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Ecole RW Bobby Bend School staff Heather Sanche, Lori Palmer and Sacha Epp purchased the first three Unicorn Gumbies at The Kiln last Monday in support of #MagicforAmaya. Two dollars from each Unicorn Gumby purchased in June will be donated to Bobby Bend student Amaya Dawson, who was paralyzed in a car accident this past winter.

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# <sup>2</sup> The Stonewall Teulon Tribune Thursday, June 4, 2020 ISD graduates will cross the stage to receive diploma

## By Sydney Lockhart

Stonewall, Teulon and Warren collegiate have made new plans for their graduates after graduations across Canada were cancelled when the CO-VID-19 pandemic hit.

After weeks of changing plans and having administrator meetings, the three high schools have updated plans to include an in-person element.

When the provincial government announced Phase 2 of opening, they increased the number of people social distancing indoors to 25 and a partial re-opening of schools. This allowed the high schools to start planning a grad option that was not solely virtual.

"It's difficult. Everybody would rather have a regular ceremony at this time; however, they understand the circumstances we are in during this pandemic," said Jason Cassils, principal of Stonewall Collegiate Institute (SCI). "It's been tricky to make plans because we want to make sure our graduation is something special and unique for the graduates."

SCI is in the process of creating a virtual graduation ceremony video that will include speeches like the normal one would, as well as all of the graduate's names read out and some other surprises.

The video will go live on the website on June 20 at 1:30 p.m. for all 125 graduates and families to watch.

On top of the virtual graduation, SCI will have grads come into the school one at a time from June 22 to 24 at

scheduled times with immediate family members to cross the gymnasium stage to accept their diplomas and any awards available at the time.

Administrators, graduates and safe grad executive members will be discussing options for a safe grad and celebration in the future when it is safe to do so.

SCI's three valedictorians — Aidan Mulvihill, Kalennah Tonner and Graeme Bytheway — have been working through their speech via virtual meetings.

"We're kind of just making fun of it and bringing it to a positive light. We want to make it fun," said Tonner."The staff want to show how proud they are of us and it's nice to see that support. We're really lucky."

Teulon Collegiate Institute (TCI) has similar plans to SCI and WCI, having their grads come in one at a time on June 19 to cross the decorated gymnasium stage and graduate with only immediate family.

"Grad is probably the single biggest celebration for a small community. It certainly is for Teulon," said TCI principal Paul Magnan.

TCI had not voted on a valedictorian. Magnan says they are in the process of figuring out how to get their students to vote remotely.

Teulon will also have a safe grad and celebration in the future when it is safe for their 40 grads.

"We will be following public health guidelines because the safety of stu-



TRIBUNE PHOTO SUBMITTED

Stonewall Collegiate valedictorians, left to right, Aidan Mulvihill, Kalennah Tonner and Graeme Bytheway.

dents and staff is a paramount," said Magnan.

Magnan said they chose to have a distancing grad in June as opposed to pushing it back because they wanted their grads to be able to celebrate when they actually graduate.

The TCI graduation is going to be live streamed, but details are still being worked out.

Warren Collegiate Institute's grad was supposed to take place on June 22 but will instead have a virtual grad video to watch on the day of.

From June 23 to 25, WCI will have its 38 graduates come in to cross the stage one at a time to accept their diplomas with immediate family in attendance.

"Our formal grad photos were supposed to happen after March break so Lifetouch will be there to take their photo after they cross the stage in their cap and gown," said WCI principal Laura Perrella.

"I know that a lot of our grads are very heartbroken not being able to do this in a traditional way, but this is a way for us to mark this momentous occasion for them."

For more information or to ask a question, phone the schools.

# **Rockwood council news in brief**

## By Jennifer McFee

Starting on June 1, the RM of Rockwood reopened local waste grounds to the public.

Now Winfield and Balmoral waste transfer stations, as well as Komarno Waste Disposal Grounds, are open with limited occupancy to 50 per cent of the normal levels or one person per square 10 square metres, whichever is lower.

## In other council news:

• During a special meeting on May 27, Rockwood council passed second and third reading of the 2020 budget and financial plan. The budget includes a 2.67 per cent tax increase, and the mill rate will go up to 8.601 in 2020 from 8.377 in 2019. A copy of the 2020 financial plan is posted on the RM's website at www.rockwood.ca. • Council also passed first reading of a debenture for the Teulon-Rockwood fire hall. The bylaw would allow for borrowing of \$658,783.14 to cover costs of the project. It requires approval from the provincial government and the Municipal Board before returning to council for second and third readings. If approved, the interest rate would be 2.99 per cent payable each Dec. 31 from 2020 to 2039.

The Municipal Board previously authorized the municipality to borrow \$700,000 for the project, but the full amount is not required. The RM of Rockwood was given the authority to borrow in 2018 and they are now authorizing the spending.

• The emergency phone number for after-hour sewer and water emergencies has been updated to 204-461-3399.





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# Woodlands Doppler radar to get technology upgrade

## **By Evan Matthews**

Manitoba's very first Doppler radar station is about to see some upgrades, and it's right here in the Interlake.

Located in the RM of Woodlands near the disposal site, about 10 kilometres south of the Woodlands community, the station was installed in 1999 and became operational in December of the same year, according to Environment Canada.

"Coverage areas for weather radars in Canada have been focused on areas that rank highest in terms of a combination of severe weather and population," said Chelsea Steacy, spokesperson for Environment Canada.

She explained why the RM was chosen as an ideal spot for the radar, adding its exact co-ordinates are 50.15297° N, -97.77994 °W.

"Southern Manitoba has historically ranked very high and became one of the first areas in the country with a weather radar," she said.

A conventional weather radar had been previously installed near Vivian (Anola) in the early 1980s.

It was in the late 1990s when Environment Canada expanded the weather network, adding Doppler capabilities that significantly improved meteorologists' ability to identify and forecast severe weather, Steacy said.

Ideally, the placement of a radar should be between 50 and 100 kilometres upwind of the major city centre the radar is intended to provide coverage for, Steacy said.

"In order to provide greater preparation time, and in turn advanced protection from severe weather events for the City of Winnipeg, the Woodlands site was selected for the first Doppler radar in Manitoba and one of the first in the country," said Steacy.

She added that once the Woodlands radar installation was complete, the Vivian radar was disassembled and moved to Foxwarren, northwest of Brandon, where it was re-installed as a Doppler radar, extending Manitoba's coverage area.

"Environment Canada has two Doppler weather radar stations in Manitoba," she said.

She added that the Foxwarren radar was replaced with a new Dual Polarization Doppler system in 2018.

Steacy said the Woodlands radar is now also being completely replaced as part of a nationwide project to replace aging Doppler technology with new state-of-the-art systems.

Using modern technology, Steacy said the new radar will expand the Doppler coverage area and add dual polarization technology, which enables meteorologists to better detect



Work to upgrade the soon-to-be decommissioned Doppler radar began in May.

and predict severe weather events, such as tornadoes, at an extended range and issue earlier severe weather warnings.

Dual-polarimetric radar transmits and receives pulses in both a horizontal and vertical orientation, according to the federal government. As a result, the returning frequencies provide measurements of the horizontal and vertical dimensions of targets, supplying forecasters with better estimates of the size, shape and variety of targets.

"This will give Canadians greater lead-time to take shelter," said Steacy. She added that data will refresh more quickly, too, with new data available every six minutes as opposed to the currently existing 10-minute data cycle.

"Work on the foundation for the new Woodlands radar began in late May 2020, with the new tower, radar and equipment scheduled to be installed this summer. A temporary Doppler radar will provide data for the region while the Woodlands radar is being replaced," she said.

The new radar should be fully installed and calibrated by mid-September and data available by mid-October. The old radar will be decommissioned and removed at that point.

Weather radars provide data about the location and intensity of precipitation by sending an incredibly brief pulse of energy towards the sky and listening for echoes to return, according to Steacy, as it bounces off factors in the atmosphere such as rain drops.

Doppler radar adds the capability to determine motion by determining whether an object is moving towards or away from the radar, which also enables meteorologists to determine what the wind is doing within a storm or weather system.



**TRIBUNE PHOTOS SUBMITTED BY ENVIRONMENT CANADA** The newest Doppler radar in Foxwarren, left, with Dual Polarization Technology. On the right is the old model. The same replacement has begun in Woodlands.

Dual polarization will better equip meteorologists to distinguish between heavy rain, hail and snow, as well as helping to identify non-meteorological targets such as birds, bugs and even tornado debris.

For a more in-depth explanation of dual polarization, visit https://www. youtube.com/watch?v=qhXj3s9qwTE.



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Bruce Jasperson

#### 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 was to highlight positivity and connect people during this time of social distancing.

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

The initiative wrapped up last week by spotlighting its last group of heroes.

On May 25, local business owner Bruce Jasperson was honoured for his commitment to the community. As the owner of Jasperson's Greenhouse, he donates to sports tournaments, participates in Quarry Days weekend and volunteers with local organizations in Stonewall.

"When the COVID-19 pandemic began, Bruce worked tirelessly to ensure that everyone will be able to safely shop for their gardens and flowerbeds this year by setting up online shopping, curbside pickup and in-store distancing and cleaning routines," states the Town of Stonewall Facebook page.

"People like Bruce are what make Stonewall an amazing place to live."

On May 26, childcare provider Kelsey Pattie earned the honour for her hard work.



Kelsey Pattie

Jason Cassils

"Kelsey has operated a licensed home daycare out of her home for the last seven years. When COVID-19 began, she continued to operate her daycare and worked tirelessly to keep the children in her care safe and healthy while also finding time to provide homeschooling for her own children," states the post.

"She treats the children in her daycare with exceptional affection and attention. It's this kind of dedication and caring, even in the face of a pandemic, that makes Kelsey a Hometown Hero."

On May 27, Stonewall Collegiate Institute principal Jason Cassils was named a Hometown Hero due to his dedication to go above and beyond his duties at the local high school.

"He is truly passionate about each of the students that attend Stonewall Collegiate and has an amazing way of connecting with students whether they have academic or other concerns — his door is always open," states the post.

"He is also a valuable part of the athletic program at the Collegiate, coaching girls' soccer and varsity girls' basketball."

After the school closed due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Cassils continued to go to there on a regular basis to print and deliver assignments for students without access to computers at home.

"He continues to connect with students remotely to foster and encourage their academic journey in this un-

precedented environment," states the post.

"Mr. Cassils is also tremendously supportive and genuinely cares about all of the staff at SCI. He has been a sounding board and ready resource to staff throughout the challenges brought about by the school closure. Thank you, Mr. Cassils, for your continued commitment, care and support!"

On May 28, fitness and nutrition motivator Sarah Todd was recognized as a local hero.

As the owner of SPARK Fitness and Nutrition in Stonewall, Todd had been teaching boot camps through continuing education in a group setting. With the onset of COVID-19, she had to change everything about the way she worked with her clients. When distancing rules suddenly came into effect, she quickly devised an online format through Facebook Live for her boot camps — not only for her class participants but also for anybody who chose to watch and participate in the sessions.

"For April and May, she continued to run a mini session with participants twice a week in the same format. She devoted herself to continuing the fitness training for the betterment of her clients and her community, while at the same time completing her 4.5year undergrad studies at University of Manitoba, running a busy household, home schooling with her three sons, and caring for her husband who is a frontline essential worker in the





Lana Meier

paramedic field," states the post.

"Sarah is passionate about helping people in her community and she has continued to selflessly make herself and her services available in creative and innovative ways!"

Last but certainly not least, the *Tribune's* very own Lana Meier was recognized as the final Hometown Hero in the initiative.

As the owner and operator of the *Tribune*, Meier is a familiar face around town. Before the pandemic, she could be seen covering community events ranging from sporting events and local festivals to fundraisers and school functions.

"She is also a firm believer in supporting our local businesses and organizations and does her part to support them any way she can. Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, her dedication to community news drove her to work even harder and get creative in providing her readers with interesting facts and relative content, even though the ability to cover live events was no longer an option," states the post.

"Lana is very involved and passionate about her community which is exemplified by her work at the *Tribune* connecting people through stories to build stronger communities. Thank you, Lana, for keeping our community connected through the *Tribune*, even when we all had to stay apart."

Hats off to all the local Hometown Heroes.

# Stonewall's Kinsmen Lake opening to be discussed

### By Jennifer McFee

The Town of Stonewall has reviewed its facility closures in consideration of the province's Phase 2 reopening effective June 1.

Chief administrative officer Wally Melnyk said all facilities previously closed will be reopen except for the Heritage Arts Centre, which remains closed to the public. "There will be limitations or restrictions on use of some of the facilities, based on the requirements of the public health order. With the reopening, additional staff will be coming back to work as of June 1," he said.

"It will take a few days to get caught up, but we hope to be at a ready for public use of the baseball and soccer facilities before the middle of June." A decision about the opening of Kinsmen Lake has been deferred until the June 3 council meeting.

In other council news:

• With the approval of two applications regarding Phase 6 of the Quarry Park development, council has provided the development with the ability to proceed with its plan for duplex housing with conditions.

• Manitoba Water Services Board has requested that municipalities identify new water and sewer projects that they're considering in the next two to four years. The Town of Stonewall submitted its water supply expansion and reverse osmosis water treatment plant project as well as its Industrial Park low-pressure sewer project.

# Teulon helpers looking out for seniors during the COVID-19 pandemic

## By Sydney Lockhart

Three Teulon locals work beyond their job description to help out seniors during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Barb Mankewich, Carmen McDonald and Barb Semchuck, employees of the Teulon & District Senior Resource Council, decided to keep working when the pandemic hit - but they added more work to their plate to make sure seniors of Teulon have all the help they need to keep safe.

"We decided to take over the delivery of Bigway Foods because we knew they would be overwhelmed," said Mankewich.

The three ladies have been keeping Meals on Wheels running so that people who use the service don't have to worry about not having food.

"We didn't feel it was safe for the usual Meals on Wheels volunteers because it's normally delivered by seniors and we didn't feel that was safe," said Mankewich. "We took over because we didn't feel it was an option for them."

Semchuck makes daily phone calls to over 100 seniors to check in on as many as she can, making sure they're getting their deliveries and medications.

"Our job is to keep people safe for as

long as possible in their homes," said Mankewich."We haven't been able to visit them or have those one on ones and that has been hard."

They pick up seniors' mail for them and go to the bank to make sure bills get paid because the Senior Resource Centre had to close its doors physically to the public.

On top of all this, they are helping the food bank pack hampers and hand them out on Thursdays because only one volunteer was left after the rest stepped down for personal safety reasons when COVID-19 hit Manitoba.

"Our job is to keep people safe for as long as possible in their homes," said Mankewich."We haven't been able to visit them or have those one on ones and that has been hard."

When delivering groceries to Gateway Manor Inc. retirement home, the three ladies said they found it hard to leave because the residents wanted to chat with them after being isolated for so long.

After the second phase of reopening was announced, the ladies decided to stop their grocery deliveries because they realized people wanted to start doing it themselves to have a reason to leave their homes.



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Barb and Wayne Semchuck deliver food for the seniors' meal program.

"We're telling them if you need help, call us," said Mankewich. "This virus could be devastating for Teulon. A quarter of our population is over 65." Mankewich says the Teulon & District Senior's Resource Council has no way to fundraise this year because their monthly barbecues have been cancelled. She worries that money will be tight going forward.

Donations will still be graciously accepted. To make a donation to the Teulon & District Senior Resource Council, please call 204-886-2570.

"We have and will continue to do whatever we need to do to protect and serve our community, keeping them safe," said Mankewich.

# Meet the Tribune's summer intern reporter/photographer



Sydney Lockhart has lived in Stonewall since she was five years old and graduated from Stonewall Collegiate in 2017. She is now a Rhetoric, Writing, and Communications student at the University of Winnipeg and a Creative Communications student at Red River College. She is majoring in journalism and chose journalism because she loves telling people's stories and giving communities a voice. Sydney is writing for the Stonewall

Teulon Tribune, the Express Weekly News and the Carman Standard this summer. If you have any news tips that you would like to share, email sydney@ stonewallteulontribune.ca.





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# Lavallee Tradition pursuing positivity in a pandemic

### **By Evan Matthews**

Last week, a reader reached out to our newspaper with a request.

The reader asked us to pursue a positive editorial in regards to Indigenous truth and reconciliation, and/or the pandemic. We found both.

"So often, we only see and hear about the people who are prejudiced," said the reader, who asked to remain anonymous. "We only see and hear about people who are misbehaving."

Our reader is correct. In our society, sometimes, the negative is so loud that we don't hear - or choose not to hear — the positive.

We can be so easily intrigued by negative news stories, and we can so easily opt to ignore the positive ones. But focusing on the negative makes life more polarizing; more divisive.

"But the majority of people are not prejudice. The majority of people are good," said the reader. "Most people get up in the morning, do their thing during the day, and put their head on the pillow at night."

Our reader pointed to a local Interlake musician who has been providing great joy and positivity throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. Dave Lavallee is the founder of Lavallee Tradition.

The family band was formally created in 2000 with Lavallee's sons Clint and Jason, and his brothers Ray and Darren and nephew IJ.

Born into a Métis family as the 11th of 17 children, the singer now bestknown for singing The Métis Medley, Lavallee said shutting out the negative; focusing on the positive — the good in people — was a value instilled in him from a very young age.

"With COVID, people haven't been able to go out. Everyone has been at home. It's led to a lot of boredom and depression," said Lavallee, who wanted to provide some relief to people.

"It's been a lot of negativity on the news. ... I wanted to connect people by providing enjoyment in the music; having people socialize online and create new friendships while renewing old friendships.

"My intention was to create contact and connection with people, and give them something to look forward to each week," he said.

Every Friday throughout the pan-

demic, Lavallee uses Facebook Live to broadcast a show from his living room, sometimes playing a set, other times taking requests. He most recently performed online on May 29.

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With over 600 engagements on his May 22 Facebook Live event - engagements from as far as England, Germany, Montana, Texas, Idaho, New York, British Columbia, Alberta, Ontario, Nova Scotia and Newfoundland — Lavallee, with a Canadian flag hanging behind him, is influencing the lives of many and bringing happiness, joy and relief to people during a perceivably difficult time.

"He brings his grandkids along during the shows, and it feels like you're part of their family. It makes me so happy," said our reader.

"If we focus on the positives, the good people - good Canadians (no matter their race, religion or sexual orientation) - maybe we can encourage positive behaviours.

"It's worth celebrating people doing good things."

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# *The Stonewall Teulon Tribune* Thursday, June 4, 2020 **7** Measures for Manitobans and businesses impacted by COVID-19 continues

#### Submitted by Manitoba government

The Manitoba government is once again extending measures aimed to help residents and businesses impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, Finance Minister Scott Fielding announced last Friday.

"Manitoba's small- and mediumsized businesses continue to face a challenging economic situation caused by the COVID-19 pandemic and we want to help them further by giving them more time to submit provincial taxes," said Fielding. "As we enter Phase 2 of restoring services across Manitoba and more businesses reopen, we want to provide them with some additional financial flexibility."

After extending the April and May filing deadlines for small- and medium-sized businesses with monthly remittances of no more than \$10,000, the province is now extending the deadlines for June as well. Businesses will now have up to three additional months to remit retail sales taxes and the Health and Post Secondary Education Tax Levy, commonly called the payroll tax.

Fielding noted in the last two months, deferred retail sales and payroll tax deferrals resulted in an estimated \$10.8 million savings to Manitoba businesses.

The province is continuing to postpone non-urgent eviction hearings and suspending any rent increases scheduled to take effect in June. The Residential Tenancies Branch (RTB) and Residential Tenancies Commission (RTC) will continue to postpone all hearings for non-urgent matters to halt evictions, and all scheduled hearings are delayed to protect Manitobans from evictions during the pandemic, with certain exceptions to deal with urgent issues that involve the health and safety of tenants. Eviction orders will only be issued to address issues affecting health and safety including unlawful activities.

"We continue to balance safety concerns with support for renters facing economic hardship or needing to self isolate due to COVID-19," said Fielding. "The Residential Tenancies Branch remains available to resolve urgent situations involving health and safety for landlords and tenants." Fielding noted the RTB also recognizes landlords are experiencing financial challenges as some tenants are unable to pay full rent. After June 30, the branch plans to schedule hearings to adjudicate landlord applications for orders of possession on a priority basis. Hearings will be scheduled based on the order in which the applications are received. Landlords and tenants are encouraged to contact the RTB for information by telephone at 204-945-2476 or (toll-free) at 1-800-782-8403 and by email at rtb@ gov.mb.ca.

# **Stonewall RCMP investigate theft**

## Submitted

On Wednesday, May 20 at approximately 4 p.m., Stonewall RCMP received a report of a theft of a vehicle from a business on Patterson Drive in the Town of Stonewall.

Investigation report revealed that at about 2 a.m. on Tuesday, May 19, two males and one female attended the business and took a 2000 white twodoor Chevrolet Cavalier.

Police continue to investigate.

If you have information regarding this crime or others, please contact Stonewall RCMP at 204-467-5015 or you can call Manitoba Crime stoppers at 1-800-222-8477.



From the moment we prayed for her till the day she left us, God would use Abby, our loving furry family addition, to teach us what a closer walk with Him could look like. A dog, I thought, always seems to complete a family picture and our children agreed, but not dad.

I remember the kids and I pleading with my husband to have one. "No!" he would say repeatedly. No matter how much the children promised to take it for walks and clean up after it, he insisted it would end up being his responsibility. As a woman of faith, I prayed. "Lord, if there is a dog out there that is meant for us, please bring it and let it win my husband's heart."

Not much later at a family gathering, a little fluffy bundle of joy crossed the room to curl up on Dale's feet. I knew the moment he saw her, she was the one. The kids begged and I asked, "Are we bringing a puppy home?"

I'm not saying no," he said.

The Lord had answered my prayer that day but with some lessons. Instead of a burden, Dale found delight in taking care of Abby, and I never wanted a big or black dog because they were kind of scary. Abby, part sheppard, big and half black, became a part of our family

Remember Your Loved Ones with an Announcement in the that day. The Lord quickly taught us how something we thought we wanted no part of could become such a blessing.

When she died, we realized that it was Him who had planned for us to have her all along. My desire to pray for her was planted in my heart by Him because He knew the blessing, she would be to us and how He would use her to grow our faith walk with Him.

You see, her main desire was to please us but especially Dale, her master. When he got up, she got up. When he went outside, she followed. He couldn't go anywhere without her because she was quick to move the moment he would, and it pleased her to do it because where her master was she wanted to be and what joy it gave Dale. Is not that a beautiful reflection of the kind of relationship that the Lord desires to have with us? For our main desire to just want to be with Him, in His presence each day. What joy He has in that.

I delight to do Your will O my God; Your law is within my heart. Psalm 40:8

Laura Lawrence

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# Local photographer takes free grad photos for WCI graduates

## By Sydney Lockhart

Warren Collegiate Institute grads are being given the opportunity to have grad photos taken at their homes for free, thanks to local photographer Jo-Anne Procter.

After COVID-19 hit and graduation plans fell apart, most Grade 12 students were left wondering if they would even get a chance to wear their graduation dresses and suits or even get a photo.

Procter says she will go to any WCI grad's house to take photos of them in their grad outfits, with their family, with their pets or other ideas that they may have.

"I feel like they've already been robbed of their last sporting events, choirs and things that they'll probably never do again after graduation," said Procter. "I thought this would be a nice keepsake."

Procter says she has done 16 grads

so far and plans to do every WCI grad that asks.

"Why I'm doing WCI is because I graduated from WCI so my heart is still in that school," said Procter. "It has definitely been emotional for everyone."

Procter said the idea came to her because her nephew Lucas is graduating from WCI this year.

"Lucas's mom Michelle Procter and I were talking about how robbed these grads are this year because they're missing out on the lasts of their last year of high school," said Procter.

Procter said she hopes the grads will pay it forward someday and do something nice for somebody in exchange for the free photographs.

If any WCI graduates are interested in getting their grad photos taken, contact Michelle Procter by email at mprocter@isd21.mb.ca.



TRIBUNE PHOTO DARYL COWAN

Pictured with Jo-Anne Procter, left, and Michelle Procter, middle, is WCI graduate Lexi Cowan.

# **Camp Arnes serves as inspiration for campsite finding site**

### By Becca Myskiw

After struggling to find the perfect camping spot, an Australian native

now living in Winnipeg created a website to do it for him.

Aaron Newnham has a seasonal spot



228 Manitoba Avenue, Selkirk, Manitoba R1A 0Y5 office@jamesbezan.com • jamesbezan.com • 204-785-6151 at Camp Arnes that he loves — but it wasn't easy for him to get there. He scoured the province's campground booking website for days and found it difficult and general.

Newnham wanted a way to find a camping spot that was tailored to him. So, he created Campsite Canada, an "Airbnb-style" website for private campground listings.

Campgrounds from all across Canada can add their listing on the Campsite Canada website. They can be seasonal spots or one-time use spots. The website also allows people to sell and rent RVs.

"Rather than the consumer have to visit each private campground website, we thought it'd be good to have a website where they can search them all," said Newnham.

When a campground or RV seller adds a listing, they can upload their own images and descriptions. The website it a self-serve platform, Newnham said, where the sellers have to upkeep their own profile and listings.

People can refine their search by geography — they can look up a specific region in Canada and the website will show all private campgrounds that have listings on Campsite Canada. They can also search by amenities like washrooms or power, or search keywords that connect with what they want.

If someone finds an RV or campsite, they can click a button that says"reply to listing" and then they'll be prompt-



ed to create a Campsite Canada account so they can connect with the desired campground.

Newnham launched the website six weeks ago and already has over 100 campgrounds listed, 11 RVs for rent and 11 RVs for sale. The site is also generating close to 1,000 page views a day — something Newnham said is good news.

Nineteen of the campgrounds on the site are in Manitoba, 13 are in Ontario, 34 in New Brunswick, four in Nova Scotia, 21 in B.C. and six in Saskatchewan. Using Campsite Canada is completely free for consumers and sellers. Newnham said there's a lot of sites

similar to his out there, but he hasn't seen one with campgrounds all across Canada.

"If you're wanting a one-stop shop to look at all the campgrounds throughout Canada, we've sort of collated them," he said.

As the site is for private campgrounds, he said it helps people discover the "undiscovered gems" of the country — for him, that was Camp Arnes.

# GAAC moves forward with day camps; cancels drop-in plans

### **By Evan Matthews**

The Green Acres Art Centre is ready to start summer camps in July.

As of June 1 (Phase 2 of service restoration), the province announced day camp group sizes can include up to 24 kids.

"The Green Acres Art Centre is delighted the Provincial Health Authorities announced day camps are allowed to run this summer," said GAAC president Lana Knor, noting Sunova Summer Funtastics at the GAAC will be held Monday to Friday starting on July 6.

Sunova Summer Funtastic Camps will be designed for ages five to 11, and held from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

"Camp themes for the kids aged five to 11 will include sewing, dancing, readers' theatre, music, flight and fossils, woodworking and games, and sports," she said.

All camps will include a variety of activities including art and physical activities.

Originally, Knor had made announcements regarding a drop-in centre for youth and seniors alike, but the COVID-19 pandemic changed everyone's plans.

Instead, GAAC will include youth aged 12 to 17 in camps later in the day, held from 5 to 10 p.m.

"The GAAC will include junior board members in the planning process for camp activities, but the themes will be similar to ages five to 11," said Knor.

The Interlake Community Foundation recently awarded the GAAC with a grant for \$2,650 that will be used to purchase portable basketballs and hoops, as well as volleyball, tennis and badminton rackets and nets, Knor said.

After creating a survey, Knor said GAAC found parents were vocal about archery being one activity they wanted to see. Knor added GAAC is hoping to include portable laser tag for older campers, too.

"The GAAC has a wide variety of activities planned for camps," said Knor. "Camps will include science experi-

ments, making fossils, rock painting, nature hikes and cooking bannock over an open fire, just as a few exam-Continued on page 10

# **Bobby Bend renovations**



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY LANA MEIER

Renovations are currently underway at Ecole RW Bobby Bend School, with work being completed by contractors Regent Construction. The Public Schools Finance Board provided \$1.5 million in support for the project, which involves replacing and improving the structure of the walls on both sides of the school's south section, which was originally built in 1955. The project also includes upgrades to the roof and to the main entrance of the school.



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# High schools celebrate graduates



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY SYDNEY LOCKHART

Stonewall, Teulon, and Warren Collegiate Institutes are showing their support for their high school graduates by hanging banners listing all of their grad's names down their community's Main Streets. The banners were purchased by the schools and hung by the towns after being unable to hold a traditional grad ceremony for their students due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

"I had no idea these were going up," said SCI graduate Trinity Rutledge, "They make me feel really appreciated." Pictured clockwise from left, SCI graduate Trinity Rutledge smiles under her banner after seeing it for the first time on Main St. in Stonewall; Warren valedictorians Joy McCutcheon and Johnathan Holtmann hold their grad banners before they are hung up and TCI's Erik Chobotar stands under his name on a banner celebrating his graduating class in Teulon.





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# Manitoba Green Team funding to support local jobs

### Submitted by Manitoba government

Ralph Eichler, MLA for Lakeside, is welcoming an announcement that the Government of Manitoba is supporting local community organizations, municipalities and provincial parks delivering Green Team projects this upcoming summer.

The \$10-million Green Team investment is expected to support over 2,000 jobs provincewide to aid in Manitoba's CO-VID-19 recovery efforts. This includes a total of \$118,353 for the following projects in the Lakeside constituency:

Interlake School Division
Balmoral Recreational Enterprises  Rosser-Woodlands Recreation Commission

• South Interlake Regional Library

• Teulon-Rockwood Recreation Commission

• Woodlands Pioneer Museum

- RM of Rosser
- RM of Woodlands
- Town of Stonewall

Participants will work on a variety of community development projects that improve Lakeside neighbourhoods, promote community involvement and help develop young leaders.

For more information on the Green Team programs, visit www.manitoba.ca/mr/bldg-comm/greenteam.html.

# > GAAC, FROM PG. 9

This year, Knor said each camper will receive a bag of supplies on the first day. The supply bags will be labelled and remain at the centre for the week. The intention of the bags, she said, is to reduce contact with items that can be difficult to sanitize such as paintbrushes and pencils.

"Provincial guidelines allow 24 campers at the day camp and 24 at the evening camp. In order to reduce contact, kids will be placed into smaller groups with a leader," said Knor.

"Camp activities will be held at a variety of facilities including GAAC, Green Acres Park and Teulon Rockwood Arena."

Knor emphasized GAAC's understanding of public health orders, with one of GAAC's goals being to reduce contact and increase sanitization.

GAAC has applied for more grant money in order to assist with additional cleaning and protection gear including masks, gloves and a thermometer.

"We want our campers and their parents to know we will do everything in our power to keep everyone safe," said Knor.

Knor said registration is not being accepted quite yet because GAAC is waiting to hear from the Federal Summer Jobs Program on its request for nine summer employees.

"This grant is a huge factor in the camp budget. If we do not receive the grant, we will have to readjust the budget accordingly," said Knor.

Anyone interested in camps can email gaac@mymts.net, like the GAAC Facebook Page or follow GAAC on Instagram at @gaacteulon.



Ralph Eichler, MLA for Lakeside

# Think Turkey for everyday meals

### By Jennifer McFee

June is Turkey Month, so it's the perfect time to consider incorporating turkey meat into your everyday meals.

Rachelle Brown, chair of the Manitoba Turkey Board and provincial representative for Turkey Farmers of Canada, outlines the importance of the month-long celebration.

"It recognizes Manitoba's turkey producers for all their hard work and dedication to providing a really healthy protein choice to all consumers," she said.

"It's also a way to get people to start thinking of turkey as a top-of-mind everyday protein choice."

There are more than 530 turkey producers across Canada, with 55 in Manitoba — including 17 in the Interlake.

Brown and her husband Marty operate a mid-size turkey farm located between Stonewall and Teulon. This year marks the family farm's 50th anniversary.

"My husband's family started it 50 years ago, so we're a second-generation family farm," she said. "We're looking at bringing in our son in the next couple years to continue the farm with a third generation. That would be very exciting for us."

Often times, people tend to associate turkey with festive meals featuring the whole bird. However, the possibilities extend far beyond these large family

#### gatherings

"Turkey is very versatile. It's high in protein and low in fat, and it comes in many different forms, including smaller portions and deli meats and roasts. Ground turkey can replace any ground meat that you would normally use," she said.

"You can barbecue it, grill it, sauté it or make kabobs with it. If you go out and try some turkey in a different form, you'll be very surprised. It's very tasty and it can be used as an everyday protein, not just a festive meal."

Like many sectors, COVID-19 has also impacted the turkey industry at all levels.

"Restaurants are closing, so what was destined to be sold to that market has been put into storage, which brings the storage stocks up. It affects the farm level because we had to cut our production significantly to mitigate some of the storage stock,"Brown said.

"If we're cutting down production, that also affects the processing industry, feed industry, breeding industry and the hatchery industry in Manitoba. It affects everybody right across the entire food chain. We're all hoping it will bounce back, but nobody really knows what the new reality will be. We have to take it day by day."

At the same time, some consumers might feel concerned about food safety

and food security during this pandemic period. Brown notes that the industry's flock care program and on-farm food safety program pay close attention to these issues.

"All producers have to adhere to that program," she said. "We have yearly farm audits as well as third-party audits to make sure all turkey is healthy and safe for consumers to eat."

During Turkey Month, it's an ideal time to show some support for local turkey producers.

"Go to your local grocery store and buy some turkey products," Brown suggested. "Try a recipe that you haven't tried before."

For recipe ideas, check out the Manitoba Turkey Producers website (www. turkey.mb.ca) or Facebook page, which will also offer contests with prizes. In addition, CTV Morning Live will be featuring turkey recipes on Thursdays.

As well, donations will be made during Turkey Month to benefit multiple groups that have been impacted by CO-VID-19 on behalf of all turkey producers in Manitoba.

Turkey Farmers of Canada has also launched a campaign called "Think Turkey." Due to COVID-19, donations have been made through #Wishbone Project on behalf of turkey producers across Canada. Turkey Farmers and Proces-



**TRIBUNE PHOTO SUPPLIED** Rachelle and Marty Brown operate a turkey farm between Balmoral and Teulon.

sors of Canada has donated \$50,000 to Kids Help Phone and \$25,000 across the eight member provinces to community outreach initiatives such as chefs' kitchens and food banks. Turkey Farmers of Canada donated \$65,000 to Kids Help Phone and \$15,000 to 4-H Canada to support crucial mental health initiatives in communities across Canada. Through the Wishbone Project initiative, Manitoba Turkey Producers donated \$3,000 to Siloam Mission. Helping Hands also received a \$5,000 donation from Manitoba Turkey Producers as well as a matching \$5,000 contribution from processor Exceldor Cooperative.

"We really strive to make the turkey industry a better industry for all parties involved — the hatcheries, the processors, the producers and the consumers," Brown said.

"A healthy industry is healthy for all Canadians."

• 1 Cup (250 ml) Lemon Juice

• <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> Cup (60 ml) Brown Sugar

• <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> Cup (125 ml) Coarse Salt

• <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> Bunch, Fresh Thyme

• 1 Lemon, sliced

# In Manitoba, June is Turkey Month!

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# BRINED LEMON & THYME TURKEY BREAST

## Ingredients:

- 2 Manitoba Turkey Breasts
- (approx. 2 kgs/4.4 lbs)
- 6 Cups (1.5 l) Cold Water
- 12 Peppercorns
- 6 Cloves of Garlic, skinned
- <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> Medium Onion, sliced

## Directions:

Mix all ingredients, except turkey breast, in a bowl to make brine. Place turkey breasts in a large container & add brine to cover. Refrigerate overnight or no less than 4 hours. Preheat grill to 400°f (200°c). Spray grill with cooking spray & place turkey breasts on grill. Grill for 5-7 minutes or until they start to brown. Flip & continue to grill until done, approx. 20-30 minutes. Let them rest for 5 minutes before serving.

Recipe Courtesy of Turkey Farmers of Canada.

From our farmers to your plate. For more delicious recipes, visit: turkey.mb.ca



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# Socially distanced drive-by

#### Staff

A parade of 32 vehicles with St. Laurent School staff ventured out to the communities of Oak Point, St. Ambroise, Lake Francis and St. Laurent on May 21.

Students with their families stood along main roads in their towns to greet their teachers, EAs, bus drivers, custodians, administration staff as well as their school's vice-principal. Students and staff alike have missed each other during the pandemic, which has forced them to remain at home.









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# SCI grad support sign goes missing, replaced by Dr. Decal

## By Becca Myskiw

A sign of support for the Stonewall Collegiate Institute's (SCI) 2020 grads went missing from Laura Billingham's yard a couple weeks ago.

The white yard sign has the SCI logo on the top left corner followed by the words "Stonewall Collegiate" in purple. Under that, in thick black lettering, it says, "We Celebrate a 2020 Grad!!" finished with "Congratulations!" in purple script font on the bottom.

Billingham doesn't have a child graduating this year, but she said a family member is and the sign was a way for her and her children to support them.

So, after waking up one morning to the sign being gone, Billingham and her four-year-old and seven-year-old were sad and confused.

# JUNE IS TURKEY MONTH!

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Stonewall Collegiate We Celebrate a 2020 Grad!! Congratulations!

**TRIBUNE PHOTO BY BECCA MYSKIW** This is the sign Laura Billingham said was stolen from her yard.

"They understand that taking something that's not yours isn't right," said Billingham. "Unfortunately, someone else doesn't know the same."

Billingham said she didn't see anyone take the sign, but she went to bed Friday night with the sign on her lawn

and woke up Saturday to it having disappeared. She believes someone stole the sign.

She said she had signs stolen before when she sold a house in the past, but those ones had just been thrown in a yard a few houses over. Billingham checked the yards around hers, hoping it was another moment of recklessness, but to no avail.

So, she made a post in a Stonewall Facebook group, explaining what happened.

"We had bought this grad sign to show support to a grad. ... Last night someone came into my yard and took it. My kids are sad and I am sad to say that these things happen," read the post with a photo of the sign.

Suzanne Morin from Dr. Decal commented on the post that if Billingham didn't get her sign back to come see Morin and she'd make her a new one. Morin said a mom of a graduating SCI student contacted her to make 50 of the signs. Morin designed and printed them all out, and after reading what happened to Billingham's she was upset.

"When I saw that, I said 'You know what, you come get one and I'm not going to charge you," said Morin. "She shouldn't have to pay twice."

Morin said she doesn't understand why someone would steal a sign like these, but she's glad to she could help Billingham get a new one and continue to show her support.

Dr. Decal continues to make grad support signs for schools all over the community.

# South Interlake 55 Plus adapts to changing times

## **By Jennifer McFee**

Adaptation is essential during times of flux, so South Interlake 55 Plus has found ways to offer modified programs during this pandemic period.

Now with the provincial announcement of reopening senior centres as of June 1, the board of directors is in the process of preparing for a safe reopening of programs at its physical locations.

"When all safety procedures and protocols are implemented, we will be able to allow selected programs to proceed," said executive director Cheryl Cathers.

"Please bear with us as changes happen to keep our older adults well and safe."

Throughout the pandemic, 55 Plus has been offering some of its programs through remote live feed using Zoom and Facebook Live.

"We've also been resourcing from other sites that have video feed to provide support for the different programs that we're not able to operate at this time," Cathers said.

"So we've modified and we've changed. We've had to stretch our technology ability beyond what we thought we had capacity for. It's been like running a marathon without a pair of running shoes.'

Some volunteers stepped up to the challenge to act as tutors and teach others the new technology.



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY JO-ANNE PROCTER Chervl Cathers takes part in the free Steppin' Up Zoom class in her office in Stonewalls, it." directed by instructor Laurie Briggs last Friday. In the centre, the Steppin' Up program ran once per

"We're learning on the fly as we go," she said. "Our fantastic volunteers have kept us moving." Throughout these transitions, 55 Plus has con-

# Parade of planets in June

## By Ted Bronson

All of the major planets will be visible in the night sky sometime in June.

Mercury can be seen in the twilight after sunset the first two weeks of June. Look for it low above the west of northwest horizon a half hour after sunset. By mid-month it disappears from view.

The next planet to rise is Jupiter in the constellation of Sagittarius. It rises above the southeastern horizon around 30 minutes after midnight at the beginning of June. Its brilliant yellow glow is easily identified. Fifteen minutes later, Saturn, in the constellation of Capricorn, rises to the left of Jupiter. Saturn is the same colour as Jupiter but fainter. By month end, the two planets will rise in the southeast an hour after sunset.

The Red Planet Mars makes its appearance above the eastern horizon around 2:30 a.m. at the beginning of June in the constellation of Aquarius. It continues to brighten as it comes up to its opposition in October. Jupiter is the brightest of the three planets with Saturn as the dimmest due to its distance from the Earth.

Venus will reappear in the morning sky, very low in the east of northeast, around mid-month about 30 minutes before sunrise. By the end of the month, it will be located 10 degrees above the eastern horizon a half hour before the sun rises.

Another spectacle that is best seen in June are the noctilucent clouds. They are tenuous cloud like formations 75 to 85 kilometres in the upper atmosphere. They may be observed only in twilight before sunrise and after sunset when the clouds of the lower atmosphere are in shadow,

but the noctilucent cloud formation is illuminated by the Sun. They consist of ice crystals and are most often observed in the summer months between the latitudes of 50 and 70 degrees latitude north and south of the equator. They are visible when the sun is below the horizon but while the clouds are illuminated by the sunlight. Noctilucent is Latin for "night shining." These clouds form when water vapour freezes around specks of dust from incoming meteors. They become visible about the same time as the brightest stars and are usually bluish or silvery in colour.

On June 8 about an hour before sunrise, above the southern horizon, the waning gibbous moon can be seen to the lower right of brilliant Jupiter. Saturn is visible just to the left and slightly above Jupiter. The next morning look for the moon to the left and below Saturn an hour or so before the sun rises.

The astronomical marker for the beginning of summer season in the northern hemisphere is the summer solstice. This event denotes the start of summer in the northern hemisphere and the beginning of the winter season for those who live in the countries south of the equator. The summer solstice marks the longest days (and shortest nights!). This year the summer solstice occurs on June 20 at 4:44 p.m. CDT.

**Clear Skies** 

Ted Bronson is an avid local astronomer who has been observing the sky since 1964. This column "Guide to the Galaxy" appears monthly in the Tribune.

tinued to offer its community volunteer income tax program. The formal format has come to a close, but volunteers are still on hand to provide support to those who need to complete their income tax returns as long as they meet the eligibility requirements of the program.

"It's an income-based eligibility and it's simple tax returns. We will assist those that have not been able to meet the deadlines that have been extended to June 1," Cathers said.

"The program has been extremely modified to meet the restrictions and recommendations of the Public Health orders. Having said that, we have served close to 110 individuals this year, which is only slightly lower than last year. It's gone extremely well, given the circumstances."

The organization has also been successful in maintaining its connections within the community in different ways. The monthly newsletter showcases an impressive array of activities undertaken by members during the pandemic.

"We've continued our connections and we've gained new connections through technology," she said. "We've South Interlake 55 Plus executive director got people from Ottawa participating in the Stepping Up program. We've been able to maintain it and also expand

> week. During the pandemic, Joie Van Dongen and a few other volunteers have been offering it six times per week. The Facebook Live line dancing program has also attracted a national audience.

> In addition, inter-generational programming has continued with Grade 2 students from Ecole RW Bobby Bend School, who have been working on a project to offer greetings from a distance to local seniors.

> Looking ahead, Cathers is optimistic about the shift towards a new normal.

> "Out of a very challenging time, there have been some very positive movements forward. We're keeping our fingers crossed that our situation in Manitoba will continue to maintain and improve and things will come to a bit of a normalcy."

> To stay connected with South Interlake 55 Plus, visit the website at www.si55plus.org, visit the Facebook page, email si55plus@mts.net or call 204-467-2582.



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# Holtmann awarded a MHSAA scholarship

#### By Brian Bowman

The Manitoba High Schools Athletic Association announced the recipient of one high school basketball scholarship and several hockey scholarships this past Monday.

All schools from across Manitoba were invited to nominate individuals from their high school hockey and basketball teams.

The Warren Collegiate Wildcats' Johnny Holtmann was the basketball scholarship winner.

"I was pretty excited and I told my mom right away," said Holtmann on Monday afternoon.

Holtmann, who will be studying at the University of Winnipeg in the fall, was a key player for Warren this past season.

He was captain of the basketball team and helped lead them to a 15-8 record and a provincial championship bid for the first time in four years.

Holtmann was named player of the game at three tournaments and led the Wildcats to a first-place finish, two second-place finishes, and three thirdplace finishes in tournament play.

"It was probably one of the better years that we've had in my four years of high school," Holtmann said. "Being from a small school and a small team, you always go through some struggles to find players but there were a few people that stepped up and played their roles. We worked really hard and came out and really worked as a team."

Like many student-athletes at Warren Collegiate, Holtmann really enjoyed his time representing the

#### Wildcats.

"It was a great experience," he stressed. "The one thing I like about a small school is that you know everyone. When you see people in the halls, you know a little bit about them. When it comes to being a student-athlete at Warren, it's a great school and we have great sportsmanship and great athletes.

"At Warren, we like to be viewed as the underdog and that fuels us in games and tournaments." Wildcats' varsity boys' basketball head coach

Cathy Pleskach had high praise for Holtmann. "(He is) the player you know you cannot play without," she said."He is a leader, hard worker and is invested emotionally in his team. He knows when to be a master of his craft and when to be the student. Johnny is a natural coach and mentor, and works tirelessly on improving his skills, pushes himself and his teammates with a tenacity that does not

quit." Holtmann was heavily involved with school activities.

He was a member of Warren's cross-country team, a peer tutor, debate team, WCI leadership retreat, program co-leader for the YMCA Steve Nash program, yearbook editor, grad committee member, assistant coach of the junior varsity basketball team, and a score keeper and minor official for basketball at the school and in the surrounding community. With all of that on his plate, he maintained a very impressive academic average of 95.33 per cent.

"It's not easy," Holtmann admitted. "I come from



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY JO-ANNE PROCTER The Warren Collegiate Wildcats' Johnny Holtmann was awarded a Manitoba High Schools Athletic scholarship on Monday.

a family dairy farm and I'm also doing that, too. It's just how I've grown up and what I've learned from my parents and what they did through their lives. It's who I am, I guess."

# Interlake Minor Hockey Association hands out awards

#### By Brian Bowman

The Interlake Minor Hockey Association announced the award winners for all six Interlake Lightning teams recently.

The Most Sportsmanlike Award, sponsored by Quarry View Esso, was won by Jaxon Grose (Bantam AA Male), Hailey Emberly (Bantam AAA Female), Reid Byle (Bantam AAA Male), Nathan Vigfusson (U17 AAA Male), Danica Prociuk (U18 AAA Female) and Austin Adair (U18 AAA Male Provincial).

The Most Improved players, sponsored by Teulon Big Way, were Morgan Mantik (Bantam AA Male), Teagan Atchison (Bantam AAA Female), Ian Buors (Bantam AAA Male), Evan Calder (U17 AAA Male), Sarah Dowsett (U18 AAA Female) and Lyle Murdock (U18 AAA Male Provincial).

The Top Rookies, sponsored by

Stonewall Home Hardware, were awarded to David Johnson (Bantam AA Male), Brooke Barylski (Bantam AAA Female), Brandon Burak (Bantam AAA Male), Zach Meadows (U17 AAA Male), Em-

reson McAuley (U18 AAA Female) and Karson King (U18 AAA Male Provincial). The Top Scorers, sponsored by Breton Group Remax One, were Adam Newcombe (Bantam

AA Male), Brooke

Barylski (Bantam AAA Female), Hayden Wheddon (Bantam AAA Male), Alex Kaczorowski (U17 AAA Male), Ally Rakowski (U18 AAA Female) and Matt Vandel (U18 AAA Male Provincial).

The Top Defenceman, sponsored by Sunova Credit Union, were awarded to Troy Johannesson (Bantam AA Male), Kylee Emms-Finnson (Bantam

> AAA Female), Carter Boughton (Bantam AAA Male), Austin Lourenco (U17 AAA Male), Natalie Chivers (U18 AAA Female) and Johnson Ethan (U18 AAA Male Provincial).

The Top Forward, sponsored by Boonstra

Farms, went to Max Van Heyst (Bantam AA Male), Ava Pool (Bantam AAA Female), Rylan Slatcher (Bantam AAA Male), Alex Kaczorowski (U17 AAA Male), Taylor Kristjanson (U18 AAA Female) and Ayden Manningway (U18 AAA Male Provincial).

The Most Dedicated players, sponsored by the Interlake Minor Hockey Association, were Alex Myers (Bantam AA Male), Rachel Halldorson (Bantam AAA Female), Dawson Cowan (Bantam AAA Male), Hayden Myskiw (U17 AAA Male), Kennedy Hauser (U18 AAA Female) and Ashton Charison (U18 AAA Male Provincial).

The Most Valuable Player Awards, sponsored by Doctor Decal, were awarded to Spencer Hunnam (Bantam AA Male), Tessa Stewart (Bantam AAA Female), Hayden Wheddon (Bantam AAA Male), Stefan Schable-Schur (U17 AAA Male), Ally Rakowski (U18 AAA Female) and Chris Fines (U18 AAA Male Provincial).





# Blue Jays' teams waiting to start their seasons

### By Brian Bowman

The province has approved Baseball Manitoba's Right To Play guidelines that will allow baseball to resume but both the Manitoba Junior Baseball League and Winnipeg Senior Baseball League have yet to announce their respective schedules.

"The diamonds haven't really opened up yet and the (MJBL) hasn't had a meeting in over a month," said Interlake Blue Jays' manager Adam Kirk last week. "I imagine we'll do something when the diamonds open but it will be a question of what and what we'll be able to do."

Kirk is hopeful that there will not be any major changes to the game of baseball.

"I haven't heard anything concrete but with some of the rules that I'm hearing, they're almost taking the fun out of baseball," Kirk complained.

Insurance for the players has been a major reason why teams have not yet started practicing. Baseball Manitoba sanctioned activities were suspended until this Friday.

But Baseball Manitoba sent out a release on Monday saying sanctioned baseball training can begin June 8. This includes Rally Cap and Grand Slam sessions, 11U and above tryouts, practices, clinics and camps for players, coaches, and umpires.

"The Phase 2 start date of Baseball Manitoba's Return to Play plan, which includes competitions, has yet to be defined," read a statement on Baseball Manitoba's website. "July 1 is the target date stated in our plan, however, that date will be determined in the coming weeks. It is of absolute importance that there are no organized competitions allowed until the Phase 2 start date has been determined and posted."

The MJBL was hinting at playing a 21-game schedule amongst its eight teams.

At the senior level, the Stonewall Blue Jays are also patiently awaiting when they can get on the field.

"We're looking at a July 1 start," said Kirk, who also plays for the Stonewall senior team. "When I talked to the president he said we'll go with half a season and have playoffs in August."

# **Baseball Manitoba announces training can begin this Friday**

## By Brian Bowman

Baseball Manitoba announced on Monday that the Return to Play document submitted to the province has been approved.

This news, in conjunction with the Province's Restoring Safe Services – Phase 2 and local baseball associations commitment to execute the plan, means that Phase 1 of Baseball's Return to Play, sanctioned baseball training may safely resume this Friday.

This includes Rally Cap and Grand Slam sessions, 11U and above tryouts, practices, clinics and camps for players, coaches, and umpires.

"The Phase 2 start date of Baseball Manitoba's Return to Play plan, which includes competitions has yet to be defined," read a statement on Baseball Manitoba's website. "July 1 is the target date stated in our plan; however, that date will be determined in the coming weeks.

"It is of absolute importance that there are no organized competitions allowed until the Phase 2 start date has been determined and posted."

When Winnipeg Amateur Baseball Association leagues will start will depend on when Baseball Manitoba gives the go ahead for provincial associations to notify players to register.

"The optimistic scenario was to have player tryouts by mid-June and league games starting in July," said U18 AAA WABA convenor Ian Wise in an email.

"It now appears there is the possibility that this schedule could be moved forward. Once approval to go is given, the next hurdle will be the willingness of players to play, secure in their confidence that COVID risks have been minimized."

# MHSAA reminds schools of no sports activities

### Staff

The Manitoba High Schools Athletic Association sent out a reminder to schools on May 27.

The MHSAA said it is aware of the Province of Manitoba's Restoring Services: Phase 2 plans, which began this past Monday.

"The MHSAA reminds our member schools that all school sport activities involving spring football, lacrosse, rugby, track and field and ultimate are cancelled," said a statement on the MHSAA website. "This includes all forms of training and practices." As per the province's announcement, each sport must establish a plan to reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission between participants and spectators. The MHSAA is monitoring each provincial sport organization's return to play protocol status and we will continue to evaluate and provide updates as they become available.

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

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- 41. Those who deal
- 43. Apply a new fabric
- **45.** Confusions
- 48. "To his own"
- 49. Lowest point of a ridge
- between two peaks 50. Heavy cavalry sword
- 55. Partner to pain 56. A type of savings account
- 57. In a way, felt pain
- 59. Wide-beamed sailing dinghy
- 60. Consume
- 61. Jewish spiritual leader
- 62. Body part
- 63. Midway between south and southeast
- 64. Cheek
- **CLUES DOWN**
- 2. Expression of sorrow or pity
- 3. Central American lizard
- 4. Muslim military commanders

- 57 61
- 5. One who takes to the seas
- 6. Select jury
- 7. Parts of the small intestine
- 8. Painter's accessory
- 9. Honk
- 10. Ballpoint pen
- 12. Large, dark antelope
- 14. Ancient kingdom near Dead Sea
- 19. Exhausts
- 23. \_\_-bo: exercise system
- 24. Not written in any key or
- mode 25. Chinese principle underlying the universe
- 26. Corpuscle count (abbr.)
- 1. Indicates a certain time (abbr.) 27. Powdery, post-burning residue
  - 28. Company that rings receipts
  - 29. Rugged mountain range
  - 34. Commercials

- - 62 63
- 35. NY football player 36. A form of be
- **37. Soviet Socialist Republic**
- 39. Kindnesses
- 40. Natural electrical
- 41. Your

- 46. Fluid in Greek mythology
- 47. Renowned jazz trumpeter
- 48. Freedom from difficulty
- 51. Swiss river
- 52. Preiudice
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APPLICATION DEADLINE is June12, 2020 at 4:00 pm. Please mail resumes to the Teulon Rockwood Recreation Commission c/o Yvonne Dola at Box 69 Teulon MB ROC 3B0 or email to teulonrockwoodrec@gmail.com.



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OBITUARY

Albert William (Bill) Blair Peacefully, after a lengthy battle with dementia, Bill passed away with his family at his side at Rosewood Lodge in Stonewall.

Bill is survived by his wife of 62 years, Pat (nee Mulligan); son Perry (Cindy) Blair and daughter Debbie (Brian) Howelko; grandchildren Melissa (Travis) Shostak, Tyler

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(Carly) Howelko, Brittany Howelko, Chris Howelko (Kara Lewis); and great-grandchildren Tyson Shostak and Bennett Howelko.

Longer obituary to follow in next weeks Tribune.

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#### **Dennis Guy Nixey** November 27, 1961 - May 27, 2020

It is with great sadness that we announce the sudden passing of Dennis Guy Nixey. Dad was called home after a brief battle with cancer.

Dennis is survived by his mother Lorette; his father Norm (Carol); brothers Mike (Donna) and Thomas (Tracy); his sisters Patricia and Catherine (Bill); his son Dennis Jr. (Erin); daughter Brandie (Keith); step children Cassidy Kelner, Max Hughson (Holy), Jay Hughson (Niki), their grandmother Elsie Kelner; grandchildren Cheyenne, Shaylynn, Dylen, Darian and Macy; step-grandchildren, Rachel and Reggie as well as numerous nieces and nephews

Dennis was predeceased by his wife Brenda Lee Nixey and later on Karen Kelner.

We would like to thank all the Nurses at Stonewall Hospital

We will sure miss his smile and laughter

A funeral will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to CancerCare Manitoba, 1160-675 McDermot Ave Winnipeg, MB R3E 0V9.

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**Donna Catherine Ward (Appleyard)** 

Suddenly, on May 27th, 2020, at her home on the farm near Stonewall, Donna peacefully passed away.

She leaves to mourn her children, Greg (Rhonda), Dean (Marg), Tim, and Kim (Scott) Hughes; her brother Gord, (Alvina) Appleyard and sister-in-law Helen Croy; grandchildren Jonathan (Lynzy), Jeff, Brend (J.P.), Andrew (Lisa Marie), Brittany (Darryl), Tyler (Sarah), Hailey (Eric), Ryan (Nicole) and 12 great-grandchildren. As well as numerous nieces, nephews and cousins that she loved and did her best to keep in touch with.

Third daughter of Herb and Reva Appleyard she enjoyed her life on the farm. Growing up in the Tecumseh/Grassmere district was difficult during the thirties and war years, but she still had fond memories of her early days.

She moved to Stonewall and was employed by Hoovers Pharmacy and then Stonewall Pharmacy. She met Ted and they married in 1954, even though she had laughed at him when he first asked her out. They moved to take over the Ward farm and started their family in 1955. She took a leave from pharmacy duties but did return in the late 70's. She was happy as a stay at home Mum, helping with all the facets of making a living on a mixed dairy farm. She contributed and supported many organizations, 4-H, ACW, Agriculture Society and more but rarely joined as a "member" as she hated meetings! She was also a great support to Dad who did join many organizations throughout their lives.

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Her grandchildren and great-grandchildren were her pride and joy. There was always a coffee pot ready and cookies to spare whenever someone came for a visit. She earned the title Grandma Cookie by the younger ones.

Services to be determined at a later date.

Donations in her memory may be made to the Church of Ascension (Anglican), Stonewall.





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