Services (SAMS).

Earlier this year, the Interlake Eastern Health Authority had approached the Handivan service's municipal partners — the Town of Stonewall and RMs of Woodlands, Rosser and Rockwood — about a change to the administration of the service.

As a result, the municipal partners had to develop a transition plan. Administration and operation of SAMS will now be done entirely by the committee, whereas until now the IERHA had provided drivers and administrative support. This involvement was an anomaly that the IERHA wasn't doing anywhere else.

The Handivan program began in October 1985 when a new Ford van was bought to accommodate up to eight ambulatory and two wheelchair passengers.

The demand for service grew quickly over the following years, with clients from the Arris Centre, the Adult Day Program as well as the public. To keep up with the demand, the Stonewall Legion donated a second van to the service in 1988.

Joanna Hemsley provided her last ride on Friday



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY JO-ANNE PROCTER

South Interlake 55 Plus executive director Cheryl Cathers, left, and Eadie McIntyre, right, presented Joanna Hemsley with flowers on her final day with the Stonewall and District Handivan Service.

after serving as a driver with the Handivan Service for 13 years. Looking ahead, she will continue working for the IERHA in a different role.

"With 13 years of service and with new career opportunities available to me within the present employer, it was the right decision to make," she said.

"I have received many calls from my client base, expressing their concern, but I have assured them

that the Handivan service will continue and that I will be pursuing new career paths with my present employer."

On behalf of the South Interlake 55 Plus, Eadie McIntyre expressed gratitude for Hemsley's service.

"South Interlake 55 Plus would like to thank Joanna for the above-and-beyond service she has provided to our older adults," McIntyre said.

"She has worked with our Travel Club providing guidance that has allowed our members to safely enjoy experiences in and out of our community. Joanna's extra kindness and concern for our senior group will be greatly missed."

SAMS co-ordinator Sharon Inman shared her thoughts about the change.

"With the transition of service from Stonewall and District Handivan to Stonewall and Area Mobility Services, we wanted to take the opportunity to emphasize the service rather than the abilities of those using the service," she said.

"We see this occasion as a means to transform the service and to engage with our community while providing reliable, helpful and friendly transportation options. We have many ideas for future projects and are very excited soon be holding a public contest where we will encourage everyone to be imaginative and create a logo that will represent SAMS."

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St. Laurent parade cut short for emergency fire call

By Evan Matthews

Proving the importance of frontline and essential workers while in the midst of thanking them, the St. Laurent Fire Department's parade was cut short due to a fire call.

On May 16, the St. Laurent Fire Department hosted what was supposed to be a community-wide parade, according to deputy fire chief and emergency medical responder Jennifer Steinbeisser, but it was cut short due to a fire call.

"We were down Veterans Memorial when we got the call for a fire out east," said Steinbeisser, who added the call came from the Clarkleigh area.

"Of course, that turned all the trucks around. We had to go back to the hall and get our stuff and get out to the fire. ... When duty calls, we have to go."

Steinbeisser described the incident as a "large bush fire" that was contained quickly with all fire fighters returning home by day's end.

Originally, the parade was intended to give thanks

to all essential and frontline workers as well as businesses like MTT, Interlake Packers and Home Hardware, all of which have remained open during the pandemic.

In addition to saying thanks, Steinbeisser said the hope was to lift up community spirit and morale heading into summer.

"Everyone has been quarantined and isolated. ... It seemed like a way of getting people out together, symbolically, while respecting distancing," said Steinbeisser.

She said there was no official parade route, but the plan was to pass through all the parking lots of local businesses and main routes within the communities of St. Laurent and Oak Point.

"We just wanted to give our appreciation. We wanted to lift spirits and have people know our community has a presence and has happiness during this pandemic," she said.



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY KELLY VIVIER

Four-year-old Cheyenne Ducharme (left) sits with her three-year-old brother Clyde Ducharme (right), while he waves to the St. Laurent Fire Department rolling past during the May 16 parade.

Stonewall RCMP looking for pen-pals

Submitted

Stonewall RCMP members are looking for some pen-pals.

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"This has been a time where a lot of people seem down in the dumps if they've been isolated, just feeling lonely, and we wanted to alleviate that."

Though a date has not yet been set, Steinbeisser said her hope is to finish what the department started, finishing the parade on a date in the near future.




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*The board is requesting member ratification for an amendment to the bylaws to allow remote attendance to member meetings, including the AGM. **Bylaw 10.11***

Wedding dates becoming scare; COVID causing ripple effects

By Evan Matthews

For most couples who were planning to be married this summer, COVID-19 has created an unfortunate reality: 2020 summer weddings might not happen. What's worse? Demand in 2021 is higher than ever.

Cassandra McIvor of Stony Mountain and Keegan Schkawritka of Stonewall had their wedding planned for May 23 at Pine Ridge Hollow. It was in early April that McIvor said she began to seriously contemplate the reality created by the novel coronavirus.

"We were worried about it but still hopeful through March," she said, "but in April I had to make the decision to postpone."

McIvor works in the wedding industry as a home studio floral designer. Being in the industry, and having been dating Schkawritka for over 10 years, McIvor said she's had her heart set on a spring wedding for a very long time.

"The time of year was almost the most important thing to me. ... It's the time of year where all of my absolute favourite flowers come out and blossom. I had been planning it for almost five years," she said, emphasizing while it might sound silly to some, it's a once-in-a-lifetime day.

After realizing a May wedding in 2020 was out of the picture, McIvor said she and Schkawritka set their sights on the following summer, landing on May 22, 2021.

Another challenge, according to McIvor, was coordinating with every single one of their vendors to ensure next year's date was acceptable.

"We had gold cutlery ... speciality linens, the flowers, the photographer, etc. It becomes extremely difficult to get all those vendors to line up on the same day," said McIvor.

"I understood the reality, and that sometimes it just is what it is, but ... the day we called the venue and let all our vendors know we were going to postpone really sucked.

"Without sounding too dramatic, I felt like I was grieving for a good two days, I was almost a bit angry at the situation. You spend a lot of time and energy pouring your creative efforts, emotions and time into the plan-

"WITHOUT SOUNDING TOO DRAMATIC, I FELT LIKE I WAS GRIEVING FOR A GOOD TWO DAYS."

ning. She said the realization about the health and safety of her friends and

family eventually helped her to move past those initial emotions.

Currently, the provincial public health orders require public gatherings to have no more than 10 people — and that includes weddings.

The public health order includes venue staff as well, so including the bride, groom, officiant and venue staff, there isn't much flexibility left for guests. Considering the next phase to allow public gatherings of up to 50 people, the chances of 2020 summer weddings seem slim to none.

When asked about what the provincial expectation and/or advisement is for couples to be married, the province said in a statement, "Couples can choose to have a very small service and save a larger celebration for a future date."

While McIvor said she and Schkawritka considered the provincial advisement — an elopement, of sorts — it didn't feel right without friends and family.

"We're so close with such a large number of people, our friends and family," said McIvor.

"To narrow it down to just 10 people would have been impossible without feeling like we were excluding important people; people who needed to be there."

The silver lining, if any, is more time to make minor tweaks and alterations to the plan, which McIvor

said she's extremely thankful for.

McIvor said as a home studio florist, her focus has shifted from her own wedding-related hardship to helping other couples through a familiar hardship. She's in the unique position of understanding exactly what they're going through, she said.

"Ultimately, we don't want anyone thinking we're having a pity party or woe is us," said McIvor, laughing a bit. "Everybody in our position is going through this."

While the province has suggested smaller services, saving a larger celebration for future dates, it seems as though there may be slim pickings for those future dates.

Kyle Anderson, co-owner of Anderson's Hitch 'n Post Ranch, a wedding venue in Grosse Isle, said he and his wife Louise got proactive in communicating with their couples to put their minds at ease.

"We told them if they wanted to get a Plan B, or a rain date, we had no problem with that. If they wanted to postpone, we were totally understanding of that. But if it so happens that we can go ahead this year, that's great," said Anderson, adding they're doing all that they can for their couples.

"It's very tricky, very difficult to reschedule a wed-



KASSANDRA DONALDSON PHOTOGRAPHY
Keegan Schkawritka, left, and Cassie McIvor have had to reschedule their May 2020 wedding to May 22, 2021, because of COVID restrictions.

ding. It's so hard for the couples who have been planning for a year or two. It's stressful; it's emotional, then you throw this in... It's a very delicate subject."

Before anything COVID-related had even happened, Anderson said he and his wife were already about 70 per cent booked for summer 2021. Most summer wedding dates tend to book a year or two years in advance, minimum, he said.

Now looking ahead at dates in summer 2021, Anderson said — of course, not speaking for all venues — the ripple effects of COVID on summer wedding dates will likely be felt for about two years.

"Even couples who were innately planning for a summer 2021 wedding are probably thinking to themselves that they should be planning for summer 2022, knowing most dates for next year are already gone," said Anderson, who added that winter dates may be easier to find.

"We're seasonal, on the other hand, April to mid-November. But there are lots of full-season venues that may be able to accommodate winter dates."

Business aside, it's become emotional for Anderson and his wife, too.

"We befriend most, if not all, of our couples. When you're in touch with people for a year or two years, you really do develop a bond," said Anderson.

"You plan your perfect day and then this happens. Take away the business side, I feel so much for these couples. Our hearts have broken for the people going through this."

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Town of Stonewall Hometown Heroes during COVID pandemic



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Quarry Ridge Medical Clinic

By Jennifer McFee

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

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

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

On May 19, nurse and entrepreneur Becky Ritchie was named a hometown hero. The mother of two young boys owns a homemade clothing business called Peartree Park Clothing Co.

"After the COVID-19 pandemic started, she combined her two vocations and has been working tirelessly to make headbands with buttons for hospital staff throughout the Interlake without asking for anything in return," says the Town of Stonewall's Facebook post.

"Thank you for sharing your gener-

osity and skills with our community, Becky!!"

On May 20, seniors advocate Joie Van Dongen was recognized for her work as a dedicated volunteer at South Interlake 55 Plus and as the organizer and chairperson of the Stonewall Age Friendly Committee.

"She is constantly thinking of ways to help our older adults. When COVID-19 hit Manitoba and the doors at South Interlake 55 Plus had to close, Joie got busy organizing volunteers to continue to run the Steppin' Up and Line dancing programs virtually," states the Facebook post.

"She spent many hours learning and educating people on the use of various devices so they could join together with friends by Zoom or Facebook for live exercise sessions and socialization six days of the week. Thank you for all your efforts to keep Stonewall seniors socially connected and active through out the pandemic, Joie. We are so proud to call you a Hometown Hero!"

On May 21, caring educator Heather Sanche earned accolades as the

hometown hero of the day. Not only is she the vice-principal and guidance counsellor at Ecole RW Bobby Bend School, Sanche is also well known for her community contributions for more than 20 years. She has been raised money for many charities including the Terry Fox Run, Dream Factory and Stonewall Christmas Cheer Board. She's also been involved with collecting tabs for wheelchairs, diabetes fundraisers, Red Cross Pink Day and a partner school in Africa.

In addition, she organizes Bobby Bend's Bag Up campaign and has brought the "bucket-filling" concept to the school. She has also taught the Earth Rangers and Roots of Empathy programs as well as the Conflict Manager Recess Program.

"During this pandemic period of home learning, Mrs. Sanche continues to support students and families who are struggling day-to-day to complete their schoolwork and cope with the changes using her kindness, generosity, love of learning and inclusivity," states the Facebook post.

"Mrs. Sanche is a true example

of dedication and hard work. Mrs. Sanche will be retiring this year and she will be missed tremendously by our school community."

On May 21, the Quarry Ridge Medical Clinic essential workers earned gratitude for their continued service to provide care in the community.

"Kim Hughes is the receptionist at Quarry Ridge Clinic who continues to keep things running smoothly. Throughout the changes brought about by COVID-19, she hasn't lost her friendly smile," states the post.

"Dr. Kerr Graham and nurse practitioner Andrew Skene see patients out of the Quarry Ridge Medical Clinic, and they have continued to offer essential health-care services to keep our community healthy and thriving. Thank you to the team at Quarry Ridge Medical Clinic for your exceptional care and dedication to keeping our community safe!"

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

Stonewall council opens public play structures at own risk

By Jennifer McFee

Effective May 21, the Town of Stonewall opened play structures located on town property. Families can now use these structures at their own risk, and there signs are posted as a reminder.

At the May 20 meeting, Stone-

wall council approved a request to develop a secondary suite in an existing residence.

Council tabled a request to establish an additional 22 units in an RG zone in Quarry Ridge Park. To accommodate the request, a conditional use approval and variance were need-

ed.

Bell Canada is hoping to improve service in the community and needed to run some lines over town property.

In addition to improving the road and sidewalk on 1st Street West and 3rd Street West, the town will also

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COVID cuts corn markets

By Evan Matthews

An overview of the 2020 farming season suggests farmers will plant many of the same crops as other years, but Manitoba farmers will see a serious cut to the price of corn.

Craig Riese runs a 5,500-acre farming operation in the Selkirk/Lockport/St. Andrews area sprawling from Lockport to Clandeboyne. He said because the North American ethanol industry is completely shut down due to COVID-19, the 2020 corn market is bleak for producers.

"Corn acres will be down in Manitoba this year. You won't see nearly as much of it. We've lost a lot of demand," said Riese, adding the reason isn't strictly related to ethanol.

"There is also uncertainty in the livestock markets but specifically in the hog markets. We don't know how much demand there is going to be for feed six to eight months from right now, so corn markets have been trending down since COVID started."

As a result, rather than designate 900 acres to corn as he normally does, Riese estimates he'll farm about 700 acres of corn this year.

Of his 5,500-acre operation, Riese said he farms a variety of crops including wheat, oats, corn, soybeans and canola. He will be farming more wheat and oats than usual this year to make up for less demand for corn.

"We don't generally vary the crops we grow very often. We'll vary the quantity of each crop from year to year, the acreages, but not by significant amounts typically," said Riese.

"A crop like corn is a much riskier crop to grow. It's more capital-intensive, and so if the return isn't there, then the risk isn't worth taking.

"We'll just cut back some of our acres by about 20 per cent and utilize those acres with something we have a little more confidence in," he said.

Farmers throughout the food production industry had been hearing rumours about a fertilizer shortage in 2020, as in fall of 2019 when most farmers were unable to get fertilizer spread on their fields in time.

However, large-scale farming operations such as Riese's have been proactive in getting fertilizer on-farm, he said, as farmers had been aware for some time there could be a potential fertilizer shortage.

"Logistics will likely play a big part in whether or not there is a shortage," said Riese.

"There will be days, I think — literally, a day here or a day there — where logistically it may be hard for some of the dealers just based on the sheer amount of volume being moved.

"I don't foresee huge problems with it, but I think it's more a matter of trucking logistics," he said.

Because larger operations have been proactive, it's resulted in many fertilizer retailers' current belief that there won't be a shortage at all, according to Terraco's fertilizer and operations manager Cory Trumbla.

With large-scale operations already supplied on-farm, Trumbla said fertilizer should be available to suffice smaller operations.

Spring 2020 hasn't seen significant moisture, and Riese said conditions continue to improve. But everything this spring is tied to fall 2019, he said.

"People called it the harvest from hell. There is no doubt we had a difficult harvest," said Riese, noting his farm ended up in a situation better than most.

"Things were extremely wet, and we froze up extremely wet. The remnants from that in a lot of fields, you know, means there are ruts from combines during unfavourable conditions and even still some crop out this spring.

"We're still dealing with the aftermath of last year's harvest, cleaning that up, and then getting this year's crop put in," he said.

While it's been dry in 2020 and that's a reason to be thankful. Riese said in an ideal (farming) world, things would warm up a bit more to expedite the process, as some farmers have not put a seed in the ground yet this spring.

As for predicting a 2020 harvest, Riese said he isn't touching that one.

"You predict the weather and I'll tell you how optimistic I am," said Riese.

"We are completely at the mercy of Mother Nature. We can lose everything in two days with the wrong weather. Who can tell, especially nowadays with more variability in our weather from year to year?

"While you have to be optimistic, predicting this year's harvest before we've put a seed in the ground, there is just no way to have any kind of clue what we're dealing with yet."

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With warmer temperatures this past week, significant seeding progress has been made throughout the Interlake region. Average temperatures climbed rapidly, with daytime highs ranging into the mid-20s and overnight temperatures finally above freezing. According to the Manitoba government agriculture website, seeding in the region is estimated to be 60 to 70 per cent complete.

ICF applications: New emergency funding for qualified donees

Staff

The Interlake Community Foundation announced it will be eligible to provide up to \$40,000 to support local charities responding to COVID-19 as part of a new partnership program.

Funded through the federal government's \$350-million Emergency Community Support Fund, the program is also offered in partnership with Community Foundations of Canada, United Way Centraide Canada and the Canadian Red Cross to support vulnerable populations disproportionately affected by COVID-19.

The Interlake Community Foundation is among other community foundations that are taking part across the country. Locally, funding is available for charities in the towns of Stonewall and Teulon and the RMs of Woodlands, Rosser and Rockwood.

"This is a vital step in the fight against COVID-19," says Bob Beck.

"Local charities and non-profit organizations have been working tirelessly to support those who need it

most right now. This additional funding is a much-needed boost to their efforts. We're looking forward to flowing funds quickly to ensure no one in our community is left behind."

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau initially announced the Emergency Community Support Fund program on April 21 as part of a broad series of emergency response measures by the federal government.

"Canadian charities and not-for-profits are always there to help you in your time of need. But the COVID-19 pandemic is bringing real challenges to these important organizations," said Ahmed Hussen, Minister of Families, Children and Social Development.

"With today's announcement, the Government of Canada will be there for them so they can continue to be there for Canadians."

On May 19, the Interlake Community Foundation began accepting applications. Grants can be used for a variety of purposes, including to cov-

er staffing or resource needs, to purchase assistance and more.

Andrea Dicks, Community Foundations of Canada president said the organization's purpose is to "relentlessly pursue a future where everyone belongs."

"We're grateful for the leadership of local community foundations like the Interlake Community Foundation, who are stepping forward to activate this Fund and support their community as it navigates COVID-19," she said.

"Thanks to the Government of Canada's contribution, our network will support local organizations serving vulnerable groups, helping us set the stage for more inclusive, resilient and sustainable communities."

Funding will be issued on an ongoing basis through July 2020. Charities and community organizations are invited to visit the foundation website at www.interlakefoundation.ca for eligibility and application details.

Rosser council news in brief

By Jennifer McFee

- Rosser council approved the 2020 financial plan during the May 12 meeting, following a public hearing on April 21. Council also approved the 2020 tax levy bylaw, with councillors Lee Garfinkel and Kelvin Stewart absent from the vote.

- In addition, council passed second and third readings for the Rosser CentrePort water and wastewater rates bylaw, with Garfinkel and

Stewart absent from the vote.

- Council authorized Viterra Inc. to remove topsoil on a property with conditions, including only using the designated haul route to transport products on or off the property.

- Council approved an application for a culvert crossing on to Road 68N.

- The public works foreman obtained quotes for a truck from Wilf's Elie Ford Sales Ltd., River City Ford

Sales Ltd. and Steeltown Ford Sales 1980 Ltd. Council accepted the price quote from Wilf's Elie Ford Sales Ltd. for \$48,951.25, which is budgeted for in the 2020 financial plan.

- Council confirmed that they will not require a development agreement or collect capital lot levies for a minor subdivision application in the Rosser CentrePort lands.

- The reeve and CAO will execute agreements with BrookPort Business Park regarding development and servicing as well as a front ending agreement.

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Loving Our Neighbours

For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.' (Galatians 5.14)

Loving our neighbours has certainly become more challenging during the COVID-19 pandemic. As people of faith, who feel the calling to go the extra mile to reach out when crisis is all around us, we are learning new ways to be the church. The things we would do without hesitation just a few weeks ago, we are now having to pause and reconsider, for the wellbeing of our community. We are discovering that loving our neighbours as ourselves means letting go of old ways and discovering new ones.

In this week when we move from Ascension Sunday to Pentecost, like those early disciples, we are wondering. While they waited for the promised spirit of power that arrived at Pentecost, they had to grapple with what it meant for them to be physically distant from Jesus, yet spiritually close.

Isn't that similar to what we are also dealing with today? How can we be physically distant from one another, yet spiritually close? We are invited to delve into what it means to be people of the spirit who can't embrace one another in times of joy or sorrow. We are being asked to let go of the physical and trust God to be present through the miracles of the Holy Spirit.

It certainly isn't easy. We long to express our faith in the closeness of our church family gatherings. But we are learning new ways to love our neighbours by being physically distant, yet spiritually close.

I have found these words from Ecclesiastes 3 ringing in my ears lately: For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven ... a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing. Now is a time to refrain from embracing, as a sign that we love our neighbours, as much as we love ourselves.

May the Spirit of Pentecost be found in us and in our community in these days.

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 at Stony Mountain-Lilyfield Pastoral Charge

Province unveils preliminary draft second phase of restoring safe services plan

Submitted by Manitoba government

The Manitoba government is examining additional steps to gradually continue to safely restore services and open additional businesses while ensuring physical distancing measures remain in place, Premier Brian Pallister announced on May 21.

"Today we are sharing a draft plan that will help inform and guide us in the second phase of safely restoring our services," said Pallister.

In careful consultation with Public Health experts, as part of Phase 2, the province is currently examining limited access to educational facilities, where physical distancing can be maintained, to allow for additional tutorial days, such as one-on-one learning, assessment and specific programming.

To ensure students are equipped to transition to the new school year, additional teaching days are being examined for the upcoming school year, including starting schools on Aug. 31, and repurposing some of the non-instructional days throughout the school year, the premier noted.

The Department of Education will continue planning and consulting with school divisions and other education stakeholders, the premier noted.

The draft plan for restoring services in Phase 2 builds on measures Restoring Safe Services: Manitoba's Pandemic and Economic Roadmap for Recovery, which set out an evidence-based plan to ease public health measures that had escalated since mid-January.

Others being examined for the sec-

ond phase of service restoration include:

- increasing child-care centre occupancy to up to 24 children plus staffing;
- increasing day camp group sizes to 24;
- resuming sports activities for children and adults;
- lifting occupancy limits at outdoor recreation facilities and golf courses outdoors, as long as physical distancing can be maintained and allowing limited access to indoor spaces;
- allowing direct travel to northern parks, campgrounds, cabins, lodges and resorts while ensuring physical distancing;
- allowing public/private swimming pools, spas, fitness clubs, gyms and community/service centres to reopen with some limitations;
- allowing religious or other organizations to hold outdoor services without limitation on numbers if people stay in their vehicles;
- reopening manicurists and pedicurists, tattoo parlours, estheticians, cosmetologists, electrologists and tanning parlours at 50 per cent capacity;
- allowing restaurants to reopen indoor spaces at 50 per cent capacity and continue to offer patio services at that capacity level;
- allowing bars, beverage rooms, micro-brewers and similar businesses that serve food and drinks to operate patio service at 50 per cent of site capacity and to reopen indoor spaces at 50 per cent capacity; and
- allowing the resumption of film productions while ensuring physical distancing.

Doggone adorable



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY JO-ANNE PROCTER

Ten-year-old St. Bernard Abby waits for her human, Ernie Neufeld in his 1952 Chevy last Friday in the parking lot of Westside Plaza. Abby was the main attraction as many people stopped to take photos of the pretty girl.

Other changes include the increasing gathering sizes to 25 people indoors and 50 people outdoors, and allowing residents of personal care homes and long-term care facilities to have visits outdoors. These changes came into effect on May 22.

No changes were made to the requirements for reopening hair stylists/barbers, museums, galleries and libraries and parks, campgrounds, yurts and vacation cabins.

Mass gatherings such as concerts, festivals and major sporting events will not be considered before September 2020, said Dr. Brent Roussin, Manitoba's chief provincial public health officer. He also noted that it is key for people to stay home if they are sick to further reduce the risk of spreading the virus.

Roussin also encouraged businesses to take steps to help staff, patrons and visitors stay safe including:

- ensuring people are able to reasonably maintain two metres of distance;
- only conducting necessary and brief exchanges within two metres of others;
- applying enhanced cleaning protocols, especially in common areas like washrooms;
- maintaining physical distancing and food-handling protocols in workplace areas including lunch and common areas;
- staying home when feeling sick; and
- following personal risk reduction measures.

Detailed information on the draft plan for Phase 2 of service restoration can be found at www.manitoba.ca/covid19/restoring/index.html.

Manitobans can provide their feedback on the draft plan by visiting <https://engagemb.ca/>.

SAMS donates funds from sale of Handivan to CLI

Submitted

Stonewall and Area Mobility Services (SAMS) is pleased to announce that a donation of \$1,750 has been made recently to Community Living Interlake, a non-profit agency that supports adults who live with an intellectual disability.

The donation represents the culmination of SAMS' commitment to CLI made earlier this year to provide the net proceeds from the sale of a Handi-

van no longer utilized by the service.

"Thank you SAMS. On behalf of all of us at CLI, we appreciate all of the support we receive from the whole community. The individuals we support in Stonewall live all over town and we rely on the services now being provided by SAMS to provide them with safe, economical and reliable transportation every day. The money you have provided us will go towards our day program activities,"

stated Jimm Simon, executive director of CLI.

SAMS and CLI have been and will continue to be interconnected in the community regarding the support of the needs of the CLI individuals. As well, SAMS will be supporting the transportation needs for anyone in the Stonewall, Rosser, Rockwood and Woodlands communities that require the adaptive assistance of the mobility service.

SAMS will be succeeding the Stonewall and District Handivan Service.

"We are very excited about the future of mobility services in our region. SAMS will be very involved with CLI and the entire community. In fact, with the onset of our service, we will soon be engaging the public to assist us in creating a logo for SAMS that best represents our service," says SAMS co-ordinator Sharon Inman.

PC government announces funding for Lakeside community development projects

Submitted by Manitoba government

Lakeside MLA Ralph Eichler welcomed the PC government's announcement of increased grant support to community organizations and their community development projects as part of re-starting the provincial economy during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Through the Building Sustainable Communities program, the Manitoba government is providing \$10 million in grants to support 344 projects for community development projects province-wide. This includes a total of \$299,540 for the following projects in the Lakeside constituency:

- Gross Isle Heritage Site – washroom/kitchen build

- Danica and Abby's Village – Rainbow buddy benches
- South Interlake Regional Library – new bookmobile
- RM of Cartier – accessible upgrades to washrooms and safety renovations
- RM of Cartier – Elie and St. Eustache concept plans
- Grosse Isle Memorial Park Recreation Club Inc. – multi-purpose flooring replacement
- Woodlands Pioneer Museum – build The John Walsh Mission Trail Bottle exhibit
- Teulon & District Museum & Historical Society Inc. – Hunter House veranda, door and exterior repairs
- Oak Hammock Marsh Inter-

pretive Centre – wetland education centre

- Stony Mountain School Parent Advisory Council – natural play space

- Brant-Argyle Parent Advisory Council – stage in memory of Danica deLaroque

The Manitoba government is increasing this year's investment in the Building Sustainable Communities program by 25 per cent. The program was developed to help provide a high quality of life for Manitobans by responding to neighbourhood, municipal and regional priorities.

For more information about the program, visit www.manitobago.ca.



Lakeside MLA Ralph Eichler

Vegetable subscriptions to provide steady supply of freshly harvested, food



TRIBUNE PHOTO SUBMITTED

The Prairie Blossom Colony women prepare the soil for the vegetable gardens.

By Sydney Lockhart

For the first time, Prairie Blossom Colony's garden is offering a Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) program.

The CSA will be \$550 to buy into, and in return a weekly box filled with vegetables will be available that are grown in their garden.

"With all the need and demand for locally grown vegetables, we thought it was a great idea," said Calvin Maendel, who is in charge of taking orders. "When we plant, we usually have extra so we thought it would be good for the community."

About 15 women ages 15 to 45 tend to the gardens and have switched to a natural fertilizer this year instead of a synthetic.

The CSA membership will run from June to September and they are expecting to have enough vegetables for 15 to 20 memberships in total.

Each week will be different as vegetables grow at different rates throughout the summer.

"In June it will start off slow, but after you get into July and August, there will be a whole range of vegetables ready to go," said Maendel.

Contactless pickup will be in place for the safety of the CSA members and the Prairie Blossom Colony.

If unforeseen weather events take place during the membership season and boxes are not as full as expected, a partial refund will be given to members.

Prairie Blossom Colony is located at

4093E Road 84N, Balmoral, for pickups.

For more information or to pur-

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Four-year college hockey experience ends virtually

By Sydney Lockhart

Eryn Stewart's time playing competitive hockey comes to an end virtually, along with her graduation from SUNY Oswego.

After graduating from Stonewall Collegiate Institute, Stewart was accepted to SUNY (State University of New York) Oswego to play hockey on their women's team and study for her Bachelor of Science.

May 16, Stewart graduated Summa Cum Laude with her bachelor of science at a virtual ceremony.

The president of the university and a graduate spoke, and it lasted about 15 minutes, said Stewart.

"It wasn't really anything major," she said, "I mean, it was better than nothing."

Stewart's family wanted to make the day special for her despite it being different than any of them had imagined, so they made her a small celebration.

She had a couple of friends show up and sit at the end of her driveway to celebrate her graduation day, and her school sent her a sign to decorate her

yard with.

Stewart's mom Ally crafted home-made signs to further decorate their yard to make her day more special.

"My mom sewed me a gold cap to have something for now. It doesn't fit very well, but it's better than nothing," Stewart laughed.

Her cap and gown were shipped to her but did not arrive on time. Stewart says she's been tracking it across North America and has no idea if or when she will actually receive it.

Over her four years playing forward for the SUNY Oswego Lakers women's hockey team, Stewart achieved the NEWHL Player of the Week and Oswego State Female Athlete of the Week, as well as SUNYAC Commissioner's Academic Honor Roll annually.

Despite these accomplishments, one award stood out to Stewart, which she received over social media at her team's end-of-year meeting.

Stewart was named the Unsung Hero of the 2019/2020 season. This award is voted on by all the teammates for someone who they think



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY ANDY STEWART

Stonewall's Eryn Stewart graduated from State University of New York virtually at home last week.

deserves more recognition.

"That was definitely really special knowing that they thought of me like that," she said.

Being one of four women on the team to graduate this year, Stewart says she was sad to leave because she didn't know when she would see her friends again, and she didn't get to say goodbye.

Since playing for the Central

Plains Midget Capitals in Manitoba when she was younger, Stewart says her dream was always to play college hockey.

She says now that she has graduated, she plans to stop playing competitively. She would still play for fun because of her love for the sport.

Stewart plans to attend either the University of Toronto or McMaster University next to study physiotherapy.

"If anyone is ever wondering if they should go away for a school, I would recommend it," said Stewart. "It made me grow as a person and was the best four years of my life."



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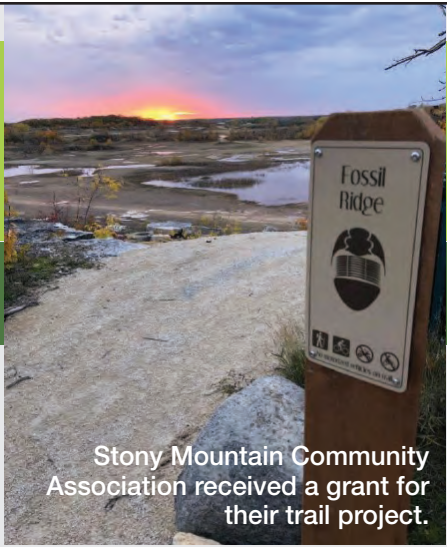
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2019 was a tremendous year for the Interlake Community Foundation!

To commemorate our 25th anniversary, the ICF's board set an aggressive goal of raising \$250,000 in donations. We not only met our challenge, we exceeded it by raising slightly over \$250,000! It's amazing what you can accomplish when you put your efforts together as a team.

Thank you to all our donors. Without you, we wouldn't be able to accomplish what we did. In 2019, we were excited to grant out over \$60,000. In 2020, we have accessed 3 additional grant programs: The Pilot Fund for Gender Equality, the Emergency Community Support Fund and Manitoba Build 150 program which will provide an additional **\$85,000** in grant money. Our total grants and awards for this year will reach over **\$125,000!** As we grow, we are able to help our communities flourish.

Please visit our website, FaceBook and Instagram accounts for more photos, info on programs, 2020 grants awarded, complete 2020 newsletter and our financial statements. www.interlakefoundation.ca



Stony Mountain Community Association received a grant for their trail project.



South Interlake Regional Library will receive \$9575 in grant funding. Joan Ransom and Darlene Dallman



The ICF Board and Staff at October 2019
Back row: Bob Beck Board Chair, Lorna Broadfoot, Linda Lamoureux, Murray Slagerman Vice Chair, Jim Penner, Tracy Holod Executive Director. Front: Meechelle Best, Peggy Linklater, Cheryle McClure Grants Chair, Rhonda Cameron Treasurer, and Barb Mankewich. Jim and Barb retired in 2019. Missing from photo are Ross Thompson & Cherise Griffin. Photo by Jo-Anne Procter.



Woodlands Pioneer Museum received a \$5000 RBC Future Launch Community Challenge grant



Dave Kalnuk made a \$5000 donation to the Stonewall Family Foods Fund. Bob Beck accepted.

Interlake Community Foundation Inc. Summarized Statement of Operations 2019			Interlake Community Foundation Inc. Statement of Financial Position 31-Dec-19		
Revenue:			Assets		
Donations & Grants Received	\$84,789		Cash		\$183,471
Investment Income	\$69,549		Marketable Securities		\$1,034,789
Unrealized gains	\$52,848		Managed by Winnipeg Foundation		\$38,478
Fundraising	\$35,925		other		\$1,130
Sub total Revenue	\$243,111				\$1,257,868
Contributions to Endowment	\$141,395		Liabilities		
Total Revenue	\$384,506		Accounts payable		\$5,663
Expenditures			Flow-through Funds		\$24,250
Grants disbursed	\$68,139		Grant Commitments		\$21,170
Administration	\$30,966				\$51,083
Fundraising	\$31,264		Fund Balances		
Subtotal Expenditures	\$130,369		Unrestricted		\$123,644
Excess of Revenue over Expenditures, including Contributions to Endowment	\$254,137		Endowment Funds		\$544,830
			Restricted by Community		\$538,320
			Total Funds		\$1,206,794
			Total Liabilities and Equity		\$1,257,877

For our full 2019 audited financial statements, please visit our website, call or email
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New emergency funding from the Government of Canada will be available to charities serving vulnerable populations during the pandemic. Community Foundations of Canada is one of the national partners delivering these funds. The Interlake Community Foundation will award up to \$40,000 to qualified donees in our area who meet the Fund criteria. Apply today! See our website or contact us for complete details on how to receive a grant for your organization.

Home

& yard

Planting frenzy



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY LANA MEIER

Paul and Ivannia Pelletier were planting their garden at the community gardens in Stonewall last Friday. Ivannia was hoping to finish before the rain started.

What to look for in your next front door

Plain, glass, bulletproof; made of wood, PVC or fibreglass; neutral or vivid; square, mosaic or half-moon windows — when it comes to picking the right door for your main entrance, you have virtually endless possibilities to choose from. So what should you look for?

Of course, the style of your front door should harmonize well with the architecture of your home. Whether classic or cutting-edge, your door can be used as its own decor element to add personality to your façade. When you shop, bring along a photo of your house and the measurements of the space your door has to fit into. You may also choose to have a door custom made to your specifications for a final product that

matches your exact vision and needs.

From a practical standpoint, choose a door with good insulation properties and a low air leak rate. A good rule of thumb is to shop for Energy Star certified models. Make sure the weatherstripping is effective and durable.

Your ideal front door should be sufficiently soundproof, resistant to shocks and easy to maintain. It also needs to be secure: the lock and glass components should be strong

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Repurposing farm tires for a swinging time

By Becca Myskiw

Codi James rolls an old farm tire off the back of her black pickup truck for the second time on Friday.

She has at least two more tires in the box and two more homes for them to go to. Once she drops them off, the tires will become tire swings.

James lives on a farm by Balmoral and her three children have a tire swing to play on. She remembers spending hours on her neighbours' tire swing when she was growing up too.

The pure joy that comes from that piece of rubber is something she wants more children to feel, especially since they are unable to go to public parks in Stonewall now.

"We have the tires that we were going to do nothing with but recycle anyways," said James. "It's a win-win situation."

James first saw a few posts on Facebook about parents being upset at the Stonewall parks remaining closed even though city parks were opening again. She said her children are always outside, and she wanted to give more families that opportunity while remaining environmentally friendly.

Last year, James had a recycling company pick up their old farm tires. Now, she said, they're being repurposed in a family friendly way.

"We try to do as much recycling as we can," she said. "We'd just hate [the tires] to go to the dump and go to waste."

After posting in a community Facebook group, James

had at least five families reach out to her asking for a tire to make a swing.

She had countless other people ask if they could have more than one tire to make obstacle courses, chicken feeders and other playground equipment. James said she had to turn those people away because she didn't want to give six tires to one family and leave five families without.

As her family is currently seeding the fields too, James said it's hard to make the time to meet so many people. She said maybe after seeding is done and depending on how many tires they have left, she'll send out another post.

For now, James is content knowing five new families have a tire swing for their children to tire themselves out on.



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Codi James was delivering old tires from her farm on Friday afternoon.

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What is a mat?

A mat occurs when hair twists together into tangles and knots. These knots twist together and form mats. They unusually feel like clumps when you pat your dog. Sometimes the mats may lay close to the skin and the outer hair feels brushed out, but underneath it is like a twisted carpet of hair.

The easiest way to tell if your pet is matted is to comb through the coat, all the way down to the skin. Use a fine to medium tooth comb. If the comb becomes stuck in any way in the coat, you have probably found a mat.

Why are mats bad?

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Breast health consultations and surgery available in the Interlake

By Ligia Braidotti

Women in the Interlake can now care for their health close to home.

Easton Place Medical Centre and the Selkirk Regional Health Centre are now offering breast health consultations and surgery for all women. Doctors. Angela Schellenberg, breast surgeon, and Donna Jones, gynecologist and obstetrician, are both working to promote breast health in the Interlake.

"All women, not only from Winnipeg but outside of Winnipeg, should have easy access to preventive care. Offering that in Selkirk and having people who are able to access that in nearby communities will have a significant impact," Jones said.

Over the last 20 years, patients diagnosed with breast cancer in the Interlake have to go to Winnipeg for their surgery. Schellenberg explained there are about 900 women in Manitoba who are diagnosed with breast cancer every year, and about 100 are from the Interlake. Since breast cancer surgery has become more specialized, she spent a year at the University of Toronto doing the breast surgical oncology fellowship and was hired by the Selkirk Regional Health Centre in January 2018 and did her first surgery there in July 2019.

"I went through the process of visiting family physicians in various hospitals around the Interlake to let them know I do breast cancer surgery and that they can start referring cases back to me. So it took a little bit of time just to get awareness," she explained.

However, Schellenberg hasn't had many referrals back and she wants women to know that they can ask their doctors to have surgery done close to home. She explained that the diagnostic process is almost automated. Women go to Winnipeg for breast imaging, diagnostic mammogram and biopsy at the Breast Health Centre. Then, they are automatically referred to a breast surgeon. Schellenberg is working to find her way into that process so that more women who reside in the Interlake can go through her and have their surgery done quicker.

"The first case we did we got them in two working days. The last one didn't wait more than two weeks, and in the city, you're waiting for four to six weeks. We have seen in recent studies that if you wait more than four weeks for your breast cancer surgery, the outcomes are poorer. If we can get it done faster, it's a benefit," she said.

Jones started seeing patients at Easton Place on May 26 and is adding preventive breast health care to her practice. She and Schellenberg are working together to refer patients who not necessarily need surgery but are concerned about certain types of breast pain or nipple discharge,



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Angela Schellenberg is a breast surgeon offering breast surgery at Selkirk Regional Health Centre.

need a mammogram, or would like to hear another medical opinion.

"Sometimes I just follow people, like women who are at high risk, who have lots of family members with breast cancer, I'll follow them with an annual MRI and mammogram for high-risk screening. And then if you just have a question if they qualify for genetic testing or counselling," Schellenberg said.

She also explained that when screening mammograms were first introduced, the rates of diagnosing breast cancer at an earlier stage skyrocketed. Eighty per cent of women are not even getting mastectomies anymore, they are getting lumpectomies (a surgery that conserves most of the breast, unlike a mastectomy, which removes the entire breast tissue) because diagnostic is done before the intervention needs to be invasive.

Schellenberg says it is recommended that women have mammograms done every two years after the age of 50 or if they have a family history.

"Having that awareness is very important so that we can pick up things earlier," she added. "And being aware of your family history and what's available, and who qualifies for an MRI. In Manitoba, you kind of have to ask for it. It's not automatic, but just talking to some of the surgeons at the Breast Health Centre, no one was declined an MRI, but some people don't know they can be offered that."

Jones, who has an interest in preventive care, added that most women who are working and taking care of their families often forget to take care of themselves. She added that since Dr. Anthony Anozie, owner of Easton Place, focuses his practice in well person's care, she felt it was a great fit for her. She will be reminding people, especially women, to pay attention to their health.

"That's what I'm excited to offer in Selkirk, is a female physician offering women to become more comfortable, or potentially that that's one less barrier, having a female physician that they can come in and talk to, and we can do their screening with regards to questionnaire and physical examination," she continued.

"We often get calls to see people who are already unwell, and I think that preventive care and self-care is an important piece."

For more information, contact Easton Place Medical Centre at 204-482-4044 or the Selkirk Regional Health Centre at 204-482-5800.

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Firefighters control huge grass fire in St. Andrews

Fire started from a week-old burning of yard waste and spread out with wind

By Ligia Braidotti

With the weather warming up in Manitoba, some conditions can play a favourable role to spread wildfires.

Sometimes, a small, and sometimes insignificant, burning of yard waste can spread quickly and uncontrolled. Last week, approximately 45 firefighters from St. Andrews were summoned to put out a huge fire that spread through several rural communities.

"With the wind conditions out there it quickly turned into a grass fire which then turned into the structure fire," Joe Carreiro, deputy chief at the St. Andrews Fire Hall, said.

The wind carried the grass fire embers across Hwy. 67, between Hwy. 7 and 8.

"Had it not been windy, it likely would have remained a small or large grass fire. Without the wind it would've definitely not spread across Highway 67. It would have remained on the south property for sure and likely not as many buildings would have been involved," Carreiro explained.

"There was a large barn on the south property that was almost ignited, but the firefighters were able to stop it from reaching that."

As soon as the fire department was called, they took out their rapid response unit, which is a three-quarter-ton truck that can put out the fire quicker than the pumpers would.

When they arrived on the scene, the south property had about two acres burning and it had burned through a small barn and a couple of sheds. A vehicle and a house on the property were also fully engulfed. Another house, car and farm machinery on the north property also burned down as the fire spread. There were no victims and the houses were unoccupied.

Carreiro explained that it took about 90 minutes to get the fire under control and another three hours to fully extinguish it. Six departments, including Clandeboye, St. Andrews, Selkirk, Stonewall/Rockwood and West St. Paul Fire Departments and the St. Andrews Public Works, were engaged in controlling and putting out the fire.

The province has set up a mutual aid program where neighbouring fire departments have an agreement that if a fire becomes more than what the initial department responding can handle, they can call others in to assist.

He also added they used about 50,000 gallons of water that were hauled in by a truck and flame retardant foam was also added to keep the fire from reigniting. At one point they had five pumpers operating and seven tankers, a semi-tanker, and drought were brought in to help overhaul the fires once firefighters got it under control. They also used a drone to watch where the fire was going, smoke and direct personnel to the hot spots.

"In a fire that size, it's always an added challenge because you can't monitor the whole scene. At one time, about eight acres were burning in total," Carreiro said.

Even after the firefighters extinguished the blaze, there was a call back to the south property later that night.

"That's the thing with grass fires, and any kind of fire, as much as you try to extinguish it you never know, with wind conditions and the dry conditions that we have, it can spread. We got a page back at 1:56 a.m. the next morning for another building that had become fully involved."

The R.M. of St. Andrews had already posted a notice reminding residents that the Burning By-Law states that there should be no burning of yard waste, hay or grass in residential areas. Residents can only burn clean dry wood in an approved 24 by 24-inch fire pit.

"It's not recommended to have open fires

with windy conditions. People don't realize that even after a day or two, if the wind picks up, that there are embers in that fire that could be carried across, with the dry conditions, and turn into grass fires. You are supposed to have water on-site, near your fire, that you can use to extinguish it if it starts to get out of control. It's amazing how quick a grass fire will get out of control."

"IT'S NOT RECOMMENDED TO HAVE OPEN FIRES WITH WINDY CONDITIONS."

SIPD recommends approval for Stony Mountain home daycare

By Jennifer McFee

In a special meeting on May 20, Rockwood council hosted a public hearing regarding a request to allow for the operation of a childcare service at a home in Stony Mountain.

Jaclyn Brisky, a licensed home daycare provider, applied for conditional use to operate at childcare service for a maximum of 12 kids at her home on Darse Crescent. She is licensed to use the main level of her home, as well as the front and rear yards, as a daycare.

Currently, she is licensed to care for eight children, with three of them being her own kids. For more than seven years, she was a licensed daycare provider in the RMs of St. Andrews and West St. Paul.

She is proposing to add four more kids to the daycare, so the provincial government needs approval from the RM of Rockwood to complete the licensing process. In total, she would like to care for a maximum of 12 kids, with three of them being her own. Her husband would stay home and provide care for the children as well.

The proposed hours would be 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday to Friday, with kids being dropped off and picked up at different times. The South Interlake Planning District recommended ap-

proval with conditions.

At the same meeting, council hosted a public hearing regarding a request for a detached secondary suite at an 11.99-acre property on Road 76N.

Henry Huewan applied for conditional use to place a 994-square-foot ready-to-move house on the property, which would allow for his son and daughter-in-law to live close to him and assist him with health issues due

to his advancing age. Huewan currently lives in an 1,100-square-foot home on the property.

The South Interlake Planning District had no significant concerns with the proposed detached secondary suite and recommended approval with conditions.

Council approved both conditional use applications for Huewan and Brisky.



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Catching up with Keitha, former WCI student

By Jennifer McFee

Although she's lived in California for many years, it's still a sweet homecoming for Keitha Roth whenever she returns to Warren for an annual visit.

Better known locally by her maiden name Arbuckle, Roth cherishes fond memories of growing up in Warren and attending Warren Collegiate Institute until 1990. After that, she completed Grade 12 at the University of Winnipeg Collegiate and graduated in 1991.

"Growing up in Warren, I enjoyed figure skating, track and field and cross-country running. I spent many hours running up and down familiar gravel roads throughout my teen years," said 47-year-old Roth.

"As I think back on it now, Warren was a place where you could just be yourself, plenty of space and what seemed time to just be, dream and let your imagination soar. A place where familiarity and small-town relationships would always guarantee a wave or smile from neighbours alike."

After she graduated from high school, Roth moved to Montreal, where she lived for three years while attending Concordia University. It's also where she fell in love with her husband, Michael Roth.

The couple then moved to a suburb of Los Angeles called Valencia, and they've been there ever since. Their first child Ben was born in 1999 followed by Mason in 2004.

In 2011, Roth graduated from The College of the Canyons in Valencia and became a registered nurse.

"I have enjoyed a rewarding and challenging career working as an orthopedic operating room nurse at the renowned Southern California Orthopedic Institute," she said.

"I have been so lucky to work side by side with some of the most brilliant surgeons in the field of orthopedics and sports medicine."

Due to COVID-19, California has been under a stay-at-home order for the past six weeks that will likely extend into the summer months, Roth said.

"I continue to work, although with much tighter restrictions in place. All patients must have a negative COVID-19 test prior to surgery and we are only accepting the most emergent cases. This becomes a problem for so many patients waiting for surgery, as non-emergent cases have the potential to become emergent very quickly,"



Keitha is an orthopedic operating room nurse at the renowned Southern California Orthopedic Institute.

she said.

"These patients then end up in our already overwhelmed emergency rooms, subjecting them to contact with the virus and making them more vulnerable to contracting the virus. We continue to work diligently in the safest way possible to meet the needs

of our patients without making them vulnerable to virus contact."

For Roth, she has also experienced time as a patient in recent years during her battle against cancer. It was one of her childhood passions that helped her push through and persevere.

"The love of running developed since a kid carried on for me throughout the

years and I ran many marathons throughout my life. Even when I'm running now, although not down a snowy gravel road, I still get that same feeling of freedom and the idea that anything is possible and can be done with hard work and perseverance — an ideal deep ingrained from my parents and my small town that allowed the freedom to be focused without distraction on attaining goals," she said.

"It was this quality that pushed me through surviving Stage 3 colon cancer in 2018 — determination to succeed, survive and thrive."

Keeping in touch with her hometown roots, Roth still returns to Warren once each year to visit her parents.

"One of the things I love about com-



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Ben, Michael, Keitha (Arbuckle)
and Mason Roth

ing home is again that familiarity. After living in the United States for more than 20 years, I really notice the difference. The difference is in the people. There is genuine kindness and compassion that Manitobans emit," she said.

"It almost seems confusing at first. A total stranger saying hello, holding the door, asking if you need help — I mean, what? It's beyond lovely and always reminds me to slow down a little and take time to notice others and their day-to-day struggles. Sometimes a smile is all you need to brighten the day and make life seem more manageable."

The sense of community is wonderful in Warren and in so many smaller Manitoba towns, she added.

"I truly believe kids growing up in these small towns have an edge (although they might not think that now). First, you can't get away with anything because everybody knows everyone. If you live on a farm, you understand the importance of work and the rewards of a job well done," she said.

"The sense of community that is continuously buzzing allows social interaction between young and old, cultivating respect for one another. I used to love to go to the coffee shop with my dad — all the farmers sitting around pontificating, laughter, and sometimes the odd argument that never leads to being 'unfriended.'"

One of the things Roth loves about coming home is walking with her mom through town and stopping at different friends' homes along the way.

"There are always people dropping in unannounced at their house. The coffee pot goes on immediately



Family pet Hannah, a pot-bellied pig, reminds Keitha of her rural roots.

and baked goods are pulled from the freezer in less than five minutes of arrival," she said.

"People visit. They listen to each and are always willing to give you what they have if you need it more than them or help out on a project. I love this part of life in Warren."

She still has a few friends in the area that she mainly keeps up with through Facebook.

"My best friend growing up was Andrea Savoie Chester. We had some of the best times together, but somehow all I remember from our relationship was laughing," she said.

"Also, we never got away with doing anything we shouldn't have been doing because it always seemed to get back to my parents."

Back in California, Roth recently acquired a potbelly pig named Hannah that reminds her of rural roots from long ago.

"I think I needed her so I could build a tiny barn in my back yard. I also have a border collie who herds our little pig," she said.

"So I guess I've essentially created a little bit of home here in California. I still miss the people at home and that special sense of community and belonging."

IERHA offering outdoor-only visits at PCHs; COVID is with us for the foreseeable future

By Patricia Barrett

The Interlake-Eastern Regional Health Authority is in the process of easing visitor restrictions at its personal care homes as the rate of new COVID-19 infections continues to remain low.

The IERHA will be offering outdoor-only visits, and site-specific plans are being made for each PCH, said CEO Ron Van Denakker May 22 during a conference call with media.

Staff will be creating "distanced spaces" outdoors, implementing strict hygiene protocols and monitoring visits for safety.

"When visitors come, we will ensure there is some monitoring so that infection prevention and control requirements are in place," said Van Denakker. "We're going to insist on strict hand hygiene, maintaining physical distancing (two metres/six feet apart) and — even though non-medical masks aren't required — if people want to wear a cloth mask, that's absolutely fine."

No drop-in visits are allowed; visits must be booked by appointment. Visitor numbers and the duration of the visit will be limited, and gifts cannot be accepted in order to maintain high safety standards.

The RHA will be contacting families to let them know when a PCH is ready to accept visitors. Plans are expected to be finalized by the end of May.

Van Denakker said there's no process at this time for easing visitor restrictions at hospitals.

Other updates:

- The availability of medical services is starting to ramp up. Slates (i.e., time slots) for endoscopy and for surgeries are opening up starting June 1. The IERHA is looking at whether slates on evenings or weekends could be feasible in order to address the backlog caused a few months ago by a surge in COVID infections.

Van Denakker said the RHA continues to offer urgent services, "but what we're really trying to do now is slowly start to ramp up services by adding slates over a period of time."

Patients will be required to self-isolate for 14 days prior to their pro-



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IERHA will be offering outdoor only scheduled visits at personal care homes.

cedure to minimize the chance of a COVID infection.

The RHA is "balancing" its backlog in keeping with the number of COVID patient beds it has.

"COVID is still here," said Van Denakker. "It wouldn't take long [to fill beds] if there were significant outbreaks."

- The province is increasing its COVID-testing capacity. Referrals from Health Links or a family doctor are no longer required.

"If you feel symptomatic, just go straight to a testing site," said Van Denakker. Selkirk, Eriksdale and Powerview/Pine Falls have testing sites.

- PCH health-care workers are still limited to working at one site only to reduce the risk of transmitting COVID. Van Denakker said the restriction will continue into the foreseeable future.

- Supplies of most personal protective equipment (PPE) have improved "dramatically" and there are more PPE "sources" available now than there were at the start of the outbreak, he said. Hand sanitizer is still at a premium, but "we are producing it locally," along with Health Canada-approved masks designed by a Winnipeg-based plastic surgeon.

- The IERHA, in line with recommendations made by provincial public health officer Dr. Brent Roussin, advises cottagers and visitors to not travel.

"If you don't need to travel to your cottages, don't," said Van Denakker.

"If you're feeling at all ill, don't go. If you're feeling ill [if you have gone to your cottage], get back in your car and go home."

The goal is to "reduce the risk of transmission" to local residents and to health-care workers. He advises seasonal residents (if they're determined to go to their cottages) to stay away from permanent residents. And if they won't stay away from permanent residents, they should sit two metres/six feet apart on decks, the beach, etc., limit their visit (no prolonged interactions) and wash their hands.

Van Denakker said he has seen some lackadaisical behaviour arise as a result of new COVID cases remaining low, but for the most part the public is being responsible.

"I'm extremely proud of Manitobans," he said. "And I'm proud of my staff. Our nurses, physicians and other frontline workers are all health-care heroes."

Epidemiologists around the world are predicting a second wave of COVID outbreaks this fall, and they may be more severe than what we've seen so far. By failing to maintain physical distancing and rigorous hand hygiene now, we risk future infections and/or deaths.

In Toronto last Saturday, politicians and health experts were horrified by the thousands of people who flocked to Trinity Bellwoods Park and behaved as though COVID didn't exist. A surge of new infections is expected in a few weeks' time (COVID's incubation pe-

riod).

As of May 25, Manitoba still has 17 active COVID cases and has had seven deaths (data: Manitoba government). Over 5.4 million people worldwide have been infected and more than 344,000 are dead (data: Johns Hopkins University, May 25). It took only 11 days this month for an additional 1 million people to catch the virus.

Van Denakker said the province and its RHAs have watched and learned from COVID outbreaks and experiences in countries around the world and are waiting to see what COVID will "morph into come September."

Part of the planning going on right now is to determine how to cope with more COVID cases as well as expected influenza outbreaks, he said. "Nobody's taking their foot off the gas pedal on this one."

The province's easing of lockdown restrictions on gathering sizes and the re-opening of some businesses last week is "not a return to normal" advised Dr. Roussin during an update last Thursday. The virus is still circulating and we could see an increase of infections.

"We're going to need to deal with this virus in the foreseeable future in Manitoba," said Dr. Roussin. "This virus has not gone away, and it's not going to go away."

Scientists are looking at the antibodies formed after a COVID infection to determine how much immunity we have; preliminary studies don't show a lot of promise.

An Oxford University study found antibodies increased then fell in the first month of infection, and researchers concluded that we may not have much protection against subsequent infections. A study at New York's Rockefeller University found that people infected with COVID did not make "killer antibodies."

Our immunity response, similar to the common cold that's caused by coronaviruses, may not be strong enough to defeat the virus without a vaccine. There are about 100 vaccines currently in development.

Interlake potato farmer being forced out of local market

By Evan Matthews

Irvin Helwer had a local market for his potatoes, but once COVID-19 hit, provincial competition started in on his sales.

Helwer owns the Teulon-based Interlake Potato Farms. He said though the region doesn't have any other potato farmers remaining, it didn't take

long for other Manitoba potato farmers to realize there is a regional demand.

"I'm the last potato farmer around here. ... The Interlake has a lot of summer chip stands, places like that, the beach in Gimli and the stands in Selkirk and Lockport," said Helwer, who has been growing potatoes for 53

years.

Because there is less demand for potatoes due to COVID-related restaurant closures, Helwer said producers with bigger operations have reduced their prices and have started targeting the smaller retailers, putting operations like Helwer's at risk.

"Now all these cheap potatoes have

come along, and it seems they've priced me out of the market," he said.

On May 5, as part of a \$252-million funding announcement to support farmers, the federal government announced the first-ever Surplus Food Purchase Program, with an initial

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Black Bear Rescue Manitoba nurtures eight cubs

By Jennifer McFee

Spring has sprung and the bear population is booming at a local animal rehabilitation centre.

Black Bear Rescue Manitoba is now home to eight orphaned bear cubs, the highest number since it opened several years ago. The most recent additions are siblings Lionel and Louise, who arrived from Minnedosa on April 18 weighing less than seven pounds each.

"A farmer saw some ravens circling over a stubble field and he got curious about what they were looking at. He saw these two little cubs lying on the ground by themselves with no mother in sight. It was a Friday evening and he left them overnight in case the mom was coming back," said Judy Stearns, who operates the centre with her husband Roger on their 10-acre property in the RM of Rockwood.

"On Saturday morning, they were still there so he contacted Conservation. They went out there to inspect the scene, and then Conservation contacted us because they felt that the cubs needed to come to us."

In addition to the two newcomers, the Stearns have been nurturing six other bears so far this year. Izzy was about two days old when he arrived in early January from southeast Manitoba, weighing only half a pound. His brother Iggy wasn't able to gain weight, so sadly he didn't make it.

At the end of February, Jasper, Jolene and Juniper arrived from the Interlake, followed by Koda and Karla from the Whiteshell at the end of March.

The mission of the organization is to provide the highest level of care for orphaned bear cubs and, once rehabilitated, to return them to their natural environment.

To achieve this goal, the Stearns are committed to round-the-clock care, and they're particularly busy these days with feeding all the cubs.

"They were being bottle-fed until recently. We're weaning about half of them now. Since we got our first cub in January, my husband and I have not had a solid seven-hour sleep yet. It's been a long haul," Stearns said.

"The younger they are, the more frequent the feedings. With our newest cubs, we were feeding them every two hours for the first 24 hours. After that, it went to three hours and four hours quite rapidly within a few days because they were a little bit older."

To tackle the task, the Stearns set their alarm clock and wake up according to schedule.

"The idea is that you have to give them little bits of food frequently because you're adjusting them from mother's milk to our formula," she said. "You don't want to upset their digestive system, so it's



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More cubs have arrived at Black Bear Rescue Manitoba.

frequent small feedings that we stretch out."

They've got it stretched out to five-hour feedings lately so they can get some sleep.

"Luckily, we've got volunteer help as well. They come over at feeding time during the day," she said. "It takes at least two people about an hour to do our feedings. If something goes wrong and we need to make up another bottle, then it takes a little longer."

The cubs will remain at the site until late October or early November when they're released into the wild to prepare for denning.

"We start them into a hibernation mode with their metabolism when they're here since we start reducing their food slowly starting in October. Because it's fall and there's shorter daylight hours and lower temperatures, they start eating less on their own anyways. Their bodies start to know that it's hibernation time," Stearns said.

"So when we release them, they den within a short time, sometimes within a few days up to 10 days. They know how to den instinctively. They don't have to be taught by their mother and they don't have to be with their mother. They just make their dens on their own."

Until then, the cubs will remain together, with the four older ones currently in one enclosure and the younger ones in another enclosure.

"They're very sociable little cubs so they want to be together. We never would want to have a lone cub because all they want to do is play. When they're not eating or sleeping, they're playing. It's one of those three things," Stearns said.

"They love company and they choose to all sleep together in a great big pile."

To provide a little cheer during the COVID-19 pandemic, and to raise some much-needed funds

for the cause, the Stearns recently launched an initiative called "30 Smiles for \$30." They posted an adorable image of the cubs each day for 30 days on the Facebook page entitled "Black Bear Rescue Manitoba." At the end of that period, people could decide if they felt it was worth donating \$1 per day to the rescue for a total of a \$30 donation.

"I'm telling a story with my photos and we needed to do a little fundraising. On average, it costs about \$2,000 to raise a bear from start to finish when they arrive early in the year," she said.

"So it will cost us about \$16,000 right now, and we think that we'll be getting more bears. We're a registered charity and we receive no government funding. Whatever shortfalls we have in donations, we pay for out of pocket."

The initiative made an impact, both locally and beyond.

"I had a guy from France send me a private message saying that his 96-year-old elderly aunt was in isolation in an old folks home there. The people in the home looked at my pictures every day," Stearns said.

"The highlight of their day is looking at these little bear cubs on the Facebook page and they just cry because they think they're so beautiful."

Although the fundraiser has now ended, donations are always welcome by credit card, PayPal, cheque or e-transfer. If there is enough demand for the Stearns to continue with the photo fundraiser, they might soon embark on Round 2.

They're also hoping to get some businesses on board to sponsor the organization or an individual bear.

At the same time, they want to spread the word that there is a place for orphaned bear cubs in Manitoba.

"We were one of the only provinces in Canada that didn't have a place for orphaned cubs to go. They're not allowed to leave the province to go to other province's rehabilitation centres, so there was no option for them and they were just euthanized," Stearns said.

"As an animal lover and a proud Manitoban, I just couldn't tolerate that. I promised everyone I would make sure we would get a rehab facility set up in Manitoba somehow, never thinking I would be the one who was going to be doing it. Years went by and nothing was happening so we decided to just do it ourselves. We want people to know that there is a place for cubs now."

To learn more about the bear cubs or to make a donation, visit the Facebook page entitled "Black Bear Rescue Manitoba."

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\$50-million fund designed to help redistribute existing and unsold inventories to local food organizations and food banks, while reimbursing farmers.

That funding pot will include products such as potatoes and poultry, ensuring they get to local food organizations who are serving vulnerable Canadians, according to the feds.

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau also said the federal government will work with provinces to increase interim AgriStability payments, the program

intended to support producers facing significant revenue declines, from 50 per cent to 75 per cent.

"Canadians count on farmers and producers to provide them with the food they need to feed themselves and their families," said Trudeau.

"We are giving farmers the support they need to keep their ... food systems running during this challenging time, for the benefit of all Canadians."

While Helwer will explore the programming and funding available, he said the reality is that 2020 will likely be his last year as a potato farmer.

As farmers in other sectors have suggested, it's not just economic challenges farmers are facing. Helw-

er said there are challenges in relation to inconsistent weather patterns, too. Between cold spring and fall seasons and a short growing season, with either excessive moisture or excessive drought, Helwer said the only consistency of late is inconsistency.

"We just don't seem to have the climate for commercial production anymore up here in the northern Interlake. At one time, there was at least 100 (potato) growers around East Selkirk, Lockport, East St. Paul, etc. They're all gone now," said Helwer.

"I was the last one. Now I'm gone, too."

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Cockerill eager to get back on the European Tour



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Aaron Cockerill has played in six European Cup tournaments this season, making the cut in three.

By Brian Bowman

Aaron Cockerill has had a lot of time on his hands recently.

The Stony Mountain pro golfer was supposed to be competing on the latest stop of the European Tour this week.

But because the tour has been halted due to the ongoing coronavirus pandemic, he has been back home in Manitoba waiting to hear when he would be able to resume his rookie season on the European Tour.

"It's been weird but it's been a while now so it is starting to feel normal," said the 27-year-old Cockerill last week while visiting his grandmother in Teulon. "I came home at the start of March because they were shutting things down a little bit earlier

there compared to the North American leagues. "So, I was home a week to 10 days before things started shutting down here."

All European Tour events until the end of July have been cancelled. Cockerill can't wait to get back on the golf course.

"The break has been kind of nice because I had been playing non-stop with the Q school right over into the new season and then it got shut down right away," he said. "I'm excited to get back and this break has made me appreciate (the tour)."

Cockerill loves playing on the prestigious European Tour.

"It's been a blast," he stressed. "The Challenge Tour was really fun but to travel to so many different countries and see so many new things, and all

of the guys out there are on the same boat. They all want to move up. It's comparable to the AHL — everyone wants to move up to the next level.

"It's fun travelling around with everyone and I've been getting a glimpse of the bigger tours. You're looked after a little bit better, the courses are a little bit nicer, the players' dining is a little bit nicer, and people are driving you around. You have a lot more people watching you play. It's fun and where you want to be."

Cockerill earned his full-time playing card last November after finishing among the top 25 in the final event of the Challenge Tour. It was quite the accomplishment for the University of Idaho graduate who played three years on the Mackenzie Tour - PGA Tour Canada.

"This was supposed to be a breakout year for me," Cockerill said. "I had been grinding it out on smaller tours to make my way up to this tour. It's on hold right now, but that's OK. They emailed me the other day and they are planning to have 20-plus tournaments. That's the rough plan for right now."

Cockerill has played in six tournaments so far this season, making the cut in three.

He was, at times, playing some outstanding golf.

"I had a good little stretch at the end of the Challenge Tour season last year," Cockerill noted. "Starting somewhere around October, I had three tournaments in a row where I was in contention to win every week. ... I was always kind of around the lead. And in a couple of the European tournaments, I was playing pretty well. I have had some real good results over the last little while."

Despite the disappointment of not competing against some of the world's top golfers, Cockerill is enjoying the rare opportunity to be with his close friends and family.

"It's been great," Cockerill said. "Last year, I think I was legitimately home twice since the year started. It's nice to play fun rounds with your buddies on the weekend at the course you grew up playing and just have some family time."

Province's Phase 2 includes baseball

Staff

The crack of a bat hitting a ball and the sound of a pitch smacking a catcher's glove will soon be heard here in Manitoba.

The province released a draft for Phase 2 of their reopening plan last Thursday, saying organized sports can resume "as long as precautions are taken, such as physical distancing, and enhanced cleaning of equipment and indoor spaces."

The date for the beginning of Phase 2 had yet to be announced by Monday evening's press deadline.

In response, Baseball Manitoba put out a release on its website just two days later.

"The health and safety of people in sport, including players, coaches, umpires, spectators, volunteers, and the public, continues to be of the utmost importance to Baseball Manitoba," read a statement. "We would like to

clarify the province of Manitoba's most recent announcement, the Restoring Safe Services Phase 2 DRAFT plan."

Phase 2 includes baseball, which is new information.

Baseball Manitoba has submitted a Return to Play document to Sport Manitoba and the province and is awaiting a response. This plan includes a phased approach, which includes building toward competition.

Details on that plan will be released to associations so they may start planning for a baseball season.

"Baseball Manitoba sanctioned activities continue to be suspended until at least June 5," said the statement. "We are working with our registration system and insurance providers to ensure smooth and timely transitions. We will continue to update our membership and the public as new information is received."

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PUBLIC NOTICE

REGARDING THE 2020 FINANCIAL PLAN

Public Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 162(2) of the Municipal Act that the Council of the Rural Municipality of Armstrong shall hold a **PUBLIC HEARING** to present its 2020 Financial Plan on:

Wednesday, June 10, 2020 @ 7:00 P.M.
FRASERWOOD HALL
10140 Hwy 231 Fraserwood, MB

At this time Council will present the proposed 2020 Financial Plan for the municipality. The presentation will provide an overview of the proposed financial plan followed by a forum for questions and comments from the public. The purpose of the hearing is to allow any interested person to make a presentation, ask questions or register an objection in respect to the Rural Municipality of Armstrong's 2020 Financial Plan.

Draft copies of the Financial Plan are now available upon request by calling 204-278-3377 or emailing cao@rmofarmstrong.com at the Rural Municipality of Armstrong Office, Lot 55 Hwy 17, Box 69, Inwood, Manitoba R0C 1P0.

Note: Due to the COVID-19 crisis, we will be ensuring that recommended and required rules for social distancing be achieved at all times. If you wish to attend this public hearing **you are required to pre-register** before 4:30 pm on Tuesday June 9, 2020, or you may mail, email, or fax your questions, concerns, and/or comments regarding the proposed financial plan to us by the same deadline.

Dated this 12th day of May, 2020.

Corlie Larsen, CMMA
Chief Administrative Officer
Rural Municipality of Armstrong

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

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

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

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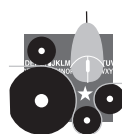
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PUBLIC HEARING

2020 Financial Plan

In accordance with Section 162(2) of the Municipal Act, the Town of Teulon shall hold a **PUBLIC HEARING** to present the 2020 Financial Plan on:

Thursday, June 4, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.
Town Rockwood Centennial Centre (Hall)
14 Main Street, Teulon, Manitoba

The Town of Teulon 2020 Financial Plan consists of:

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

The purpose of this Public Hearing is to allow any interested person to make representation, ask questions or register an objection in respect to the Town of Teulon's 2020 Financial Plan.

Copies of the 2020 Financial Plan will be available for review as of May 21, 2020 on our Municipal Website at www.teulon.ca

Dated this 14th day of May, 2020

Andrew Glassco
Chief Administrative Officer
Town of Teulon

2020 Financial Plan & COVID-19

We hope that all residents of the Town are following proper protocols as set out by the Province of Manitoba to stay safe and healthy.

We will be practicing social and physical distancing as we feel that there is adequate space at the Hall. Public Hearings must, of course, be open to the public and residents are allowed to interact, ask questions, and have the opportunity to speak for or against the proposed By-Law.

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OBITUARY

John Myron Phipps
October 16, 1932 - May 17, 2020

Peacefully, with family by his side, Myron Phipps passed away on May 17th, 2020.

Myron was born to Matthew and Lillian (Riley) Phipps on October 16th, 1932 in Winnipeg, Manitoba. Myron, his parents and older sister Francis lived on the family farm at Lilyfield until his father died in 1940. The family moved to Stonewall where Myron attended school until he joined the Manitoba Power Commission, (now Manitoba Hydro) in 1947 at the age of 15 as a labourer.

Myron married Margaret Rose Costello of Stonewall in 1957. They had three children: Douglas, Wanda and Bruce. Myron thrived in his career and was posted all over Manitoba until 1972 when they moved to Brandon, Manitoba.

His career with Hydro spanned almost 40 years. When he retired in 1986 his final position was as Area Manager of Maintenance and Construction.

Myron and Marg shared 28 years of marriage until her passing in 1985. In 1987 Myron married Emily (Buck) Isbister of Stonewall and became stepfather to Lynn, Brent, Bob and Janet. Emily and Myron lived predominantly in Brandon until their return to Stonewall in 2018.

After his retirement, Myron and Emily traveled extensively. They enjoyed spending time with family and hosted many family events. Myron was well known for his volunteer work with Knox United Church, Tourist Greeters, and Crime Stoppers. Myron and Emily loved to go long distance walking and went daily. They also enjoyed many winters in Arizona and British Columbia.

He was Grandpa to Kyle, Sheena (Hudson) and Jared Phipps, Warren and Eric Truscott, Taylor and Abigail Phipps, Blair and Bradley McDonald, Jake and Victoria Isbister. He was great-grandpa to Olivia and Sophie Hudson, Ava and Ella Phipps, Addison and Rowan Truscott, Ethan Phipps, and Kady, Lily and Henry McDonald.

He is survived by his wife Emily and their children. Myron was predeceased by his step-daughter Lynn and granddaughter Sheena.

Interment and a memorial service for Myron will be held in future.

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OBITUARY



George Henry Griffin
November 9, 1926 – May 16, 2020

With heavy hearts we announce the peaceful passing of George Griffin on May 16, 2020 at Rosewood Lodge in Stonewall, Manitoba. He leaves to cherish his memory his loving wife Jean of 62 years; son Lorne (Lori); daughter Thelma (Norman) Frankemolle; grandchildren Greg (Jenn), Jason (Michelle), Matthew (Alysia), Jeremy, Kelsey, Jarred (Leslie); great-grandchildren Emily, Austin, Madison, Katrina, Carrera, Aurelia, Aaliyah, Kingston and Scarlett. George will also be missed by sisters Ruth Gee, Muriel (Don) Taplin; sisters-in-law Gwen Griffin, Evelyn York, Eileen King and Kathleen Nichol; brother-in-law Jack (Isabel) Lawrence and numerous nieces and nephews.

George is predeceased by his parents Reg and May Griffin; mother and father-in-law Bert and Edna Lawrence; brother Jim

Griffin; sister Elsie (Ross) MacDonald; sister-in-law Isabel (Ben) Jones; brothers-in-law Bill Gee, Owen York, Marvin King and Ken Nichol.

George was born November 9, 1926 at Woodlands, Manitoba on the family homestead. He grew up on the family farm in Woodlands and continued farming there until he retired. He met the love of his life, Jean Lawrence, at the Oak Point Sports Day. They were married October 5, 1957. The following years were busy raising their two children and working side by side on the farm. First in dairy and later in beef and grain.

Retirement years were spent going to old time dances, taking trips, bowling, fishing, playing cards and helping out Norman and Thelma on the farm. Dad would help out in the community and enjoyed attending and helping out with the community functions.

Dad loved the Interlake. He spent countless hours reading history books on the various communities. Most often the car would be heading north when Dad and Mom went for a drive.

Many friends were made when they attended the various functions in the small towns they visited.

Family meant the world to him. He loved family gatherings, hearing what was going on in everyone's lives and watching the grandchildren play and grow up and eventually the great-grandchildren.

Dad was a man with a humble and quiet nature and always had a smile on his face. He never complained and would take what life handed him. He would assure us everything was fine and he was okay.

We would like to thank the home care workers, the doctors and staff at Stonewall Hospital; Dr. Graham and the staff at Rosewood Lodge for the care he received in the last few months.

Service to be determined at a later date.

In lieu of flowers if friends so desire, donations can be made to South West District Palliative Care, Box 1282, Stonewall, MB., R0C 2Z0 or one's charity of choice.

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OBITUARY



Sarah Sandra Monkman (nee Chartrand)
July 3, 1942 – May 14, 2020

It is with great sorrow that we announce the passing of Sarah Sandra Monkman on Thursday, May 14, 2020 at her home in Gateway Manor in Teulon, MB.

Left to cherish her memory are her children Angela James (Scott McQueen), Martin James (Cynthia), Darren James (Peggy Vincent), Ricky James (Roberta), and Shannon Laframboise (Kevin); her siblings Shirley Richard (Albert), Doreen Wright (Walter), Andy Chartrand (Flora), and Patricia Wolfe; her grandchildren Shawn, Phoenix, Sabrina, Jordee, Josh, Tiffany, Matthew, Jayden, Taltson, Raya, Jenna, Haley; and her great-grandchildren Morgan, Chase, Terri, Colt, Rocher, Rhys, and Thea.

Sarah is predeceased by her parents Joseph and Mary Chartrand; her siblings Paul Chartrand, Alfred Chartrand, Leonard Chartrand, Alice Nadeau, John Chartrand; her husband Stan Monkman; and her grandson Andrew James.

Sarah spent many years as the family historian and storyteller, taking a strong leadership role in collecting, organizing and sharing the genealogy of the Chartrand-Sanderson-Lagimodière family. She was also a small business owner selling her beautiful beadwork and jewellery at local Métis gatherings and farmers' markets.

Viewing and cremation have taken place. As well, a memorial service was held on Saturday, May 23, 2020 at St. John Vianney Roman Catholic Church in Teulon, MB, with the interment held at St. Cecilia Roman Catholic Cemetery in Inwood, MB where many of Sarah's family and ancestors lay to rest in peace.

The family wishes to extend a sincere thanks to the Teulon Gateway Manor Site Manager, Cindy Ferreira for her kindness and attention, and the Interlake-Eastern Regional Health Authority home care nurses for their care and service during Sarah's illness.

A special note goes out to Sarah's Teulon and Yellowknife AA Groups whose friendships and fellowship meant so much to her.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations (cheques) can be mailed to the Teulon AA Group, Box 403, Teulon, MB, R0C 3B0.

We love you dearly for now and forever and will always hold the Serenity Prayer as a guide in our lives because it was so precious for your life and sobriety.

God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference.

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OBITUARY



Kenneth Craig Hughson

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Kenneth Craig Hughson at the Concordia Hospital on May 13, 2020 at the age of 61 years, following a courageous battle with cancer.

He leaves to grieve his father, Craig Hughson; his two sons, Adam Hughson (Candace) and Mark Hughson (Shelly); nephews and nieces, Jennifer Miller (Mark), Samantha and Olivia, Jay Hughson (Nikki), Max Hughson (Holly), Brittany Bell, Rachael and Reginald.

Ken was predeceased by his mother Laurette and his brother Larry (Woody).

He was a kind man who enjoyed helping others who were in need.

We would like to thank the doctors and staff of the Concordia Hospital for their kindness and compassion during the time he spent there.

In lieu of flowers, donation in Ken's memory may be made to CancerCare, MB, 675 McDermot Ave, R3E 0V9, or a charity of your choice.

A private celebration of life will be held at a later date to be determined.

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