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CIB Yard of the Week



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The CIB Yard of the Week honours were awarded to Rose and John Sawatzky this week. The Sawatzkys built their home in 1992 on the corner of Allan McLeod and Aspen Drive and have been changing up the yard and flowerbeds throughout the years, a work in progress they claim. Currently the front bed is under construction and is filled with more annuals than usual. It is lined with colourful petunias and filled in with violas and yellow and white daisies. There are different cedars, sedums, daylilies, some new little leaf lilacs, lupins, snow on the mountain and there is a large grape vine growing on the south wall. To nominate a yard you feel worthy of the honour, stop by Home Hardware or the Library in Stonewall.

Mackenzie's Hope Memorial Slo-Pitch Tournament

By Becca Myskiw

The eighth annual Mackenzie's Hope Memorial Slo-Pitch Tournament will be held Quarry Days weekend, Aug. 16-18 at Stonewall's ball park.

The tournament is in memory of Mackenzie Gair.

Gair was diagnosed with Batten Disease, a rare neurodegenerative disease with no cure. It usually shows in children who were born healthy between the ages of three and five. Symptoms of Batten Disease include loss of muscle coordination, seizures, mental deterioration and blindness. The disease progresses rapidly and most children with it die before their 12th birthday.

Gair was diagnosed with the disease in July 2012 and passed away on Aug. 14, 2017, at the age of nine. The slo-pitch tournament is a way to raise awareness

for Batten Disease and keep Gair's memory alive.

The Mackenzie's Hope Memorial Slo-Pitch Tournament is also a fundraiser for the Canadian Chapter of The Batten Disease Support and Research Association and the palliative care fund at the Children's Hospital in Winnipeg.

A maximum of 24 teams can enter the tournament this year and at press time there were still three spots left.

Teams must have at least 10 players and the entry fee is \$275. Spectators are welcome to come watch and donate to the cause. There will be a raffle and 50/50 draw at the tournament.

Mackenzie's Hope tournament organizers are thankful for the support they have received from the community for the past eight years.



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Annual Quarry Days slo-pitch raises funds and awareness for Batten Disease.

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Saskatoons remain a berry good business for farmers

By Jennifer McFee

A group of Interlake farmers has picked up on the fact that it's a berry good time to be involved in the saskatoon industry.

Business is booming for Interlake Saskatoons, which is made up of growers from Rutherford Orchard in Grosse Isle along with Langrell Orchard and Riddell Orchard in Warren.

The roots stem back to 2001 with the formation of a group called the Stonewall and District Innovative Crop Committee.

"This group, comprised of a number of farmers in the local area, took it upon itself with a bit of government backing to undertake a study to identify the most promising crop — which would be different from the cereals, oil seeds and pulse crops that are commonly grown in the area," explained Doug Langrell of Warren.

"So it's a little bit of diversification and a bit of a green interest as well, and it's also increasing food safety through spreading out the risk."

Kelwin Consultants undertook a five-year study that examined 200 different commodities — and in the end, they identified saskatoons as the most promising crop.

At the end of the study in 2006, a non-profit group called Eastern Plains Saskatoons formed. A few months later, they planted a research orchard south of town on Highway 236 at the South Interlake Rockwood Agricultural Society lands.

"There were 11 different varieties planted in there, which we intended to study to figure out which one would be the most promising," Langrell said.

"The difficulty was that it takes several years for saskatoons to mature."

In the meantime, they planted the three orchards run by the Rutherfords, the Langrells and the Riddells. While they waited for these orchards to come to fruition, they investigated potential markets for the saskatoons, which are also known as juneberries.

"We developed a number of products including a syrup, which didn't go forward, and an energy bar, which was also a little too expensive to make," Langrell said.

"But the greatest success was the saskatoon powder, which has a high antioxidant factor. Now we've started selling that to two entities in the United States and there's hope that it's going to grow. We hope that those entities will take a lot more powder and that the powder market will spread out to other customers."

The health benefits are bountiful, since saskatoons are high in iron, calcium, Vitamin C and many other nu-

tritious components.

Around 2011, the group rented a mature orchard from Lloyd Jensen off Highway 67, where they grew saskatoons to sell locally to restaurants and other businesses. In addition, they started to sell large quantities directly from their processing plant in Warren.

By 2013, Eastern Plains Saskatoons was no longer in a position to operate as a non-profit. The consortium of growers ended that entity and started up the company Interlake Saskatoons.

Since then, the bustling business continues to expand its orchards and its market.

"We're now several times larger than we were in 2013 when we started out in terms of our market size and our saskatoon production. In those years, we also saw the maturity of our orchards," Langrell said.

"In 2012 and 2013, we were completely dependent on the mature Jensen orchard. Since then, we've now become more dependent on our own three orchards, which now produce the majority of our saskatoons."

Currently, the Jensen orchard is due for regeneration, he noted.

"The method of regeneration is to mow the whole thing right down to the ground so that the new shoots come up from the crown underneath the soil. Saskatoons have a very strong root system so when it comes back up, it's supple and rich and very thick," Langrell said.

"Because saskatoons are a native prairie plant, they have huge root systems that are 15 feet wide and 10 feet deep. They can reach for the water, minerals and nutrients in the soil — unlike the introduced grain and oil seeds, which have shallow roots that really suffer when there isn't rain. Much of the moisture for the saskatoons comes from the winter runoff in the spring. If there's a high water table, they can reach right down to it."

Saskatoons typically prefer fairly high and dry ground, which is why they grow on the edges of ditches but never down in the middle, he added.

"Because they've evolved on the prairies over tens of thousands of



TRIBUNE FILE PHOTO BY JO-ANNE PROCTER

Interlake Saskatoons uses a harvester to pick the berries.

years between the ice ages, they're very adaptable to climate change," Langrell said.

"They've seen drought hundreds of times so they're not that bothered by it. In dry years like this year and last year, you can still get huge amounts.

We got about 30,000 pounds last year, and we're expecting the same this year."

From their facility in Warren, they sell several thousand pounds of saskatoons directly to customers.

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Provincial ministers visit Rockwood council meeting

By Jennifer McFee

At the July 24 committee of the whole meeting, Rockwood welcomed Agriculture Minister Ralph Eichler and Municipal Relations Minister Jeff Wharton for the first time since the current council was elected.

Due to the blackout period before the upcoming provincial election, the Lakeside and Gimli MLAs said they could answer questions but they couldn't lead discussions.

Council asked whether there was an opportunity to reduce the percentage of proportioned farm assessments for taxation purposes.

The ministers noted that every change has a ripple effect. After the provincial K to 12 education review is complete, work will be underway to determine what formula will work best.

Council also wondered if there could be separate taxes for mobile homes. Currently, they are taxed on the entire parcel rather than for each individual trailer, which could result in lost income opportunities. The MLAs requested that more information be provided to them about the situation.

Council also asked about the timeframe for replacing the Road 100N bridge, which originally came up for replacement five years ago. Since then, it has been closed and there is no update about when it will be replaced. The MLAs requested more in-

formation be provided to them.

They also wondered if quarries could be assessed based on revenue generation. As well, they pondered the possibility of alternative uses for decommissioned quarries.

Council asked for information about the weed control contract, which went to an out-of-province company that has a local office. They also expressed concerns about how the weed program was rolled out so late in the year. Eichler said the tender was awarded to the lowest bid. The ministers will bring up the weed issue with Manitoba Infrastructure.

As well, council discussed how the Old #7 Highway is being used as a shortcut and they are concerned that it is an accident waiting to happen. The MLAs suggested sending a letter to the minister in charge and copying them on the correspondence.

Another topic for discussion was the lag time on getting drainage licences for maintenance on existing ditches. Eichler noted that cabinet recently approved some regulations that should be rolled out soon.

Council also asked for an update on the cosmetic pesticide ban. The ministers said the matter is still in consultation.

Coun. Terry Hartle expressed concerns about two sharp curves on Highway 17, where accidents and



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY JENNIFER MCFEE

Rockwood welcomed Agriculture Minister Ralph Eichler, right, and Municipal Relations Minister Jeff Wharton.

deaths have occurred. Eichler suggested that he get some RCMP statistics about the road and then write a letter to the minister in charge.

Recycling also came up, with CAO Chris Luellman noting that it costs them \$2 to make \$1 when it comes to recycling.

The ministers noted that it's not always easy to make it out to visit with council in person. However, they remain available by phone and by email.

In other council news:

- Wally Kotula and Jeff Betts spoke to council about their recent purchase of a 16-unit apartment block in Stony Mountain. There is a complication regarding the number of units that are

allowed, since some permits weren't closed at the time of the sale. They will work with the CAO and with South Interlake Planning District to figure out the best course of action. They noted that they have title insurance, which provides some peace of mind.

- Jon Visser, Rockwood's finance manager, noted that the RM ended up with a surplus of \$299,455 at the end of 2018.

- Council discussed issuing special permits for building movers on Road 75, which they changed to a non-truck route.

- Rockwood's next council meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, Aug. 14.

> SASKATOONS, FROM PG. 3

"People come from all over the place because our processing building is located just a few hundred yards off Highway 6, so we get a lot of highway traffic coming into Winnipeg and going out," Langrell said. "I expect that we'll do a lot of business this year."

They have the picking down to a fine science, based on many years of observation and research.

"We know the saskatoons are going to become ripe on average 43 days after the petals drop from the flowers. We had our petals drop on May 31 this year, which means the 43rd day was July 13," Langrell said.

"It's pretty well timed. We've been

keeping track of the data over the years, so we've pretty much boiled down a time when we know the saskatoons are going to be ripe. Then we can get our crews and our machinery together."

To maximize their speed, they rely on a modified black current picker that captures the taller saskatoons.

"It can pick about as fast as 100 people," he said. "So instead of one berry at a time, the berries come off in a purple river."

The local business also provides employment to members of the community.

"We have to hire people to help us out on the selection lines. We typically have six people standing by it, in-

cluding a lot of high school students who come and help. We have very good people working with us, and they have a lot of fun doing it as well," Langrell said.

"We rotate them off the sorting line out into the field and they go on to the harvester, which typically goes as slow as a baby crawls. Saskatoons move through the pickup in such a fashion that they're not damaged and they have the chance to drop the saskatoons onto a belt before they pass through it. Then the berries are shaken on and transported back."

Interlake Saskatoons also offers one U-pick location at the Rutherford orchard in Grosse Isle, although it's not currently as popular as in years past.

"What we didn't twig to is that the demographics have changed. More people prefer to come and just buy a box or a bucket of saskatoons, largely because a lot of people don't have two hours anymore but they've got \$20," he said.

"So it's easier for people to come around and have their year's picking without the bugs and heat and poison ivy and all those things that compromise the enjoyment."

Whether you pick the berries yourself or buy them by the bucket, there are a multitude of uses for the mouth-watering morsels such as muffins, smoothies, sauces and vinaigrettes. Langrell, however, has his own favourite way to indulge in the home-grown fruit.

"Typically, people will use a little bit right away for pies or crisps. They tend to go very well with other fruits," he said.

"But I think that saskatoon-rhubarb pie is pretty much the best pie you can find in the world."

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Rosser couple to give away free walking sticks at Quarry Days

By Jennifer McFee

A Rosser couple is showing that they truly walk the talk when it comes to sharing their spiritual beliefs.

Henry and Susan Martens are preparing to hand out free wooden walking sticks at Stonewall Quarry Days through an initiative by the Fellowship of Christian Farmers Canada.

This year marks the third time the couple will be giving away walking sticks at Quarry Days, as well as other goodies such as mini hockey sticks, crowns and bracelets for kids. They'll also provide free Bibles for anyone who doesn't have one.

"We gave away 1,125 walking sticks the first year. Last year, we gave away 800," Henry said. "I've got close to 1,000 ready for this year at Quarry Days."

Using his skills as a carpenter, Henry drills a small hole through each walking stick. Then Susan and a group of helpers loop a string of five coloured beads through the wood, along with an information card.

A yellow bead represents heaven, followed by black for sin, red for



They have nearly 1,000 walking sticks ready to distribute.

Christ's blood, white for purity and green for growth.

When people come to their display, Susan explains the "bead story" to members of the public.



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Henry and Susan Martens are looking forward to giving away free walking sticks at Quarry Days.

"We tell them that we'll give them a free walking stick if we can tell them the gospel story about how they can get to heaven. It's attached to our little walking stick," she said.

"So if they don't know for sure they're going to heaven, then we pray with them."

In addition to Quarry Days, the couple has set up at a swap meet at Assiniboia Downs and at a Filipino

street festival in The Maples.

As members of the Red River Valley chapter of the Fellowship of Christian Farmers, the Martens will also be getting together with a couple other chapters to hand out walking sticks at the Morden Corn and Apple Festival.

For more information about the Fellowship of Christian Farmers Canada, visit www.fcfcanda.org or drop by the Martens' booth at Quarry Days.

Burger fundraiser

By Becca Myskiw

The original Woodlands-raised quarter-pounder burger is a fan favourite on Friday evenings at the Woodlands Recreation Centre, where burgers made from a secret recipe are grilled and served up as a fundraiser.

The Woodlands slo-pitch league has 10 teams competing this year and is using the money from the burger sales to help pay for new doors at the rec centre and for general maintenance.

Everyone is welcome to come to the Rec Centre at dinner time Aug. 9 and Aug. 23 to have one of the home-made burgers and watch some slo-pitch.

The league will be hosting a tournament Sept. 14 for teams in the league and hope to have a bud, spud and steak along with an outdoor social (weather permitting) that anyone can buy a ticket for.



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Brenda Beauchamp is flipping burgers at the Woodlands Friday night Slo-pitch league as a fundraiser for the Woodlands Rec Centre.

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The need to stay aware and vigilant

By Evan Matthews

Currently, everyone is aware of the manhunt going on in northern Manitoba for suspected killers Kam McLeod and Bryer Schmegelsky.

The two men are wanted in connection with three brutal slayings in northern British Columbia.

While people shouldn't live in fear, a situation like this one highlights the need to stay aware and vigilant with what's going on around us.

For days, it was suspected these men were hiding in the woods near Gillam, Man.

Yet, driving down the highway anywhere north of Winnipeg, the thought begins to creep into one's mind.

"Are they potentially here, somewhere?"

"Yeah, right. Fat chance. All the reports place them near Gillam."

However, the more recent reports suggested someone might have inadvertently helped these men leave the area.

Why would someone ever help these guys?

They would help because they weren't informed, simply, and they weren't aware of who these men were and what they're suspected of doing. Granted, that's a guess, but why else would someone help them?

On Monday, reports have again surfaced that these men could be in the area near York Landing, Man., which is roughly 90 kilometres southwest of Gillam.

Canadian Forces and RCMP were dumping heavy resources into the area.

At press time, the *Express* would not be able to say for sure as to whether or

not these men will be caught.

What's interesting is how the story's narrative can change.

A week ago, so many of us thought the road ended in Gillam for McLeod and Schmegelsky. But they have since moved a great distance.

Wasn't their car found burning? How did they leave the area? Did someone give them a ride? Could they have a plan as to where they're heading next?

Not only is it important to read stories of interest like this and stay informed, but it's equally important to think critically.

We can read about and educate ourselves on a situation based on what RCMP and media are telling us, but questioning how we got to this place (in the narrative) and where the story can go from here should be included as part of one's thought process.

letter to the editor

Bring back the death penalty

First, it is hoped there is no further loss of life in the pursuit of the two teenage suspects on the lam in Northern Manitoba. The RCMP and others are bravely scouring the land and know what they are doing, but is it possible the two could have hopped a train, under the cloak of darkness, to evade capture or tried to get to Hudson Bay area to snatch a boat? Who knows. It is hoped that, once this is concluded, that it does not become a Hollywood movie to wrongly sensationalize tragic events

and suffering of families. The entertainment world often capitalizes on stories and we should not be glamorizing El Chapo, Charles Manson, Ted Bundy, Clifford Olsen, etc., who should be labelled "non-persona" similar to the Christchurch senseless massacre.

We need a referendum on the death penalty with DNA evidence/accuracy convictions. Convicted pariah killers pollute society with their sick costs like Clifford Olsen, Robert Pickton, Paul Bernardo and others. Yes, there are many bleeding hearts who feel capital punishment is cruel and inhumane. Yet what about the merciless deaths of innocent lives

by killers who have no respect for a human? How many tens of millions can we save in costs if we deployed the death penalty with expedience instead of lengthy delays by greedy lawyers and appeals? They linger in jail for decades to get food, security, dental care, essentials, conjugal visits, medicine, etc. while we have homelessness, joblessness, poverty and marginalized First Nations.

Why it is OK to kill a bear, predatory cougar, man-eating shark, killer crocodile and yet we give life sentences, etc. for those who deserve no mercy? The money we could save,

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Even fishermen share recipes

Hi gang.

I think we all get a kick out of humorous stories where old timers give less knowledgeable or younger anglers fishing lessons.

Remember the cat story from old Albert and Jim Kless two weeks ago? Well, here's a funny fishing story of one of our senior fishers toying with a younger angler.

Last Tuesday I met this great big wonderful, fun-loving guy, Daniel Klyne, who was shore fishing with friends at Breezy Point. He gave us this story.

Many summers ago, young Dan was shore fishing in Lake Manitoba by the Narrows beside an old grizzled-haired man sitting in a rickety folding chair puffing on a short tobacco-stained homemade cigarette. The water was silvery and placid. The afternoon was still and cloudy.

Suddenly, Dan's rod bent over as the line pulled into the water signifying a catch. He began reeling in steadily and soon, close to shore, the white sides of a big bass could be seen tossing above the surface.

"Oh boy, there's a nice big meal. If only I knew how to cook a bass," Dan shouted out to no one in particular.

The old timer shifted his thin frame in his chair, saying, "I know how to make a meal from that fish."

Dan was heartened as he landed it. He walked over to the old timer and introduced himself. "I'm Dan Klyne. How would you prepare a bass?"

The old man didn't offer his name and, with a reflective grimace, said, "First, you scale and clean the fish. Then you stuff it with a mix like a turkey for Thanksgiving and cook it on a maple board in the oven," he said.

"That sounds great," Dan marvelled.

"Yeah, then you throw away the bass and eat the maple board cause it'll probably taste better than that bass would," the old timer said, throwing his head back in uncontrolled laughter.

Dan, shaking his head sideways, quietly picked up his gear, the bass, and got in his car. Once home, he stood at the kitchen counter looking at the fish in

the sink.

There had to be a great recipe for cooking bass. Then it hit him and he Googled "bass recipes." That night, he totally enjoyed his grilled, spiced catch!

A few days after meeting Dan, there came a late morning knock on my door. When I opened it, before me stood a young, tall, lanky, "drink of water" with long, dark, curly hair.

"I'm here with a delivery," he explained. As he brought my order in, he continually talked. I must confess I never paid much attention until I heard the words "spear fishing."

When he had done his work, I invited him to sit for coffee then asked if he was a fisherman. It turned out our new friend, Brennan Romaniuk from Winnipeg, had spent a fair amount of time travelling the world, ocean spear fishing with snorkelling gear.

Like most travellers, Brennan was eager to tell of his adventures, but the one fishing story he gave us I'm sure you'll find riveting.

Brennan was ocean-snorkelling and spear fishing with a travelling friend near Brisbane, Australia. He went to get a fish for lunch while his friend stood on the rocky beach.

With his snorkeling gear, he waded into the water until it became strenuous. Then he set his diving mask and his mouth-piece and flopped into the water, kicking off with his flippers.

The water was fairly clear with restless heavy waves swirling vegetation and bubbles in front of his mask. He swam on the surface, seaward, looking down and readying his spear.

He could feel the waves that had just crashed ashore flowing under him back to the depths. A salt water bass darted from behind a rock below. He jackknifed down, aimed his spear and shot. He saw his arrow hit the fish as he swam deeper to it.

He sensed heavier water pressure and cold enveloping him. Instantly, an avalanche of outgoing rip-tide along the rock bottom caught him. Paralyzed for a moment, he watched rocks pass under him as the tide carried him in flight just above them toward the dark depths. Through the torrent tide car-



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY ARNIE WEIDL
Dan Klyne of Winnipeg with his catch while boat fishing off the west shore of the Lake Winnipeg south basin.

rying him, he could still see he had his fish on his spear line.

His teeth clenched hard on the snorkel's mouth-piece as his lungs and mind screamed for fresh air. Suddenly in front of him, a huge round boulder came into view. Because of the currents, they carried him over it and shot him straight up to the surface. Brennan spit out his snorkel, gasping, his emotions changing from the terror of drowning to relief.

He smiled as he heard his friend shouting from shore, "Will you quit fooling around and bring that fish in? I'm hungry!"

Till next week, good friends. Bye for now.

> LETTER, FROM PG. 6

give solace and swift justice, could be used for social programs. How much did Pickton cost us so far, or until he dies? The guess is more than \$400 million and counting. Heartless or otherwise, there is no reason for taking another life, including terrorism or domestic violence. We are doing many things wrong because of inane politics that come back to haunt us: global warming, societal fissures, inequalities, intolerances, double standards, immigration abuses and other

immutable topics.

Are my views alone? Don't bet on it and even some cops share similar. Talk to the surviving kin and inflicted communities who have been traumatized.

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Manitoba doctors look to bring affordable eyewear options to Selkirk

By Gabrielle Piché

Two Manitoban doctors have set out to bring cheaper high-quality glasses to stores, and now a collection they've designed is available in Selkirk.

JBlom officially launched at Clarity Vision Centres earlier this month. However, brothers Andrew and Christopher Aiken have been working on their eyewear line for five years.

The brothers are from Neepawa. Andrew works at Clarity Vision Centre and has been a practising optometrist for 11 years.

"Everyone knows the price of eyewear is quite expensive," Andrew said.

He and his brother wanted to skip the processes that large corporations go through to make glasses. Their goal was to go straight to the manufacturer for production. By doing this, they could market their glasses at a lower price.

The Aikens wanted to ensure they were working with someone who'd make high-quality frames.

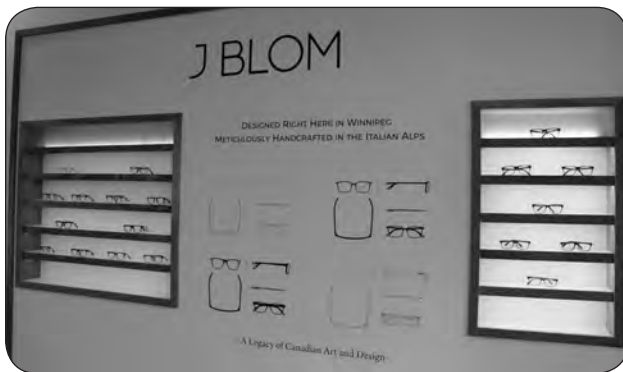
"It took three trips to Italy and pounding the pavement day and night to find the proper fit," Andrew said.

The brothers found a company in the Italian Alps to partner with. The manufacturer uses high-quality Italian acetate to make its glasses.

Back in Winnipeg, the Aikens designed their frames.

"I wasn't really sure how to take an idea and turn it into an actual product," Christopher said.

Christopher is a family medical resident. A friend



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JBlom eyewear is currently available at Clarity Vision Centre in Selkirk.

of his, an architect, told him about a software called AutoCAD where users can draw 2D and 3D models on the computer. Christopher learned how to use the program, and soon he was creating JBlom's frames.

The brothers took their online designs to North Forge Fabrication Lab. There, they used a 3D printer to print out models of their frames.

The Aikens tried on their models and changed the frames' measurements based on their findings.

"I'm not sure how many models we printed, but (there were) hundreds of different prototypes," Andrew said.

The brothers tested their models on different face shapes before finalizing their designs.

"It's quite amazing how even a small millimetre changed here or there can completely change the aesthetic of a frame," Andrew said.

The Aikens sent four types of frames to their Italian manufacturer: wayfarer, round, square and rectangle.

The brothers kept their great uncle James Blomfield in mind while creating their glasses. He's the inspiration behind the name JBlom.

Blomfield was an artist. He designed the city of Vancouver's official crest, and many of his paintings and stained-glass pieces are still found in different parts of British Columbia.

Andrew said he wanted to recognize his great uncle's role in Canadian history through JBlom.

"We're hoping to create a unique Canadian brand," Andrew said.

People can buy JBlom glasses at Clarity Vision Centre offices. They have sites in Selkirk, Winkler, Portage la Prairie and Winnipeg.

A pair of JBlom glasses costs \$279. This includes the cost of the frame and the lens.

"We typically sell that lens itself for \$189," Andrew said.

Customers would then pay upwards of \$300 for a high-quality frame.

He added he hopes to eventually sell JBlom eyewear across Canada. Since the company is new, the brothers are focusing on growing their business in Manitoba.

Final days of voting to help RCCC win \$25,000 prize

By Jennifer McFee

Vote! Vote! Vote!

Time is running out to vote for Rosser Central Community Club in the Manitobaville contest.

As one of the Top 10 entries into the contest, the local community club is in the running for a \$25,000 prize.

To vote, all you have to do is text the word "Rosser" to 54321. To bolster the odds of the local entrant, there is no limit to the amount of individual votes you can cast each day from each phone. Voting ends on Friday, Aug. 2 at noon.

The community that receives the most votes will receive a cash prize, and the winner will be announced on Tuesday, Aug. 6.

If Rosser Central Community Club comes out on top, they plan to use the funds to buy and install a multi-use

sport court floor that could be used year-round.

Following Green Acres Community Club's recent win of \$20,000 through the Sunova Class Golf Contest, it's clear to see that it's possible garner enough votes to win a contest when the community bands together to support a cause.

More information about the Manitobaville contest, including a video created for Rosser Central Community Club's submission, is posted online at <https://www.tsn.ca/radio/winnipeg-1290/contests/manitobaville-win-25-000-for-your-community>.

"Since 1946, the heart of the municipality has been the Rosser Curling Club as the host of countless curling bonspiels, weeknight leagues, com-

munity events and social gatherings for over 70 years," states the video.

"But due to the rising operating and maintenance costs, the curling facility was forced to close in 2016."

Then in the fall of 2017, an energetic board of volunteers began working on the newly renamed Rosser Central Community Club, states the video. Their plan is to revitalize the building as a multi-use, multi-generational facility to better serve the needs of the community now and for years to come.

"After a year and a half of fundraising, hard work and determination, the doors reopened this past spring," states the video.

"More funds are still needed for our two biggest expenses: a multi-sport floor at a cost of \$75,000 and a

new HVAC system to add heating and cooling to the old ice surface area for year round programming."

At this point, they have about half of what they need for both major expenses through fundraising events, raffles, grants and generous donations from community members.

"When Rosser is named Manitobaville, the \$25,000 grand prize will go directly to the purchase and installation of a multiuse sport court floor, making the Rosser Central Community Club the only community gymnasium in the region that could be used year-round for children, adult and senior activities like dryland hockey training, baseball winter training, pickleball, yoga, fitness classes and gymnastics," states the video.

"The Rosser Central Community Club has proudly been the hub of the town since 1946, and we are determined to regain our identity and community spirit with the revitalization of our beloved facility."

The Manitobaville contest is presented by Chicken Chef, Star Ready to Move Homes and Fusion Credit Union. Rosser is up against Hamiota, La Broquerie, Oak Lake, Oakbank, Rivers, Roseau River Anishinaabe First Nation, Rosenort, Rossburn and Spruce Woods.

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Student from Grosse Isle finishes Grade 10 in Peru

By Becca Myskiw

To finish Grade 10 off in style, Grosse Isle's Katherine McCowan spent the end of her school year in Peru on an exchange program.

McCowan, who attends the University of Winnipeg Collegiate, took part in an optional exchange program that her Spanish teacher, who grew up in Peru, started a few years ago.

McCowan was one of three students from her class who took part in the exchange and it led her to what she said are lifelong friendships and an amazing experience.

She was paired up with a girl named Julia from Peru after they both filled out a questionnaire about their interests and personalities.

Julia first came to Manitoba in January during the bitter cold to stay with the McCowan family.

While in Manitoba with McCowan, she was able to experience skating at The Forks, the girls toured the Manitoba Museum, the Winnipeg Humane Society and the snow maze at A Maze In Corn. They also took a trip east to McCowan's grandma's house in Kenora to give Julia a taste of Ontario.

"Essentially it was like having another sister in my family," said McCowan. "It was really cool."

Julia left for home in the first week of February and McCowan anxiously awaited her turn to travel to Peru.

She left for the country on June 23 and was there for about a month.

While in Peru, McCowan spent her weekdays in school learning much of what she would learn here, but she brushed up her Spanish and learned about politics and the history of Peru.

McCowan said there were a lot of differences she noticed when in the South American country. For instance supper time is around 9 p.m., their winter is during our summer, their winter is comparable to our summer weather, their school year goes from March to October and religion is everywhere.

McCowan said there are a lot more churches there than there are in Manitoba and they host festivals all the time for different religious reasons.

When the children are at a certain age in Peru, they choose a saint and celebrate them and McCowan was there to celebrate Julia's saint in a mini festival.

McCowan said she would go back to Peru in a heartbeat if she could to do the things she didn't have time for. Among her favourite things, she said, were that the markets were full



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Julia from Peru, right, took McCowan, left, for a day in the desert riding dune buggies and swimming.

of homemade jewelry, clothing and blankets and the people were fantastic.

"The most memorable thing was honestly the people," she said.

"They're all so kind."

McCowan said she still talks to every friend she made while in Peru and she hopes to meet with them again in the future.

Weekend of relaxation coming to Teulon during I Am Festival

By Gabrielle Piché

People wanting a weekend of meditation and relaxation can search for inner peace in Teulon this August.

The fourth annual I Am Festival is scheduled for Aug. 16 to 18 in Teulon. The festival looks at how "to live in mind, body and soul alignment," according to the event's website.

During the day, festival-goers can attend workshops focusing on physical, mental and spiritual health. There are yoga classes, meditation courses and talks on happiness, among other activities.

Five different workshops run at the same time. Each one has a cap on how many people can attend, but between the five courses, there's enough room for all attendees to be in a workshop.

There are 250 tickets to the I Am Festival. Organizers encourage festival-goers to sign up for workshops early to ensure they get spots in their desired courses.

However, people are not forced to attend the workshops they sign up for. Some people opt to see something else or spend time in nature during classes. Those who want to join a workshop can see if there's room at



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Festival-goers start their day off with yoga at last year's I Am Festival.

the beginning of the session.

I Am Festival has music performances in the evening at the event's main stage. Musical guests will also play around a large campfire at night.

Stonewall group Two Crows for Comfort will perform on stage Sat-

urday, Aug. 17 and around the campfire that same night. Musical acts like Odder than the Otters and Trista Shay will also perform.

Massage therapy, medium readings and morning yoga are features of the festival. People can bring their own

snacks or buy food from vendors on site.

Festival-goers can stay for one day or for the whole weekend. People planning to stay the weekend can bring an RV or tent. There's space for 20 RVs.

A day pass is \$109 per person, and a weekend pass is \$199. People who plan on camping must pay a \$25 camping fee, and people who are camping in an RV pay \$50. There's an option to get a VIP pass for \$269.

The festival happens on private land owned by Ignite Retreats. People from as far away as Hawaii visit Teulon during the weekend of the festival.

Tracy Thibodeau, one of the festival's organizers, has been living in Teulon for nine years.

"We get super excited to be part of the community and to get to share that community with people from all over North America," Thibodeau said.

Though there is no age limit on who can attend, and Thibodeau said people aged 16 and older get the most out of the retreat.

People wanting tickets or more information about the I Am Festival can visit iamfestival.net.

Woodlands Pioneer Museum hosts inaugural Kid's Day

By Jo-Anne Procter

It was just like stepping back in time last Friday at the Woodlands Pioneer Museum at the inaugural Kid's Day.

Children had a whole lot of fun playing games that their grandparents, great-grandparents and other ancestors played when they were young.

The Pioneer Museum directors planned the day with the help of summer students Isabelle McDonald and Malika Bangle.

There were potato-sack races, three-legged races, egg-on-the spoon race, face painting and a good old fashioned watermelon-eating contest.

On the horizon, volunteers are planning a Tea and Tour of the Museum on Aug. 24 with two sittings and there will be a prize for best hat.

For information regarding the museum or to book a sitting for the tea, contact Lorna Broadfoot at 204-383-5003.



Brody Tully and Jase Campbell slurped their way through the watermelon-eating contest.



Alysse Prystupa had a butterfly on her face.



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Concentration was key in the egg-on-the-spoon race. Pictured left to right: Wyatt Walsh, Emmett Smith, Blake Tully, Grayson Smith, Jase Campbell and Jessa Campbell.



Woodlands Pioneer Museum director Lorna Broadfoot joins in the fun.



Volunteer Brenda Balan pins a participation ribbon on Jase Campbell after the potato sack race.

Ride For A Child's Wish looking for band for Aug. 17

By Becca Myskiw

After a last-minute cancellation, the Ride For A Child's Wish is in search of a band to play at the 31st annual event on Aug. 17.

Ride For A Child's Wish is a family fun day that includes a 12-mile horseback/wagon trail ride,

a 250-kilometre motorcycle ride, a large variety auction, children's entertainment, a chicken and pork supper, and a dance, which is where the band is required.

All money raised at the event goes to the Children's Wish Foundation of Manitoba.

Co-ordinator Silver Peltier said they're looking for a band whose music style suits the event — country and/or old rock music would be best.

As the event is a fundraiser, there isn't extra funds so hopefully the band will play on a volunteer basis.

The band will play from 9 p.m. to midnight or later if they can. If you or someone you know is interested, call Silver Peltier at 204-461-0640 or 204-383-5230.

Ride For A Child's Wish is at Peltier's farm just off of Highway 6 south of Woodlands.

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Street renamed in honour of Folklorama's 50th anniversary

By Gabrielle Piché

People gathered at The Forks last Thursday to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Folklorama through the re-naming of a popular street.

Forks Market Road was honorarily named Folklorama Way to recognize the multicultural event. Folklorama brings people from across the province together to celebrate different heritages and backgrounds.

Winnipeg mayor Brian Bowman announced the new street name. Brian Pallister, Manitoba's premier, also gave a speech at the event. Pallister

said Folklorama was his favourite Manitoban festival.

Ambassadors from Folklorama's pavilions swarmed the canopy at The Forks in their colourful traditional garb. There was dancing, music and mingling — a preview of the upcoming festival.

Folklorama begins on Sunday, Aug. 4 and runs for two weeks.

If any of our local dancers are performing at any the pavilions during Folklorama, please contact the paper at news@stonewallteulontribune.ca so we can share with our readers.



TRIBUNE PHOTOS BY GABRIELLE PICHE

Folklorama's Scandinavian ambassador for 2019 poses with ambassadors from the French Canadian pavilion.



A number of musicians performed at the Forks during the honorary renaming of Forks Market Road to Folklorama Way. Folklorama's adult ambassador general and youth ambassador general hold the new sign displaying Folklorama Way. A number of dancers showed off their costumes and dances.

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Teulon's GAAC hosts successful sports camp

Staff

More than two dozen campers attended a sports camp at Green Acres Arts Centre last week.

From July 22 to 26, children attended either for ball hockey in the afternoons or for a full day of sporty fun.

GAAC also worked with Teulon Minor Hockey executive members Derek Miller and Rocky Kearney to develop this camp, as well as Carmen Lowe from Reps Gym in Teulon.

Minor hockey dads Derek Miller, Kyle Kearney, Kelly Lowe and Ren Neault facilitated the ball hockey camp. Players had the chance to learn skills and play a scrimmage game.

Then on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings, Carmen Lowe facilitated a Kids Outdoor Boot Camp. Participants tackled different activities to challenge their core, balance, endurance and strength. They participated in drills using battle ropes, tire flipping, weighted jug drags and farmer walks. For core strength, they worked on planks. They also engaged in drills that were incorporated into fun games to keep them entertained.

Since Mother Nature was unpredictable on Friday,

the kids visited the gym in town and tried out some of the equipment.

On Tuesday and Thursday morning, campers learned baseball and football skills through activities facilitated by Ren Neault.

For a break before hockey, the campers played with Lego and watched cat videos.

A \$1,000 Healthy Together Now grant covered the facility fee and provided snacks. Summer student Kaleigh MacDonald was in charge of getting the snacks ready for the campers and kept all their water bottles full.

"The GAAC is so grateful to everyone for coming together to facilitate this amazing camp," said board president Lana Knor. "When the community works together, amazing things happen — and this camp was amazing."

Looking ahead, GAAC is planning to host some Friday nights in the fall and discussions are in the works for having ball hockey once a month.

For more information about what's going on at Green Acres Art Centre, visit www.greenacresartcentre.org.



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Teulon hosted a successful sports camp at Green Acres Arts Centre last week.

Stonewall council news in brief

By Jennifer McFee

On Tuesday, July 23, the Town of Stonewall hosted a special meeting of council.

Council gave first reading to a bylaw regarding a bridge financing loan for John Q. Public Inc.

Mayor Clive Hinds explained that the town will provide a loan to the corporation in order to get the underground infrastructure in place for a fibre network. The amount of the loan has not yet been determined.

"It will get paid back over a two-year period," Hinds said.

Currently, 13 municipalities are involved in John Q's fibre initiative. Due to the late start in the summer, Hinds said only four municipalities will have the chance to get shovels in the ground this year — Macdonald, Rosser, Stonewall and Headingley. If all goes well, Portage la Prairie might be added to this list.

"That's why we thought it would be imperative if we could get something out of the gate for us," Hinds said.

In other news, Stonewall residents

are invited to complete an online survey by Eco-West Canada to help develop a Climate Change Local Action Plan. The survey will help the local community to identify priorities and create a relevant plan.

A link to the survey is posted on the town's website at www.stonewall.ca.

Stonewall's next council meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, Aug. 21.

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Cadets soar high after graduating from aviation and aerospace course

By Gabrielle Piche

School's out for air cadets who spent three weeks at Gimli Cadet Flying Training Centre.

The cadets graduated from a basic aviation technology and aerospace (BATA) course last Friday. Cadets marched around the gym of Dr. George Johnson Middle School in a graduation parade and received badges showing they'd finished the course.

Cadets learned about aviation and aerospace in classrooms. They took notes to learn the curriculum.

However, it wasn't all studying. The teens got to make rockets and go stargazing. Girls in the program made a Christmas tree out of green boxes. They used a small rocket as a tree topper.

The cadets were split into two flights, Dragon and Cobra. The top cadet in each flight received an award at grad.

Cadet Pearce took the award for top Cobra flight cadet. He got it based on his personal development and his ability to support others.

Cadet West-Derpack was named the top Dragon flight cadet for similar reasons. He also won the Esprit de Corps award for caring for others.

Cadet Gillert won the award for top overall BATA cadet. This was given based on Gillert's knowledge of the course material and his ability to ap-

ply the information to real life.

There was also an award for top flight, which Cobra cadets happily accepted.

Many graduates said they planned to continue their studies as an air cadet.

Colte Wheeler, 14, said he wants to join the air force. His favourite memory of the BATA course is stargazing.

"I got to see Jupiter, Saturn, the moon," he said.

Wheeler had no interest in observing the planets before going to Gimli. Now, he's thinking about buying a telescope.

Kit Naomi Aquino, 15, said she plans on being an air cadet until she's too old to continue. Youths can be in the Royal Canadian Air Cadets program until they're 19.

Aquino said it was bittersweet to finish the BATA course.

"I'm sad I'm going to be leaving all my friends, but I'm happy that I graduate, and we get a cool badge," Aquino said.

Tanessa Rohovich, 16, said she became close with her peers in Gimli right away.

"Just the few weeks you're there, you feel almost like family," she said.

The course officially came to a close as Lt.-Col. Ken Mills handed each cadet their graduation badge.



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Cadets stand in formation during their grad parade.



From left: Julia Reyes-Moya, Emma Cherney, Hannah Ha, Candace Huffman, Samantha Zhang and Ella Wawryk celebrate together after their graduation ceremony.



The course's colour party waits for the graduation parade to begin.



Cadets march around the gym of Dr. George Johnson Middle School during their graduation on July 26.



Cadets were given badges for passing the basic aviation technology and aerospace course.



Cadets who took the basic aviation technology and aerospace course in Gimli pose for a group picture together after graduating.



Cadet Pearce receives the award for top cadet in the Cobra flight.



A cadet waits to receive his graduation badge.



Samantha Zhang before receiving her badge.

Young love celebrating 70 years of marriage

By Becca Myskiw

Bill and Ede Docking are celebrating 70 years of marital bliss this year.

The 90-year-old couple met when they were in Grade 9 and have been together ever since. They have three children, eight grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren and two great-grandchildren on the way.

"I could give you the Reader's Digest version of us," said Bill Docking. "We met in Grade 9. We fell in love, and we still are."

Bill and Ede's Grade 9 class had 10 girls and three boys. The pair jokes that Bill had a large selection to choose from and still picked Ede, but he said he didn't need a selection to choose her.

Bill admired Ede for her quiet and funny personality. Ede liked that Bill was respectful, honest and had a good work ethic. She said he's always been a gentleman too.

"He opens the car door for me. I'm always on the inside when we walk," said Ede.

The Dockings were married on July 30, 1949, at 20 years of age. They had the first wedding in Forrest United Church in the town where they grew up. Their honeymoon started in Winnipeg and then out to Lac du Bonnet to visit family before travelling to a friend's cottage in Clear Lake.

Soon after their marriage, Bill was working for the railway and the couple moved to an attic in what is now

known as Thunder Bay. There they had their first two daughters, Pat and Karen.

Bill and Ede Docking moved away for a short while before going back to Thunder Bay where they had their youngest daughter Elaine. Bill said most of the parenting was left to Ede for three years while he worked on the road with the railway. Ede and their daughters would travel with Bill in the summer for those three years, before he got a management job in Winnipeg.

The couple soon went back to their roots and bought a beef and grain farm that soon became the family hot spot just outside of Teulon where they built a beautiful 1,800-square-foot home.

Ede said she hated being covered in the chaff when driving the grain truck during harvest and she had to keep going into the house to shower. She laughed as she told the story of reading in the truck and not watching for the combine to be full. Ede would be so engrossed in her reading that the combine would run over, which on occasion, resulted in their grandson venturing out to the field to see why gramps was stomping on his hat.

Bill was awarded the Governor General's Caring Canadian Award in 2007. He also received the Fred Douglas Humanitarian Award and the Interlake Regional Health Authority Volunteer Commitment award. Ede started



TRIBUNE PHOTOS BY LORI BENN
Ede and Bill Docking will celebrate their 70th wedding anniversary on July 30.



Ede, at 90 years of age, can still wear her wedding dress.

the infamous PumpkinFest in Teulon and, like Bill, has been a part of many community boards and clubs.

The Docking's big celebration was in May, but Ede is hoping that Bill will take her out for dinner on their anniversary this year.

Their favourite places in Teulon are the golf course and Fry Days. Bill said he might barbecue on the 30th.

After 70 years of marriage, the couple has only two rules they've followed: never go to bed mad and always kiss

goodnight.

Bill said he also had to train his wife to watch hockey and football, but she cheats sometimes and reads in front of the TV.

"How do you describe love?" said Bill. "I don't know."

The Dockings said they're just grateful to both be here at the same time at this stage in their lives when so many people don't get that chance.

Night at the Library in Stonewall a continuous hit

By Becca Myskiw

Dressed in their favourite pyjamas, over 40 children with flashlights in hand came through the library doors in Stonewall for a night of fun at the annual Night at the Library last Thursday.

The event started at 8 p.m. when the children were split up into seven groups and began to rotate through a lineup of fun activities.

The event had glow bowling, limbo, giant Jenga, an obstacle course, giant Connect Four, coconut bounce and a bouncy castle in the back room.

Each activity followed the theme "I Lava to Read," which ties in with the summer reading program and almost all of the library staff was on deck running the activities and having a good time.

There was a break partway through the festivities for a jumbo freezie and story and then it was back to the



Owen pulls out the wrong piece and the jumbo Jenga tower falls.

games.

The children had the chance to find *Toy Story 4* themed pictures hidden in the library and sign out a book in the



Mackenzie plays coconut bounce.

dark using their flashlight at the end of the night before guardians picked them up at 11 p.m.

The next Night at the Library is in

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August and is already filled with a waiting list.

Guide to the Galaxy – Satellites and Falling Stars

By Ted Bronson

Many of us have spent hours this summer at nighttime sitting outside around a campfire or on the deck at camp and gazing skyward. Occasionally you have noticed points of light moving slowly across the heavens.

I am referring to the many satellites that circle around the Earth. Most are quite faint but one is bright and easily seen against the night sky. One particular satellite is well known, the International Space Station (ISS).

The ISS is capable of carrying six astronauts. The ISS moves in a low Earth orbit at an average altitude of 414 kilometres at a speed of 27,600 km/hr. This means that it circles the Earth every 92.5 minutes.

The space station has made it possible for people to have an ongoing presence in space. Human beings have been living in space every day since the first crew arrived in November 2000. The space station's laboratories allow crew members to do research that could not be done anywhere else. This scientific research benefits people on Earth. Space research is even used in everyday life. The results are products called "spinoffs." Scientists also study what happens to the body when people live in microgravity (the condition of being weightless, or of the near absence of gravity) for a long time. The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) and its partners have learned how to keep a spacecraft working well. All of these

lessons will be important for future space exploration.

NASA currently is working on a plan to explore other worlds. The space station is one of the first steps. NASA will use lessons learned on the space station to prepare for human missions that reach farther into space than ever before.

The website heavens-above.com will tell you when the ISS is visible from your area. Remember to enter your location as it is critical to the calculations.

August is the month when many observers view the most popular meteor shower of the year, the Perseid meteor shower. This is because it occurs at the time of year when many of us are outside, at camp or on vacation. Cooler overnight temperatures this time of year also make it more comfortable for meteor watching as well (fewer bugs too).

The meteor shower builds up to a maximum over a week or so then declines at a similar rate over the same time period. If the skies are overcast on one night you still have an opportunity to view some meteors on another night. This year we will see the peak of the Perseid meteors on the night of Aug. 12 and predawn hours of Aug. 13. The best time to observe the meteors is from midnight until the first light of dawn. The meteors can appear anywhere in the night sky but looking to the northeast will increase your chances of spotting a meteor.



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The International Space Station circles the Earth every 92.5 minutes.

Under ideal conditions of dark and clear skies, with no moonlight, there will be about 80 meteors visible each hour at the peak of the Perseids. Unfortunately this year the moon will be nearly full during the Perseids so most of the meteors will be washed out in the bright moonlight. This means that only the brightest meteor trails will be visible. "Falling stars" or "shooting stars" are both names that people have used for hundreds of years to describe meteors as they streak through the night sky. Stars do not "fall" or "shoot," if they did there would be none left to see.

The waxing gibbous moon can be found just above and to the left of Ju-

piter on the night of Aug. 9. The reddish coloured star Antares is located below and to the right of brilliant Jupiter. By the 11th the swelling moon will be seen to the right of Saturn once darkness falls.

As a community service I am available to do talks on astronomy or related subjects to teachers, students, scouts, guides or any community groups who would be interested. I can be contacted by email at bronsont@mymts.net to schedule a presentation.

Clear Skies

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

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Vanity of Vanities! All things are Vanity!

In the first chapters of the book of Ecclesiastes, Qoheleth (Kind David's Son) laments, "for what profit comes to man from all the toil and anxiety of heart with which he has labored under the sun?" His answer? Only "sorrow and grief." For the wise and knowledgeable face, the same fate as the foolish (2:16), so what point is there in life? Reading through Ecclesiastes, it would not be out of place to ask where is the good news to be found here? If all is vanity, where are we to find something on which to build our lives, or does there exist anything that has as a lasting value?

The answer for us as believers, of course, is to put our faith and trust in the Triune God.

Our modern world puts a lot of energy into finding something on which to hold on, that offers some type of security and lasting happiness, only to be disappointed time and time again because of the emptiness that is found. Such things as beauty, money, power, neither last or live up to the hoped for promise of enduring peace. Some then turn to other types of instant gratification like drugs, alcohol or some other type of addictive behaviour to temporarily relieve them of the pain that

is a result of not being able to find that which will satisfy.

By putting our confidence in the living God we find a treasure to which nothing else compares. Finally, we can possess true freedom, the type of freedom that allows us to choose those things in life that can actually satisfy the deepest longings of the soul. In our encounter with the living God we given an opportunity to enjoy both growing toward our potential as human persons and also growing in the new life offered to believers that springs eternal.

Not all in life is vanity, only those things that disguise themselves as

either a general panacea or anesthesia for all the difficulties facing us in life, but quickly reveal their inability to live up to the perceived promise. Jesus offers a way that neither disappoints or frustrates. This way is to seek that treasure that cannot only satisfy the human heart but also can do so for all eternity! The way is Jesus, the beloved Son of God. If you have been finding that all things are vanity lately, I would encourage you to give Jesus another opportunity to satisfy your deepest longings.

Rev Barry Schoonbaert
Pastor, Christ the King Parish,
Stonewall

From surviving to thriving – one woman’s journey from an MS diagnosis

By Gabrielle Piché

For Stacey Napoleone, the Gimli MS Bike is more than a chance to pull out her bicycle — it’s an opportunity to raise awareness, exercise with friends and meet people battling the same illness.

Napoleone, 25, will ride in the Gimli MS Bike on Aug. 24 and 25. This feat comes four years after Napoleone was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis (MS).

MS is an autoimmune disease of the central nervous system, according to the Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada. The disease affects the brain and spinal cord. Symptoms vary from person to person, based on the type of MS and its severity.

“Your life changes with those words, multiple sclerosis,” Napoleone said.

Napoleone’s life changed within a week. On July 20, 2015, she was playing soccer when her right eye blurred.

“I felt like I had something in my eye,” she said.

The next morning, Napoleone’s right eye was worse. She went to a walk-in clinic who told her they didn’t see anything wrong. Napoleone was sent out the door with eye drops.

As the week progressed, Napo-

leone’s vision deteriorated.

“It got so bad that I could only see out of the corners of my eye,” Napoleone said. “It was a big black spot in the middle of my line of vision.”

She went to Misericordia Health Centre. The doctor said they didn’t find anything unusual, but they suspected Napoleone had optic neuritis, a first symptom of MS.

Napoleone was scheduled for tests over the weekend. An MRI scan confirmed the doctor’s suspicion — Napoleone had relapsing-remitting multiple sclerosis.

Napoleone had just finished a business program at Red River College. She was two weeks into her first job post-graduation. After her diagnosis, Napoleone began questioning her future.

“I was like, ‘What’s happening to me? Am I going to be losing my vision? Am I dying? What is MS?’”

Napoleone said she had to put her goals on hold while she begun treatment.

Because of the treatments, Napoleone’s vision was fully restored in three days.

Napoleone said that now, her biggest symptom is fatigue.

“I’m doing pretty well,” she said. “If fatigue is my biggest issue at this moment, I’m very thankful.”

Even so, Napoleone is taking time off work before and after the Gimli MS Bike to ensure she has enough energy. She’ll relax and recuperate at her home in Garson.

This will be Napoleone’s first MS bike tour, but it won’t be her first time participating in an MS fundraiser.

She’s been in three walks for MS between 2016 and 2018. Last year, she volunteered at Gimli MS Bike. While there, Napoleone was introduced to Stephanie Rozzi.

“By the end of the evening, I was like ‘Yep, I’m doing the MS Bike next year,’” Napoleone said.

Rozzi is the team captain of Rozzi’s Riders. Napoleone joined the crew after meeting Rozzi. Some of Napoleone’s friends have also signed up with the team, and they plan on biking together during the tour.

The group practises for the long ride by biking around Birds Hill Provincial Park.

“Very rarely do I go alone,” Napoleone said. “It’s fun.”

So far, the group has raised over \$11,000 for the Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada. Napoleone has raised over \$6,000 on her own.

Napoleone contributes to the Multiple Sclerosis Society in another way — through her words. The MS Society of Manitoba has posted Napoleone’s story on Instagram, and Napoleone



TRIBUNE PHOTOS SUBMITTED Stacey Napoleone, right, and her friend Nicole Spelchak during a bike ride at Birds Hill Provincial Park.

has been vocal about the disease on her own Instagram account.

“It’s really exciting every time I get to share my story and create awareness,” Napoleone said.

Registration for the Gimli MS Bike closes on Tuesday, Aug. 13. People can sign up as an individual or as part of a team. To ride, individuals or teams must raise at least \$300 before the bike tour begins on Saturday, Aug. 24.

People can register online at the Gimli-MS Bike website or to donate visit http://mssoc.convio.net/site/TR?fr_id=6520.

Chef and Farmer dinner



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY JO-ANNE PROCTER

Last Friday Leslie and Rudy Reimer, owners of Watersong Farms east of Warren hosted a Chef and Farmer dinner with Loaf & Honey chefs Rachel Isaak and Dustin Peltier performing their gourmet magic. Diners were treated to a four course meal that included Beef Carpaccio with citrus salt, saskatoons and balsamic, Chicken Terrine with stone fruit, fennel, chives, greens and cucumbers, Soy poached trout with forbidden black rice, fresh grapefruit, wilted greens and sesame crisp along with a white chocolate miso sauce and for dessert deconstructed fruit crisp with fresh sorbert. Another dinner is in the works for August. For more information contact Watersong Farm at 204-322-5558.

Pictured left to right; Isaak, Chad Krastel, Peltier and Jeff Rice put together the deconstructed dessert.

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Giants slay Blue Jays in MJBL semifinal series

By Brian Bowman

The Interlake Blue Jays, at times, were their own worst enemy against the Elmwood Giants.

Elmwood defeated Interlake 10-5 last Thursday in Stonewall to win their Manitoba Junior Baseball League best-of-five semifinal series 3-1.

"It was close," said Blue Jays' head coach Adam Kirk. "We were winning, at one point, 5-4 and then the wheels fell off and we made some errors and they took advantage of it. We walked some people. It was the same thing that we've done all year. If we could get out of our own way and make plays, we're a baseball club."

Two of the Interlake's losses in the series were by a single run.

"I'll give them credit for sticking with it but we really, really played four games where, if we had just one inning and one call go our way, that series is over in three," Kirk said. "They prevailed and their 20-3 and a first-place team (during the regular season) but we had them on the ropes."

Interlake was offered an opportunity to go to westerns because one Manitoba team could not attend.

At press time, it was not known, though, if the Blue Jays had accepted that offer.

The Giants, meanwhile, took a 2-1 series lead with a 7-6 victory at Koskie Field last Wednesday.

"We had just as many errors as we had runs that game," Kirk lamented. "You take off one or two errors and we win that game easily."

Interlake will have five players —

Baily Proctor, Brennan Cheasley, Derek Petrasko, Jason Peltz and Emerson Klimpke — age out of junior baseball.

There's a lot of talent that will be missed from that group next season.

"It's quite a big part but we have some younger guys that are coming up," Kirk noted. "But I thank those third-year guys that are moving on because they helped make our program better and put the Blue Jays on the map. Hopefully, they continue to play senior (baseball)."

In the other MJBL semifinal series, St. Boniface defeated Pembina Valley 4-3 last Friday to win their best-of-five semifinal series in five games.

At press time, the MJBL final had Elmwood leading St. Boniface 1-0 in their best-of-five series after a 5-4 win on Sunday.

Game two of the series was played Monday while Game 3 is set for Wednesday (7 p.m.) at Koskie Field.

On an individual note, the Blue Jays' Ben Anderson was named a 2019 MJBL all-star outfielder.

"Bennie is a five-tool player," Kirk said. "He has speed, he has an arm, and he plays in centre field and catches everything. He hits for power and he hits for average. He had a really good year and hit the ball hard all (season). He definitely makes a difference for us when he is out there."

The other 2019 MJBL all stars included the Elmwood Giants' Tyler Wood (designated hitter), Riley Treger (utility), Garrett Graham (outfield), Zach Delaquis (second base), Brett Boudreau (third base) and Owen Harms



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The Blue Jays' Ben Anderson received the 2019 Manitoba Junior Baseball League All Star Outfielder award. Pictured left to right: Adam Kirk (coach), Anderson and James Stolar (coach).

(shortstop), St. Boniface's Nathan Agar (outfield) and Adam Senden (first base), St. James' Austin Pistawka (catcher), Pembina Valley's Branden Hatley (left-handed pitcher), and Carillon's Zach Giesbrecht (right-handed pitcher).

The 2019 MJBL award winners were: top hitter - Tyler Wood, Ken Prodonick

manager of the year - Ed Kulyk, Jack Hind top pitcher - Branden Hatley, Carey Candy MJBL MVP - Tyler Wood, umpire of the year - Ashton Liske, Jacobucci Domes Sportsmanship & Ability - Troy Kembal, Len Gzebb top defensive player - Austin Pistawka, and Jack Thompson rookie of the year - Zach Giesbrecht.

Stonewall set to host Western Canadian Senior 'AA' Baseball Championship

By Brian Bowman

In recent years, Stonewall has been blessed with the opportunity to host major amateur baseball tournaments.

And they will have another chance to show off their impressive ball diamond when Stonewall hosts the 2019 Western Canadian Senior "AA" Baseball Championship from Aug. 16-18 at Fines Field.

Five teams, one each from B.C., Alberta, and Saskatchewan, along with two from Manitoba will be competing for the western title.

The Stonewall Blue Jays will be the host team for the tournament.

"It's going to be a good ball tournament," said the Blue Jays' Adam Kirk. "There will be some good players and there should be some AAA-calibre amateur baseball players."

It's been a number of years since Stonewall has hosted a Western Canadian Senior "AA" Baseball championship.

The Blue Jays are really looking forward to competing against the top teams from western Canada.

"The boys are going to be pumped and we have a good lineup going," Kirk said. "Hopefully, we can play well at home and challenge to win this

thing. That's the plan."

The Blue Jays' team consists mainly of players from Stonewall, as well as players from Lundar and Teulon.

A few players from across the province have also been picked up for the westerns.

Stonewall will begin play Friday at 1 p.m. against B.C. and then will go up against Saskatchewan at 7 p.m..

On Saturday, the Blue Jays will battle the Manitoba representative Southwest at 1 p.m. and then will take on Alberta that evening at 7 p.m.

Friday's other games will see Manitoba versus Saskatchewan (10 a.m.)

and Alberta (4 p.m.) while Saturday's action has B.C. against Alberta (10 a.m.) and Saskatchewan (4 p.m.).

On Sunday, round-robin action will conclude with Manitoba versus B.C. (10 a.m.) and Saskatchewan against Alberta (11:30 a.m.).

If a tiebreaker is needed, it will be played Sunday at 2:30 p.m. followed by the gold-medal game at 5:30 p.m.

If one is not necessary, then the gold-medal contest will take place at 2:30 p.m.

Finnsen signs with MJHL's Winnipeg Blues

By Brian Bowman

Nick Finnsen's hockey career has now taken him to the Manitoba Junior Hockey League.

The Winnipeg Blues announced last Thursday that Finnsen, a 2002-born defenceman, and 2001-born forward Aidan Shumka have committed to the organization.

"I'm pretty excited to join the team," said Finnsen last Friday. "It should be a good adventure. It seems like it's going to be a good organization with them owning the rink and all that. I'm kind of more pumped up now."

Finnsen was originally selected by the OCN Blizzard in the MJHL Bantam draft but his rights were later traded to Winnipeg.

Finnsen, a Stonewall product, played 23 regular-season games with Pilot Mound Varsity of the Canadian Sports School Varsity Hockey League during the 2018-19 campaign.

It was his second season there after playing two years for the Interlake Lightning Bantam "AAA" team.

"The league was pretty good and it was pretty good competition," Finnsen said. "With that team in Pilot Mound, we also played in a lot of prep tournaments and I think playing in those tournaments was better than playing in our league."

"But it was a good time."

Finnsen felt playing at Pilot Mound helped him improve as a hockey player.

"I think playing on Pilot Mound and getting to the rink every day and experiencing different leagues and different opponents definitely got me to a better place than playing at the Interlake but being with the Lightning was also good," he said.

"I liked playing at Pilot Mound because it was a seven days a week thing. It was lots of fun."

In those 23 games with Pilot Mound last season, Finnsen scored four goals and added 12 assists for 16 points. The 5-foot-10, 165-pounder added seven assists in four playoff games.

"I like to make plays and get as-

sists," Finnsen said. "If a lane is open, I'll rush the puck up once in a while. I would say I'm a little offensive but mostly a defensive defenceman."

Pilot Mound is over a two-hour drive from Stonewall. But with Finnsen now playing in Winnipeg, the 16 year old can live back at home and attend high school with his friends at Stonewall Collegiate.

The Blues have openly stated that they are a development program with the full intention of moving players on to the next level.

And that's certainly Finnsen's goal. He will also be attending the Western Hockey League's Winnipeg Ice's training camp this fall.

"I'm trying to get my career going as far as I can," he said. "Playing in the (WHL) would be unreal and an awesome opportunity. I'm excited to put in the time and effort to improve myself and improve my game as much as I can to play at this level."



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Stonewall's Nick Finnsen has signed with the Manitoba Junior Hockey League's Winnipeg Blues.

Club champion



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Ryan Sholdice is the 2019 Breezy Bend club champion after finishing at 3-under par. That was four strokes better than Mike Tibbs.

Blizzard ousted from RMLL Junior 'B' Tier 1 Lacrosse Championship on a tiebreaker

By Brian Bowman

Losing a tiebreaker is never an easy thing to take.

But losing a tiebreaker by .0007 per cent is excruciatingly difficult.

That's what happened to the Manitoba Blizzard at the Rocky Mountain Lacrosse League Junior B Tier 1 Championship last weekend in Red Deer.

The Blizzard, Fort Saskatchewan Rebels and Red Deer Rampage were each tied with 2-2 records. The tiebreaker formula was goals for divided by goals for plus goals against.

"We didn't get to the finals, but it was pretty good, though," said the Blizzard's Seth Mandryk, who lives in Stonewall. "We were down to .0007 so it came down to one goal — that kinda sucks. It sucks because we were all thinking 'If we didn't take this penalty' or if we would have scored on this play (we would have advanced to the final)."

"But we still have nationals coming up."

Manitoba started play on Friday with losses to the Rockyview Silver-tips (14-10) and the Saskatchewan Rebels (12-9).

But the Blizzard bounced back

nicely the following day to defeat the Calgary Shamrocks (11-10) and the Red Deer Rampage (12-8).

That win over Calgary snapped the Shamrock's 20-game winning streak.

The Blizzard did a great job battling back from an 0-2 record.

"It showed that everyone wanted to keep going on and make it to the finals again because we have done fairly well over the last four years," said the 18 year old Mandryk. "We wanted to win the league again and get back to the old ways."

Last month, Manitoba won the East Division title after sweeping the Saskatchewan SWAT 2-0 in their best-of-three series at the Maples Multiplex. The Blizzard cruised to victories of 11-5 and 13-2.

"We did pretty well," Mandryk said. "My team lost the first two games against them back at the end of April but then we improved a lot over the year once we got our guys back. Me and another guy came back from college and another kid came back from prep school. Other guys were hurt at the start of the year but we did well at the end."

The Blizzard will be back in action



Seth Mandryk

Aug. 12-19 when they host the 2019 Founders Cup at the Maples Multiplex.

Seven teams will be competing for a national lacrosse title.

"That'll be cool hosting it," Mandryk said. "I'm pretty pumped for that. I think if we play well and stay out of the box, then I think we can be successful."

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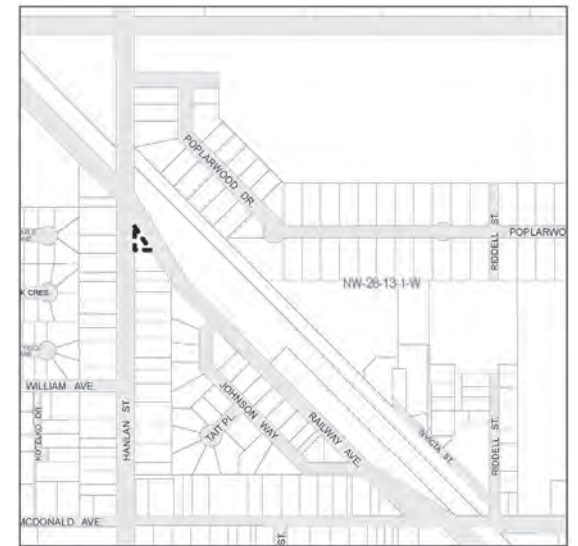
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No. 2717/19

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HEARING: Multipurpose room, Warren Fire Hall, 152 Macdonald Avenue, Warren, Manitoba
DATE & TIME: 6:30 P.M., Tuesday August 13, 2019
OWNERS: RM of Woodlands
APPLICANT: Committee of the LUD of Warren
PROPOSAL: Re-zoning of the area known as Lot 28, Plan 4444 in the community of Warren, and shown outlined in a heavy dashed line on the map below, from "RG" Residential General Zone to "OR" Open Space/Recreational Zone
AREA AFFECTED: Lot 28, Plan 4444 Warren, MB Rural Municipality of Woodlands



FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Kaitlyn Fleury, Planning Officer Phone No. 204-383-5679

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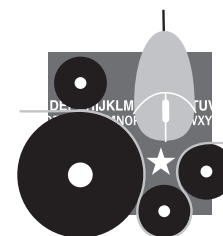
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-Love Mom and Dad
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CARDS OF THANKS

We would like to thank our family, friends and clients for their support, visits, flowers, cards, meals and donations since the passing of our beloved Rick Good. A special thank you to sisters, Jody and Kirsty and brother-in-law, Dan, Arlene Falk, Gerry and Carol Moore, Candace and Cody McGee, Kathy Drury, Hailey McGuirk, G&A Rentals, and Dr. Decal for going above and beyond. Thank you to everyone who attended and contributed to Rick's Celebration of Life and thanks to Ken Loehmer for all his help.

Wherever you are Rick we know
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-Tannis Thomson and Blain,
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-Love Arlene, Clay, Valerie and
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CELEBRATION OF LIFE

Loren Turner

Celebration of Life for Loren Turner, husband of Donna May Jones on August 11, 2019 at noon at Nolan Jones, St. Laurent. 415 to Road 15, turn left, 1 ¼ mile #97099.

OBITUARY

Irene Helen Szabo (nee Wlodarczyk) May 19, 1942 - July 26, 2019

It is with sadness that we acknowledge the passing of Irene Szabo on July 26, 2019. Mom will be forever remembered by her devoted husband, Bob; daughters, Michele (Michael), Deborah (Peter); sons Randal, Wesley (Christine); grandchildren, Matthew (Tabatha), Brittnee, Justin (Megan), Kaitlyn (Matt), Jillian and Tyler; great-grandchild Mason; sister Chris (John); and several nieces and nephews.

At her request there will be no formal funeral. Cremation has taken place and a private family interment will take place at a later date.

We would like to thank Dr. Loudon, the Homecare nurses, paramedics, nurses and doctors of Stonewall Hospital and the many friends and family for all their help and support expressed to Irene over the years.



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OBITUARY

Lloyd Earl Taplin

Lloyd Earl Taplin passed away peacefully on July 24th, 2019 at the Grace Hospital at the age of 86.

Predeceased by parents, Alfred "Cerce" and Eva Taplin, brothers Orv and Ray. Lloyd will be lovingly remembered by his wife of 62 years Audrey; son Ken (Michelle), daughter Faye (Peter); grandchildren Meagan (Jeremiah), Stefania (Brent), Natalina, Gerardo, Joe; great-granddaughter Elia; brothers Don (Muriel), Fred (Elaine), Ken (Sharon); sisters-in-law Shiril and Elza; brother-in-law Edward (Marilynn) numerous nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

Lloyd was born on the family farm just south of Argyle, Manitoba on September 3, 1932. He was the fifth of six boys. He attended Grassmere School till grade 8, then Brant Argyle School, where he met the love of his life, Audrey. They were married at the Argyle United Church on August 10, 1957. They lived in Warren, MB where both their two children, Ken and Faye were born. The family then moved a few miles over to the farm in Argyle where they resided till they retired to Stonewall, and then later moved to Winnipeg.

Lloyd worked for the Lakeside Butter Company, Kane Equipment, then he took the position of Weed Supervisor for the municipalities of Rockwood and Rosser. After that he started driving school bus for the Interlake School Division, out of Stonewall until his retirement. Throughout Lloyd also raised cattle on the farm, and did seasonal work for Unger Seed Farms for many years.

Lloyd had a love of horses and could always recall the names and personalities of any of the family horses. Lloyd enjoyed baseball his whole life starting from an early age, then in the local men's league, coaching the local girl's team to the provincials and as a spectator at the local tournaments. Lloyd enjoyed his curling during the winter months. As the years went on Lloyd retired to being an avid TV sports fan.

Lloyd was a member of the local Toastmasters, a member of the Stonewall Masons, the Portage Khartum Shriners, Eastern Star and Jobs Daughters. He enjoyed camping with family and friends at the Portage and later Sidney camp sites. His travels included family trips to Branson, for country music, Prince Edward Island, and the Halifax trip to watch the Brier.

The most important thing in Lloyd's life, was family. Loving husband, Dad, and Poppa, you will be forever in our hearts.

Celebration of his life was held in his memory, on Thursday August 1, 2019 at 11:00am, at the Argyle Community Hall.

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