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From left, James, Sebastian, Gaia, Jagger, Crew, and Reese met up in Stoneridge Meadows to sell iced tea and origami by the roadside last week. All of the children except Sebastian are Grade three students at École Bobby Bend School. Sebastian is in kindergarten and James's younger brother.

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CBC historical Black-led TV series filming in Grosse Isle

By Tyler Searle

The largest Black-led TV series in Canadian history is now filming at the Grosse Isle Heritage site.

The Porter is a dramatic retelling of the world's first Black labour union created by Canadian and American railway porters in the 1920s. The plot and characters are fictional, but The Porter is based on a real and culturally significant moment in Canadian history.

The series features an entirely Black creative team, including Black-Canadian writers, directors, producers, and showrunners. Aml Ameen (*I May Destroy You*), Ronnie Rowe Jr. (*Pretty Hard Cases*), and Mouna Traoré (*The Umbrella Academy*) are cast in the leading roles.

The story will follow two former soldiers who return from the First World War and find work as sleeping car porters.

Porters were railway employees who catered to passengers during train trips. The job demanded long hours and rewarded little pay.

Porter's duties included ferrying luggage, shining shoes, serving food, and preparing beds for passengers to sleep in.

Racism pervaded every aspect of the work, and management often subjected porters to abuse and subjugation. The job was one of few available to Black men, so employers could exploit workers without fear of reprisal.

In 1917, Black porters based in Winnipeg formed the Order of Sleeping Car Porters (OSCP) and negotiated higher salaries, better working conditions, and transparent disciplinary standards.

The show is filming in Manitoba, but most of the series is set in Montreal, Chicago, and Detroit.

The production filmed scenes at the Heritage Site on June 22 from 6:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m., June 25 from 11:30 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., and June 28 from 6:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m.

On June 25, they will also be filming at a property outside of town.

The crew plans to park basecamp trailers at the Memorial Hall and



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From left: Ronnie Rowe Jr. (*Pretty Hard Cases*) Aml Ameen (*I May Destroy You*) and Mouna Traoré (*The Umbrella Academy*) are taking lead roles in the series.



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On June 25, the production team behind *The Porter* will be filming at a rural property outside Grosse Isle. There will be barricades limiting access to local traffic all day and the film crew may ask travellers to wait a few minutes before proceeding down the road.

equipment vehicles at the Heritage Site and the northern section of Prairie Dog Trail.

They will be moving large vehicles and equipment multiple times while in the area.

The fleet arrives June 21 at 10:00 p.m., departs June 22 at 10:00 p.m., returns June 24 at 10:00 p.m. and leaves for the final time June 28 at 10:00 p.m.

On June 25, the production is closing a road while they film. Locals will still have access, but there will be no through traffic, and the crew may ask people to wait before using the road.

Road 73N will be closed between roads 3E and 2E and at the intersection of PR 321 at 2E going north.

The crew plans to transfer large vehicles and equipment from the rural property back to the Heritage Site and Prairie Dog Trail between 3:00 a.m. and 4:00 a.m. on the morning of June 26.

In April, Kari Casting announced a casting call in Winnipeg asking for Manitobans of all ages and ethnicities to apply. They are also looking for a large number of Black-Manitobans.

The agency is still accepting applications online at: <https://karicasting.ca>.

The Porter is a CBC production that will air on CBC and stream on CBC Gem in Canada and BET+ in the U.S.

It may premiere sometime in 2022.

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Warren's Grade 8 graduates to be honoured with a parade

By Nicole Brownlee

Warren Elementary School is celebrating its Grade 8 graduates on June 25 with a drive-thru ceremony and parade.

Starting at 11:30 a.m., students and their families will drive through Warren Elementary's bus loop to receive a farewell gift, diploma and report card from Sean Martin, Grade 8 teacher, and Chris Gamble, school principal. Students will also be able to take photos with their families in a photo area.

In a spirited procession, the 23 students will then be driven through Warren, guided by a float leading the way. The whole school has been encouraged to join in the festivities and cheer on their fellow students on the parade route.

"We were trying to think of a way to do it that would be safe and socially distanced and still make it, at least, a day for the kids," said Martin.

"I think they'll enjoy being there with their family and obviously their friends in the class,"

Speeches from teachers, photos of the students and footage of the ceremony will be compiled into a YouTube video for students to share with their families after the celebration.

Martin said Warren Elementary staff have been planning the celebration throughout the school year and wanted to hold a similar event to last year. The 2020 Grade 8 graduates also cel-



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY SEAN MARTIN.

Warren Elementary School's Grade 8 students, shown here, will be celebrating their graduation on June 25 with a drive-thru ceremony and parade through the town.

brated with a drive-thru ceremony and vehicle parade through town.

"This is obviously different and not what [the students] are used to, but from the way that it worked last year, I think everyone enjoyed it," said Martin.

This year's celebration includes all students cheering from the sidelines.

"We're going to try it this year to see if we can have that for the Grade 8s, just to make it a little bit more special," said Martin.

In a normal year, students would at-

tend a grad ceremony in the school's gymnasium with their families. There would be several speeches, and students would retrieve their certificates before dining at an annual luncheon.

"It's definitely been a different type of year," said Martin who has taught

the Grade 8 class at Warren Elementary for six years.

After spending the year balancing remote, in-person and restricted learning, Martin said his students are looking forward to the summer vacation.

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- 1 tsp (5 ml) brown sugar

Directions

Preheat grill to 375°F (190°C). Combine all spices in a bowl to make rub and coat steaks well. Brush steaks with oil and grill over direct heat for about 5 minutes on each side. The steaks are cooked when a digital thermometer reaches 170°F (77°C). Remove from grill, cover loosely with foil and let stand for 10-15 minutes before serving.

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Stonewall council news in brief

By Jennifer McFee

A proposed multi-family development has been nixed by a tie vote at the June 16 Stonewall council meeting.

The developers of the Midtown Merchants Corner project requested conditional use to allow construction of a three-storey, 24-unit development at 369 Centre Ave. They also requested a variance to reduce the minimum ratio of off-street parking spots to one space per unit down from 1.5 spaces per unit, or 24 spaces compared to the required 36 spaces. To increase available parking, the developer planned to include an additional nine tandem parking spaces, which involve two parking stalls relying on the same access point with one space behind the other.

Coun. Walter Badger spoke in favour of the proposed development, noting that it fits within the strategic plan for the downtown area.

"I don't think we should worry about a different style of parking," he said.

"This is something new and we can handle it."

If there are problems with parking, he said, it's time for the town to do

something about its parking bylaw and enforcement.

Likewise, Deputy Mayor Peter Bullivant spoke in favour of the project.

"It falls within our strategic plan," he said. "I really feel that Main Street is in need of some revitalization, and I believe that we can quash any concerns that we might have with a very strong development agreement."

Coun. Jackie Luellman said she loved the design and concept of the building, yet she believed parking would be an issue.

Mayor Clive Hinds agreed that the conceptual drawings were excellent but he also felt that parking would be a concern.

Councillors Wally Badger and Peter Bullivant voted in favour of both resolutions, while Mayor Clive Hinds and Coun Jackie Luellman voted against both resolutions. Due to the tie vote, both resolutions were defeated.

Joel Edwards, one of the developers, expressed disappointment with the decision.

"At this point, our project isn't contributing to any parking issues, whether they're real or perceived by residents. And we are making an ap-

plication that is backed up with pertinent information. It shows that we have a development that gives us all of the parking that we will require," Edwards said by phone.

"We're three spots short of what the bylaw requires. We are providing 33 parking spaces out of the 36 required, but because the bylaw doesn't recognize tandem parking, our application reads that we are applying with only 24."

Their proposal was well researched since they hired a traffic engineer who studied the parking situation, Edwards added.

"He used 19 jurisdictions to come to the conclusion that our type of development would typically need between 1.1 and 1.4 parking stalls per unit, and we have 1.38," he said.

Due to the target demographic, which includes reitrees looking to downsize and singles buying their first home, Edwards expects that many residents likely wouldn't need more than one stall. However, if they did, they could use the tandem parking system.

On behalf of the developers, Edwards said they're reviewing everything and considering their next steps.

"That was surprising to me. This shouldn't be over, in my opinion," he said. "I had as much support as opposition. Because council is short a councillor, apparently a tie is still a fail."

Since 2019, the town has introduced two incentive programs specifically to spur on residential development in the downtown core area, Edwards added.

"I bring to the table something that we think fills this void," he said. "It's difficult, but we're exploring our options right now and trying to push forward. This has always been a labour of love. We've gone to great expense and effort to create something that we think would become a significant part of the downtown area of the community."

In other council news:

- Council discussed methods of filling the vacant councillor position, which has been empty since Blair Good resigned in December after moving to B.C. The town had advertised the position but didn't receive a response. Council decided to bring forward some names of people they have in mind in an effort to find

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COVID case counts heading in the right direction

By Lorne Stelmach

The more positive trend in COVID case counts continued at the start of a week.

"It's been us working together all along that's been able to bring down these case numbers and help bring an end to the third wave," said chief provincial public health officer Dr. Brent Roussin. "It continues to be up to Manitobans to take the steps needed to protect each other. Everyone needs to get vaccinated as soon as they become eligible."

An announcement of coming changes in the current public health order were anticipated Wednesday, and the data offered Monday continued to move in the right direction to support

a further loosening of restrictions.

There was just one new death of a female in her 80s from the Winnipeg health region linked to the B.1.1.7 variant of concern and to the outbreak at Seven Oaks General Hospital. It brought the total number of deaths in people with COVID-19 to 1,125.

The current five-day COVID-19 test positivity rate was eight per cent provincially with 74 new cases, which brought the total number of lab-confirmed cases in Manitoba to 55,405.

The new cases reported Monday included three in the Interlake-Eastern health region, and the local active case count included two in Arborg/Riverton, four in Beausejour, 90 in Eriksdale/Ashern, 47 Fisher River/

Peguis, one Gimli, seven Northern Remote, two Pinawa/LacduBonnet, 26 Powerview/Pine Falls, six Selkirk, two Springfield, six St. Clements, two St. Laurent, 12 Stonewall/Teulon, seven unknown, zero Whiteshell and four in Winnipeg Beach/St. Andrews.

The Interlake-Eastern data showed 218 active cases, 15/20 hospitalizations and 4/6 in ICU, 43 deaths, 3,443 recovered, totalling 3,704 cases.

The data also showed 3,794 active cases and 52,205 individuals who have recovered from COVID-19 in the province. There were 246 Manitobans hospitalized with COVID-19 in Manitoba and neighbouring provinces including 141 people in hospital with active COVID-19 as well as 90 in

hospital who are no longer infectious. There were 73 Manitoba patients receiving intensive care for COVID-19 including 37 people in intensive care units in Manitoba with active COVID-19 as well as 21 people who are no longer infectious but continue to require critical care.

In addition to the 58 ICU patients in Manitoba, another 15 Manitoba patients were in intensive care units outside the province with 14 in Ontario and one in Alberta. Another 33 patients previously receiving care in an out-of-province ICU have now been returned to Manitoba hospitals.

Stonewall RCMP respond to fatal vehicle versus pedestrian collision

Staff

Stonewall RCMP received a report that a person had been struck on Highway 7 at Provincial Road 75 North in the RM of Rockwood on June 21, at approximately 12:10 am. When officers arrived at the location, a male was on the roadway receiving medical attention. He was pronounced deceased at the scene.

Initial investigation has determined that a SUV was travelling southbound when it struck the 50-year-old male from Selkirk. It appears the male

was walking partially on the road in the median lane when he was struck. There are no lights on this portion of the highway, and it was dark at the time of the collision.

The 45-year-old male driver from Winnipeg and his female passenger were not injured.

Alcohol is not considered a factor in the collision.

The investigation continues with the assistance of a RCMP Forensic Collision Reconstructionist.

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someone to fill the role. If any of those people are interested, council could review their applications. Council hopes to make a decision by the July 7 council meeting.

- CAO Wally Melnyk provided council with some additional information about considerations for creating archival space to retain records for the long term. These additional details will supplement the informa-

tion that the town's architects are putting together. A new construction manager is now working on the town hall renovation project and will be able to add to discussions about the potential cost of creating an archival space. Melnyk also hopes to get a representative from Manitoba Archives to speak to council about the archiving process.



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Province puts forward facts against misinformation campaign on Bill 64

Submitted by Manitoba government

The province has released a Fact versus Fiction web page to clarify a number of misconceptions regarding the Better Education Starts Today (BEST) strategy and bill 64: the education modernization act, Education Minister Cliff Cullen announced Monday.

"Our ministry has launched the Fact versus Fiction page so Manitobans can have the correct and factual information about the new education act and the Better Education Starts Today strategy," said Cullen. "It's important that parents, teachers, students and educators get the proper information and be informed on how our government is working with Manitobans to improve our education system. We encourage Manitobans to be a part of this amazing opportunity to improve the education system."

Manitobans need to know that:

- There will be no major disruptions for teachers, students and everyday life in the classroom.
- Teachers will not be penalized for poor assessment results of their students. Furthermore, while the focus will be placed on enhancing classroom supports in the BEST strategy, there is no reference to assessment within the proposed legislation.
- The new Provincial Education Authority cannot close rural or northern schools without community consultation, and the three criteria within the Public Schools Act are carried forward, unchanged.
- The BEST strategy speaks to priority actions that address poverty, mental health and additional needs. These are policy issues that need a whole-of-government approach.

ity actions that address poverty, mental health and additional needs. These are policy issues that need a whole-of-government approach.

- School Community Councils will increase marginalized, visible minority and Indigenous voices in the education system by legislating these parent advisory councils to include school community members as formal partners in education including a paid parent engagement officer position at the school level.

- Government will not appoint principals, as they will continue to be hired through a competitive process and will be required to be certified teachers.

- The proposed bill formalizes the role of directors of education in legislation, whereas superintendents were not formally included. These directors will be hired through competitive processes.

- A Funding Guarantee ensures that at least \$1.6 billion more is invested in education over four years and that changes because of the school board structures are being redirected to the classroom where they are needed.

"To make progress on improving education as a whole, Manitobans need to turn their attention to our BEST strategy. The strategy is being formed through respectful and constructive dialogue with front-line teachers, principals and school staff, educational experts and parents who know firsthand the needs of their children," said Cullen. "We have had tremendous re-

sponse and feedback from our teacher listening tour, parent engagement panels and telephone town halls. It is through these types of engagements that will help build the roadmap for all Manitoban students to achieve success and a prosperous future.

The Better Education Starts Today: Putting Students First strategy was developed in response to the Kindergarten to Grade 12 Commission's recommendations on kindergarten to Grade 12 education, as well as learnings from the COVID-19 pandemic. Of the 75 recommendations from Manitoba's commission, the BEST strategy accepts 60 recommendations and accepts the remaining 15 in principle. Through four pillars of student success, the strategy examines many critical issues that affect student learning, such as poverty, inclusivity and a provincial funding model that gives students in urban centres more of an advantage over northern and rural communities. That is why the BEST strategy establishes the Task Force on Poverty and Education, Minister's Advisory Council on Inclusive Education, Curriculum Advisory Panel, and a Funding Review Team in order to tackle crucial elements that hinder the success of students, the minister said.

The Fact versus Fiction web page can be found at <https://bettereducationmb.ca/factvsfiction>. Manitobans can access and review the Better Education Starts Today strategy at <https://bettereducationmb.ca>.

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A positive attitude in life can overcome many challenges

In this difficult time, when violent wars are raging overseas, racial tensions are running rampant in North America and now the world is plagued by a devastating pandemic, we have to strive to have a positive attitude.

I was lucky to be raised by a dad, Ken who always demonstrated a cheerful temperament and had a smile on his face. He was a teenager when the Second World War broke out. Even though he was scared, he enlisted. He always believed that the Allies would win the war and they did.

The next challenge that he faced was the depression. With the same tenacity, he strived to succeed and he was able to find employment. The day he met my mom, Betty and he knew that she was the woman of his dreams, he demonstrated his charm and kind nature. Luckily, he won her over and they were married. As time went by, he and Betty decided

to buy a home. He applied his usual, strong work ethic and positive nature. In time, he and Betty had purchased their, first home. Soon after, he and Betty (Mom) decided to start a family.

Dad knew it was a big responsibility to raise children so he worked hard. He continued to believe that demonstrating a positive mentality would help him and Mom to succeed. Soon, they had four children and their life was complete.

Dad always brought the love of music and poetry into our home. Every Sunday, after church, he would put an LP record on our record player and read poetry out of his favorite book. It wasn't long before, he and mom inspired their children to memorize poems. Reciting poetry became an important part of our family life. Even as the years passed by, dad continued to love singing and saying his favorite poems.

As we strive to overcome the

challenges that this pandemic has brought to our society, we should try to remain positive. Remembering to follow medical directives, social distance and get vaccinated when the time arrives, you are helping to fight the pandemic. A favorite poem of my father was *Invictus* by W. Henley. He often recited it.

The three lines that he emphasized were, "I am the master of my fate. I am the captain of my soul. I thank whatever gods may be for my unconquerable soul." I think that if we all took those words to heart, we would be able to overcome this challenging time, in our history. My dad is no longer with us, but his spirit lives on in his family.

I miss you Dad. I am so happy to have so many, fond memories of the time that I spent with you. I especially appreciate the values that you instilled in me, as I was growing up. A positive attitude is one of the most important ones. Rest in peace Dad. Love you forever.

- Patricia Witzke

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"Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?" (Mark 4:40)

As the pandemic continues to manifested itself for well over a year, I sometimes find myself falling into the trap of thinking the worst about matters concerning our future with Covid-19. Lately, for instance, I ask myself if we will be protected by the vaccines as new variants come into existence. Part of it is that I think we are all getting extremely tired of the pandemic and how it has turned our lives upside down. I have to catch myself and be reminded that I am not in charge here, God is.

When the apostles were in the boat with Jesus and a storm started to scare them, they were on their way to the other side of the lake to rest and pray. They were exhausted. They were also at a point where they jumped to the conclusion that they would not survive the storm even as Jesus lay in the boat asleep.

When we are so exhausted it is easy to forget that Christ is with us. We forget to trust our Lord in the struggles and disappointments of life. I like to compare it to the relationships in our life with good friends or spouses. Struggles force us to be stretched beyond our normal comfort level. The only way we can trust our friend or spouse is if we have the love for each other that will allow us to believe that they care for us enough to not abandon us in our hour of need. If we don't believe they love us enough we are tempted to trust only in ourselves and our own abilities which are meagre. Relationships can end all too quickly if life's struggles are upon us and we have not grown in our mutual love for one another.

The faith we need in the storms of life require the type of faith that trusts in God because we believe he loves us enough that He will never abandon us. Our trust is one that has grown out of a confidence that nothing can come between us and the love of God made visible in Jesus Christ.

Rev. Barry Schoonbaert
Pastor, Catholic Communities of South Interlake

ISD staff bid farewell after centuries of collective experience

By Tyler Searle

This year's class of Interlake School Division (ISD) retirees collectively dedicated centuries to serving Interlake youth through the education system. From driving a school bus, to teaching, to overseeing, and ensuring clean learning environments, the ISD staff shared their time and talents with the division's students.

Thank you to the dedicated team of employees who have made school enjoyable for the students.

- Nancy MacKay, École Centennial EA, 30.5 years
- Christine Peters, École Centennial teacher, 33.7 years
- Cathy Lamm, ISD Accounts Payable, 11 years
- Terry Osnach, SCI teacher, 16 years
- Joy Carter, bus driver, 18 years
- Bill Smedts, bus driver, 18.65 years
- Linda Fowler, Woodlands custodian, 25.58 years

Heather Janzen-Tetrault

Heather Janzen-Tetrault has worked in the ISD since 1995. Beginning at the Brant-Argyle School, moving on to École Centennial, and finally to Concord Colony School.

She will retire in June after 26 years in the ISD.

"I will dearly miss my students and the community of Concord. They have become family, and they will forever hold a special place in my heart," she said.

John Blackwood

John Blackwood is retiring after 40 years of teaching at Teulon Elementary School.

Blackwood was born and raised in Teulon. He remembers playing sports and coaching minor hockey during his youth. From an early age, he enjoyed working with young people, so becoming a teacher was natural, he said.

Bobby Bend interviewed Blackwood on May 27, 1981. Two days later, Blackwood's phone rang.

"Bobby Bend's response to me when I picked up the phone at my parent's home was 'the kid wants you,'" Blackwood said.



John Blackwood

The "kid" happened to be Mr. Ralph Trombo, and he wasn't a kid, but rather, the principal at Teulon Elementary, Blackwood said.

Thus began the Blackwood odyssey.

Blackwood admires his students for their optimism and conscientiousness. Being around young people has kept him active, involved, and youthful, he said.

He is honoured by the opportunity to make a career teaching in his home community, and Teulon has demonstrated its overwhelming camaraderie and support over the years.

In the early 80s, Blackwood and another teacher crowdsourced an effort to create a new playground, complete with a toboggan hill and fitness trail. They reached out to community members to borrow post-drivers and tractors—seldom were they turned down, he said.

"Moments like those, I'm certainly going to reflect on in terms of my career."

The playground has evolved over the years, but it is part of Blackwood's legacy and emblematic of his teaching philosophy.

Seeing kids interacting with nature and with one another brings him joy and is crucial for keeping kids interested in learning, Blackwood said.

He advises his colleagues to get involved with their students, bring them outside the classroom, and par-

ticipate in their activities.

"It's important for kids to see the personality of their teachers outside the four walls of their classroom."

Blackwood decided to postpone his retirement last year after COVID relegated classrooms to remote learning. He wanted to end his career in person with his students.

Jennifer Studler

Jennifer Studler has been part of the ISD for more than five decades, beginning as a Warren kindergarten student, moving on to elementary and high school, and ultimately returning as a teacher in 1984.

Over the years, Studler taught various grades and subjects at numerous ISD schools in Warren, Woodlands, Balmoral, Stony Mountain, and the New Haven Colony School in Argyle.

She is retiring from the Stony Mountain School after 37 years of teaching.

"Throughout my years in ISD, I have encountered, first as a student, then as a parent and a teacher, some of the world's finest people who have helped me learn and grow in a variety of ways," Studler said.

"I often tell people who are concerned about the future to take a moment to really watch and listen to our students and how remarkably diversified their talents are."

In retirement, Studler hopes to spend plenty of time with family and friends and continue her life-long pursuit of learning. She anticipates many more adventures to come, both at home in the Interlake and beyond.

Studler extends her most sincere gratitude to the many students, parents, and colleagues she has enjoyed working with over the years.

Laverne Kiel

Laverne Kiel is a vice-principal at Teulon Elementary School and a teacher of grades three and four. Her love for learning, teaching, and working with children inspired her to become a teacher.

Kiel began her career at Woodlands School in 1988, moving once to the Teulon Collegiate in 1989 and finally to Teulon Elementary in 1990, where



Laverne Kiel

she remained for 31 years.

She is retiring after 33 years in the ISD.

"I have had the luxury of meeting and working alongside many truly inspirational people, adults and children alike. I will forever treasure these relationships and memories."

Kiel has experienced so many wonderful things during her career that it's difficult to choose a favourite moment.

Kiel will miss her school family, the students and staff at Teulon Elementary, and teaching. In retirement, she looks forward to spending time with family and friends, gardening, baking, enjoying life on the farm, and travelling with her husband.



Lesley Philippot

Lesley Philippot was raised in Teulon and graduated from the Teulon Collegiate Institute (TCI).

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Engagement proposal

By Jo-Anne Procter

After a two year courtship, exactly to the date, (June 18), Norman Dueck, dropped down on one knee at the corner of Main St. and Centre Ave. in Stonewall and surprised his girlfriend, Lynn Ward with an engagement ring.

Dueck approached the Town of Stonewall and took out a permit to close Main and Centre at 7 p.m. last Friday evening. He had the blessing of the local businesses in the area.

Dueck and Ward were out for an evening stroll, but as they neared Main and Centre, Ward instantly knew something was up. The streets were closed off and she spotted her brother, while her daughter was playing their song 'Are you going to kiss me or not' by American country music duo Thompson Square. Dueck dropped to one knee.

Ward said Yes!

Dueck lived in Nova Scotia for 20 years before moving to Arborg for 10 years and then to Stonewall.

He was working in Stonewall replacing vinyl siding at a friend of Wards. Ward asked Dueck if he could take a look at her home and give her a quote for some reno work. He got the job!

After the job was complete, they had pizza and Ward mentioned to Dueck that she was looking for a roommate. Shortly after Dueck moved in.

"Something just happened," he said. "Then on June 18, 2019, we were walking down Main Street and there was a movie being shot so we could walk right down the middle of the road."

The new couple returned home, had a bonfire and their first kiss.

And, the rest is history.

The newly engaged couple are planning wedding next year.



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY KERRI GRIMOLFSON

Norman Dueck had Main St. and Centre Ave. in Stonewall closed last Friday to propose to his girlfriend Lynn Ward.

Public being reminded to take care at rail crossings

Staff

CN Police are urging users of mobility devices to take care when crossing railway tracks.

Last year in North America, there were over 3,400 collisions with trains, resulting in over 2,200 serious injuries or fatalities.

Whether you're getting around town in a wheelchair, walker, or scooter, police reminder mobility device users to stick to designated railway crossings and to keep an eye out for multiple trains—some people struck by trains at crossings are hit not by the first train approaching but by a second train that may be hidden behind the first.

"Safety is a core value at CN and we want to take every opportunity to raise awareness on safe behaviour around rail," said Cst. Michael Reid, a member of the CN Police's Prairie Division.

"It is our job to make sure that the citizens of Manitoba know the risks associated with the use of mobility devices at railway crossings," he continued. "We want everyone to 'Be Rail Smart: Stop. Look. Listen. Live.'"

Here are a few more tips from CN Police on rail crossing safety:

- Only cross railway tracks at designated crossings where the tracks are most level with the ground.
- Cross the tracks at a 90-degree an-

gle, or as close to it as possible.

- If your mobility device is stuck, move to a safe distance away from the tracks.
- Remember that trains are wider than the tracks. They can extend on

both sides of the track by as much as one metre, so keep your distance.

For additional safety tips or other information regarding rail safety or CN Police, head to www.cn.ca/en/safety/cn-police-service/



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Movie shoot in Stonewall



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Film work was underway on June 7 on First Street in Stonewall where crews shot scenes for the movie Missing and Alone.

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A love for children and respect for her teachers inspired Philippot to become an educator, and she has come full circle in her 33 year-long career, she said.

Her career began at École Regent Park in 1988 as a French immersion teacher. After five years, she moved to Chilliwack, BC, where she continued to teach French immersion. In 1998, she moved home to Manitoba and joined the staff at Teulon Collegiate.

She is retiring after 23 years in the ISD.

Philippot recounts many fond memories over the years, including silly skits in French class, school trips to Quebec, and transforming her classroom into a French market.

"For new teachers, this is my advice: Make meaningful connections with your students, as it not only makes a difference, but it is what they will remember."

Philippot has many plans for her retirement. She hopes to visit with friends and family, spend winters in Arizona, learn Spanish and travel. She also wants to learn guitar and has several craft projects in mind.

"And I will do some subbing, as I just won't be able to stay away completely," she added.

John Kooning

John Kooning has dedicated his life to learning, teaching and coaching. After 14 years of university and 32 years of teaching. He is retiring from Teulon Collegiate Institute.

Kooning began teaching in 1989 in Glenboro, MB. He taught for a few years before returning to university and collecting Geography, Criminology, Phys-ed, and Education degrees.

His diverse education made him a jack-of-all-trades, and throughout his career, he's taught nearly every sub-



John Kooning

ject, he said.

Kooning worked as a substitute teacher while getting his education and got his first stint in the ISD in 1999 at École Stonewall Centennial School. He taught there for a year-and-a-half before moving on to Teulon Collegiate. He has also been a member of

the Interlake Teachers Association (ITA) for 12 years.

He is retiring after 22 years in the ISD.

Kooning has made a point in his career to seize as many opportunities as possible. He takes great pride in coaching Volleyball and Badminton and his involvement with Reach for the Top.

He reflects fondly on many long weekdays and nights spent at the school and weekends committed to ferrying students across the province for sporting and extra-curricular events.

His advice to students and teachers alike is to get involved with the school community. Join clubs and teams and foster as many relationships as possible.

Kooning hopes to enjoy good health in retirement and looks forward to travelling whenever he wants. He also plans on returning to TCI as a substitute teacher.

Little Elska provides comfort to campers at Camp Stepping Stones

Submitted by Pamela McCallum

Every year, Camp Stepping Stones, Interlake-Eastern Regional Health Authority's children's grief camp, provides youth who recently experienced the death of someone significant in their lives a safe environment led by compassionate volunteers, to explore their feelings of grief. Because of the pandemic, the camp has moved online this year to keep campers, staff and volunteers safe and physically distanced. For the third year in a row, we celebrate Little Elska, an Arborg-based business for donating security blankets for all the campers!

Little Elska is owned and operated by Jackie Horvat out of Arborg. Her business specializes in hand-made products such as personalized blankets, backpacks, stuffed animals and a wide assortment of items that can

be customized for each customer in a special way, such as with a child's name or birth-date.

"It's so important for us to continue our yearly donation to Camp Stepping Stones, even during a pandemic. This camp is so important to those who attend, we are just thankful to be part of it" says Jackie.

Camp Stepping Stone's volunteer liaison, Amanda Morrison says even though camp will be virtual this year, Little Elska still found a way to give the campers a special gift in their camp packages.

"The security blankets Little Elska donated will help to comfort the campers at home. This gift will also give them something to cherish and remember this year's camp. We are so thankful for Jackie at Little Elska, her generosity and her kindness," says

Morrison.

Pamela McCallum, executive director of the Interlake Eastern Health Foundation says the donation is another great example of community giving coordinated through the Interlake Eastern Health Foundation (IEHF).

"We are so lucky to have caring and generous people like Jackie in our region," said McCallum. "For three years, without hesitation she has supported the kids at camp by donating her amazing bears and blankets, giving the kids a sense of security and care while going through a difficult time. We cannot thank Jackie enough."

To find out more about Little Elska and their amazing products visit <https://littleelska.com/> to learn more about Camp Stepping Stones visit www.is.gd/steppingstone.



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Amanda Morrison, Camp Stepping Stone's volunteer coordinator, shows off security blankets generously donated to all campers by Little Elska.

Rosser council bans open air fires in all zones with exceptions

By Jennifer McFee

No burning in any form will be allowed in Little Mountain Park, after Rosser council passed a resolution at a special meeting on June 14 to modify its fire ban.

All open air fires are banned in all zones except for burning in an approved fire pit, outdoor barbecue and outdoor warming receptacles, as long as they're made and surrounded by non-combustible materials and have a spark arrester, grill or mesh that covers the entire opening.

Legal garbage burning is allowed in agricultural zones only in a self-contained apparatus that also has a spark

arrester, grill or mesh that covers the entire opening.

In other council news:

- At the June 8 council meeting, Rosser council approved charitable donations and grants for 2021. These grants and donations will go towards Association for Community Living (\$250), Canadian Red Cross (\$200), Interlake Community Foundation (\$5,500), Manitoba 4-H Foundation (\$250), Manitoba Crime Stoppers (\$210), South Interlake Seniors Resource Council (\$2,500), Stonewall Christmas Cheer Board (\$200), Kids

Help Phone (\$250), South West Palliative Care (\$2,500), Rockwood Ag Society (\$3,000) and Kidsports (\$100).

- Pilot grant funding programs will be in place for three years for the municipal annual grant program and the community support program. The recreation and cultural committee has been working with administration to create the programs, which will require funding agreements with the municipality.

- Council approved culvert applications from Fast Fleet Solutions and ARC Enterprises, each for one approach onto Clover Drive. Council

also approved a culvert application for two approach extensions onto Road 70 and defeated a culvert application for one approach onto Sturgeon Road. The applicants will need to cover the cost of supplies and installation.

- Council authorized Inksport Business Park Inc. and BrookPort Business Park Phase 3 to remove topsoil, in accordance with the conditions of their permits.

- The municipality will also enter into agreements with BrookPort Business Park Phase 3 regarding drainage and public works easement.

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There will never be another year like it, and the Interlake Teachers' Association would like to thank all who contributed to keeping schools as fixtures of learning and places of community.

To say this year has been challenging is an understatement. Exhausting, frightening, career-altering, frustrating and lonely. But as we look to days beyond Covid-19, new words sway the narrative: grateful, adaptive, innovative, persistent and hopeful.

Trustees; We acknowledge your fight for more funding, support for safety, equipment, technology, professional development, well-being and commitment to the people-part of the story. While some divisions cut, you kept all employees working and hired more. This kept classes small and spaced, students supported and buildings safe and open. Students continued to have a place to belong and connect in one of the only ways left available to them. **THANK YOU** for focusing on our classes and their needs; whether the learning was in-class, outdoors or remote.

Senior and school-level administration, student services and board office staff; We acknowledge your dedication to keeping the ship far more than just afloat. From clarifying provincial policy and public-health orders, providing a steady flow of information, safety equipment, substitutes, contact tracing, and remote learning options. All of this while continuing normal programming, budgeting, training, and business as usual. We are grateful for your commitment and advocacy.

THANK YOU bus drivers, transportation, maintenance and journeypersons; We know your workplaces had to pivot as much as life in classrooms. From installing signs, cleaning, disinfecting, transforming classrooms, gyms, lunchrooms and outdoor spaces, to altering bus routes, constant cleaning, mask-reminding, and ensuring students could safely come to us each day.

Custodians and administration assistants; Everyone knows the first people you acquaint yourself with in a new school are the custodian and the secretary, as it is no secret they run the place! We are grateful for your diligence, attention to detail, sanitizing, adjusting to fluid rules, moving furniture, finding supplies, substitutes and space for us to be able to continue our work without distraction. **THANK YOU** for supporting and connecting with our students the way you do.

THANK YOU, librarians, educational assistants and support staff; No job descriptions varied as much as yours. You were asked to instruct small and large groups, mentor, create and adapt programming within Covid-19 constraints and provide invaluable connections for our most vulnerable students. We are fortunate to have you as integral and compassionate members of our team.

Parents, caregivers and Interlake communities; We appreciate your unwavering support of our work with your young people. You may have been hesitant, concerned for your child's safety, worried what they would miss and how they would catch up. But you sent them anyway, and they learned so much more than curriculum. **THANK YOU** for trusting us with your most valuable possessions, knowing that we cherish them and their talents as much as you do. Whether learning inside, outdoors or online, you were there to help them with learning tasks and face their Teams meeting and technology fears. Your calls, emails and virtual meetings with us ensured we could provide consistent support.

THANK YOU, local businesses, for partnering to provide lunches for our members. Red Star, Rockwood Motor Inn, and Chicken Chef offered discounts, opened early and on days off. Many schools accessed local community restaurants as well, so thanks to all Interlake businesses for your support of teachers.

To our students; We are grateful to have partners so dedicated, brave, confident, creative, caring and loyal on this journey. You may have been scared, but you tried new things. You may have missed lessons, but you worked hard when you could. Sure, we reminded you 100 times, but you washed hands, social-distanced, stayed safe and helped remind each other along the way. You didn't make too much fun of us when we forgot to unmute, and we look forward to seeing your faces once again soon, and not behind masks nor as initials on a screen.

Graduates; **THANK YOU** for bringing us along during this, your final year. We acknowledge the sacrifices, changes and growing up you had to do. This may not be the grad you dreamed of, but know your schools have done everything they can to make it unique for you. Best of luck in what lies ahead for each of you.

Lastly, to our colleagues, the principals, teachers, substitutes and clinicians of the ITA; There was no clear path so you made one; there were no answer keys for Covid, so you wrote them; there were lessons that wouldn't work this year so you created new ones; there were colleagues who needed support so you listened; and there were lots of reasons to give up, but you didn't. Your students, peers and the Interlake will be forever grateful.

To all; rest, recharge and stay safe.



COMMUNITY NEWS



Pizza Den restaurateur bids farewell after 11 years

By Tyler Searle

After 11 years owning and operating Pizza Den Restaurant & Lounge, Robert Magnifico, 70, has sold the business and will turn the keys over to new owners at the end of the month.

Magnifico is a full-service owner, commuting daily from Winnipeg to cook, clean, unpack produce, and manage the till at his restaurant. If there's a break in the action, he touches up the paint in the lounge or caters to customers.

Over the last decade, it has not been uncommon for Magnifico to work a 12-hour shift, but he doesn't mind.

It's a labour of love—one he will miss dearly, he said.

The sale closed on June 1, but Magnifico will remain with the restaurant until June 30 to aid in the transition. He has not revealed the names of the new restaurateurs—preferring to allow them to introduce themselves, he said.

Magnifico and his wife Shelley bought the Den in April 2010.

The pair are only the second owners, but the business has long been a com-

munity staple.

The Den opened its doors in August of 1989 as The Pizza Den & Video Movie Store, eventually becoming a full-service restaurant and then, under Magnifico's leadership, a restaurant and lounge.

The quality of the pizza and Magnifico's affinity for Stonewall drove him to invest in the business, he said.

Earlier in his career, Magnifico was managing the Sheraton Hotel in Winnipeg. The hotel sponsored U16 hockey tournaments in Selkirk and Stonewall, so Magnifico frequented the community.

He made friends and fell in love with the town.

Magnifico was 59 when Pizza Den went up for sale. It's an age when many people consider retirement, but his tenacity and love for hospitality kept him in the game, he said.

"I quietly came here and ate a few times and took product home. I felt very comfortable with the product, so I decided that I would purchase the business."

His decision began a more than de-



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Robert Magnifico is a full-service owner. He works alongside his staff kneading dough, preparing produce, and serving customers. Inset photo, Magnifico prepares his restaurant's trademark pizza, The Den Special.

cade-long run in the town of Stonewall.

Pizza Den dishes out an average of 30,000 pizzas every year. Pre-pandemic, the business employed 32 people, and even under lockdown, Magnifico retained 25 staff—many of which are high school students.

Gainfully employing young people has been the highlight of owning the Den, Magnifico said.

"The young people in this town have such a great work ethic. They work hard. They're very polite. They're very supportive. They obviously come from great families."

He has seen his staff buy their first car, pay for tuition, and move on to become successful adults with careers.

Magnifico takes pride in supporting schools, sports, and events and creating an environment for friends and families to share a meal.

"(Stonewall) has supported (Pizza Den) and helped it to grow, and we like to think we've helped the town in return," he said.

"There are just great people here."

For 33 years, the community has given Pizza Den the privilege of feeding tens of thousands of people each year. Business is still going steady, but it's time to pass it along, Magnifico said.

He promised his wife that when he turned 70, he'd get ready to retire.

"I turned seventy this year, and so in the fall, I seriously started putting out some feelers to some groups I knew."

The interest was immediate, and the business sold even faster than Magnifico expected.

After June 30, Magnifico looks forward to spending time with his wife, children, and grandchildren, he said.

He also plans to volunteer with local organizations in Winnipeg and revive his hospitality consultation business Strategic RGM.

Magnifico's love for the hospitality industry is unwavering, and he hopes to work with mom-and-pop operations that need a hand turning things around.

Magnifico expressed his sincere and humble gratitude toward Stonewall. He asks the community to embrace the new owners with the same support and patronage they have offered him over the years.

"I want to thank the people of Stonewall on behalf of my wife Shelley and I. We'll miss being here on a daily basis, but we're not going to be strangers," Magnifico said.

When Magnifico returns to Stonewall, he will be a friend and patron of the community.

The *Tribune* will follow up with the new owners in June when they are ready to make their introduction.

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Stay cool this summer: Canadian Red Cross

Staff

As the mercury continues to rise, the Canadian Red Cross has some tips for keeping cool this summer.

"Drink plenty of water," says spokesperson Lynn Kolba. "It sounds obvious, but when you are out having fun in the sun for a couple of hours, you can lose track of how hydrated you are and run into trouble before you know it. And don't forget about Fido! Pets need water and shade as well."

Be prepared, Kolba urges. Before you head out for the day, check weather reports for heat warnings and then slather on sunscreen, as sunburned skin loses the ability to cool itself.

More tips to help you stay safe during hot weather:

- Avoid being outdoors during the middle of the day. Instead, try going out in the early morning or later evening hours when the sun is not as strong. Where possible, try to spend the hottest hours of the day in an air-conditioned environment.
- Slow down activities that increase your body temperature. Work, exercise, and play in brief periods and take frequent breaks in a cool or shaded area.

• Dress in light, loose clothing. Wear a hat and sunglasses. Heat-related emergencies include heat cramps, heat exhaustion and heat stroke. Children, the elderly, and those with certain health conditions are particularly susceptible, but these emergencies can happen to anyone who stays in the summer heat for too long.

Common signs someone is getting overheated include cramps, muscle contractions, moist skin, skin that is red-der or paler than usual, nausea, dizziness and weakness, exhaustion, high body temperature, irritability, and rapid, shallow breathing, to name just a few.

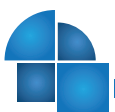
"Heat-related emergencies are progressive in nature and can get rapidly worse without proper treatment," says Kolba. "Anyone demonstrating signs of heat overexposure should be moved to a cool location, given cool water to sip, and cool compresses to apply to the skin. Call 9-1-1 for anyone showing significant signs of distress, losing consciousness or whose symptoms are becoming more severe."

For more information on keeping your summer safe and enjoyable, head to redcross.ca.



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Sports Camp

July 12-16 & August 16-20

Our summer sports camp will be filled with fun, fitness and friendship! Each day includes an introduction to a variety of sports, games, and physical literacy including tennis, badminton, volleyball, basketball, soccer, floor curling and ultimate frisbee!

Reader's Theatre Camp

July 19-23

Campers will take a look at the world of Robert Munsch and Fairy Tales through Reader's Theatre. Campers will play theatre games, choose characters, create and design props, and perform a variety of short plays!

Flights & Fossils

July 26-30

Campers will learn to build and test different types of flight as well as create and examine various fossils. Some examples of activities campers can look forward to are competing in the 'Egg Drop Experiment', building paper airplanes and kites as well as making fossils using salt dough!

Games Camp

August 3-6

Campers will participate in a fun-filled, games packed week! Campers will create and compete in a variety of age-appropriate games including Jeopardy, Bingo, Minute-To-Win-It, Spelling Bees, scavenger hunts and outdoor Laser Tag!

Woodworking Camp

August 9-13 Campers will be provided a piece of plywood to create and design their very own nail art project and board game. They will also add their own creative touches to a pre-assembled bird house.

Children's Camp Info Ages 5-11

Monday to Friday, 9am-4pm. Drop-off 8:30am Pickup 4:30 pm daily.
First week \$150/week per child - Additional week (s) \$100/week per child.
Membership required - \$5.00 individual or \$10.00 family. Minimum & maximum #s in effect.

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GAAC Teens' Summer Camps: Ages 11-17

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July 5-7 & August 9-11

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July 12-14 & July 19-21

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Games Camp

July 26-28 & August 16-18

Campers will participate in a fun-filled, games packed week! Campers will create and compete in a variety of age-appropriate games including Jeopardy, Bingo, Minute-To-Win-It, Spelling Bees, scavenger hunts and outdoor Archery and Laser Tag!

Fun & Friends Camp

August 3-4

Campers will enjoy a fun-filled week of activities, crafts, games and sports. Campers are encouraged to invite their friend(s) and are guaranteed to make new ones throughout the week. Share your passions and interests with us to make this week unique!

Teen Camp Info Ages 11-17

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Grain farmers battling numerous seeding obstacles

By Becca Myskiw

It hasn't been an easy start to the year for the agriculture industry.

Dry, hot, windy weather preceded by lower-than-normal temperatures and a May frost paired with flea beetles have prompted many farmers to reseed their fields. One of those farmers is Curtis McRae.

McRae seeds approximately 1,700 acres stretching between Balmoral and Clandeboye. He grows canola, wheat, soybeans, oats, and corn. McRae purposely waited until May 22 to seed his canola, which was later than usual trying to avoid a repeat of the previous year. McRae reseeded 1,200 acres of the yellow crop last year after losing the battle to flea beetles.

However, in spite of waiting, McRae had to reseed his canola last weekend.

"If we would have had moisture, the crop would've grown faster," he said. "You're trying to outgrow how fast the flea beetles can eat."

Though the flea beetle is very small, large groups of them can be detrimental to canola. Once on the plant, the tiny bugs chew on the seedlings and create a feeding pit. When there's an abundance of them, the canola plant will start to shrivel up and die in the worst-case scenario. Canola yield is reduced most when the plants are



PHOTO BY CANOLA COUNCIL

Flea beetles are eating canola crops faster than they can grow with the abnormally cold, dry conditions this spring.

damaged during the seedling to second true leaf stage. Once it reaches the three to four leaf stage, the canola plant should be able to withstand damage.

In most cases, the dry conditions left the plants sitting dormant and unable to germinate.

Agronomy specialist with the Canola Council of Canada Justine Cornelsen said the flea beetles and lack of rain

were only part of the problem this year. Most of May's overnight lows brought down the soil temperature.

"With canola, survivability is challenging to begin with a small, seeded crop like that," she said. "If you put 10 seeds in ground, the average farm would have six come up, so you're already at a disadvantage that way."

On top of the survivability rate of the plant, there's the flea beetles, the cool

soil temperatures, the lack of moisture, and then the lost efficacy of the treatment on the seeds, which needs water to activate it. Cornelsen said once the plants finally did emerge in late May, the seed treatment was likely gone, leaving nothing to kill the flea beetles.

Then there was the late frost in early June. When that happens, any moisture in the plant freezes up.

Causing many farmers to have to reseed, she said. Because of this: the optimal plant stand in canola is five to eight plants per square foot — that gives more likelihood of 100 per cent yield potential.

Once all these factors start killing off plants and stunting growth, farmers start to see only three to four plants per square foot, that full yield potential decreases and they'll have to "babysit" the canola for the rest of the season.

So, they have two choices: reseed or babysit the crop.

"It's all about how much risk they're willing to take," said Cornelsen. "Do you risk starting over with dry ground, hoping the plants come up?"

Bob Elliot, a farmer from the Stonewall area, decided not to reseed his canola crop this year. It's going slow and it's weak, he said, but he's sure he'd run into the same problems only later with reseeding.

"I thought with the amount of moisture left in the ground and the wind and the other things that are against us, I felt that we should just go with what's left," said Elliot. "It's not a banner crop for sure."

By June 16, Elliot was already seeing flag leaf, which means the plants are tillering out and dying off due to the lack of water. Once those go, so does 30 per cent of his yield.

Most businesses in Canada work on an eight to 15 per cent profit margin. Elliot said this likely won't affect his farm in the grand scheme of things, but not making a profit is always a concern.

McRae said the same thing. He had to reseed 100 acres this year — 1,100 less than last year — and though it's a big improvement from then, it's still an additional cost and it still hurts.



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By Cam Dahl, General Manager, Manitoba Pork Council

Legislation brought forward by the provincial government has sparked debate about agriculture in Manitoba. The Animal Diseases Amendment Act has drawn comments about environmental impact and animal care.

In the past, farmers produced a little of everything. A few animals, a bit of grain, produced with minimal inputs. Some nostalgically view this bygone era as the ideal form of agricultural production. However, that was not the case from either an environmental point of view or the experience of the family on the farm. Past production practices depleted soil nutrients and left the land vulnerable to erosion. Farmers of the past did not have the tools and production practices that allow modern farmers to protect our water. They did not have advanced veterinary treatments to ensure healthy animals. What is another key aspect of Old McDonald's farm that should never be forgotten? The family who lived on it existed in poverty. Old McDonald has retired from farming. We should not invite him back to work.

Beginning in the last half of the twentieth century, agriculture began to modernize. Today, farmers have transformed agricultural production to keep up with the world demand for safe, high quality food that is produced in an environmentally sustainable way. This can be easily seen on modern hog operations in Manitoba.

Significant progress has been made to improve the environmental footprint of the province's hog sector. For example, current hog production emits 35 percent less greenhouse gases than 50 years ago. Manure is managed as a valuable plant nutrient, rather than waste to be disposed. Over 85 percent of manure is injected below the soil surface where the nutrients are readily available for crops. Today's pork is produced using 40 percent less water and 33 percent less feed than 50 years ago. Modern operations have the economies of scale to take advantage of emerging research, new technologies, and innovative farming practices to further improve the industry's environmental impact.

The Animal Diseases Amendment Act has generated comments about the humane treatment of animals. Hog producers in Manitoba adhere to strict animal care codes that are a combination of professional standards backed-up by regulatory enforcement. Every hog farmer in Manitoba is expected to follow the Code of Practice for the Care and Handling of Pigs. The Code is a result of a rigorous development process that uses the best science on pig health and welfare, which has been compiled through an independent peer-reviewed process. The Code Development Committee includes independent scientists and representatives from non-governmental organizations involved in animal welfare.

Backing-up the Code of Practice is legislation and regulation, like Manitoba's Animal Care Act. Those who do not provide animals in their care with adequate food and water, and ensure that they are kept in sanitary and safe conditions are subject to fines, or even imprisonment. Offenders can be prohibited from owning animals following conviction. Manitoba's animal welfare regulations are current, effective, and have been used by other jurisdictions as a model to follow.

Animal care in modern hog production does not stop at codes of practice and regulatory enforcement. There is also verification. The Canadian Quality Assurance (CQA) program and its replacement, the Canadian Pork Excellence (CPE) program, are national platforms for producers to demonstrate compliance with food safety, animal care, and traceability. Program registration is required to ship animals to federally inspected processors. Under these programs, animal care is assessed regularly, including an annual visit from a veterinarian.

Modern Manitoba hog farmers are leaders in protecting their animals and the environment. In return they need protection and the pigs under their care need to be protected from foreign animal diseases like African Swine Fever. This protection is lost if people from outside of the farm breach bi-

Agriculture, environment, and animal care

osecurity. Farm families also need to be protected from those who come onto their property without permission.

This is where The Animal Diseases Amendment Act and its companion bill, The Petty Trespass Amendment and Occupiers Liability Act come into play. These bills are designed to protect livestock and the farm families who are such an important part of rural development and the economic fabric of Manitoba.

The hog sector contributes approximately \$1.7 billion to the provincial economy and provides over 14,000 Manitobans with quality jobs. In the last five years, over \$100 million of private investment has flowed into the province because of the sector. Hog production is a success story that all Manitobans can celebrate and one that should be protected for the future.



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TCl Grade 7C vs. Climate Change project wins runner up in LSF-RBC Our Canada and \$500 to support future sustainability action projects

What is climate change?

By Julia McMahon, Emily Kessler and Jude Waluk

Climate change is the Earth warming due to carbon dioxide (Co2) and methane emissions.

What are the Causes? The burning of fossil fuels plays a huge role in climate change. 80% of the world

uses fossil fuels for energy, which are bad for the environment. When burned, they produce a large amount of carbon dioxide (Co2) as well as methane, referred to as greenhouse gases. Methane is released by fossil fuels, biomass burning, livestock, landfill and waste, and rice agriculture. Due to the increase in Co2 emissions, the Earth's atmosphere has been becoming thicker. This means that the Sun's rays can shine through to warm the Earth, but the warmth cannot escape, getting trapped inside, causing the greenhouse effect. This leads to climate change. www.nrdc.org www.unece.org; www.climatekids.nasa.gov



The Greenhouse Effect

Agriculture & Deforestation

By Emily Kessler and Jude Waluk

Agriculture is another contributor of greenhouse gases, responsible for 10% of the total GHG emissions in Canada. Two thirds of those emissions are methane gases, and one third carbon dioxide. Twenty-five percent of the total methane emissions are released due to livestock. Over

the last 150 years, 476 billion tonnes of carbon have been released from farmland soils due to unsustainable farming, causing such problems as deforestation and soil erosion, which have affected both agriculture and the natural environment, and contribute to increased carbon concentrations in the atmosphere. www.worldfuturecouncil.org

Deforestation is a huge contributor to climate change. In particular, rainforests are being demolished every single day putting lots of species that depend on the environment in trouble. Each year we lose 8-9 MILLION acres of trees to deforestation through burning, and clear-cutting.



EFFECTS - What are the effects of Climate Change to the earth?

By Emily Kessler and Zach C

Climate change, is already causing stronger storms, wildfires, and record-breaking heat waves, droughts and tornadoes. The ocean surface has also begun heating triggering extreme weather events

like hurricanes. The Arctic is warming about two times as fast as the global average, causing the ice that many animals rely on, to melt. For example, loss of

sea ice has threatened the Polar bear's main prey, which is seals. Seals won't have ice to raise their young. If the seals aren't reproducing, the polar bears will have a shortage of food, resulting in reduced size and population as well as causing them to move into urban areas. The increase in world temperature by 2 degrees will render some parts of the world inhabitable due to extreme heat, and cause the rising sea level to permanently flood other areas. These are often countries which are most vulnerable. www.wwf.org.uk; www.treehugger.com



SOLUTIONS - Reforestation

By Kingston Lowe and Greta Regnier

According to scientists, reforestation is the number one strategy to help stop climate change. Conserving forests could cut an estimated 7 billion metric tons of carbon dioxide each year—the equivalent of getting rid of every car on the planet! Conserving does not mean not using them at all. Sustainable logging is taking only what you need, or dead trees that don't have carbon in them anymore. We need trees to thrive and even survive! www.rainforestalliance.org; www.theguardian.com; www.worldwildlife.org

Did You Know...?

By Daniel Urquhart

Canada is currently considered among the insufficient countries in the rest of the world at fighting climate change? The Climate Action Tracker grades countries all over the world depending on how well a country is halting climate change based on a number of factors. The six different grades are: Critically Insufficient, Highly Insufficient, Insufficient, 2°C Compatible, 1.5°C Paris Agreement Compatible, and Role Model. www.climateactiontracker.org!

Investments in alternative energy:

By Lucas Miller

The Canadian government has invested over \$600 million in an attempt to make electric vehicles more affordable giving up to \$5,000 for Canadian consumer to buy electric vehicles and full tax write-offs for businesses purchasing them. The Canadian government is also subsidizing dealerships to make electric vehicles more affordable. In 2016-2017 the government of Canada provided a budget of \$96.4 M over 6 years. That money will go towards Electric Vehicles and Alternative fuel Infrastructure Deployment Initiative, which will help to establish coast-to-coast fast charging stations along most big highways. As of March 2020 this program has helped place 837 Electric Vehicle fast chargers for citizen use.

What is happening in Canada to fight climate change?

The Paris Agreement

By Brooke Lee and Eryian Dubec

The Paris Agreement - Under the 2015 Paris Agreement, Canada committed to reducing its GHG emissions by 30% below 2005 levels by 2030, which means a reduction from 730 megatonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent in 2005 to 511 in 2030. The graph below shows emission reductions targets by sector. The Paris Agreement is an international legal binding agreement on climate change. Their goal is to limit the Earth's warming above 2 degrees Celsius, better yet if it were 1.5 degrees Celsius. To limit warming to 1.5°C, this reduction to zero must take place around 2050. Zero emissions means "our economy either emits no greenhouse gas emissions or offsets its emissions through actions such as tree planting that can capture carbon before it is into the air". www.unfccc.int; www.wri.org



Sources of emission reductions contributing to reaching the 2030 target) www.canada.ca

Canada's commitment to plant 2 billion trees

By Kingston Lowe

In December 2020, the Canadian government committed to plant 2 billion trees in 10 years. The reason we are planting 2 billion trees is because we are trying to offset the greenhouse gases. Trees store carbon we create, and by 2050 Canada's plan is to have zero emission by having enough trees to store the amount of carbon we are producing. Trees are so important because they provide us with better air quality, water quality, and a lower chance of having wildfires.

Indigenous protected and conserved areas

By Jackson Page

Indigenous peoples have always been stewards and managers of the land and water, and leaders in ecosystem conservation in Canada. Environment and Climate Change Canada is currently investing \$100 million in nature conservation projects partnered with and led by Indigenous communities across Canada. Currently, 27 communities are receiving funding to establish Indigenous protected and conserved areas, while another 25 are also re-

> CLIMATE CHANGE, FROM PG. 16

ceiving funding for early planning and engagement work. Partners include representatives from the Assembly of First Nations and the Métis National Council as well as federal, provincial, territorial, and municipal representatives. www.canada.ca

The Carbon Tax

By Sarah Inglis

The government of Canada has decided to put a price on carbon pollution as a way to fight to climate change and grow the economy. Carbon pricing is one of the most efficient to stop the greenhouse gas emissions and stimulate investments in clean innovation. The government has imposed on emitters, 30\$ per tonne of CO2 and increasing by increments over time. www.canada.ca

A wrong making it right - the Volkswagon Fine Fund

By Nate Jimenez

The Canadian government has launched a fund to invest in tech-industry and community-based projects to curb emissions, with most of the money coming from the diesel gate fine that Volkswagen had to pay back in January 2020. They had to pay a \$206-million fine because they broke Canada's diesel emissions rules. The Canadian government also announced a \$50-million investment over three years that would support research to bring the country's emissions to net-zero by 2050.. www.driving.ca

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By Lucas Millar

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Measuring trees and carbon storage

By Christine Kim and David Stawicki-Baptista

Did you know, that the average carbon content is usually 50% of the tree's dry weight volume and that some 289 million metric tons of carbon are stored in the trees and plants alone? Forests are among the world's most important carbon sinks. Our class at TCI, measured various trees on our school yard for height and circumference. To measure the trees, we each helped our partner measure the circumference at 1.4 meters, recording our measurements in the notebooks. We then looked up that information on a graph, which told us approximately how much carbon the trees could hold. On average, the trees could hold up to 14 kilograms of carbon in them. www.rainforest-alliance.org

Reforestation TCI!

By Chloé Vermette

Therefore, we are planting trees to store carbon. We got the money to purchase the trees by applying for a Learning for a Sustainable Future grant of \$400. We ordered 105 trembling aspen (AKA white poplar) and we decided to plant those 105 trees in our schoolyard in an old baseball diamond that is no longer used. We are hoping it will grow to a forest to help capture carbon and in years to come. We are hoping we could make a change in the world one step at a time.

Trees purchased from grant money from Learning for a Sustainable future. could make a change in the world one step at a time.

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What are we doing at TCI? We interviewed James Bezan



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We shared our concerns about climate change with Mr. Bezan, and got his views on climate action over Zoom.

By Mme Kathy Simcoe

Mr. James Bezan of Teulon Manitoba, has been our Conservative MP for Selkirk Interlake since 2003. Among many other accomplishments, he has served on the House of Commons standing committee on reducing CO2 emissions and preserving wetlands. As students being too young to vote, we chose to share our concerns about climate change with Mr. Bezan, and get his views on climate action.

His opinion is that what needs to happen is new technology and carbon sequestering. Since the use of Oil and gas is a reality for at least another 50 years, we need to use Canadian oil and gas where we have quality controls in place, to displace dirty fuel from places who don't, and don't care. Tariffs and sanctions need to be imposed on non-compliant countries so that they also move away from burning coal. Jobs need to be created in the industry to transition to alternative energy such as nuclear.

Regarding the transportation industry, vehicles powered by biodiesel, electric and hydrogen will need to replace current technology. As the main fuel

source of heavy transport fuel is still diesel, such vehicles need more efficient motors, and more stringent standards for emission controls. Aviation also needs to move to biofuel, and even though planes have improved – for example, no more sulfur emissions - planes need to be made more fuel efficient.

He also explained that since oils sands need to be net-zero by 2030, this will happen by their purchase of carbon credits from industries such as ones in Alberta and Ontario whose aim is carbon capture by such actions as tree-planting or wetland protection, who rent out tons of carbon capture to big emitters such as Suncor (Petro Canada). This needs heavy regulation, as corruption of this type of system is rampant in some countries.

He addressed our concerns about emissions from the agriculture industry by explaining how agriculture has changed a lot over time. Agriculture continues to provide natural spaces for wildlife, and is a huge carbon sink! New farming technology has allowed for farms to become more fuel-efficient and more targeted, which has been driven by environmental standards. He reminded us that agriculture feeds the world, but standards need to protect the world. "Peak fuel is not the problem facing the world, it's peak food." – James Bezan

Finally, what can everyone do?

By Aries Boisvert and Jude Waluk

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Tow Truck drivers and RCMP call for drivers to slow down

By Sydney Lockhart

After Ti-Cat Auto & Transport owner Rob Flood was hit by a passing truck's mirror while trying to load a vehicle stuck on the side of a highway he is asking drivers to slow down when they see vehicles on the side of the road.

"I went to come up [beside the vehicle], next thing I am slammed to the ground, and I couldn't hear what was going on and had this pain sensation which was unreal and knocked the wind out of me," said Flood, "For two weeks I had the bruise of a mirror on my back. There was an actual Ford F150 mirror bruise on my back, so I was lucky that I am able to laugh about it now, walk away from that one."

The truck did not stop when it hit Flood, it continued on Hwy. 7, and since no one caught the license plate so far the driver of the vehicle has not been identified.

"We try to pull behind the vehicle and put our lights on, but we get yelled at. We have our tow trucks kind of right on the line, by the shoulder, just to kind of deter people, to say 'push over' but they still don't," said Flood, "[Sometimes] you could stick your hand out and touch the vehicle

as [they do by]."

He added that this isn't the first time that he's been involved in this type of incident and that it is something that he and his staff are on the lookout for while they are working on the side of busy roads.

"[If we see] see flashing lights, it doesn't matter if it's fire truck, or RCMP, ambulance, construction or tow trucks we're supposed to slow down," said Flood, "We had a lady that drove over top of the spare tire that we took off and dragged that for a while and then she got mad because she had to pay for the damages."

Sgt. Cathy Farrell in the traffic division said the RCMP sees drivers not slow down when passing stopped vehicles almost every day and said she thinks it is because of a lack of education on the law.

"Yesterday, for instance, I was out north from 59 and when I walked back to my police car, I have to tell people 'I know you're not doing 60 kilometres an hour slow down when you're passing me,'" said Farrell.

The law dictates that speed limits change when passing stopped vehicles, in an area where the limit is normally 80km/h and above passing vehicles need to slow to 60km/h and



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Rob Flood was hit by a passing truck's mirror on the side of the highway while he was responding to a call to tow a vehicle.

move over to the farthest lane safely. When the speed limit is normally below 80km/h, vehicles need to slow to 40km/h and move over to the farthest lane safely.

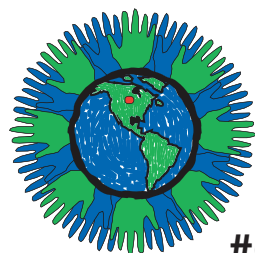
If drivers do not slow to the passing limits, they can be fined \$298 and receive 2 demerits.

"Some of my members have expressed concern that that's a pretty cheap price to pay for somebody's

life," said Ferrell.

She said last week a dump truck driver received a ticket for passing the RCMP and a tow truck at the full speed limit while they were dealing with an impaired driver on Highway 59.

"There's just not enough signage, not enough education," she said, "Anybody who works on our roadways should feel safe in their workplace."



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

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

Lake Winnipeg Foundation raises funds with lucky stones

By Sydney Lockhart

The Lake Winnipeg Foundation is collaborating with local jewelry designer Johanna Brierley in the launching of her new collection created using lucky stones from the beaches of Lake Winnipeg.

For this collaboration, Johanna Brierley has created 10 unique fine jewelry pieces that are now available to purchase with all proceeds going to the LWF.

"I've been going [to Lake Winnipeg] with my family since I was a kid, and my family would collect these lucky stones," she said.

Lucky stones are smooth stones with a naturally occurring hole in them that wash up on the shores of Lake Winnipeg and other lakes.

For this collection, she asked community members from both the east and the west shores to send her lucky stones that they found to be used in the creation process of her jewelry.

The rocks themselves are not a part of the finished product, instead, a cast is made of the rocks and then filled with melted metal to cool into an exact solid replica.

"They're not covered. The stone isn't underneath a shiny surface. They are actually pure sterling silver or bronze," she said, "Redesigning it into something that people will actually wear, it's been amazing."

The lucky stones are commonly seen in areas such as Gimli where there is lore of the stones warding off bad spirits and bringing luck to whoever has them.

Brierley said she agreed to do the collaboration because she wanted to do something to help out the lake communities.

"I think just having [community mindedness] is so important, as an individual but especially when you have a business," she said.

This collaboration fits well with Lake Winnipeg Foundation's goal of improving Lake Winnipeg.

"[The Lake Winnipeg] Foundation was founded in 2005 by concerned citizens who saw what was happening on Lake Winnipeg and wanted to get involved in solutions," said Marlo Campbell of the Lake Winnipeg Foundation.

She said she hopes the partnership not only helps raise funds for the foundation but also gives people an opportunity to purchase jewelry that they will treasure forever.

"It's reminding people of the importance of this beautiful lake in our backyard and this collaboration came about as part of that ongoing outreach and fundraising that we do," she said, "This, in a sense, is a ready-to-wear physical reminder of your love for the lake."



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Jewelry pieces made by Johanna Brierley for the Lake Winnipeg Foundation.

Brierley started her business in 2007 after she went to jewelry school in Toronto and learned how to work with fine metals.

She said she hopes the limited collection sells well so that she can help do her part to restore the waters of the lake.

"The lake and nature and our environment give us so much. I mean creatively, mentally, psychologically, so how could I not kind of give back

to the lake. Because it's given me so much," she said.

Brierley named each unique piece inspired by Lake Winnipeg. Iceland Earrings, Elk Necklace, Flora Necklace, Viking Earrings, Gimli Necklace and Interlake Pin are a few examples.

The collection went on sale May 20 and any unsold pieces will remain on www.johannabrierley.com until the end of the year.

St. Laurent mechanics shop build opportunities for community

By Nicole Brownlee

A St. Laurent business is creating opportunities for students to work in the community.

Wayland McKay and Jessica Chartrand started Big Interlake Mechanical in October 2018, a year after moving back to the community. Chartrand grew up in Winnipeg but had family in St. Laurent, while McKay was born and raised in the community.

"We found a piece of property along the highway and kind of worked about a year on deciding what we wanted to do there as a business, just having sticky notes on the wall trying to decide what kind of venture we wanted to go on," said McKay.

McKay is a red seal agricultural equipment technician skilled at repairing anything from small engines to farming equipment. Initially this is what encouraged them to open the mechanic shop, but they wanted to add something more to their business, said Chartrand.

"Our long-term goals are always to grow our business and offer valuable

employment in our community," said Chartrand, who previously worked in human resources. "We have lots of student involvement, which is really nice because we want to see our students be able to have opportunities within their area."

McKay and Chartrand have worked as a two-person team since Big Interlake Mechanical opened in 2018 and have grown their staff to 11 for this summer.

Chartrand said she's working on placing the high school students who have applied from across the community into roles that suit their long-term goals.

"There are very ambitious people here," said Chartrand. "I've got a couple interested in mechanical engineering... I have a student interested in entrepreneurship. I have a student interested in being a lawyer,"

"Perhaps my futuristic lawyer attends a meeting I have with my lawyer," said Chartrand. "And the entrepreneur, well can you help us plan for advertising? These are the kinds of



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY JESSICA CHARTRAND

These are a few members of the growing Big Interlake Mechanical staff. Front left, Wayland McKay, Kole McKay, Tatiana Allard, Paul Scharf, Emily Sigurdson, Tracy Sain and Martin McKay.

things we want to encourage."

The 2011 flood had a severe impact

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Game on: Ambitious video game collection continues to grow

By Tyler Searle

A Stonewall man's video game collection boasts more than 4,200 titles, and he is on the hunt for more.

Matthew Bencharski began his collection in 1998. Since then, he has amassed a trove of games and memorabilia—including every Wii game in the North American market and all but five of the rarest Nintendo Entertainment System (NES) games.

The collection doesn't stop there. Bencharski also has more than 700 board games, an assortment of game manuals and guides, posters, full-size arcade games, and too many other items to list.

"You usually get one of two reactions when people see your collection. They're either absolutely amazed by it and have questions and want to see things and want to know things. Or they're kind of freaked out and don't know what to think," Bencharski said.

The biggest challenge when it comes to collecting is finding the space to store your treasures, Bencharski said.

"People think, 'oh, you're just hoarding stuff,' but I've sold things, I get rid of stuff—I like it neat."

Bencharski has meticulously organized his basement. Custom shelving units stocked full of games line the walls. Numerous controllers and accessories hang on mounts, and four televisions provide screens for his 40 consoles.

Bencharski has a system he uses to triage his games and decides what stays or goes. Most recently, he got rid of his hand-held gaming devices and games to clear some space.

He keeps games he is interested in playing or that have monetary value, he said.

"If it's something I paid a bit of money for, I don't want to get rid of it unless I'm going to get my money back."

Bencharski does buy and sell some games online, but he sources most of his collection through thrift stores and garage sales. He distinguishes himself as a collector rather than a reseller.

Collectors are personally invested, while resellers are simply in it to make money, he said.



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Matthew Bencharski has been collecting video games and memorabilia since the 90s.

And there is money to be made.

Rare games can range in value from hundreds to thousands of dollars, depending on their condition and whether or not they come with the original packaging. Unopened versions can sell for tens of thousands.

In 2017, a pristine copy of NES's rarest title, Stadium Events, sold online for \$42,000 USD.

Competition has grown fierce over the last few decades, with collectors and resellers doggedly scouring pawn shops, thrift stores, and garage sales searching for games, Bencharski said.

He recounts the days early into his hobby when the only people searching for rare titles were collectors. Now, anybody can research the value of a game in seconds.

The pursuit is partly what makes being a collector so thrilling, but it's also about meeting people, making friends, basking in nostalgia, and being part of the gaming community, Bencharski said.

"For me, it's a hobby. Something to do on the weekend when you're bored."

"Maybe you find a sports GameCube game, or maybe you find that copy of Stadium Events you've been looking for, for twenty years."

Bencharski's advice for people interested in starting their collection is to be as thrifty as possible. Always remember, the cheapest games belong to the last generations of consoles, he said.

When Microsoft released the Xbox One in 2013, the price of Xbox 360 games plummeted, so it was an excellent time to buy. Slowly but surely, the prices have risen over the years, Bencharski explained.

Above all, Bencharski reminds people to keep it a hobby. He has seen friends and peers become too invested in their collection over the years, he said.



The walls in Bencharski's basement are lined with custom shelving units to hold his video game collection.



Bencharski uses a system of switchboxes to connect his 40 consoles to four TVs. He can play any game with the push of a button.

"It can easily take over your life if you're not careful."

"Make it a fun part of your life, not your whole life."

Bencharski plans to continue collecting until he runs out of space, then he may consider selling most of it, he said.

Because of the size of his collection, he would probably sell it in bulk to a video game store, he said.

"Taking everything out and selling it individually would take me years, and it would be so much work."

For now, Bencharski is still on the hunt.

If people in the community are looking to get rid of some old video games, they can reach Bencharski via Facebook or through his YouTube channel Team GSale.

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on St. Laurent, damaging more than 700 properties, and forcing residents to move out of the community. McKay said the population is slowly growing, and they want to create year-round activities for people in the area.

"People are building, and every-

thing is starting to come back," said McKay. "I thought, why not have something different out here as an addition to our business."

Last winter, the couple expanded the shop to sell ice fishing and camping gear and now plan to have kayaks and stand-up paddleboards

to rent.

They're currently building their website with the help of Community Futures West Interlake, a program that helps rural communities and businesses develop. The website is planned to launch this summer.

Big Interlake Mechanical is host-

ing a "meet the mechanics division" event on June 26 from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the store located at 20128 Sheringham Road Box 553 in St. Laurent. Visit Big Interlake Mechanical on Facebook to learn more.

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Wright receives a 2020-21 Manitoba's Credit Unions Scholar Athlete Award

By Brian Bowman

Warren Collegiate's Paige Wright was one of four recipients of the 2020-21 Manitoba's Credit Unions Scholar Athlete Awards.

The \$1,000 scholarships are awarded to graduating high school student-athletes who maintained a minimum 85 per cent average and competed in at least two interscholastic sports.

"Why would someone dedicate countless hours to playing a sport," Wright questioned in a media release. "The answer is simple, love. Moreover, my passion for sports has influenced my life tremendously, strengthening my work ethic, and most importantly, developing my identity as a student athlete."

"Sports is an essential aspect of high school, as it teaches you many practical life skills such as time management, leadership, and responsibility. It also introduces you to some of your closest friends and role models. I have encountered several like-minded individuals, creating friendships that will last a lifetime. Without sports, I would have never grown close with some of those friends, and I cannot imagine my life without them. Friendships have made it evident that high school sports improve athletes' mental health," she added.

Other criteria for the award included school, community involvement, volunteer, and citizenship activities. In this COVID-19 pandemic year, recognizing the extenuating hardships students have had to overcome, and in their continued support of student athletes across our province, this year Manitoba's Credit Unions will also award an additional \$400 scholarship to each nominee.

Wright maintained a 96.6 academic average while participating in volleyball, basketball, badminton, and track & field. She was a member of her school's zone championship volleyball team, provincial championship



Warren Collegiate's Paige Wright was one of four student-athletes named as a 2021 Manitoba's Credit Unions Scholar Athlete award winner.

basketball team, named a provincial all-star twice, and was awarded the Players Choice Award.

Wright was a zone banner winner in badminton by bringing home the gold with her partner and she played a role in her school winning a "AA" Provincial Championship Track & Field banner.

She is also involved in school activities that help raise funds, plan spirit week, and is a member of the year-book committee. She volunteers for school intramurals, score keeping and helps coach junior varsity volleyball.

Wright is also busy outside of school as she volunteers for numerous community activities, the food bank and works part-time at an assisted living home.

The other three award winners were the Selkirk Royals' Annika Goodbrandson, Prairie Mountain High School's Lindsey Gundrum, and Linden Christian School's Luke Janzen.

The 41 students nominated this year included:



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Warren Collegiate's Lane Bond was one of 41 student-athletes nominated for the 2021 Manitoba's Credit Unions Scholar Athletes Awards.

Lane Bond - Warren Collegiate Institute

Martina Barclay - École Secondaire Kelvin High School

Rachel Bartel - Linden Christian School

Gianna Bergsma - Dufferin Christian School

Halayna Boden - Major Pratt School

Chloe Capan - Grant Park High School

Cameryn Carlos - Fort Richmond Collegiate

Owen Cassie - Collège Miles Macdonell Collegiate

Reid Cook - Major Pratt School

Trent Crane - Northlands Parkway Collegiate

Jaylyn Deurbrouck - Elm Creek School

Karly Edel - Morris School

Jarvis Ewasko - École Edward

Schreyer School

Annika Goodbrandson - Lord Selkirk Regional Comprehensive Secondary School

Lindsey Gundrum - Prairie Mountain High School

Aaron Herrera - Daniel McIntyre Collegiate Institute

Ryan Imperial - St. John's High School

Luke Janzen - Linden Christian School

Cailyne Jeppesen - École Secondaire Oak Park High School

Jayden Jewar - Rivers Collegiate

Darwin Klostermaier-Starkewski - St. John's Ravenscourt

Kyla McDonald - Cartwright School

Kara McMillan - Collège Miles Macdonell Collegiate

Halle Meisner - Ashern Central School

Kenn Mendoza - Sisler High School

Faye Murray - St. Mary's Academy

David Nelson - Westgate Mennonite Collegiate

Bryce Neustater - Morris School

Brooklyn Olfert - Dakota Collegiate

Paisley Poirier - Lac du Bonnet Senior School

Karina Reimer - Calvin Christian School

Jaxon Rose - Dakota Collegiate

Erica Schroeder - MacGregor Collegiate Institute

Kate Sigurdson - Collège Béliveau

Avery Stubbings - St. Paul's High School

Erin Sutherland - Westgate Mennonite Collegiate

Brady Van Den Bussche - Treherne Collegiate

Nathan Voogt - Dufferin Christian School

Emma Winram - École Edward Schreyer School

Paige Wright - Warren Collegiate

Binyam Zerihun - Vincent Massey High School

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Kaegi named a mission staff member for 2022 Canada Games

By Brian Bowman

Alisha Kaegi has represented Manitoba several times as an athlete in judo and wrestling.

Now, she'll have an opportunity to represent our province as a mission staff member.

Kaegi will be part of Manitoba's contingent at the 2022 Canada Games in Niagara Falls, Ont. from Aug. 6-21.

"I'm really excited to be a mission staff for the wrestling team, which is great, because I was on the wrestling team when I went," said Kaegi, 24, now a teacher at Argyle School. "It's going to be a lot of fun to be in that environment in a different role."

Kaegi said she has always wanted to be a mission staff member but she had a lot on her plate while studying - and wrestling - at the University of Winnipeg.

"Once I finished university, I signed up as soon as I could to be a mission staff for the Canada Games," she said.

The COVID pandemic has made it difficult for the wrestlers to train with sports being shut down.

"With wrestling being a contact sport they haven't been able to train at all so I haven't been meeting up with the team," said Kaegi, who now lives in Stonewall. "But I have been staying in contact with them as best as I can through emails and stuff like that. I definitely feel for those contact sports that haven't been able to do anything. I still train myself and we haven't been able to do anything since COVID started. I think they're doing their best trying to stay active in different ways and they will be back on the mats as soon as possible."

As a young athlete, Kaegi competed in Canada Games in both judo and wrestling and continues now as a coach for young judo athletes.

"It's absolutely wonderful to compete at the Games, it's such an experience," she said. "You get to meet so many people from across the country and see different sports. For a person who competed for many years all across Canada, it's a different experience to go to the Games. It's a different vibe, everyone is so positive and



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY BORIS MINKEVICH/WINNIPEG FREE PRESS
Alisha Kaegi has been selected to be a mission staff member for Team Manitoba in wrestling at the 2022 Canada Games in Niagara Falls, Ont.

proud to wear the (provincial) outfit and walk out in the opening and closing ceremonies with your team.

"It's something that I'll absolutely

never forget so I'm excited to go back out there as a mission staff and give back to something that gave me such a great experience."

Ride Don't Hide makes it's debut in the Interlake

By Katelyn Boulanger

This year the Canadian Mental Health Association is inviting Interlake residents to get active and raise funds for youth mental health in our communities. They are doing it by introducing the Ride Don't Hide a virtual event that aims at getting people to take a renewed interest in activities for better mental health for themselves and their communities.

"This is the first year that Interlake Eastern, our region, has taken part in it, so, we're really excited about that and what that means is that we're able to fundraise for initiatives specific to our region. This year, we're raising funds for youth mental health and that's something I personally deliver. So I'm, I am beyond excited for it," said Tristan Dreilich, Mental Health Resource Developer for CMHA Interlake Eastern.

Traditionally the Ride Don't Hide event has been a single day event where participants would gather and ride their bikes together, this year the CMHA has had to pivot due to COVID-19 restrictions and so now anyone can sign up this month and participate in a 'choose-your-own-adventure' way that allows any activity that benefits mental health to count. This means that you definitely don't need

a bike to take part.

"There are other ways to participate for me, for example, I'm walking. I'm logging my time spent walking as part of my contribution towards our Ride Don't Hide Challenge. There are all kinds of things you can do — you can dance, you can meditate — what the focus here is, is we want folks to take a minute to help build up their own mental health as a way to be part of a team in our region and so you can participate in any way you really feel like. There's a whole list [online] but I wouldn't limit yourselves to that," said Dreilich.

Many of the examples on the Ride Don't Hide website are aimed at physical activity because of the connections that have been discovered between improved physical health and improved mental health but for those unable to participate this way meditation, reading and socializing, while following COVID restrictions, are all non-physical ways to take part.

Another bonus way to participate with a local connection is to check out the video that CMHA created with local gym Iron Image. In this video, called Lift Don't Hide, they will take you through some physical exercises that can be logged as part of Ride Don't Hide. This video will be



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A still from the CMHA and Iron Images collaboration video for the Ride Don't Hide event.

up on the Ride Don't Hide's website on June 24 and part of the Manitoba Ride Don't Hide spirit week which runs from June 21 to 27 and will have a bunch of other information and activities from other communities.

Dreilich encourages anyone interested to participate.

"I think [Ride Don't Hide is] a great accessible way to just do something

small to not only improve your kind of your own mental health but also to help improve the mental health of our community," he said.

The event webpage can be found at <https://cmha.donordrive.com/index.cfm?fuseaction=donorDrive.event&eventID=601>, and is also where you can register or donate to the event.

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Part of the NW 1/4 of Section 15-22-3 EPM being approximately 150.84 acres (145 acres cultivated) including a 1063 sq foot single family dwelling. The land is prime agricultural land located along Hwy 68 just East of Arborg, Manitoba.

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Sudoku Answer

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Crossword Answer

CLUES ACROSS

- College group
- Small morsels of food
- Actress Dunham
- Puts a limit on
- Used for baking or drying
- Commercial
- Zookeeper Bindi
- Walk in one's sleep
- The Great Lakes State
- Winter sport
- A thin layer on something
- Peacock network
- Give birth to a lamb or kid
- "Too Scared to Cry" author
- Nose
- Friend
- Country music legend Haggard
- Curved
- More deformed
- Bleated
- Set on its end
- An aspect of Ra
- Releasing hormone (abbr.)
- Harsh, grating noise
- Francisco
- Common Japanese surname
- Punish with an arbitrary penalty
- Football position (abbr.)
- Not in the know
- African antelope
- Popular tech (abbr.)
- Baseball teams get three of them
- Make up one's mind
- Spumante (Italian wine)
- Martens
- Susan and Tom are two

CLUES DOWN

- Excessively showy
- Put an end to
- Blood disorder
- Ingredient in wine

CROSSWORD

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- Shellfish
- Made smaller
- We
- The Treasure State
- Ekland, actress
- Male parent
- One hundredth of a watt (abbr.)
- Dish of minced meat
- Smothered laugh
- Atomic #12
- Small parrot
- Fictional "Star Wars" planet
- French wine grape
- Football stat (abbr.)
- Sound unit
- Where you sleep
- University of Dayton
- Miller beer offering
- Feel embarrassed

- Able to be estimated
- Commune in NW France
- Adult female chicken
- Intergovernmental organization
- Archaic term for until
- That which is not sacred
- Sound made in speech
- Handgun (slang)
- Fill up again
- Evoke or awaken
- Beam Me Up, _!
- Spider wasp genus
- Headaddress
- Exclamation of surprise
- Of I
- Figures
- Men's fashion accessories
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DUTIES

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CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT

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The Operator 2/3 will be reporting to the Public Works Foreman and will be responsible for safe operation of a variety of heavy/light equipment in constructing, maintaining, and repairing municipal infrastructure.

Hours of work: November 1 to April 30, 7am to 3:30pm
May 1 to October 31, 7am to 5:30pm

The successful candidate must have the following qualifications:

- Valid Manitoba Drivers License, Class 1 driver's license with air preferred.
- Experience operating a grader and/or excavator.
- Knowledge of safety procedures and safe operation of equipment.
- Good communication and interpersonal skills.
- Will be required to obtain various safety courses.
- Willingness to continuously further education.

Salary and benefits as per the Collective Agreement with Operating Engineers of Manitoba.

Please contact the Rural Municipality of Woodlands Administration Office at 204-383-5679 for further information.

Persons applying should submit a letter of application on or before 12:00 p.m. local time **Monday, July 7, 2021.**

R.M. of Woodlands
Box 10, Woodlands, MB R0C 3H0
Fax: (204) 383-5169
Email: finance@rmwoodlands.ca

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Rural Municipality of Woodlands EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY EQUIPMENT OPERATOR



The Rural Municipality of Woodlands invites applications for openings for an **Equipment Operator**, under the Operator 1 classification as per the OEM 987 collective agreement.

The Operator 1 will be reporting to the Public Works Foreman and will be responsible for safe operation of a variety of equipment/vehicles and performing a variety of labour tasks in constructing, maintaining, and repairing municipal infrastructure.

Hours of work: November 1 to April 30, 7am to 3:30pm
May 1 to October 31, 7am to 5:30pm

The successful candidate must have the following qualifications:

- Valid class 5 driver's license.
- Experience operating a tractor, loader, ride on mowers, steamers, and small tools.
- Experience operating schulte mower would be an asset.
- Knowledge of safety procedures and safe operation of equipment.
- Good communication and interpersonal skills.
- Ability to work in all weather conditions.
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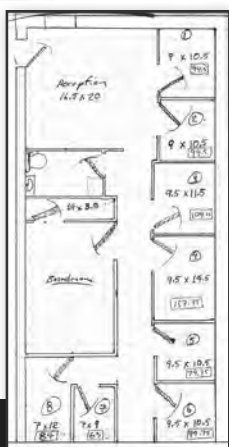
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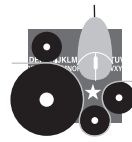
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Minimum Qualifications:

- High School Diploma, GED, or equivalent is required
- Excellent customer service skills
- Excellent organizational skills
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills
- Proven ability working with computers and office related software (e.g., MS Office Suite), and other office related equipment (e.g., printer/copier, fax machine, etc.)
- Ability to multi-task efficiently with frequent interruptions
- Five (5) years related work experience

Ideal Candidate:

- Post-secondary education in Municipal Administration
- Experience working for or with Municipal government
- General knowledge of development and building permit review and approval processes
- Experience with mapping systems and software (e.g., GIS, etc.)
- Experience with general website management

Hours of Work: Monday to Friday, 8:30AM to 4:30PM, with one hour for lunch.

Compensation: \$22.00 – \$25.00 per hour (35 hours per week). Compensation shall be commensurate with qualifications and experience.

Extension of Position: Following the one-year contract term, this position will be re-evaluated and may be extended by a subsequent contract or converted to a permanent part-time or full-time position, as determined by the South Interlake Planning District Board.

If you are interested in applying for this position, please send or email your cover letter, resume, and three references (a minimum of two references must be work-related) to the General Manager of SIPD by **July 9, 2021, at 4:30PM CST:**

Eric Shaw, General Manager
South Interlake Planning District
Box 1219, Stonewall, MB, R0C 2Z0
Email address: eric.shaw@sipd.ca

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Rural Municipality of Armstrong

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Assistant CAO and Office Clerk

The Rural Municipality of Armstrong is inviting applications for the positions of full-time Assistant Chief Administrative Officer (ACAO) and casual Office Clerk.

Assistant CAO

The ACAO will assist in the management and implementation of all aspects of daily municipal finance and administration. We are seeking an individual that has advanced skills in accounting, and has the ability to lead, oversee and implement organizational administration, assisting, reporting to and taking direction from the CAO. A high level of ability to communicate and assist staff, council, and the public will also be expected from the successful candidate and excellent human resource skills will be required.

The ACAO may be expected to assume the authority and duties of the CAO in an acting capacity when appointed to the role in the CAO's absence.

ACAO Assets considered: CMMA course certificate or extensive experience in local government/public sector environment, high-level accounting and managerial skills/background; knowledge of federal, provincial and municipal legislation; extensive computer and software experience (accounting, Microsoft Word and Excel, Asyst).

Office Clerk

The Officer Clerk will be responsible for providing administrative and clerical support and receptionist services to the municipal full time administrative staff. This casual on-call position will be scheduled to replace full-time administrative staff during periods of vacation and/or illness or during busy workloads. This position requires a highly motivated and resourceful individual with a strong focus on customer service with a pleasant phone manner. Applicants must have well developed organizational and time management skills and the ability to communicate effectively.

The successful candidate must have exceptional interpersonal skills to effectively interact with the public, staff, council and external agencies. Post-Secondary education in office administration and/or related field combined with office administration experience.

Salary is negotiable depending upon qualifications and experience. Interested individuals may submit a cover letter and resume with three references to:

Corlie Larsen, CMMA
Chief Administrative Officer
RM of Armstrong
Box 69, Inwood, MB R0C 1P0
Phone: (204) 278-3377 Fax (204) 278-3437
Email: cao@rmofarmstrong.com (preferred)

A complete job description is available upon request. The deadline for submitting your Resume is Monday, June 28, 2021 at 4:30 p.m. however this posting will remain open until a suitable candidate is found. The positions are to commence as soon as possible. **We thank all that apply; only those selected for interview will be contacted.**

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY SARAH PROGRAM COUNSELLOR

Survivor's Hope Crisis Centre (SHCC) works to offer hope and healing through support and education for those impacted by sexual violence in the Interlake Eastern region of Manitoba.

Currently, SHCC is seeking individuals for the following: SARAH Program Counsellor - deliver SARAH Counselling programming including one-on-one counselling, support groups, and workshops; support the SARAH Crisis Program; and participate in program development and expanding and enhancing SHCC services within the region. Closing date June 30, 2021. For more information see: survivors-hope.ca/get-involved/

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Happy 80th Birthday
Alice
on June 25th

-Love,
Cliff and Judith Morrison
and Bev Brindley
and families

IN MEMORIAM



In loving memory
Frances McCurdy
November 22, 1949 – June 11, 2016
James McCurdy
May 2, 1946 – June 26, 2020

May the winds of Heaven blow softly,
And whisper in your ear;
How much we love and miss you,
And wish you were here.
-Love the Holod and McCurdy family

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Ryan George Grandmont
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Loved Halloween and the cow.
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Resting in Argyle and PV.
We miss you every single day.
Happy Birthday Babe. I love you.
Until we meet again.
-Love Christine and Trigger xoxo
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IN MEMORIAM



Roger Ledochowski
October 25, 1958 - June 17, 2016

We miss your smile,
Your joking ways;
We miss the things
you used to say.
Never selfish, always kind.
We cherish the memories
You left behind.
-Lovingly remembered,
Roxane and Craig and family

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Congratulations to
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-Love always,
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CARD OF THANKS

Balan - We would like to express the immense gratitude we have for all the support shown to us after the passing of Les – husband, dad, papa, brother and uncle. We sincerely appreciate all the cards, prayers, memories shared, messages, phone calls, flowers and baking we have received. Thank you to the ambulance attendants, RCMP and Ken Loehmer for their compassion and guidance. Although it is challenging, it is comforting knowing that so many are thinking of us. We are forever grateful, and words cannot express how much all the support we have received during this difficult time means.
-Brenda, Gerri (Vern), Jodi (Jeev), Jayson (Andrea) and families

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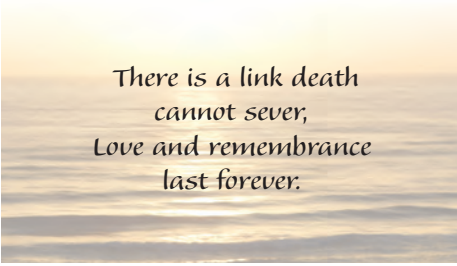
The family of Gary Walsh extends a message of sincere appreciation for all of the tributes, phone calls, flowers, offers of help, edibles and memorial donations received in his honour. The word we most often heard and read to describe him was “kind” and with that you nailed it. Thank you immensely for your care and thoughtfulness. And to all of the professionals involved, thank you; we’re glad you were here.



IN MEMORIAM

Dave Hiebert
May 17, 1942 – June 26, 2009

In loving memory of
my husband, our father and grandpa
As time goes by without you,
And days turn into years;
They hold a million memories,
And a thousand silent tears.
To us you were so special,
What more is there to say;
Except we wish with all our hearts,
That you were here today.
-Gone but not forgotten,
Jean and family



There is a link death
cannot sever,
Love and remembrance
last forever.

OBITUARY



Hubert L. Good
July 25, 1935 – June 15, 2021

Peacefully at the Stonewall Hospital with Tim and Rhonda by his side he went to join the love of his life Jean.
Predeceased by his wife Jean, parents Melville (Meb) and Mary (Rowland), stepfather George Croy and sister Muriel Burton.
Survived by Wilson Barton; nephew Clinton (and family); Randy and Tim (Rhonda) Cameron.
Hubert lived on and worked the family farm in the RM of Rockwood until 1975 when he married Jean. During this time, he also worked in parts at Leo's Sales and Service and then Orion (Holiday) Chevrolet.
Hubert and Jean loved to travel with their golf clubs in tow. They enjoyed dancing and partying with their friends.
Thanks to Miss Ellie and the gang at Stonewood for helping out the newkid.
Cremation has taken place and a family service to take place at a later date.
In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Church of the Ascension Stonewall or Palliative Care Stonewall or a charity of your choice.



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OBITUARY



Donald Albert Bond
Jan 28, 1939 – June 13, 2021

After a brief illness with cancer, our father and grandfather passed away at Red River Place in Selkirk at the age of 82.

Don is survived by his five children Barb, Darrel (Karen), Kevin (Cheryl), Karen (Chris) Teasdale, and Kerri (Chuck) Ross. He was also the proud Grandpa of Tyler and Sara Teasdale.

Dad was born in Teulon the oldest of nine children to Grant and Esther Bond and leaves behind his brothers Bruce (Donna), Ken, Leonard, Murray (Margaret) and sisters Evelyn Bowles and Pat (Owen) Beever. He is also survived by sisters-in-law Dayve, Sharon, and Sylvia along with many nieces and nephews. He is predeceased by his oldest daughter Loreen, brothers Stuart and Raymond, brother-in-law Wayne Bowles, niece Sharon Bowles and nephew Clair Bond.

Don had many different ventures over the years including owning and operating the Massey Ferguson dealership in Teulon, working in sales for Enns Brothers in Oak Bluff and ending his career driving truck for Tolko in The Pas and later for Jade Transport out of Winnipeg. His most interesting endeavor was working as a commercial pilot for Gods Lake Air out of Gods Lake Narrows, where he would fly passengers and supplies in and out of the community and spent time getting to know the people there.

To say that Don had a love of the outdoors would be an understatement, as that was where he always wanted to be and was his happiest. He had many fishing and hunting adventures over the years that resulted in lots of good stories and tall tales. He gained many friends over the years who he shared these with and lots of good times were had. He also had a love of flying, which resulted in numerous close calls and again lots of stories, but somehow he always managed to come out of every one of these situations still in one piece.

Dad spent his last years living at Cedar Lodge in Teulon before being hospitalized in the winter of 2021. We would like to thank everyone there who provided friendship and support to him when needed during that time. Special thanks also to the staff at Stonewall Hospital who cared for him over the last number of months during his illness and helped to keep him comfortable.

Cremation has taken place and there will be no formal service held due to current restrictions.

In lieu of flowers, if you wish, donations may be made to the CNIB or Diabetes Canada.

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OBITUARY



Doreen Violet Deverill (nee Lawrence)
September 21, 1940 - June 16, 2021

Doreen passed away, with family by her side while residing at Rosewood Lodge in Stonewall Manitoba.

She was born the fourth out of five children to David and Edith Lawrence in Eriksdale, Manitoba. She attended school until grade 12 and then started working at the bank in Ashern. She belonged to the Clydebank 4-H Club doing poultry which was the only project at the beginning.

She married Bill (Willie) in October of 1958 and they moved to Seven Sisters. Brenda was born in 1961, Heather in 1963 (passed away in 1964), Glenn was born in 1965 and Colleen in 1968. She cleaned cabins at Nutimik Lake and then washed dishes at the Hydro residence at Seven Sisters Falls. She and Dad curled and taught us to skate there.

Dad worked with Forestry in the Whiteshell. He then started work with construction as a Hoist engineer ending up in Dominion City and all over Manitoba and other provinces. When they moved to Stonewall, Dad worked for Comstock, then later the Town of Stonewall. Mom got a job at Stonewall Pharmacy which she kept for 25 years! She volunteered as a 4-H leader. She played piano and could play by ear. She got to do both singing and dancing with the Quarry Choristers. Dad was in the Tudor House Care Home until he passed away in 2000.

Her group of friends in The Red Hatters helped her with trips, laughter and good times. She also loved her garden and flowers and helped plant flowers for the Legion as well as Communities in Bloom. She was once awarded The Garden of the Week award, that led her to work at Jaspersen's Greenhouse for awhile.

She was blessed to have a loving family and friends around her all her life. She filled everyone's life with happiness, beautiful gardens and love.

She was predeceased by her parents Edith and David Lawrence, her brother Bob, her daughter Heather, her last love Keith Morrison, her husband Bill Deverill and many other family members and friends.

Left here on earth to celebrate her life, sisters Lillian Lee, Triena (Stephen Reykdal); brother Ric Lawrence (Shirley); her children Brenda (Rae Kujanpaa), Glenn (Laura Lee Tully), Colleen (Randy Chartrand); grandchildren Jennifer (Graham Tough), Dale, Stephanie, Ashley; great-grandchildren Breanna and Olivia.

Special heartfelt thanks go to the staff at Rosewood Lodge for providing a good home, excellent loving care, tenderness and compassion that they showed toward Mom and her family.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Rosewood Lodge Rec Program 513 - 1st Ave. N Stonewall, MB R0C 2Z0, the Alzheimer Society of Manitoba, 10-120 Donald Street, Winnipeg, MB R3C 9Z9 or a charity of your choice.

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

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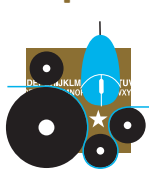
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