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# Secret Santas prepare gifts for local seniors

By Jennifer McFee

Christmas will be a little merrier for nearly 200 local seniors thanks to a group of stealthy Secret Santas.

Stonewall resident Donna Grieve launched the Secret Santa for Seniors program four years ago to provide Christmas gifts to local seniors who live in care homes or who have a lower income.

"I always felt that Christmas is focused on children and felt that seniors in our community may be left out during the season. I've been told by some workers that many seniors would not receive a give if it were not for this program," she said.

"It has grown exponentially over the years. The first year, I had about 80-plus seniors, and by last year, we were over 300. This year, the numbers are somewhat lower as not all facilities participated."

For 2020, gifts will be provided for just under 190 local seniors, and Grieve was able to find enough donors to sponsor all of them. Anyone interested in getting involved joined the "Secret Santa for Seniors" Facebook page, and then Grieve made matches between seniors and their

Secret Santas.

"There were many challenges this year, including getting buy-in from some facilities due to the pandemic. I considered cancelling the project this year but really didn't want to; therefore, I decided to take extra precautions such as sanitizing every item in the gifts, foregoing paper gift bags and replaced them with plastic Ziploc-type bags that can be wiped down prior to delivering the gifts," she said.

"We also had some gift restrictions, such as not including soft items such as stuffed animals this year."

Usually, the best part of the program occurs when a group of volunteers helps to distribute the gifts in person.

"This year, due to COVID-19, we are not allowed in the facilities so I will be dropping gifts off for them to distribute. We will miss spending time visiting with each senior and seeing their smiling faces as they open their gift but hope to get back to 'normal' by next year," Grieve said.

"In previous years, a group of volunteers would get together to inspect, sort and organize all the gifts, but because of COVID, we were not able to so I took it upon myself to prepare the



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Last year, volunteers were able to deliver gifts in person. Due to the pandemic, different procedures are in place this year.

gifts."

Typically, items on the suggested gift list include unscented body wash or lotion, personal hygiene items, a Christmas ornament, lap blankets or shawls, puzzles, puzzle books, Kleenex and notepads. For some facilities, cookies or chocolates might also be included.

"This year has been filled with so much fear and uncertainty, combined with the loss of personal visits with seniors, and I feel that receiving a gift will help to lift their spirits," Grieve said.

"Stonewall and surrounding areas never cease to amaze me. Each year, more people join to get involved. At one point when I thought we were done, I got another facility of 20 seniors and posted on the Facebook page. Within a day, I had more than enough people step up and take another senior."

The initiative even extended beyond the immediate community to involve people from greater distances.

"I even have people from out of

province and Winnipeg who purchase gifts or contribute money for me to purchase their gifts," Grieve said.

"This year more than ever, many people expressed their gratitude to be able to participate as it also lifted their spirits and gave them a sense joy from gift giving."

## Correction

By Staff

In the Nov. 26 edition of the *Stonewall Teulon Tribune*, an article titled "Warren's Poplarwood project complete" appeared.

The article stated the repaving of Warren's Poplarwood Drive is complete.

However, a miscommunication led to saying the entire project had been completed, whereas in reality, the walking trail has been completed.

The last bit of street paving will take place in spring of 2021, according to the RM of Woodlands.



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# Local woman advocating for addiction awareness

By Evan Matthews

A Komarno woman said losing her brother to a disease most people will not often talk about isn't an acceptable reality, and she's working to change it.

Jody Lee Wasserman lost her brother, Josh Zeller, 21 months ago to his battle with addiction. Even now, she said it's still a daily struggle for her filled with sadness and anger.

"My brother died on a waitlist. They told him they knew he was struggling with addiction and could not quit on his own," said Wasserman.

"But I refuse to let his death go unnoticed. I refuse to let his life not matter. I refuse to let others in his same situation have to go through the same (thing) and lose the struggle, too."

## Josh's story

Zeller's struggle with addiction isn't as synonymous with hard times and a lack of will power, Wasserman said, as is often believed.

While she acknowledged mental health issues were a factor, Josh's struggle with the addiction began after he had been diagnosed with a physical medical condition.

"He injured his back, and he was giv-

en a prescription for painkillers. From there, it just snowballed because, in my opinion, he had a horrible doctor who continuously prescribed him the medication for years," said Wasserman, emphasizing the starting point for Josh's 10-year battle.

"There may have been some things in his life that made it easy to continue taking that prescription. It makes you numb and makes it easy to forget about things."

In the last year of his life, Zeller had found a doctor he liked and who had diagnosed him with a couple mental health disorders, Wasserman said. Whether the mental health disorders were always there or a result of his battle with addiction, or both, she's unsure.

"But the back injury was the turning point. That's when it became a problem," she said.

Toward the end of Josh's life, but also at various other points, Wasserman said her brother wanted to and was working on getting clean, desperately.

In his final attempt to seek out rehabilitation, he ended up on a waitlist,

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Jody Lee Wasserman of Komarno holds a portrait of her late brother, Josh Zeller. In each of the 21 months since his passing, Wasserman said she advocates in her brother's memory.

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# Moldowan volunteering for Meals on Wheels for over 40 years

By Adam Peleshaty

Local organizations and long-term care homes in the south Interlake are working together to ensure that community members don't go hungry.

Both Stonewall and Teulon have their own local Meals on Wheels programs. Both programs are co-ordinated by local seniors organizations and are designed for older and/or disabled residents who are able to live alone safely with little assistance. Meals are prepared inside long-term care homes and delivered by volunteers to clients.

In Stonewall, the program has been in place for more than 40 years. Since 2011, the South Interlake Seniors Resource Council has teamed up with Rosewood Lodge to provide the service within the community from Monday to Friday. Volunteers, service groups and other organizations have also pitched in to assist the program.

Those who request meals must meet certain criteria outlined by SISRC before receiving them. A meal consists of a main course, soup and a dessert, but changes can be made for dietary reasons. Clients pay \$6.50 per meal and

are billed monthly through Rosewood Lodge, but the cost is outweighed by the benefits of keeping residents safe and fed.

"We want to keep people living in their homes safe and make sure they have a good meal," SISRC resource co-ordinator Corinna McMillan told the *Stonewall Teulon Tribune* in an interview. "There are people out there who are alone and don't have any way of preparing their meals."

Currently, up to three Rosewood Lodge employees prepare the meals before they are delivered by one of six SISRC volunteers. "Right now, we have around six (clients) getting meals," McMillan added.

The Meals on Wheels program in Stonewall has continued uninterrupted amidst the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, albeit with a few minor changes. Meals are now picked up between the entrance doors of Rosewood Lodge instead of inside the facility and must be placed in the back seat of vehicles before delivery. Volunteers for Meals on Wheels and SIS-

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Pat Maldowan has been volunteering for Meals on Wheels since 1977 when the Stonewall Kinettes operated the program.

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## Tests scheduled for Rockwood Connect

Staff

Rockwood's automated notification system is now ready for testing.

Operations co-ordinator Ashley Michaluk said there has been an overwhelming response to register for Rockwood Connect, developed by Winnipeg-based All-Net Municipal Solutions.

The program provides a central communications portal that can send out emergency alerts, notifications and e-news to residents through multiple platforms, such as voice calls to land-

lines and cell phones, text messages and emails.

Test messages will be sent by email and text message on Friday, Dec. 4, and a test of the emergency alert phone-calling system is scheduled for Monday, Dec. 7 at 5 p.m. CST.

Anyone who has signed up for Rockwood Connect but doesn't receive alerts on these dates is asked to contact RM of Rockwood administrative staff at 204-467-2272 or info@rockwood.ca.

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## COVID creates challenges for Cupid, too

By Evan Matthews

Though still some time away, we're almost a year into the global pandemic; a full nine months.

Media conversations have centred around numbers, spread, outbreaks, masks, other preventative measures and economic impacts. The conversation has largely been about the economic impacts, as well as the epidemiological and scientific perspectives.

Just now, as we've recently arrived in our country's second full lockdown, are we starting to discuss things like the long-term mental health and wellness impacts of this pandemic.

This could be in large part due to the lack of understanding early on. In the first half year of an unprecedented situation, how was anyone to know what these social impacts could be?

More reports are beginning to surface of our senior citizens struggling in places like personal care homes. With limited or prohibited visitation, some of these people are completely alone, minus the care homes' staff.

This column won't go down the rabbit hole of how and why so many of our health-care facilities are severely understaffed and under resourced. The provincial government's handling of its portfolios has been well documented.

But one conversation — and one demographic — seemingly falling through the cracks in this discussion is young people who are getting set to start a life of their own.

There are obvious challenges facing

recent high school graduates, challenges never experienced by another generation.

Just a year ago, many would have registered for post-secondary and started the most challenging and rewarding journey of their lives; for others, a plethora of jobs were at their fingertips.

But many post-secondary classes are now online and lack the in-person connection and hands-on learning techniques so many have become accustomed to. In our current economic climate, gone are the readily available labouring or "blue collar" jobs, for now.

But forgetting about the "next step" in one's professional life, there are also many young people getting serious about searching for that special someone; the person they want to start and share a life with.

But put yourself in the shoes of a 20-year-old single person looking for a mate.

You meet someone you find attractive and have chemistry with, and you want to take them out and get to know them.

Should you go for a walk? Maybe out for a drink? Perhaps to a movie? Nope, nope and nope, unless you meet outdoors for the walk. You'd be in violation of the public health orders, of course, if you met indoors or picked her up.

Well, maybe you can get creative and load up the car with food for a picnic and equipment to go cross-country

skiing, self-distancing. But don't get pulled over because you don't live in the same household. You would have to meet them at a predetermined destination.

Is anyone aware of a young person who can afford the \$1,296 penalty?

Factor in online dating and often now two single people will meet and hit it off online but have their relationship fizzle due to the inability to meet.

It's hard to meet someone right now..

As the messaging has remained consistent for the better part of nine months, we all have to do our part. We all have a role to play. But the challenges we're facing as a society are not simply economic and epidemiological.

As our society continues to change with this pandemic, our society should also be cognizant of the social and mental health challenges people from all age ranges and demographics are soon to be experiencing, if not already.

This pandemic is creating challenges for everyone; to only acknowledge certain economic and epidemiological issues is to dismiss the challenges others face on a day-to-day basis.

Last week, this column discussed empathy and compassion, so a fitting conclusion to this week's column would be a gentle reminder, once again, that every person in every demographic is in need of kindness and compassion right now.

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# Local woman frustrated by COVID-19 restrictions

By Evan Matthews

A Stony Mountain woman is speaking out after being denied use of a municipal space to hold a peaceful protest against lockdown measures.

After asking the RM of Rockwood for use of what she called a “public space paid for with taxpayer money” and subsequently being denied, Brittany Chabot, a Stony Mountain resident, said she won’t stop trying to share her message.

“(The pandemic) is about control, not a virus. That was really my major message. My rally was about being free like the way we used to be,” said Chabot.

Rockwood Reeve Wes Taplin said health and safety are the first priority, and the RM is following provincial guidelines and rules.

“Being able to have whoever over to your home, being able to breathe, being able to run a business, all without crazy fines and restrictions from a virus that has a very low mortality rate,” Chabot said. “Living in communist Canada is not what this country was nine months ago.”

In Manitoba, by press time, there were 16,825 total cases — roughly 9,000 active cases — with 312 related deaths and 7,253 people having recovered from COVID-19, according to the province, with test positivity rate sitting at 13.4 per cent

Media outlets reported the first death of a child, a young boy under 10 years old, last week.

“The best way out of this pandemic is to stop calling it one and call it what it is — a bad cold,” said Chabot.

“Stop bankrupting our businesses, stop damaging our kids, stop turning Canada communist. This is all part of a great reset and I do not want to partake in it.

“Normal life as we know it is not coming back unless we demand it back,” she said.

## The Rally

On Sunday, Nov. 22, Chabot had planned a “Freedom Rally.” Advertisements leading up to the event had been spotted by locals, who also saw a small gathering of cars at the Stony Mountain Community Centre the day of.

RCMP said in a statement it was aware of the rally and had officers there to keep the peace.

“The rally was not well attended so public health orders were not breached and there was nothing to enforce,” the statement read.

“We must stress that participating in any type of large gathering at this time is a contravention of the Provincial Emergency Orders currently in place by the Province of Manitoba.

“Contravening

these orders would put people at risk, and we all have a role in keeping Manitobans safe. The public health orders are in place to protect all of us and we must all do our part to help reduce and stop the spread of the virus,” it goes on.

## Connection to Steinbach rally?

Over the past few weeks, the province has been issuing tickets related to an “anti-mask” rally in Steinbach on Nov. 16. The Manitoba chapter of an organization called “Hugs Over Masks” hosted the Steinbach rally in protest of COVID-19 restrictions, according to media reports.

Though vehemently denying her involvement and attendance, Chabot said the province has accused her of attending the rally and issued a fine of \$1,296.

“People from Manitoba Justice came pounding on my door at 9:30 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 22 (the day of the Freedom Rally) and told me if even one person shows up, tickets will be issued,” said Chabot.

She added that at that point she changed her mind and opted against the idea of hosting the rally. But then on Nov. 27, she said she was visited again.

“The same people came here issuing me a ticket for

attending the Steinbach rally, which I did not attend. I will fight this ticket. ... It is ridiculous,” she said.

“They came here with five justice people and one RCMP, \$1,296 for a crime I did not commit. Figure that one out. I’m not affiliated with Hugs Over Masks, and they ticketed me because they think I am.”

Chabot added that it is her belief the Charter of Rights and Freedoms supersedes the Emergency Measures Act.

However, a source inside the provincial government cautioned against that mentality to the *Tribune*. Whereas some citizens like Chabot have said they will attempt to fight tickets in court, the source said Crown lawyers have been “steadfast” in their preparation.

The source said emergency health orders take precedence over the Charter, something the Canadian law firm McCarthy Tétrault has explained on its website.

In considering whether limits on Charter rights may be justified under Section 1 of the Charter, courts are “unlikely to second-guess government decisions, necessarily made rapidly, about which measures were — or are — necessary to save lives,” according to McCarthy Tétrault.

## COVID-19 enforcement ramps up

By Evan Matthews

After anti-mask rallies last week, sources inside the provincial government have said the messaging to COVID-19 enforcement teams is clear: Ticket, ticket and ticket some more.

But despite that messaging, sources said the first weekend under the new, hyper-restrictive public health orders went quite well and that big-box stores are mostly following the rules.

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# letter to the editor

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## COVID lockdown was useless and destructive

Dear Editor,

To date the Canadian government has spent about \$300 billion to pay for the lockdown. The provincial governments have added their own \$100 billion to the fray. With tight lockdowns all over Canada, these astronomical numbers will continue to rise.

As we have repeatedly been told, lockdowns were implemented solely on the premise that our hospitals would be swamped otherwise. Let us examine this claim.

The cost to build a 120-bed general hospital, complete with an ER is about \$210 million (<https://www.fixr.com/costs/build-hospital>).

If instead of closing businesses and paying people to sit at home, we had used half of this \$400 billion to build hospitals, we could have built 952 new hospitals. That equates to

17 new hospitals in every city with a population more than 100k. And it would have provided Canada with an extra 114,240 hospital beds.

If we had used the remaining \$200 billion to pay for the cleaning staff, secretaries, nurses and doctors needed to work in these new hospitals, we could have hired two million people and paid them an average income of \$100,000 per year. Two million people working in 952 hospitals means there would be 2,100 staff per hospital. Assuming a 40-hour work week, that would be 4.2 hospital staff on duty 24/7 for every new bed.

We could have started this massive project back in February and finished most of the hospitals by now. Likewise, we could have used the summer to train most of the new staff that would be needed to work

the hospitals.

Had we done this, unemployment would have been zero, the economy would have been booming, and people would feel great for having done something useful for the cause. As a bonus, we would have 952 extra hospitals for any future emergency.

All of this, of course, would have been massive overkill. Most, if not all, of the two million staff would have stood idle, waiting for the flood of patients. Notwithstanding the fact that previous to 2020 our hospitals were already nearly swamped, how many hospitals in Canada have actually been swamped by COVID patients? Furthermore, if the governments had been as concerned about swamped hospitals as they claim, why didn't they take steps to transform our hockey rinks and community centres into hospitals? And why weren't they offering and promoting crash courses all summer for would-be medical assistants? After all, it is no secret that the average Canadian was fully expecting a second COVID wave this

fall. There is a strange and condemning silence here. It forces one to ask: Is the government really that worried about hospitals being swamped?

So instead of building new hospitals and paying good salaries to people, or instead of turning community centres into overflow hospitals, we locked down our country, incurred a \$400-billion debt, and gained nothing. Actually, we lost much. The economy has tanked. Depression and stress and poverty and suicide and drugs and abuse have skyrocketed. Worst of all, we have accomplished absolutely nothing in the fight against COVID, as the daily numbers testify. Lockdown is a useless and destructive option. It should never have been tried. It should now be abandoned immediately.

- Thomas Verduyn  
Roland

### > ADDICTION AWARENESS, FROM PG. 3

something Wasserman said was not uncommon in her brother's attempts to seek help. He was told he'd have to wait six weeks before receiving any treatment.

Reading between the lines, Wasserman said it was clear the health-care system knew Zeller would continue to use in the meantime.

He died of an overdose four days after being put on the waitlist.

"It's a frustrating system to navigate. Even a week prior to his death he was admitted to an emergency room for an overdose and discharged with no (plan or help)," said Wasserman.

"We all tried to get him the care he needed. It wasn't easy. Ever since then, I try to talk about addiction as much as I can so that people don't feel scared to ask for help.

"People judge addicts so often; they think it's a choice. The more people we can have speaking and being honest about their own journeys, the sooner we can save lives," she said.

#### National Addictions Awareness Week

From Nov. 22 through 28, the Canadian Centre on Substance Use and Addiction ran National Addictions

Awareness Week. The 2020 theme was "Change Begins with Me!"

In her own situation, Wasserman said she identifies with the theme.

"Change begins with me because I will not stop talking about Josh. I will not stop talking about what a great brother he was. I will not stop talking about how he was so much more than his disease," said Wasserman.

"I will not stop talking about how the health-care system failed him. I will not stop talking about how his life mattered. I will not stop talking about how he deserved better.

"I will not stop talking," she said.

In talking about addiction comes education, Wasserman said, and the sooner young people are educated regarding mental health and addiction, the sooner they have the ability to get help if they need it themselves.

Stigma, fear and shame are main

reasons why people do not ask for help, according to Wasserman. She added that stigma in combination with a prominent drug crisis and a failing health-care system is a perfect storm in regards to losing loved ones.

"Let's stop trying to pull people out of the river and head upstream to find out they are falling in," said Wasserman.

"Talk about mental health and substance use disorder. You never know who is listening and who might need that support and ask for help. ... We can end the stigma surrounding it."

People can find social media posts relating to National Addictions Awareness Week by searching the hashtags #ChangeBeginsWithMe and #NationalAddictionsAwarenessWeek.

### Family doctor now accepting new patients in Stonewall



Dr. Funmilayo Olayemi

Stonewall Medical Group at 589 3rd Ave. S is pleased to welcome Dr. Funmilayo Olayemi.

Dr. Olayemi is a graduate of the International Medical Graduate program at University of Manitoba, and brings with her 10 years of international experience. Her clinical interests include mental health, women's health, geriatrics and child health.

In her spare time, Dr. Olayemi enjoys outdoor activities like fishing, canoeing and hiking with her husband and two children.

**Dr. Olayemi is accepting patients of all ages and health backgrounds for in-person or virtual over-the-phone care. To book an appointment call 204-467-5509.** Please make sure to have your health card available when making your appointment.



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"LET'S STOP TRYING TO PULL PEOPLE OUT OF THE RIVER, AND HEAD UPSTREAM TO FIND OUT THEY ARE FALLING IN,"



## > RAMPS UP, FROM PG. 7

On Nov. 5, the Province of Manitoba announced an additional \$2.5-million to 275 additional COVID-19 enforcement personnel.

A source inside the government said the province has re-deployed environment and conservation officers, drinking water officers, liquor and gaming officers, as well as health and safety officers — all of whom now have authority and are actually being instructed to enforce the public health orders, according to sources, who added the teams will conduct patrols.

Where exactly enforcement teams will frequent and patrol is unclear, the source said, but much of the early focus has been in Winnipeg.

The provincial government has created online and phone “tip lines” going back to April 2020 but has recently ramped up efforts. Information coming into the tip lines regarding residences will be passed on to local police, as opposed to any of the re-deployed officers.

The re-deployed officers will be focusing on businesses, the source said.

The province said its enhanced enforcement efforts add to its recent measures to increase fines for breaching and/or failing to comply with public health or emergency orders.

The fines are listed at \$1,296 for individuals — up from \$486 — and \$5,000 for corporations, which is an increase from \$2,542.

Since April 9, there have been over 12,000 calls from citizens to report concerns to the tip lines, according to the province.

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### KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

**NOVEMBER 30<sup>TH</sup> – DECEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup>, 2020**

INTERLAKE SCHOOL DIVISION requests that all parents/guardians of children eligible to attend Kindergarten in the 2021/2022 school year contact their local school to register their child. There will be no in-person registrations at this time. Please call or email the school to initiate the registration process. Please visit our website for school contact information [www.interlakesd.ca](http://www.interlakesd.ca)

Kindergarten programs are offered at Teulon, Balmoral, Stony Mountain, Rosser, Argyle, Warren, Woodlands, and École R.W. Bobby Bend School in Stonewall.

Brant-Argyle School offers a divisional Multi-level Learning program with all day Kindergarten every day. Please contact the Brant-Argyle School (204-467-2683) for details regarding this program.

French Immersion Kindergarten is offered at École R. W. Bobby Bend School.

Children who will reach their fifth birthday by December 31st, 2021 are eligible to attend Kindergarten in the 2021/2022 school year. Proof of age and residency/address are required.

### Violation of rights?

Whereas some citizens have said they will attempt to fight tickets in court, the provincial sources cautioned against the mentality, saying Crown lawyers have been “steadfast” in their preparation.

The sources reminded that emergency health orders take precedence over the Charter of Rights and Freedoms, and the enforcement teams have been instructed to “Ticket, ticket, ticket.”

In considering whether limits on Charter rights may be justified under section one of the Charter, courts are unlikely to second-guess government decisions, necessarily made rapidly, about which measures were—or are—necessary to save lives, according to the Canadian

law firm McCarthy Tétrault.

In the case of someone says they are unable to wear a mask for “health reasons,” the province has instructed enforcement teams—during a one-day training course—to visually assess the person.

For example, if the person is elderly with an oxygen tank, the officer can make a judgement call and not ticket, according to the source, however, if it is a young, healthy looking person, the officer is to ticket without exception.

Even if a person’s private health information is volunteered, enforcement teams are not authorized to request or view proof of someone’s health information, but the source said they are to instruct citizens to fight the ticket in court.

## Inland Port Special Planning Area Under The Authority of The Planning Act Notice of Public Hearing

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:

**INLAND PORT SPECIAL PLANNING AREA BY-LAW 3-20**  
Being an AMENDMENT to the  
**INLAND PORT SPECIAL PLANNING AREA REGULATION 48/2016**  
to RE-ZONE  
**PART of SECTION 4-12-2 EPM and PART of SECTION 33-11-2 EPM**  
in the RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF ROSSER  
from INLAND PORT RURAL ZONE  
to “I3” INDUSTRIAL HEAVY ZONE

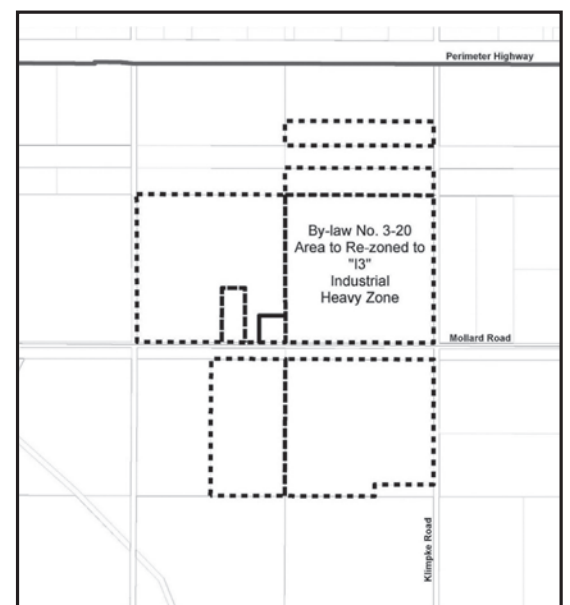
**HEARING LOCATION:** Victoria Inn Hotel and Convention Centre  
1808 Wellington Avenue,  
Winnipeg

**DATE and TIME:** Thursday, December 10, 2020  
at 6:30 p.m.

**GENERAL INTENT and PURPOSE:** To rezone part of Section 4-12-2 EPM and part of Section 33-11-2 EPM in the RM of Rosser CentrePort lands from Inland Port Rural Zone to “I3” Industrial Heavy Zone to establish an aggregate extraction operation.

**AREA AFFECTED:** This by-law shall apply to the area identified on the map appearing on the Public Hearing Notice

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kari Schulz, Planner  
Manitoba Municipal Relations  
Inland Port Special Planning Area  
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Winnipeg, MB R3G 0N4  
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A copy of the above proposal and supporting material may be inspected at the location noted above during normal office hours, Monday to Friday. Copies may be made and extracts taken therefrom, upon request. A description of the procedure to be followed at the hearing is also available at the location noted above.

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## 7 Simple Ways To SAVE YOUR TOWN...

### ARTICLE:

Are the pandemic and lockdown devastating your area? Are people struggling? Here are seven ways people are saving our town.

#### ONE. Buying local.

We have local businesses employing local people. Supporting them helps everyone. Try avoiding Amazon and seeing which local companies have online ordering, curbside pickup, etc.

#### TWO. Getting gift cards.

If your favourite restaurant or business is locked down, see if they're selling gift cards. It's a way of helping them survive. Also, double the impact by giving the cards to people in need.

#### THREE. Serving neighbours.

Shovelling their snow is a socially distanced service. So is grabbing extra of something when shopping, just in case neighbours need some.

#### FOUR. Sharing your stuff.

Some of your neighbours can't go shopping. Maybe you have toys, food or clothes you can share to show you care.

#### FIVE. Supporting your local food bank.

Need is growing. Helping food-banks helps local families, businesses and grocery stores.

#### SIX. Lifting your local church.

During the lockdown, churches are still serving a wide variety of people. Call them to see if they need online donations, delivery drivers, etc.

#### SEVEN. Mentoring newbies.

Right now, people are getting married, having babies or homeschooling for the first time. Some are stuck at home and struggling. Are you a grandparent? Do you have experience? Have you tried arranging a mentoring call each week to encourage them or provide support?

#### LOVING YOUR NEIGHBOUR

The Bible is clear. We are to LOVE OUR NEIGHBOUR. This Christmas, we encourage you to embrace this verse by helping local families, businesses and churches. And who knows? Maybe serving someone will open up an excellent opportunity to share the gospel — which is still the best way of saving everyone in town!

If you're looking for more ideas or resources, check out the following links:

[BusinessLiftGift.com](#)  
[RaisedUpChurch.com](#)  
[HomeSchoolerNow.com](#)  
 By Paul Emmer -  
[CallPaul@gmail.com](mailto:CallPaul@gmail.com)

## Canada's first and largest 5G network expands to Manitoba

Submitted by Rogers Communications Canada

Rogers Communications announced last Friday that it has turned on its 5G service on Canada's most trusted and reliable network in Winnipeg and Brandon.

Customers in these locations on Rogers Infinite and Rogers for Business Shared Unlimited Data plans with compatible 5G devices will now have access to this next generation wireless technology. More than 2.2 million Canadians are on 5G-ready Rogers Infinite unlimited data plans.

Including these communities, Rogers 5G network powered by Ericsson, now reaches a total of 134 cities and towns across the country offering 10x more coverage than any other carrier. See full 5G coverage map here.

"The arrival of 5G in Manitoba will change the way we live, work and do business here," said Larry Goerzen, president of Prairies and Alberta for Rogers Communications. "5G represents a massive technological transformation that will connect everything in our world from people and

machines, to homes and cities. Beyond that, strong digital infrastructure and this next generation technology are critical to fuel productivity and innovation in the future as we reset the competitive landscape in Manitoba and for Canada, globally."

5G will introduce new capabilities that are significantly more advanced than previous generations of wireless technology. Over the next several years, 5G will transform businesses and industries with increased speed and capacity, more efficient use of spectrum and lower latency. 5G will also support a massive increase in the number of connected devices that require near instantaneous access for applications like augmented and virtual reality, smart cities, robotics and driverless vehicles.

"On behalf of the Manitoba government, we welcome the expansion of Rogers 5G network into Winnipeg and Brandon, along with the benefits it will bring to our economy and communities," said Hon. Ralph Eichler, Manitoba minister of Economic Development and Training.

"This expansion will bring new technology to our businesses and contribute to Manitoba's long-term competitiveness."

In addition to providing Canadians with the latest technology, wireless industry investments in 5G networks are expected to contribute an estimated \$40 billion annually to the country's economy and 250,000 permanent new jobs by 2026.

Rogers has invested over \$30 billion over the past 35 years to build Canada's most trusted and reliable wireless network.

In 2020, the company was awarded the best wireless network in Canada for the second year in a row by unlaut, the global leader in mobile network testing and benchmarking. Rogers is also ranked No. 1 in the West, including Manitoba and Ontario in the J.D. Power 2020 Canada Wireless Network Quality Study.

A recent 2020 Ookla Speedtest report found Rogers wireless network delivers the most consistent speeds of any national wireless network in Canada.

## Province to top-off caregivers' wages with new subsidy

By Lorne Stelmach

Caregivers in care homes and other critical settings are getting bonus pay from the province over the holiday season.

The payments coming through the new \$35-million caregiver wage support program will benefit thousands

of front-line workers who provide direct care and help protect vulnerable Manitobans in personal care homes, shelters, child welfare and other sectors.

Health, Seniors and Active Living Minister and Morden-Winkler MLA Cameron Friesen said the payments

are recognition of the vital roles of these workers and the additional stress and burdens they are facing as a result of the pandemic.

"The pandemic creates challenges for all Manitobans, and those are very

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## > MEALS ON WHEELS, FROM PG. 4

RC's other services and programs are taking the usual precautions by donning masks and using hand sanitizer.

While McMillan added that clients have expressed no concerns with regards to receiving their meals, there is now a limit as to how many can use the service.

"(Rosewood Lodge) has put a cap on 10 people right now because their workload has increased inside their facility," she said.

As for volunteers, McMillan stated there is always a need for new ones, especially at this time.

"Right now, we do have all our days covered, but we would make a list if we had more. Especially with COVID now, if someone does end up showing any kind of symptoms, they don't go and deliver. We have to go and get somebody to go out," she explained.

Pat Moldowan has volunteered for Meals on Wheels in Stonewall since

1977 when the Stonewall Kinettes operated the program and says that it is essential for the community.

"It started with the Kinettes delivering three days a week. Helen Montgomery started it and I just continued with it ever since," she said. "People really appreciate it that we deliver (these meals)."

Meanwhile in Teulon, the Meals on Wheels program is operated by Gateway Manor and, since 2004, the Teulon Seniors Resource Council. Just like Stonewall, each meal costs \$6.50 but clients in Teulon are offered a menu of food options and can also pick up their meals at the long-term care facility. The service operates on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

At least 30 meals are served per week, according to TSRC co-ordinator Barb Mankewich, but finding volunteers to deliver meals has been a challenge. Service clubs used to deliver,

but shrinking memberships and a fear of contracting the novel coronavirus has kept potential helpers at home.

"Finding somebody to commit to three days a week for an hour is tough. It's tough to find those people. Right now because of COVID, we have just one couple willing to do it," Mankewich said.

"We had (Teulon Collegiate Institute) at one time. We had a lot of the church groups. Whether those groups ceased to exist or just don't have the capacity anymore, I don't know. But COVID has changed a lot of things," Cindy Ferreira, site manager of Gateway Manor, added. She also described the service as "absolutely essential."

For more information on how to receive meals or to volunteer for the program in Stonewall, call SISRC at 204-467-2719. If you are in Teulon, call Ferreira at 204-886-2298 or TSRC at 204-886-2570.

# COVID-19 outbreak declared at Lakeshore General Hospital

## Staff

Public health officials advise 11 additional deaths due to COVID-19 have been reported Nov. 30 including:

- a male in his 30s from the Winnipeg health region;
- a female in her 40s from the Winnipeg health region;
- a female in her 70s from the Winnipeg health region, linked to the outbreak at Health Science Centre unit GA3;
- a female in her 80s from the Prairie Mountain Health region, linked to the outbreak at Fairview Personal Care Home;
- a male in his 80s from the Prairie Mountain Health region, linked to the outbreak at Fairview Personal Care Home;
- a male in his 80s from the Southern Health-Santé Sud region, linked to the outbreak at Villa Youville Personal Care Home;
- a male in his 80s from the Winnipeg health region, linked to the outbreak at Charleswood Care Centre;
- a male in his 80s from the Winnipeg health region, linked to the outbreak at Golden Links Lodge;
- a female in her 90s from the Winnipeg health region, linked to the outbreak at St. Norbert Personal Care Home;
- a female in her 90s from the Winnipeg health region; and
- a male in his 90s from the Southern Health-Santé Sud region, linked to the outbreak at the Bridgepark Manor assisted living facility.

The five-day COVID-19 test positivity rate, as of Nov. 30 is 13.4 per cent provincially and 13.7 per cent in Winnipeg. As of 9:30 a.m. Monday, 343 new cases of the virus have been identified. However, one case was removed due to a data correction making the total 342 and the total number of lab-confirmed cases in Manitoba to

16,825.

Monday's COVID-19 data shows:

- 23 cases in the Interlake-Eastern health region;
- 46 cases in the Northern health region;
- 14 cases in the Prairie Mountain Health region;
- 53 cases in the Southern Health-Santé Sud health region; and
- 207 cases in the Winnipeg health region.

The data also shows:

- 9,260 active cases and 7,253 individuals who have recovered from COVID-19;
- there are 342 people in hospital with 43 people in intensive care due to COVID-19; and
- the number of deaths due to COVID-19 is 312.

Laboratory testing numbers show 2,611 tests were completed yesterday, bringing the total number of lab tests completed since early February to 355,081. Case investigations continue and if a public health risk is identified, the public will be notified.

The Interlake-Eastern total case breakdown by district as of Monday, is as follows: A total of 1,123 cases, up by 154 from last Monday: 536 active cases, 572 recovered, 28 currently in the hospital with five of those in ICU and 15 deaths.

Arborg/Riverton 15 active cases, 29 recovered; Beausejour 17 active cases, 21 recovered; Eriksdale/Ashern 68 active cases, 27 recovered and 6 deaths; Fisher/Peguis 96 active cases and 174 recovered, 2 deaths; Gimli 13 active cases, 4 recovered; Northern Remote 55 active cases, 46 recovered and 1 death; Pinawa/Lac du Bonnet 17 active cases, 14 recovered; Powerview/Pine Falls 15 active case and 13 recovered; Selkirk 32 active cases and 17 recovered and 1 death; Springfield 47 active cases and 53 recovered and



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The IERHA's medical officer of health declared a COVID-19 outbreak at the Lakeshore General Hospital in Ashern on Friday, Nov. 27.

1 death; St. Clements 20 active cases and 21 recovered; St. Laurent 3 active cases and 7 recovered; Stonewall/Teulon 45 active cases, 67 recovered and 3 deaths; Unknown District 38 active cases and 34 recovered; Whiteshell 8 active cases, 2 recovered and Winnipeg Beach/St. Andrews 47 active cases and 46 recovered and 1 death.

Public health officials advise COVID-19 outbreaks have been declared at the Lakeshore General Hospital in Ashern and West Park Manor Personal Care Home in Winnipeg. The sites have been moved to Critical (red) on the #RestartMB Pandemic Response System.

The outbreaks declared at Women's Correctional Centre in Headingley and the Keeyask Generating Station near Thompson have been declared over.

Possible exposure locations are listed online by region at the province's #RestartMB Pandemic Response System webpage. For up-to-date information on possible public exposures to COVID-19 in regions, visit [www.gov.mb.ca/covid19/updates/flights.html#event](http://www.gov.mb.ca/covid19/updates/flights.html#event) and click on your region.

The chief provincial public health officer urges Manitobans to only

leave their homes for essential purposes. When leaving the house to obtain essentials, be sure to physically distance, wear a mask in indoor public places and avoid crowded spaces. Do not leave the home if you are sick, or when any member of your family is sick. Further, do not socialize with anyone from outside your household.

Public health officials are also advising that if anyone has symptoms of COVID-19 or has a household member with symptoms, the entire household needs to self-isolate pending COVID-19 test results. For information on self-isolation, visit <https://manitoba.ca/covid19/fundamentals/self-isolation.html>.

The online assessment tool can be found at <https://sharedhealthmb.ca/covid19/screening-tool/> and COVID-19 symptoms can be found at <https://manitoba.ca/covid19/fundamentals/symptoms.html>.

For up-to-date information on COVID-19 in Manitoba, visit [www.manitoba.ca/COVID19](http://www.manitoba.ca/COVID19).

For up-to-date information on the #RestartMB Pandemic Response System, visit <https://manitoba.ca/covid19/restartmb/prs/index.html>.

## > SUBSIDY, FROM PG. 10

real challenges that everyone is grappling with," he said last week. "It's an impact that is very real for front-line workers who are providing care."

Friesen said this program is aimed "to address those support workers who are making more modest amounts and would provide an additional support for them.

"We're depending on them to provide care for Manitobans. ... We're relying heavily on our front-line workers."

Eligible employees will receive an hourly \$5 top-up to their wages based on the number of hours worked between Nov. 1, 2020, and Jan. 10, 2021. To qualify, workers must earn a regular wage of \$25 per hour or less.

Two intake periods will close Dec. 14, 2020, and

Jan. 18, 2021, and the program benefit will be paid directly to workers by the province in the week after each intake period closes.

It was estimated the program will be available to more than 20,000 Manitobans currently working full-time or part-time. Recipients will include health-care aides, housekeeping staff, direct service workers and recreation workers who provide direct care at personal care homes or in disability services, child welfare services, homeless and family violence prevention shelters or long-term care.

"It is designed in order to support those workers in a way that does not interfere with other targeted programs," Friesen said, noting they need to be actively working. If, for example, someone needs to be off work to isolate, there are other support programs in place for such

an instance. "Those individuals are being compensated if they are home due to COVID-19."

The province has partnered with the federal government in cost-sharing the program, with the Government of Canada providing \$17 million while Manitoba is contributing \$18 million.



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## How to pick the right leash

Almost every pet supply store carries a large selection of dog leashes. Here are a few tips to help you make the right choice for your pet-walking needs.

### Length

If you walk your dog in the city or by the side of the road, opt for a short leash. By keeping your dog close at hand, you can better manage dangerous or unexpected situations. Additionally, short leashes are especially appropriate if your dog is young and in training.

On the other hand, a longer leash is perfect for walks in the countryside or the woods, as it provides greater flexibility for your pooch to explore the grounds at will.

### Type

While dog leashes are meant to secure and ensure the safety of your dog, each different type comes with its own pros and cons. For example:

- Lasso leashes can strangle a dog that suddenly takes off running.
- Retractable leashes should be avoided in the city.
- Metal leashes are strong but particularly heavy.
- Leather leashes are durable but require regular maintenance.
- Nylon leashes are light but could slice the palms of your hands if your dog pulls too hard.

### Size

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# Endow Challenge 2020



ICF board member Bob Beck, right, presented \$1,500 to Pam Moody of the Stonewall and District Christmas Cheer Board from the unrestricted funds.

### Staff

Interlake Community Foundation (ICF) is happy to report that the new unrestricted donations from the Endow MB Challenge 2020 totalled \$25,110. And with the top-up of \$4,000 from the Province of Manitoba and Endow MB, the grand total was \$29,110. This was ICF's best challenge yet!

"ICF knows many people have been affected financially by the pandemic. We hope this means that people respect and appreciate the work we are doing to bring grant funding to organizations in our area," said executive director Tracy Holod.

In addition, ICF received donations for some of the other endowed and flow through funds, along with chal-

lenge donations that came in outside of the time frame.

The total for November donations was \$39,945.

ICF thanks Murray and Emma Slagerman for offering the business donation challenge, and Lloyd Jensen and Sue Werner for the 5K donation challenge.



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Lloyd Jensen presented ICF volunteer Brayden Holod with a cheque in the amount of \$5,000.

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# Wedding and event industry lobbying province

By Evan Matthews

Hundreds of wedding and event industry professionals are lobbying the province, as they allege their industry has been halted entirely, with no relief available.

Chantelle Dione, a Stony Mountain-based photographer specializing in weddings, portraits, boudoir, headshots, personal branding, events, and soul sessions, has joined forces with hundreds of other industry professionals to lobby the provincial government.

"We have a couple social media groups — one called Manitoba Wedding Network (A Wedding Vendor Networking Group) — and we all check in with one another, work with one another on events, etc.," said Dione.

She added that most industry professionals she's in contact with have not received a paycheque relating to their field in over a year due to postponements and cancellations.

In her own situation, Dione said she had to find a part-time job to make ends meet for her family.

"I know there are many Interlake vendors affected by this situation, barely making it above the poverty line. The issue arose when discussing the most recent provincial grant announcement," she said, estimating she has lost about \$50,000 of income due to COVID-19.

On Nov. 16, the Province of Manitoba announced \$5,000 available to all Manitoba busi-

nesses and organizations required to close under the current public health orders. The \$5,000 is available through what the province is calling the Manitoba Bridge Grant.

Those eligible include small- and medium-sized businesses and organizations required by the province to fully close their premises to the public because of Manitoba COVID-19 public health orders in effect as of Nov. 12.

The list includes non-essential retailers, restaurants, bars, beverage rooms, brewpubs, microbreweries, distilleries, recreation and sport facilities, museums and galleries, theatres and concert halls, not-for-profit organizations, faith-based organizations and registered charities.

However, the list does not include wedding photographers, videographers, florists, makeup artists, caterers, DJs or event planners, according to Dione.

Many of the industry's wedding and event related vendors do not have a "brick-and-mortar" location, she said, but despite that, businesses with commercial leases have also been denied from the Manitoba Bridge Grant.

"Let's be realistic. We don't always need a physical location to run a business nowadays, but the list also doesn't include hundreds of entrepreneurs who work from — and are taxed on — a portion of our homes," said Dione.

"Over the course of this pandemic, we have been fighting. The wedding and event indus-



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Chantelle Dione is one of a few hundred wedding and event industry professionals lobbying the provincial government for financial relief, as the industry is at a standstill.

try has been completely left out of negotiations regarding gathering sizes, government assistance and business shutdowns," she said. "Unlike the food and beverage industries, the wedding and event industry has never been consulted regarding the rulings, nor safe work protocols."

She added that the Manitoba Bridge Grant is just the most recent example of the government overlooking the industry.

Dione said not only is there no government aid available to her, and not only has she lost 2020 revenue due to cancellations, but many of Dione's clients who had already paid decided to simply rescheduled to 2021, which equates to less revenue and fewer dates available in 2021, she said.

"It just keeps coming," said Dione.

When the federal government originally rolled out CERB, Dione said most people in the wedding and event industry went job hunting instead of applying.

Reliable paycheques were generally deemed the safer option, despite bringing in less income than what CERB offered.

While the group of wedding industry professionals reach out to their local MLAs, Dione said she'll be spearheading the effort in the Interlake. MLAs Ralph Eichler (Lakeside) and Derek Johnson (Interlake-Gimli) will soon be receiving letters, she said.

The hope, is the government will acknowledge the issue and offer support, Dione said.

For anyone checking social media, the group of industry professionals have assigned hashtag — #MyBusinessIs-NotAHobby — to the issue.

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By Jennifer McFee

There's no time to hesitate when it comes to supporting local businesses. Pandemic-related restrictions have required many businesses to modify their offerings or to close their doors entirely, right in the midst of the busy Christmas shopping season.

Stonewall Mayor Clive Hinds said the town's businesses have been hit hard by recent restrictions.

"We've got 13 restaurants in Stonewall. When you see a shutdown like this, it is hard on those businesses because now they're subject to takeout. You can't go dine in, and that's already driving down your bottom line," he said. "For the other businesses that are non-essential, they're closed too."

Hinds expressed some disappointment in the provincial government's Manitoba Gap Protection Program which provided a one-time \$6,000 interest-free forgivable loan to eligible

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small and medium-sized businesses. "People could tie into it if they had to close down their business," he said. "It worked to some extent, but not enough to help those that were really in financial trouble."

He is more optimistic about the provincial government's newer Manitoba Bridge Grant, which provides a \$5,000 grant to Manitoba businesses and organizations that are required to fully close to the public due to COVID-19 prevention orders.

"With this, I'm a little bit more comfortable with the provincial government, but initially they shut down all the businesses without a proper plan in place to help fund these people," he said.

"We're in the problem right now and we all want the same thing — for this pandemic to be controlled and to be curtailed."

Just like local businesses, the Town of Stonewall has also been impacted by the pandemic.

"We closed all of our facilities in March and then again just recently. We're going to be down almost a half-million dollars in the town's operation income from running the arena and

Heritage Arts Centre and collecting money for soccer and things like that," he said.

"Also, we have no tax increase, even though cost of living has gone up. We kept it at zero just to alleviate some of the money that people would have to pay for their taxes."

Although Hinds encourages residents to stay home and stay safe, he also hopes they will find ways to support businesses within the community.

"The small businesses are the life and soul of any municipality in the province. It's been hard on the small businesses, and it's hard on us in small-town Manitoba," he said.

"Right now, 75 per cent of Stonewallers work in Winnipeg, so they have that opportunity to stop and shop before they come back. I would love to see my community reach out and support our local businesses here because that's the life breath of our community."

In the RM of Rockwood, Reeve Wes Taplin echoes similar sentiments.

"You could run to Winnipeg and shop at Costco or Walmart but, at the end of the day, are those big box stores

going to give you a donation for your sports team?" Taplin asked.

"Remember the people that are in your community. The money stays in your community if you shop local."

In an effort to encourage local shopping, the Stonewall Teulon Tribune and the Stonewall & District Chamber of Commerce have teamed up to offer an exciting initiative called Wrapping Up a Stonewall Christmas.

This promotion launched on Thursday, Nov. 26 and continues for four weeks until Dec. 24.

To participate, all you have to do is post a picture of your local shopping experience on Facebook, Twitter or Instagram and tag the Stonewall business on social media, while also including the hashtag #ShopLocal-Stonewall.

Participants have the chance to win \$2,000 worth of prizes, including 30 weekly \$50 gift cards or other prizes to the businesses shown in their photos. In addition, one lucky grand-prize winner will receive \$500 in Chamber Bucks to their favourite Stonewall business at the end of the campaign.

  
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# Children's book honours memory of Stonewall girl

By Jennifer McFee

Just in time for Christmas, a special book will be available to honour the memory of a much-loved Stonewall girl.

The community still grieves for Abby Lee Anne Margetts, whose short life ended on Jan. 3, 2019, in a tragic accident. She had just turned three years old a month before on Dec. 2.

Little Abby was only two months old when she attended the Little Signing Stars program, which uses baby sign language to enhance communication. She expressed her love for the activity through her bright smiles, all the way until she graduated at the age of two.

Little Signing Stars owner Serena Yong collaborated with Abby's mom Amanda to create a touch-and-feel board book in her memory.

"The book honours Abby's memory and shares her love for baby sign language. Throughout the book, there are tokens of Abby's life. Her parents and brother are featured in the book, with her brother Andrew on the cover," said Yong, who self-published the book with her husband Calvin.

"Abby had a special connection to owls. You can spot three in this book. Abby was happiest in nature, so a



Abby Margetts' little brother Andrew is featured on the front cover of Baby Sign Language.

prairie scene is pictured in this book."

The *Baby Sign Language* book also features the young music-lover's favourite songs: You Are My Sunshine; Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star; and I Love You to the Moon and Back.

"These would make a great Christmas gift for any baby or toddler. The colourful pictures will capture their imagination as they explore the textures page by page," Yong said.

"We'd like to highlight that the book has also been made into an e-book.



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Ryan and Amanda Margetts with Andrew.

The e-book includes over 35 additional words in sign language to pair with the objects in the book. It is a super handy resource for those wanting to learn more signs."

Yong expresses gratitude to Abby's parents as well as to the community for their contributions with the project.

"We'd like to thank Amanda and Ryan Margetts, as well as the numerous donations came in shortly after

Abby's passing. These contributions have enabled us to add several enhancements, including gold foil, teddy bear fur, embossing, sponge, glitter and sparkles," she said.

"Keep shining, sweet Abby. You will always be remembered."

*Baby Sign Language* books can be ordered through Yong's new website at <https://playandlearnbabysignlanguage.com/> for \$15 each, with shipping available through Canada Post.

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# Stonewall & District Cheerboard

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic many businesses as well as people have found themselves greatly affected. Whether it be the stress of the situation as a whole or from financial strain being caused from lost business or jobs, everyone is struggling in one way or another. The Stonewall Chamber feels that giving back to the community is more important now than it has ever been. The Chamber will be donating \$300 to the Stonewall & District Christmas Cheerboard and we encourage anyone who can to make a donation. Due to the pandemic the cheerboard is not taking food or toy donations this year and they are relying on cash donations. They will use all money donated to purchase everything needed to fill hampers for those in need. Everything purchased for each hamper will be purchased locally which keeps your donation within our community. If you are interested in making a donation it can be dropped of at SUNOVA Credit Union.



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# EIWD launches compensatory Enhancement Protection Program

By Patricia Barrett

The Eastern Interlake Watershed District (EIWD) is preparing for submissions to the Enhancement Protection Program (EPP), which puts in place environmental safeguards throughout the district's catchment area and provides compensation on an annual basis.

EIWD manager Armand Belanger said the district is hoping to identify EPP projects it can carry out next year in collaboration with both landowners and leaseholders.

"The district would like to start talking to them now to be able to hit the ground running come spring of 2021," said Belanger by email last week.

The EIWD works with local governments and the province to carry out land and water conservation projects throughout the watershed district, which encompasses the municipalities of Arborg, Armstrong, Bifrost-Riverton, Dunnottar, Fisher, Gimli, Grahamdale, Rockwood, Rosser, St. Andrews, Selkirk, Stonewall, Teulon, West St. Paul, Winnipeg Beach and Woodlands.

The EIWD's major projects include wetland enhancement, well sealing, water retention, soil and riparian (riverside) enhancements, buffer strips, the restoration of native grasses, shrubs and trees and the fencing of farm animals to protect water sources.

Under the provincially funded EPP, which the watershed district is overseeing, participants are eligible for "protection payments," which are paid out from another program, Growing Outcomes in Watersheds (GROW).

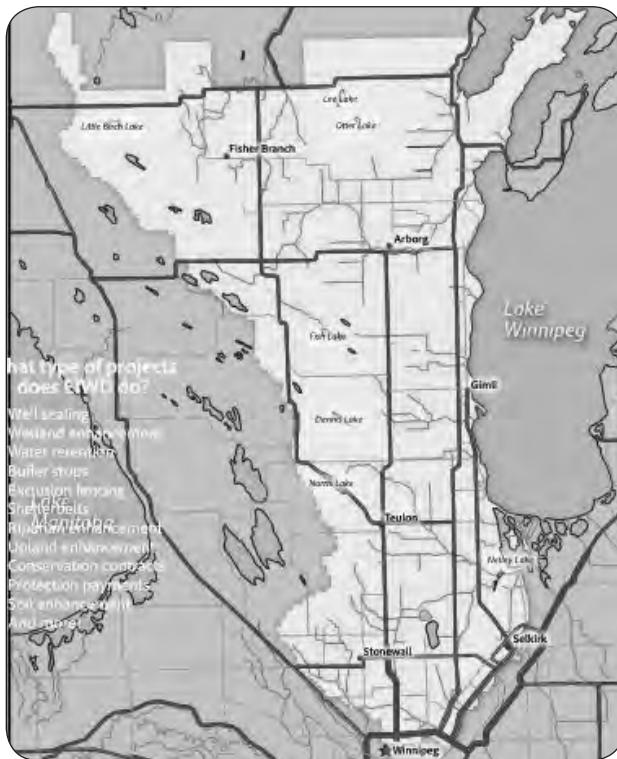
To participate in the EPP, a landowner can contact the EIWD to discuss possible projects and get help completing an application or expression of interest. The program is competitive, meaning applications will be graded, so to speak, on the basis of greatest environmental benefit.

The application is evaluated by a watershed sub-district and a GROW committee. If accepted, EIWD staff will create a custom management plan for the landowner/lessee and work with them to complete the project. Projects will typically last for 10 years and are inspected and evaluated regularly with reports submitted to an executive board.

"The expression of interest [application] is the simple part," said Belanger. "It could entail calling the EIWD office or sending in a one-page form saying they have a project idea. From there the EIWD will work with the landowner to make a full proposal to the sub-district and GROW committee. The proposal will outline the details of the project."

The EIWD may cover some EPP project costs, such as engineering, licensing and contractor costs for wetland and water storage projects.

The EIWD's primary environmental priorities include improving surface water quality and quantity, improving drinking water quality, reducing nu-



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The EIWD encompasses 16 Interlake municipalities, from Grahamdale and Bifrost-Riverton in the north to Rosser and West St. Paul in the south.

trients (phosphorus, nitrogen etc.), protecting fish, wildlife and riparian habitats, enhancing biodiversity (variety of plant and animal life), improving soil quality and increasing carbon sequestration. These benefits can be achieved by altering land and water management practices or by limiting the use of a site.

Landowners/leaseholders can benefit in many ways from the EPP, including an overall improvement in the general condition of a property, improved herd health and increased knowledge of farming and business planning.

Although the EIWD outlined seven major project types in its EPP reference guide, landowners/lessees aren't necessarily limited to them.

"If a landowner has a project idea that they think will improve soil, water or wildlife habitat, we want to hear about it and find out what it would take to get completed," said Belanger.

Despite the presence of COVID-19 for much of 2020, EIWD staff didn't lay down their tools.

"Even through this terrible pandemic, we were able to complete several great projects," said Belanger.

Among them were enhancing a large wetland and water storage project near Poplarfield in the RM of Fisher, seeding native grasses and flowers in over 15 miles of drains in the RM of Bifrost-Riverton, establishing eco-buffers and planting trees in Riverton, Arborg and West St. Paul, creating interpretive sig-



PHOTO COURTESY OF EIWD

Rather than use deadly pesticides to manage plant growth at Gimli High School's wetland and tallgrass prairie, the EIWD teamed with a local farmer and his goats.

nage in Gimli to help people reconnect with nature, restoring native prairie grass in Stonewall with a volunteer youth group, surveying waterways, and sealing over 28 abandoned wells (to protect ground and surface water quality).

"But if I had to pick a favourite, it would be getting goats in to help maintain our wetland and tallgrass prairie project at Gimli High School," said Belanger, referring to a herd of goats a Gimli-area farmer brought to the school in July for a spot of environmentally friendly mob grazing.

For more information about the Enhancement Protection Program, call the East Interlake Watershed District at 204-642-7578.



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# Stonewall Kinettes knitting for the homeless

By Sydney Lockhart

The Stonewall Kinettes Club ladies have spent many hours of the pandemic knitting for the homeless.

They offered to take the unusable yarn donated to Project Linus, which makes blankets for children in need, and turn it into hats, mitts and scarves that they plan on donating to Siloam Mission.

They received so much wool, which was unsuitable for blankets, that 14 of the Kinettes have been using it to knit for months.

"Some people got a refresher course; some learned to knit for this," said Kinettes Pat Moldowan.

The ladies have knitted approximately 125 winter items to donate.

"Our issue is now finding places to take it," said Moldowan.

The Kinettes had planned on donating all the items to Siloam Mission, but with code red restrictions in place, they are now unable to make the donation.

"We'll eventually deliver it to Siloam Mission unless we come up with another group. We first reached out to the Food Bank and Christmas Cheer Board. No one is accepting clothing at this time," she said.

Many places that are normally asking for donations around the holiday season are now no longer allowed to accept donations but say they won't turn them down if they show up in



The Kinettes have knitted mittens, toques and scarves.

the mail.

"Our motto is serving the communities greatest needs and that is anyone that needs help. We feel bad about not being able to get to the homeless to keep them warm this winter," said Moldowan.

This is the first year that the Kinettes have created knitted donations for the homeless.

"It's new for us but I think it will continue even after we get these ones delivered."



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Stonewall Kinettes have been knitting during the pandemic to donate winter items to the homeless.

Siloam Mission has only been giving out donations on an emergency basis to abide by the provincial health restrictions.

"The process of collecting donations has been a tricky one with us at Siloam. Closing distribution and collecting the items it's been difficult," said Luke Thiessen, communications manager for Siloam Mission.

Although Siloam Mission has not been able to receive donations, they hope the community will hold items

to donate at a later time.

"When the numbers of the pandemic lower, we can reopen," said Thiessen. "Hopefully in the near future, we can make sure that they are getting what they need."

Thiessen said he hopes to receive the donation from the Kinettes as soon as it is safe to do so.

"It's been heartbreaking to turn down donations, but it's such a heartwarming donation to hear about."

# Province announces 2020 construction awards

Submitted by Manitoba government

The Manitoba government announced its 2020 construction awards at the Manitoba Heavy Construction Association's (MHCA) virtual annual general meeting, Infrastructure Minister Ron Schuler announced Friday.

"The annual construction awards are a 30-year tradition that was established to provide the industry with formal recognition for its fantastic work," said Schuler. "It's important to recognize the hard-working people that keep our infrastructure going even during these difficult times. Their work ensures that our trucks keep moving goods on our highways, that roadworks are maintained for essential workers to get to their jobs, and that our communities have access to safe and sustainable infrastructure."

Each year, projects are submitted for seven different construction categories. The projects are evaluated on a number of different criteria including quality of work, adherence to contract

specifications and design criteria, complexity of project, and being on time and on budget.

The 2020 winners in their respective categories are:

- Grading: Earthmax Construction Ltd.

- Location: Rural Municipality (RM) of Grahamdale

- Project: Lake St. Martin Outlet Channel Access Road.

- Paving: Maple Leaf Construction Ltd.

- Location: RM of Roland, RM of Grey and RM of Dufferin

- Project: Paving on Provincial Trunk Highway (PTH) 3.

- Special Projects: Maple Leaf Construction Ltd.

- Location: RM of Woodlands

- Project: Paving and shoulder work on Provincial Road (PR) 227.

- Urban Works: Nelson River Construction

- Location: City of Winkler

- Project: Concrete reconstruction (twinning) including land drainage

systems, sidewalks and traffic signals on PTH 32.

- Major Structures: M.D. Steele Construction Ltd.

- Location: RM of West St. Paul
- Project: Structure at Grassmere Drain on PTH 9.

- Minor Structures: Coco Paving (Canada) Inc.

- Location: Grandview Municipality
- Project: Reinforced concrete box culvert at Munson Creek on PTH 5.

- Water Management: WBS Construction

- Location: Town of Morris

- Project: Pump station and gravity outfall at the Morris Ring Dike.

"The long history of these awards shows the strength of the working relationship between Manitoba Infrastructure and the heavy construction industry," said Chris Lorenc, president of MHCA. "The Highways Capital program runs by annual budgets, but it is this relationship of trust and respect between our industry and the department that ensures the program

rolls out successfully, each year."

In addition, the province also released the 2021-22 fall advertising schedule for construction, engineering service provider and material supply tenders for projects across the province. The 2021-22 tendering list includes projects such as intersection improvements at the Trans-Canada Highway and PTH 16, upgrading 61 kilometres of PTH 59 to improve trade from the U.S. border to PTH 52, and upgrading 91 kilometres of PTH 23 to remove spring road restrictions. Other work includes surfacing, grading, structures, intersection improvements, culverts and dust control.

To learn more about Manitoba Infrastructure's construction projects, visit [www.gov.mb.ca/mit/](http://www.gov.mb.ca/mit/).

To view the 2021-22 fall advertising schedule for construction, engineering service provider and material supply tenders, visit [www.gov.mb.ca/mit/contracts/index.html](http://www.gov.mb.ca/mit/contracts/index.html).

# Armstrong pays respects to former reeve with donation to CancerCare

By Patricia Barrett

The RM of Armstrong paid its respects to a former long-serving reeve and councillor who recently passed away.

Council donated \$200 to CancerCare Manitoba in memory of Leslie Marchak, who died from cancer on Sept. 23.

Marchak grew up in Inwood and Narcisse. Over the course of his life, he worked a number of different jobs, including in construction and for the former Town of Gimli (now amalgamated with the RM of Gimli). He also farmed. He served on Armstrong council for 16 years.

"Leslie Marchak has been a dedicated and long-time serving council member for the RM of Armstrong. He served as councillor from 1992 to 1998 and from 2011 to 2014, and as reeve from 2006 to 2010," said Armstrong Reeve Susan Smerchanski by email last week. "It is always important to acknowledge our elected officials for their hard work and contributions and to pay our respects to their memory."

Other Armstrong council news from November:

- To help protect the integrity of groundwater, council is working with the East Interlake Watershed District (EIWD) and a Malonton-area landowner to have four open wells sealed.

The EIWD offers an abandoned well sealing program with rebates of up to 100 per cent of the cost (up to \$1,000) to landowners. Sealing wells eliminates possible health hazards to both humans and animals. Overland flooding can compromise wells.

"The excessive amount of water has a very detrimental effect for the landowner and the municipality," said Reeve Smerchanski. "With issues of flooding on the property and impact on the municipal drainage system, it's important to work together to resolve the situation."

- BellMTS will be erecting a telecommunications tower and accessory structure on private land at NE 1/4 27-17-1 near Inwood. Council noted in meeting minutes from Nov. 10 that the company's consultation with the RM has been satisfactorily completed and does not require further public consultation. Council approves the proposal "provided it is constructed substantially in accordance with the plans submitted" to the RM.

- Council acknowledged the "hard work" undertaken by the MPC Park committee to address safety concerns at Meleb Park. All the "immediate" safety issues have been addressed.

"Council agrees some items will require more time and warm weather to complete so an extension is given till June 30, 2021, to address the items of painting and structural repairs to posts and signs," states the minutes from the meeting.

Play structures still have to be brought up to current standards, and council and the MPC Park committee will work with the RM's insurance provider to meet them.

- Council authorized CAO Corlie Larsen to purchase a smart TV for council chambers. The amount was not to exceed \$1,000.

Smart TVs can perform a range of tasks, including connecting to the Internet, streaming movies, controlling lights and checking security cameras. It will be used for business purposes by council.

"A smart TV has been purchased to enhance communications and sharing of information with our residents and ratepayers at our regular coun-

cil meeting," said Reeve Smerchanski, "as well as council, public and staff presentations and training, including EMO [Emergency Measures Organization]."

Smerchanski said technology is very important in the workplace, as well as at home, and the RM is moving forward with adopting it. Council already uses iPads for meeting management.

"With COVID-19 we have adapted to teleconferencing and Zoom meetings," she said. "Televisions are being used for business and educational purposes, including sharing information, agendas and minutes at meetings, as well as for public and staff presentations and training, webinars and in emergency situations."

- Council passed final reading of Bylaw No. 6/2020 to establish a code of conduct for council members. The province required each municipality to create and adopt a code of conduct this year after previous province-wide incidences of councillor misconduct, bullying and in-fighting. Councils for Teulon and St. Andrews, for instance, experienced upsets.

- Council approved leaseholder Ivan Johnson's request to pay out the remainder of his lease on RM-owned land and purchase the property at SE 4-21-2W.

Johnson had entered into a five-year lease (until 2022) with the RM, paying three of the five years. Council agreed to have the property transferred to Johnson if he pays the full balance by Dec. 31, 2020.

- Council agreed to send a letter to Manitoba Infrastructure requesting a clean-out of the north ditch along PR 229, south of 1-18-1E from Road 5E to culverts crossing the provincial road. The work is necessary to prevent water from pooling on agricultural land. The province is responsible for maintaining ditches along its provincial roads.

- Council approved a ditch clean-out at Johnston Dairies at SW 20-21-2E. The work will be completed on behalf of the RM by Phil Yoder and Sons for the quoted amount of \$6,000 plus GST.

- Council appointed Coun. Paul Humeny to serve as deputy reeve for one year.

"Every year council makes an appointment for the deputy reeve position," said Reeve Smerchanski. "We are very pleased that Paul Humeny has accepted his nomination. He was unanimously elected as deputy reeve for the term."

- Council released its 2020-2021 council appointments (Reeve Susan Smerchanski, councillors Ralph Hazelton, Paul Humeny, Ted Sumka, Adam Krochenski and Allen Evanchyshin) to standing committees as follows:

Roads Committee of the Whole (chair Reeve Smerchanski, vice-chair Coun. Krochenski); Drainage Committee of the Whole (chair Reeve Smerchanski, vice-chair Coun. Evanchyshin); Waste Management Committee of the Whole (chair Reeve Smerchanski, vice-chair Coun. Humeny); Protective Services Committee of the Whole (chair Reeve Smerchanski); By-Law Committee of the Whole (chair Reeve Smerchanski); Heath and Safety Committee (Reeve Smerchanski and Coun. Humeny); Emergency Management Committee of the Whole (chair Reeve Smerchanski); Finance Committee of the Whole (chair Reeve Smerchanski).

- Council released its 2020-2021 councillor appointments to community committees/organizations as follows:

Community Futures East Interlake (Reeve Smer-



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Former Armstrong reeve and councillor Leslie Marchak passed away in September. Armstrong Reeve Susan Smerchanski and council made a donation to CancerCare in his memory.

chanski); Interlake Pioneer Trail (Coun. Hazelton); Interlake Weed Control Board (Coun. Krochenski and Coun. Sumka); Interlake Veterinary Services Board (Coun. Krochenski); Fisher-Armstrong Planning District (Reeve Smerchanski, Coun. Hazelton and Coun. Humeny); Interlake Tourism Association (Reeve Smerchanski, Coun. Humeny, alternate); Manitoba Association of Regional Recyclers (MARR) (Reeve Smerchanski and Coun. Evanchyshin, alternate); East Interlake Watershed District, Icelandic River/Lower Interlake Sub-Committee (Coun. Evanchyshin, citizen member Garry Wasylowski); Netley/Wavey/Parks Creeks Sub-Committee (Reeve Smerchanski, citizen member Victor Dziedzic); West Interlake Watershed Conservation District Swan Creek Sub-District (Reeve Smerchanski, citizen member Sam Hofer); Shoal Lakes Sub-District (Coun. Hazelton, citizen member Lee Wirgau); Teulon Health Care Sustainability Committee (Reeve Smerchanski); Former LGD Ad Hoc Group (Coun. Krochenski).

- Reeve Smerchanski addressed the impact COVID-19 continues to have on residents' lives, urging people to help each other, tap their support systems to stay strong or reach out to council should they become unduly affected by virus's challenges and uncertainties.

"COVID-19 has impacted every aspect of our daily lives. We are living in unprecedented times with an uncertain future and facing ever-changing demands and challenges at home, at work, in our communities, in our province, our country and globally," said Smerchanski, according to meeting minutes.

"You are not alone. Please reach out for support and to help others. We are all in this together and council is just a phone call away. Take care. Be Kind. Be Safe."



# Jupiter meets Saturn in December

By Ted Bronson

We have been watching the giant planets Jupiter and Saturn draw closer to each other in the night sky over the past couple of months.

Planetary orbital mechanics dictate that if a planet is closer to the sun it moves faster than one that is further from the sun. This means that Jupiter, being closer to the sun than Saturn, will catch up to and pass Saturn from time to time. This event is known as a planetary conjunction. Jupiter and Saturn come to conjunction every 20 years. The last occurred May 2000. This will happen again on Dec. 21 this year.

This particular event is especially significant because of how close the two planets will appear in the sky relative to each other. This is the closest the two planets have been since 1623 (19 years before Isaac Newton was born). Actually this is due to our line of sight from Earth. In reality Jupiter will be 890 million kilometres and Saturn will be just over 1.6 billion kilometres distant from us at that time.

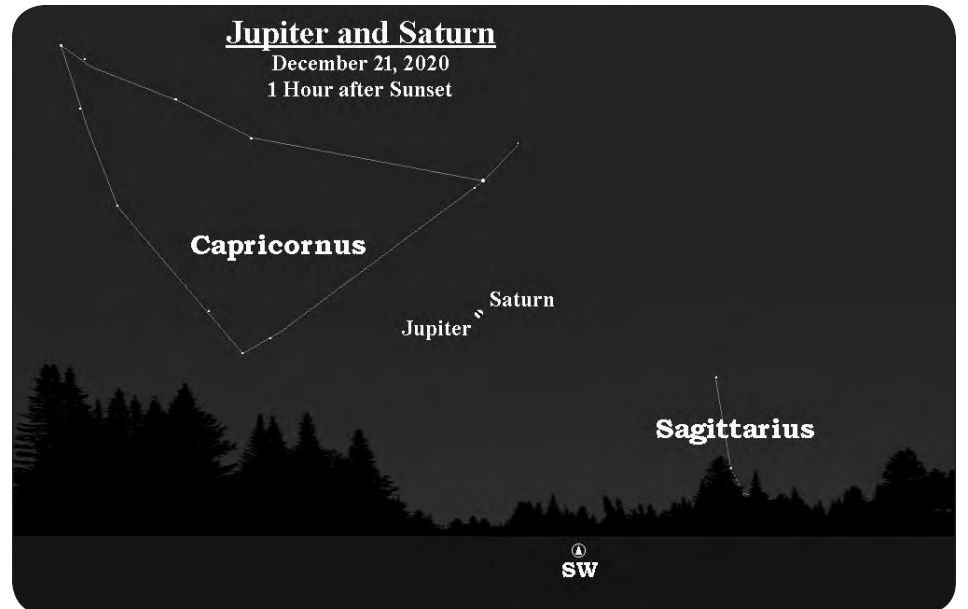
Looking low to the southwest about an hour after sunset you will find both planets very close together as darkness falls. The two planets will easily fit into a binocular's field of view all month.

For a few days around Dec. 21 Jupiter and Saturn will be within 0.5 degrees (width of the moon in the night sky) of each other. On the 21st (conjunction) the planets will be separated by a mere 0.1 degrees. Using a small telescope at moderate magnification

around Dec. 21, you will be able to have Jupiter and Saturn in the same field of view. Jupiter's four Galilean satellites (Io, Europa, Ganymede and Callisto) along with Saturn and its ring system can be seen. A rare opportunity indeed!

The Geminid meteor shower in December is one of the richest meteor showers of the year. A peak of 80 to 120 meteors per hour is predicted including the faint meteors. The Geminids do produce many bright meteors but those rates are much lower. This shower is not observed as much as the Perseid meteors of August when the weather is warmer. The Geminids peak at the time of year when the nights are clear and cold. This year the peak is on the night of Dec. 13-14.

Fortunately the new moon occurs over this period so many of the fainter meteors will be visible against a dark sky. Geminid meteors are slower moving and more graceful therefore tend to last longer than the meteors of other showers. Start looking once the sky is dark after sunset. The best time to view the Geminid meteors is around midnight. This is when the radiant (point from which the meteors appear to radiate from in the sky) near the star Castor in the constellation of Gemini is high up in the sky. The best area of sky to look for long meteor trails is around 45 degrees away from the radiant. Looking directly at the radiant point shortens the trails due to perspective. Meteors from the radiant point are heading directly toward us therefore their trails will appear short.



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Jupiter and Saturn will be within .5 degrees of each other around Dec. 21.

Geminid meteors didn't seem to be associated with a comet until recently. The Geminid meteor shower was thought to be caused by an asteroid called 3200 Phaethon, which was first detected by NASA in 1983. The odd part of this is that asteroids do not disintegrate in the same way that comets do to produce meteor showers. Phaethon has therefore been reclassified as an extinct comet that has lost its outer covering. This helps explain why the Geminids are so bright. They're little pieces of mostly rocky material that take longer to burn up as they fall into the atmosphere, whereas most meteor showers are caused by the softer, icier debris from comets.

The waning crescent moon can be seen before sunrise above and to the right of Venus on Dec. 12. The thin

crescent moon residing to the left of Jupiter and Saturn can be seen after the sun goes down on the 17th. A waxing gibbous moon will be just below Mars on the night of Dec. 23.

December is the time of year when winter begins for us in the northern hemisphere. South of the equator the seasons are reversed so they will be looking forward to the summer season. Officially winter begins on Dec. 21 at 4:02 am CST. This point in time marks the winter solstice for us and the summer solstice for those residing south of the equator.

## Clear Skies

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

# Boil water advisory lifted for Town of Stonewall

By Jennifer McFee

The Town of Stonewall was placed under a precautionary boil water advisory for three days due to an issue with the water plant.

On Nov. 25, a distribution pump failure led to the loss of water pressure in the distribution system. Since distribution depressurization can compromise the water supply, the provincial government issued a boil water advisory that lasted until Nov. 28.

Residents were advised to boil water for at least one minute before using it for drinking, making ice, preparing beverages or food, washing fruits or vegetables, or brushing teeth.

Doug Steinke, works and operations supervisor, said the experts advised

that the problem stemmed from a glitch with the plant's computer system.

"It shut down the whole distribution, which caused us to lose water pressure so nobody was getting water," he said.

"It lasted about 15 minutes roughly. We had to contact Conservation and Manitoba Health to let them know that that happened, and they gave the word to do a boil water advisory."

The town then had to wait until it received satisfactory results from water tests. On Nov. 28, the town received word from Manitoba Conservation and Climate that Stonewall's public water system had met all conditions to rescind the boil water advisory and

that bacteriological testing met regulatory standards. Residents were then able to resume normal water use.

Dennis Peterson, municipal emergency co-ordinator, encourages all Stonewall residents to sign up for CodeRED, the town's high-speed mass notification system that provides messages by phone, text and email.

CodeRED notifications proved to be an important way to keep residents updated on the town's water situation, with messages going out to 2,000 people.

In addition to last week's water updates, Peterson said residents received CodeRED notifications in July for a tornado warning and more recently for an RCMP situation.

"We do emergency notifications for weather events such as tornadoes, snowstorms and severe thunderstorms. Depending on what Environment Canada says on it, we make that decision whether to send out a notification," he explained.

"We can also send out general notifications about road construction, and we can specify exactly where we want CodeRED to go to. It's an easy way for the town to get messages out to the residents."

To sign up for CodeRED notifications, or for more information, visit the town's website at [www.stonewall.ca](http://www.stonewall.ca). Anyone who would like additional help with signing up can contact the town office at 204-467-7979.

# Think twice before driving impaired: MPI, MADD

## Staff

Manitoba Public Insurance is urging Manitobans to think twice before getting behind the wheel impaired this holiday season.

Impaired driving was a leading contributing factor in at least 18 road deaths in Manitoba from Jan. 1 to Oct. 31, the agency announced last week.

While that number is below the five-year average of 25 and pandemic restrictions continue to keep Manitobans off the roads more than ever before, MPI remains committed to raising awareness about the devastating consequences of impaired driving.

To that end, they've launched their annual Friends for Life Speaker Series. The series features real-life stories delivered by individuals who have been personally impacted by a decision made behind the wheel of a car.

"MPI has long been committed to providing education and programming about the risks and dangers associated with dangerous driving decisions," said spokesman Satvir Jatan. "The importance of reaching thousands of youth to create awareness about the consequences of impaired and other risky driving decisions hasn't changed in the face of the pandemic. That's why for 2020 we've moved

to a virtual format so that we don't miss out on the opportunity to reach Manitoba students."

MPI is also continuing its annual support of the MADD Canada School Program for middle and high school students, much of which is also being offered online this year.

"Our mission is to stop impaired driving and to support victims of this violent crime" said Dawn Regan, MADD Canada's chief operating officer.

MPI has also donated a salvage vehicle to the Winnipeg Chapter of MADD Canada. The vehicle, which has highly visible anti-drinking and driving messaging, will be on display in high traffic areas.

## 2020 fatality counts are high

As of the end of October, 73 people have been killed on Manitoba public roadways, MPI reports.

If this trend continues, 2020 will be second worst year for road deaths in Manitoba over the last five years, beating out 2016's 107 deaths.

In addition to the 18 impaired driving deaths, the province has also seen 16 deaths attributed to distracted driving and at least 13 deaths owing to drivers and passengers not wearing their seatbelts.

Speed, weather conditions and other factors con-



MPI PHOTOS

MPI had teamed up with MADD to get this vehicle out into high-traffic areas for awareness.

tributed to the remaining deaths on Manitoba public roadways.

## RCMP surprise Woodlands council at their regular meeting

### By Evan Matthews

The RM of Woodlands is thanking RCMP after a surprise visit during its most recent council meeting.

At its Nov. 24 council meeting, RM of Woodlands council was caught off guard when RCMP attended the Warren multi-purpose building and entered to find a council meeting in progress.

All council members and administrators were socially distanced and carrying masks on their person.

"They asked who we were, what was going on, etc. We told them it was a council meeting and we had our masks, while maintaining distance,"

said Woodlands Reeve Lori Schellekens, adding there were quite a few vehicles in the parking lot.

"There is a limit even to council meetings on how many people we can have, so I'm glad they came in."

Another caveat Schellekens mentioned was despite the fact that the RM announced it would move meetings to the Warren multi-purpose room to better accommodate COVID-19 protocols, not everyone is aware of the change.

"Had it been a gathering of a different kind in our community, one breaching orders, I'd like to think it would be shut down," she said.

RCMP reminded citizens in a statement to the *Tribune* its officers are human and to be patient. The organization is one of the many enforcement agencies tasked with enforcing all current public health orders.

"We are in the midst of a pandemic. Things are fluid and continually changing," said the RCMP media relations department. "We are committed to working the Province of Manitoba during this critical time."

The most recent Manitoba RCMP statistics as of Nov. 25 state that between Nov. 14 and 20, the Manitoba RCMP received 236 calls related to COVID-19.

In 16 instances, officers issued a verbal warning. In 24 instances, fines were issued for failing to comply with a provincial emergency order under the Public Health Act.

Fisher Branch is the only Interlake detachment to have issued fines, having doled out two.

Since April 9, Manitoba RCMP have issued 137 warnings and 75 fines.

Manitobans living outside of Winnipeg are reminded not to call 911 for COVID-19 related issues.

Reports of non-compliance can be made to the Manitoba government inquiry line at 1-866-626-4862.

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## WHL Cup cancelled for 2020

### Staff

Hockey Manitoba, BC Hockey, Hockey Alberta and the Saskatchewan Hockey Association, in conjunction with the Western Hockey League and Hockey Canada, have made the decision to cancel the 2020 WHL Cup.

"With the uncertainty surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic, the decision was made with the health and safety of all coaches, staff and participants as the top priority," read a

statement.

The WHL Cup features U16 provincial teams representing B.C., Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba.

The round-robin tournament is the first step in the Hockey Canada Program of Excellence and assists Hockey Canada in evaluating top prospects in this age group for future high-performance programs.

The WHL and western branches remain optimistic the 2021 WHL Cup may be held in the fall of 2021.

## 2021 Manitoba Open curling bonspiel postponed

### Staff

Curl Manitoba announced the postponement of the 2021 Manitoba Open — the world's largest and longest running bonspiel — last week due to the coronavirus pandemic.

"This decision was not done lightly but was necessary in the interest of safety and health of all volunteers, athletes, spectators and clubs," read a statement.

CurlManitoba said it is working with the Winnipeg Curling Clubs

Association to ensure that the Manitoba Open will continue to be a mainstay program and event for the curling community in Manitoba.

There is, however, still a small glimmer of hope that the 2021 Manitoba Open could go on at a later date as the event has not yet been cancelled.

The 133rd edition of the event, formerly called the MCA Bonspiel, was scheduled to run from Jan. 14-18 at various curling clubs in Winnipeg.

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## Former Fishermen players make the transition to assistant coaches

By Brian Bowman

Riley Bannerman led the Selkirk Fishermen to the Capital Region Junior Hockey League final last March in his final season of junior hockey.

Now, he has a different role on the team — as a goalie coach.

“(Chris Poponick) brought me in to help with the goalies and get them familiar with what’s goalie on in junior,” said Bannerman, who was a goaltender for five seasons with the Fishermen. “I’m more of a goalie coach than an assistant coach.”

Bannerman has some previous experience as a goalie coach at the younger ages. He admits it’s a totally different experience coaching rather than playing.

“It’s quite different not playing,” said Bannerman, a Stony Mountain product who also played one regular-season game with the Manitoba Major Junior Hockey League’s Stonewall Jets back in 2015-16.

“(Selkirk) was one of the best teams that I’ve probably played on since I have been a goalie. I really enjoyed playing there and I wish I could have played for more than five years.”

Bannerman had a tremendous ca-

reer with the Fishermen, winning a lot of hockey games while posting a goals-against average of just over 2.00 in four of his five seasons.

Bannerman, 22, is making the unique adjustment of coaching guys who has played with previously.

“(My age), for sure, helps,” Bannerman said. “A lot of these guys I have played with for at least a couple of years so I know the mentality of the room and I kind of know how to talk to the guys to get them to listen a little more. It helps a lot.”

This year, Bannerman has the luxury of having three great goalies — Austin DeBoer, Brendon Hocaluk, and Owen Derewianchuk — to work with.

“The three are really good,” Bannerman said, noting he has played with all three goalies during his Junior “B” career in Selkirk.

Tyndall Fontaine, meanwhile, is another assistant coach with the Fishermen that enjoyed a lengthy, and very successful, junior career in Selkirk.

Fontaine, a former defenceman, played six seasons in the Keystone Junior Hockey League. He started his career playing one season with the Sagkeeng Hawks before suiting up for



Riley Bannerman



Tyndall Fontaine

five more years with the Fishermen.

“It was pretty long but I liked it,” Fontaine said. “My first year, I got to play back home and play with my friends and then I came to Selkirk the year after and played with some people that I knew from high school. The league was good, they had the Peguis team that pretty much went undefeated. ... It was fun and competitive.”

His playing career ended in 2016 with a playoff loss to Peguis but he

was right back in Selkirk the following year as an assistant coach.

So, why does he coach? And how tough was it for him to go from a long-time junior player to coach

“It’s fun and I like to give back,” said the 26-year-old. “It keeps me busy. I was already coaching lacrosse back home. The one thing I don’t really like and the hardest thing is not being able to go out there (on the ice) and do it.

“You have to tell someone else to do it.”

## SEMHL, KJHL postpone start of seasons

Staff

Hockey fans in a pair of leagues will have to wait longer to watch their favourite team this season.

With the Province of Manitoba currently in code red, Southeastern Manitoba Hockey League officials and team management met virtually on Nov. 23 and agreed to delay the start

of the 2020-21 season until at least 2021.

A follow up meeting in late December will determine a possible start date, discussion on number of regular-season games to play, and playoff format.

Meanwhile, the Keystone Junior Hockey League officially announced

it has pushed back its season start date even further.

“The KJHL has adjusted the projected start date of the season to Jan. 1, 2021,” the league wrote in a statement. “Public health protocols will determine the actual start date and we will update the public by no later than Dec. 15, 2020.

“Thank you all for your patience as we cannot wait to start the season!”

Back on Oct. 27, the KJHL announced that it would be pushing its proposed start date for the 2020-21 season back to December. The league later announced the decision to further delay the season to January.

## Manitoba Scotties, Viterra to be held in Selkirk in February

Staff

The Selkirk Recreation Complex has been very quiet in recent weeks.

But CurlManitoba intends to make it extremely busy in early February.

It was announced Monday that the provincial men’s and women’s curling championships will be played in Selkirk from Feb. 2 to 7.

The field for the Viterra Men’s Championship has been cut in half

to 16 teams while the Scotties is now down to eight teams.

Regional qualifiers for the two events will take place in mid-January. The plans hinge on the state of the COVID-19 pandemic in the province and the approval of Manitoba Health.

The Viterra Championship will remain a double-knockout event while the Scotties will be a round robin.

Curl Manitoba is also adopting the

new pandemic curling rules for provincials that were introduced at the start of the season. Teams can only use one sweeper and skips can’t sweep opposing rocks in the house.

Six of the men’s berths and four of the women’s berths have already been secured.

Teams that have qualified for the Viterra Championship include Jason Gunnlaugson, Mike McEwen, Braden

Calvert, Ryan Wiebe, Jordan McDonald and Tanner Horgan.

Manitoba Scotties teams that have already qualified feature Jennifer Jones, Tracy Fleury, Darcy Robertson and Mackenzie Zacharias.

Kerri Einarson, the reigning women’s national champion, has already earned an automatic berth into next year’s Canadian championship.

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6	7	4	2	1	8	3	9	5
3	2	1	9	5	4	7	8	6
8	9	7	3	2	1	9	6	4
5	1	3	8	4	9	6	2	7
2	4	9	7	6	5	8	1	3
7	5	6	1	8	2	4	3	9
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1	3	8	4	9	6	5	7	2

Sudoku Answer

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V	S	B	A	S	I	D	S	T	E	A	S

Crossword Answer

## X CROSSWORD

### CLUES ACROSS

- Opposite of west
- Caesar, comedian
- Helps little firms
- A way to censor
- Expresses atomic and molecular weights
- Chalcedony
- Type of sword
- A corporation's first offer to sell stock to the public
- Attired
- A sequence of winding turns
- Pal
- Expresses pleasure
- Amendable
- Clear
- A way to cut off
- Indigenous Thai person
- Pale brownish yellow color
- Aquatic plants genus
- Bravo! Bravo! Bravo!
- Merchants
- Fix a chair
- Throws into disorganization
- Famed German composer
- Keyboard key
- Oral polio vaccine developer
- Partner to pain
- Where golfers start
- Jenny \_\_: weight loss program
- Sailing dinghy
- Suffix that forms adjectives
- Speeds at which music is played
- Body part
- Fall back
- Ancient Greek sophist

### CLUES DOWN

- One point south of due east
- Wings
- One point south of southeast

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- The shirts on our backs
- One who works on the seas
- Select jury
- Small intestines parts
- Plant of the heath family
- Extrasolar planet
- Creates more of
- Before
- Forms over a cut
- Runs down
- Exercise regimen \_\_-bo
- Unkeyed
- Principle underlying the universe
- Corpuscle count (abbr.)
- Residue
- Company that rings receipts
- Rugged mountain range
- Commercials
- NY footballer
- They \_\_
- Soviet Socialist Republic
- Poked holes in the ground
- Pitchers
- Your
- Diana \_\_, singer
- Important document for inventors
- Bangladesh capital
- Fluid that flows in the veins of Greek gods
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Please complete the survey online at <http://www.prsdmb.ca/2021-2022-budget-survey/>

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**Frank Sutherland**  
December 5, 2010

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Then the years we spent with you.

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### OBITUARY

#### Edith Jean McIntosh

With heavy hearts, the family of Edith Jean McIntosh (Kjeaar/née Hemming) announce her sudden passing on November 23, 2020 at the Grace Hospital.

Jean is survived by Karen (John), Barbara (Bob), Shari (Garry) and Chrisjan (Shannon); and grandchildren Ryan, Charyle (Phillip), Jason, Jeffrey (Megan), Andrea (Joey), Kirsten, Erik (Brynn). Great grandchildren, Dillon, Evan, Luke, Smith, Kaydence, Kynslie, Kollyns. Step-children, Rick, Wayne and Donna. She also leaves brother Wally (Diane) and several nieces and nephews and many long time friends.

Jean was predeceased by her husband Svend and husband Cameron; her parents, Carl and Dora; sister Carol and brother-in-law Chuck and sister-in-law Joyce. She was also predeceased by step-daughter Linda.

Jean was born in Treherne, Manitoba, and attended Ladysmith School and Gordon Bell High School. She married Svend Kjeaar July 10, 1954 and Cameron December 21, 1991.

Mom was an avid crafter. In her earlier years she loved bowling, curling and was active in order of the Eastern Star. She became worthy matron in the same year as Svend was worthy patron. After moving to Treherne, Mom became an avid snowmobiler.

Mom loved spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren. She enjoyed her trips to Edmonton, the Rockies and the Alaskan cruise. She loved the driving trip to Alaska with Cam as well.

Due to the restrictions of COVID, there will be no service at this time. We will announce a Celebration of Life at a later date.

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### OBITUARY

#### Donald Frederick Hodgson

1929 - 2020

Peacefully on Wednesday, November 25, 2020 Don went to join his loving wife of 64 years, Fran, (April 2019) to the other side of the rainbow. He will be missed by his girls - Debbie (Ted), Lynn (Bryan) and Donna. His grandchildren will always remember his quick, funny remarks and his love of math: Michelle (Brian), Nicole (Ryan), Jaclyn (Justin) Adria (Derek), Brock; great-grandchildren: Luca and Myles enjoyed visiting him in Stonewall Lions Manor.

Donald was born in Lashburn, SK 1929. He was the youngest, Robert and Margaret were his older siblings.

He started his successful banking career (41 years) at the bank - Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce (CIBC) and Lynn Lake, MB was his first posting after completing his studies. He then worked in several towns and cities within Saskatchewan, Manitoba and NW Ontario. Don made some very dear, lifelong friends that he kept in touch with. Dad was very easy to talk to and with his dry wit there was always a laugh. Work was business and his off time was Family time! Music was always part of his life - singing in a Barbershop Quartet, Jazzfests in Arizona and Victoria and concerts in Winkler. He could play the piano by ear. Big Band music was his favourite. A very active man he enjoyed sports - playing and watching. Don took up downhill skiing in Thunder Bay and took his first retirement trip out west with Lorne to ski in the Rockies. Outdoor picnics, winter and summer, with us kids and with all the various families we met in all the wonderful towns we lived in. Kakabeka Falls was a favourite! Fran and Don bowled, curled, walked, skied Nordic and Alpine. Don would cycle all around Winkler and check on "things" and then he and Fran would do a round of golf with Terp and Alma - at the Winkler Golf Course, where he was a senior member, then go watch the local baseball team.

Coffee and cards also kept them very busy. He was very lucky to have good friends that enjoyed doing fun activities. Dancing, singing and playing games was a good part of retired life. Don had a very full life! Cottage life on Falcon Lake for six months out of the year was great family time. Grandkids got some crazy rides on the tube from Grampa but not until he went over the 12 times table with them.

There was always a barbeque supper and fire in the pit at night. In the last few years Dad took great care of Mom and enjoyed making different soups as well as homemade bread and buns - a good baker like his father. Don and Fran moved closer to family so he sold the retirement house in Winkler and moved into Lions Manor, Stonewall, MB. He had a good visiting and check in buddy George. Thank you also to Michelle and the Stonewall Home Care team.

After fighting off three different cancers, he suffered a small stroke and moved into Extencicare Tuxedo Villa in Winnipeg (March 2020). Thankfully family was allowed to be by his side after suffering another stroke that he could not recover from.

Dad lived a great life, taught his girls well and took excellent care of his family.

Thank you to all staff on Unit 2 for their professional and kind care. Special thanks to Herbert, Bea, Shelley, Marina, Chester, Lucy, Cindy and Mageene.

A private celebration will take place in 2021.

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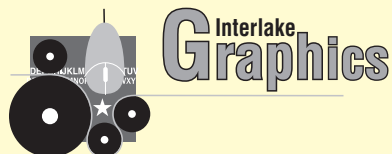
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# Announcements



## OBITUARY



**Rosemarie (Thiele) Yeo**

Rosemarie Yeo passed away at the Stonewall Hospital on November 25, 2020 with husband Dale at her bedside. A new angel is now in Heaven.

Rosemarie was born on March 16, 1941 in tiny Spring Valley, SK., but moved in 1950 to their new farm outside Dauphin, MB.

Having begun school in one-room schoolhouses, she found grades 9-12 at the Dauphin Collegiate quite different.

In 1959 she went to Winnipeg to commence nursing training, but one year later her plans began to change. She met a fellow named Dale on a blind date at the Red River Ex. They hit it off and were married a year later.

A year after that, they moved to Roblin, MB to start Dale's high school teaching career. Little did they know that their arrival there in 1962 would signal the start of a 55 year residence there. Roblin

grew into a community that both loved dearly. Over the years, both gave much to Roblin because Roblin had done much for them.

Rosemarie's family expanded to four sons and finally a daughter by 1970. No children were ever loved more dearly. Rosemarie was "born to be a mother", it seemed, though she always credited her experience from being the oldest girl in her own Thiele family of five boys and five girls.

Always a pillar of her church, Rosemarie began seeking out ways to serve her community otherwise. She worked with the new nursery school as director for 21 years, helped and led the Food Bank and joined the Roblin District Hospital Auxiliary. A pet project was her leading the effort to create a palliative care room in Roblin's Hospital. She succeeded.

The community acknowledged all this: in 1993, she was named Roblin's "Citizen of the Year" by the Chamber of Commerce; in 2004, she was awarded the Parkland Regional Health Authority's "Volunteer of the Year" citation for the West District; in 2015, the Roblin District Hospital Auxiliary honoured her for 20 years as member, several years as secretary.

In 2004 Rosemarie suffered a major health setback when her kidneys failed. After two years on home dialysis, a wonderful friend donated a kidney to her to restore life to her and to Dale. In 2017, Rosemarie and Dale made the very difficult decision to leave Roblin. Needing to be close to family and the Health Sciences Centre, they moved to Stonewall and a new home at Lions Manor there. It proved to be a wonderfully warm and welcoming place, particularly helpful as Rosemarie's health declined.

Rosemarie was predeceased by her parents Otilia and Frank Thiele of Dauphin, MB., and by brother and sister-in-law Larry and Roma Thiele, also of Dauphin.

Left to mourn her passing are Dale, her husband of 59.5 years; four Yeo sons: David (Laurel) of Stonewall, Douglas (Wei Li) of Ottawa, Ont., Robert (Lindy) of Stonewall, Allen of Winkler, MB and daughter Donna (Curtis) Yaschyshyn of Dauphin, MB.

Rosemarie loved her eight grandchildren with every fibre in her body. Devastated by her loss are Kelly (Spencer), Jamie, Scott and Jacynthe Yeo of Stonewall; Joshua and Jennifer Yaschyshyn of Dauphin and little Elizabeth and William Yeo of Ottawa, Ont.

The Thiele clan, so marvellous a family tie for both Rosemarie and Dale, will badly miss their sister: Thiele brothers Leonard (Norma) of Dauphin, Richard (Gail) of White City, Sk., Ronald (Bonnie) of Red Deer, AB., and Gerald (Glenda) of Dauphin; sisters Gailene (Fraser) Webb of Sydney, Cape Breton Island, Myrna (Lorne) Kopechuk of Snow Lake, MB., Julie (Bob) Coleman of Lexington, Ky., and Sharon (Cliff) McArthur of Regina, Sk.

Dale's only brother Clayton, wife Arlette, nephew Edmond and niece Amelia (Ben) and baby Cora over in London, England and have been a bulwark of strength and support during these dark days, too. In such a small Yeo family, the loss of Rosemarie hits them particularly hard.

More than 30 nieces and nephews scattered across Canada, the U.S. and England have lost their beloved "Auntie Rosemarie". Many good friends in Roblin and elsewhere will feel a similar sense of loss. She was a loving friend and always there to help others in times of distress.

Thanks to everyone from near and afar for your help. Dale has gratefully declined flowers, food and sympathy cards. Keep him and the family in your mind and in your prayers instead.

Rosemarie has been cremated as she wished. A memorial service will take place next spring or whenever this cursed virus is vanquished.

Donations in Rosemarie's memory can be made to: Community Living Interlake - Something Beautiful, Box 1222, Stonewall, MB. R0C 2Z0.



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## OBITUARY



**June Lenore Gisti**

June 1, 1934 - November 24, 2020

With her children by her side, Mom passed peacefully at Stonewall Hospital.

Mom was predeceased by her parents Alf and Jean Gisti; her beloved son Gord; and her first husband, Ken Eyolfson. Mom was also predeceased by her sister and brother-in-law, Audrey and Raymond Pepin, and sisters-in-law Marlene Gisti and Edith Carman.

Leaving to mourn Mom, is her son Warren (Alana) Eyolfson and their family Justin (Kelsey) and Cody (Kaylee) from Boise, Idaho. Mom was blessed with three daughters and told us all the time how lucky she was to have us. Missing her terribly are Lori (Bill) Mott and their family Michael (Jess) and Christopher (Ashley); Patti (Steve) Harder and their son Liam; and Maureen (Grant) McKague and Mom's only granddaughters Taryn and Sarra.

Also mourning Mom's loss are her brother Martin Gisti (Della) and sister Margaret (Paul) Veldkamp and brother-in-law Maurice Carman as well as many nieces and nephews. Mom had some very special friends in her life, there wasn't a day that went by without a call from Joyce Olsen, Mom loved you so. Also, Aunty Dee Weins you were always so dear to Mom. There are many others too many to mention but you know who you are.

Mom was born June 1, 1934 in a very different world than we live in now. She was born a premature baby, which was quite a hardship in those days. Mom was a very hard worker. She worked on the farm while raising five kids and quite often worked at a job outside of the home as well. And while she did this she always made sure we had a home cooked supper and she would even sew matching outfits for her girls. Mom's passion was to bake and she was an amazing baker. Her lemon pies were like none other. There were always cinnamon buns, cookies and pastries galore. No one left her home without a sample or a take home package.

Mom was an avid sports fan, didn't matter what, just sports. Even the odd boxing match or two. You will never find a bigger Jennifer Jones, Winnipeg Jets or Blue Bombers fan. How fitting that she passed on the first anniversary of the Bombers winning the Grey Cup.

Mom moved into Gateway Manor in Teulon, in May 2018. She absolutely loved it there and she made many good friends. Mom loved that she could play Bingo almost every day. She even received a certificate for being the worst dart player in their activities! Sadly, her declining health forced her into Stonewall Hospital in April 2020. Mom has been in Stonewall Hospital since then and was there when she passed. We the family are so grateful to all the staff who treated her so kindly and made the hospital Mom's home. Thank you also to Ken Loehmer for his care and compassion during this difficult time.

In keeping with Mom's wishes there will be no service, and due to COVID-19 regulations we will do a private graveside service when we can all gather together.

God saw you getting tired, and a cure was not to be;  
So He put His arms around you and whispered "come to Me"

With tearful eyes we watched you suffer,

And saw you slowly fade away;

Although we loved you dearly,

We could not make you stay.

A golden heart stopped beating,

Hard working hands put to rest;

God broke our hearts to prove to us,

He only takes the best.

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