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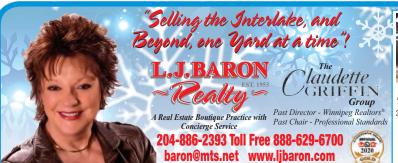
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Five-year-old Brooks and three-year-old Blye Hoas and their cousin June Holtmann (3) had the perfect day to play in the snow last Saturday. Temperatures soared to 5 degrees C. According to Environment Canada, the average high for this time of year is -4.7 degrees C. In 1962 the high was 7.8 degrees C. and in 1996 the low was -27.9 degrees C.

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Heritage breeds are thriving at a historic Riverton farm

Noted historian devises a unique fundraiser to help feed his flocks and herds

By Catherine Strong

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Following a year of drought and one of flooding, Nelson Gerrard's farm is starting to struggle for survival. Gerrard has poured his time and labour into the project, but animals need to eat, and his hay crop has been poor for the last two years.

The farm, Vidivellir, is a historic site, having been the home of Icelandic poet Guttormor Guttormson. Gerrard purchased the property in 2010, knowing only that he wanted to preserve it, to keep it from being lost to development. Two years later, with his plan formed, and after a period of construction to contain and house animals, he began purchasing heritage breeds of cattle, sheep, goats and chickens and set about the task of building a farm literally from the ground up.

His first animals were Rideau Arcott sheep, a Canadian breed developed at the Agricultural Research Centre of Ottawa. That facility developed three breeds of sheep, which were dispersed to Canadian shepherds once the project concluded.

The farm's second infusion of ovine genetics was a purchase of Icelandic sheep, one of the oldest



Icelandic sheep clearly showing long outer coat typical of the breed

breeds in the world, belonging to the Northern European Short-Tailed family of sheep. In their native Iceland, these sheep are allowed to wander in the rocky central part of the country, which abounds in short grasses, weedy vegetation and hot springs. Many of them are double coated, with a dense, short, downy undercoat that is exceptionally soft and is traditionally used for baby clothing and un-



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Country music at Rosewood



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Argyle's Amanda Cannon, 2022 Manitoba Country Music Awards nominee for Emerging Artist of the Year and Songwriter of the Year, was a special guest last Friday morning at Rosewood Lodge Personal Care Home. While Cannon entertained residents, Joan Cameron and Mary-Ann Pull danced the morning away to the country and Christmas music Cannon played.

Teulon teens making a difference

Teulon teens continue to make a difference through their efforts to help others.

The Social Justice League at Teulon Collegiate Institute recently collected non-perishable food items through their student-led Halloween for Hunger initiative. Through this project, they went around Teulon neighbourhoods on Halloween night to collect cans of food for those in need.

The community responded with overwhelming support for this goodwill initiative, which has been on pause for the past two years.

The group then donated non-perishable items to the Teulon and District Food Bank.



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Showcasing Teulon Collegiate's Halloween for Hunger donations are (left to right) Laura Manchulenko (staff), Abby Skinner, Desiree Chartrand, Gloria Kim, Mhea Reed, Annika Kowalchuk and Sharon Ward (staff). Missing from the photo is Ali Charison.

Reducing our footprint



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Members of Warren Collegiate's garden club demonstrate how their newly acquired FoodCycler works. WCl is one of the Interlake School Division schools that received the compact food recycler that reduces food waste from the Rockwood Environmental Action Community Taskforce (REACT) through a grant from the Interlake Community Foundation. For more information on the FoodCycler, contact REACT at info@reactinc.org or 204-467-2334. Pictured from left: Amanda Dion, Vicky Isliefson, Nathan Mudge, Charlie Heard and Isabel Toews.

Collecting for the kids



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Stonewall's TD Bank staff, left to right, Tyler Golden, Daryl Koley and Kathy Komatich, are looking for help to make sure every boy and girl locally have a gift under their tree this Christmas. Inside the branch is a tree decorated with blue and pink angels identified with an age. The community is invited to stop in and pick an angel and return with a new unwrapped gift to fill the wish. Gifts will be picked up on Dec. 9 and donated to the Stonewall and District Christmas Cheerboard. At press time, there were still many angels decorating the tree.



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A Holiday Home Tour in and around Stonewall was enjoyed by a sold-out crowd of 60 people last Friday. The tour was organized by Jacquie Derewianchuk to raise funds for Community Living Interlake/Something Beautiful and to bring joy to all as the festive season approaches. Nancy Dzwinchuk, director of social enterprises, and Burgundy Buchanan, event planner for Community Living Interlake, decorated the three homes with holiday decor from Something Beautiful Cafe and Gift Shop. Stonewall Florist helped with exterior decorating. Following the tour, guests gathered back at the cafe and gift shop for complimentary appetizers while listening to live holiday music. The gift shop was open for after hours shopping.

> HERITAGE BREEDS, FROM PG. 2

dergarments (in the days when undergarments had to be hand-knitted). In addition, the long, strong, coarser guard hairs, which protect the animal from the wind, rain and cold, are used for tough, hardwearing, very insulating, but lightweight outerwear such as sweaters, mitts, hats and jackets.

Gerrard also raises Dexter cattle, an Irish breed believed to have developed from the earliest species of wild cattle discovered in central Ireland. They are small, sturdy, compact cattle that are very calm and good-natured, easy to handle, and have excellent mothering instincts.

Other residents of modern-day Vidivellir include an as-



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sortment of goats, including the bloodlines of Kiko and South African Boer Goats; Icelandic Chickens, another heritage breed; and an alpaca named Al.

In 2015 disaster struck when a winter shelter caught fire and was completely destroyed. Several of the animals perished, including the entire flock of chickens. Fortunately, Gerrard had kept some of the fertilized eggs from his flock and was thus able to build it up again. Icelandic chickens are very handsome birds, particularly the roosters, which are exotically colourful and somewhat aggressive.

A GoFundMe appeal launched by Gerrard's nieces was much more successful than anticipated, enabling the construction of a beautiful barn and several outbuildings. As the proud owner says, "that barn has saved a lot of lives." His comment refers to the fact that lambs are often born in mid to late winter, when the weather is still very cold and unwelcoming, and that lambs born in a shelter are much more likely to survive the critical first few days.

Some of the livestock born at Vidivellir occasionally come up for sale. Some of the sheep are destined for a new home shortly, and a couple of the young Dexters are for sale. As well, the sheep grow an assortment of fleece types that are of interest to hand spinners. Rideau Arcott fleece is variable, but a good fleece from an Arcott is a perfect



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Currently the farm is home to around 60 goats, 75 sheep, 18 Dexter cattle and 16 chickens. Feeding them is costly, although the farm produces its own hay in good-weather years. However, two successive years of adverse growing conditions have left the hay shed somewhat empty, and what is there is not top-notch.

With typical creativity, Gerrard planned a project to raise money for The Hay Fund. He already has a presence on social media, posting frequent photographs of adorable animals being cute. Lambs and kids are possibly the most adorable young animals. Since people were saying this on Facebook, emphatically and often, the thought occurred to the owner of all this ovine and caprine beauty that he should sell the images on calendars and coffee mugs. People do it all the time with cats and dogs, so why not?

The first calendar, printed last year at this time for 2022, was very successful, so he repeated the project for 2023. Calendars and mugs sell for \$20 each and are still available for purchase. Contact Nelson Gerrard at 204-494-0022.

Gerrard also has a very handsome two-year-old black Dexter bull with almost perfect conformation for sale. If interested contact 204-494-0022.

Happy retirement to ISD's secretary-treasurer

By Jennifer McFee

It's all added up to a rewarding career for Interlake School Division's recently retired secretary-treasurer.

After nearly 38 years of working for the school division, Al Leiman reflected on his career during a Nov. 18 retirement celebration at the Heritage Arts Centre in Stonewall.

Hired by Interlake School Division in 1985, Leiman worked with more than 40 trustees and 10 superintendents. He thanked them for their support, as well as finance division staff, principals and vice-principals.

"There were 39 budgets that we had to prepare over my time and there were some tough budgets over the years due to a shortfall of funding, but we managed to get through them all," Leiman said.

"Each one of the audits over the vears were always clean, and the credit needs to go to the finance department of the Interlake School Division for their dedication and hard work."

At the same time, Leiman expressed

gratitude to his wife Laura and their family for backing him during his lengthy career.

"Laura also had 25 years with the Interlake School Division as she stayed home the first 10 years before all of our children started school and while I was attending evening meetings and had to miss some hockey and ringette games to attend a meeting," he said. "So, thank you. I love you all very much."

He also reflected on some interesting experiences over the years that had nothing to do with balancing the books — including one instance when they caught a skunk denning underneath the school division office.

"I never had any volunteers to get rid of the skunk. So I went home and got my trailer and an old blanket and took it to Oak Hammock to release it,"

"Well, it was pretty pissed off from the trailer ride, if you know what I mean. I took a long stick and opened the cage and it was on its way. I think the skunk smell stayed in my trailer for a very long time."

Another unforgettable experience involved a bomb threat during a school board meeting that drew attention from protestors who weren't happy with the division's tendering policy at that time.

"We all left the building and went to The Kiln. The RCMP arrived with a dog and so we sent our leader Ross Metcalfe into the building to search for the bomb with the RCMP," Leiman recalled.

"Luckily, no bomb was found — but they left a mess checking in everyone's desk drawers. We weren't sure if the bomb threats and the protester demonstration was connected, but luckily no further bomb threats were ever made. Just another day on the job."

Over the decades, Leiman adapted to remarkable changes in processes and technology.

"I started in 1985 with a Commodore 64 green screen with two 5 1/4 floppy drives and that's how we did our budgets in 1985 — and now we

are talking terabits for hard drives and crazy memory," he said.

"All payroll cheques and accounts payable were typed on a typewriter. Minutes were also done on a typewriter in three-part carbon paper. Hopefully you didn't make a mistake typing because it took forever to correct any mistakes."

After nearly four decades with the Interlake School Division, Leiman decided now is the time to close the ledger and begin the next chapter with his wife Laura, who has also retired.

"We are planning on doing some travelling, along with doing camping in the upcoming years. We hope to be able to spend time with family, fishing and to spend time at the lake. And, as you all know, I love photography, so I hope to take more pictures, more trips to Churchill and hopefully photograph that spirit bear," he told the crowd.

"So, thank you to everyone who was part of my career in Interlake School Division, and I hope for the best to the students and staff in the division."

overnment introduces off-road trails safety and maintenance act

Submitted by Manitoba government

The Manitoba government is introducing the off-road trails safety and maintenance act, which would ensure that users of off-road vehicles (ORV) would have access to safe, high-quality recreation opportunities by supporting organizations that lead this important work, Environment, Climate and Parks Minister Jeff Wharton announced last week.

"Organizations like Snowmobilers of Manitoba Inc. (Snoman) and the All-Terrain Vehicle Association of Manitoba (ATVMB) manage the province's ORV trail networks, ensuring Manitobans and visitors have access to safe, high-quality ORV recreation opportunities," said Wharton. "We want to ensure that their important work is not limited by increased costs for labour and fuel, aging equipment and reduced volunteer capacity. This new legislation will help provide additional tools for these organizations,

support the rehabilitation of lands impacted by ORV use and ensure we continue to protect natural ecosys-

The proposed off-road trails safety and maintenance act includes a \$25 annual fee for registered ORVs to ensure organizations have access to sufficient, sustainable resources for initiatives, the minister noted.

The funding generated by user fees would be provided to ORV organizations to support:

- trail development and maintenance;
- safety education, training and promotion;
- emergency trail repair;
- rehabilitation of lands damaged by unauthorized ORV use;
- operations and administration of Snoman and ATVMB; and
- trail capital projects, if sufficient funds are available.

"Snoman is pleased with the intro-

duction of this bill today. It is a step to enabling the financial sustainability of the trail network and our volunteer clubs, which is what our members have been calling for," said Jason Wiebe, president, Snoman. "Without financial stability, there is a threat of a

loss of trails due to a lack of funding. As well, we are keen on being proactive and finding solutions throughout our more than 13,000 kilometres of trail with the introduction of new technologies that reduce our impact

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Sixteen more COVID deaths in Manitoba; Eriksdale hospital's ER closes for second time

By Patricia Barrett

Manitoba continues to see elevated numbers of COVID deaths as the pandemic continues.

Sixteen more Manitobans died, according to the provincial government's respiratory surveillance report for the period Nov. 13-19 (reporting Week 46).

This is the government's second report in which it includes data on COVID and on influenza and other respiratory viruses. The government also changed the way it reports cumulative COVID deaths, hospitalizations and ICU admissions (see below).

There were 314 new COVID infections in Week 46, an increase of 41 cases from the 273 reported the previous week. Provincial data on new cases are an undercount as PCR laboratory testing is restricted and rapid antigen tests aren't tracked.

There were 82 new hospital admissions reported for Week 46, including 12 admissions to the intensive care

Weeks ago, the provincial government stopped providing in its surveillance reports a list of the names of personal care homes and hospitals with COVID outbreaks.

Influenza cases have increased over the past three weeks, according to the combined report. There were 154 new cases of Influenza A in Week 46 and zero cases of Influenza B.

"Up to Week 46 this season, approximately 40% of those influenza cases and influenza associated hospital admissions are among children below the age of 18," states the report. "Additionally, children below the age of five years accounted for 15% of all influenza cases and 20% of associated hospital admissions."

Respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) has also increased, with a test positivity rate of 5.6 per cent.

A spokesperson for the provincial government said RSV is not a "reportable" virus. Therefore, hospitalization and death data shown in the report refer only to Influenza.

"Because RSV is not reportable, information regarding RSV cases is not available, nor is information regarding hospital admissions or deaths associated with lab-confirmed RSV," said the spokesperson.

Other health news:

- The Eriksdale hospital's emergency room has had to close for the second time this year, but the hospital itself remains open. Staffing issues in the laboratory is behind the ER closure.

"Eriksdale's hospital remains open to admit patients," said an Interlake-Eastern Regional Health Authority spokesperson last Friday. "Due to staffing vacancies and sick time in the laboratory, ED [emergency department] services have been impacted."

Residents in the Eriksdale area can call 911 or their local 10-digit phone number for emergencies, said the spokesperson.

The ER had to temporarily close in September because of a staff shortage in the lab.

The IERHA posts ER schedules in advance on its website. The schedule for Dec. 1-15 shows Eriksdale's ER closed. It's unclear whether it will reopen after Dec. 15.

There is also very limited ER availability at the Arborg hospital, about 67 kilometres from Eriksdale. The Dec. 1-15 schedule shows the Arborg ER closed for 12 days of the 15-day period, with the remaining three days showing only partial physician cover-

The Ashern hospital's ER, about 41 kilometres from Eriksdale, shows full availability for the 15-day period. The schedule is subject to change.

- The COVID outbreak declared on Nov. 4 at the Betel Personal Care Home in Selkirk is ongoing, according to the Interlake-Eastern Regional Health Authority's website as of Nov. 26.

The provincial government changed the way it reports COVID data, starting with Week 45 (Nov. 6-12) of its respiratory surveillance report. The COVID data presented coincides with the "start of the current season," which isn't defined in the report, rather than from the start of pandemic reporting in 2020.

The change in the way COVID data is now being presented makes it difficult to assess Manitoba's death toll.

A provincial spokesperson said Week 27 (July 3-9, 2022) "marks the beginning of the current season" for COVID data.

When asked why the government changed the report, the spokesperson

"The combined report was intending to look slightly different from the historical reports for several key reasons: to ensure ongoing alignment with other jurisdictions' reporting practices; to ensure accuracy of the data and to reduce the risk of the data being misinterpreted given the evolving approach. The focus of the new report will be more on trends. COVID-19 information will be presented within the broader respiratory context and will be aligned to public health practice. The ongoing reporting needs will

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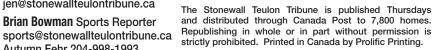
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Amendments to liquor licensing expansions introduced by government

Submitted by Manitoba government

The Manitoba government has introduced amendments to the Liquor, Gaming and Cannabis Control Act and the Manitoba Liquor and Lotteries Corporation Act, which would allow liquor stores, wine stores and beer vendors to sell all types of liquor, Sport, Culture and Heritage Minister Andrew Smith, minister responsible for the Manitoba Liquor and Lotteries Corporation, announced Monday.

"These changes allow for all liquor licence holders to sell various types of alcohol at their establishments, modernizing liquor sales in Manitoba and giving customers more choices," said Smith. "This is an important step forward to modernize the liquor retailing system. Private retailers already sell almost half of all liquor sold in the province. These changes would enable more innovation in the industry, helping businesses to grow with the ability to offer new products."

There are currently three types of liquor retail licences in Manitoba:

- liquor store licences, which include

Manitoba Liquor Marts, duty free shops and rural liquor vendors;

- hotel beer vendors
- specialty wine stores.

The proposed amendments would require existing retailers to apply for a new agreement with Manitoba Liquor and Lotteries to allow for expanded sales.

Additionally, craft liquor manufacturers with retail endorsements on manufacturing licences would now be able to expand the liquor products permitted for retail sale at manufacturing locations. For example, a craft brewery that sells its products at its brewery location would now be able to sell other types of alcohol as well.

There are approximately 500 licensed liquor retailers in the province, the minister noted, adding that Manitoba has one of the most diverse liquor retailing systems in Canada including: hotel beer vendors; rural liquor vendors; specialty wine stores; retail manufacturer licence holders; and temporary retail locations like farmers markets.

"Liquor Marts have done an exceptional job at providing selection and service for Manitobans over the years," said Manny Atwal, president and CEO, Manitoba Liquor and Lotteries. "As consumer tastes and demands change, it is important for our retail network to adapt. With an increase in interest for more new and innovative products and customers wanting to purchase products closer to home, these amendments would allow our Manitoba marketplace to evolve and better serve Manitobans."

The proposed changes would particularly affect rural Manitobans by improving access to different types of alcohol, the minister noted. Under the proposed amendments, liquor and wine would be available rurally at up to 173 more locations and cold beer at up to 176 more locations, nearly doubling the number of rural locations where these products are available. There would also be up to 82 new locations selling all types of liquor in Winnipeg and up to 10 new locations selling all types of liquor in Brandon.

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continue to be reviewed and adjusted over time."

Data for hospitalizations associated with COVID will be based on admissions within 14 days of lab detections, said the spokesperson.

The changes mean the data in the new report can't be compared to that provided in previous COVID reports.

"As a result of the changes, the data presented in the combined report cannot be compared in the same way with previous data, i.e., the numbers in this new report are no longer directly comparable to the previous weekly COVID-19 reports," said the spokes-

In the last standalone COVID surveillance report (Week 44 for the period Oct. 30 to Nov. 5) there were 2,256 cumulative COVID deaths, 13,336 hospitalizations and 1,844 ICU admissions. By contrast, the first combined report, Week 45, shows 159 cumulative COVID deaths, 1,730 hospitalizations and 187 ICU admissions. Week 46 shows 175 cumulative COVID deaths, 1,836 hospitalizations and 201 ICU admissions.

The World Health Organization's latest weekly epidemiological update on COVID reports more than 2.4 million new cases and over 7,800 new deaths as of Nov. 20, both numbers representing a decrease from the previous week.

Worldwide, there have been 6.6 million COVID deaths reported. The Americas have had the highest number of cumulative deaths, with 2,865,519 people (43 per cent) having lost their lives to the virus. Europe has the second highest cumulative deaths at 2,130,276 (32 per cent), and South-East Asia is third with 801,256 (12 per cent).

In the past 30 days (Oct. 21 to Nov. 21), omicron has accounted for 99.9 per cent of the global infections, states the report. Omicron has dominated since January of this year after surpassing the delta variant of the virus. However, new sub-lineages are gaining ground.

"As of 21 November, BQ.1 and XBB (a recombinant of BA.2.10.1 and BA.2.75) and their descendent lineages have been reported from 73 and 47 countries, respectively," states the report. "A comparison of sequences submitted globally during epidemiological weeks 43 and 44 show a rise in BQ.1 sequences from 19.1% to 23.1%. Similarly, the prevalence of XBB sequences also increased, rising from 2.0% in week 43 to 3.3% in week 44."

COVID vaccine effectiveness (VE) against omicron is lower than against the original COVID strain and four other variants of concern based on 53 studies from 19 different countries.

"Findings from these studies show reduced VE of COVID-19 primary series vaccines against the Omicron variant for all outcomes (severe disease, symptomatic disease, and infection) compared to those that have been observed for the original SARS-CoV-2 strain and the other four VOCs ...," states the report.

It goes to say that the first booster vaccination "substantially improves VE for all outcomes." However, vaccine effectiveness declines more in the first six months after the first booster vaccination for symptomatic disease and infection than it does for severe disease. And few studies have assessed vaccine effectiveness of the first booster vaccination beyond six months.

As for the duration of protection from a second booster dose, there is "limited evidence" available to date. Five studies found "similar declines [in vaccine effectiveness] over time as has been seen with the first booster dose," states the report.

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Peace on earth?

One of the phrases we hear a lot at Christmas is "peace on earth." That's what the angels told the shepherds near Bethlehem that first Christmas Eve: "Glory to God in highest heaven, and peace on earth to those with whom God is pleased" (Luke 2:14).

Yet today, as we look at the world stage, we are seeing very little "peace on earth." In Ukraine, the war rages on, going into its 10th month. The U.S. is warning China to not carry out plans to invade Taiwan. North Korea has been firing a barrage short-range ballistic missiles. The list of disturbing things can go on and on.

Unfortunately, there isn't very much peace domestically either. Recent reports say that here have been nearly 600 mass shootings in the U.S. so far in 2022. There have been recent shootings and stabbings at retailers on Black Friday in several places.

And many people struggle with a lack of inner peace. Their lives are filled with tension, strain, rush and pressure at work and at home. Their minds are restless, dwelling on problems, fears and worries. The Bible speaks about people's "hearts failing them from fear and the expectation of those things which are coming on the earth."

So I ask, "Can there be peace on earth?" Well, according to Jesus, the Prince of Peace, yes. You can have peace in your heart, no matter what the outward circumstances.

On the night before He was to go to the cross and die for the sins of humankind, Jesus met with His disciples for the Last Supper. He encouraged them, in spite of their fearful circumstances, "Let not your hearts be troubled." Then He offered them a gift: "I am leaving you with a gift — peace of mind and heart. And the peace I give is a gift the world cannot give" (John 14:27).

The one thing that the anxious and stressed-out heart needs most is peace. And how wonderful to know that that is just the gift Jesus came to bring us.

May that be your experience this Christmas.

Henry Ozirney

Nichol runs for Liberals in provincial by election

By Jennifer McFee

An Interlake woman is making her first foray into provincial politics in the upcoming Winnipeg byelection.

Rhonda Nichol, who grew up in the Interlake, is running as the Liberal candidate for the Kirkfield Park provincial byelection, slated for Dec. 13. The position became vacant in June when former MLA Scott Fielding left the role.

The Kirkfield area is familiar ground for Nichol, who launched her nursing career at the Grace Hospital when it was still affiliated with the Salvation Army.

"I attended the Salvation Army Grace Hospital school of nursing and spent the first 29 years of my career there," said Nichol, who is currently enrolled in leadership and management courses through the University of Toronto.

"I am very attached to the hospital and the community that surrounds

The teachings and values of the Salvation Army continue to impact her, including compassion, respect, excellence and integrity.

"These values are very important when representing the public," she said, "and I will personally continue to carry these values with me if I become the successful candidate and win this election and seat for the Liberals."

Nichol noted that she could have re-

tired two years ago at the start of the pandemic but decided to keep working as a nurse as a way to help others. Her experience in the health-care sector prompted her intention to serve in the political realm.

"I need to be a voice for nurses, doctors and allied health-care staff — and for the people of this province," she

Some of her top concerns include recruitment and retention for physicians and nurses, as well as rebuilding the health-care system to ensure equitable access to care for all.

"As a nurse, I have served the public for my entire career. I am fully prepared to continue serving the public, if given the opportunity, in this role as MLA for Kirkfield Park," she said. "Serving the public is really all I know."

For Nichol, other main issues focus on homelessness and palliative care.

"Homelessness needs to be addressed before people end up homeless. The government's plan does not indicate anything preventative in nature," she said.

"I have not seen a firm commitment to increased palliative care services. Families are still bearing the brunt of the work, caring for loved ones at home while they are dying, with not much overnight respite available. Many people want to stay at home until they pass but cannot due to lack of support. The palliative care staff are



Rhonda Nichol is running for the Liberals in the Kirkfield Park byelection.

very dedicated hard-working individuals, but we need more of them."

To keep a connection to nature, she also hopes to ensure that green spaces in the area are protected.

"We need these spaces for our mental health. Getting outside is so important for our well-being," she said. "Being in nature is good for one's psyche."

In her free time, Nichol enjoys spending time with her family and being active in nature and the out-

'Conservation and wetlands are important to me," she said. "I have a blended family of four grown sons and three grandchildren who are my heart"

In addition to Nichol, several oth-

er candidates are vying to represent Kirkfield Park. Kevin Klein is running for the Progressive Conservative Party, Dennis Bayoma is with the Green Party, and Logan Oxenham is with the NDP.

"I am very passionate about being a voice for the people. Am I exhausted? Absolutely. I continue to work full time during this short intense campaign. But this is worth it for the people," Nichol said.

"We need a voice from someone who truly cares about others and is willing to put pressure on the current government in regards to health-care issues."

Advance voting runs from Dec. 3 to 10, prior to the Dec. 13 by election.

Stonewall United Church presents their annual Christmas Cantata Be Not Afraid: a Christmas musical proclaiming that hope is here

Tickets \$20 (13 years and older) **\$15** (5 - 12 years) **Under 5 Free**

Saturday, Dec. 10 at 7:00 pm. Sunday Dec. 11 at 2:30 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Tickets can be picked up at the church office Wednesday or Thursday Between the hours of 10 am. to 3 p.m. or from any choir member. To order tickets phone 204-467-5469 or email: unitedc@mymts.net

> OFF-ROAD, FROM PG. 5 on the environment."

The \$25 annual fee would be collected by Manitoba Public Insurance at the same time as ORVs' annual registration. The annual fee would not apply to ORVs exempt from registration under the Drivers and Vehicles Act.

"ATVMB is pleased to see the Manitoba government introduce a user-pay funding model for ORVs in Manitoba. This funding will allow for proper maintenance and signage of trails, safety training and further development of multi-use trails in Manitoba," said Kim Wozniak, executive director, ATVMB. "Manitoba is blessed with a multitude of recreational trail options that can be enjoyed by all, whether on foot, on horseback, skiing, biking or on an ORV. ATVMB is committed to providing safe,

well-maintained trails for all who choose to enjoy them."

In addition, the legislation also proposes changes that would allow for modernized and more convenient ways for Manitobans and visitors to access products online, like short-term Snopasses.

Improved access to Snopasses, coupled with user fee revenues, would contribute to a more robust network of high-quality trails for Manitobans and visitors to enjoy, the minister noted. New trails, along with the expansion of existing routes, would also support economic development across the province, particularly in rural communities, the minister said, adding that if the proposed legislation is approved it is anticipated the new fee would take effect in late 2023.





Clubroom Events for the Week of November 28 Wednesday 4-10 Chase the Queen Draw at 8:30 Thursday 4-10 Crib starts 7:00 Friday 4-close Meat Draw at 6:30 Saturday 2-close Darts at 7pm Upcoming Events - Festival of Lights Santa Claus Parade December 2, Last Saturday Meat Draw and Dinner December 17. Dinner will be ham and scalloped potatoes, Christmas Eve December 24 Elimination Draw and snacks, New Years Eve December 31 All are welcome - Support your local legion!

CHRISTMAS HAMPERS Do you or someone you know need

a hamper this Christmas? Please be advised that Christmas Cheerboard hampers can be ordered from now until December 9th. Hamper pick-up will be December 17th. Please call 204-467-7370 to order a hamper. Requests for hampers need to be made every year even if a hamper was received in previous years as lists are not carried over.

Stonewall alum earns MADD Canada award

A man with local roots is a dedicated volunteer who helps people during their darkest moments, and now he's being recognized for his compassionate efforts.

Amar Manning earned the 2022 National Victim Services Volunteer of the Year by MADD Canada. Also known as Mothers Against Drunk Driving, MADD Canada aims to stop impaired driving while also supporting victims of this violent crime.

Manning, who graduated from Stonewall Collegiate Institute in 2014, began volunteering with MADD five years ago.

"I was finishing up my last semester at university so I was going to have some extra free time on my hands. I wanted to get involved with an organization where I could make an impact," he said.

"I looked at different options that were available and MADD interested me. I reached out to the MADD Winnipeg chapter and next thing I knew I was a board member. It happened very quickly."

After becoming a board member in December 2017, Manning expanded his scope and also became a victim services volunteer in November 2018.

"In the victim services capacity, I facilitate monthly support groups. I help people who have been victims of impaired driving," he said.

"It's a place for them to speak to one another and process what's been happening. I'm a lucky one because I'm not a victim. I've never experienced loss like that but I can only imagine what they are going through."

For Manning, the creation of this safe and supportive group remains his biggest accomplishment with the organization.

"What I'm most proud of is building a stable and consistent group where people can attend and talk about how they're feeling. I believe the strength comes from the people within the group and not myself," he said.

"Some of the members have faced the biggest tragedy and lost a loved one to a selfish decision someone else made. It takes a strong person with extreme resilience to attend and be a part of such meetings. I really admire everyone who's part of the group."

Last month, Manning travelled to Toronto to attend a MADD leadership conference. While he was there, the national organization hosted an awards ceremony for volunteers and highlighted achievements from across Canada.

"I was absolutely honoured and humbled to be the recipient of this award. As my name got called out, I was very surprised. I literally had no idea,"

"I'm proud to be the winner of the award this year, but my involvement

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or more is received.

DEER HEAD COMPETITION at Gunton Greenwood Memorial Hall Saturday, Dec 10th, 2022 Scoring by Manitoba Big Game Trophy Association Adult & Youth Categories Entry Deadline is 7 p.m. For information call

with MADD has never been about receiving any sort of recognition."

He also noted that Trevor Ens, president of the Winnipeg chapter, also deserves recognition for his important work.

Meanwhile, Ens explained that victim services goes to the heart of what MADD is all about – and Manning has made a huge difference in that capacity.

"This is providing a service to people that have either lost a loved one or have had one injured. When tragedy has struck a family or a person, Amar is the individual that we send to deal the Year Award from MADD Canada. with that. He's been doing outstanding job," Ens said.

"He's the first point of contact with families and individuals when they're stricken with a tragedy and a violent crime like impaired driving. It's not just being heartfelt, understanding and empathetic, but it's also having a knowledge base for connecting people. If he isn't able to specifically deal with their needs, then he has knowledge on how to get someone who does."

Beyond treating people with compassion and respect, Manning truly gets to know individuals on a deeper level.

"Unfortunately, we have a long list at the Winnipeg chapter of people who have lost loved ones and he knows them all off by heart. He knows their story and he knows their loved one's story," Ens said.

"He's there for them on specific landmine dates, whether it's a birthday or anniversary or Christmas time. He's there reaching out to individuals to comfort them and to see them through those troubling times."

Based on his experience, Manning shares some sage words about impaired driving that he hopes people will take to heart, particularly with the holiday season approaching.

"There never has been an excuse to drink and drive and there never will be. There are many options to get around safely and it's up to the people to use them. I'm not against having a good time, but it's easy to do it in

a responsible manner,"

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Amar Manning, middle, received the 2022 National Victim Services Volunteer of

Manning said.

"You never choose to be a victim. I know too many people who have lost their loved ones to impaired driving, something that is 100 per cent preventable."

With five years of volunteer experience, Manning is glad he got involved with MADD and he encourages others to consider doing the same.

"I would always recommend volunteering for MADD. For me, it's been a good experience," he said.

"Overall, it's a very rewarding organization to be a part of and it's a great place for people who genuinely want to help.'



For more information about MADD's Winnipeg chapter, or to learn about volunteer opportunities, email madd.wpg.mb@gmail.com or call 1-800-665-



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December 2: Quilter's Corner 11:00am (In Person) December 2: Canasta/Cards 1:00pm (In Person) December 6: Denny's/Winter Wonderland (Pre-Registration required)

December 7: Stitch N Craft/Men's Chat 10:30am (In Person)

December 7: Book Club 12:00pm (In Person)

December 7: Cards 1:00pm (In Person) December 8: Virtual Chat 3:00pm (Zoom) December 8: Rocky Mountain High Christmas

(Pre-Registration required) December 9: Travel Club Meeting 11:00 (In

Person) December 9: Canasta/Games 1:00pm (In Person) December 14: Christmas Luncheon 12:00pm (Pre-Registration required)

December 14: Ukulele Club 7:15pm (at Something Beautiful)

December 16: Quilter's Corner 11:00am (In Person) December 16: Canasta/Cards 1:00pm (In Person) December 28: Ukulele Club 7:15pm (at Something Beautiful)

Office Closed from December 19 to January 2. Reopen January 3

Dinner at Denny's in Headingly and

Canad Inns Winter Wonderland

(drive-thru holiday light show)

Tuesday, December 6

Depart 4:15pm from Lions Manor, Entrance

1 and 4:30pm from 55 Plus

Registration deadline: Thursday, December 1

\$25.00 per person

Call 204-467-2582 to register

WSO Ultimate ABBA Tribute

at Centennial Concert Hall

Sunday, April 16, 2023

Depart 12:45pm from Lions Manor,

Entrance 1 and 1:00pm from 55 Plus Registration deadline: Thursday, December 15

Members \$70, Non-members \$80

Call 204-467-2582 to register

January 4: Stitch N Craft/Men's Chat 10:30am (In Person)

January 4: Book Club 12:00pm (In Person) January 4: Cards 1:00pm (In Person)

<u>Christmas</u> Luncheon

Wednesday, December 14 12:00 pm

Turkey dinner with all the trimmings followed by entertainment! Cost: \$20.00

Advance Ticket Sales Only! Tickets available at South Interlake 55+ Deadline for tickets: Friday, December 9



AND SHOP

Operated by Stonewall and Area Mobility Service December 5 - Manic Monday at Family Foods (Stonewall)

January 3 - 10% Tuesday at Co-op (Stonewall) Stonewall pickups from: Lions Manor, Crocus Manor and Stonewood Place. 11:00 AM

Call (204) 467-9446 to reserve your seat!

Price is \$5.00 round trip. (Interac Tap is available Stops include Family Foods, Red River Coop. Center & Main (for banking) and Westside Plaza.

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For more information, call (204)-467-2582

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The South Interlake Seniors Resource Council offers services for seniors and those with disabilities to help them to remain independent and safe in their homes and communities. With the help of volunteers and our fee for service workers, we provide these services to the town of Stonewall, the RM's of Rosser, Woodlands and the southern portion of Rockwood.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Looking for something to do in your spare time? Or are you needing volunteer hours come the school year? Whatever the reason, volunteering with South Interlake Seniors Resource might just be for you! Feel free to give us a call at (204) 467-2719 for more information about the volunteer opportunities available! We look forward to adding you to our team of dedicated volunteers

Supports to Seniors in Group Living (SSGL)

SSGL provides a range of free enhanced support services in group living/elderly persons housing buildings. These services will assist the residents in accomplishing their Instrumental Activities of Daily Living (IADL's) and provide them with the support to remain in their community and "age in place" If wanting any support services in group living/elderly persons housing building,

please contact Sara @ 431 381 4002 or email @ ssglstonewall@shaw.ca

I she I she will she Christmas Parade & Light Friday, December 2nd, 2022

Christmas Parade @ 7:00pm & Tour of the Town Lights to follow. Handivan pick up will be at Lions Manor (door #1), Stonewood & Crocus Manor @ 6:00pm. **Reservations Required Limited seats available!** Call Seniors Resource at 204-467-2719 to reserve your seat! Please RSVP by December 1st/22 12.24.20.31.34.34



From the Staff and Board of Directors of South Interlake Seniors Resource, We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy 2023!

For more information call 204-467-2719

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Inquire about our new bike club coming soon! "Celebrating Seniors in Action"

Take Your Kid to Work Day teaches students the importance of thinking about their careers

By Autumn Fehr

Last month, on Nov. 2, the Grade 9 students at St. Laurent School got to experience what it's like to work where their parents work through Take Your Kid to Work Day.

According to McMaster University, Take Our Kids to Work Day has existed since 1994.

More formally known as Take Your Kid to Work Day, it's a one-day shadowing experience that allows kids to see what it's like in the workforce and to connect what they have learned in school with what happens in the workplace.

"Take Your Kid to Work Day is important so they (the kids) can either determine whether that career path would be something they would be interested in or rule it out. So not even specific to that job, but they can start to see other jobs related to that field," said Lisa Bruce, a Grade 9 to 12 teacher and career counsellor at St. Laurent School, in charge of organizing Take Your Kid for the Grade 9s.

It also gives students a sense of what work they may or may not like to do early on.

This way, when the time comes to choose where they want to go for post-secondary school, they may have a better clue and an easier decision on what path to take.

"It's important for them to start looking now because then it gives them the insight into taking their career seriously and how early they have to start, so when they do it in Grade 9, they can learn what pre-requisites they need, in high school. So by Grade 10, they know which math, for example, they need to take to make that career. It's important to start with as



For Take Your Kid to Work Day, Olivia Diell worked on her family's farm, Diell

much career knowledge as possible at such a young age because sometimes it's too late," said Bruce.

The process is simple and starts with a letter sent home to the parents, explaining the program's purpose and how long it's been around.

When the letter comes back to her, it will indicate where that student will

"We have multiple conversations in the classroom as to why it's important to start looking at options now for their career," said Bruce.

"They are encouraged to go to any adults. They think sometimes, 'Oh well, my parents can't have me at their workplace,' so we talk about how they can go to any trusted adult. Maybe it's a spot where they might not see a career path, but I say, 'You never know until you try.' We encour-



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St. Laurent student Kylie Combot went to Randy's Tire & Sport in Lundar for Take Your Kid to Work Day.

age everybody to go."

This year, 13 out of 19 students participated in Take Your Kid to Work

"The nine that went, they did express that they enjoyed their day. All the kids that did go had a positive experience," said Bruce.

After the students went to work, Bruce had them answer a few questions about how their day on the job

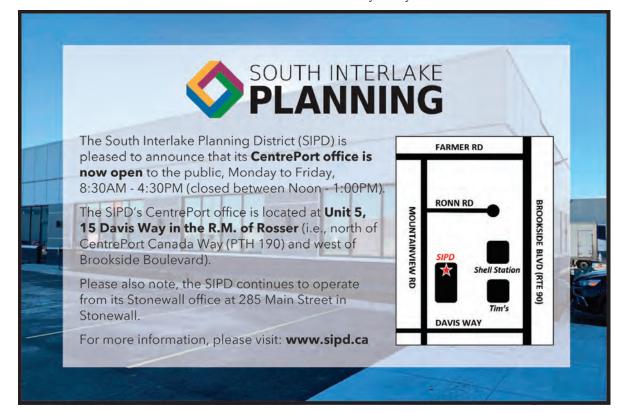
"They talked about the perks they got. Some people got tips, some got Tim Hortons lunch and the company paid for it, so they liked those perks," said Bruce.

Many students mentioned that it was a hard day, and school was easy compared to an entire workday for adults.

Some students even came out of the experience feeling like they wanted to do what they experienced that day.

Bruce said Olivia Diell, who spent the day on her family's farm, returned to school saying she wanted to be a part of that career.

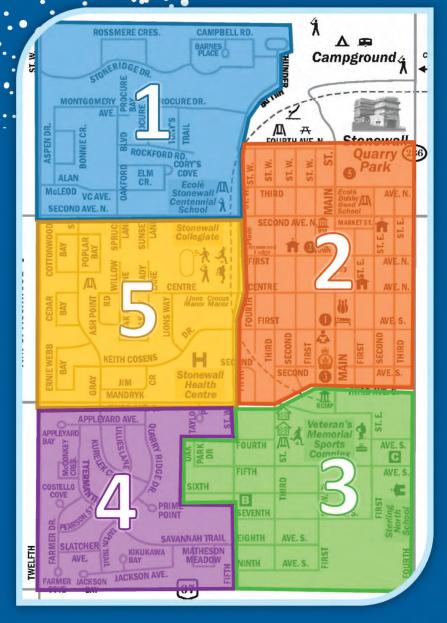
Take Your Kid to Work Day is an important experience for Grade 9s that can help them get ahead of the game when choosing their career, which isn't always easy.





Winner filmed in Stonewall, Selkirk





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Activities are in accordance with the Council-approved Policies on Snow Clearing. Snow Clearing Policy No. 8.1 can be viewed on the Town website at: http://www.stonewall.ca/p/snow-clearing-policy

By Jennifer McFee

Lights! Camera! Action!

Film work recently wrapped in Stonewall, Gunton and Selkirk for a true-story coming-of-age flick called *Winner*. This movie tells the story of Reality Winner, a young woman from Texas who worked for the U.S. Air Force and as an NSA contractor.

After exposing Russia's interference in the 2016 American presidential election, Winner received the longest sentence ever given to someone charged under the Espionage Act for leaking a government document.

Susanna Fogel directs this dark-comedy biopic, with Steve Yedlin as director of photography. The film stars Emilia Jones of *Coda* as Reality Winner with Zach Galifianakis and Connie Britton as her parents.

Glenn Carter, a freelance location manager from Toronto, was hired to manage locations for the movie.

"It is my first time in Manitoba and I found everyone very friendly and a delight to work with," he said. "Great locations. The film office in Winnipeg was very helpful."

Those with a keen eye might be able to spot Stonewall sites such as Flicks Cinema, Red Star Chinese Cuisine restaurant and the Quarry Winds Plaza parking lot. In Gunton, film work was underway at a local farmhouse.

In Selkirk, filming took place at Selkirk Mental Health Centre and Selkirk Legacy Hospital, Iron Image Barbell Club, Water Tower Park and Lord Selkirk High School.

In addition, Winnipeg-based film locations included the Manitoba Law Courts, the Winnipeg Free Press building, Kings Head Pub, Manitoba Hydro, RRC Polytech and Portage Place

Local filming wrapped up on Nov. 20.



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Glenn Carter, freelance location manager, was on site for the filming of for the true-story coming-of-age flick called Winner.

A historical wave



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Doreen Maksymyk stands by the new Maksymyk Road side sign off Highway 7 by her place in the RM of Armstrong. Steven and Jerry Maksymyk attended the Oct. 11, 2022, RM of Armstrong council meeting asking to have their family's long-standing history acknowledged by having their family name displayed on the 104N road sign. Council approved the request and placed two road signs, one on Road 104N at Highway 7 and one at Road 12E. It is to be noted that the Road 104N number sign must remain along with the name Maksymyk Road and that the costs of the signs, including installation and any replacements of signs, be born by the applicant.





BECAUSE SAFETY IS KEY, PLEASE DON'T D



t probably comes as no surprise that more traffic fatalities due to drunk driving occur at the New Year than any other time, but of course, you should never drink and drive. With your safety in mind, these community sponsors urge you to review these important tips for hosting or attending a safe celebration!

A New Year is coming bringing much celebration, With good friends and good times and free-flowing libation --So party on hearty, but leave driving alone, Because we want to see you get safely home!







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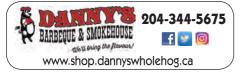






















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you could lose

suming drugs or alcohol can have dire consequences. Here are five things you may lose as a result of this choice. 1. Your licence

One potential penalty for driving under the influence is that your licence may get revoked. In some regions, firsttime offenders are prohibited from driving for a period ranging from several months to a year.

2. Your money

In addition to getting fined for the infraction, you'll need to pay for a lawyer. You can also expect to spend more on car insurance for many years to come. Additional expenses may be involved too. Depending on the circumstances, you may have to settle up with a victim or pay into a compensation fund. You may also need to pay for a breath alcohol ignition interlock device.

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3. Your clean criminal record

If you're found guilty of driving under the influence, you'll end up with a criminal record, which could complicate many facets of your life, from landing a job to travelling.

4. Your job

If your job requires you to operate a vehicle (for example, if you're a trucker, delivery person or taxi driver) you may be forced to leave it. This may also be the case if your employer demands that you have a clean criminal record.

5. Your life

Impaired driving heightens your risk of being in an accident, and if you add poor road conditions to the equation, it could make matters worse. If you get into a car crash, you could be seriously injured or killed, or you could injure or kill your passengers or other road users.

If you plan to consume drugs or alcohol, make sure you have a safe way to get home. Call a taxi, hire an Uber or catch a ride with a friend.



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Driving under the influence: effects, detection and consequences

The holiday season is in full swing, and celebrations of all kinds abound. However, amidst the merriment and festivities, it's important to remember you should never get behind the wheel if you're intoxicated. Here's what you should know.

Many of the skills required for safe driving, such as sound judgment, acute concentration, impeccable coordination, pronounced visual acuity and quick reflexes, are impacted by drug and alcohol use. Consequently, being under the influence can result in speeding, driving off the road, swerving into oncoming traffic and dozing behind the wheel.

Detection Police officers use their training as well as what they see, hear and smell to determine if a driver has drugs or alcohol in their system.

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to determine a motorist's blood alcohol level. Police may also issue a standardized field sobriety test (SFST), which typically requires the driver to walk in a straight line, stand and turn or stand on one leg. **Consequences**

Plus, they can take a breath sample

If you're caught driving under the influence of drugs or alcohol, you could have your licence suspended following your arrest, even before being convicted.

Once convicted, the severity of your sentence will depend on your background and the circumstances surrounding your arrest. For instance, you could receive a hefty fine and jail time if you injured or killed someone.

To avoid collisions and other serious consequences of getting behind the wheel while under the influ-

> ence, make sure you drive responsibly.

GET HOME SAFE

Instead of driving while impaired, do one of the following:

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- Call a cab
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Stonewall library's holiday backdrop ready for photos

By Jennifer McFee

Are you searching for the ideal setting to snap a festive holiday photo?

Look no further than the Stonewall branch of the South Interlake Regional Library, where a holiday-themed photo booth is set up for all to enjoy.

"We invite everyone to use this beautiful backdrop and take their family or group photo in the cozy warmth of the library. We have a tripod if people want to use their phones to take their picture, and we also have stand lights for better lighting," said branch librarian Joan Ransom.

"Anyone can come in and take their photo using our Christmas props or just stand together to showcase their happy smiles."

While you're at the library, be sure to take a moment to check out all the other festive features.

"The Festival of Wreaths is starting out strong — so many fabulous wreaths are being dropped off. We

hope lots of people will come in and donate \$1 to the Stonewall and District Christmas Cheer Board and cast their vote for their favourite," Ransom said.

"We are also collecting mittens and hats for our mitten tree, and our sock stocking is being filled will socks and slippers. There is a ton of Christmas cheer happening at the Stonewall Library."

The library will also open its doors during the Parade of Lights, so it's another opportunity to peak inside.

"We will be open 6 to 8:30 p.m. during the parade on Dec. 2 if anyone wants to watch from the windows along Main Street," Ransom said.

"That is also a great opportunity to see all the wreaths as well as the South West District Palliative Care Memory Tree."

To learn more, visit sirl.com or call 204-467-8415. Updates are also posted on Facebook and Instagram.



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Staff at the Stonewall library branch pose in front of the new holiday backdrop. All are invited to take their family or group photos in front of this festive background. Pictured, back row, left to right: Catherine Desmarais, Joan Ransom and Stella McAuley; front row: Tara Glaspey, Melanie Keppler and Kelsey Dingwall.

Christmas cantata returns to Stonewall

By Jennifer McFee

There are plenty of reasons to be jolly this holiday season, including the return of an annual festive tradition.

The Christmas cantata is back after a two-year pandemic pause. This year's performance is called Be Not Afraid, and it's a Christmas musical proclaiming that hope is here.

"The singers and actors are very glad to be able to perform together again," said director Cathy Horbas.

"There is something so personal about sharing your voice with others

in a choir that builds a sense of community and friendship. We missed that and are so pleased that we can make music together again."

This year's show is set in a rehearsal for a Christmas musical, she added.

"It's about never knowing when God's grace will be needed and how we can share that grace with each other," Horbas said.

"The audience can look forward to beautiful music, some laughter, some wonderful acting and a story that will set the tone for a joyful holiday season.

Presented by Stonewall United Church, the Christmas cantata is a way to reach out to the community at large.

"It is one way that we can share our faith in a manner that is both entertaining and inviting," Horbas added. "Any funds raised will go to support the work of Stonewall United Church."

Performances of *Be Not Afraid* will take place on Saturday, Dec. 10 at

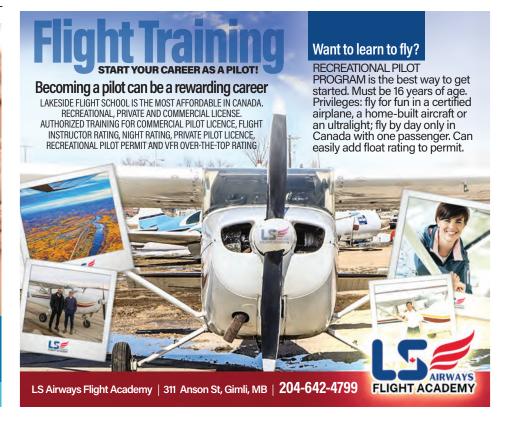
7 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 11 at 2:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. at Stonewall United Church, located at 369 1st Ave. North.

Tickets are available at Stonewall United Church on Wednesday and Thursday between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. or from any choir member. The ticket price is \$20 for adults, \$15 for kids age five to 12, and free for youngsters under five years old.

For more information or to order tickets, call 204-467-5469 or email unitedc@mymts.net.



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- Less distance, greater fuel savings. Shopping at neighbourhood stores goes a long way toward minimizing greenhouse gas emissions. The holiday season is all about giving, so why not give back to the planet as well? Furthermore, try to do your Christmas shopping on foot as much as possible. After all, walking is excellent exercise!
- · Local shops, unlimited selection. Clothing boutiques, art galleries, spas, candy stores, bookstores — you'll certainly find something to please everyone on your list by shopping local. Psst! If you've always wanted to check out that quaint little boutique at the corner of the street, now's the time to do so! Who knows, you might make some amazing discoveries.



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The Warren Mercs spotted the Portage Islanders a 4-0 lead and couldn't battle back in a 6-3 home loss last Saturday.

Jens Meilleur and Johl Swedlo scored in the first period and then Brody Moffatt and Joey Sutherland tallied early in the second.

But the Mercs didn't quit and came back with second-period goals from Johnny Lazo, Riley Vautour and Braydon MacDonald.

Those goals came just four minutes apart midway in the period.

Portage's Landon Thomson and Tanner Lesann closed out the scoring in the third.

Warren, now 2-3-1 and in seventh place in the 10-team league, will visit Altona this Thursday and then host Morden Saturday.

Both games will start at 8 p.m.



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY JO-ANNE PROCTER

The Mercs' Riley Vautour scored a goal and had an assist in Warren's 6-3 loss to Portage last Saturday.



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY LANA MEIER

The Jets' Matthew Smith scored a goal in Stonewall's 6-3 road loss to St. Vital last Thursday.

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The Stonewall Jets were edged 8-7 by the Ft. Garry/Ft. Rouge Twins in MMJHL action on Sunday evening in Winnipeg.

Stonewall made the game close by scoring six third-period goals.

Kobe Campbell led the Jets with a hat trick and he also had two assists while Hudson Chamberlin tallied twice and added a helper.

Alex Kaczorowski and Michael Spence also scored for the Jets.

Twins' goals were scored by Nick Gilberto (two), Carter Halamandaris

(two), Ethan Gibson, Ryland Medwick, Sloan Tremblay and Josh Gardner.

Last Thursday, Stonewall was doubled 6-3 by the St. Vital Victorias.

Jets' goals were scored by Matthew Smith, Cole Emberly and Raf Padua (shorthanded).

Easton Kapelus, Paison Butler, Brayden Clark, Tyler Rubigny (power play), Hayden Fast and Parker Janz (power play) replied for St. Vital.

The Jets (7-9) will visit Pembina Valley Friday (8 p.m.) and River East Sunday (7:30 p.m.).





UPCOMING GAMES

Stonewall Jets
at Pembina Valley Twisters
Dec. 2 at 8 p.m.
Morris MultiPlex

Stonewall Jets at
River East Royal Knights
Dec. 4 at 7:30 p.m.
Terry Sawchuk Arena

U18 AAA male **Lightning split with Wild**

The Winnipeg Wild scored three third-period goals in a 5-4 home victory over the Interlake Lightning in Manitoba U18 AAA Hockey League action on Sunday.

Darian Sinclair led Interlake with two goals while Adam Vigfusson and Ian Buors also tallied. Aiden Miller had two assists.

Three of the Lightning goals came on the power play.

Winnipeg goals were netted by Cole Robertson, Jayden Ward, Marlen Edwards, Aaron Krestanowich and Campbell Epp.

Last Wednesday, Interlake defeated the Wild 5-3 in Teulon.

Joel MacMillan, Miller, Vigfusson, Buors and Noah Oughton sniped goals for the Lightning.

Wild goals came from Robertson (two) and Ward.

Lightning goaltender Alex Myers made 43 saves for the win.

Interlake will play the Winnipeg Thrashers on Wednesday (7:30 p.m.) at the Gateway Recreation Centre and then will take on the Pembina Valley Hawks Friday (8 p.m.) in Morden.

In Manitoba U18 AAA Female Hockey League action, Interlake was defeated 4-3 in overtime by the Central PLains Capitals in Portage la Prairie.

No Lightning goal scorers were on the league website at press time.

On Saturday, Interlake was stopped 3-1 by the Eastman Selects.

Tessa Stewart scored a third-period goal for the Lightning, assisted by Ireland Tymchak and Charleen Wong.

Interlake will play Balmoral Hall on Friday (2:15 p.m.) and the Pilot Mound Buffaloes Saturday (10:15 a.m.) at the Hockey For All Centre.

Rams win bronze



TRIBUNE PHOTO SUBMITTED

The Stonewall Collegiate Rams won bronze at the MHSAA AAA junior varsity girls' volleyball provincials last Saturday. Stonewall defeated John Taylor 2-0 (25-13, 25-21) in the third-place game.

Icing the competition







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The 2022 Superskate competition was held at the Dakota Community Club on Nov. 26 and 27. Three skaters from the Stonewall Skating Club competed. Skaters are coached by Leigh Nesbitt and Keesha McCutcheon. Pictured, left, Anna Hoff won silver in Star 3 Elements and gold in the Star 2 Free Program. Caia Turner, middle, earned gold in Creative Improv and silver in Star 2 Elements. Lacey Learning received gold in Canskate Level 5 Elements.

Graduating all stars





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Stonewall Collegiate's Maddie McRae, left, and Warren Collegiate's Alyssa Procter were named MHSAA A-AAA Graduating All Stars. All star games will take place Dec. 10 beginning at 12:30 p.m. at St. Paul's High School.

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Stonewall pounds Pipers

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The Stonewall Rams defeated the John Taylor Pipers 5-1 in WHSHL action last Friday.

Reid Byle led Stonewall with a goal and two assists while Rylan Slatcher added two goals and Ty Woods had a goal and an assist.

Byle leads the Rams in goals (14) and points (24) this season.

Adam Newcombe scored the Rams' other goal. Luke Bullivant had two assists.

John Taylor's goal was scored by Cody Grimstrup in the first period, beating Rams' netminder Hunter Manning.

Last Wednesday, Stonewall hammered Glenlawn 6-1.

Byle led the Rams with two goals while Newcombe added a goal and two assists.

Stonewall's other goals came from Woods, Slatcher, and Max Van Heyst.

David Hazlitt replied for Glenlawn.

Jackson Vandersteen earned the win in goal. Stonewall, now 8-3 and in second place of the 13-team division, will host West Kildonan on Wednesday at 4 p.m.

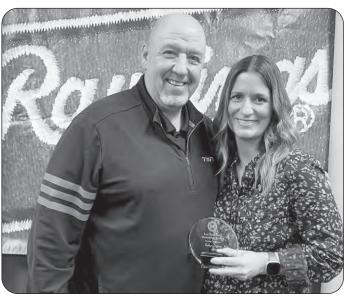
Warren Collegiate, meanwhile, lost 7-3 to Windsor Park last Friday.

Wildcats' goals were scored by Dylan Tully, Brady Boonstra and Leland Chartrand in the second period.

Hugh Montgomery (three), Elliot LeClair (two), Xander Bruske and Leif Sigurdson replied for Windsor Park.

The Wildcats will play Murdoch MacKay on Wednesday (4:30 p.m.) at East End Arena.

Well deserved



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Robyn Deprez, right, recently received Softball Manitoba's Leo Bouchard Memorial Award Leadership in Minor Pitcher Development from Greg Bouchard.

Gov't cuts utility fees from MB Hydro in bid to keep energy costs down

By Lorne Stelmach

The province announced plans last week to sharply cut fees charged to Manitoba Hydro in a move that it believes will help keep electricity rates

The Conservative government is cutting in half two fees paid annually by the energy utility to the province for water rental and for guaranteeing the utility's debt, with the changes retroactive to April 1.

The change will save the Crown corporation almost \$190 million a year and help stabilize its finances, said Morden-Winkler MLA and Finance Minister Cameron Friesen, who is the minister responsible for Manitoba Hydro. Friesen made it clear the government's hope is this will lead to a rethink of the 3.5 per cent rate

increase Manitoba Hydro is seeking from the Public Utilities Board.

"We believe this payment reduction to the government constitutes a material change to Hydro's financial position," Friesen said. "We believe that as a consequence of this historic action, Hydro and the board will want to think about getting their executive management team to refile the general rate application. We believe this will significantly change that, and we will believe it will produce an amendment to the general rate application."

Hydro rates could be a campaign issue as the provincial election slated for next fall draws near. The NDP have already promised to freeze rates while not laying out how they would do that, but saying it would be done

without interfering with the regulatory board.

Friesen said now was the time to act for a number of reasons, including rising interest rates and Hydro's high level of debt, which has tripled over 15 years due in part to cost overruns on a generating station and a major transmission line under the former NDP government.

That's why moving to reduce the two major payments that Manitoba Hydro makes to the province — the water rental rate and a debt guarantee fee — makes fiscal sense today.

"Those two fees were doubled over a course of about 10 years by the previous government ... reducing those fees and cutting them in half will basically mean that an estimated savings of \$187 million will be retained at Hydro," said Friesen.

"Those payments, because the NDP had increased them, were getting out of sync with payments in other jurisdictions," he added.

"Hydro has challenges ... \$24 billion of debt in a higher interest rate environment. Its debt service costs now have eclipsed a billion dollars a year; that's not paying down debt, that's just servicing that debt," Friesen continued.

"You can't simply stabilize Hydro by increasing hydro rates," he concluded. "Hydro will get to keep more of its revenue. The government's going to bring its charges to Hydro more in line with other jurisdictions."



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Apple Cranberry Havarti Melt

ter side down. On side without butter, spread cranberry sauce on half of bread slices.

Slice Havarti cheese about 1/4-inch thick and place over cranberry layer. Thinly slice apples and layer over cheese. Top with remaining bread slices with butter side up.

Bake 5 minutes then carefully flip each sandwich. Bake 3-5 minutes until cheese is melty.



slice and place on baking sheet but-

Recipe courtesy of John Kanell (@PreppyKitchen) on behalf of the American Egg Board

Prep time: 20 minutes Cook time: 55 minutes Servings: 10 Crust:

1 lemon, zest and juice only

1 egg

1 1/3 cups flour

9 tablespoons butter

1/4 teaspoon salt

Quiche:

1/3 cup Yukon gold potatoes, cut into1/2-inch cubes

3/4 cup sunchokes, sliced 1/2-inch thick

2 tablespoons olive oil

1/2 teaspoon salt

1/2 teaspoon pepper

1 onion, chopped

2 tablespoons butter

2 cups Swiss chard, chopped with stock removed

Custard:

6 eggs

1/3 cup grated Parmesan

1/2 cup grated gouda

1/2 cup heavy cream

2 tablespoons parsley, chopped

2 tablespoons fresh thyme, chopped

To make crust: In small bowl, whisk lemon juice with egg.

In large bowl, mix flour, butter and salt. Mix using hands. Drizzle in lemon mix-

Sunchokes and **Potato Quiche**

ture. Add lemon zest.

Using fingers, knead dough to break down butter. Cover dough with plastic wrap and roll into disc while at room temperature then refrigerate until firm.

To make quiche filling: Preheat oven to

Toss potatoes and sunchokes with olive oil, salt and pepper then spread out on baking sheet.

Bake 15-20 minutes, or until fork tender, tossing pieces halfway through.

Add onion to well-buttered pan and cook over medium heat about 15 minutes, stirring frequently, until caramel colored. Add Swiss chard and continue cooking until wilted, stirring occasionally. Set aside to cool.

Roll out dough on pastry mat or wellfloured surface. Prick with fork. Carefully transfer dough to quiche pan, fold edges under and crimp then transfer to freezer.

To make custard: Reduce oven temperature to 375 F.

In large bowl, whisk eggs, cheeses, heavy cream, parsley and thyme.

Add caramelized onions and vegetables then mix. Add mixture to crust.

Tent with foil and bake about 20 minutes.

Reduce oven temperature to 350 F and bake about 40 minutes.

For food safety, casseroles containing eggs should always be cooked at a minimum of 160 F.

Notes: Bake times depend on size of quiche. Deeper quiches may require additional bake time. As quiche cools, filling continues to set; it may wobble when removed from oven.

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Christine Ibbotson

are a "true-pay-for-what-you-owe" product and one I personally prefer because the interest is calculated on the outstanding balance each month in a very simplistic manner that is much more transparent than a fixed loan. Fixed rate mortgages have a locked-up rate and term and therefore calculate interest on a semi-annual basis. This allows lenders to ensure all payments are pre-set and front loaded with interest based on the payment selection you have chosen.

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guardians of children eligible to attend Kindergarten in the 2023/2024 school year register their child with their local school between November 21 - December 2, 2022.

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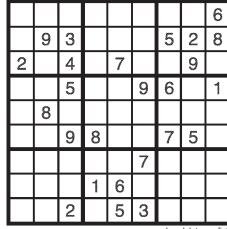
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THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF WOODLANDS **HOLIDAY PROMOTION**

History Book Holiday Promotion

The Rural Municipality of Woodlands is having a holiday promotion on our history book "Where We Are". The book contains history of the RM of Woodlands throughout the years 1980 to 2020, including family histories, government, agriculture, business and commerce, sports, tax rolls, and more. It also contains 600 pages in full colour, a hardcover and is printed on 80lb paper.

The cost of each book during the promotion is \$65.00 with tax and can be purchased at the Municipal Office at 57 Railway Avenue in Woodlands while supplies last. Also available for purchase is the "Yesteryears" history book for \$5 plus tax.

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- Experience covering council and school board
- Knowledge of CP Style and about the Interlake and its surrounding communities would be an

Please forward your resumé along with three writing and photography samples to:

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The Rural Municipality of Armstrong is accepting applications for the position of Assistant Chief Administrative Officer.

Under the direct supervision of the Chief Administrative Officer, the Assistant Chief Administrative Officer responsibilities shall be to oversee the finance and administration operations of the RM including general accounting, tax and assessment, accounts payable/receivable, payroll, financial reports, building permit applications, zoning requirements, significant involvement in all day to day operations including public works duties and assumes the responsibilities of the Chief Administrative Officer in their absence.

The ideal candidate will have a minimum of five years office administration experience. Completion of a recognized certificate in the Manitoba Municipal Administration Program is preferred.

The Assistant Chief Administrative Officer will assist in the management and implementation of all aspects of daily municipal finance and administration. We are seeking an individual that has advanced skills in accounting, and computer experience with a municipal software program, preferably Asyst, and demonstrated abilities with Windows, Microsoft Office 365; including Word, Excel, Power Point. The Assistant Chief Administrative Officer will require a high level of ability to communicate and assist staff, council, and the public. The ability to develop, interpret and administer agreements, statues and by-laws will

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Deadline to apply for the position is Friday, December 9th, 2022 at 4:30 P.M. If a candidate is not found by the deadline date the position will remain open until filled. We thank all that apply and advise that only those selected for further consideration will be contacted

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IN MEMORIAM

In memory of our mother and grandmother Sophia Klimpke

who passed away December 4, 2021 If roses grow in Heaven,

Lord please pick a bunch for us; Place them in our mother's arms And tell her they're from us. Tell her we love her and miss her, And when she turns to smile; Place a kiss upon her cheek And hold her for a while...

-Always loved, sadly missed Barb and George, Tim and Christie, Keith and fur buddies Milo and Lilly



Sandy Skinner February 19, 1944 - November 25, 2022

It is with very heavy hearts that the family of Sandy Skinner announces her passing on November 25, 2022, at home and surrounded by her children. Sandy's struggles with cancer are now over, and she is peacefully at rest, along with her beloved husband, Johnny Skinner, and other loved ones who have predeceased her.

The great love and priority in Sandy's life, was always her John Boy and their children. She was an amazing wife and mother, supporting them in every possible way, while pursuing her own career as an early childhood educator. She loved their life on the farm. She was always awed by the natural beauty of her surroundings - gardens, flowers, plants, birds, animals, blue skies, sunrises, sunsets, and especially fields of grain.

Sandy instilled in us a love of family and she exemplified the golden rule. Her generosity of spirit was an integral part of her very being. When she was only 3 years old, she gave away her favorite doll to another little girl who had nothing, and said "You have this, it's okay, my Mom will get me another one" - all the while knowing that was unlikely

Sandy's always shown an unconditional love of all children. She saw herself as one of the luckiest Moms ever to her four loving children - Jennifer (Jason), Rod (Kim), Scott (Angele), Sherry Lynne (Mike). Her pride and joy knew no bounds with her eight grandchildren - McKay and Matty, Lachlan and Lilly, Olivia and Abby, Brianne and Austin. She also leaves behind her sister, Sherry (Terry), and brother, Curtis (June). Sandy was predeceased by her Mom and Dad (Marg and Stan Charison), and sister Linda (Fred). She will be sadly missed, but her memory will be honoured forever by her extended family of aunts, cousins, nieces and nephews.

Everyone who knew Sandy will remember her as being a great inspiration to everyone around her. Her kindness and the gentle and caring way she lived her life, with humility and grace, were her defining attributes.

A special thank you to Sandy's medical team who saw her through many health issues.

Sandy requested there not be a funeral service.

Anyone wishing to send an online tribute or make a donation to any local charity or children's group in her honour is welcome to do so.

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Lillian Kirkpatrick Salmon (Deans) September 25, 1922 to November 11, 2022

On Friday November 11, 2022 at the age of 100, Mom passed away peacefully at the Deer Lodge Rehab Center in Winnipeg.

She leaves behind her son Raymond (Sandra), grandson Tyson, daughter-in-law Ferne, sister Elenore (Russell), plus many other relatives and friends.

Lillian was predeceased by her husband Harold, son Donald, brother William, mother Elizabeth and father David.

Mom was born on September 25, 1922 in Oche River Manitoba. The family moved around finally settling in the Miniota and Beula

Her father worked a farm for a member of parliament. This made it possible to live in a big stone three story house. It was the community gathering spot. Music and dancing were a staple with

Grampa Deans (Lillian's dad) front and center musically. Mom had to quit school and head off to work to help the family financially. She worked two years as a nurse's assistant in King George Hospital.

When she moved back home, she met Harold. Together they farmed in Birtle area and raised two sons. She loved being a farmer's wife, when asked she would say she would do it all again. She had an orchard and a huge garden and still had time to work the fields, milk the cows and have supper on the table at night.

After her husband's passing, she moved to Stonewall to be closer to family, especially her grandson Tyson whom she adorned. She became known as Grandma Salmon to so many especially at the high school rodeos where she was Tyson's biggest fan.

She loved being a grandma and she was the best. The relationship Tyson shared with her was amazing. They spent many hours talking and hanging out in the barn with the horses, making cookies, playing games. Tyson called them grandma days.

Her hobbies included knitting and crocheting, puzzles, reading, bread making, baking, gardening. She was very active at the Lion's Manor in the knitting circles and many craft events. She was always willing to help many first-time knitters.

Mom had the unbelievable ability to make everyone feel special. She loved people. She amazed everyone by how she remembered everyone's name. First and last.

We would like to thank the nurses at Deer Lodge Hospital 4E for their kind and gentle care of Mom in her last days.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Project Linus Stonewall Chapter where she made many afghans in support of their cause

A memorial service will be held on December 9th at 2:00 p.m. at the United Church in Birtle.

Your memory will live forever Engraved within our hearts

Announcements

OBITUARY

Ed de Laroque

It is with the most profound sadness that we announce the passing of our Dad, Husband and Legend, Ed de Laroque.

Ed was born September 28, 1970 to Charlie and Lynda de Laroque and was raised just outside of Argyle, Manitoba. Ed played hockey in his younger years into his 20's and football in his teenage years. He married Kim Petrie in 1995 and together they built a life and raised four amazing kids.

Ed was the heart and soul of Warren Tire. He worked for his parents until 2006, when he and Kim bought the business and took the reins. There wasn't anything Ed couldn't do or figure out. Even in most recent times when staffing was short and times were getting tough, he did not guit, he did not give up. Ed was the hardest working man we will ever know.

Ed was a born coach, mentor and leader. Once his children

started playing sports, he was all in. He coached hockey, football and baseball, and many of his teams won countless championships. He was his kid's biggest fan, cheering them on in all their activities from motocross to Air Cadets, hockey, football, baseball and Irish Dance. Ed loved his kids so much, and was so proud of them.

When he wasn't coaching, he was hunting or fishing. Ed gave his children the gift of his knowledge and love of the outdoors. Many July long weekends were spent hauling in pickerel at Grand Rapids or on the Red reeling in the cats. He taught all four of them how to hunt and fish, and was so proud when they were successful.

Ed loved to travel. Besides many hunting and fishing trips, Ed loved to travel to Mexico, Cuba, the Dominican, the West Coast, day trips throughout Manitoba, trips to US for football games or a simple trip on the side by side to Inwood for some lunch.

Ed loved his family and friends very deeply. Ed's friends meant the world to him. While he might not have been a man of words, you always knew he loved you through his actions. Ed was very thoughtful, and had a soft side that he only showed to the people closest to him.

He will be terribly missed by his wife Kim; his children Dylan (Rachel), Austin, Ciarra and Brady, his parents Charlie and Lynda de Laroque; his brother and sister and their families, his nephews, Kim's family and his nieces, and of course all the friends he loved.

Honourary pallbearers are Scott Fisher, Mike Tataryn, Jamie Puffalt, Jamie Gray, Stan Grassinger, Donnie de Laroque, Ray Blowers and Corkie Allarie

A service will be held Monday, December 5, 2022 at 1:00 p.m. in the Stonewall Legion, 459 Main Street, Stonewall, Manitoba. A come and go reception until 4 p.m. will follow, for those who don't make it in to the service.

We would like to thank Colleen and Tyson Langrell, the EMT's, Headingly RCMP, and the nurses and doctor at Stonewall Hospital for everything they did for us that morning.

In lieu of flowers, if friends so desire, donations may be made to the Manitoba Wildlife Federation, for a memorial youth hunt in Ed's name.

Our promise to you Ed, we will fight, we will survive, we will live life in your honour, we won't quit, we won't give up, and you will always be with us.

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OBITUARY

Jack Bennett Nelson

Jack Nelson of Winnipeg Beach, MB passed away at the Health Sciences Centre on Saturday, November 19, 2022 at the age of 88

He leaves to mourn his daughter Sharon Nelson and grandson Jonathan Nelson of California as well as numerous friends.

Jack was predeceased by his wife Eleanor (nee: Graboweski).

Cremation has taken place and he will be laid to rest beside his beloved wife Eleanor at the Foley Cemetery in the summer of 2023.

Friends and family are invited to visit Jack's memorial page @ interlakecremation.ca where memories and condolences may be shared.

Arrangements entrusted to



OBITUARY

William Leslie Bowman

William Leslie Bowman peacefully went home to be with the Lord on November 25th, 2022.

Bill was born May 5, 1938 in Gunton, Manitoba.

Bill leaves to mourn his wife of 50 years, Dorothy; daughters Bonita Kehler (Joel), Leanne Wilton (Tyler) and grandchildren Tanner, Lucas, Danica and Jonah. Dad also leaves to mourn numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

He was predeceased by his parents Robert and Verlie Bowman; in-laws Charles and Mary Anderson; siblings Joyce, June, Wilda, Illa, Alma, Marge, Raymond and Robert.

Bill was born on the family farm where he lived for almost his entire life. Dad's passion was farming and welding. He worked fulltime as a welder and still found the time and energy to manage the farm. In October 1973, Bill married the love of his life Dorothy

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where they raised two daughters on the farm. Dad looked forwarded to any time he could spend with his grandkids and passing on priceless knowledge.

Dad was a very friendly person who was able to strike up a conversation with anyone whether he knew them or not. He was always willing to lend a hand and never expected anything in return. People always enjoyed being in Dad's presence.

Funeral service will be held on Friday, December 2, 2022 at 2:00 p.m. at the Gunton Greenwood Community Hall in Gunton, Manitoba.

Pallbearers will be Dennis Jahns, Gary Jahns, Tyler Wilton, Joel Kehler, Harold Anderson and Clarence Anderson. Honorary pallbearers: Audrey Letandre, Stewart Anderson, Gordon McDonnell, Gary Smaldon, Jake Kehler, Andre Levesque, Norman Halchuk, Ward Wilton, Ray Smith, Aaron Charison, Jay Charison, Larry Caplette, Karen Hapalo and Lott Thunder. We would also like to consider all those who were close to Dad and loved him dearly to consider themselves as honorary pallbearers.

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation in Dad's name to the Kidney Foundation.

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The family would like to express their gratitude to the staff at the Selkirk Dialysis Unit, Dr. Graham and Dr. Demsas. In addition, the family would like to thank all those who dropped in to offer their words of sympathy, support and food. The family will forever hold that in our hearts.

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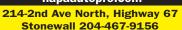
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