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St. Laurent Day Camp providing great summer experience for youth

By Jeff Ward

A summer day camp organized by the St. Laurent Recreation Commission is giving area youth the chance for daily adventures, fun and games in a safe environment and all for a relatively low cost.

The camp is beginning its fifth week next Monday, Aug. 7, and organizer and recreation director Wendy Scharf said that she has seen an increase in popularity each week. Scharf said that in the early stages, the attendance started slow, but over the last two weeks, the numbers have continued to climb to an average of 12 kids per day. The camp has a maximum of 25 spots for kids, and Scharf believes

that they will likely see 20 kids a day on average.

The prices are \$50 per child for the week or a \$10 a day drop-in fee. That covers all of the activities for the day like sports, games, arts and crafts designed for an age range of 5 to 12 years old. Parents are responsible to supply their child with a lunch and a water bottle. Camp days are Monday to Friday from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. at the St. Laurent Recreation Centre.

"This is not a privilege program. We want to keep youth active and I think reducing our price makes it easier for parents to enrol their kids," said Scharf.

"In our area, we have lots of big fam-

ilies, so while \$50 a week isn't expensive, we do need to think about families of three and four where that does become much more difficult. The recreation commission is non-profit and my job is to facilitate programming at an affordable rate in the community."

The program offers value to the teenage youth working as camp counsellors for the summer. Scharf said that leadership and mentoring opportunities would add new skills for those youth looking for personal development in a fun summer job.

Scharf said that it's important for her to create a space that encourages development in social skills and interpersonal relationships while also hav-

ing youth participate in health and wellness thinking. Being active outdoors and discussing healthy eating tips are all smaller pieces of the pie when it comes to this summer camp.

"It really will be an adventure everyday and I know that kids are having a lot of fun already. There is almost endless value to this day camp, and I hope to see more parents enrol their kids over the next few weeks," said Scharf.

Parents interested in registering their child can do so with a cheque or in cash at the RM office or by dropping in Monday morning and speaking with Scharf in person.

For more information, email wendy.healthandwellness@gmail.com.

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ClB Yard of the Week



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The Communities In Bloom Yard of the Week honours were awarded to RaeAnn and Chad Learmond of 15 Ernie Webb Bay. The Learmonds moved to the property 10 years ago when the yard was just clay and mud. They have worked hard together with help from family and friends to create their park-like property. The family chooses plants in colours that will compliment their home. In the front yard are pink and white potentillas, spirea and potted annuals, while the back yard has a number of varieties of hydrangeas, Karl Foerster grass, echinaceas, sedum, phlox, daylillies, hostas and much more. Be sure to stop by Stonewall's Home Hardware and fill out a ballot to nominate the next Yard of the Week.

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Lockport dig unearths new clues about First Nations heritage

By Lindsey Enns

An ongoing excavation project is helping provide a glimpse into the way First Nations people lived near Lockport nearly 400 years before the first European settlers arrived.

Leigh Syms, Manitoba Museum curator emeritus, University of Manitoba Department of Anthropology adjunct professor and the co-ordinator behind the Lockport Heritage Park Project, says they are helping show that local First Nations were far more sedentary than once thought.

"It's forcing us to completely change our understanding of First Nations," Syms said during a earlier interview with the *Tribune*. "These people were fishing ... but they were also planting their own crops and raising materials, digging storage pits.

"They were planting ... corn and beans and other plants and had sufficient successes that they were building storage bins."

Previously it was believed that First Nations were fishers and hunters that would follow their food sources rather than spend time in one location. But Syms says they have found evidence of the tools that were used and of the plants that were there along with proof of the storage bins.

"What we're trying to do is make this better known," he said. "The site itself is a very ancient site. It dates back at least three or four thousand years."

University of Manitoba students started extracting artifacts from the site, located along the river's edge in Lockport Heritage Park, last spring while following up on research done in the '80s that showed First Nations had constructed storage bins.

"This site is phenomenally important. It's just unbelievable that a site so important ... is so poorly known," Syms said, adding they have been working closely with nearby First Nations communities. "When we were excavating last spring, nobody knew about this."

Syms added their research has also helped enhance the important role of women in First Nations families. Men would hunt while women would take care of the plants, he said.

Syms said they have sent the artifacts they have uncovered so far to Lakehead University for further scientific analysis.

Once this project is complete, Syms predicts it will "completely change the general understanding and appreciation of the richness of First Nations heritage." He said they hope to wrap things up sometime this fall.

The research project is also being featured in a television documentary



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University of Manitoba students take part in a dig at a site in Lockport last summer. The students helped uncover things such as clay pottery used by First Nations people 400 years before European settlers arrived, following up on research done in the '80s that showed First Nations had constructed storage bins.



about First Nations agriculture that is currently underway and is expected to be released sometime this fall. He added the documentary will be made available to schools as a teaching school.

The Selkirk and District Community Foundation provided a grant of \$10,000 to the project to help facilitate scientific analysis of materials discovered at the site and the documentary. But Syms admits a project of this magnitude can be costly.

"Certainly over \$100,000 worth of time and effort has gone into it when you include volunteer time," he said. "We've had just a phenomenal amount of donated time.

"It couldn't have happened without all of this work ... we've had just tremendous support."

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Former Interlake residents represent German Pavilion

By Ligia Braidotti

The largest multicultural festival in Manitoba will be kicking off its 48th season of celebrations this weekend, and a longtime Interlake resident is excited to represent the German Pavilion.

Luigi Mandarinino is an Italian man who's been living in Manitoba since 1963. He lived in the Interlake for 17 years and now resides in Winnipeg.

His partner, Resi Dux, has been involved with the German Pavilion since Folklorama's inception in 1970 and was a regular performer in Selkirk and throughout the Interlake.

This year, the German Society of Winnipeg is celebrating its 125th anniversary, and Dux and Mandarinino were invited to represent the pavilion as the Adult Ambassadors.

Mandarinino said Folklorama is a great event for those who want to experience other cultures with a bonus: no need to spend a lot of money in flight tickets or visas.

"(Folklorama) gives us a chance to see the culture of different countries around the world," he said. "It's something which you're not going to experience if you don't go there personally and that costs money. You can experience here the culture, the way they dress, their dances and singing, and also the food with different styles and tastes."

Folklorama is the longest-running and largest festival around the world that celebrates Canada's and Manitoba's diversity, according to the International Council of Organizations of Folklore Festivals and Folk Arts. The

two-week festival started as a celebration of Manitoba's century and runs annually during the first two weeks in August.

This year, 41 pavilions across the city will showcase their music, food and culture with people coming from all over the country.

"It's very important because the 41 pavilions that participate this year, they all come to one, they start under one roof," he said. "Even though the pavilions are in different areas, they are still in one city. People can be in one city, and they can be able to see all (pavilions) or as many as they could, and it wouldn't cost them much money to be able to do it."

Mandarinino said the festival helps those who are immigrating to Canada to reunite with people from their culture and celebrate who they are.

"They are in a strange country, but at the same time, Manitoba is a melting pot. Everybody comes from different countries, but all the countries are all united in one. In those two weeks, everybody gets to see each other and different cultures."

An immigrant himself, Mandarinino added that going to the Italian Pavilion "brings me closer to my roots, close to home," he said.

Dux added the festival is an educational opportunity for those who attend it and that she looks forward to it every year.

"It's wonderful that everybody could get together and have a taste of other countries without going around," she said.

The festival opens its season on Aug.



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY LANA MEIER

Luigi Mandarinino, left, and Resi Dux are the Adult Ambassadors for the German Pavilion, which will be showcasing their culture from Aug. 6 to 12.

6 and runs until Aug. 19. Advanced tickets are on sale or can be purchased for \$6 at the door at each pavilion. Children 12 years old and under are free as long as they are accompanied by an adult with a valid admission ticket. The Vickar Automotive Group Fun Pack costs \$54 and comes with 12 tickets that are valid at all pavilions and are transferable. Mini fun packs cost \$25 and come with five tickets. These can be purchased at any Vickar Automotive Group dealerships, Cambrian Credit Union branches,

the Folklorama office (2nd Floor - 183 Kennedy St.), at all pavilions (not valid for Mini Fun Packs) and Winnipeg Canad Inns Destination Centre locations (not valid for Mini Fun Packs). VIP Tours cost \$69.95 for three pavilions and \$54.95 for two pavilions, and include Bypass lineups and enjoy VIP seating and a progressive cultural meal and air-conditioned transportation to all pavilions. For more information, go to www.folklorama.ca.

Brewery toasts to Lake Friendly's 'No Water No Beer' campaign

By Jessica Worb

While you're sipping on an ice cold beer this summer, Lake Friendly wants to remind you that without clean water, there wouldn't be any beer to drink.

"Often when we think about the health of our water, we think just about Lake Winnipeg," explained Colleen Sklar, Lake Friendly executive director. "We really have to start to understand that this is more than recreation and beaches; it is about our economy."

Lake Friendly, which was an initiative created in 2009 by the leaders of the South Basin of Lake Winnipeg in response to the deteriorating water quality, aims to create awareness about the issues facing Lake Winnipeg and other fresh water lakes around the globe.

"We all relate to water and it's our



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY JESSICA WORB

Kristján Kristjánsson, pictured left, and Jeremy Wells, pictured right, of Brazen Hall, a new kitchen and brewery in Winnipeg, is one of the 150 locations on board with Lake Friendly's No Water No Beer campaign.

job to protect it," stated Sklar.

As a part of their new #nowaternobeer campaign, Lake Friendly created thousands of coasters in hopes it will create conversations both in person and on social media.

Brazen Hall, a new kitchen and brewery located in Winnipeg, is one of the 150 restaurants participating in the campaign. Brazen Hall has eight original beers on tap, which means they use copious amounts of water to brew their beers.

"When you look at beer, it's 95 per cent water, so it's a big part of it," explained Jeremy Wells, head brewer at Brazen Hall. "Most breweries use anywhere between two to three volumes of water for every one volume of beer, which means it takes two to

Tree-cutting business to apply for development permit

By Jennifer McFee

At the July 26 committee of the whole meeting, Clint Pinder spoke to council about a notice of objection for a non-compliance issue.

Pinder confirmed that a container home on his property was placed there without a permit and without permission from the South Interlake Planning District (SIPD). However, he told council that the container home would be removed by Oct. 1.

In addition, he is operating a non-compliant wood-cutting business on the same site without a development permit and without approval from council and the SIPD.

Pinder now needs to provide the SIPD with a letter outlining his intent, which will be presented to council for consideration.

Pinder also told council about his plans to operate an organic tree farm

on his property. He said that he will maintain reasonable hours of operation, build animal units and fences, and build a home on the property. He will also send a letter to outline his intentions for the property.

"Our intent is to live here and to work here but also to be a good neighbour," Pinder told council.

In other council news:

- RCMP Sgt. Kelly Glaspey was scheduled to appear as a delegation at the meeting, but the visit was cancelled due to a call-out.

- Council discussed the possibility of a stop sign at Memorial Boulevard and Main Street in Stony Mountain to curtail excessive speeding. The request will be brought forward to Manitoba Infrastructure.

- CAO Chris Luellman recognized operations director Ian Tesarski for his grant application skills that



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY JENNIFER MCFEE

Rockwood council met for a committee of the whole meeting on Wednesday, July 26.

helped the municipality to secure \$225,000 through the Municipal Road Improvement program. The government funding will help pay for road work on Road 1E from 81N to 82N; Road 6E; Road 74N from Road 4E to

5E; RD 94N; and for street paving in Stony Mountain.

- The next regular council meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, Aug. 9 at 9 a.m.

Teulon Manitoba Youth Job Centre closing Aug. 18

Staff

The Teulon Youth Job Centre is a useful resource for youth who are looking to gain work skills.

This summer, approximately 30 youth aged 12 to 29 signed up for the services. The centre helped older youth find part-time jobs and helped younger kids to develop their job skills before they enter the job market.

For youth aged 12 to 26, the Odd Job Squad helped them to bolster their skill set, which will help them during future job searches. For example, the participants took part in a barbecue

sauce sale with Bon Vivant BBQ Sauce and a flavoured popcorn sale with Kernels Popcorn, as well as window painting for Canada Day, strawberry picking, two barbecues and a town cleanup.

"I'm happy to say that every student I've worked with to try to land a specific job managed to get a position at that job (even when the business wasn't advertising for hiring, in one case). Having someone like me look through your resume really can make the difference between getting an interview or not," said Teulon MYJC

youth engagement leader Gavin Leduchowski.

"We are also a great resource for employers, either for help around the house/farm, or businesses looking for full/part-time employees. We always have a roster of kids eager to work, and ranging in age and ability enough to fill most jobs that come to me."

The services are free, and Leduch-

owski said the job centre is a great resource for anyone who has questions about finding a job.

"If I can't help, I know who can," he said.

To contact Leduchowski, call 204-861-0132 or email TeulonMYJC@gov.mb.ca. The centre will be closed after Aug. 18.

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three times more water to make just one bit of beer."

Kristján Kristjánsson, Brazen Hall owner and Lockport area resident, says that being environmentally cautious is crucial to their business. They have stopped using straws because of the impact they have on the lake and fish, and they also use LED energy efficient lighting. Those are only two of

the many other initiatives they have taken on.

"We are always looking to add recycling elements to our business," said Kristjánsson. "For me, I look at our lakes and I ask myself 'What is it going to be like in the future for my kids and future generations?'"

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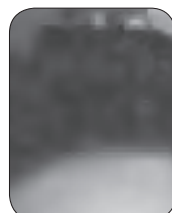
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Greetings, friends.

There's a narrow outlet called Drunken Creek by Silver Harbour on the southwest side of Lake Winnipeg. Oh, the new homeowners in the area would probably want the creek's name changed to something nicer, but the families who settled the place scoff at the idea.

Well, that's where I wound up early last week and saw a chap tailgate fishing off the bank with two boys. I pulled into the grass beside them and asked how the fishing was. The father, Ravi Gupta, a quick-witted fellow, shook his head saying they were still fishless after a day's angling.

"But tell him about last summer here when we caught all those perch, dad," Ravi's eldest son Jayden, an excited string bean of a kid, put in.

"Yes," Ravi took up the story. "A school of perch swam into our fishing area, and as fast as I could bait the boy's pickerel rigs and get them back in the water, two more would strike."

"We caught and released a whole bunch but kept some for lunch," added Little Lennox, Ravi's thin brown-haired youngest.

As I left them, Ravi pulled up a catfish. I laughed as he spread his arms to the sky with mock displeasure on his face.

A few days later, I was in Selkirk and met David Gilbert. Now here is a guy who has been a committed angler all his life. We happen to be looking out over the banks of the Red River as we spoke and I could see the fondness in his eyes for the river.

"When we were kids, my friends and I spent every moment we could around those banks, fishing if we felt



TRIBUNE PHOTO SUBMITTED
David Gilbert of Selkirk with his prize walleye caught in the Winnipeg River.

like it or just horsing around. More than once, we came home wet having fallen into the water but we always seemed to explain our way out of it to our parents."

His love for fishing in different places has expanded now.

Not long ago, he was fishing with his father Wes on the Winnipeg River. It was hot with the blinding sun reflecting off the water. Around noon, the men began to think the fish had gone to the colder bottom waters when David felt his line was snagged. He tightened his drag and hauled in some line. It wasn't snagged. Father and son looked at each other questioningly as David continued hauling and reeling in. Then it broke surface, a long gigantic walleye. It came close to the boat, rolling lazily on its side and then erupted, thrashing, sending sprays of water into the air. Tail high, it dove for the deep, David's line screaming off the reel. He loosened his drag a bit, letting the fish

run. With not much line left on the reel, thankfully the fish stopped. The experienced angler that David was, he started again, slowly hauling and reeling in. This time, when the fish rose by the boat, they could tell it was tired. Dad netted the pickerel into the boat for a picture and then released it, making sure it could swim.

A week or two ago, I drove east of Seven Sisters Falls on the 307 till I reached a favourite little spot of mine by Caribou Creek. There's a small dock and parking lot there, and when I pulled in I saw a guy with his family fishing off the dock. I got out of my car and asked this fellow—who looked like no stranger to the outdoors with his greying handlebar moustache, rugged features and powerful stance—if he had a fishing story for us.

It turned out he, Arnie Brown, was from Rankin Inlet and remembered a close call when he and a friend had been out fly-fishing. With bare rock bottoms, the waterways in Rankin Inlet are very clear. They were bringing the float plane into dock after fishing. Arnie, standing on the plane's float, rope in hand, jumped for the dock missing it by "that much." In seconds, he found himself up to his neck in ice cold water. Right beside his head was the dock and on the other side, the plane's float was coming to meet his face. Instinctively, he dove under the freezing water. Looking up, he could see the underbelly of the plane. He swam under it to the dock, crawled up and, shivering, tied the plane off.

The things that happen to people when they're just trying to have a little fun fishing! We'll see you by the water. Till next week. Stay cool.

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Interlake teen performs her first concert at Fringe Festival

Camryn Dewar to perform at Coffeehouse to End Cancer in Grosse Isle Aug. 30

By John Bruce

Camryn Dewar performed at The Cube stage in Old Market Square as part of the Winnipeg Fringe Theatre Festival last month. It was her first concert as an independent musician.

Well, aside from the Stony Mountain teen's public performances at The Forks in Winnipeg — she busks there three or four days a week. Dewar strums her guitar while her light soprano voice lures passersby to stop and listen and drop some change in her open guitar case.

"The trick is to put some of your own coins in," said the 16-year-old. "That way people know where to put their change."

So if the pile of money in her guitar case every busking session is any evidence to her talent, perhaps she shouldn't have been surprised when Fringe organizers asked her to perform.

"They'll be getting big bands and stuff ... I'm probably not going to get it," Dewar said she told herself after applying for the Fringe.

But they gave her a call and told her to have an hour's worth of material ready.

"Thirteen or 14 songs of just me," she said. "It's a long time."

Luckily, Dewar had the perfect place to practise.

"I came (to The Forks) four days in a row for two hours a day," Dewar said. "And just ran my set list it and ran it and ran it."

When the day finally came, she was ready. It was mostly covers of pop songs, but she also included a song of her own and a unique cover.

"I did 'Hallelujah' by Leonard Cohen—it's a classic," she said. "I did it in my high range because I'm a soprano ... a lot of people told me that it was the most beautiful 'Hallelujah' they ever heard."

Dewar said she was expecting to be nervous but she wasn't. Her other experiences performing could have helped assuage her nerves: she competes in vocal competitions three times a year and performed at a talent show with an all-girl garage band called Ovary Action (get it?).

Dewar dreams to one day to make music her profession as an opera singer or as musical theatre performer.

"I've spent my whole life just doing music," she said. "I can't imagine any other way."

Dewar will continue to pursue her dreams by busking, practising and performing as much as she can.

Her next performance is at The Coffeehouse to End Cancer at Anderson's Hitch 'n Post Ranch in Grosse Isle on Aug. 30.



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY JOHN BRUCE
Camryn Dewar, 16, of Stony Mountain busking at The Forks in Winnipeg.

Province seeks input on pot legalization options, opinions

Staff

The province has issued an expression of interest (EOI) to determine options and possible participants in the new cannabis industry.

"In anticipation of the legalization of cannabis, we have taken a proactive approach to addressing our primary concern, which is the health and safety of Manitobans," Justice Minister Heather Stefanson stated in a release last Thursday. "In addition to this focus, we also recognize there are many questions to be answered regarding distribution, regulation and quality control."

"This EOI will help us source potential solutions to these important questions and further engage Manitobans on an approach to legalization that works best for our province."

Stefanson added the purpose of the EOI is to determine marketplace interest and capability to provide, full or in part, services for the production,

distribution and retail of cannabis that will meet the needs and standards of the cannabis industry in Manitoba.

She said the EOI will seek input from respondents on their understanding of the requirements of the Manitoba cannabis industry, a detailed work plan to fulfil those requirements, proposed costs, commitment to corporate responsibility, economic benefits, method of age verification, status as or relationship to a company holding

a Health Canada Cannabis Production Licence and details of any additional services they may provide.

"The federal government has been clear in its intention to legalize cannabis by July 1, 2018," added Stefanson. "Our government is focused on responsibly managing this significant change in public policy. We are concerned about the federal government's deadline but we will continue the work that needs to be done to im-

plement the legalization of cannabis.

"As we await further clarity from the federal government, this EOI will help us gather the information necessary to help protect the public health and safety of all Manitobans."

The EOI is now live on the online Canadian public tendering service, merx.com.

Deadline for submissions is Sept. 8.

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IERHA put patients in danger by diverting paramedics from Winnipeg hospitals

By Larry Kusch

The Interlake-Eastern Regional Health Authority is being accused of threatening the safety of patients after temporarily directing its paramedics to avoid Winnipeg hospitals.

On July 13, the authority's emergency medical services director, Louise Alarie, wrote a memo ordering patients within the region — apart from apparent stroke victims — be first transported to and treated at the nearest regional hospital.

It meant someone requiring emergency assistance just north of the Perimeter Highway, for instance, would be taken to Selkirk or Stonewall when, in the paramedics' judgment, it would have been best for them to go to Concordia Hospital, Seven Oaks General Hospital or Health Sciences Centre, all in Winnipeg.

The authority rescinded the order Wednesday after strong pushback from paramedics — and, also likely, from patients, although the health authority wouldn't say that Thursday.

An authority source, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said paramedics were "pretty hot" about the directive, which prevented them from using their judgment on where to transport patients.

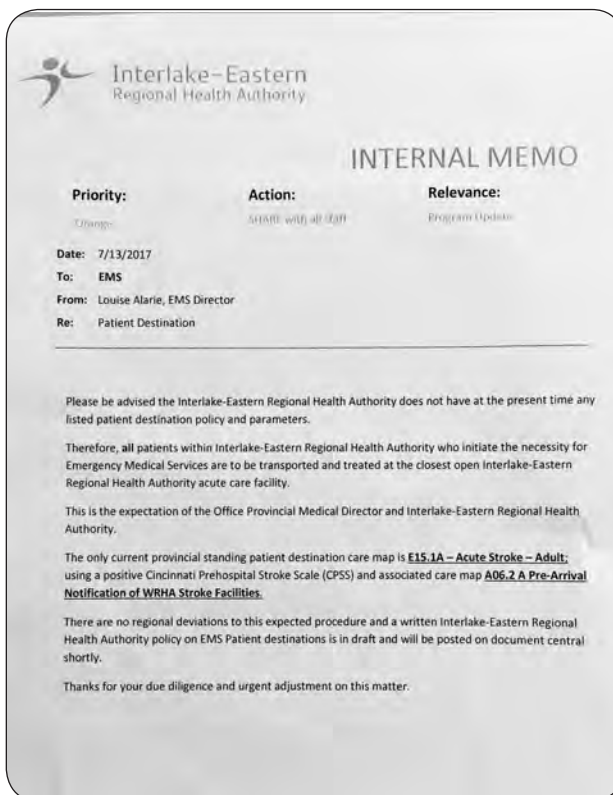
The protocol was issued in the wake of the Manitoba government's announcement it will eventually close the emergency rooms at Concordia and Seven Oaks hospitals in north Winnipeg, sparking speculation the two decisions were linked. However, there is no evidence of that yet.

During the two weeks the directive remained in effect, some 911 callers, including those with heart conditions, balked at the idea of being taken to a local hospital and arranged their own transportation to Winnipeg after signing a waiver form, sources said.

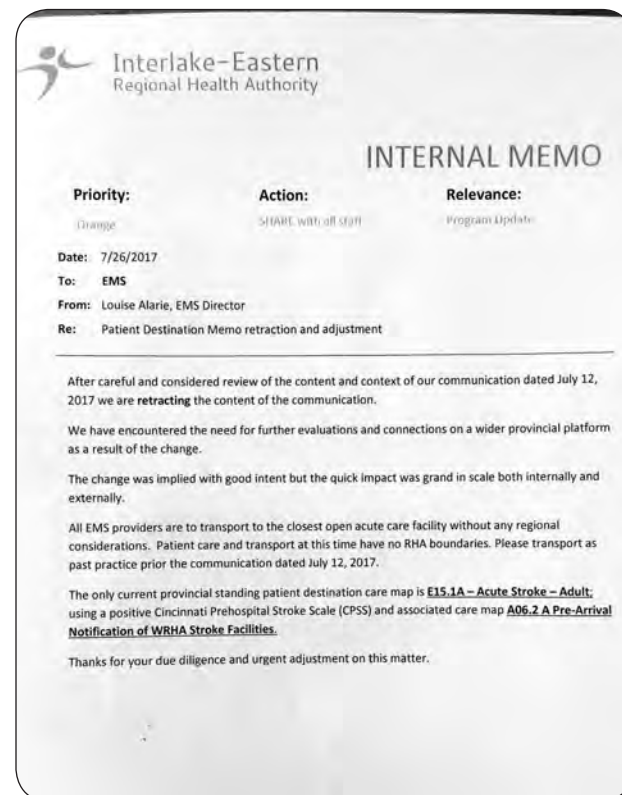
Some paramedic crews defied the directive, the *Free Press* was told, transporting patients to Winnipeg. They said city hospitals appeared unaware of the Interlake authority's edict — something the Winnipeg Regional Health Authority confirmed Thursday.

The Interlake-Eastern region has had a severe doctor shortage for several years, necessitating temporary ER closures at various hospitals. A Gimli baby who fell and injured her head while the edict was in effect was transported to Selkirk instead of Children's Hospital in Winnipeg. (The Gimli hospital was diverting patients at the time, reportedly because either no doctor was available or it was short of beds.)

Sources said paramedics would normally have taken the child directly to Children's. And, about a half-hour after the child arrived at hospital in Selkirk, staff there arranged for the baby to be taken to Winnipeg.



Interlake-Eastern RHA EMS director Louise Alarie, patient destination letter of July 13, 2017.



Alarie patient destination retraction letter of July 26, 2017.

"Why would an RHA suggest that you don't take a patient to the hospital that can look after them the best? It is ludicrous," said Michelle Gawronsky, president of the Manitoba Government and General Employees' Union, which represents paramedics.

The temporary policy could have had serious implications for victims of vehicular crashes, especially those occurring just north of the Perimeter, Gawronsky fumed. Any serious collision would normally result in patients transported directly to the province's main trauma centre — Health Sciences Centre, she said.

"Why are we putting patients at risk to drive further away from where the patients are going to get the best care?" Gawronsky said.

The Interlake authority would not agree to an interview about the memo Thursday. In an email to the *Free Press*, a spokeswoman portrayed the original directive as being poorly worded, creating a misunderstanding among staff.

"The original memo was misleading — all patients should be transferred to the nearest facility that can offer the most appropriate care. The memo attempted to ensure services are being provided in the most appropriate manner for our residents, but that does not always mean taking patients to an (Interlake-Eastern) facility. Sometimes, appropriate care is lo-

cated in Winnipeg (depending on the case)," communications associate Lita Savage-Murray said.

"Because the memo dated July 13 gave a different impression, it was retracted in the second memo dated July 26. The second memo should have clarified the intent is for EMS staff to transport to appropriate service delivery in the shortest amount of time as possible given the circumstances," she said. "We always strive to deliver health-care services closer to home for our residents and not rely on facilities in Winnipeg unnecessarily."

However, the union strongly disputes the region's explanation. More than a dozen paramedics immediately raised their concerns to management, including Alarie, who penned both memos, Gawronsky said.

"If senior staff at (Interlake-Eastern) knew about the error and consequences but didn't take corrective action, that's a very serious breach of ethical standards," she said.

The *Free Press* left messages requesting an interview with provincial EMS medical director Anthony Herd, who was said to be in support of the original memo. Herd didn't respond.

According to its website, the authority covers 61,000 square kilometres and more than 124,000 people, with its borders extending east to the Ontario border, north to the 53rd parallel, west to the eastern shores of Lake Manitoba and south to Winnipeg's north Perimeter.

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Regional Health Authority board appointments

Submitted

The Manitoba government has made several appointments to the boards of the province's five regional health authorities, Manitoba Health, Seniors and Active Living Minister Kelvin Goertzen announced this past Tuesday.

"Regional health authority boards guide the important work of providing the right care in the right place at the right time," said Goertzen. "These new board members will help guide health care as we work to strengthen our system and improve access to consistent, quality care across the province." Under The Regional Health Authorities Act, the minister appoints directors to each board. Board members must ensure the organization complies with applicable legislation, regulations, provincial policies and

ministerial directives.

New board members include:

- Interlake-Eastern Regional Health Authority:

- Jillian Whitford (Saint-Georges), a retired, bilingual city councillor, economic development officer and former employee of Tembec, and
- Glen West (Selkirk), department manager with Manitoba Hydro.

- Winnipeg Regional Health Authority:

- Maj. Catherine Harris (Winnipeg), a retired Salvation Army officer,
- Victor Giesbrecht (Winnipeg), president of Trikor Builders and a realtor with Maximum Realty,
- William (Bill) Baines (Winnipeg), president and chief executive officer of AML Wireless Networks Inc.,
- Bryce Matlashewski (Winnipeg),

an investment advisor with National Bank Financial, and

- Dawn Daudrich (Churchill), owner and operator of Lazy Bear Lodge.

- Northern Health Region:

- June Chu (Wabowden), owner and operator of the Silver Leaf Hotel and Motel,

- Angela Enright (Snow Lake), a consultant on economic development, international trade and real estate, and
- Mary Head (The Pas), a member of the Opaskwayak Cree Nation and the manager responsible for natural resources.

- Southern Health-Santé Sud:

- Tammy de Rocquigny (St. Claude), a bilingual registered nurse.

Board reappointments include:

- Interlake-Eastern Regional Health Authority: Margaret Mills, chair

(Pinawa), Oral Johnston, vice-chair (O'Hanley), Judy Dunn (Dugald) and Brian Magnusson (Winnipeg Beach);

- Prairie Mountain Health: Cheryl Bjornson (Ste. Rose du Lac) and Duane Whyte (Swan River);

- Northern Health Region: Judith Kolada (Thompson); and

- Southern Health-Santé Sud: Elin Czeranko (Langruth), Debbie Iverson (Carman) and Konrad Narth (Zhoda).

The minister noted the selection of board members is based on a range of knowledge and skills, in areas such as governance in public-sector, private-sector or not-for-profit boards, government structures and processes, law, business, finance and accounting.

The minister thanked outgoing members for their service.

The King of Music to be remembered at Gimli Elvis Festival

By Jeff Ward

This weekend, the 15th annual Manitoba Elvis Festival will bring hundreds to the Gimli Recreation Centre for an event that works to celebrate the King but also the people who perform and keep his spirit alive.

This year marks the 40th anniversary of the death of Elvis Presley and is likely to bring up some emotions for attendees.

Dave Greene, organizer of the long-running event, said the festival is a celebration of the music of Elvis from every era of his career. Greene said

this year there is an incredible lineup of performers including himself, Daylin James, Kevin Chorney, Adam T. Elvis and Corny Rempel, who is perhaps the best known of the group. Rempel is from Steinbach and recently won first place at the Penticton Elvis Festival in June.

"Corny is one that puts a lot of passion in what he does on stage and he's got the ability to put that into the audience," said Greene.

"And what you get from all of us performing is passion because we really love doing this. That's what makes it

fun for us and for the audience who keep coming back each year. Every performer has a different twist on Elvis and his music, so there is a lot of variety."

Greene said that music has a different emotional effect on everyone and that it can bring up memories from long ago for some people. He said he remembers hearing from people after his performances how the music reminded someone of their husband who's now passed on or reminded them about their wedding day. People can imprint their own experiences

and memories onto different songs, and hearing them again can transport the listener back to that moment in time.

Greene said that his vision for the festival has always been about making it as pure an experience as possible. The festival is truly designed for music lovers and lovers of Elvis.

Tickets are available for \$25 for the Friday and Saturday shows and \$15 for the Sunday show. Tickets can be purchased at the door of the Gimli Recreation Centre.

Controlled crop residue burning authorizations in place

Submitted

Manitoba Agriculture reminds producers who choose to burn crop residue that authorization is required from Aug. 1 to Nov. 15.

Daily authorizations are issued by 11 a.m. based on weather and smoke dispersion conditions. Night burning continues to be banned year-round.

The daily authorization will indicate

if burning is permitted or not, and the start and end times allowed for that day. These depend on weather conditions and can change. Depending on conditions, burning may not be authorized for the entire province.

In addition, a burning permit is required at all times in the rural municipalities of Rosser, Headingley, St. François Xavier, Cartier, Macdonald,

Ritchot, Taché, Springfield, East St. Paul and West St. Paul. The City of Winnipeg is responsible for issuing permits to farms located within its boundaries. Farmers must follow all other provincial and local regulations when burning crop residue.

Burning permit applications and more information are available from the toll-free information line at 1-800-

265-1233, online at www.gov.mb.ca/agriculture or from Manitoba Agriculture offices.

Manitoba's controlled crop residue burning program was introduced to protect public health and safety while allowing farmers to deal with difficult straw management problems. Farmers must ensure they burn crop residue safely. The regulation is enforced by environment officers and the RCMP and penalties for failing to comply can result in fines of up to \$50,000.

Many producers use alternative methods of dealing with crop residue, such as chopping and spreading the straw or listing straw they have for sale on the Manitoba Hay Listing Service. More information on these practices is available on Manitoba Agriculture's website.

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letters to the editor

You can't cherry-pick the Charter

Recently it came to my attention that my MP James Bezan wrote an opinion piece for a local newspaper on the Khadr case. However, Mr. Bezan, you got something wrong, Khadr is likely innocent of his alleged crime. Only two of seven witnesses claimed the killer even survived that day in Afghanistan. Battlefield reports by the commanding officer declared that Sergeant Speer's killer was dead. The U.S. tortured a 15-year-old into confessing to a crime before he was given a trial. At this point responsibility fell to PM Jean Chretien to step

in on behalf of Canadian law and demand he be extradited to Canada for a fair trial. PMs Paul Martin and Stephen Harper also left Khadr in Guantanamo, a black site built for avoiding constitutional constraints around torture. Torture is illegal under Canadian Law, the Geneva Conventions and the UN regulations on treatment of child combatants.

Bezan reportedly claims after the age of 15, a person is no longer considered a child soldier. This is inaccurate. According to the UN, this is the age where one can be voluntarily in-

ducted into a nation's military. Khadr was not a volunteer, he was taken to Afghanistan at the age of nine. No matter the age, his rights were violated because torture is prohibited by the Geneva Conventions and his Charter rights as a Canadian citizen were violated. Bezan's party often claims to be about upholding the law, and yet if it were up to Scheer, Bezan and some Conservative voters I have spoken to, we'd do one of two things. Option one is the approach of Scheer, to fight an unwinnable battle in the Supreme Court could cost \$20 million in legal fees and would end with a payment of at least \$10 million more due to established precedent

in Canada (Harper paid 10 million to Maher Arar). What did some Conservative voters I spoke with suggest? That we should simply revoke his Charter protection. This tyrannical action would have set a dangerous precedent that the government did not have to abide by due process and the Charter. Any principled small government conservative would be appalled. I bring this up because it is fearmongering's result, a frenzy to shred our Constitution.

I'll draw this to a close with a final thought: what use are laws if we can choose to ignore them when we are made uncomfortable?

By Trent Brownlee

What is the future of the old Selkirk hospital

I've recently received communication from community members asking about the future of the old Selkirk hospital.

Recent newspaper articles have correctly reported that Interlake-Eastern RHA is currently accepting proposals for a feasibility study to determine our ability to continue operating the former Selkirk hospital. Some letter writers have expressed

concern with the RHA contemplating the short-term future use of the facility as a transitional care environment for those awaiting personal care beds in the region. I am writing to provide assurance that the region is focused on providing safe, comfortable and enjoyable long-term care for those awaiting placement in a personal care home.

The option of repurposing space

within the former Selkirk hospital is being explored to determine whether we might be able to achieve the sense of community and companionship offered by personal care homes within a former hospital setting. The feasibility study will determine whether the former hospital is safe and appropriate for such alternative uses and will identify the investment required to ensure a safe and comfort-

able environment for those requiring transitional care. Our commitment remains to providing the best possible care to our residents. Should the feasibility study suggest we proceed with using the former hospital for this alternative purpose, we will bring the personal care home environment to this transitional care space.

Ron Van Denakker
CEO, Interlake-Eastern Regional
Health Authority

Auditor general releases apprenticeship report

Staff

There's room for improvement in the management of Manitoba's apprenticeship program.

That's the finding of auditor general Norm Ricard, who released a report with 20 recommendations last week.

An audit revealed gaps in the oversight of training, both in school and in the workplace. The auditor general also pointed to weak planning and

performance measurement for the apprenticeship program, as well as gaps in monitoring the apprentices' progress.

In general, apprentices spend 80 per cent of their time on the job and the remaining 20 per cent in school. The auditor general determined that Apprenticeship Manitoba, which monitors the program, focused more on participation in the apprenticeship

system instead of on making sure that apprentices had work experiences that were safe, suitable and properly supervised.

From 2006-07 to 2015-16, the number of active apprentices grew in Manitoba from 5,850 to 11,307, but the number of people completing the programs remained the same without any upward change.

"Apprenticeship Manitoba could do a better job of monitoring each apprentice's progress through the system and following up with those failing to progress," Ricard said in a press release.

Through Apprenticeship Manitoba, employers are required to track apprentices' work hours, but they don't need to track what type of work they do — in spite of provincial legislation that requires employers to report that type of information.

At the same time, the auditor general noted that Apprenticeship Manitoba doesn't ensure that school courses


meet accreditation requirements.

"Without sufficient assurance that instructors have the required qualifications and that the facilities, tools and equipment meet the course requirements, the quality of training is at risk," he said.

Since 2010, Apprenticeship Manitoba has spent \$2.7 million to develop online courses; however, few online courses have been offered and enrolment has been low in this stream.

Further, the report indicates that Apprenticeship Manitoba doesn't provide adequate occupational forecasts for its trades.

"Without information on the supply and demand for the various trades, investments in training may be misaligned and fail to meet the needs of industry," Ricard said, noting that he is pleased that Apprenticeship Manitoba has acknowledged the value of the 20 recommendations.



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Gimli murder victim Evan Engbaek mourned by friends

By Patricia Barrett (with files from Lana Meier)

In a small community where everybody knows each other, the news of Evan Engbaek's death last week spread quickly, leaving many in shock and disbelief.

The 18-year-old Gimli man who "always had his friends' backs" died on Second Avenue near Centre Street July 25 after having been stabbed in broad daylight, his bicycle lying on the pavement next to him.

Evan's closest friends said he was a good-natured young man who was loved by his classmates at Gimli High School, which he attended for most of his senior years.

Evan played hockey with the Gimli Vikings and loved to wheel around town on his bicycle, showing his friends some of the daredevil moves he perfected at the skate park near the Recreation Centre.

Blaze Bonkowski said he and Evan became close friends after a dirt bike accident at the Gimli racetrack left Evan with a ruptured bowel. Bonkowski stayed with Evan, comforting him until an ambulance arrived.

"Ever since that day, we had been like brothers, hanging out almost every day," said Blaze. "He could always be seen riding around Gimli on his bike or at the skate park doing tricks. He was loved at school. He could always make you laugh whether he was trying to or not, whether it was his actions or his words."

Blaze said Evan used to come to his house every day for lunch.

"I'd be having chilli," said Blaze, "and the only thing he ever really wanted was peanut butter and jam sandwiches."

Blaze shared a few of his favourite memories of the "well mannered, sweet kid" who loved to turn wheelies.

"One time he was trying to paint his bike a different colour, so he pulled out the angle grinder and started grinding his bike down in his underwear. Sparks were flying everywhere," he said. "Driving around Arnes in his family's side-by-side usually ended with him flipping [it] either on its side or upside-down. But we would never tell anyone that we flipped it."

Jordan Woytowich said his friend was a "super-nice guy" who'll be missed by everyone in the community.

"He was always welcomed into homes because everyone's parents liked him so much," said Jordan. "He was very quiet and shy at times, but he also had a lot of fun with his friends. He was always at one of two places: the hockey rink or the skate



Evan Peder Engbaek and his dog Louie.

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park. But he also did bum around the beach lots. He loved the beach."

RCMP labelled Evan's death a "murder" and arrested a suspect a day after the stabbing. But on July 27, the force issued a news release saying it had released the suspect and that no charges had been laid. On July 28, they re-arrested the same individual — identified as a 16-year-old male — and charged him with second-degree murder.

RCMP spokesperson Tara Seel said the force is unable to divulge detailed information about the motive because it's an ongoing homicide investigation and they're in the process of establishing the facts.

"There are a lot of rumours flying around right now, but we are just not in a position in the investigation to provide any specifics," said Seel, referring to innuendo and unsubstantiated



TRIBUNE PHOTOS BY PATRICIA BARRETT

A bicycle lies in the street on Second Avenue near the Gimli Theatre where 18-year-old Evan Engbaek died after being stabbed. RCMP arrested a 16-year-old male and charged him with second-degree murder.



A memorial is set up at the spot where Evan died.

statements that have appeared on various social media platforms.

In an interview with CBC last week, Evan's parents said their son had recently been living at a Winnipeg treatment centre to help him break free of a drug addiction. He returned home "clean" and ready to make a fresh start.

Although violence may be par for the course in Winnipeg, it is highly uncommon in Gimli.

Mayor Randy Woroniuk said he heard about the stabbing soon after it occurred and visited the crime scene.

"I saw the bike and I thought somebody dropped it there, but obviously it was worse than that," said the mayor. "Gimli is a nice community and this is an isolated incident. This does not happen often here."

He said he had asked an officer whether the stabbing was a random

act.

"Is someone running around with a knife?" he said. "And they [RCMP] said, in their opinion, there's no public safety issue. I've been here 20 years and I don't remember a stabbing. We raised our three children here, and we never worried about crime. We still don't worry about crime."

Keenan Kowalski, who played hockey with Evan, remembers his friend for his positive attitude and down-to-earth and affectionate nature.

"To me, Evan was one of the kindest, most open-hearted kids you'd ever meet. Anytime I'd ever see him, he'd go out of his way to come talk to me and give me a hug or a handshake," said Keenan. "He would always have mine and anyone else's back no matter on or off the ice. I am humbled and honoured to say that this kid was ... one of my best and closest friends."

Channel Zero back for more

TRIBUNE PHOTO BY JO-ANNE PROCTER

Film crews were busy filming scenes for the American horror anthology TV series "Channel Zero" behind Waring Enterprises Inc. in Stonewall last week. Waring's back lot was home to production trucks and equipment while the shop was used for a holding area.

In February 2017 it was announced that the series was renewed for a third and fourth installment. The second installment, titled "Channel Zero: No-End House" will be premiering this October and will air on American SYFY Network. "Channel Zero" was in town October 2016 and did some filming at Boonstra Berries.



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Lions Manor update

Move-in date is four to six weeks behind

By Jennifer McFee

A large group of future Lions Manor residents gathered in the multipurpose room last week for an update on the project.

Construction is currently underway on a four-storey project to add an additional 71 units to the Lions Manor's existing 123 suites in the life-lease operation. All of the new suites are now spoken for, and there is a waitlist of people who are hoping to get a spot.

Many soon-to-be residents were expecting to move in on Oct. 1, but they learned that the progress is about four to six weeks behind schedule.

"We don't have anything firm yet as to a move-in date, and that's where the big question comes in. The building looks like the brick is 95 per cent done and the parking lot is being built, and supposedly within the next two weeks they're going to be asphaltting it," said Manor board chair Bill Ridgeway.

"But the interior is behind, and the reason for that was we were probably

about six weeks late in getting started. The winter was not bad, but we had a lot of snow. Then we had warm weather that melted the snow, so we weren't at a point where we had the roof on because of the delay in start."

There's no one to blame for the delay, he said.

"We're working on a November timeframe for people to move in," he said, "but it's not engraved in stone."

Ridgeway noted that all of the new residents were notified about six weeks ago about the option to put in a Lazy Susan and additional cabinet in the kitchen.

"Anyone who wanted it had the opportunity to ask for it to be put in," he said. "Some asked for it and paid for it, so they'll be getting it. Other people didn't want it so they won't be getting it."

As well, the positioning of air conditioners won't be changed since the piping has been put in, he said.

"It's just a bit of a different sightline



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY JO-ANNE PROCTER

Stonewall's Lion Manor, Phase 4, is nearing completion with a possible November move-in date.

than what there is in some of the existing suites, that's all," he said."

The new addition will be integrated with the existing building, which was built over three phases starting in 1989.

"It's all going to be tied in together so you'll be able to walk in the door at the main entrance and you can walk all the way around into the new build," Ridgeway said. "We're also doing the courtyard very similar to the

existing courtyard that we have here." New tenants will be updated on an ongoing basis via email.

"As a move-in tenant, if you have not already given us an email — whether it's your own or one of your family member's — please do so," he said.

"We'll be emailing updates probably every four to six weeks. We're trying to be as open as possible (about the project)."

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Blossoming with pride



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CIB national judge, Stephen Jewczyk (left) discusses the different growing season in Newfoundland on a tour of Stonewall's CIB co-chair Tanya Daher's yard.

By Jennifer McFee

Stonewall residents blossomed with pride to showcase their town to national Communities in Bloom judges last week.

Judges Lucie Gagné of Quebec and Stephen Jewczyk of Newfoundland toured the town with a jam-packed schedule from the moment they arrived on July 25 until their departure on July 27.

Communities in Bloom, a non-profit organization, aims to foster civic pride, beautification and environmental responsibility through community involvement, bolstered by the friendly challenge of a Canada-wide competition. Stonewall is competing in the 4,501 to 15,000 population category, along with three other Canadian communities: Bay Roberts, Nfld; South Huron, Ont. and Whitecourt, Alta.

To start their stay, the judges visited several residential gardens as well as the Youth for Christ drop-in centre and the Home Hardware store, which is a national sponsor of the initiative.

As well, they visited Lloyd Jensen for a composting tour and perused the cemetery and community vegetable garden. After that, they dropped by Community Living Interlake, the Town of Stonewall office and courtyard, Memorial Park and Ecole Bobby Bend School.

Of course, no visit to Stonewall would be complete without visiting Quarry Park and the Heritage Arts Centre. And with a unique vantage point, they saw the sights from the back seat of a golf cart, which took them to Ruby Roe Tall Grass Prairie and down the pathways behind the new developments.

The judges also had the chance to

sit back and relax for a few moments during a volunteer appreciation lunch at the Heritage Arts Centre, where they dined on sandwiches and salads catered by McLeod House Tea Room.

Communities in Bloom co-chair Tanya Daher welcomed the group of dedicated volunteers that gathered for the event.

"I thank you sincerely for all of the hours that you have spent — sometimes with sweat running down your faces — volunteering," she said.

These volunteer efforts help to make the community a better place, and they have been instrumental in creating beautiful settings such as the memory garden, Memorial Park and the garden at Town Hall.

"If you didn't volunteer, we would have weeds everywhere and more of our taxes would be going towards the maintenance that we would do," Daher said.

"We wouldn't have our history and heritage preserved for the generations to come and all that it happens to teach us. The richness of our past would eventually be lost without volunteers to preserve it. ... Our community has become a cleaner, more beautiful place thanks to you."

The efforts of the volunteers also helped to create a positive first impression for the judges, who were both visiting



National CIB sponsor Home Hardware. Pictured left to right, Stephen Jewczyk, Andrew Kirk, Katharine Kirk, Lucie Gagne and Crystal Kirk.

Stonewall for the first time.

"We're both impressed by the tidiness of the place. We can also see the pride of the people through the community involvement," Gagné said. "We realized that the young ones are involved in the community, the schools are involved and the seniors are also involved, so it's mixed generations."

Jewczyk noted how the growing popularity of the Yard of the Week contest correlates with a blooming interest in gardening throughout the town. He also mentioned that the historic kilns are a stand-out attraction in town.

"That's a great legacy to hang on to," he said. "It's a piece of history that's still here, which is really great to see."

Heritage conservation is part of the judging criteria, along with tidiness, environmental action, urban forestry, landscape and floral displays.

Gagné said she appreciates the opportunity to see Stonewall and other towns across the country as a Communities in Bloom judge.

"This is one of the best ways to visit the country and to get to learn about

other parts of the Canada because we have only one full day when we get into the municipality," she said. "We see the best and we meet volunteers who are passionate in their fields."

As a fellow judge, Jewczyk also feels a deep appreciation for the opportunity to visit Stonewall and beyond.

"The hospitality has been great," he said, "and it's great to see all the volunteers and all the community that comes out for the events."

"It makes you feel proud to be a Canadian when you see the community spirit and community involvement. When you travel, you see all this pride and passion in the communities. What a great country we live in."

The 2017 Communities in Bloom results will be announced in Gatineau/Ottawa at the national symposium and awards ceremony, which will be held in Ottawa-Gatineau from Sept. 13 to 16.



Town of Stonewall operations supervisor Dustin Davidson, Lucie Gagne, coun. Sandra Smith and Stephen Jewczyk.



Potted flowers around Stonewall reflected Canada 150 colours, red and white.



Stephanie Duncan



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Here's the dish by Stephanie Duncan

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This week they offered the All Dressed Perogie platter made with potato cheddar perogies, sour cream, sauteed onions, bacon and cheddar and garnished with green onions. We ordered Manitoba Pickerel and fries and chicken souvlaki with garlic toast and a Greek salad, both weekly specials. The chicken souvlaki was a generous portion of delicious, tender, seasoned white meat on a skewer served with tzatziki sauce. The Greek salad was a nice sized salad with black olives, cucumbers, feta, red onions, diced tomatoes on a bed of crispy romaine lettuce. Every bite was thoroughly enjoyed and not a trace was left on the plate.

As a picky eater, this journey has been a test for me. I decided to go out on a limb and had my first order of pickerel. Who knew that pickerel tasted so good? I enjoyed two pieces of Manitoba pickerel, from Gimli, deep fried in tempura batter served with tartar sauce and lemon along with a generous portion of home-cut French fries. I ate every morsel of pickerel which was piping hot and the combination of pickerel and tempura batter had amazing flavour. I was pleasantly surprised.

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Local teen returns from adventure in Japan

By Jennifer McFee

A local teen recently returned from an international adventure that resulted in a reunion with exchange students who stayed in her Balmoral home.

Magdalena Melnychuk spent two weeks in Japan through a 4-H exchange program. Every year, Manitoba hosts 20 to 25 Japanese students, and Manitoba 4-H members who have hosted a Japanese student can apply to travel to Japan. Then every two years, 10 Manitoba students are selected to travel to Japan through the initiative.

This year, 18-year-old Melnychuk had the opportunity to participate based on the success of her application, interview and cultural awareness activities.

Along with her group, which included former Stonewall resident Maurice Bouvier as a chaperone, Melnychuk left Canada on July 8 and arrived in Japan the following day.

They spent the first few days travelling in Tokyo and surrounding areas, where they had the chance to see Tokyo Disney and Tokyo Skytree, as well as many temples and other attrac-



TRIBUNE PHOTOS SUBMITTED

Magdalena Melnychuk presented a gift from Manitoba 4-H to a school in Japan during a recent trip.

tions. "Tokyo is very busy but the rest of the prefecture was so beautiful and it wasn't really what I expected," said Melnychuk, who has been a member of the Balmoral 4-H Club for 10 years.

"I expected tall buildings everywhere, but it really wasn't the case. The mountains were green and there were rice paddies everywhere. It was a very different view from what we tend to see in the movies."

During the second week, the Manitoba students were further immersed in Japanese culture through homestay opportunities.

"It was an amazing experience," Melnychuk said. "I was lucky to be able to stay with both girls that I

hosted through 4-H."

She had the chance to attend the 20th birthday celebrations for one host sister Misaki and take photos while she was wearing her traditional kimono. The rest of the week, she had stayed with another host sister named Ai, who stayed with Melnychuk's family last summer. During her homestay, she attended Gakuho Ishikawa High School, a the private school in Ishikawa town where her host father, Ryo Mori, was the principal.

"The biggest highlight was being able to see both students again. We've actually hosted 12 students from Japan, but only two of them were through 4-H," said Melnychuk, who arrived home on July 24. "This was an opportunity where I finally got to see where two of those students were living and I got to meet their families."

The dream trip became a reality thanks to Manitoba Agriculture and 4-H Manitoba. This year marks the 30th anniversary of the York Benimaru Manitoba 4-H exchange, which allows Japanese students to get a glimpse of Manitoba's natural environment



The Balmoral teen donned a traditional kimono.

complete with grain production and livestock operations.

For Melnychuk, she's looking forward to being a host again from Aug. 11 to 18 when another visitor will be coming to Manitoba from Japan.

"This is going to be our first experience hosting an adult, so it will definitely be very different but I think it will be a really good experience," she said.

"One thing that we've always done when we're hosting is we've taken the opportunity to become tourists in our own province. We're hoping to take him to a lily farm near us. We'll prob-

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Family and friends walking for a good cause

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On Saturday, 40 participants took part in the first-ever Stonewall 5K Family Run/Walk, hosted by the local branch of the Manitoba Youth Centre.

The July 29 event even included two strollers and three dogs who came along for the stroll.

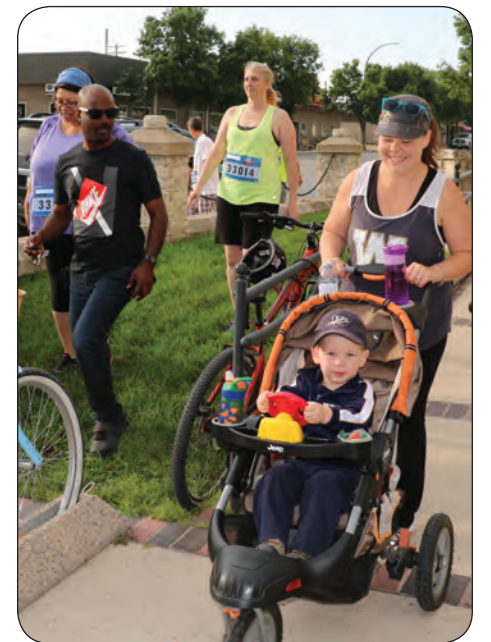
Youth from the job centre actively participated by running the registration table and handing out cold water along the route. They also helped to cook up pancakes, bacon and sausages at the Youth for Christ Drop-In Centre after the run.

All funds raised will stay in Stonewall, going towards the Manitoba Youth Job Centre.



TRIBUNE PHOTOS BY LANA MEIER

Just over 40 participants came out for Stonewall's first ever stroller and dog-friendly 5K Family Run/Walk this past Saturday. Temperatures were a little cooler at the start but soared to 30 degrees C before participants headed indoors for breakfast at the Youth for Christ drop-in centre.



St. Laurent resident concerned for possible fish plant location

By Jeff Ward

A St. Laurent resident is upset with the potential location for a small fish processing plant in his neighbourhood and fears it will ruin the area.

Maurice Leclair said that he fears the development of the Wildnorth Fishery Limited plant will hurt the value of the land he owns, which is next to the proposed site.

Leclair said that the process of rezoning the land should be dismissed by council and that the plant should move to an area that is already zoned for commercial development. The land in question is south of the town along Veteran's Memorial Road and is privately owned.

Leclair has been circulating a petition that he said has 110 names on it currently that all are against rezoning the land. Leclair said the land he owns in that area was his retirement project and that his plans of developing the land into a subdivision likely won't happen with a fish plant nearby.

"I have 54 acres right next to where they want to build it, but who's going to buy it now?" asked Leclair.

"What I want to know is why does council want it built there? They haven't been able to answer that. Why can't it go in any other area that is already zoned for this kind of work?"

Council itself actually doesn't have any control over the placement of the plant right now. The process, which is currently in the first of many phases, is long and complex. Cherie Millar, administrator at the West Interlake Planning District, said that council is playing no part in this stage of the process.

Millar explained that the landowner first had to apply to get the land redesignated before the land can be rezoned. The process began with the landowner completing an application for redesignation, which then went to first reading at the planning board.

A public hearing was held June 20 to hear any objections. Following the

hearing, the planning board gives second and third reading to the plan and gives notice of approval to Manitoba Minister of Indigenous and Municipal Relations Eileen Clarke. If redesignation is approved, then it becomes a council and district decision where a bylaw will be drafted and given the proper readings with another public hearing.

"It could take a really long time before rezoning actually happens and council is not really involved at this point," said Millar.

Reeve Cheryl Smith said that she is confused by the concerns of Leclair because council is simply not involved in any part of this at the moment. This is a private land owner dealing with a private company to sell land and that has to go through the proper checks and balances.

"We don't want to take anything away from that process," said Smith.

"People had an opportunity to speak to it at the public hearing and a few

did come who were opposed for various reasons. But there were quite a few there that supported it as well."

There is the potential that Minister Clarke could reject the plan to redesignate the land and that decision is with her right now. There is no timeline on how long a decision will take on the matter.

For Leclair, his concerns aren't going away and he is worried property values will go down once that development moves in. He said he's not opposed to the fish plant, but the location happens to affect him and others negatively.

"I bought the property nine years ago with this development in mind. I spent a few years grooming roads and getting surveyors. One of my sons wants to move here and he put a hold on a lot. But now he says he's not going to live on worthless land," said a frustrated Leclair.

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The Art of the Sabbath

Summer. It's the wonderful, amazing and crazy time of the year. Its greatly anticipated and why not. Beautiful weather, time at the cabin, multiple long weekends - what's not to love?

Well, I guess there is one thing that can deter a fun summer: business. There is so much to do and so little time. Between all the fun activities, and all the go, go, go, go, the summer is nearly gone and your wondering where did it all go. It is very easy to wear ourselves out in a season of life that we often look forward to because of its "relaxing nature." The truth is the summer could go by and you never truly take the time to rest. You're so busy on the go, you forget to stop.

May I challenge you this day that in the midst of the crazy, fun, busy summer, that you take time and rest? God challenges us multiple times in the word to take a Sabbath. God himself took a Sabbath when he created the world. The concept of a Sabbath even cracks God's Top 10 commandments he gives to the Israelites after years of slavery. A Sabbath is two-fold. One, it's a day of rest. It's a day where you

Couple brings beloved dance hall back to life

By Ligia Braidotti

A Gimli family is bringing back to life a, beloved to many and once forgotten, dance and music hall.

Elaine and Darrell Klym bought the Farmers Hall building, located on Highway 231, two miles west of Highway 8 in the RM of Gimli, in 2006. The couple said they do renovations as a hobby and the Farmers Hall was on their radar for quite some time.

"The floor was all sunk in, there was a big puddle of water, there was a hole in the roof, each of the wings was kind of sagging, and they were falling down," Elaine commented.

"We started peeking through the windows and wanting to get inside and take a look at it, and we started wondering if they would sell it to us and we could try our hand at renovating it and see what would happen."

The United Farmer's Community Hall did so and Elaine and Darrell got trades people to check if the structure was safe and sound and started working on it. The project was the biggest one the couple took on so far. The building has been finished with hardwood floors and barn board walls. Most of the furnishing are the original ones which the couple restored.

The renovation caught the attention of many community members who had a connection with the building and many offered to help out in the restoration.

Darrell himself spent time at the old dance hall while growing up on his grandparent's farm across the field from the Farmers Hall. The retired electrician said he remembers the countless times he went to the event centre to see his father perform with the local band Sunset Boys.

"I remember coming to a lot of parties, watching him play and falling asleep on the benches here and being carried home," Darrell said.

When they started renovating the place, the Klyms weren't sure what kind of business they would run in there. It was by listening to the community's feedback, comments and memories of the place that they decided to bring Farmers Hall back to life.

Three seasons ago, they got their banquet hall licence and started renting the space to weddings and social events. This year is the first time the couple is running it as an entertainment venue for concerts. The season has been a significant learning experience for Elaine and her husband, she said.

"It's been a lot of musicians stopping by that got us thinking about how can we open this as an event centre," Elaine explained.

"We're learning a lot about advertising, promoting, liquor licensing, working with musicians and agents. We're learning as we go along."



TRIBUNE PHOTOS BY LIGIA BRAIDOTTI

Elaine and Darrell Klym are the proud owners of the Farmers Hall. The Gimli couple have completely restored the original United Farmer's Community Hall built in the 1920s.

They kicked off the season on May long weekend with local musicians Jaxon Haldane and Little Miss Higgins.

Farmers Hall rents the space for weddings, live entertainment, dance bands, community events, family functions, birthday parties and fitness events. They also hold Old Time Dances on the last Wednesday of the month from 1 to 4 p.m.

"This is something new for us, but we are finding that the old folks will appreciate the place. It's nice to be able to put something back into the community with a little bit of work and getting some positive feedback," Darrell added.

They offer a prep kitchen for caterers to use when they do an event. However, it is not a fully functioning kitchen. For concerts, the kitchen functions as a canteen, with hot dogs, popcorn, pre-prepared pizza, chips and drinks. For rental and contact information for the Farmers Hall, go to www.farmer-shallgimli.com.

The Ins & Outs and the Pink Socks will be playing on Aug. 4 and 5 respectively at 9:30 p.m. The Ministers of Cool are playing on Sunday, Aug. 6 at 8 p.m. Tickets are available for purchase at H.P. Tergesen & Son's Store (82 1 Ave.) in Gimli. On Aug. 18, the



Farmers is a hopping social hall regularly booked for old time dances, family gatherings and events showcasing local bands.

Lake Winnipeg Foundation will be holding their Lake Bash 2017, a fundraiser that features live music, food, a cash bar and a silent auction. Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$15 for children under 12. Tickets can be purchased at www.lakewinnipegfoundation.org/tags/farmers-hall.

> WORSHIP, FROM PG. 18

slow down, stop going and let the mind, heart and body rest and recharge.

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prayer. Take time away from the social media, the electronics and the distractions of life. Focus in on God and let him recharge every battery in your life.

His word reminds us of this in Matthew 11:28 as I close with that passage. "Come to me you who are weary and burdened and I will give you rest."

Nathan Young

> JAPAN, FROM PG. 16

ably go to The Forks and the Human Rights Museum and hopefully to our friends' cabin."

As a recent award-winning graduate of Stonewall Collegiate Institute, Melnychuk plans to attend the University of Manitoba to study agriculture. She also plans to continue her involvement in 4-H by joining the club at the U of M and by be-

coming a leader with her 4-H club in Balmoral.

Looking further in the future, she's already thinking ahead to her next visit to Japan.

"I have to go back and see more students and see more of the country," she said. "The little bit that I did see was amazing and there are so many more places to see."

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True Manitoba Lacrosse wins pair of U.S. field tourneys

By Brian Bowman

Our American friends received some great lessons in the sport of field lacrosse from a group of talented Manitobans late last month.

True Manitoba Lacrosse, which included Selkirk's Josh Poponick and Stonewall's Seth Mandryk, dominated their U.S. counterparts in winning a pair of tournaments in two different states.

The Manitoba contingent, which is a travel team, won a tournament on the prestigious University of Notre Dame campus in South Bend, Ind. and then headed west to win another event in Eden Prairie, Minn. last week.

True Manitoba defeated the Minnesota Frogs by "three or four goals" in the Notre Dame final. In the semifinals, Manitoba won in overtime over a real good Nebraska squad.

"We did very well," said Mandryk. "And the (campus) was really nice – it was really cool to play there. All of the facilities there are really nice."

Nebraska had earlier handed True Manitoba their lone loss at the tournament.

But it was Manitoba that won the important games, bringing home bragging rights for our province.

"We had a really good, solid defence and our goaltender played really (well)," Poponick explained. "Everyone did their role and just what they had to do. Our face-offs were a big thing, too, because even if our (player) didn't win the draw, we got the ground balls off it."

The American teams play a different

style of field lacrosse compared to Canadians. Both Mandryk and Poponick agreed that playing box lacrosse here in Canada benefits them in the field lacrosse game.

"They're not used to the box game," Poponick said. "They stay outside so if you get them in tight quarters, they're not as good as us because we're used to box lacrosse."

"They tend to slow (the game down more) than we do," Mandryk added.

It was quite the experience of playing lacrosse on the hallowed grounds of Notre Dame. Some of the games were also attended by U.S. college scouts.

"It was pretty cool," said Poponick, 17, Monday afternoon. "The first game was just on some soccer field and the second game was on an actual soccer/rugby field, so it was on turf."

Manitoba's third and fourth games were played on Notre Dame's lacrosse field, which hosts Division I games. True Manitoba players stayed in the dorms at Notre Dame.

"(The campus) is huge," Poponick recalled. "One walk to one of games took us 15 minutes."

True Manitoba had a much shorter walk while playing in a one-day Eden Prairie tournament on July 24. The players then participated in a showcase the next day where they were split up into separate teams.

Manitoba finished with a perfect 4-0 record at the tournament, going 3-0 in the round robin to receive a bye into the final. True Manitoba then defeated TC Select 9-4 in the championship



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY JAMES THIELEN

Stonewall's Seth Mandryk has been very busy playing field lacrosse with True Manitoba, winning a number of tournaments this summer.

game.

Manitoba played in a Kansas City tournament earlier this summer, once again, going undefeated.

"We did really well this year," Mandryk said. "We had a good season. Everyone works hard all of the time and we get a lot of ground balls. Everyone can also finish around the net."

Playing together for the past three seasons has really helped Manitoba gel as a unit.

"We've only had a couple of guys

that have come and gone," Poponick said. "We've known each other for three years now on the same team. The chemistry is a lot better than the first year that we played."

This True Manitoba team branches off into U18 and U15 Team Manitoba squads. The U18s will be headed to Saskatoon for the September long weekend. Mandryk, Poponick and Petersfield's Kaden Kotowich will represent the province in Saskatchewan.

Jets to open training camp later this month



Staff

With August finally here, that can mean only one thing – hockey is right around the corner.

Many of the Manitoba Major Junior Hockey League teams will start their training camps later this month, including the Stonewall Jets.

The Jets, MMJHL finalists from a year ago, will have their registration Aug. 28 and will hit the ice that same

evening from 8:15 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Stonewall will be on the ice the next three nights at the same time and then will hold tryout sessions on Sept. 5 (8:45-10 p.m.) and Sept. 6 (8:15-9:30 p.m.).

The Jets will participate in a Transcona Railers' pre-season tournament from Sept. 8-10 and then will practice Sept. 12 from 8:30-9:45 p.m.

Stonewall will host the St. Boniface

Riels Sept. 13, practice the next evening (8:30-9:45 p.m.), and then will visit the Railer Express at East End Arena on Sept. 15.

Players interested in trying out for the Jets this season can contact general manager Ryan Margetts by phone at 204-461-2793 or email at rmargetts@isd21.mb.ca

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Blue Jays split a pair of home games



TRIBUNE PHOTOS BY LANA MEIER

The Jays' Adam Kirk stretches to get the out on first base to win the game.

By Brian Bowman

The Stonewall Blue Jays had a chance to grab a share of first place in the Winnipeg Senior Baseball League standings on Monday evening.

But a tough 4-3 extra-inning loss to the first-place Elmwood Giants moved the Blue Jays a full two games back of their arch-rivals.

Stonewall led 1-0 after four innings and 3-1 after six but Elmwood tied the score with two runs in the top of the seventh. The Giants then won the game with a run in the eighth.

The Blue Jays, which were outhit

9-7, were led by Rory Tycoles' three-hit performance. Tycoles also scored a run along with two from Adam Kirk.

Kirk was strong on the mound, giving up just six hits and two earned runs in seven innings of work. He also recorded two strikeouts.

Tyler Tataryn pitched the extra inning for Stonewall and took the loss.

Last week, the Blue Jays split a pair of close games at home.

Stonewall was edged 5-4 by Elmwood on July 26 and then nipped the Kildonan Mudcats 3-1 the next night.

Elmwood trailed 4-3 late but scored



Nick Drews at bat.

a run in both the sixth and seventh innings. The Blue Jays trailed 3-1 after just two innings but then came back with a run in the third and two more in the fourth.

Derek Millar (two), Kirk and Jarrett Hogue crossed the plate for the Blue Jays. Stonewall was outhit 13-6.

Neil Walton was the winning pitcher while Tataryn took the loss in two innings of work. Scott Harris started on the mound for the Blue Jays, allowing nine hits and two earned runs in five innings. He also had a pair of strikeouts.



Pitcher Eric Swanson had the win against the Mudcats on July 26.

Against Kildonan, Stonewall scored single runs in the first, third, and sixth innings. The Mudcats scored their lone run in the top of the seventh.

Nick Drews and Kyle Turner each had two hits for Stonewall. The Blue Jays' runs were scored by Kyle Heroux, Drews, and Orrin Hogue.

The Blue Jays' Eric Swanson scattered six hits while striking out two for the complete-game victory.

The Blue Jays (12-7) hosted the third-place St. Boniface Legionaires (13-9) last night but no score was available at press time.

Stonewall United drops pair of MMSL games

By Brian Bowman

The Stonewall United had a tough time on the soccer pitch on July 26.

Stonewall lost 9-2 to Liberty FC at Buhler Recreation Park in Winnipeg.

Birkha Rai (three), Anil Giri (two), Khalid Al Jasim (two) and Faisal Delawarzoda (two) scored for Liberty FC. Colin Ross and Cody Bjornsson re-

plied for Stonewall.

Meanwhile, home field certainly wasn't an advantage for Stonewall on July 18.

Stonewall was defeated 4-1 by the visiting North Winnipeg United in MMSL 5th Division action at the Veterans Memorial Sports Complex.

Sukhdev Brar led North Winnipeg

with two goals while Cory Reutlinger also tallied for the winners. Stonewall allowed an "own goal" for North Winnipeg's other goal.

Craig Thompson scored Stonewall's only goal.

Stonewall, now 3-7-2, has 11 points to sit in a tie for seventh place with the Red Devils United heading into this

week's slate of games.

Carmania SC leads the division with a 9-2 record and 27 points. That's two points in front of North Winnipeg.

Stonewall will play Portage Fusion FC tonight in Portage la Prairie. The United will play all four of their games this month on the road.

Thunder all stars



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Interlake Thunder players represented the team at the MGFA Senior All-Star game last Saturday at the Transcona Nationals field. Pictured left to right are Sara Reynolds (special nominee), Maddy Siwicki (offensive), KT Van Haute (coaches' choice), Isabelle McDonald (defensive) and Ocean Leveque (lineman).

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Interlake ringette players score



TRIBUNE PHOTO SUBMITTED

True North ringette players from the Interlake received a \$1,000 cheque from Sunova Credit Union's Heather Herda Sunday afternoon in Selkirk. Sunova Credit Union raised the money through a charity BBQ and popcorn sales. The girls, meanwhile, will be headed to Europe in July of next year to play ringette in six different countries. Pictured left to right, back row: Shereise, Taryn, Val and Heather Herda; front row: Ashlyn, Jessica, Jenna and Jill.

Blizzard blow past SWAT in lacrosse playoffs

Staff

The Manitoba Blizzard defeated the Saskatchewan SWAT 13-11 in Game 3 of the Rocky Mountain Lacrosse League East Regional playoffs on Saturday afternoon in Saskatoon.

Manitoba swept the best-of-three series and now advances to their third consecutive RMLL Final Four this weekend.

Saskatchewan led 4-2 at the 10:23

mark of the game but Manitoba tied the score at 4-4 after the first period. The two teams were then tied at 8-8 after 40 minutes before the Blizzard took a 13-10 lead.

The Blizzard's roster features Selkirk's Cole Wasnie, Petersfield's Kaden Kotowich and Stonewall's Seth Mandryk.

The RMLL Final Four begins Friday in Edmonton.

Interlake to compete at Bantam 'AAA' provincials

Staff

The Interlake Blue Jays will have a chance to see how they fare against the best Bantam "AAA" baseball teams in the province this weekend.

Interlake will be competing at the Bantam "AAA" provincials, beginning Friday and continuing through Sunday, in Morden.

Interlake has been placed in Pool 1 of the nine-team tournament with four other teams.

The Blue Jays will begin play Friday (8:30 a.m.) against Midwest and then will play Winnipeg South later that day at 4 p.m.

On Saturday, Interlake will clash with St. James at 1:30 p.m. and South

Central at 6:30 p.m.

The other pool consists of North Winnipeg, Oildome, Bonivital and Carillon.

Tie-breakers, if needed, will be played Sunday at 9 a.m., followed by the semifinal games at noon.

The championship game is slated for 4 p.m.

The Bantam "AAA" provincial winner will advance to Baseball Canada's 15U National Championship in Summerside, PEI.

The finalist, meanwhile, will attend the westerns in Kamloops, B.C.

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- 1. Belonging to a thing
 - 4. Woman (French)
 - 7. "Incredible" TV veterinarian
 - 8. Volcanic craters
 - 10. Geological times
 - 12. Ghana's capital
 - 13. Any small compartment
 - 14. Conductance unit
 - 16. Athens, Georgia, rockers
 - 17. Plant of the arum family
 - 19. Hawaiian dish
 - 20. Pop
 - 21. Imparting of information
 - 25. Take in solid food
 - 26. Dutch banking group (abbr.)
 - 27. Contemptible
 - 29. Peak
 - 30. Play a role
 - 31. Yuck!
 - 32. Diversion
 - 39. ___ and groan
 - 41. Helps little firms
 - 42. Large, edible game fish
 - 43. To do so is human
 - 44. Supervises interstate commerce
 - 45. Basics
 - 46. La Cosa Nostra
 - 48. Mens' neckwear
 - 49. Buddhist shrine
 - 50. Midway between north and northeast
 - 51. Wood
 - 52. Hair product

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- 1. Induces vomiting

- 2. Matador
- 3. A way to travel on skis
- 4. ___ and cheese
- 5. Indicates long vowel
- 6. Made a mistake
- 8. Chinese chairman
- 9. Indigenous people of the Philippines
- 11. Slender
- 14. Extinct, flightless bird
- 15. Japanese conglomerate
- 18. Of (French)
- 19. Rate in each hundred (abbr.)
- 20. Unit of loudness
- 22. Most organized
- 23. 007's creator Fleming
- 24. Computing giant
- 27. American singer Aimee
- 28. Shock treatment
- 29. Ottoman military commander
- 31. Urban Transit Authority
- 32. Too much noise
- 33. Type of blood cell
- 34. Home of football's Panthers (abbr.)
- 35. Fortifying ditch
- 36. Receding
- 37. Christian creed
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Bidders are to meet at the Main Floor lobby of the building.

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The RFQ documents can be obtained from the offices of ASD in Winnipeg at the address shown above, downloaded from MERX or a request by email to Maria Manuel (information provided below).

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In loving memory of our daughter Holly Joy Stewart who passed away August 5, 1981

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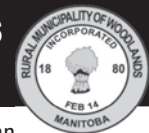
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The Rural Municipality of Woodlands are seeking an Emergency Coordinator to provide emergency management services.

The Emergency Coordinator will be responsible for

- Preparation, maintenance, and testing of the regional Emergency Plan
- Coordinating the response to emergencies in the region
- Attracting, managing, training and motivating volunteers

The job will require a time commitment during normal times of an average of between three and seven hours per week. During emergencies the Emergency Coordinator must be available for full workdays, including overtime, for as long as is required.

The Emergency Coordinator will hold a contract position reporting to the Chief Administrative Officer. There will be an initial probationary period of six months, following the successful completion of which a contract may be offered.

The successful applicant must have good knowledge of the Manitoba community emergency preparedness program. He or she must have a demonstrated ability to manage volunteers; to provide training to volunteers, staff and members of council; to maintain the Emergency Plan; and to coordinate emergency response within the Emergency Management region. Training in emergency response management is an asset. A basic level of ability with Microsoft Office is essential. A valid driver's license and access to a vehicle is essential.

Please include 3-5 references with your resume including contact information and relevance.

Resumes, references, and salary expectations addressed to the undersigned will be received by mail, fax, email or in person until 12:00 P.M. on August 8, 2017.

We thank all applicants for their interest in this position. We will contact only those selected for an interview.

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OBITUARY



Lynn Pozernick
27 December 1946 – 27 July 2017

After a courageous and long struggle with multiple cancers and surrounded by her family, Lynn Pozernick (nee Gauvreau) beloved wife, mother, grandmother, sister, aunt and friend passed away on Thursday, July 27th at Stonewall Hospital at the age of 70 years.

Lynn's life changed forever when while out "cruising" with her girlfriends at the age of 14, she met the love of her life, Ron Pozernick. The two became inseparable and went on to marry and have two children, Marla Pozernick (Tony Dicks) and Grant Pozernick (Laurie). This September would have marked Ron and Lynn's 50th wedding anniversary. The light of Lynn's life was her three grandsons, Spencer Dicks, Kolby Pozernick and Rogan Pozernick. She was simply the best wife, mother and grandmother ever. Lynn loved to spoil her grandsons and one of her favorite things was

watching them all play together.

Lynn was born and raised in St. Boniface in Winnipeg and developed a life-long love of dance. Ron and Lynn resided in Winnipeg for the early years of their marriage and then moved to the Balmoral, MB area in 1979 to begin farming. From raising Hereford cattle to growing a huge garden and shuttling her children to school and sports activities Lynn did it all while working as a secretary at the Balmoral school and later at the Balmoral store. Lynn's hard working attitude made her a natural farmer and she didn't shy away from any challenge. Lynn was well known in the community and will be missed by many.

As per Lynn's wishes, no formal funeral service will be held. In lieu of flowers, a donation may be made to CancerCare Manitoba.

The Family would like to express their gratitude to the staff at Stonewall Hospital for their compassion and for making Lynn's final moments peaceful.

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OBITUARY



Robert Joseph (Joe) Coutts
May 7, 1931 - July 24, 2017

It is with great sadness the family of Robert Joseph (Joe) Coutts announces his passing on July 24, 2017 at the age of 86 years at the Stonewall and District Health Centre.

Joe leaves behind his loving wife of 56 years Alice; his children, Sherri (Tom) Mollard of Hamiota, MB and Alison Coutts (Brian Posluns) of Toronto, ON and grandchildren, Troy and Shelby Mollard and Madison Posluns; brother Gordon Coutts and sister-in-law Verna Johnstone. He was predeceased by his parents Albert and Hilda Coutts, sisters Elsie and Thelma; brothers Jack, Bill, and Norman.

Joe was born and raised in St. Boniface Manitoba, and in 1964 moved his family to Stonewall, MB. One of his proudest achievements was the house he built for his family to live in. His yard and

garden were his passion.

Some of the stories Joe would entertain us with was of the many different jobs he held in his young adult life. In 1954, Joe became a certified electrician and began working for the Province of Manitoba. His job, for 38 years, took him to many locations throughout Manitoba working on many government facilities but his main responsibility was to the Manitoba Legislative Building on Broadway in Winnipeg. By his retirement in 1992 Joe had been through every nook and cranny in the place and could give you a narrative tour of the building like no one else.

Joe's legacy of commitment to the community he called home was lengthy. A long serving member of the local Kinsman Club, umpiring baseball and at one point the President of Minor baseball kept him busy while the girls were growing up. Joe made time to work in the kitchen at the local Legion, and both he and Alice prepared the soup and sandwiches for the seniors curling for many winters. Joe himself was an avid curler and golfer. He was also a passionate Winnipeg Blue Bomber fan. At one time a season ticket owner, and in the latter years the television and radio both on at the same time beside his favorite chair in the basement. His play by play calling was best described as animated.

As per Joe's wishes, a private family graveside service was held.

The family would like to thank the many people who cared for Joe in his final years. If friends so desire, memorial donations may be made to the Winnipeg Humane Society, 45 Hurst Way, Winnipeg MB R3T 0R3.

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OBITUARY



Douglas Allan Paluk
December 22, 1966 – July 29, 2017

Peacefully on July 29 with his family around him, Doug went to a peaceful and pain free place. Doug fought hard for a year and we are very honoured to have had the extra time with him.

Doug leaves us to cherish his smile, many stories told and memories, his wife of 28 years Merle; his daughter Jasmine the apple of his eye; his son Jesse a chip of the old block. Doug was so very proud of and loved his children dearly. His sister-in-law Shelley (Kyle) Flitcroft; his brother Jeffery (Crystal); his brother-in-law Gerald Nobiss; his nephew Joshua Nobiss; his nieces Meagan, Chelsea, Cassidy Nobiss and Angel Bickerton. Many aunts, uncles and cousins. Kelyvn and Kevin Knor who he loved to bug and they loved it and gave it right back to Uncle Doug.

Doug was predeceased by his parents Allan and Barbara; his grandparents Frank and Phyllis, Joseph and Mary Swirsky; his uncle Ken Albert and his cousin Dale Swirsky.

Doug was born and raised on the farmstead in Komarno and remained there until his passing. Doug's life has been full of many adventures and achievements. Through his years of work he has had the privilege to see many places, Ontario, Alberta, B.C., Saskatchewan, the Artic (Spence Bay, Gjoa Haven) and Northern Manitoba. Through this he has lived a life dream of driving truck and running equipment. Being away from home was normal but always enjoyed coming home and having many get togethers with family and friends. He always had a bonfire going, he loved the wood smoke wafting through the yard. After many years away from home he decided it was time for a retirement job, which was with Fridfinnson Ent. This enabled him to be home with his family. This job abled him to go back to farming and fixing machinery which he loved to do as a young man. Those guys there always had a good time and we spent many evenings over supper laughing about his day.

Doug had many passions but the one that filled his heart the most was hunting. Through his years of hunting he was a member of the Manitoba Wildlife Federation and Teulon Game and Fish Association, where he organized the annual Deer Head scoring competition evening and was taught to score horns himself. Doug's passion for hunting has yielded him many trophies and awards, for deer, caribou and bear. He was honoured to win a trip to Glovers Lake for a caribou hunt in 2002 at the Wildlife dinner and dance held in Winnipeg. Last year when we found out he was sick, he decided to fulfill a few more dreams. One was to build a teepee which he got to use on our trip to Paint Lake, and his other dream was a moose hunt with his cousin Kenny Albert. Doug was able to make both those dreams come true.

Doug has made many friends through the years but there were a few that meant everything to him. He wanted these friends to be his Honorary Pallbearers. Bruce (Mona) Simcoe, Glenn (Gaby) Nazimek, Jeff Tomchak, Les (Tina) Becker, Kelly (Lana) Knor, John Stutsky (Sherri Duncan), Darrell (Doreen) Tomchak, Todd (Crystal) Campbell, Phil (Melissa) MacDonald, Joe (Jackie) Nosaty, Eugene (Amy) Klochko, Mike (Kathy) Simcoe, Tim (Sue) Swaikowski, Don (Helen) Slavuta, John (Roberta) Dawson, Tony Kiskan.

Doug loved the fall time, that was his favorite time of the year. The smell of grain being harvested, the colors of the trees, hunting season around the corner. So to honor him, if you so choose to, camouflage and blue were his favorite colors.

Thank you to Laura and Lindsey from Cancer Navigation for all your knowledge and support. A special thank you to Dr. Loudon and his staff for your compassion, knowledge and seeing us in a minute's notice. A very special thank you to Shelly and Kyle for just being there to help with absolutely everything, no matter what it was.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Green Acres Art Centre Inc, Box 545, Teulon, Manitoba, R0C 3B0 or to Hull's Haven Border Collie Rescue, c/o 88 McAdam Street, Winnipeg, MB., R2W 0A4 (www.hullshaven.org).

Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, August 12, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. at the Komarno Community Hall. Pastor Dan Schmelski will officiate.

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Sandra Dianne Ambrose
(nee Lavallee)
March 5, 1970 – July 28, 2017

Friday, July 28, 2017 Sandra donned her ruby red slippers and slipped out into the night to be reunited with family and friends over the rainbow.

She will be dearly missed by her loving husband Matthew, mother Carol Lavallee (friend Al), sister Colette and brother Philip, Ivan and Janice Ambrose, sister-in-law Clare (Les), as well as numerous aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

Service of Remembrance will be held on Friday, August 4 at 1:30 p.m. at the Eriksdale Rec. Centre.

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