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Local schools take time to remember

By Natasha Tersigni

Schools throughout the Interlake School Division took time out on Nov. 10 to hold Remembrance Day services to honour those who have and continue to fight for Canada's freedom domestically and internationally.

At Rosser School, Winnipeg Police Service (WPS) Const. Brian Dwyer spoke to the kindergarten to Grade 4 students, including his own niece and nephew, on his service in the Canadian Armed Forces. Before joining the WPS, the Balmoral resident spent 10 years in the Army as an infantry soldier with the 2nd Battalion Princess Patricia's Light Infantry (PPCLI). During his service, he went overseas three times: twice on peacekeeping missions to Bosnia and one tour to Afghanistan during the first deployment of Canadian troops to the country.

Before answering questions, Dwyer explained to students the importance of taking time to honour the sacrifices made by men and women in CAF.

Bagpiper Kyle Campbell, a member of the Winnipeg Police Service pipe band, performs during the Bobby Bend ceremony.

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Teulon goose plant scheduled to open this spring

By Natasha Tersigni

For the past two years, Bryan Pryde, a Toronto-based down manufacturer and owner of Feather Industries, has been working to re-open the Northern Goose processing plant in Teulon.

Many issues, one most notably being the conditional use agreement with the Town of Teulon, came up along the way. After months of negotiations, Pryde and his lawyer reached an acceptable conditional use agreement with the town.

Pryde and his son Alex travelled to Teulon on Nov. 12 for a ceremonial signing of the conditional use agreement with Mayor Bert Campbell and a small crowd of people that all contributed to the re-opening of the plant. The official conditional use agreement was entered into by the town at their Oct. 13 council meeting.

Following the event at the town's Civic Centre last Thursday, Pryde gave a tour of the newly renovated plant to the *Tribune* and spoke about the work that still needs to be done. Pryde is confident Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) and South Interlake Planning District (SIPD) will sign off on the needed certifications and the plant will open this spring.

The plant, which will process geese produced by local Hutterite colonies,



Pryde shows some of the down that will be processed at the plant and exported to international manufacturers in Europe and Asia.

will have two distinct parts: the processing of goose feathers into down and the processing of goose meat.

"In the first year, we are looking at processing 60,000, possibly 80,000, geese. We want to increase that as long as the market is there for the meat, and we feel it is. There is a mar-



TRIBUNE PHOTOS BY NATASHA TERSIGNI

Teulon's Mayor Bert Campbell congratulates Feather Industries owner Bryan Pryde (left) and Alex Pryde (right) following the conditional use agreement Nov. 12. Bryan's son Alex will oversee the final stages of the Teulon plant reconstruction set to open this spring.

ket for specialized goose meat from Canada in Europe and in Asia," said Pryde.

Pryde, whose current business in Toronto manufactures down and sells it internationally — including to the makers of the Canada Goose jacket — is well versed in the down processing part of plant. One of the main reasons why he chose to purchase the Teulon plant was because of the superior down product the plant was known to produce.

"The goose slaughter part is all new to us. We have always bought directly from slaughterhouse companies. We used to buy from Northern Goose before Don (former owner of plant) bought his own machinery and processed the feathers himself and he exported the down to Japan," explained Pryde.

"This plant is important to us because Northern Goose, Manitoba and the Hutterites have been able to, over the last 60 years, brand their down and feathers around the world as a superior product. We produce for Canada, Europe and, our biggest export market, Japan."

The goose meat processing side of

the plant — which has undergone major renovations in order to meet current standards, including new walls, light, ceiling and equipment upgrades — will process whole frozen geese that will then be distributed by Winnipeg-based food distributor Dakota Trading Corp.

Once the plant is officially opened, there will be three to five full-time employees and 60 to 80 seasonal employees during goose slaughter season, which runs from the end of August to the beginning of October.

In the next couple of months, the Prydes will ramp up renovations to ensure certifications from SIPD and CFIA will be met in time for opening.

"We probably have 20 per cent more construction to do in the plant. We are working very closely with SIPD and we will continue to do so right up to the point where we bring in CFIA. The next step is to write our food safety program and have CFIA approve our building," said Pryde.

"We have a very clear action plan in terms of the re-construction of the plant and the time frame with SIPD. Everything is on track now for a spring opening."



Pryde estimates that in the first year, 60,000 to 80,000 geese will be processed with the feathers being sold to manufacturers and the meat commercially processed, packaged and sold to Winnipeg food distribution company Dakota Trading Corp.

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"Canada is known everywhere in the world for being such a great country because we always say yes to helping those countries in need; on this day that is what I think about. I have lost a lot of friends who have died overseas. We really need to think about those people who sacrificed their lives for us," said Dwyer. During his tour in Afghanistan, a bomb landed 100 metres away from Dwyer and he lost his hearing in one ear. After being medi-

cally discharged from the Army, he joined the WPS and has worked there for 10 and half years.

"By me being in the Canadian military, I felt that was my biggest contribution to Canada."

At École R. W. Bobby Bend School an afternoon service was held with MCpl. Alan Haley invited as the guest speaker. The Stonewall resident is reservist with 38 Brigade in Winnipeg and works as a signaller. He spoke on his role supporting domestic operations, including being deployed this summer with 815 CAF members to Saskatchewan to help support pro-

vincial fire fighting efforts.

Haley talked to students about the oath CAF members take when enlisting in the military and the lengths they will go to protect people around the world.

"The promise was to protect our country and help people who are in danger around the world," said Haley.

"We have freedom and safety because Canada's veterans were willing to risk their lives to protect it. Since World War I, Canadian's sailors at sea in Navy ships, people in the Air Force flying military planes and soldiers in the Army fight to protect this country."



Balmoral resident Brian Dwyer spoke to Rosser School students on his 10 years of service as infantry soldier with the Canadian Armed Forces. Dwyer served on international deployments in Bosnia and Afghanistan.



Bobby Bend School Grade 3 student Avery places a poppy on a wreath.



Grade 1 student Isla and kindergarten student Daniel carry the school's wreath during Bobby Bend's Remembrance service.

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Council gives nod to portion of Stony Mountain Trail

By Jennifer McFee

At the Nov. 10 meeting, Rockwood council gave the go-ahead for a portion of Stony Mountain Trail on an unused road allowance east of the baseball diamonds.

Dave Van Heyst, vice-president of the Stony Mountain Community Association, said that brush clearing has already begun in the area.

"We hope to be able to go in there and get it gravelled this fall, but if not, early next spring," he said.

There is no set timeline for the rest of the system, Van Heyst added.

"It will be as we raise money," he said. "We will be applying for grants and continuing to have fundraisers. We'll get parts done as we can afford it."

The recent Stony Mountain Run fundraiser raised about \$4,500, and the curling club donated an additional \$1,000 with proceeds from its goose shoot fundraiser.

In total, the trail system will be approximately a five-kilometre loop through town and the quarries.

"The offshoots will connect in different parts of the community so people can gain access to the trail and use it to get from home to school and the

community centre," Van Heyst said.

"We have a unique environment with the hills and the quarries, so I think it will definitely bring people in to use it. Of course, it will also be used by our own folks. It's a pretty exciting project."

The RM of Rockwood has also been funding and building parts of the trail, recently completing a stretch along Old Highway 7 from Allard Place to Quarry Road and another from Pebblestone Drive into the quarry.

"We're definitely happy that the RM is on board and doing parts of it too," Van Heyst said.

In other Rockwood news, council approved a proposed subdivision by Meridian Developments, pending approval from the provincial government to have ingress and egress off of Highway 323.

As well, council approved conditional use for Chequis North, which is looking to open a new port-a-potty

business in the Rockwood Industrial Park in Stony Mountain.

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Woodlands Legion honours Canadian Forces veterans

By Patricia Barrett

Woodlands Branch 248 of the Royal Canadian Legion held a Remembrance Day service that was attended by about 70 community members to show their appreciation for the country's veterans.

Branch president Joel McDonald led the commemorative ceremony and read the Act of Remembrance, a stanza from the poem For the Fallen by Laurence Binyon, to which the audience replied, "We will remember them."

Students from Woodlands School, Warren Elementary and Warren Collegiate took part in the ceremony. Isabel McDonald read from Psalm 23 and Tianna Thiessen read the poem In Flanders Fields by John McCrae, which is 100 years old this year.

Laura McDonald drew the rendition of the poppy gracing the cover of the program. Stephanie Deverill and Randi Lynn Tully sang the hymns Abide with Me and Amazing Grace.

Two minutes of silence followed Last Post. Some attendees wept silently.

The legion's Sergeant-at-Arms, David Thompson, a veteran of Bosnia and Afghanistan, marched in the honour guard and accompanied dignitaries for the laying of wreaths.

Woodlands Reeve Trevor King, Lakeside MLA Ralph Eichler and Cpl. John Montgomery laid wreaths on behalf of the RM, province and RCMP, respectively. Eight wreaths were laid to pay homage to the sacrifices made by Canadian Forces men and women in the line of duty.

After the service, people were in-

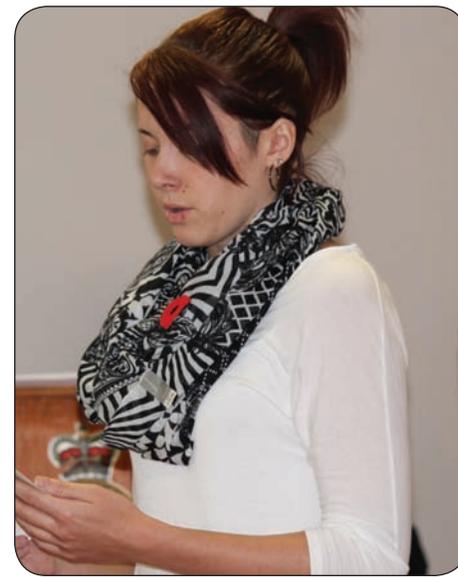


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Children attending the service pinned their poppies to one of the wreaths to honour those who fought for Canada.



Lori-Ann Buors of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Royal Canadian Legion paid tribute to those who fought for Canada.



Warren Collegiate student Stephanie Deverill led the service in the singing of hymns.

invited to take part in the Public Act of Remembrance. One by one, people pinned their poppies to one of the wreaths that was later taken to the cenotaph on Porteous Avenue.

Since the 1960s, the Royal Canadian Legion has been holding annual poster and literary contests for students as a way to remind Canadians of the sacrifices made on their behalf. Solemn scenes of war and remembrance flanked the walls of the legion.

"We judge them and pass them up to the chain of command," said Thompson, who has been retired from the forces for six years. His children and

wife attended the ceremony to remember those who served.

The artwork on the program's cover was framed and mounted at the legion's headquarters in Winnipeg.

The legion's past-president Cindy Procter was on hand, helping the branch's women members organize the lunch that followed the service.

"She's my right hand," said McDonald. "She does all the legwork. She's invaluable to the legion."

Once a month, the legion holds social evenings. Anyone over 18 can join. The next social evening is scheduled for Dec. 18 at 7 p.m.

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Selinger delivers final Throne Speech before April election

By Brandon Logan

The provincial government unveiled its final Throne Speech before the Manitoba election in spring 2016.

Some of the major talking points from the speech were Manitoba's unemployment rate, which is the lowest in Canada, continued infrastructure investment for rural and First Nations communities, improving tourism, investing in the environment and working to services for youth.

Even with an election on the horizon, the NDP's plans were not just focused on the short term but also delved into future plans for the next decade.

"Manitoba leads the country in job growth and has the lowest unemployment rate in the country," Selinger said during a press conference with media. "To build on this momentum, the throne speech commits to extending the province's current infrastructure plan by three years to invest \$10 billion beyond 2020 for strategic infrastructure projects throughout the province."

Along with upgrading infrastructure for rural communities throughout the province, the government is

also working on getting First Nations along the east side of Lake Winnipeg new roads.

Shifting to the environment, Selinger said the government would work to invest in critical flood protection.

"On protecting the environment, we're going to continue that very important priority of investing in flood protection and mitigation efforts that protect Manitobans from these increasingly frequent and tense and dangerous natural disasters," he said, noting the province is working with communities to rebuild around the Lake Manitoba and Lake St. Martin areas that were hit hard by floods.

And with aquatic invasive species like zebra mussels invading the province's waterways, Selinger said the NDP would take new action to protect wetlands and wildlife while restoring the health of Lake Winnipeg.

Some of the speech's biggest announcements, however, came regarding the care of youth.

Calling it an "ambitious goal," Selinger said the province wants to create a universally accessible child-care system with 12,000 additional

spaces.

"Five to seven years is what we're projecting," he said of the timeline.

While Selinger said there are constraints, such as making sure there are enough skilled people available and facilities, he noted Manitoba is "one of very few provinces that has a capital program for daycares."

Expansion of Manitoba's early childhood educators was another focus, but the premier provided no hard number. He said a task force is looking into it.

And keeping with the large focus of working with First Nations, the speech said customary care legislation would be introduced to keep children in their home communities.

"The customary care provides legal support allowing children to stay close to their families in their communities with members of their extended family," Selinger said. "This practice has been going on forever where extended families in communities look after each other.

"You know the expression it takes a village to raise a child?" the premier asked. "It's that kind of a model where



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY BRANDON LOGAN Premier Greg Selinger talks to media about the annual speech from throne at Manitoba's Legislative Building on Monday, Nov. 16.

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Donate winter clothes for Mission Possible

By Jennifer McFee

It's time to get into the spirit of giving, and what better way than to clean out your closet?

Through a local initiative called Mission Possible, several Warren and Woodlands residents are collecting gently used winter clothing to donate to Siloam Mission. Articles in demand include socks, scarves, mitts and toques.

As well, they are collecting toiletries such as toothbrushes and toothpaste, and cash donations are also welcome.

Warren resident Darcy Lamb started the annual clothing drive three years ago when she realized that Siloam Mission greatly needs winter items.

"Right now, the big thing is clothing because they don't have a whole lot of it. When we're driving, a lot of guys

will be at the corners asking for gloves already. I'm going to start throwing a whole bunch in my car now, just in case," Lamb said.

"I just thought that these poor people don't have a lot. We're all cozy in our homes, so it's nice if they have something to keep them warm."

This year's goal is to collect 2,015 items for the year 2015. In previous years, Mission Possible has exceeded its annual target.

Lamb and two friends will collect items until mid-December.

Anyone who would like to make a donation in Warren can contact Lamb at 204-461-3884 or drop off items at her home at 7 Coggan Way. Alicia Schnell is also collecting donations in Warren, and she can be reached at 204-461-3355.

To make a donation in Woodlands,

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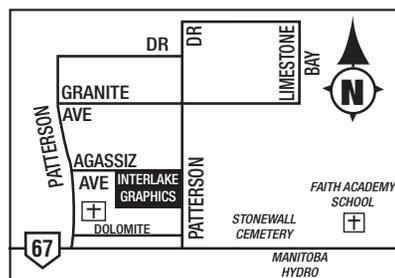
Dear Editor:

In keeping with the trend over the last several years, the Teulon-Rockwood Centennial Centre was nearly at capacity for the Remembrance Day Service last Wednesday. This is not surprising, and the organizers and volunteers deserve to be recognized. As the grandson and great-nephew of Second World War veterans, I know that attention to the details on these occasions is very much appreciated by our veterans and their families. In addition to a great pancake breakfast prior to the service itself, the proceedings were well-

timed and executed with appropriate formality and tact. Bringing together a team of volunteers to work together on any function can be very challenging; and to carry out the task of a well-organized Remembrance Day Service as we attended on Wednesday is especially noteworthy. To Judy Dedrick-Williams and her fellow Teulon Lions, I would like to extend a heartfelt THANK YOU on behalf of my family and all of us in attendance.

Sincerely,
Alan Campbell

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St. Laurent first responders celebrate graduation

By Jeff Ward

A celebration dinner was held to recognize the accomplishments of 11 emergency medical responders (EMR) at the St. Laurent Parish Hall on Nov. 13.

Not wanting to have their hard work go unnoticed, RM of St. Laurent Reeve Cheryl Smith and council hosted a celebratory feast and graduation ceremony to show respect and appreciation to those who are committed in helping bring the community a much needed resource. First responders have been a topic of great debate in St. Laurent for many years and it was an item that Smith spoke of as one of her top three priorities after being elected. Now, just over a year in office, that priority has been completed.

"It was important for us to make sure that their accomplishments were recognized here," said Smith.

"We want these people to be looked up to as role models for our community because that's what they are. Having this service here not only helps save lives but also contributes to the community in other ways. People will want to invest here and live here when they know we have services like

this. This is a proud moment for St. Laurent."

Facilitated by the Southern Manitoba Academy for Response Training (SMART), the program began in April of this year and ended in August. Smith mentioned that although the first responders have graduated and can begin immediately, they're still a few months away from being implemented full time into the community. The province was grateful for the appreciation they received.

"It's nice to be recognized like this, but that's not why any of us took this on," said Matthew Riding, 25, who is also a part of the volunteer fire department in St. Laurent.

"We all signed up because this is the right thing to do, to help our community. We'll be helping our neighbours on what might be one of the worst days of their lives. That's important to all of us."

Once the program is implemented, every 911 call will be fed to pagers given to those on call that night. Smith expects to see the first responders in action starting sometime in January or February of next year.



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY JEFF WARD

Eleven graduates of the SMART program were honoured by the community during a graduation dinner at the St. Laurent Parish Hall on Nov. 13. Pictured from left to right, back row: Randy Smith, Jennifer Steinbeisser, Katie Byron, Judy Chartrand, Leslie Bruce, Megan Bruce, Matthew Riding, Loretta Sigurdson, Noelene Wiebe and Dave McMullan, SMART Instructor; front row: Mitchell Starr and Roger Leclerc.

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the community comes together and finds ways to support children and families in distress."

Late last week, ahead of Monday's speech, Progressive Conservative leader Brian Pallister put out an alternative speech.

Widely expected by many political pundits to be the main challengers to the NDP in the upcoming election, Pallister and the PCs laid out their priorities and why the NDP need to be ousted from power.

"More than ever, we need a new government based on Manitoba values. A government that reflects those values in everything it does," the PC throne speech stated.

The biggest priority Pallister stated in his throne speech was reducing the provincial sales tax. The PC leader criticized Selinger for raising the tax but said, if elected, the PCs will roll

back the PST to seven per cent during the first term.

In another cost-saving promise, the speech said they would reduce the cabinet size by one-third to save millions of dollars.

Manitoba's Liberals, who are underdogs in most early polls, also made a statement last week when leader Rana Bokhari said, if elected, the party will change provincial student loans to non-repayable grants.

"Students are graduating with a mountain of debt, and on a starting salary, they just can't make ends meet. We want to make education more available and more affordable. High debt should not be a deterrent to further education," Bokhari said in a release.

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Local librarian Darlene Dallman earns provincial award

By Jennifer McFee

Local librarian Darlene Dallman is in the good books for her dedication to her duties.

Dallman, the head librarian of the South Interlake Regional Library, is this year's recipient of the Manitoba Library Service Award in the professional category.

This award recognizes exemplary service over a long period of time or an exemplary contribution within a shorter time frame.

Dallman, who has been with the library for nearly 11 years, contributes in countless ways on a daily basis as well as with longer-term initiatives.

Although she is not shy about speaking in front of groups, she would prefer to share the limelight with the entire library staff.

"It's beautiful to be recognized, and I owe a lot to my staff. My staff is amazing. We do a lot of brainstorming together. We can sit down and throw around ideas and then they run with them. That allows me the time to do other things like the bigger grant applications and a lot more of the planning," Dallman said.

"My staff makes me look good. I wouldn't look nearly as good without them. It would be nice if it was a library award rather than an individual award because I think that they deserve a lot of recognition as well."

She also credits her diverse background for providing her with much-needed skills to run the library, which serves Rockwood, Rosser, Stonewall and Teulon.

Dallman's commerce degree and business background come in handy,



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY JO-ANNE PROCTER

South Interlake Regional Library's head librarian Darlene Dallman is this year's recipient of the Manitoba Library Service Aware in the professional category.

as does her literacy experience gained from selling children's books.

"When I came here, they wanted someone to manage the system. I'm a manager, and I've also been a super avid reader and library-user all my life," she said. "I have the knowledge of the library and management skills, but I had a steep learning curve. It was exciting and it was something different."

More than a decade later, that excitement continues to be a motivating factor.

"It's project after project. I love working on projects so I haven't had an opportunity to be bored

yet. That's what keeps me going," Dallman said.

"And I'm very passionate about my community. I get to work in my community, which is beautiful. They always say life is a journey. You never know where you're going to go."

Dallman's background also includes experience in the construction industry, which has been especially useful with the ongoing repairs at both the Stonewall and Teulon branches.

"I know how to read a blueprint and I understand wall construction, so that helped a huge deal," she said.

As the sixth-largest library system in the province, the South Interlake Regional Library is based out of three facilities: the Stonewall branch, the Teulon branch and the Bookmobile.

"In my role, I look after everything," Dallman said. "Different libraries are operated differently.

Ours operates at an arm's length away from all the municipalities, so I do everything — whether it's purchasing toilet paper, making sure we stay on top of labour legislation, safety regulations, everything."

She also ensures that local libraries have thriving children's programs, which is key to the community.

"Our library has always focused on the kids. To me, that's the most important part. If you get a child hooked on reading when they're young, they'll be a reader for life. When they're very young, that's when their minds are sponges. You get them prepared for school. You get them ready for learning how to read," Dallman said.

"It's a beautiful thing and we're very successful at that. We have so many kids that come for our preschool programs in both branches now. It's wonderful."

Regardless of age or stage, the entire community has opportunities to connect through the library as well. In December, the public is invited to enter the Festival of Wreaths. Bins will also be set up to collect donations for the Christmas Cheer Board.

As chair of the library board, Andrew Robert noted that Dallman's nomination papers described her attributes as tenacious, engaging, enthusiastic, independent, attendant to details and discrete.

"The board is very excited about this award. Darlene's been working with the library for a long time and she is a very positive force. We think it's well deserved," Robert said.

"She's well known in the community, not just on library events."

But for Dallman, it's all part of the job.

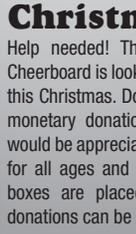
"I want to do the best I can. I want to do the best for my community, so that's what I do," she said.

"It's definitely nice to be recognized for the effort and the work that we've done. It's thanks to my staff as well. My staff has helped me to get this award."

Dallman will receive her award at the Manitoba Libraries Conference on May 5, 2016.

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"I didn't know that" was the team that out-smarted their opponents at the quiz night hosted by the Woodlands Parents Advisory Council last Friday at the community hall. The winning team donated their profits to the Woodlands School playground. Pictured from left: Trevor and Michelle Procter, Dorothy Simonson, Lloyd Simonson, Donna Ridgeway, Eric and Betty Simonson.

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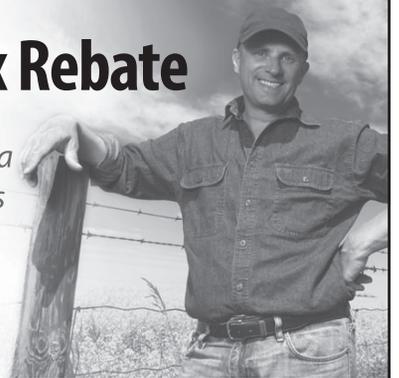


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Warren Collegiate Institute (WCI) staff and students collected 612 non-perishable food items for the Interlake Food Bank in Stonewall as part of the school's annual We Scare Hunger Food Drive held every year at the end of October. Last Friday, WCI students (left to right) Cory Hildebrand, Taylor Comberbach, Koby Carriere and Bret Wiggins delivered the items to the food bank.

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Welcome to Winterfest

By Jennifer McFee

It's a winter wonderland in Teulon this weekend for the annual Winterfest festivities.

The family-friendly event features a two-day craft sale at Teulon Rockwood Centennial Centre on Friday, Nov. 20 from 2 to 8 p.m. and Saturday, Nov. 21 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

This marks the second year that the craft sale will be two days, said organizer Darci Loehmer. Admission is \$2, and children 12 and under are free.

"We have 50 vendors coming from all over Manitoba from as far as Morden, La Rivière and Dugald. Some of them only do larger shows, and they're seeing how fantastic the Winterfest craft sale is so they want in," she said.

"We also have a lot of the vendors that come to our Farmers Market all summer that make their last appearance of the year. We've got a great quality of vendors, and everything is 100 per cent handmade. There are no home-based businesses at our event."

Guests can also opt for professional photos with Santa in front of a festive backdrop. As well, the canteen will be open all weekend featuring home-cooked cuisine.

"It's going to be amazing," Loehmer said. "I'm really excited that we can showcase Manitoba crafters and artisans. Teulon is a wonderful community where people support us. People will drive a distance to attend, and it's worth it."



TRIBUNE FILE PHOTO

Mr. and Mrs. Claus will be visiting all the way from the North Pole Friday night and taking part in the annual winter parade.

In another much-anticipated attraction, the annual parade will start at 7 p.m. on Friday at the Teulon Elementary School bus loop. From there, it

will head up Beach Road, down Main Street and then turn off on 5th Avenue SE to pass by Cedar Lodge.

Parade marshal Debbie Fleury said there is no admission to enter the parade, which is sponsored by Kozy's Productions. Anyone who's interested in participating can contact Fleury at 204-886-2378.

During the parade, volunteers will be collecting spare change for the Teulon and District Christmas Cheer Board.

"That's a big part of the parade and that's why we do the parade," Fleury said.

"My main reason for the parade is to draw people into town and to get people out to support the Teulon and District Christmas Cheer Board. We've been very successful in the past few years and we've collected almost \$1,000. It's become known that this is what we do for the parade. People are ready and they even roll their coins."

This year's parade will also feature two very special guests who will be visiting all the way from the North Pole.

"Mr. and Mrs. Claus are going to be here," Fleury said.

After the parade and the craft sale wrap up, the fireworks display will take place on Friday at about 8:15 p.m. across from the Teulon Motor Hotel on the west side of Main Street.

Sponsored by the Teulon and District Chamber of Commerce, the show will be put on by Archangel Fireworks.

"We haven't had the fireworks for a few years, so we're looking forward to it," said Jan Lambourne, chair of the chamber of commerce.

"We tried to change it up a little bit, but now it's back. People were requesting it, so we thought it would be nice to have it again."

Adding to the seasonal celebrations, free public skating will be available from 5 to 7 p.m. on Friday night, followed by a midget hockey game from 8 to 9:30 p.m.

Eco-friendly students recycle bags



TRIBUNE PHOTO SUBMITTED BY HEATHER SANCHE

Ecole RW Bobby Bend School kindergarten to Grade 4 students and the Green Team collected plastic bags to recycle through the Bag Up Manitoba challenge, a program of Take Pride Winnipeg during the month of October. Since 2008, Manitoba elementary school students have rounded up nearly six million plastic bags for the program, which are then recycled into free Frisbees, bird houses, planter boxes and benches for the schools. The goal is to encourage students to reduce waste and consider options to reuse, recycle and re-manufacture. This year, the early years eco-friendly kids collected 28,500 bags bringing their total to 58,856 bags since 2013.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION WEEK

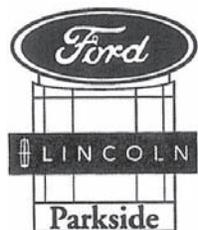
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Woodlands Hall celebrates 100 years

A Sunday afternoon tea was held at the Woodlands Community Hall on Nov. 15 to mark the exact day 100 years ago that the hall opened. Over the years the hall has been a vital community gathering place and to commemorate the occasion the hall board commissioned Lake Francis artist Colleen Ferguson-Walterson to create a painting of what the original hall looked like back in 1915 before any additions or renovations occurred. Bob Brad (left) who has been a member of the hall board for over 40 years unveils the painting with fellow board member Bob Carter.

TRIBUNE PHOTO BY NATASHA TERSIGNI



Teulon CAO returns from FCM Peru trip

By Natasha Tersigni

Town of Teulon CAO Jeff Precourt recently returned from an eye-opening trip to Peru where he shared his vast knowledge of municipal politics during a Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) exchange trip sponsored by the federal government's Department of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development.

Precourt was chosen along with four other Canadian municipal employees and elected officials to participate in the FCM exchange trip. The program has Canadian officials mentoring government officials in Peru and Colombia on how to properly administer municipal governments.

"I was there to be a technical expert to assist the program and assess the capacity of the local governments. I made presentations to their mayors, councils and town staff and I talked with them about what kind of technical expertise Canadian municipalities would be able to provide them," said Precourt, who added this was the first trip of a five-year program that has a federal investment of \$20 million.

Over the two weeks he spent touring the developing country, Precourt visited five rural communities located in the Andes mountain range, along with a councillor from B.C. While many of the communities he travelled to have a large population of impoverished residents, Precourt did find that the structure and function of the government was in good condition.

"One community that I visited was 25,000 people and the rest were around 4,000 to 5,000. They had good capacity as far as municipal government goes," said Precourt.

"They do have their challenges in their community; 50 per cent of people in the rural areas may not have access to running water and 80 per cent of people in rural areas may

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Manitoba 

Local veteran is in a war of his own every day

By Patricia Barrett

Following the gun salutes, the bugle call and the moments of silence that mark Remembrance Day services across the country, the veterans who've sustained traumatic physical and psychological injuries will continue to suffer, their troubles seemingly forgotten until next year's observances.

"Just because you don't see a wound doesn't mean there isn't one," said David Thompson, a retired sergeant who enlisted when he was 18. "I know I will never be the same."

Over time, the horrors Thompson witnessed during his soldiering career led to him developing post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) in 2009. He was released on medical grounds in 2012 after 24 years of military service.

"I wanted 10 more years," said Thompson, who was, at the time of his diagnosis, coming up for a promotion to warrant officer. "But they told me I would be medically released."

Thompson said that among his many combat operations, he experienced mortar strikes, a rocket that nearly blew his head off, and a blast that severed the legs of a driver.

His career took him around the world into some of the worst conflicts in recent decades and left him unable to stop thinking about them.

"I'm still consumed by worry and panic," said Thompson, who lives near Woodlands and sees a social worker once a month at Deer Lodge Hospital. He is also on medication to control his anxiety. "I can't be in a crowd. I can't go to malls."

In the 1990s, when Yugoslavia began to divide along religious and ethnic lines and civilians were being massacred by the thousands, the UN sent a peacekeeping force.

Thompson completed two six-month tours (1994 and 2003) in the Balkans as tank loader and gunner. His first tour was completed under the United Nations Protection Force (UNPROFOR). Its role was peacekeeping rather than combat.

It was an experience Thompson said frustrated him.

"We would sit and watch a town get slaughtered," said Thompson, who is Sergeant-at-Arms for the Woodlands Legion. "We'd ask to go help, and they wouldn't let us."

He said they weren't allowed to protect themselves either.

"They can shoot at you, but you're not allowed to shoot back," he said. "Guys got hit with shrapnel."

By 2003, the NATO-led stabilization force (SFOR) had taken over from the UN, and Thompson completed a tour



PHOTO COURTESY OF DAVID THOMPSON
Sgt. David Thompson on his tank in the desert between Iran and Afghanistan in 2008. The decorated soldier, who lives in Woodlands, suffers from PTSD.

in Zgon, Bosnia, protecting civilians, conducting weapons searches and helping with rebuilding efforts.

Thompson said the military's efforts brought peace to the ethnically divided region, but it came at a personal cost.

"When we came back," he said, "we turned into expert drinkers."

He went on to train troops at CFB Wainwright in Alberta. That's when the decorated sergeant found things beginning to slide sideways. He said he became angry, experienced a failed relationship and drank to "forget the pain."

But he remarried, and in 2008 when his child was six days old, he was posted to Afghanistan as tank commander. He spent seven and a half months patrolling a heavy opium-trafficking region used by the Taliban and Islamic extremists.

"Everyone stares at you like they want to cut your throat," said Thompson, who was responsible for the safety of every corporal and private in his 16-man troop and for ensuring the tanks were fully operational.

While there, his unit experienced heavy casualties.

"You analyze everything," he said. "I was in action in spot A: what could I have done to save those guys' lives or stop them from being wounded?"

Despite being told he did nothing wrong — everything according to drill — he said he can't stop thinking about it.

"It was something that built up over the years," said Thompson, who earned a Canadian Forces Decoration medal (CD) for long service and good conduct.

As drill sergeant back at the Wainwright battle school, PTSD crept in by degrees, manifesting itself at first through odd physical symptoms then



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY PATRICIA BARRETT

Sergeant-at-Arms David Thompson accompanies Lakeside MLA Ralph Eichler during the wreath-laying at the Woodlands Remembrance Day service.

progressing to full-scale panic attacks and hypervigilance.

"My body would react funny. I'd repeat myself and forget things and I had nervous ticks."

Soon after that came panic attacks at home, where he felt as though his heart were stopping.

"I viewed myself as weak," said Thompson.

His wife, who's a nurse, told him he had PTSD. He called a military friend who was suffering from it and was encouraged to see a medical officer.

"It was a lesson in patience," said Thompson, who was sent to a number of doctors and put on various medications to see which one worked best.

In the meantime, his symptoms turned him into someone he couldn't control.

"My wife and kids left me in Wainwright," he said, "and moved out here [Manitoba]."

The military gave him a case worker, who made sure he attended all his appointments. It also gave him odd jobs at the base "so I wouldn't sit at home and have bad thoughts."

He said he knew a lot of guys on the edge, ready to take their own lives.

The welfare of veterans is something that concerns Selkirk-Interlake-Eastman Conservative MP James Bezan.

"It always touches me right to my core and right to my heart when I put on that poppy and remember all of the horror they experienced to keep us safe here at home," said Bezan.

In 2006 the Conservative government brought in a New Veterans Charter, a program providing im-

proved care and support to veterans and their families.

The Royal Canadian Legion "never fully or unconditionally supported" it because of what it considered short-falls.

In 2011 and 2015 (Bill C-59), the Conservatives enhanced some areas of the Charter, but the legion still wants to see veterans' benefits continue beyond the age of 65 and increased funding for family caregivers, among other things.

Thompson said military cost cutting under the Liberals in the '90s had some soldiers resorting to food banks. And the current lump sum disability payments are insufficient for a "22-year-old needing care for the rest of his life."

Thompson himself currently lives on a disability benefit, which could be clawed back if he gets a job.

He said Veterans Affairs can cause a lot of stress on top of the stress soldiers are already experiencing after physical and psychological injury.

Although Thompson has been reunited with his family and is living on a quiet quarter section in the country, he knows there is "no healing."

"Suicide has never come into my mind," said Thompson, whose father and brothers were soldiers. "You rise to the occasion. You never give in."

It's important, though, that civilians are made aware of veterans' lasting psychological wounds, which can disrupt family life, destroy peace of mind and see a soldier returning from the theatre "a shell of a former man," he said.

"I'm in the war every day."

Rosser School earns Earth School status with 6,000 projects

By Natasha Tersigni

A small school is making a big impact on the environment.

Last week, Rosser School, with a current population of 54 students in kindergarten to Grade 4, celebrated earning Earth School 6 status from the Green Schools program. In just 15 years, students from the school have completed 6,000 Earth-related projects, including 1,000 projects in just 12 months.

"This a tremendous achievement that demonstrates the community, students and staff from 2000 to now are committed to being environmentally responsible. Rosser School is the fourth school in the province of Manitoba to achieve Earth School Status 6," said Rosser School principal Brenda McNaughton.

"By helping the children become aware of how their actions affect the environment, we are raising the next generation of leaders to protect the people and places that we love."

Green School is a program created by the SEEDS Foundation, a non-profit organization that supports students' environmental activities and projects. Schools keep track of Earth projects they complete and work towards different statuses.

Projects that the Rosser students



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY NATASHA TERSIGNI

Rosser School students have completed 6,000 environment-related projects in the last 15 years. On Nov. 10, students, staff and teachers held a celebration to honour earning Earth School 6 from the SEEDS Foundation.

have completed in the past to earn the Earth School statuses include collecting plastic bags and recycling them, working on the school's compost and

garden, hosting garbage-free lunches and having Earth Hour with No Power with no electricity consumed in the school for 60 minutes. Most recently

the students collected batteries, cans and plastics bags, and they also planted trees in the school's yard.



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First and Second World War stories come to life

By **Natasha Tersigni**

An emotionally moving and educational play based on the stories of local First and Second World War veterans and their families is set to take the stage this week in local communities.

Cast members of the *Voices of War* theatrical production, created by the Settlers, Rails and Trails museum in Argyle, have been hard at work for the past few months getting ready to bring local history to life.

Spearheaded by museum president and executive director Shayne Campbell, the production takes an in-depth look into locals, both at home and in Europe, during the First and Second World Wars. Campbell, who is also the play's narrator and bagpiper, extensively researched all the characters in the play and then recruited local actors to portray the parts.

"When you look back at what everybody gave in their generations, it is amazing. I think a lot of time people don't want to talk about their experiences, and Shayne has done tremendous work in trying to get these stories out there," said the play's director Jodi Harrison.

Harrison has a special connection to the play since her great-uncle Roy Buchanan and great-grandmother Gertrude Last are both characters in it. Buchanan, who now lives in Stonewall, joined the Argyle School cadet program during the Second World War. Last stayed at home in Argyle during the Second World War and worked on the family farm while five of her relatives went overseas to fight.

"It is important that we know our past, and to see it like this, it makes it a lot more real."

The play is broken into two distinct eras — the First World War and the

Second World War — and gives a glimpse of the different ways in which Canadians supported the efforts.

The characters for the First World War include James Wellington Willson, an infantry soldier from Argyle who joined the Army and fought in Europe; Willson's mother, Annie, who watched as her son enlisted and left for the war but never came home; Able Seaman Edward Proctor, who served on HMCS Rainbow; and nurse Mary McQuarrie, who served in Europe in a combat hospital on the front lines.

Stories from the Second World War include Royal Canadian Air Force pilot Adrian Borland, who was captured by German forces and held as a Prisoner of War for three months. Although Borland was freed when the war ended, his physical and mental health was never the same. Connie Henderson's character, a war bride from England who married a soldier from Argyle, speaks about the hardships she and her family faced in England and her travels to a new country where she settled to raise her family.

The play will travel to five communities:

- Domain Community Hall on Saturday, Nov. 21 at 1 p.m.
- Selkirk Royal Canadian Legion Branch #42 on Saturday, Nov. 21 at 7 p.m.
- Stonewall's Quarry Park Heritage Arts Centre on Saturday, Nov. 28 at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.
- Argyle Community Hall on Saturday, Nov. 28 at 7 p.m.
- Teulon Collegiate Institute on Friday, Nov. 27 at 7 p.m.

The play was sponsored by a grant from the Department of Canadian Heritage, and admissions to all performances are free.



TRIBUNE PHOTOS BY NATASHA TERSIGNI

The cast of *Voices of War* will be taking their performance to local communities starting Nov. 21.



James Wellington Willson, played by Marcus Schneider, was an infantry soldier from Argyle who fought during the First World War.



Able Seaman Edward Proctor, played by Cody Newton, sailed on HMCS Rainbow during the Second World War.

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not have electricity."

Although many residents are facing their own struggles of inadequate living conditions, many of the issues for the local government that Precourt visited have issues similar to those facing local municipalities in the Interlake including Teulon.

"They wanted technical expertise on improving their water quality, expertise on improving their local opportunities for economic development, and they wanted assistance on development plans and community sustainability plans," said Precourt.

Precourt presented a quick preliminary

report of his trip to the Teulon council at their Nov. 10 meeting, and a more in depth report will be presented at the council meeting on Dec. 8. In his report, Precourt will outline his recommendations for the communities he visited and what he thinks should be FCM's next step for the program.

"Based on the report I submit to FCM, together we will figure out what the next steps are. If that means that people from the Peruvian municipality will visit Teulon, that is a possibility," added Precourt.

Wreaths wanted



TRIBUNE FILE PHOTO

Get your creative juices flowing and get into the holiday spirit while promoting your business or organization. The South Interlake Regional Library is inviting anyone to participate in the 8th annual Festival of Wreaths. Wreaths will be on display at the library from Dec. 1 to 18, and visitors can vote for their favourite wreath by making a \$1 donation to the local Christmas Cheer Board. Winners will be announced on Dec. 18 at 2 p.m. at the Library's Christmas Open House. Prize ribbons will be awarded to first, second and third place winners. To enter a wreath in the contest, contact Joan at 204-467-8415.

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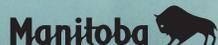
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Friday, December 4th

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Kinettes donate park bench

By Jo-Anne Procter

Thanks to the Stonewall Kinettes, people enjoying the pathway that runs along 4th Street East can stop to rest on the new bench at the corner of 4th Street East and Centre Avenue.

With help from the Town of Stonewall and Blair Coolidge with Cool Signs, the Kinettes were able to sponsor the bench at a minimal cost, enabling them to donate even more money back to the community.

Kin Canada is a service organization made up of dedicated volunteers that service their community's greatest need through hosting and sponsoring events and community service projects. They fundraise and make

monetary donations within the community. Nationally, over the years, Kin members have raised over \$41 million in support of their main charity, Cystic Fibrosis Canada.

The Kinette Club of Stonewall currently has 20 active members and is always looking for new members. They will be hosting a membership night Nov. 26 7:30-9:30 p.m. at the Parochial Hall as a meet-and-greet and to get to know the organization with refreshments. For information, contact membership director Leona Palmer at 204-467-7655.

The club meets on the third Thursday of each month with the exception of July and August at the Parochial Hall.



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The Stonewall Kinettes recently donated a park bench at the corner of 4th Street E. and Centre Avenue. Pictured back row, left to right: Joanne Hubbard, Leona Palmer, Linda Crockatt, Marilyn Kenny, Jean Burchuk, Pam Norquay; sitting are Pat Moldowan and Edie McIntyre.



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SCI passing on Christmas cheer

By Jo-Anne Procter

The Stonewall Collegiate leadership group is hoping for a spike in donations and teams on Dec. 4 when they host their third annual "Passing on the Cheer" recreational volleyball tournament.

The tournament runs from 3:30 p.m. to midnight with categories for grades 5-8 students, men, women and co-ed. Cost is \$20 per player plus one non-perishable food item for the hamper.

Tournament fees include a T-shirt. Deadline for entries is Nov. 21 and teams can enter by contacting Curtis Grieve at 204-467-5539 or cgrieve@isd21.mb.ca.

With the money raised at the tournament, the leadership team will go shopping for hampers for the Stonewall & District Christmas Cheerboard, purchasing items specific to their own age groups.



The Stonewall Collegiate Institute leadership team will be hosting their third annual "Passing on the Cheer" volleyball tournament Friday, Dec. 4 to raise money to buy gifts for the Stonewall and District Christmas Cheer Board hampers. **TRIBUNE PHOTO BY JO-ANNE PROCTER**

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Puttin' on the Ritz

Communities come together to raise funds for end-of-life care

By Jo-Anne Procter

A sellout is always a great indication of a successful evening.

Approximately 240 friends, neighbours and community leaders dressed up, put on their dancing shoes and opened their wallets for the 10th Annual Gala evening Puttin' on the Ritz.

This annual fundraising event in support of the South West District Palliative Care (SWDPC) program was held at the Stonewall Legion last Saturday, drawing the biggest crowd they ever hosted.

"The community response was tremendous," Chuck McClure, SWDPC treasurer told the *Tribune*. "We are beyond happy."

At press time, approximately \$15,000 was raised at the event that is held to raise funds and awareness of palliative care in our community.

Since 1997, SWDPC has worked to support end-of-life care for clients and their families in the towns of Stonewall and Teulon and the surrounding municipalities of Rosser, Rockwood, Woodlands and part of Armstrong. The SWDPC program — which includes equipment purchases, volunteer support, education, psychosocial care to individuals and their family at a very vulnerable, emotional time in their lives — is offered in conjunction with the Interlake-Eastern Regional Health Authority. However, it is completely dependent on donations and community support for its funding.



Lois and Brian Borkowsky and Tom Dykstra check out the dessert bar.

The evening was sponsored in many different capacities from corporate, gold, bronze and individual sponsors. The Stonewall and Selkirk Sea Cadets, offered help with the setup. Adding to the support, a delicious meal was prepared by the Legion and served by the United Church. In addition, the Dykstras provided their photo booth and Past the Perimeter filled the event with fantastic entertainment.

George Willis, chairman of the SWDPC, thanked and recognized all volunteers, supporters and local governments for their continued support since the inception of the program. He also acknowledged the Interlake Community Foundation, Susan McKillop and Karen Unrau from the gently used clothing store, She's Got The Look for their monthly donations of 25 per cent of their profits, and Oke Doke's Driving Range for money collected from the donation box they have set up at their sand trap.

Teulon Mayor Bert Campbell and Stonewall Mayor Lockie McLean, MCs for the evening, introduced speakers Selkirk-Interlake-Eastman MP James Bezan and RM of Woodlands Reeve Trevor King — who have all had some sort of personal experience with palliative care.

"Each and every one of us is probably here because we have lost somebody that has benefited from the compassion and caring of people that have volunteered their time in palliative care," Bezan said. "As our generations continue to age, there is going to be a greater demand on us as Canadians to provide greater support in palliative care."

King, an Interlake director of the Association of Manitoba Municipalities (AMM), said he will continue to lobby the government to support the regional health authorities to provide quality care when they meet with the premier and his cabinet in the coming weeks at AMM meetings.

Tammie-Lee Rogowski, clinical team manager with the Regional Palliative Care and Home Care Nursing Program, delivered a speech outlining statistics, as well as what the IERHA is doing in the palliative care department and the importance of the donations that are provided.

A great variety auction, progressive auction and late lunch with dessert bar added to the enjoyment of guests.



TRIBUNE PHOTOS BY JO-ANNE PROCTER

New to this year's Gala was a photo booth put on by Tom and Brenda Dykstra.



George Willis, SWDPC chairman, welcomed and thanked all in attendance for the great support of the organization.



Selkirk-Interlake-Eastman MP James Bezan spoke on the importance of continued support of the SWDPC program.



Guests danced the night away to local band Past the Perimeter.

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Students share in International Peace Poster Contest

By Jennifer McFee

Sharing peace.

This profound theme is particularly poignant for the annual Lions International Peace Poster contest.

This year, Grade 7 and 8 students at Grosse Isle School pondered the concept of peace, which they portrayed in posters for the worldwide competition.

Starting in 1988, youth aged 11 to 13 have had the opportunity to participate in the poster contest, which encourages them to creatively express their sentiments on world peace. Each year, about 600,000 kids from 75 countries participate in this Lions initiative through schools and organized youth groups.

Murray Scott, a member of the Warren and District Lions Club, explained that a group of judges evaluate the posters based on artistic merit, style and evidence of thinking about the idea of peace.

"The idea is to get kids at this age to start thinking

about what peace means for them. This is a great motivator because it draws on the artistic talent that kids have. Hopefully the idea is getting them thinking about peace. Hopefully, through their poster, they give us a message or convey their idea of what peace means to them," Scott said.

"It's really giving them an opportunity to think about peace and being tolerant to other people and giving them some understanding of the world. Through this exercise, hopefully they do some thinking about that and convey that in an artistic way."

At Grosse Isle School, Jade Perrett created the winning poster and earned a prize of \$100. As the winner of the local contest, she will move on to compete at the district level that includes all of Manitoba as well as parts of North Dakota and Minnesota.

The winner of that competition will compete at the North American level.

For Perrett, she was speechless when she heard

that she was the local winner."

I don't know the words I'm looking for," said Perrett, whose favourite subject is art. "It's awesome."

Second-prize winner Kiera Dowd earned a cheque for \$75 and third-prize winner Joy McCutcheon received \$50. Both girls expressed surprise that their artistic creations were selected for the honour.

Art teacher Andrea Schutz said the entire class will receive a certificate of participation.

"They worked hard," she said. "They spent a lot of their school time and their own time at home to finish it."

While the poster competition brings recognition to the young artists, Murray noted, it also fulfills the Lions' goal to connect with the younger generation. "The Lions are always interested in helping youth," he said. "At any time they can, they're willing to help youth and give them some opportunities to express themselves."

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Winners of the Lions International Peace Poster Contest were announced at Grosse Isle School last week. From left: Warren and District Lions Club member Murray Scott, Warren and District Lions Club president Stu Bangle, second-place winner Kiera Dowd, first-place winner Jade Perrett, third-place winner Joy McCutcheon and art teacher Andrea Schutz.

TRIBUNE PHOTOS BY JENNIFER MCFEE



First-place winner Jade Perrett will move on to the district-level of the poster competition. Perrett received congratulations from Warren and District Lions Club member Murray Scott, Warren and District Lions Club president Stu Bangle and art teacher Andrea Schutz.

The need for speed nets local racer serious hardware

By Jeff Ward

Being honoured with an award voted on by his peers has been one of the most humbling experiences of Warren's Dean Smith's racing career.

At a combination banquet for the Drag Racing Association of Manitoba (DRAM) and the Interlake Dragway based in Gimli, Dean Smith, 47, was awarded with Sportsman of the Year and Best Engineered. Smith's wins capped off an incredible year of performing as he also won the Sportsman No-Box Season Championship, the Top ET Box Season Championship and runner-up at the World Drag Racing Championship at the 2015 IHRA Summit Super Series. This was Smith's fifth consecutive No-Box championship.

"It was a bit of a surprise to me that I was even a candidate," said Smith, who's been racing professionally since 2007 and spends his days working as a full-time financial advisor.

"I've won more trophies than I can think of and they're still rewarding, but it doesn't mean as much as [Sportsman of the Year] because it was voted on by my peers — by drivers I have a lot of respect for."

Smith is driven, quite literally, to compete at the highest level the sport offers, and until he's on top, he's not likely going to stop racing. Smith lost the World Championship by only 1/100th of a second, which might not seem like a huge amount of time, but in the world of drag racing, it is.

That difference is about two feet of space between the front ends of each car as they cross the finish line. Smith mentioned that his opponent in the finals, Cory Heckenlaible, raced perfectly and there was nothing he could've done differently to win



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY DON YEWISH

Dean Smith (left) was humbled to receive the Sportsman of the Year Award from president of the Drag Racers Association of Manitoba Dale Hickey. The award was voted on by peers, which made the honour extra special.

that day.

"It's been a pretty incredible year. I just kept setting goals for myself, and when I would reach that goal, I'd make another. At the [IHRA Summit Super Series], I just wanted to compete with the best of the best and figured I'd take some time off afterwards to go fishing. But after the runner-up finish, my goal next year is to win both classes here and the super series as well," said Smith.

A 1973 Z28 Camaro, or rather the 1000bhp under the hood, is what separates Smith from winning or losing. The car was purchased in 2007 and since then has undergone many modifications and tuning to fit Smith the way he wants. Racecars are usually built around the driver because, at 150mph, the driver needs to be in tune with every single aspect of how the car feels. Or, in Smith's case, how it doesn't feel.

Smith likes to have his car glide down the track, and to do that means having an awful lot of trust in the vehicle.

"At that speed, you don't want to feel like you have to drive the car. Most of the time I have one hand on the steering wheel," said Smith, who also mentioned that it sometimes feels like you're on rails because of how straight the car moves.

The 1/4 mile that Smith races down is completed in around eight seconds on a good run. The front end of his Z28 kicks up into the sky as the engine reaches its full power band and the tires dead hook into full acceleration.

"For a brief second, there's a spot where everything goes dark because of the G-force impact. I come out of it very quick and I can see I'm pointed up at the sky just before I shoot down the track. That's where the excitement comes from — going from a standing stop to 150mph in eight seconds," explains the decorated driver.

With the awards piling up, Smith plans to keep racing during the summer season and hopes to be on top yet again — although this time, he'd like the world championship.

Teulon council denies amendment to dog policy

By Natasha Tersigni

Teulon council decided not to allow a town resident to have five dogs, three more than allowed in the town's animal bylaw, at their Nov. 10 meeting.

After the town's bylaw enforcement and animal control officer Justin Sowa served the resident with a notice that the owner is in violation of the bylaw, the owner sent a letter to request the town allow an exemption. The issue was first discussed at the Oct. 13 meeting when council referred the matter to be discussed by the public works committee.

In the end, the committee recommended to stick with the exiting bylaw and to enforce it as is.

Other council news

- Board of Revision — Teulon council held a Board of revision allowing residents to appeal their property and home tax assessment for 2016 prior to the Nov. 10 meeting. One Crescent Creek resident spoke and asked council to phase in his assessment over a three-year period, and four other Crescent Creek residents wrote letters asking to be phased in as well. Council confirmed the assessment and did not allow the assessments to be phased in.

"The five Crescent Creek residents agreed with their assessments but thought they were pretty substantial. They want it to be spread over a couple of

years and council decided not to do that," said CAO Jeff Precourt, who added that he has seen assessments phased in other municipalities he worked in; however, that was for a much larger amount of ratepayers.

Teulon Red River Co-op owner Kirt Ansell had filed an appeal against his assessment but then asked the assessment to be confirmed with no change. Ansell, along with other Red River Co-op owners, will be appealing their assessment to the courts as they are unhappy with the way the province assesses fuel tanks.

- Sewer connection request — Council gave permission for the Rockwood homeowner at 23 3rd Ave. NE, whose property is adjacent to the town, to hook into Teulon's sewer system. The town has given approval for hook-ins in the past, and the homeowner will be responsible for 100 per cent of the cost to hook onto the sewer system. The homeowner will also pay the same annual operating costs of town homeowners at \$70 per year.

- Teulon-Rockwood Fire Department — The department approved the hiring of a new firefighter, bringing the number of permanent positions in the department up to 23.

In order to avoid the local fire department from doing annual fire inspections of buildings and facilities in the town, council approved to contract a

Stonewall company to conduct the inspections at a cost of \$25 per hour.

- High Speed Crow — Council approved to allow High Speed Crow to place their equipment on the Teulon-Rockwood Fire Department's tower. The equipment will not disturb any of the fire department's equipment, and High Speed Crow will pay a nominal rental fee to the town for use of the tower.

- Library funding — After a request from the South Interlake Regional Library (SIRL) board, council approved to send a letter to the provincial government asking to increase the per-capita base library funding from \$8.15 per person to \$10. SIRL has sent their own letter and wanted partner municipalities to also send letters. Funding from the province has not increased for libraries since 2004.

- Lot rental — The town has rented the empty lot next to the Teulon-Rockwood Centennial Hall from owner Noreen Stone for \$500 a year so users of the hall can park there. The town had previously planned to purchase the lot for extra parking but, after public objections, backed out of the purchase.

- Community donation — Council approved their annual \$5,000 donation to the Interlake Community Foundation. The foundation provides funding to non-profit organizations in Rockwood, Rosser, Stonewall, Teulon and Woodlands.

We Day offers hope for the next generation



TRIBUNE PHOTOS BY NATASHA TERSIGNI

Survivors Amanda Lindhout (left) who was kidnapped by Islamist insurgents in southern Somalia and held hostage for fifteen months and Manitoba teen Rinelle Harper who was brutally attacked and left for dead in Winnipeg last November shared their stories on surviving.

By Natasha Tersigni

On Monday 16,000 students across Manitoba, including 325 from the Interlake School Division, descended on the MTS Centre in Winnipeg for the fifth annual We Day. To receive a ticket to the event each student in attendance had to complete one local and one global volunteer project. Described as part rock concert and part social change pep rally, We Day uses musical acts and motivational speakers to get youth thinking about how they can create change in their communities and around the world.

The national event that travels across Canada is organized by Free the Children; a non-profit organization that offers programs international to help alleviate poverty through sustainable community development initiatives. This year several Canadian musical acts, including Tyler Shaw, Kardinal Offishall and Francesco Yates, took to the stage to get students excited and electrified before hearing from speakers.

With the terrorist attacks that occurred in Paris, France over the weekend, Free the Children co-founder Craig Keilburger spoke on the importance We Day and the positive, hopeful message it sends to youth.

"In the past three days Paris has dominated the new headlines; obviously those types of stories need to be because they are news. I think after seeing three days of the coverage of Paris having young people come here and hear heroes speak is important,"

said Keilburger.

"In our world we need people to see that there is good and that they can be part of that good."

To continue Free the Children's dialogue of creating change and to empower youth to overcome obstacles to achieve success a variety of speakers, including Academy Award winning actress Marlee Matlin; actor and author Henry Winkler and former U.S. Army soldier and winner of *Dancing with Stars* JR Martinez, took the stage to share their own personal stories of struggle.

"We all have challenges, mine was learning. We are not defined by our challenges we are defined by our will," said Winkler who although best known for his role as Arthur Fonzarelli in the television show *Happy Days*, has gone on to write 31 children's books. Winkler spoke to the crowd about the struggles he had going through schools with learning disabilities and how he overcame them and became a successful actor and writer.

"There is change waiting for you. You cannot let somebody else be the one to do the change. The change in this world is waiting for you. It is your strength, your imagination, your will that will take this world from chaos and bring it back to peace so that you can live happy, wonderful, fruitful lives. It is up to you."

Aboriginal activists, CBC broadcaster Wab Kinew, Olympian Waneek Horn-Miller and actor Tom Jackson, spoke on the obstacles they had to



Aboriginal activists, pictured left to right, CBC broadcaster Wab Kinew, Olympian Waneek Horn-Miller and actor Tom Jackson, spoke on the obstacles they had to overcome to achieve their successes.



Canadian singer Tyler Shaw let up the stage with his electric performance of his song 'House of Cards'.

overcome to achieve their successes. Horn-Miller, a former member of the Canada's National Women's Waterpolo Team, spoke on how she overcame severe Post Traumatic Stress Disorder following being stabbed during the Oka Crisis in 1990. Horn-Miller told the audience following her attack she was 'Really driven to show the world that she came from people that don't ever give up'.

Free the Children co-founder and We Day organizer Craig Kielburger spoke with JR Martinez during the press conference. Martinez is former U.S. army soldier who suffered burns to over 34 percent of his body when the armour vehicle he was travelling in in Iraq in 2003 hit a roadside bomb



Free the Children co-founder and We Day organizer Craig Kielburger (left) talks with speaker JR Martinez during the press conference.

and exploded. Martinez has gone on to compete and win Season 13 of *Dancing with Stars* and is now a motivational speaker sharing his message of surviving the horrific event.

All the speakers offered empowering messages to the young people.

Rinelle Harper, 17 shared her experience of being attacked in Winnipeg and left for dead last November.

Harper didn't choose what happened to her, but she is choosing to speak out against violence.

"Violence is not only physical. It's also gossip and bullying. These are things people do every day. They don't see how destructive it can be," said Harper.

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Twins take down Jets

By Brian Bowman

In the Manitoba Major Junior Hockey League this season, it appears that any team can beat another on any given night.

The Ft. Garry/Ft. Rouge Twins proved that theory correct against the Jets Sunday evening in Stonewall.

The last-place Twins stunned Stonewall with a 3-2 victory.

Stonewall outshot Ft. Garry/Ft. Rouge by a wide 48-17 margin, including a 23-4 margin in the third period.

But it was the Twins that celebrated the win.

"We definitely ran into a hot goalie," said Jets' assistant coach Matt Figur. "We had our scoring opportunities, and with our goalie pulled for the extra attacker, we were all over them."

"We went into the game not really knowing what we were going to get from Fort Garry – they were on a 13-game losing streak - and they had five points. I guess we took them a little lightly and the final score kind of dictated that."

Ft. Garry/Ft. Rouge's Mason Hobson and Noah Layte scored first-period, power-play goals and then Toshi Plouffe tallied at even strength in the second. The Twins found a way to crack a Jets' penalty-kill unit that is

ranked No. 1 in the league at 86.3 per cent.

Stonewall's Brett Meilleur scored his team-leading 10th goal of the season with the man advantage in the first period while Adam Blight scored his sixth of the year in the third.

Last Friday, the Jets flew past the Transcona Railer Express 5-3 in Stonewall.

Trailing 3-2 after 40 minutes, Stonewall scored three unanswered goals in the third.

"We came out flying in the third," Figur recalled. "We capitalized on our chances and got the victory."

Mackenzie Johnson tied the score at 3-3 at 6:08 of the third. Meilleur scored the eventual game winner about four minutes later and then Garrett Bruce tallied late to ice the win.

Transcona's Matthew Gardner opened the game's scoring in the first period but the Jets' Adam Blight (shorthanded) and Johnson scored to start the second.

Blight also added a pair of assists and had a late third-period scrap with Ryan Kotchon.

Waylon Petkau (shorthanded) and Jordan Weir gave Transcona a 3-2 lead before the second period ended.

Hunter Ploszay made 33 saves for



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY LANA MEIER

The Jets' Brett Meilleur scored his team-leading 10th goal of the season with the man advantage during Stonewall's 3-2 loss to the Ft. Garry/Ft. Rouge Twins last Sunday.

the win.

Stonewall, now 9-7-1, will play at the St. Vital Vics tonight and then will host the St. James Canucks on Friday. Both games have 7:30 p.m. starts.

"We look forward to playing those two teams," Figur said. "They're very

comparable to us points-wise but we're a bigger, stronger, more physical team than them.

"If we play that type of game against them, and capitalize on our offensive chances and limit their offence, obviously we'll be the better team."

SCI earns berth into 'AAA' varsity boys' vball provincials

By Brian Bowman

The Stonewall Collegiate Rams' varsity boys played some great volleyball on Monday evening in their interzone game with the Landmark 96ers.

As a reward, the Rams will now be competing in the MHSAA "AAA" provincials in Swan River from Nov. 26-28.

Stonewall earned a spot into the provincials after an impressive 3-1 victory over Landmark.

But the win certainly wasn't easy. The Rams won the match by tightly-contested scores of 26-24, 22-25, 26-24

and 25-22.

While the SCI varsity boys' team was successful in their interzone game, the Rams' varsity girls' squad was not.

Stonewall was defeated 3-1 by the Neelin Spartans from Brandon on Monday evening. Neelin won the match by scores of 25-10, 19-25, 25-23 and 25-13.

Meanwhile, in junior varsity boys' interzone play last Thursday, Stonewall was defeated 3-1 by the W.C. Miller Aces from Winkler. The Aces won the match by scores of 25-7, 22-25, 25-15, and 25-4.

Lightning 'AAA' Bantam



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY LANA MEIER

The Lightning's Carter Bateman battles for the puck during Interlake's 6-0 home loss to the Yellowhead Chiefs last Thursday.

Rams spike their way to JV girls' provincials

By Brian Bowman

The Stonewall Collegiate Rams are heading to the MHSAA "AAA" junior varsity volleyball provincials.

Stonewall punched its ticket to the big dance after sweeping the Landmark 96ers 3-0 in an interzone playoff match last Thursday in Sanford. The Rams won by scores of 25-18, 25-16 and 25-16.

"We played well," said Kim Kerelchuk, who coaches the team along with Amanda Okeke. "I think the girls were feeling a bit of pressure in the first set because it was pretty close at 12-12. But then we pulled away from Landmark and played really well for the rest of the match."

Stonewall served well in the match – at times, scoring multiple points in a row – which gave the Rams an advantage. As the match wore on, Stonewall also did a real good job attacking Landmark.

"When we give free balls to our opponents, we're in trouble," Kerelchuk said. "But when we can attack, we're usually successful."

Stonewall finished in ninth place with a 3-7 record in league play against some tough WWAC competition. Three of the top 10 teams in the province this season are from the WWAC.

But the Rams may have benefited from playing against those good teams and appear to be peaking at

just the right time. Stonewall defeated St. James 3-1 (20-25, 25-12, 25-15, 26-24) in a "AAA" zone playoff game to set up a matchup against Landmark.

"When I think back to the start of the season and I compare it to closer to the end of the season, I think that you can really see our improvement," Kerelchuk said. "I'm really happy about that because the girls are really dedicated and are putting the time in."

"That's a good thing and what every coach wants."

The Rams' roster consists of eight Grade 10 players and four Grade 9s. But Stonewall is expecting a smaller lineup when it hits the floor at the provincials, which begin today and continue through until Saturday, in Flin Flon.

Stonewall, which is ranked No. 9, played Westgate at noon today and then Linden Christian at 2 p.m.

On Friday, the Rams will battle Neelin (11 a.m.) and Swan Valley (1 p.m.).

The playoffs begin Saturday.

"I'm not very familiar with the other teams going in," Kerelchuk admitted. "I think the fact that (the Rams) made it there speaks a lot about the team. It's kind of nice to go in unfamiliar with the other teams because we can go in without pressure and just do our best."

"We would love to make it to Saturday because not every team makes it to Saturday."



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY JO-ANNE PROCTER

The Rams' Loren Proven spikes the ball while Sarah Fines looks on during MHSAA junior varsity girls league play. Stonewall defeated the Landmark 96ers last Thursday and will now compete at the provincials in Flin Flon this weekend.

Midget Lightning provincial team loses pair of games

By Brian Bowman

The Winnipeg Thrashers made sure that Interlake Lightning goaltender Nathan Cvar would be a busy man last Friday evening.

Winnipeg sent 67 shots Cvar's way – scoring seven times – in a 7-1 win at Gateway Arena.

Dawson McKenzie gave Winnipeg a 1-0 first-period lead and then the Thrashers went up four goals after 40 minutes as Michael King, Nate

Hooper, on the power play, and St. Andrews' Carter Barley tallied.

The Thrashers fired 27 pucks at Cvar in the middle frame.

Winnipeg's Kyle Wiltshire struck with the man advantage midway in the third and then Brandon Hein made it 6-0 just 27 seconds later.

Interlake's Sean Loutit scored a power-play goal and then Hein closed out the scoring late in the game. Loutit now has four goals and four assists

in 15 games.

On Nov. 11, the Lightning were edged 3-2 at home by the Central Plains Capitals. All five goals were scored in a 7:58 span, beginning midway in the second period.

Interlake forward Noah Basarab started the scoring but the Capitals took a 3-1 lead on goals by Braden Frank (two) and Ryan Sinclair. Two of those goals came with the man advantage.

The Lightning's James Maxwell then closed out the scoring with his first goal of the season at 16:45 of the second period.

The Lightning (6-9) played the Winnipeg Wild last night but no score was available at press time.

Interlake will then hit the road this weekend to play Southwest Saturday in Souris (8 p.m.) and then will visit Shoal Lake to battle Yellowhead on Sunday (2 p.m.).

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Merces, Flyers earn wins last weekend

By Brian Bowman

The Warren Merces had a pretty good weekend.

Warren earned three out of a possible four points in South Eastern Manitoba Hockey League action after a high-scoring 10-6 home win over the Portage Islanders on Saturday and then a 6-5 shootout loss to Winkler Sunday.

In the loss to Winkler, the Royals' Mitch Doell tied the score at 5-5 with just 22 seconds remaining in regulation time.

Wade Duncan and Kyle Luschinski had scored just over four minutes apart earlier in the period to give Warren a 5-4 lead.

Kyle Luschinski scored twice and had an assist for the Merces while Chad Deprez had a goal and an assist. Reid MacLeod also scored for Warren.

Brenden Luschinski chipped in with three assists.

"Brenden Luschinski continues to be a bright spot with two goals and four helpers in two games," said Merces' head coach Gerry Minaker in an email.

In the victory over Portage, Warren built period leads of 3-1 and 6-3.

Mats Meilleur and Brenden Luschinski

each had two goals and an assist while Brady Nichol also scored twice.

Deprez, McLeod, Duncan and Justin Crockatt also scored for the Merces.

Bryn Lindsay had two assists. Ben Lobb posted the win in goal.

Warren will host Morden this Friday and then will visit Notre Dame on Saturday. Both games have 8 p.m. starts.

"(We have a) tough schedule with two more games - Morden Friday (and) Notre Dame Saturday - this weekend," Minaker said. "Four games in seven days early in the year is a tough test, (so we) hope to have a bigger bench this weekend."

In Manitoba Senior Hockey League play, the Stonewall Flyers slipped past the Lac du Bonnet Blues 4-3 on Saturday.

Ryan Elliot, Connor Lockhart, Dale McClintock, and Matt Varnes scored second-period goals for the Flyers.

Corey Courchene, Myles Stevens, and Brent Wold replied for the Blues.

Justin Harris made 24 saves for the win.

Stonewall will have this weekend off and then will play at Lac du Bonnet on Nov. 28.



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY BRANDEN MEIER

The Flyers' Matt Varnes (19) scored a second-period goal in his team's 4-3 win over the Lac du Bonnet Blues on Saturday.

Ladies rock for Balmoral cash 'spiel

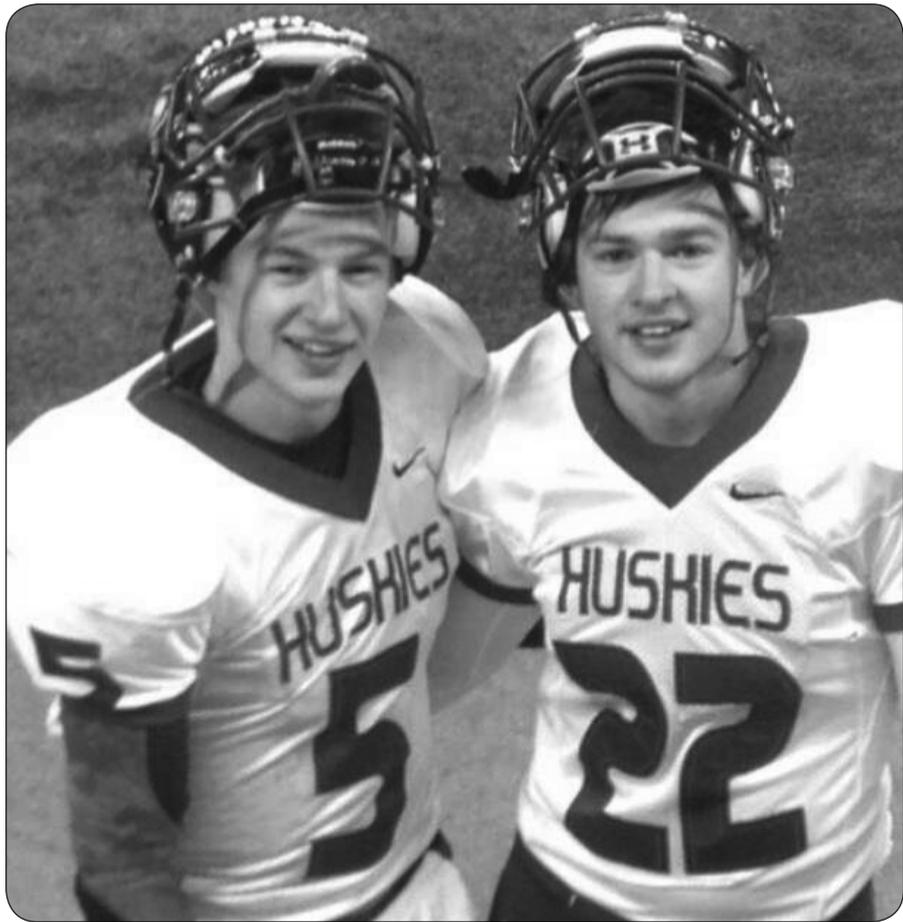


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The Balmoral Curling Club held their ladies' cash bonspiel Nov. 13-15 with 10 teams competing over the weekend.

Pictured left to right, the A-side winners Team Chetyrbok (Hayley Minnie, Jaime Williams, Trish Rae and Vanessa Chetyrbok) defeated Team Deprez; the B-side winners Team Williams (Sharon Rempel, Dawn James, Lorissa Campbell and Shirley Williams) defeated Team Van Hussen and the C-side winners Team Klimpke (Susie Buckle - skip, Gina Doyle, Holly Klimpke and Ann Halwas-Melnichuk) defeated Team Cave.

Football champions



TRIBUNE PHOTO SUBMITTED BY ANNALIESE MEIER
 Brothers, Simon and Spencer Winsnes and the Sturgeon Heights Huskies won the Winnipeg High School Football League 'AA' championship after defeating the Steinbach Sabres 17-10 last Friday. The teams were tied 10 all in the fourth quarter when quarterback Kaeden Corrie scored the winning touchdown from six yards out. Two fourth-quarter interceptions by the Huskies' defence helped in the win, the second by defensive back Spencer Winsnes on a long ball pass with less than two minutes remaining.

Warren putting up wins in the WHSHL

By Brian Bowman

The Warren Wildcats are starting to find their winning form.

Warren won its second game in a row after a solid 5-2 win over the SJR 2 Eagles on Monday in Winnipeg.

Taylor Radley led Warren with three goals while Baily Proctor and Jayden Allary also tallied.

Wildcats' goalie Riley Atchinson-Harden earned his second victory of the season.

On Nov. 10, the Wildcats defeated the Sisler Spartans 6-4 in Warren.

Warren, which jumped out to a 4-0 first-period lead, received a pair of goals from Radley. Proctor had a goal and an assist while Brendon Burnett, Will Slagerman, and Allary also tallied.

Ethan Fairlie had three assists. Brayden Desjarlais (two), Elijah Ca-

parros, and Miguel Vilante replied for Sisler.

Braydon Weatherburn posted the win.

Warren (3-3) hosted John Taylor Tuesday but no score was available at press time. The Wildcats will play Murdoch MacKay next Wednesday (4:30 p.m.) and then will host College Beliveau the next day in Warren.

Game time for the home game is 3:15 p.m.

The Stonewall Collegiate Rams were also in action last week, losing 2-0 to the Garden City Fighting Gophers.

Justin Johnson and Rhys Morris scored second-period goals for Garden City.

Stonewall played River East on Tuesday and then will host the St. Paul's Crusaders on Friday. The home game starts at 4 p.m.

Junior women's curling champions



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 Team Watling, pictured from left, Kristy Watling, Kendra Derbowka, Jenna Boisvert, and Ashley Groff, are the 2015 Sun Life Financial Junior Women's bonspiel champions. The annual tournament was held at the Brandon Curling Club Nov. 12-15. Team Watling defeated the Ackland rink from Fort Rouge Curling Club 5-4 in the final game. Watling finished 2-1 in her pool and then went on to win the next two games before winning the championship.

Manitoba Hockey Standings

MANITOBA JUNIOR HOCKEY LEAGUE							
GP	W	L	OTL	PTS	GF	GA	
Portage Terriers	22	20	2	0	40	93	39
Winkler Flyers	21	16	4	1	33	91	46
Steinbach Pistons	21	14	5	2	30	85	56
Winnipeg Blues	23	11	8	4	26	86	67
Virden Oil Capitals	19	11	8	0	22	56	43
Selkirk Steelers	19	9	9	1	19	69	83
Swan Valley Stampeders	23	8	12	3	19	61	79
Dauphin Kings	19	9	10	0	18	67	74
OCN Blizzard	23	8	13	2	18	68	87
Waywayseacappo Wolverines	21	5	13	3	13	56	86
Neepawa Natives	21	5	16	0	10	38	110
MANITOBA MAJOR JUNIOR HOCKEY LEAGUE							
GP	W	L	OTL	PTS	GF	GA	
Raiders Jr. Hockey Club	17	13	2	2	28	64	47
Pembina Valley Twisters	17	11	4	2	24	74	52
St. James Canucks	17	11	6	0	22	62	57
St. Vital Victorias	16	10	6	0	20	65	56
Charleswood Hawks	15	8	4	3	19	61	45
Stonewall Jets	17	9	7	1	19	60	49
Transcona Railer Express	16	7	8	1	15	53	60
River East Royal Knights	17	6	9	2	14	47	62
St. Boniface Riels	17	5	10	2	12	53	65
Ft. Garry/Ft. Rouge Twins	17	3	13	1	7	37	83
KEYSTONE HOCKEY LEAGUE							
North Division							
GP	W	L	OTL	PTS	GF	GA	
Peguis Juniors	11	10	1	0	20	85	29
OCN Storm	11	8	3	0	16	53	34
Cross Lake Islanders	12	7	5	0	14	76	66
Fisher River Hawks	12	3	9	0	6	55	72
Norway House North Stars	14	1	13	0	2	46	137
South Division							
GP	W	L	OTL	PTS	GF	GA	
St. Malo Warriors	11	7	2	2	16	53	44
Selkirk Fishermen	12	8	4	0	16	51	35
Lundar Falcons	12	7	4	1	15	51	45
Arborg Ice Dawgs	13	6	6	1	13	63	50
North Winnipeg Satellites	12	3	9	0	6	42	63
SOUTH EASTERN MANITOBA HOCKEY LEAGUE							
GP	W	L	OTL	PTS	GF	GA	
Morden	3	3	0	0	6	8	2
Warren	3	1	0	0	4	22	20
Portage	3	1	2	0	2	14	17
Notre Dame	2	1	1	0	2	9	7
Carman	2	1	1	0	2	8	11
Winkler	2	1	1	0	2	7	7
Altona	1	0	1	0	0	0	4
MANITOBA SENIOR HOCKEY LEAGUE							
GP	W	L	OTL	PTS	GF	GA	
Gimli	2	2	0	0	4	17	4
Beausejour	2	1	1	0	2	10	14
Stonewall	2	1	1	0	2	10	11
Lac du Bonnet	2	1	1	0	2	17	4
Lakeside	2	0	2	0	0	2	23
AAA MIDGET HOCKEY LEAGUE							
GP	W	L	OTL	PTS	GF	GA	
Eastman	17	16	0	0	33	93	23
Wild	17	15	1	0	31	68	22
Thrashers	16	11	4	1	23	77	36
Yellowhead	16	10	3	0	23	48	38
Central Plains	15	8	5	0	18	53	45
Brandon	15	8	7	0	16	44	38
Kenora	15	7	7	1	15	47	54
Southwest	14	6	6	1	14	51	57
Interlake	15	6	9	0	12	39	62
Parkland	15	4	10	0	9	44	70
Pembina Valley	16	3	12	1	7	30	70
Norman	19	1	17	1	3	40	119
AAA CITY MIDGET HOCKEY LEAGUE							
GP	W	L	OTL	PTS	GF	GA	
Winnipeg Warriors	12	9	3	0	18	54	31
Winnipeg Monarchs	9	8	1	0	16	56	25
Eastman Selects	13	7	6	0	14	42	42
Winnipeg Hawks	12	6	5	1	13	57	48
Winnipeg Sharks	10	4	4	2	10	39	42
Yellowhead Chiefs	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Parkland Rangers	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Interlake Lightning	12	0	12	0	0	18	78
AAA BANTAM HOCKEY LEAGUE							
GP	W	L	OTL	PTS	GF	GA	
Winnipeg Monarchs	12	12	0	0	24	72	24
Winnipeg Warriors	9	6	2	0	13	61	21
Winnipeg Sharks	12	5	5	2	12	44	52
Eastman Selects	11	5	5	0	11	43	42
Winnipeg Hawks	12	5	6	1	11	44	42
Interlake Lightning	10	1	9	0	2	16	53
MANITOBA HIGH SCHOOL HOCKEY							
Platinum Promotions Division							
GP	W	L	OTL	PTS	GF	GA	
St. Paul's 1	7	7	0	0	14	48	6
Oak Park	6	6	0	0	12	26	8
Vincent Massey	7	6	1	0	12	45	7
Lord Selkirk	7	6	1	0	12	26	14
Garden City	9	3	4	1	12	25	34
River East	6	3	3	0	9	20	29
Sturgeon Heights	8	3	5	0	9	15	37
College Jeanne Sauve	7	2	4	0	8	22	31
Kelvin	7	1	4	0	6	16	26
Stonewall	7	0	6	0	1	11	23
SJR1	9	0	9	0	0	9	48
Price Division							
GP	W	L	OTL	PTS	GF	GA	
Linden Christian	6	5	0	0	17	39	15
College Beliveau	6	5	0	1	16	38	14
Louis Riel	8	4	2	0	15	35	29
Murdoch MacKay	6	4	1	0	14	26	20
Pierre Elliott Trudeau	8	4	2	0	14	32	22
John Taylor	8	3	5	0	9	46	36
Windsor Park Collegiate	8	2	5	0	8	28	44
Warren	6	3	3	0	8	17	20
Sisler	5	2	3	0	6	24	24
Fort Richmond	6	1	5	0	3	17	26
SJR2	6	0	6	0	0	10	62

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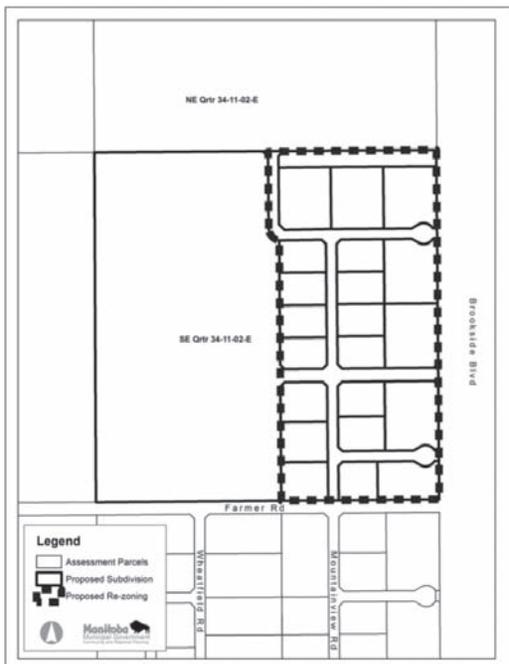
DATE and TIME: Wednesday, December 9, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

GENERAL INTENT and PURPOSE: To subdivide 21 industrial lots ranging from 1.9 acres to 4.8 acres in size plus public road in Pt. SE ¼ 34-11-2E and to re-zone those lots from CentrePort Rural Zone to "I2" Industrial General Zone to allow for the establishment of General Industrial Uses

AREA AFFECTED: The subdivision and the by-law applies to part of SE ¼ 34-11-2E as identified on the map appearing on the back of the Hearing Notice.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: Roberta Van Caeyzele
Acting Manager
285 Main Street
Stonewall, MB ROC 2Z0
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Fax: 204-467-8383
Email: info@sipd.ca

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On the date and at the time and location shown below, a PUBLIC HEARING will be held to receive representations from any person(s) who wish to make them in respect to the following matter:

APPLICATION to SUBDIVIDE 17 INDUSTRIAL LOTS RANGING From 3.0 ACRES to 8.3 ACRES from Pt. NW ¼ 22-11-2E

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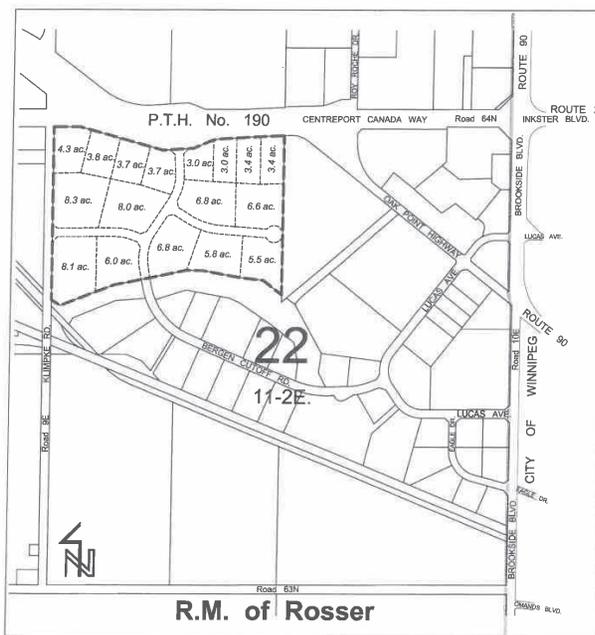
DATE and TIME: Wednesday, December 9, 2015 at 7:30 p.m.

GENERAL INTENT and PURPOSE: To subdivide 17 industrial lots ranging from 3.0 acres to 8.3 acres in size plus public road in the NW ¼ 22-11-2E, being Inkster Industrial Park South and intended for "I2" Industrial General Uses

AREA AFFECTED: Part of NW ¼ 22-11-2E as identified on the map appearing on the back of the Hearing Notice.

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RM OF ROSSER BY-LAW 9-15 Being an AMENDMENT to the ROSSER CENTREPORT ZONING BY-LAW 10-14 to RE-ZONE Pt. SW ¼ 28-11-2E from CENTREPORT RURAL ZONE to "I2" INDUSTRIAL GENERAL ZONE

HEARING LOCATION: RM of Rosser Council Chambers 0077 E PR 221, Rosser, MB

DATE and TIME: Wednesday, December 9, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.

GENERAL INTENT and PURPOSE: To re-zone Pt. SW ¼ 28-11-2E from CentrePort Rural Zone to "I2" Industrial General Zone to establish a General Industrial Use, being a seed cleaning facility, seed lab and accessory office space.

AREA AFFECTED: This by-law shall apply to part of SW ¼ 28-11-2E as identified on the map appearing on the back of the Hearing Notice.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: Roberta Van Caeyzeele, Acting Manager South Interlake Planning District 285 Main Street Stonewall, MB ROC 2Z0 Phone: 204-467-5587 Fax: 204-467-8383 Email: info@sipd.ca

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HEARING LOCATION: RM of Rosser Council Chambers 0077 E PR 221, Rosser, MB

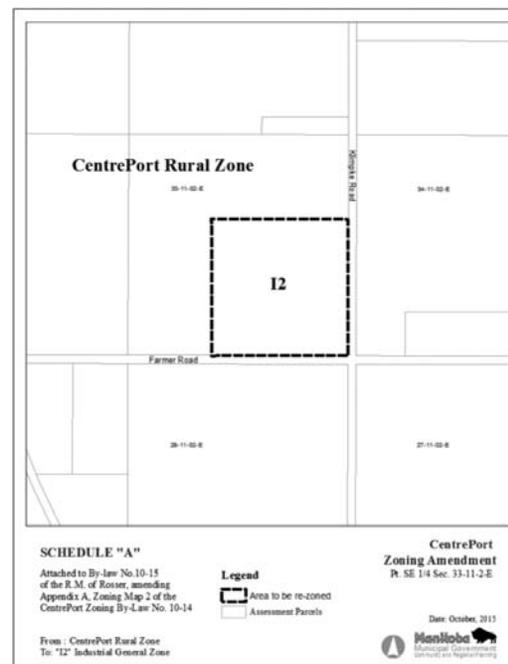
DATE and TIME: Wednesday, December 9, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.

GENERAL INTENT and PURPOSE: To re-zone Pt. SE ¼ 33-11-2E from CentrePort Rural Zone to "I2" Industrial General Zone to establish a General Industrial Use, being a construction company headquarters, including equipment storage, shop, outdoor storage, recycling depot and office space.

AREA AFFECTED: This by-law shall apply to part of SE ¼ 33-11-2E as identified on the map appearing on the back of the Hearing Notice.

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Advent will take on added power this year because it will hold the 50th anniversary of the closing session of Vatican II and the beginning of the Holy Year of Mercy called by Pope Francis, starting November 29 and ending November 20, 2016. The linking of the theme of mercy to Advent is no accident, for Advent is the season in which we prepare our hearts to receive the presence of Jesus as a baby. Advent is a time to prepare our hearts for the Incarnation — God-with-us — which is as much about mercy as it is about waiting and longing for God to appear among us. I was recently listening to a radio interview with a composer whose latest work was titled *Miserere*, "to have mercy." When asked why he composed a work on the theme of mercy, he said that it was to honor his wife's first miscarriage. The very word "first" evoked a sense of mercy in me. I realized the couple had experienced more than one. He went on to talk about how God came to him as mercy at the time of this loss, and then he went on to speak of the birth of their first son. Mercy is a necessary stage in our approach to God, and it often leads to a rebirth: if not of a child, then of a gladness deep within us. We know that even in our greatest sorrows, God can come to us as mercy. "Weeping," says the psalmist, "endures for the night, but joy comes in the morning" (Psalm 30:5). We know this mercy first as a powerful feeling that moves our hearts. Our personal experience can lead us to a recognition of how important mercy is in our faith communities. The mutual exchange of forgiveness builds up our churches layer by layer over the years.

Here are some very basic, down-to earth, practical suggestions for being the Christians we say we want to be and have hoped to be for so long. These practices will allow us to celebrate the past and become more merciful in the future. These encounters with giving and receiving mercy are small compared to the great challenges that force us to grow in faith.

1. Think about reading Pope Francis' invitation to the Holy Year — titled *Misericordiae Vultus* ("The Face of Mercy") — for your Advent devotions or as a part of a New Year's resolution. Give yourself a mercy break and read a paragraph a day and digest it.

2. Become a walking "field hospital," Pope Francis' vision of what the church should be. Practice an "act of mercy" a day. If you already do this, practice one more. If you see a homeless person begging, look him or her straight in the eye, smile and offer a

blessing or a hello or a "How are you?" Even if you don't give money, you can give kindness. If a mother is battling a difficult child on the bus, give her a kind word or look. Always say "Thank you" when you order and receive food. Say it like you mean it. Make eye contact. Get in the habit of being grateful. It will lead to more of a sense of mercy in your soul. There is a lot of rudeness in the world, a tremendous amount of discourtesy. People feel the moral injury of not being respected. Be merciful toward the large moral injuries by attending to the smaller ones, like not being respected as a waitress or a beggar.

2. If you are old, say a kind word about the young today. If you are young, say a kind word about someone old. Refuse gossip. Take the chance to probe when someone says, "That's just the way they are" or "That's just the way it is." Ask the question, "I wonder why they are that way?" Ask the question in the least snarky way possible. Ask it as if you really want to have a discussion about why people and things "are the way they are." Help Pope Francis answer his question "Who am I to judge?"

3. Don't worry so much about whether the person deserves mercy. Grant it. Mercy is beyond deserving. Even if you can't get over your sense of just deserts, try on at least one occasion to give it a break.

4. Pope Francis loves to say, "God never tires of forgiving us: It is we who tire of asking for forgiveness." The Jesus we welcome at Advent and Christmas — the Incarnate Word — arrives and is himself the divine message of global amnesty, unconditional forgiveness. Forgive someone you have not been able to forgive. Just one. Even if you know you are not fully forgiving, and know that you have not emptied out your own bile and hurt, live in the day that you know is coming. That day is when you will be empty of bile and hurt and will know you are healed. Make believe you are already there. Be a behaviorist about forgiveness. Try and try again. Try for 10 days and then stop trying. Be merciful to yourself for not being able to grant automatic or cheap mercy. Keep trying. Intermittent exercise is often very useful to those who hate to exercise. Try intermittent forgiveness as an act of intended if not realized mercy.

5. Pray for someone who is not you or yours. Like an 80-year-old person dying alone in a nursing home. Or a 15-year-old girl about to be a mother when she should be a sophomore. Learn to care for at least one thing or person you are not obligated to care about.

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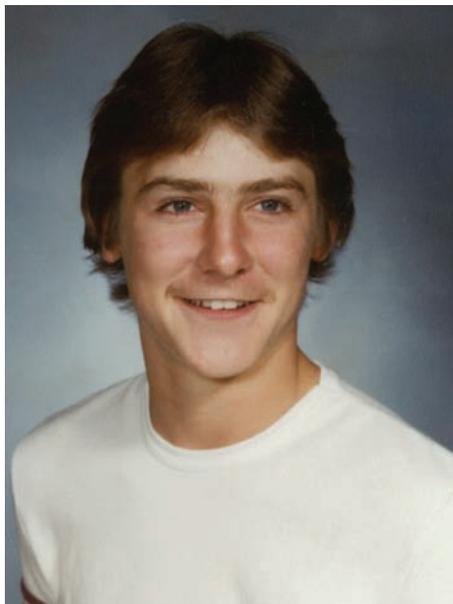
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