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## The countdown has begun



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The countdown to Christmas officially began last Friday as the 15th annual Parade of Lights with its 48 floats rolled along Main Street in Stonewall. Beautiful weather drew thousands of spectators out to see the beautifully decorated and brightly lit floats while the little ones eagerly awaited to see Jolly Old St. Nicholas. For more photos, see page 4.

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# Breakfast with Santa

**By Natasha Tersigni**

To get the community into the holiday spirit and ensure children had a chance to get some facetime with the Man in Red, the Stonewall Kinsmen hosted their annual Breakfast with Santa Claus on Saturday at the Stonewall Legion. Along with enjoying a delicious pancake breakfast, children had a chance to sit down with Santa and Mrs. Claus and discuss important issues including what presents the children wanted for Christmas.



Clive Hinds and Hannah Hidlebaugh enjoyed the Kinsmen Breakfast with Santa last Saturday.



**TRIBUNE PHOTOS BY NATASHA TERSIGNI**  
The Kinsmen were hard at work manning the grill and ensuring no guests left hungry.



Santa Claus was introduced to his newest little elf, four-month-old Lucas Acland.



Ryder McClintock's little sister Elana wasn't so happy about having her photo taken with Santa.



Harlow, left, and Adelynn Meier visited Santa at the Kinsmen Breakfast with Santa Saturday morning.

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# Stony Mountain Ski Area sliding into its 50th season

By Natasha Tersigni

With Mother Nature finally co-operating with cold weather and tons of snow, owners of the Stony Mountain Ski Area are gearing up for the hill's 50th season of operation starting on Dec. 10.

After a short 2015-16 season, Gary Dewar and Heather Campbell-Dewar have been eager to get the hill open for skiers and snowboarders. After several delays this winter season, there has finally been enough snow to build a base and the temperatures have dropped enough that the snowmaker can begin pumping out the white stuff.

This year, the hill will be celebrating its golden anniversary and is one of the oldest ski hills in Manitoba that is still in operation. In the 29 years that Heather has been running the hill with her husband, the duo has been able to stay ahead of the trends and offer unique experiences for their customers.

Back in 1988 when the couple first purchased the business, the hill was primarily used for the Manitoba Alpine Ski Club's freestyle team, and the ski area really did not have a rider base other than the team members. The hill catered mainly to the freestyle jumpers and did not have a snow machine or other resort essentials like grooming equipment.

When the couple took over, they upgraded all the equipment, offered lessons and rentals and also opened their hill to up to snowboarders — something many other Manitoba resorts were not doing at the time.

"When we first got here, some ski areas were not allowing snowboarders on them. We knew that was the way things were going and we had no desire to stop snowboarding. For the first three to four years, we embraced snowboarders, while other resorts did not," said Heather, who added that is one of the reasons why Stony Mountain Ski Area has remained in business. Along with allowing snowboarders on the hill, they have a terrain park and offer board rentals and lessons.

"Today, 80 per cent of our customers are snowboarders. It is small hill; skiers get bored after a while. The snowboarders have the terrain park with a variety of features they can use."

As the years went on, Gary and Heather continued to add new programming and runs to keep the ski area fresh and exciting. The one thing that has been the biggest challenge is the weather, which has really impacted the business over the last few years.

"Two years in a row, we had the polar vortex and it was 40 below and no one was coming out then. Last year, we had the latest opening in our history, Dec. 18, and then we had to close up in the middle of March because everything was melting. Usually we stay open until the beginning of April," said Heather.

To continue to grow their business, the couple is adding snowshoe rentals and trails this year to the ski area.

"We are excited about now offering snowshoeing. We are going to have the trail out back where there is some bush area. The trail will then go down and take snowshoers along the bottom of the hill close to the fence line and then they



TRIBUNE PHOTOS BY NATASHA TERSIGNI  
Stony Mountain Ski Area owners Gary, left, and Camryn Dewar, middle, and Heather Campbell-Dewar are excited for opening day this weekend and the start of the hill's 50th season of operation.



Gary Dewar is happy to be able to start his snow machine and start grooming the hill's six runs after the late start to winter.

will be able to access the new trails that are being built around Stony Mountain," said Heather.

"We decided it would be a great way to add an extra dimension to our business. It would be a great feature for schools or for parents who may not want to ski or snowboard but they can still get outside and enjoy what we have to offer. There is a lot of wildlife in the area so that is a great factor with our snowshoeing as well."

Heather and her husband hope the area will still be around in another 50 years, and it is the loyal skiers and snowboarders that keep the couple coming back season after season.

"We really enjoy seeing people out on the hill having a great time. It is interesting because we now have third-generation customers. They were here when we first started, and when they had kids, they brought them. Now their kids are coming back with their little ones. Being able to see that and how our business has grown but still has that strong customer base is really neat."

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December 21 Teulon Hall 7:00 pm

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December 21

Grosse Isle Hall 7:00 pm



# Annual Parade of Lights brings smiles to Stonewall

By Jo-Anne Procter

There were squeals of excitement heard from children along Main Street in Stonewall last Friday evening as 48 floats rolled down the main drag in the 15th annual Parade of Lights Santa Claus Parade.

With above normal temperatures a record number of people lined the street to watch the creative floats and wait for the very last float to get a wave from Jolly Old St. Nick.

The Stonewall and District Chamber

of Commerce sponsored a number of awards and this year's winners were: Commercial Category - first place - Badger Daylighting, second place - Luke's Town Service, honourable mention - Interlake Salvage & Recycling Inc.

Non-Commercial Category - first place - Stony Mountain Institution Honour Guard, second place - 301 Alan McLeod VC Air Cadets, honourable mention - South Interlake SnoRiders.



TRIBUNE PHOTOS BY JO-ANNE PROCTER



# Argyle post office relocates to community hall

By Jennifer McFee

Argyle residents will need to amend their mailing routine post-haste since the local post office has changed locations.

On Monday, Nov. 28, the Argyle post office relocated to the basement of the community hall from its long-standing previous location at Meridian Trail General Store.

Lynne Tetrault, local area superintendent for Canada Post, notes that this new location is only for the short term. If anyone is concerned about going down the stairs at the community hall, Tetrault said the postmaster can tend to them upstairs.

"The location where it is right now is a temporary location. It won't stay within the walls of the community hall, but it will be on the community hall property," she said.

"It will be inside a building that will be moved onto the property of the community hall. That should happen within the next couple weeks, so this is just a very temporary location."

The new owners of Meridian Trail General Store, Esther and Anko Havedings, said they requested a rental agreement with Canada Post. With no rental agreement in place, the Havedings locked the door on Friday, Nov. 25.

"We would've loved to have seen it going different and for Canada Post to at least sit down with us, but until this

happened, they just plain out refused to come out with the rental agreement," Esther said.

"When we locked the door, they more or less put an offer on the table because we wouldn't let them in and they offered \$200. As the owners, we are responsible for heat, lighting, snow removal, liability insurance, and we don't think that's a fair deal. We have been trying for almost two months to sit down with them and have that conversation with them, and Canada Post is saying that it is up to the postmaster."

Argyle's postmaster did not want to speak with the press about the move. Likewise, Tetrault wouldn't discuss the details of the situation, but she said that post office locations change all the time.

"Because Argyle is what we call a 'postmaster-provided premises,' it is the responsibility of the postmaster to have a location in the community. Any contracts or lease agreements are not signed with the [Canada Post] corporation. They're signed with the postmaster," she said.

"Change is always a difficult thing for the first time, and then after that, it's fine. For a community that hasn't seen a lot of change as far as postal service goes, this could feel like a big, huge one. But for us as a corporation, this happens all the time."

It's not unusual for a change in post-



TRIBUNE PHOTO LANA MEIER

The Argyle post office has been relocated to the community hall from its long-standing location at Meridian Trail General Store.

masters to result in a change in location, she added.

"This happens all the time in our smaller communities — there's a change in postmasters and the post office moves. That is not uncommon," she said. "What is uncommon is the corporation being locked out of the premises and not being able to conduct business on a given day, which is what happened last Friday. They locked out Canada Post and we moved."

Canada Post is particularly busy during the Christmas season, Tetrault added.

"Santa is very busy, so we need to maintain service. So moving the post

office seemed to be the only move that we could make at this time," Tetrault said.

"There's a lot of important stuff in the mail. A lot of our small businesses depend on the mail service, and there are things like medication that get delivered. There are all sorts of essential things that we carry. And not having access to those products can really disrupt other people's lives and businesses."

The hours of operation will remain the same at the new location, with the Argyle post office open weekdays from 9 a.m. to noon and 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. The Argyle post office will remain closed Saturdays and Sundays.

## Rosser council news in brief

By Jennifer McFee

At the Nov. 29 meeting, Rosser council passed third reading of a bylaw to provide for the general enforcement of bylaws, as well as provisions of the Municipal Act, the Planning Act and any other act or permit entered into by the RM. Couns. Scott Corbett and Kelvin Stewart were absent from the meeting.

In other council news::

- Senior planner Meagan Boles and Jessica Manness of JME Consultants

discussed the CentrePort drainage study.

- As well, Gene Arpin and Amrit Singh discussed the future development of 136 Wheatfield Rd., while Jayson Balan discussed a proposed landscaping plan for 86 Wheatfield Rd.

- The RM of Rosser will apply to Manitoba Sustainable Development for a general water rights licence for the Rosser CentrePort area.

- The Dec. 27 council meeting has been cancelled.

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# getfishing

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## > ARNIE WEIDL Some people just have all the luck

Welcome, fishing pals.

In the last little while, some fishing stories have come to us bearing a humorous similarity about anglers fishing beside each other yet realizing vastly different luck.

It was still, sunny and warm on the Selkirk waterfront pier not long ago when I saw two young gals getting into a little red car, obviously leaving after a morning of fishing. As I passed the time with anglers close by, the girls got out of the car, having heard me asking for stories and one said she had caught a master walleye right here yesterday.

Standing before me, these two petite ladies, Emily Birley and Joelle Alexander, both nurses from Winnipeg, could have been twins. Emily said when she was here the day before, everybody up and down the pier wasn't catching a darn thing — except for herself, that is. Everybody was using ordinary minnows for bait, but for some unknown reason, the pickerel seemed to prefer Emily's.

The morning wore on and suddenly, again, her rod whipped toward the water with a whistling sound, but this time, her line began screaming as it spun off her reel. She tightened her drag, slowing the line payout and then methodically began hauling up on her rod, followed by reeling in as she lowered it.

Emily manoeuvred herself and the incoming fish to a spot in the pier where she could land the fish on a metal incline. Though heavy on her line, the huge pickerel, which everyone on the pier could see now, didn't really fight much until it was time to net it and then it thrashed about in one last attempt at freedom. With help, she landed the walleye that was almost as



**TRIBUNE PHOTO SUBMITTED**  
Emily Birley with a monster walleye she caught on the Red at the waterfront pier at Selkirk.

big as she was. They took pictures and then quickly returned it to its watery home.

When things settled down, Emily rebaited her hooks, cast out and, sure enough, got another bit. That did it for the guys sitting on either side of her. They hadn't caught anything all morning and were not going to be a party to this lopsided luck any longer. They packed up their stuff, got in their vehicles and headed for home.

Now Joelle, Emily's buddy, has the sweetest young daughter, Adrianna, who wanted to fish for the first time a few days later. She's at that age where she's thin as a rail, all arms and legs with the biggest charming smile you ever saw. On first cast, Adrianna got a catfish. Keith, her dad, was there when

she landed the fish, so he got down on one knee and began unhooking the fish to toss it back in the water. Kindly Adrianna, holding her rod tenderly, bent forward and said to the fish, "Hi. Hope you're OK!" Nice kid and lucky too.

It was blustery a couple of weeks ago when I was on the Hnaua pier and came across brothers Dennis and Lawrence Kirlicki of Winnipeg. These men looked very much alike with roundish faces, intense eyes and dark moustaches and beards laced with grey. They had been out since daybreak and Dennis was doing just fine having caught two pickerel at a time, twice. Lawrence, on the other hand, had only caught a small perch. Like the guys around Joelle and Emily, he wanted to go home.

I drove over to Victoria Beach not long ago for one last visit before freeze-up. The place was quiet. Snow patches lay at the feet of the winter-darkened pines and spruces. Tire trails showed the way to the pier where a few anglers, heavily clothed, sat hunched over in folding chairs at the far end.

I walked out to them, my boots crunching on small drifts of snow. One fellow, though, seemed more active than the others. He stood as I approached and, with a big smile, said he was Rick Sapecz from Narol. I asked him how the fishing was going and, with a proud smile, he pulled a beautiful mess of pickerel up out of the water. That's when the guys around him began grumbling. Everybody, including Rick, was using pickerel rigs and minnows, yet he was the only one catching.

Some folks are plain lucky, I guess! Well, so long. Have a good week and we'll see you soon.

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# Lake Manitoba fishers in favour of open market

By Jeff Ward

Following a meeting last week with the fisheries envoy team, Lake Manitoba Commercial Fisherman's Association president Allan Gaudry is optimistic that the transition from the Freshwater Fish Marketing Corporation to an open market will go smoothly.

Gaudry represents fishers in the south basin of Lake Manitoba and said that he was pleased with how the meeting on Nov. 30 in St. Laurent went. He felt like the two representatives, Gerry Friesen and Perry Mohr, explained the case of the open market well and listened to the 30 fishers who attended and responded well to their feedback and suggestions.

Gaudry has been in favour of abolishing the single-desk system for years and has very few concerns about what the future holds after Aug. 17, 2017 — the date when the province will be out of the Freshwater Fish Marketing Corporation (FFMC) monopoly. Gaudry said that he hopes the province will transition out of FFMC before that deadline because the fishers he represented don't want to wait any longer.

"We have buyers that are willing to come in and set up their plant right away," said Gaudry, speaking about

Community Development First who want to build a fish processing plant in St. Laurent.

"The longer it takes for the government to get out of Freshwater, the longer we have to wait for this plant to open. If things get done this spring, then we could be ready to sell during the next winter season."

Gaudry said that some of the concerns the fishers presented at the meeting were about how the government would protect fishers who choose to sell to new buyers. Fishers proposed that there should be a mandate to make prices public so that fishers that are more northern can get a fair price for their fish. Gaudry explained that fishers up north shouldn't be punished for their geographical location and that freight costs will unfairly impact those living farther north.

Gaudry also said that proper bonds should be in place to protect fishers from buyers in cases of business solvency. If a buyer's company folds, there needs to be proper insurance on the part of the buyer that makes sure that fishers are paid for their catch and not left hanging dry.

"We do have other concerns about sustainability as well. We don't want the lake to be fished dry and want to

make sure there is enough fish for everyone," said Gaudry.

The meeting in St. Laurent was a far contrast from the one that took place in Gimli the following night. Fishers there were unhappy with the decision to leave FFMC and made their feelings known during the meeting. Perry Mohr said that through the numerous consultations all over the province, he and Gerry Friesen have experienced a wide variety of needs from fishers.

"In very general terms, what we have discovered is that there is very strong grassroots support for the current system [in Gimli] and there are certain areas of the province that have more of an open market mentality. Because of their geographical situation, it makes sense they feel that way," said Mohr.

Gaudry agreed with that and said that fishers in Gimli are catching much higher value fish than those he represents. Pickerel and whitefish sell for higher prices than the jackfish and suckers that are caught on Lake Manitoba. The prospect of an open market means the possibility of getting many more dollars into the pockets of Lake Manitoba fishers.

Money isn't the only thing driving the decision, though, and Gaudry said

that the freedom to choose their own buyers is a big factor in why an open market is favourable to them.

There is still some ambiguity to the future of the open market, even though Mohr was there to toe the government line, as *Express Weekly News* reporter Patricia Barrett wrote about. He was very inconsistent with that message and during the Gimli meeting. Mohr said, "When I got hired, I asked one of the people who hired me, 'What if I come back to you and say this is the worst idea in the world? And he said, 'That is not a viable option because the province has already made the decision.'"

When asked about the trade market internationally, Mohr said that in certain situations there can be circumstances that can obliterate the market.

"Another thing to take into consideration are trade agreements between different countries. Trade sanctions between two countries can basically kill your market in one hour," warned Mohr.

Whether or not instances like that take place remains to be seen, but either way, these are now potential issues that fishers in Manitoba now have to consider.

## Supersized Frosty



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY NATASHA TERSIGNI

Jim and Arla Beachell made a supersized Snowman as a surprise for their six grandchildren, all under the age of five, at the family farm located at PR 221 and PR 236. Frosty is made with two round bales of hay, plywood and three tires for his hat, plates for his mouth and buttons, two brooms for his arms and a bright orange pylon for his nose.

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# Emergency medical station opens in St. Laurent

By Jeff Ward

A new one-bay emergency medical services (EMS) facility was officially opened in St. Laurent on Nov. 29.

Only 14 months after breaking ground, the new EMS facility had its grand opening to the delight of area residents and council.

"People living in communities like St. Laurent need to have access to high-quality emergency medical services," said Health, Seniors and Active Living Minister Kelvin Goertzen.

"This new facility will be a modern workplace for area paramedics while ensuring people in the area can get the care they need," said Goertzen.

The facility includes space for one ambulance and has an attached crew area with a washroom, kitchenette, work rooms and large multi-purpose room. The province invested \$680,000 to build the new station.

"Our paramedics are often the first members of our health-care teams to attend to medical emergencies, and we know they encounter complex and demanding situations every day," said Ron Van Denakker, chief executive officer, Interlake-Eastern Regional Health Authority. "This new station provides another appropriate home base for these teams when they aren't on our roads delivering and connecting people with the care they need."

Interlake MLA Derek Johnson was also present during the grand opening. He said he was excited that his hometown has a top-notch facility like this and that it will go a long way to making the community safer.

Beyond the short-term positive benefits are some long-term possibilities as well. Johnson said that a facility like this shows stability in the community and there are economic benefits to that. It could mean more families settle in the community or that more businesses move here as well.

"It has long-term implications that will continue to benefit the community. Short-term benefits are significantly reduced wait and transfer times, but long term, I think there could be some great economic benefits as well," said Johnson.



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY JEFF WARD

The ribbon cutting for the new EMS facility in St. Laurent was an exciting moment for residents and council. The one-bay ambulance facility will act as the home base for Interlake-Eastern RHA paramedics.

Having an ambulance in the backyard of the community means that residents will begin to feel safer knowing their emergency phone call won't be met with a 30-minute or more wait.

"I think it provides peace of mind to the residents of St. Laurent. Emergencies are going to happen, but we're much more prepared for them now," said Reeve Cheryl Smith.

The pledge to build this facility was a campaign promise during the 2014 election, and Smith said that this is a proud moment for the community.

"It's something we said we'd do and we went out and got it done," said Smith. "It's a proud moment for us all, for sure. The councillors are here and I know they're very happy, and they should be. With a facility like this, we're keeping our community safer, and with an aging population, this building has even more importance to it."

The minister noted the Manitoba government is committed to ensuring quality and affordable emergency medical services are available across the province.

"When someone is critically hurt or injured, they and their family need to focus on the care, not the costs," said Goertzen. "We continue to move forward with our work to ensure these services remain affordable for Manitoba families."

Manitoba Health, Seniors and Active Living has formed a working group with representatives from the regional health authorities to continue to implement a 50 per cent reduction of the current average ambulance fee of \$500 over four years, Goertzen said.

Ambulance services are outside the scope of the Canada Health Act and costs are the responsibility of the patient in jurisdictions across the country.

In Manitoba, land ambulance services are delivered by a combination of providers including regional health authorities and other service providers under agreement with regional health authorities such as municipalities or First Nation communities.

For more information on emergency medical services in Manitoba, visit [www.gov.mb.ca/health/ems/index.html](http://www.gov.mb.ca/health/ems/index.html).



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# Out-of-this-world achievements

Funding now in place to send local students' experiment to space

By Jennifer McFee

Science teacher Maria Nickel and her students have reached another goal that is out of this world.

A grand total of \$24,000 USD in funding is now in place to send local students' spaceflight experiment into space, destined for the International Space Station.

Approximately 150 English and French immersion students from Ecole Stonewall Centennial School took part in a program that allowed small groups to design and propose a real experiment to fly in low Earth orbit.

Recently, a dozen of the best experiment proposals were evaluated by a panel of experts in Winnipeg, who then selected their Top 3 choices. Currently, an evaluation team at the Smithsonian Air and Space Museum

in Washington, D.C., is reviewing the experiments to choose one that will be sent into space.

The cost to be involved in the program is \$24,000 USD, which Nickel gathered together from government funding, corporate funding and individual donations.

"There were huge contributions," Nickel said. "Everybody really came together to help the kids out so that we could have the funding. It's amazing."

Nickel expects to be able to announce the winning experiment next week, which will come as a complete surprise to the students since they don't know which experiments have been short-listed for evaluation.

In a related initiative, about 200 Grade 5 and 6 students participated in a competition to design and illustrate a mission patch, which will also

fly aboard the International Space Station. Next week, the winning patch will also be revealed.

"The mission patches are coming in and the kids are going to be voting on them. They will pick one, and that one will be announced at an assembly," Nickel said.

"The mission patch that's chosen is actually going to accompany the experiment to the International Space Station, so it will have a chance to be in space as well."

The launch date is tentatively set for June 2017. Stonewall is one of two communities in Canada to be involved in Mission 11 of the Student Spaceflights Experiments Program.

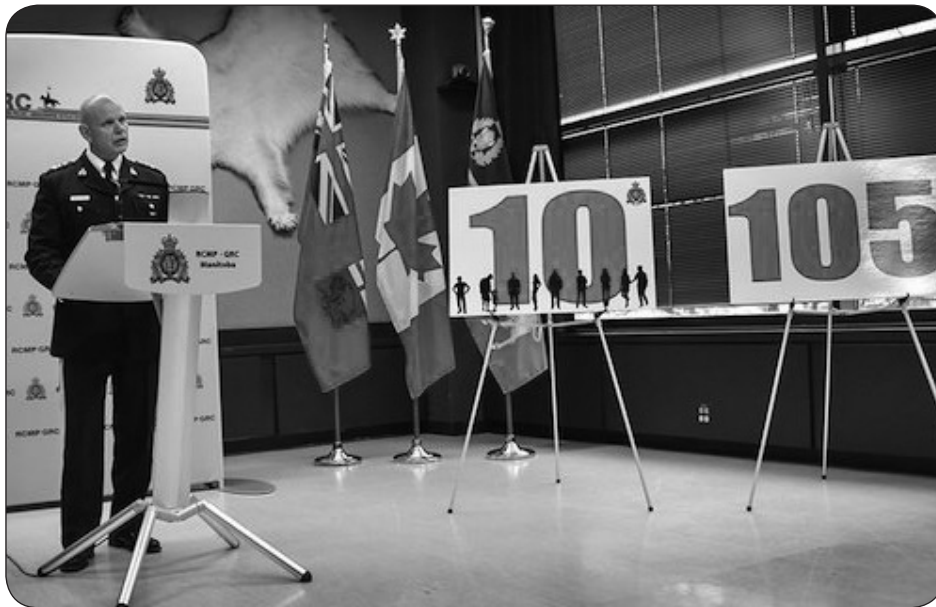
The local project will be the first junior high experiment in the province to be part of the program and to be on board the International Space Station.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Interlake School Division teacher Maria Nickel and students of Stonewall Centennial designed several experiments to fly in low Earth orbit, which are now being evaluated at the Smithsonian Air and Space Museum in Washington, D.C.

## Manitoba RCMP launch Checkstop program during holiday season



TRIBUNE PHOTO SUBMITTED

RCMP Commanding Officer of "D" Assistant Commissioner Scott Kolody speaks during a news conference in Winnipeg on Dec. 1.

Submitted

Assistant Commissioner Scott Kolody, commanding officer of "D" Division RCMP, announced Dec. 1 the kickoff of the 2016 Holiday Checkstop program. He was joined by the Honourable Ron Schuler, minister of Crown Services, and Shannon Bunkowsky, director of loss prevention for Manitoba Public Insurance.

To date, there have been 105 fatalities on provincial roadways. The total for 2015 was 80.

"We are seeing disturbing driving

behaviours that are endangering the lives of Manitobans," said Kolody. "Of tremendous concern is people drinking and then driving — but we are also seeing texting and driving, speeding and lack of seatbelt use."

The Checkstop campaign will begin on Dec. 2, 2016, and run until Jan. 2, 2017. Of particular concern are people driving while impaired and high-risk drivers.

"Highly visible roadside Checkstops send a powerful message to all motorists that RCMP officers are com-

mitted to keeping our roads safe for everyone," said Schuler. "The consequences of getting behind the wheel after drinking or taking drugs can be tragic. The RCMP and likeminded road safety agencies are committed to making this a happy holiday season, and we encourage all Manitobans to do their part to keep Manitobans safe on the roads this season."

Manitoba Public Insurance is also committed to reducing the number of fatalities on Manitoba roadways.

"Clearly, this year, the Holiday Checkstop Program has never been more important," said Bunkowsky. "The work of our law enforcement

partners has never mattered more to road safety. High-risk and dangerous driving behaviours have real consequences — not only fines, demerits, loss of a driver's licence but serious injuries and, too often this year, death."

"The truth is, if behaviours don't change, an estimated 10 people will die on our roads during the holidays," said Kolody. "And in the past decade, there has not been a single year when someone has not died."

One more death is one too many. Don't be a statistic. Buckle up, drive sober, put your phone down and drive for the conditions.

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# Students mixing fun and education with robots

By Natasha Tersigni

To introduce high school students to one of Canada's most in-demand jobs, a new club at Stonewall Collegiate is mixing the fun of robotics with the fundamentals of coding.

SCI science teacher Richard Trotter started a robotics club at the school.

Trotter knows that there is a shortage of trained computer programmers currently in the workforce and wants students to get a taste of robots and coding before leaving school for post-secondary education.

While many students think that robotics has more to do with working controls, that is not true with Trotter's club. The robots used in the club are sumo fighting robots that come in disassembled kits and do not use any type of remote controls. After the students build their robots, including assembling a circuit board, they have to write codes for any movements they want their robot to do. The code is then uploaded directly into the robot, and the bot uses sensors to respond to the programming. This process is the hardest part and very time consuming for students to ensure that they have written the proper code sequence and that their robot will respond correctly when in the ring.

"I think this is great for the students to get not only hands-on coding experience but they can actually see what their code is doing. It is not just some abstract thing; they are seeing exactly how the robot responds to their code and can make any changes they need to," said Trotter, who added that the robot is only using code and sensors to control movements.

"After they are done writing the code, they will be putting sensors on the robot to sense out what is in front of them. The sensors we are going to shoot infrared light from the robot and it bounces off anything in its way, back to the robot. Then the code has



Grade 12 student Rene Deruiter works on his sumo robot during lunch at Stonewall Collegiate's newest club. The math enthusiast enjoys the club because it allows for the hands-on application of his skills in a practical setting.



Naomi Wills shows what a sumo robot looks like after it is assembled. Before it is ready for the ring, students have to write and upload code to ensure their robot can move and respond, since no remote controls are used for these sumo bots.

the robot doing something when it receives that signal."

The real test for students will come after Christmas break when they will be putting their robots in the ring to fight each other.

"Once the robot is in the ring, there is nothing the students can do to control it. They are not using any remotes or joysticks; it is all done by code. The students will have to ensure that their code is correct before fighting or they will have to wave the white flag," said Trotter.

For Grade 12 student Rene Deruiter, the robotics club is a way for him to apply his passion for math in a real-life application.



TRIBUNE PHOTOS BY NATASHA TERSIGNI

Timothy Appleyard, left, and Wesley Dunlop test how their robot responds to the new line of code they have written and uploaded to the bot.



Grade 12 students Naomi Wills, left, and Jensen Budd put the finishing touches on their robots.

"It is nice because it really is hands on and the teacher doesn't tell you how everything is supposed to be and you get to try different things, especially when it comes to writing the code. Every robot will be different because everyone's coding will be different," said Deruiter.

"So, when we code the robot's functions, we can customize how fast it goes, what it can sense in front of it and how it reacts by turning or moving backwards."

Trotter is pleased with the number of students that have joined the club and he hopes in the future to have students in middle school or even

elementary school be introduced to coding.

"Younger students can code robots by using block code where they are not typing in blocks of code; they are actually putting in pre-written blocks of code to make a robot do a certain sequence of actions," explained Trotter.

"With that, the students have to get used to putting the blocks of code in the correct sequence to get the robot to respond to what they want it to do. It is a real friendly introduction to coding."



## Christmas Hampers

Do you or someone you know need a hamper this Christmas? Please be advised that Christmas Cheerboard hampers can be ordered from now until December 7th. Hamper pick-up will be December 17th. Please call 467-7370 to order a hamper. Requests for hampers need to be made every year even if a hamper was received in previous years because lists aren't carried over.

## Christmas Cheerboard

Help needed! The Stonewall and District Christmas Cheerboard is looking for donations to help those in need this Christmas. Donations of non-perishable food items, monetary donations and toys for children and teens would be appreciated. We are especially in need of socks for all ages and books and items for teens. Donation boxes are placed all over Stonewall and monetary donations can be made at **Sunova Credit Union**.



# Lake Manitoba Fishers extend season, cut out perch for two years

By Jeff Ward

Lake Manitoba Commercial Fisherman's Association fishers voted to place a voluntary moratorium on the fishing of perch in the south basin for a period of two years at a meeting in St. Laurent on Nov. 13.

The decision came about through consultation with Manitoba's fishing program manager Bill Galbraith and regional fisheries manager Kevin Casper. The president of the association, Allan Gaudry, explained that due to an influx of jack fish in Lake Manitoba as a result of the flood, perch have become much more rare in the lake.

Jackfish are a predatory fish and Gaudry said that many of the fish fishers have pulled up in nets have been jackfish with perch in their bellies. The perch numbers have become quite low over the past few years, and Gaudry believes in proper conservation. Allowing a two year halt on the

commercial catching of perch should give them enough time for their numbers to come back up to normal.

"We also got an extension on our license that is active right now. Our season will end on March 31 instead of the 15," said Gaudry.

"So by targeting the jackfish, the numbers of those will go down and the numbers of perch in the lake should rise. The fish in our lake are produced very quickly. It's something our lake is well known for. We figured two years would be something comfortable and then we can do some test netting and see where the numbers are."

Gaudry said the licence extension al-

lows fishers to catch more jackfish and pickerel because those species are more active in the last two weeks of March.

Gaudry said that not all members were in favour of the decision, although the majority of votes were in favour. He said that two fishers op-



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posed the decision and explained that they were worried that relinquishing the licence of perch could mean they never get it back. Gaudry believes that it could be longer than two years if the perch numbers aren't rising the way they think they will but that this is a good solution to the problem and that fishing the lake dry helps no one.

Conservation is an important thing

for Gaudry as he wants to see a strong fishery for many years.

"It really is a co-management between fishers and the government to regulate the fishery and it's nice when two groups can work together like this. I think in two years we can look forward to an abundance of those fish again. It's all about balance," said Gaudry.

## St. Laurent arena adds fourth dressing room with \$10K donation

By Jeff Ward

Through an extremely generous private donation of \$10,000, the St. Laurent Arena will have its fourth dressing room by the end of the year.

St. Laurent Minor Hockey Association president Greg Morden said that before the donation, the idea of a fourth dressing room was a blue-sky scenario for the arena. Morden said that by adding a fourth dressing room, the arena can host larger tournaments and perhaps even provincials.

He explained that in November, an individual who wants to remain anonymous approached him and asked about the fourth dressing room. When Morden told the individual the room would cost \$10,000 to complete, the person said they would cover it in full.

"He said he would pay for the whole thing and I didn't know what to say," explained Morden, who was floored by the generous donation.

"He said to me, 'I've got it covered. When can I drop off the cheque?' And I was so shocked I didn't know how to answer. I was just working my sixteen shift and all of a sudden I'm being offered \$10,000 to complete our

fourth dressing room.""

Morden said that once the donation was finalized, things moved quickly. The walls and floor are installed, and the ceiling, electrical and ductwork should be completed sometime this week. Morden said that local carpenter Tony Allard is willing to do the work for free because he wants to see the arena returned to its former glory and wants to be a part of the process.

The extremely generous private donation and volunteer hours from

Allard have added to a surreal experience for Morden and the hockey board over the last few months. Morden said that a renewed interest in the arena has really been the wind in their sails.

"I think ever since this community saw what we could do when Kraft Hockeyville was happening, there has been more interest. We've had so much momentum since then, and aside from a

few snags, things have gone smoothly. We're all over the moon right now. It's very exciting," said Morden.

Looking ahead to next year, Morden said that a potential grant could add wheelchair accessibility to the washrooms and the entrance. And beyond that, a room for referees and announcers is also something the association is looking at.

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# Arena dressing room upgrades nearing completion

By Jeff Ward

Manitoba Metis Federation (MMF) employees Lorraine Lambert, Frank Bruce and June Coutu are hard at work putting the finishing touches on the St. Laurent arena dressing rooms. Since September, a number of renovations have taken place at the aging facility, with all three dressing rooms being completely gutted and rebuilt.

New benches, lighting, walls, duct-work and electrical have been added to the rooms with the two larger rooms also getting showers, a toilet and sink. The renovations are being funded through the money received through the Kraft Hockeyville competition as well as a number of private donations. Work on the facility is expected to be completed before Christmas.



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY JEFF WARD

MMF employees Lorraine Lambert (left), Frank Bruce (middle) and June Coutu are hard at work completing upgrades in the St. Laurent Arena dressing rooms.

# Snoman announces second annual Free Ride Weekend


Submitted

Snoman (Snowmobilers of Manitoba) Inc. is pleased that Feb. 18 to 20, 2017, is the Manitoba Liquor & Lotteries Free Ride Weekend – Sled without

Borders, coinciding with Louis Riel Day. Sled without Borders focuses on visitors from Ontario, Saskatchewan, North Dakota and Minnesota, and the

Free Ride Weekend focuses on riders new to our trail network. “This is certainly an exciting event for Snoman, and we will be encouraging our clubs to hold special events to host our guests,” said president Alan Butler. “Sled without Borders will help with our cause for reciprocity with neighboring jurisdictions. We currently have reciprocity with Saskatchewan and it is working well for our riders.” To register for the event and get your temporary weekend pass, which must be affixed to your snowmobile or downloaded to your phone, visit [www.snoman.mb.ca](http://www.snoman.mb.ca). After you register, you will be able to access your pass. It is

important to note that there are minimum insurance requirements for riders entering Manitoba. “We welcome riders on our trails and hope that it is a great weekend for all of those who participate,” said executive director Yvonne Rideout. “Come ride with us and help us make this event a success.” Snoman Inc., a not-for-profit organization, is dedicated to providing strong leadership and support to its member clubs to develop safe and environmentally responsible snowmobile trails to further the enjoyment of organized recreational snowmobiling in Manitoba.



## Holiday Schedule

Stonewall Teulon Tribune

**December 15th****Christmas Greetings Edition**


Greeting Deadline – Mon., Dec. 5th, 4 pm  
Regular Paper Deadline – Mon., Dec. 12th, 4 pm

**December 22nd****Boxing Week Edition**

Display Ads, Classified Ads or Announcements  
**EARLY Deadline** – Fri., Dec. 16th, 4 pm


**December 29th****Edition**


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**Update  
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RESIDENTS**

Thank you Woodlands Residents for all your suggestions since our Public Open House on September 8th at the Meadow Lea Community Centre. We committed to develop the Delta II Boar Test Station in the Woodlands area, if we can find a suitable site and can meet all provincial and municipal requirements.

Thank you also to the many land owners and producers who had invited us to consider their land. We have carefully reviewed all feedback and conducted extensive field and potential sites investigations.

We believe that we have found the best site located on the remote eastern edge of the Community Pasture on 80 acres in the E1/2 of NE19-14-3W in the R.M. of Woodlands. We have met door to door with area neighbours within 2 miles of the proposed site to obtain their views and with many nearby producers who have willingly agreed to accept manure nutrients on their cropland. We will have a permitted, certified and engineered manure storage and spreading on 250 to 300 acres will only be once a year, over 2 days in the fall. This will all be done under strict provincial regulations and reporting. We are excited about the future. And we are now proceeding to purchase the land and to prepare formal applications for approval.

Please be assured that local residents will have further opportunity to be informed about the project and to comment on both the provincial Technical Review Committee and local conditional use approval processes.

Sincerely, 

Mike Shaw, Director, Genetic Services



# Learn about bird banding at Oak Hammock Marsh

Birding Hour next Sunday from 1 to 2 p.m.

By Jennifer McFee

It will be a feather in your cap to learn about bird banding at an upcoming Oak Hammock Marsh event.

On Sunday, Dec. 18 from 1 to 2 p.m., resident naturalist Paula Grief will host Birding Hour to discuss the ins and outs of songbird banding.

The indoor presentation will feature a PowerPoint slideshow to teach participants about what songbird banding is, how it's done and why it's important.

"When we do songbird banding, we catch them in something called a mist net. Imagine a big fishing net strung between two poles — essentially that's what it is. It's a very fine net and you can't see it," Grief explained.

"The birds fly along and hit the net, and their own weight makes a pocket. They sit there and they wait for us to come and get them. We check the nets every half hour, more often if it's too windy, too cold, too hot, if it looks like rain."

After that, they collect the birds and take them back to a central area to band and measure.

"There is a little aluminum band that has a nine-digit number on it, and once it's attached to the leg, that bird is forever that number. While we have it in hand, we try to get as much information about it as we possibly can. We measure wing and weigh it. We'll also figure out if it's male or female because we want to see in the population a ratio of one to one so that everybody can find a mate," Grief said.

"We also try to age every bird that we get because we like to see a healthy population of young. Most songbirds lay four eggs, give or take, so we're hoping to catch that kind of ratio."

For every adult they catch, they hope to also catch two young birds, which indicates that the birds have had a good, healthy year.

"You don't have to have a good,



Measuring a wing of a Common Yellowthroat.

healthy year every year, but these birds are only living four or five years. So if you have four or five years when you're not seeing that kind of ratio, something's going on and more investigation would be needed," she said.

"If your ratios are really off in the spring, maybe something's happening during migration or maybe it's on their wintering grounds. If their ratios are really off in the fall, then you're likely looking at something happening on their breeding grounds."

Most of the birds that they catch — including warblers, sparrows and flycatchers — nest in the boreal forest.

"The boreal forest is really inaccessible to people, so in order to track what's happening to those birds in that area, it's easiest to do it during migration. Spring and fall is when they're moving through Southern Manitoba, so that's when mist netting comes in and monitoring the migration," Grief said.

"It's impossible to do it on their breeding grounds because the boreal forest is wet and hilly and full of all kinds of things that make it really difficult to monitor them there."

All of the local information goes to the Canadian Wildlife Service, which then sends it to the U.S. Fish and



TRIBUNE PHOTOS BY LANA MEIER  
Biologist Jeff Costa measuring the belly fat of a Yellow Warbler.



Lincoln's sparrow is banded and released.

Wildlife Service where all the migration data for the Western Hemisphere is stored.

"So if you catch a bird again in Mexico again and it's banded, you can report that number and you'll know where it was originally banded, how old it is, all that kind of information," Grief said.

"It really is the easiest way to gather this kind of information. And because it is not species specific, you can get

an idea about a wide range of species, which is also important."

The Birding Hour: Songbird Banding presentation costs \$5 plus admission to Oak Hammock Marsh. Registration is available online at [www.oakhammockmarsh.ca](http://www.oakhammockmarsh.ca).

## Postal truck rollover

By Jennifer McFee

Some local residents might have experienced a brief delay in mail delivery after a postal truck rolled over on the highway between Gunton and

Teulon on Friday.

At about 4:30 a.m. on Friday, Dec. 2, a postal truck hit an icy patch, missing the curve on a hill. As a result, the truck toppled over onto its side.

All the mail stayed within the truck, which was towed back to the Winnipeg processing plant for the mail to be sorted again.

Some communities didn't receive their mail on Friday, but everything was expected to be back to normal by Monday, Dec. 5.

A Canada Post representative confirmed that the driver is fine.

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# Living Bethlehem

By Jennifer McFee

Crowds of people welcomed the Christmas season at a live nativity held at Boonstra Farms on Saturday, Dec. 3.

Hosted by New Life Church, the event recreated a market scene from Bethlehem set in Biblical times. In a stable, they had the chance to see Mary, Joseph and the Baby Jesus, as well as wisemen and angels.

Adding realism to the setting, Ricklyn Farm Petting Zoo provided live animals for the event.

"We were glad to be able to do the event again after taking a break last

year," said Pastor Andrew Dyck, who estimates that about 350 to 400 people attended. "I think everyone was really excited to put the event on again and it was a really positive experience."

Guests also had the chance to warm up with hot chocolate and bonfires.

"With the hot chocolate and cookies and hay ride and fire and petting animals, there was a lot of things to do," Dyck said. "We've had some years that were really cold, so we were really grateful to have relatively good weather before the cold and snow came."



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The Live Nativity had actors, left to right, Julie Robinson, Rayna Feeleus, Amanda Jongstra, Jim Croy, and Brendan Wolff in costume last Saturday.

## Rockwood council news in brief

By Jennifer McFee

Rockwood council met on Nov. 30 for a committee of the whole meeting.

- In regards to Magellan Aerospace and Wavey Creek, council will schedule a meeting with Manitoba Sustainable Development for further information and to obtain a copy of the drainage plan.

- In regards to Rockwood quarry operators, council discussed rehabilitation, enforcing compliance of development agreements, and inviting provincial mines inspector Nor-

man Barylski to an upcoming council meeting.

- Council discussed ensuring that the ditches are cleaned and maintained at the business park only on Road 75N.

- Council tabled a mobile home extension request by Constance Henderson, pending the adoption of a mobile home bylaw.

- The next regular council meeting will be on Dec. 14 at 9 a.m. The committee of the whole meeting on Dec. 28 has been cancelled.



Kyle, left, and Aaron Wolff were dressed as shepherds who were tending to the livestock in the stable.

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## A Holiday Treat: A Stress-Free Veterinary Visit – By Dr. A. Brown

Visiting the veterinarian can be a stressful time for both our clients and our patients. But did you know there are tons of things you can do, and tons of things we try to do, to make your pet's veterinary visit as fear-free as possible? Yearly wellness exams for pets are very important for many reasons, but because of the stressful nature of a veterinary visit many pet owners try to put off the vet visit if possible. At the Stonewall Veterinary Hospital we have been working hard to make our hospital environment as pet and client friendly as possible.



These are some things that could make a pet fearful about a visit to the veterinarian: Being caught at home, the carrier, the car ride, new sights/sounds/smells, the weigh scale and needles.

These are some signs dogs and cats give us when they feel fearful: large pupils, licking their lips, trying to hide, shaking, being aggressive or being very still, dandruff and shedding.

What follows is a list of things you can do at home and in the car to decrease the amount of stress your pet feels during a trip to the veterinarian. A lot of these tips can also be used in the home during the holiday season to decrease stress as well.

1. The Pet Carrier: Make it a comfortable, safe place sure your pet's carrier is the correct size for your pet. Use a soft carrier or put a blanket in it. Hard plastic is uncomfortable. Always keep the carrier in plain view so your pet can go in and out of it as they wish. Feed your pet in the carrier so they associate it with meal time. Hold the bottom of the carrier when lifting it so your pet isn't swinging back and forth.
2. Put your pet's collar, harness, and leash on regularly so they accept it.
3. Do not feed your pet before coming to the vet. They will experience less nausea from the car ride, and will be more interested in accepting treats from the veterinary team.
4. Pheromones are available at your veterinary hospital infused into collars, as sprays, and as plug-in diffusers. Spraying pheromones into the carrier and the car can help keep your pet calm.
5. Prepare the car: Many pets are used to a constant indoor temperature. Going out in the cold of winter can be stressful. Warm up the car before putting your pet into it.
6. Buckle up! There are seatbelts for dogs and cats in carriers can be buckled in for a safer more secure trip to the veterinarian.
7. Play calming music: Research has shown that solo piano music played at 60 beats per minute at 60 decibels can be calming for dogs and cats.

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MONICA BALDWIN

Santa stopped by Grosse Isle Hall for the annual breakfast in his honour hosted by the Grosse Isle Women's Institute (WI) last Saturday. Photos from left to right: a shy Stella Remillard visits with Santa; two-month-old Kit Proctor has his first visit with the man in red; Santa shares a laugh with WI members Dorothy Palmer and Lois Rutherford; Erik and Sam Johnson with their mom Chelsea were a little unsure of Santa this year.



# WCI and Quarry Choristers combine musical talents



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The WCI choir and the Quarry Choristers performed to a full house at the Warren United Church on Dec. 1. The Christmas concert was the Choristers' first of several performances taking place in December.

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1/2 cup olive oil  
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**Cookies**  
6 skinny yams or sweet potatoes, about 2 inches in diameter, or fatter ones if available  
3 tablespoons olive oil  
4 teaspoons salt  
3 tablespoons New Mexican or any other pure chili powder  
2 tablespoons sugar  
1 tablespoon freshly ground black pepper  
3 6-ounce filet mignons, 2 inches thick, or 1 whole 1-pound pork tenderloin  
1/4 to 1/2 cup of your favorite barbecue sauce  
1/4 cup Chipotle Aioli (optional)  
Preheat oven to 325 F.

Add the garlic, egg yolk, lemon juice, salt, and pepper to a blender or mini food processor and purée until smooth. Alternatively, whisk the ingredients together in a medium bowl.

Very slowly drizzle in the oil with the motor running and purée until aioli thickens (should take between 2 and 3 minutes). If you are using a whisk,

keep whisking while slowly drizzling in the oil until the aioli is thick. Stir in chipotle. Reserve.

Place yams on their sides. With your sharpest knife, cut into 3/8-inch-thick slices. If yams are more than 2 inches or so in diameter, use a 2-inch round cookie cutter or a paring knife to trim to desired size.

In a medium bowl, add olive oil. Toss yam slices until they are lightly coated with oil. Sprinkle with 1 teaspoon salt. Spread on a nonstick baking sheet or on any parchment paper-lined sheet pan and bake for 30 minutes. Turn yams over and bake for 30 more minutes, or until yams are browned, slightly condensed, and begging to be eaten. Reserve in aluminum foil to keep warm.

Preheat grill to high heat.

While yams are baking, in a medium bowl, combine chili powder, sugar and pepper. Generously rub down the filets with this dry rub. Wrap filets in wax paper or plastic wrap and let stand at room temperature for 30 minutes.

Just before grilling, pat down filets with remaining 3 teaspoons salt. Over direct heat, sear meat for 2 minutes a side on all 6 sides. Transfer to indirect heat, cover grill, and cook for approximately 6 more minutes for medium-rare, or until filets have reached your desired degree of doneness. Alternatively, filets can be broiled for approximately 10 minutes per side.

Place meat on a plate and cover with aluminum foil. Let rest for 5 minutes before slicing. Set each filet on its side and cut into 1/4-inch thick round slices.

To assemble, set out 2 rows of 12 yam slices each. Spoon 1/2 teaspoon barbecue sauce over each slice in the front row and 1/2 teaspoon chipotle aioli over each in the back row (if you don't make the aioli, replace with barbecue sauce). Top each yam in the first row with a slice of steak and cover with an aioli-slathered yam slice.

## Positive thinking can change your life



**"A PESSIMIST SEES THE DIFFICULTY IN EVERY OPPORTUNITY; AN OPTIMIST SEES THE OPPORTUNITY IN EVERY DIFFICULTY."**

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Can our thoughts really determine the quality of our life? For a long time it was believed that events in our life just happened. The world was out there, and there was no way that a thought in here could possibly impact an external event. Many no longer accept that arbitrary division.

There are at least two ways in which our thoughts can determine what happens in our lives. The first relates to the way in which our thinking affects our behavior. If one thinks he or she will never get that job, succeed in a course, lose the weight or find a partner, then that person will either not even try, or will not do the very things that could bring about what is desired. Negative thinking produces negative results.

The second way that our thoughts can impact our lives has to do with a more expansive view of reality.

In this view, everything is connected. Our inner world and the outer world are one complete whole, therefore what happens in one area affects everything else. In this perspective, it is held that it is our very thoughts that not only influence our reality, but in fact create it.

It is believed that our thoughts act like a magnet, drawing into our lives those things that match our belief system. If a woman believes that all men are jerks, she will continue to draw jerks into her life. If a student thinks he is "dumb" he will continue to perform poorly.

On the other hand, if we believe people are basically good, we will attract good people into our lives. If we tell ourselves we can learn, we can succeed, then we attract success. If we picture ourselves already possessing the attributes we value, we will soon exemplify those.

Clearly we give ourselves a distinct advantage by cultivating only positive thoughts about ourselves, our lives and our future. It can be challenging to consistently think positively if we have had a history of negative thinking. However, making the switch is probably the most important thing we can do to improve the quality of our lives, and the lives of those around us.

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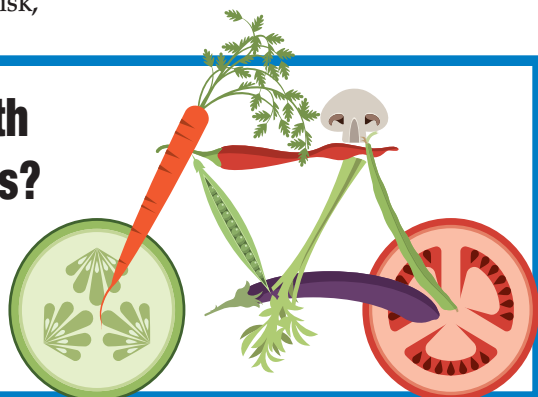
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# Your FARM



## Farmland needed for philanthropic project

### Group of local farmers hopes to grow crop for Canadian Foodgrains Bank initiative

By Jennifer McFee

A philanthropic farming initiative cropping up close to home will create a ripple effect of positive impacts across the globe.

Three farmers are working together to start a local growing project for the Canadian Foodgrains Bank. Through these projects, groups of people volunteer to plant, tend and harvest a crop, which they then sell to raise money for the Foodgrains Bank. The Foodgrains Bank uses the donated funds to help in its efforts to end world hunger.

Nathan Tollenaar, Nick Matheson and Andrew Harris are teaming up to bring a local project to fruition by volunteering to provide the labour and equipment for the cause.

For Tollenaar, his family's ongoing involvement with the Foodgrains Bank in Ontario spurred his decision to work towards a Manitoba-based project.

"I grew up in southern Ontario, and my dad bought a farm just east of Balmoral about three or four years ago," he said.

"We're heavily involved in our home community in Ontario, but there's no project in the Stonewall area right now — which is why we wanted to get something going because we've seen the benefits that it can provide in our home area in southern Ontario."

In Ontario, the family runs 2,500 acres, plus another 3,000 acres in Balmoral. Tollenaar is currently studying agriculture science at the University of Guelph, but in the spring, he will head to Manitoba to manage the Balmoral farm.

"It was a big family decision. Everyone was involved with it," said Tollenaar, the oldest of five siblings.

"But land has become so expensive around home that the only place we could really expand was in Manitoba, and we ended up in a good area and a great community."

Five years ago, his dad provided 160 acres of the family's farm to try to set a world record for the Foodgrains Bank, which is a partnership of 15 Canadian churches and church-based agencies that are working towards ending world hunger.

"They had 120 combines come in and they cleaned up 160 acres in just over 11 minutes. That was one of the highlight events that they put on in our community, and it really brought a lot of people together. About 5,000 people showed up to watch the event, and it was cool to be a part of that," Tollenaar said.

"It motivated me to do a project ourselves. I know with the project in Stonewall, we're not going to do anything as spectacular as that. But if we can get our feet wet and get the ball rolling and get a few years under our belts, then maybe someday we can

make a big public event out of it."

For now, Tollenaar, Matheson and Harris are seeking land to rent for the altruistic initiative.

"We need land to make the project go; otherwise, we can't do anything with it. So we wanted to reach out in the community and see if anyone wanted to step up and rent out their land," Tollenaar said. "We're going to pay fair market value for it, so we're looking forward to see if we can bring more people in the community together."

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# Carter's cheerful Christmas characters



Out of 15 Christmas inflatables, the nine-foot Teddy Bear is Carter's favourite.

By Natasha Tersigni

If you have been in the vicinity of 456 2nd St. East in Stonewall recently, you are sure to have noticed an abundance of bright lights and giant inflatable characters in front of one house.

For Carter Ducharme, one of his favourite parts of Christmas is decorating the front yard of his home. With help from his parents Henry and Alli, the six-year-old transforms his front yard into a Disney Christmas Wonderland.

From a Santa-clad Mickey Mouse to a giant Olaf snowman to a nine-foot tall teddy bear over, Carter has scoured stores with his parents over the past several years to find the perfect inflatable characters for his front yard masterpiece.

"It took like five years to collect all these blow-ups and the last one I put up is the shaking Christmas tree," said Carter.

His collection is now at 15 inflatables with a



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Six-year-old Carter Ducharme shows off his front yard that has been turned into a Disney Christmas Wonderland with the help of 15 inflatable characters. For the past few years, collecting and setting up the inflatables has been a passion for Carter, who enjoys making Christmas a little brighter with the help of his decorations.

Christmas theme, and he also has 15 inflatables for Halloween. His display has gotten the attention of community members, including the Stonewall-Rockwood firefighters who borrowed two of his Halloween inflatables for their annual ball this year.

Carter enjoys the attentions his blow-up characters get, and his parents even encourage people to come take pictures with them.

"A lot of people stop. Some even come out of their

car to look at it," added Carter.

While he says that there is no more room to store any more inflatables, if one really caught his eye, then there might be an exception made.

The display will stay up until Christmas Day, and then the inflatables will go back in their boxes for another year.



## Tree-rific fundraiser

TRIBUNE PHOTO BY NATASHA TERSIGNI

If you are looking for a real tree to put your presents under this year, look no further. Once again, the Stonewall Kinsmen are running their Christmas tree lot located behind Stonewall Florist at 407 Main St. Over the weekend, the Kinsmen and volunteers were hard at work selling trees with all profits made from the lot staying in the community for future projects, including Stonewall's new splash pad. With a wide variety of trees still left, the lot will be opened during weekday evenings from 6 to 8 p.m. and on weekends from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. As well, during the day, if you want to purchase a tree from the lot, just stop in at Stonewall Florist for assistance. Kinsmen members and volunteers pictured left to right, Adam and Chris Luellman, Derek White, Mark, Ella and Brady Holm.



# The Interlake will not be immune from fentanyl epidemic

By Natasha Tersigni

While local RCMP have yet to come across the dangerous opioid fentanyl within Interlake communities, they say it is just a matter of time before the powerful drug makes its way onto local streets.

As the availability of the opioid continues to rise, so does the number of deaths linked to fentanyl. In 2014, there were seven deaths in Manitoba and that increased to 18 deaths in 2015. So far this year, there are 24 confirmed opioid-related deaths, with fentanyl suspected to play a part in the majority of those deaths.

"We haven't come across fentanyl here yet, but we know it is in Winnipeg and it is not a stretch that it could be out here too," said Stonewall Staff Sgt. Kelly Glaspey, who explained why fentanyl differs from other opioids such as Oxycontin.

"In general, the public should be very concerned about fentanyl because it takes such a small amount of the drug to be lethal."

Increasingly, police have found that fentanyl has been mixed with other illegal drugs, including marijuana.

"Anyone who is taking drugs for recreational use should be aware that fentanyl could be in something they ingest and they might not even know they are taking it. It could be very dangerous. There are reports that some marijuana has been laced with fentanyl as well."

To protect first responders who may have come into contact with fentanyl or other dangerous opioids, all front-line RCMP officers in Manitoba have been issued a naloxone kit. The nasal spray can also be administered to others who are in medical distress and have or are suspected to have taken opioids, including fentanyl.

The province has been looking at different ways to combat the fentanyl crisis, and it was announced at the end of November they would launch a social media awareness campaign to educate people on the dangers of fentanyl and other dangerous opioids. The campaign will target both users and non-users, along with educating the public about the presence of fentanyl in common recreational illicit drugs.



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Interlake RCMP are warning the public that fentanyl is a lethal drug.

## Lions lend a helping hand



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY NATASHA TERSIGNI

Keeping with their annual holiday tradition, the Stonewall Lions Club rented the Flicks Cinema Saturday afternoon treating the community to a free screening of *Secret Life of Pets*. The annual event is held as a food drive for the Stonewall Christmas Cheer Board and all guests were encouraged to bring a non-perishable food item. Pictured above, Lion Mel Harrison collects donations with his grandchildren Lily and Spencer.

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New Life Church has agreed to help with the startup costs, although the church is not affiliated with the community-based project.

Laun Jongstra is also on board with the local project, which is currently in the process of forming an organization with its own bank account, chairperson and treasurer. Any donations to the project would be receipted by the Canadian Foodgrains Bank, which has a funding agreement in place with the federal government that provides matching grants at a four-to-one ratio up to \$25 million per year.

"We're looking for land and we'll pay fair market value for land. We see this as carrying on in the future, but this year, to gain experience, we'd like a manageable package of land that's not too big. So we're looking at between 60 to 160 acres. Ideally, it would be nice if it could be just off a highway and fairly close so it has some visibility, but that's not essential," Jongstra said.

"Of course, if somebody's willing to subsidize or gift land, that would be wonderful, but it's not essential to the model. Also, Foodgrains Bank has had its success in the past with good vendor support for input, so we'll be approaching vendors regarding that for seed and chemicals and so on. But, again, that's not essential to the model. The more subsidized inputs

you get, the more money is able to be donated in the end, but it can operate just as a normal business without free stuff being required."

Once the project is established, Jongstra anticipates that there will be more opportunities for others to jump onboard.

"Definitely for next year and beyond, we really look to expanding the support base and getting lots of other people involved," he said.

"And after the fellows gain experience with it this year, then they fully intend to try to work with a broad base of community people next year."

For Tollenaar and his fellow farmers, they are also looking forward to the project taking root.

"As a farmer, we're kind of stewards of the earth. So not only are we interested in the bottom line of our own farm, but we've got a job to feed the global population too. It's in our best interest to be doing that as well," Tollenaar said.

"Part of this, too, is I want to give back to the community because I've been so fortunate to be in the Stonewall area."

Anyone interested in providing land for the project can contact Jongstra at 204-995-5937. More information on the Canadian Foodgrains Bank is available at [www.foodgrains-bank.ca](http://www.foodgrains-bank.ca).



## Guest author

**TRIBUNE PHOTO BY MOLLIE MEIER**  
Members of the Stony Mountain Book Club had the chance to meet with author Tom Goodman, who spoke about his new book *Her Darling Boy: The letters of a mother, her beloved son, and the heartbreaking cost of Vimy Ridge* at Summit Cafe Monday night. The Book Club will meet for their monthly book review Jan. 9.



**TRIBUNE PHOTO SUBMITTED**  
Sherie Turek lived up to her promise of taking a swim on Dec. 1.

## Lake Manitoba polar bear swim

**By Jeff Ward**

Sherie Turek said that if there was no ice on Lake Manitoba on Dec. 1, she would go for a swim. And even though it was the shortest swim of her life, Turek kept her promise.

Turek said a few weeks ago she was walking on Twin Lakes Beach near her home and couldn't believe how nice it was. It was then she made her pledge to her husband Jeff Dueck to take the plunge on Dec. 1 if there was no ice on the lake.

"I've been out at Twin Lakes Beach

my whole life and I've never seen water like this in December. There was a small bit of ice on the shoreline but the water was wide open," said Turek.

She said that the temperature was actually a few degrees above freezing when she took her quick morning swim and that the water wasn't that cold. The stiff north wind on the way back to house was where she started to feel the burn. Turek took a few steps out into the water before jumping back into a wave. The whole incident was captured on video by Dueck and

uploaded to Facebook over the weekend.

"I challenged a few others after I did it and my neighbour went out and jumped in on Friday and my brother said he's going to come out and be the last one in the lake for the season. I wasn't worried about it being cold and it was actually very invigorating and exciting. I was actually hoping I would be able to do it because it's so rare," said Turek.

## Annual bonspiel honours memory of youth curler



14 and under winners, left to right: coach John Neuert, skip Jaedon Neuert, third Jordon McDonald, second Braxton Kuntz and lead Alexandre Fontaine.



14 and under runners up: coach John Good, skip Blake Good, third Carter Ives, second Autumn Good and lead Naudia Tomyk.



18 and under winners: skip Josh Maisey, third Oliver Deymers, second Tyler Giesbrecht, lead Sean Giesbrecht and coach Dale Lott.



18 and under runners up: lead Matthew Dunlop, second Carson Argan, third Emerson Klimpke, skip Thomas Dunlop and coach Darrel Argan.

**By Natasha Tersigni**

A Teulon curling tournament dedicated to growing youth curling and honouring the life of a young boy who died of cancer hosted its 10th annual bonspiel last weekend.

Nine youth teams took to the ice for the Jonathan Watson Memorial Junior

Bonspiel held at the Teulon Curling Club. The annual Jonathan Watson Memorial Bonspiel was started by Brenda and Ken Watson to help keep their son Jonathan's memory alive.

Jonathan was diagnosed with neuroblastoma, a cancer usually found in infants and young children when

he was three years old. Doctors tried many times to remove the tumour unsuccessfully. After battling the disease for eight years, Jonathan passed when he was 11 years old.

Throughout all the doctor visits and hospital stays, the one place he found solace was at the local curling

rink. Curling was the one sport that Jonathan was able to take part in with his classmates as it was not as physical as other sports his friends played such as hockey.

Money raised from the tournament is donated to help children battling pediatric cancer and their families.



# sports & recreation

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## Lightning zapped twice in weekend play

By Brian Bowman

The Interlake Lightning started well against the Brandon Wheat Kings on Saturday.

But the game did not end very well for the local team.

The Brandon Wheat Kings snapped a 2-2 second-period tie to rout the Interlake 9-2 in Manitoba AAA Midget Hockey League action in Teulon.

Interlake's Foster Bytheway opened the game's scoring with a power-play goal at 6:08 of the first period, assisted by Jack Einarson.

Brandon's Dylan Halliday answered with a power-play goal just over three minutes later and then the Wheat Kings' Tate Popple made it 2-1 before the first period ended.

Einarson scored his team-leading 12th goal of the season at the 1:08 mark of the second period but it was all Brandon after that. Einarson also leads the Lightning in points this season with 23 through 21 games.

Brandon finished the second period with four goals — two of them coming with the man advantage — and then added three more in the third.

Brett Paddock (two), Christian Halls (two), Jaymes Knee, Halliday and Lynden McCallum scored for the Wheat Kings in the final two periods.

Riley Buhay and Adam Swan shared Interlake's goaltending duties as the Lightning were outshot 57-23.

On Friday, Eastman snapped a 2-2 third-period tie with goals from Matthew Hill and Rylan Hoffman just 1:59 apart midway in the period for a 4-2 home win over the Lightning at the Sun Gro Centre in Beausejour.

Hoffman's goal came on the power play.

The Selects' Dallan Wilton scored the lone goal of the first period and then the Interlake's Tyler Broda and Eastman's Troy Beauchemin traded power-play goals in the middle frame.

Interlake's Keenan McPherson



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY LANA MEIER

Lightning goaltender Adam Swan makes a save during Interlake's 9-2 loss against Brandon last Saturday.

## Atom tourney champs



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY MALISSA NEWCOMBE

The Stonewall Blues 'White' team won the gold in the 'B' division of the Stonewall Atom tournament Nov. 25-27. Stonewall had a tie and loss during the round robin but went on to win three in a row in the playoffs. Pictured back row, left to right: Damon Willey (assistant coach), Scott Myers (coach), Spencer Schaeffer, Erik Palsson, Gavin Holod, Nathan Willey, Hunter Manning, Adam Newcombe, Cole Ives, Foxx Domansky, Geoff Reimer and Ian Palsson (assistant coaches); middle row: Evan Reimer, Evan Shore, Liam Palsson, Anthony Bauml, Kaiden Morrison, Gavin Rukhra; and front row: Alex Myers.

struck on the power play at 6:18 of the third period to tie the score at 2-2.

Both teams were 2-for-7 with the man advantage as Eastman outshot Interlake 37-31.

Danton Belluck earned the win in goal while Swan took the loss. Swan was recently named as an honourable mention for the league's top goalie of the month for November.

The Lightning, now 6-13-0-0-2, hosted the league-leading Winnipeg Wild (17-3-0-0-2) last night but no score was available.

Interlake will now hit the road for four straight games, including a pair this weekend. The Lightning will be in Brandon Saturday (7:30 p.m.) and then will play Yellowhead in Shoal Lake on Sunday (2:30 p.m.).

## Pawluk named an ECEL all-star

By Staff

Defenceman Brayden Pawluk has been named an East Coast Elite League 2016-17 all-star.

Pawluk, who plays for the Elite Hockey Academy, will be on Team Parise for this Friday's U18 game against Team Burns.

Pawluk has six goals and 14 points in 31 games to sit tied for fourth in in points on his team.

The 2016-17 all-star games will

take place at the Bright Landry Center on the Harvard University campus in Cambridge, MA.

All players selected were drafted by the all-star coaches, via a live draft, on Nov. 18. Each team was allowed 12 forwards, six defencemen and three goalies.

The games will consist of three stop-time 15-minute periods with an ice resurfacing between the second and third periods.



# Merces, Flyers earn SEMHL wins last week

By Brian Bowman

The Warren Merces were a busy hockey club last week with three South Eastern Manitoba Hockey League games.

Warren defeated Carman 7-4 on Nov. 29 and then was edged 5-4 in overtime Friday by Winkler. On Sunday, the Merces were blanked 5-0 by the Portage Islanders.

After a scoreless first period against Portage, Chris Reykdal, Jordyn Boyd and Zack Waldvogel scored in the second period. Boyd and Anders Strome then added third-period goals.

Three of Portage's goals came on the power play.

In Friday's one-goal loss, Mark Hildebrand scored the game winner in OT. Winkler trailed 4-2 midway in the third period but received power-play goals from Blake Forsyth and Dustin Karsin to force the overtime.

Chad Unrau and Scott Toews scored the Royals' other goals.

Brendan Luschinski led Warren with a pair of goals while Brock Genyk had a goal and two assists. Wade Duncan scored the Merces' other goal.

Travis Bosch made 45 saves in goal for Warren.

Against Carman, Luschinski again scored twice and Brock Genyk had a goal and two helpers. Reid McLeod, Bryn Lindsay and Trent Genyk had a goal and an assist apiece. Matt Jacobucci scored the Merces' other goal.

Mark Owen (two), Darren Bestland, and Geoff Maloney replied for Carman.

Warren (3-4-1) will visit the Stonewall Flyers on Friday and then will host Portage Tuesday. Both games start at 8 p.m.

The Flyers, meanwhile, had just one game last week but it was a successful one as they doubled the Morden Redskins 8-4 Saturday in Stonewall.

Stonewall, which trailed 2-0 early in the game, received two goals from Jeremy Pachkowsky and singles from Cody Lashewicz, Blair Hawes, Soren Fredrickson, Matt Varnes, Patrick Sheldon and Brayden MacDonald.

Brett Harvie had three assists. Justin Harris made 33 saves for the win.

Tyler Penner, Graham Leiding, Clint Olson and Jay Fehr scored for Morden.

Stonewall (2-5) is back in action tonight when it travels to Altona to battle the Maroons (3-4) at 8 p.m.



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY LANA MEIER

The Flyers' Dylan Kuczek takes a shot on net during Stonewall's 8-4 home win over the Morden Redskins last Saturday.

# Interlake Bantam girls improving on the ice

By Brian Bowman

The Interlake Ice Bantam girls' hockey team lost a pair of one-goal games last week.

Interlake was edged 2-1 by the Rangers on Nov. 30 and then they lost 3-2 in a shootout to the Central Plains Capitals the following night.

Megan Humeniuk scored for the Ice against the Rangers and then Sarah Dowsett and Jacey Ledochowski tallied against the Capitals.

The Ice played a good game against Central Plains.

"Our team is getting much better," said Ice head coach Paul Miller. "We've changed the way we play in our own end of the rink, so our defence is getting better. Our defensive zone coverage has gotten a lot better, so our goals-against has been reduced."

But while the defence has gotten a lot better, Interlake is still having trouble scoring goals. The Ice has scored just 16 goals in 13 league games.

"We're confident that the offence will come in time," Miller said. "We need to put more pucks to the net.

We're not generating enough shots when we get to the offensive zone. We need to improve in that area and get more pucks to the net and get more traffic in front of their goaltender."

Interlake, currently 2-10-0-1 in league play, has five points. That leaves the Ice in eighth spot in the nine-team league. Eastman has a very strong team and leads the league with a 10-2-1-0 record. That's just three points ahead of four other teams.

Interlake has done a good job closing the gap between themselves and some of the elite teams, said Miller.

Interlake recently won a bronze medal at a tournament in Blaine, Mn. It was a great way to get the girls together for a trip while also finding some success on the ice.

"We went 3-1 at that tournament," Miller noted. "We played Thunder Bay in the final and we beat Thunder Bay 1-0. We only gave up 10 shots that game."

Interlake will be busy this weekend competing at a Showcase event at the MTS Iceplex. The Ice will play Norman, St. Vital and Central Plains.



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY LANA MEIER

Ice goaltender Jalyn Miller makes a save during Interlake's 3-2 shootout loss to Central Plains during Hockey Winnipeg 'AA' female Bantam action on Dec. 1.



# Jets fly past Hawks in Charleswood

By Brian Bowman

Clay Tait has scored a lot of big goals in his junior hockey career.

And he scored yet another one last Friday night.

Tait scored the game winner, assisted by Branden Meier and former Hawk Max Smith, at the 18:20 mark of the third period to lift the Stonewall Jets to a 3-2 road victory over the Charleswood Hawks.

"(Tait) was on his game last night and was double shifting for us," said Jets' co-coach Matt Figur. "He had a huge game for us and was on the ice quite a bit. He'll be a big factor for us going down the stretch."

The Jets' Reed Langlois opened the game's scoring with a first-period power-play goal (assisted by Devin Muir and Garrett Bruce) and then the Hawks' Zach Heisinger answered with a second-period goal while Charleswood had the man advantage.

Andrew Bayduza, assisted by Adam Blight and goalie Hunter Ploszay, then gave the Jets a 2-1 lead with a goal just 29 seconds into the third period.

That lead would be short-lived, however, as Reg Bowles scored 44 seconds later, beating Ploszay. Ploszay made 29 saves for his ninth win of the season against four losses.

"You don't want that to happen but against a team like Charleswood, or any of these top teams in the league, you can't let your guard down at any moment," Figur said. "Once you build that little bit of momentum on the road, you want to keep that momentum going."

On Nov. 29, the Jets were surprised 7-2 by the eighth-place Transcona Railer Express in Winnipeg.

"It was the point of the season where we were 12-4 going into that game and we lost the night before



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY LANA MEIER

The Jets Braden Paulic battles for the puck against a Transcona player.

3-0," Figur said. "We have a couple of injuries going right now, so it's just the dog days of an MMJHL season."

"At some point, you are going to have to play with some adversity and ours came at the end of November."

Chase Faulkner and Devin Muir scored to give the Jets a 2-0 lead by the 16:54 mark of the opening period. But the Railer Express scored three times before the first period ended and then added three more in the second.

Ryan Sinclair led Transcona with two goals while Cody Plett, Nicolas Gravel, Will Grouette, Waylon Petkau and Ryan Kotchon added singles.

Curtis Beck made 31 saves for

Stonewall.

Stonewall, now 13-5, will be busy next week with three important games. The Jets will visit the Pembina Valley Twisters (8 p.m.) in Morris on Tuesday and then will battle the St. Vital Victorias next Thursday (7:30 p.m.).

Stonewall will then host the Raiders Jr. Hockey Club on Sunday at VMSC. Puck drop is 7:30 p.m.

None of those three games will be easy.

"The way that the league is setup, there are no easy games," Figur stressed. "You have to bring you're A-game every game. If we can find a way to bring a consistent Jets' approach to each game, then we'll be just fine."

## Bruce named MMJHL Defenceman of the Month



Garrett Bruce

Staff

The Stonewall Jets' Garrett Bruce was named the Manitoba Major Junior Hockey League's Defenseman of the Month for November.

In seven games last month, Bruce had four goals and nine points. The 21-year-old, in his third full season with the Jets, is an assistant captain.

Meanwhile, the St. Vital Victorias' Riley Beauchemin was named the MMJHL's player of the month for November.

Beauchemin, the MMJHL rookie of the year last season, scored eight goals and had 16 points in eight games last month. The Victorias were 8-9-3 and in seventh place in the MMJHL heading into last week-end's slate of games.

The Goaltender of the Month was Ryan Hall of the Charleswood Hawks. Hall went 2-0-2 in November with an impressive 1.44 goals-against average and .955 save percentage.

The MMJHL's Rookie of the Month was Cole Zadro of the Fort Garry/Fort Rouge Twins. Zadro had seven goals and 12 points in nine games in November.

## Stonewall varsity teams fall in provincial quarter-finals

By Brian Bowman

The season ended for both Stonewall Collegiate varsity volleyball teams last weekend with quarter-final losses at the MHSAA "AAA" provincials in Winnipeg.

The Rams varsity girls' squad was defeated 2-1 by Calvin Christian. After both teams secured set wins, the Eagles won the decisive third set 15-13.

Louis Riel won the MHSAA "AAA" varsity girls title after sweeping

Dauphin 2-0 by scores of 25-18 and 28-26.

In pool play, Stonewall was 8-1 in sets. The Rams swept Neelin (25-20, 25-20), Sanford (25-23, 25-17), and Churchill (25-4, 25-15). The Rams also defeated Flin Flon's Hapnot Kopper Kweens 2-1 (29-27, 19-25, 16-14).

Stonewall's round-robin game stars were Jenna Kendel, Kyra Shewchuk, Alycia Palmer and Brielle Cara. Cara was also selected as

the Rams' quarter-final player of the game and was named to the graduating all-star team while Palmer was an honourable mention.

On the varsity boys' side, the Rams also were eliminated in three sets by Linden Christian. After both teams split 25-18 set wins, the Eagles won the third set 15-13.

Linden Christian later advanced to the provincial final where it lost 2-0 to Neelin. In pool play, the Rams finished with a 1-3 record in matches.



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## Mee picks up two assists for UConn



Kayla Mee

### Staff

Kayla Mee had a pair of assists for the UConn Huskies women's hockey team against Boston University last weekend.

The Stonewall product assisted on the Huskies' lone goal in a 4-1 loss last Friday and then added another helper on the game-winning goal in a 2-1 victory on Saturday.

On the season, Mee now has two goals and six points in 18 games. Last year, the 5-foot-11 defenceman played in all 37 Husky games, scoring twice and adding 12 assists.

Saturday's win the first time UConn has defeated Boston University since the 2009-10 season.

After splitting the series with BU, the Huskies concluded 2016 with a 9-6-3 record.

After a month-long hiatus, the Huskies will return from winter break on Jan. 2 when they host Northeastern.

## Stick curling bonspiel champs



TRIBUNE PHOTOS BY PHIL BRAUEN

Stonewall Curling Club hosted a stick bonspiel with 16 teams taking part on Nov. 26. This year's winners were: first event - Ernie Oliver and Harold Cook; second event - Lloyd Simonson and Wayne Davis and third event - Ken and Shirley Strand. The winner of the draw to button was Bill Kitching.

## Warren, Teulon lose in 'AA' provincial quarter-finals

### By Brian Bowman

The Warren Collegiate Wildcats lost in the MHSAA "AA" varsity girls' volleyball quarter finals to the Major Pratt Trojans in Morris on Saturday.

Major Pratt won the match 2-0 by scores of 25-21 and 25-12. The Trojans then went on to win the provincial title with a 2-0 triumph over Green Valley.

Warren began provincial action last Thursday morning with a 2-1 (25-18, 17-25, 9-15) loss to Green Valley. Later that day, the Wildcats were defeated 2-1 (25-19, 18-25, 5-15) by MacGregor.

Warren split its games on Friday, losing 2-0 (13-25, 20-25) to Morris before beating Frontier 2-0 (25-16, 25-15).

Halle Chester, Alex Chester, Jacee Turner and Kaitlyn Holod were named Warren's players of the game.

In boys' action, Warren was eliminated from their provincials in Carman after a 2-0 quarter-final loss to the eventual-champion Carman Cougars. Carman won both sets by 25-22 scores.

In pool play, the Wildcats finished with a 7-4 record in sets. Warren swept Moose Lake 2-0 and defeated Green

Valley and Major Pratt 2-1. Warren also lost 2-1 to Gabrielle-Roy.

Warren's players of the game were Asa France, Adam Minaker, Matthew Fossay and Colton Gibson.

The Teulon Collegiate Saints, meanwhile, also competed in the varsity boys' "AA" provincials, losing 2-0 (22-25, 19-25) in the quarter-finals to Gabrielle-Roy.

Teulon, which finished with a 3-6 record in sets during pool play, saw Jake Ledochowski, Everett Murphy, Jayden Emms and Kael Logan-Pemkowski named game stars.

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# Rams red-hot on the ice in WHSHL action

By Brian Bowman

The Stonewall Collegiate Rams are playing some real good hockey recently.

And they're getting rewarded with victories.

Stonewall won its fourth consecutive game Monday after edging Westwood Collegiate 6-5 at the Keith Bodley Arena in Winnipeg.

Stonewall trailed 5-3 in the third period but scored three unanswered goals for the comeback win.

Brendan Labossiere scored one of those third-period goals along with Ryan Brown and Seth McMahon.

Labossiere also scored in the first period and then Carson Ouellette and Bryce Osterman tallied in the second. Labossiere finished the game with four points.

Mitch Justl, Sean Robinson, Brandon Bassett, and Mathias Leiendecker replied for Westwood.

Tanner Greenwood posted the win in goal.

The Rams won their third game in

a row last Friday as they defeated the Lorette Scorpions 5-2.

Blake McClintock and Austen Ewanek scored first-period goals for the Rams and then Labossiere, Brett Munroe, and Joshua Eardley tallied in the third.

Ewanek also had two assists while Labossiere and Munroe each had two-point games. Labossiere leads the Rams in goals scored (11) and is second on the team in points (18).

Craig Patton and Kaan Bitchok scored Lorette's goals just 1:24 apart in the third. Greenwood earned the win in goal for the Rams.

Stonewall now has 19 points and is tied for fourth place with Westwood in the Winnipeg Free Press Division 2 standings.

The Rams hosted Springfield yesterday but no score was available.

Stonewall will play Fort Richmond on Monday at 4:25 p.m. at Silverstone Arena and then will host College Jeanne Sauve on Wednesday. Game time is 4 p.m.



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The Rams' Ryler Tonner battles for the puck against a Lorette Scorpions player in his teams' 5-2 win.

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# Volleyball zone champs



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY KRISTA LAMBERT

Stonewall Centennial's 'Team Black' lost only one set on their way to the 2016-2017 Interlake School Division Jr. High boys' volleyball championship. Stonewall played Warren Elementary in the final, losing the first set 25-21 before rebounding to win the next two by scores of 25-16 and 15-12. Winning coach Doug Harold summarized Stonewall's win: "A complete-team effort. Every player had a role to play and contributed to win this tournament. I am extremely proud of the progress they made this season and it was exciting to see it all come together."

Pictured front row, left to right: Gabe Perrie, Logan Resch, Dray Sobkow; back row: Michael Sullivan, Evan Ozirney, Doug Harold (coach), Noah Harold, Braeden Bell, Andrew Perrie, Gage Lambert, Graeme Perrie and Ed Harvie (coach).

Manitoba Hockey Standings								AAA MIDGET HOCKEY LEAGUE				GP	W	L	OTL	PTS	GF	GA				
MANITOBA JUNIOR HOCKEY LEAGUE								GP	W	L	OTL	PTS	GF	GA								
Steinbach Pistons	29	24	4	1	49	121	57	Wild	22	17	3	0	36	122	42							
Winkler Flyers	31	22	9	0	44	117	71	Yellowhead	24	16	4	1	36	102	70							
OCN Blizzard	30	20	7	3	43	96	69	Brandon	22	15	5	1	32	93	57							
Portage Terriers	27	20	7	0	40	117	81	Central Plains	25	15	9	1	31	107	87							
Selkirk Steelers	26	17	8	1	35	93	77	Thrashers	21	14	5	1	30	100	44							
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Winnipeg Blues	30	13	13	4	30	99	96	Southwest	21	11	10	0	22	69	83							
Swan Valley Stampede	26	9	14	3	21	72	98	Kenora	24	9	11	0	22	75	106							
Dauphin Kings	28	7	17	4	18	68	106	Eastman	23	10	12	1	21	78	77							
Neepawa Natives	28	7	21	0	14	70	119	Parkland	23	7	15	0	15	67	115							
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Pembina Valley Twisters	20	13	4	3	29	91	66	AAA CITY MIDGET HOCKEY LEAGUE	GP	W	L	OTL	PTS	GF	GA							
Charleswood Hawks	20	12	4	4	28	68	51	Winnipeg Monarchs	15	15	0	0	30	88	37							
Raiders Jr. Hockey Club	21	13	7	1	27	94	58	Winnipeg Hawks	17	8	6	1	19	69	56							
St. James Canucks	22	13	8	1	27	78	75	Winnipeg Sharks	13	9	4	0	18	55	44							
Stonewall Jets	18	13	5	0	26	88	59	Winnipeg Warriors	15	8	5	1	18	70	57							
St. Vital Victorias	22	10	9	3	23	86	95	Eastman Selects	16	2	11	2	7	43	75							
St. Boniface Riels	21	8	9	4	20	65	78	Interlake Lightning	16	2	14	0	4	42	98							
Transcona Railer Express	22	10	12	0	20	79	86	AAA BANTAM HOCKEY LEAGUE	GP	W	L	OTL	PTS	GF	GA							
Ft.Garry/Ft.Rouge Twins	22	9	11	2	20	78	93	Winnipeg Monarchs	18	14	4	0	28	106	29							
River East Royal Knights	22	4	18	0	8	51	117	Winnipeg Warriors	19	11	7	0	23	83	58							
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Central Division								Eastman Selects	14	9	5	0	18	68	45							
Peguis Juniors	15	10	5	0	20	108	80	Winnipeg Sharks	18	6	10	1	14	43	65							
Arborg Ice Dawgs	15	8	7	0	16	80	67	Interlake Lightning	13	0	12	1	1	31	109							
Fisher River Hawks	13	6	7	0	12	91	89	MANITOBA FEMALE MIDGET AAA HOCKEY LEAGUE								GP	W	L	T	OTW	OTL	Pts
South Division								PV Hawks	15	11	2	-	1	1	25							
Selkirk Fishermen	18	13	5	0	26	100	31	Winnipeg Avros	15	8	3	-	4	-	24							
St. Malo Warriors	17	12	4	1	25	116	70	Westman Wildcats	14	10	2	-	1	1	23							
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North Winnipeg Satellites	15	5	9	1	11	58	80	Eastman Selects	13	5	4	-	-	4	14							
North Division								Central Plains	13	3	8	-	-	2	8							
OCN Storm	12	9	3	0	18	114	70	Norman Wild	14	2	11	-	1	-	6							
Cross Lake Islanders	14	5	8	1	11	69	75	Interlake Lightning	15	-	13	-	1	1	3							
Norway House North Stars	14	0	14	0	0	27	187	MANITOBA HIGH SCHOOL HOCKEY								GP	W	L	OTL	PTS	GF	GA
SOUTH EASTERN MANITOBA HOCKEY LEAGUE								Winnipeg Free Press #2 Division	13	7	0	0	31	57	39							
Portage	7	7	0	0	14	40	16	West Kildonan	11	8	1	0	27	63	35							
Notre Dame	8	6	1	1	13	32	20	Springfield	10	7	2	1	22	45	26							
Carman	8	5	3	0	10	42	28	Garden City	12	5	5	0	19	57	46							
Warren	8	3	4	1	7	34	37	Westwood	14	5	6	2	19	44	52							
Morden	6	3	3	0	6	22	32	Stonewall	12	4	5	2	16	43	49							
Altona	7	3	4	0	6	27	31	Fort Richmond	12	4	5	2	16	43	49							
Stonewall	7	2	5	0	4	28	41	Transcona	11	2	3	6	16	44	49							
Winkler	9	1	8	0	2	22	42	College Jeanne Sauve	13	3	6	1	12	33	46							
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STATS AS OF TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6



# Gimli fishers defend their ground at envoy meeting

By Patricia Barrett

Gimli and area fishers wrangled with a mediation company that was hired by the provincial government to tout the benefits of the open market it intends to cast fishers into next year.

If any of the 40 or so fishers were in favour of the Conservatives' plan to opt out of the federally run Freshwater Fish Marketing Corporation, they did not make a public declaration during a two-and-a-half-hour meeting Dec. 1 at the Waterfront Centre when fisheries envoys Gerry Friesen and Perry Mohr from Signature Mediation took to the floor.

But those concerned about fish companies negatively affecting fishers' wages and small fishers' ability to sustain a viable operation certainly made their voices heard.

"Fifty years ago our fishermen were living in tin shacks and had a hard time paying their hydro bills," said long-time Lake Winnipeg fisher Brent Matechuk, referring to the gouging of fishers by fish companies before the advent of Freshwater in 1969 and the stabilisation of the industry. "Us guys under the FFMC are now living in half-million-dollar houses and we don't have any trouble paying our hydro bills. That's the difference. And that history proves my point."

It became clear that the envoys did not come to consult with fishers *per se*, but to break down opposition to the government's plan.

After an hour and a half of heated debate, Mohr admitted they were hired guns required to tell the province what it wants to hear:

"We've been given a job," said Mohr. "And I'll be honest with you...when I got hired, one the people that hired me, I said to him, 'What if I come back to you and tell you this is the worst idea in the world?' He said, 'That's not a viable option because the province has already made the decision.'"

How much the government is paying Signature Mediation to conduct meetings with fishers across the province is unknown. A spokesperson for Sustainable Development said that may be "proprietary information" and provided nothing further by press time.

It's unclear what percentage of Manitoba's commercial fishers had asked the government to cut ties with Freshwater or whether the government had considered holding a referendum before announcing its intent to opt-out next year.

Kris Isfeld, fisher and spokesperson for Lake Winnipeg fishers, questioned Mohr's upbeat forecast (job creation, better prices than FFMC's, etc.) for fishers in an open market system, catching him off guard a number of

times with fishery questions to which Mohr had no answer.

"Please research pre-1970," said Isfeld.

Lake Winnipeg fisher Ray Isfeld voiced his opinion on what the provincial opt-out could mean to fishers' wages if private companies get the upper hand and drive Freshwater out of the game.

"So the Freshwater board will say it's \$2.00 a pound for pickerel," he said. "The private guys come and pay \$2.50. Freshwater board goes belly up. The private guys come in and they pay \$1.50."

Mohr's personal success transitioning his Manitoba Pork Marketing company to the open market was discounted by fishers. He and fellow envoy Gerry Friesen used to work in the hog industry at the time the then Conservative government enacted a change in legislation (1996) that saw the industry move from single-desk marketing to dual marketing.

Kris Isfeld asked Mohr how many Manitoba pork producers there were in 1994 before dual-marketing and how many remain today.

Mohr said there was a decline.

According to the Census of Agriculture, hog farms steadily declined between 2006 and 2011, from 1,188 to 590. Mostly small farms were affected.

A 2015 Manitoba Pig and Pork Industry study prepared for the University of Manitoba shows that number has declined to 550.

Mohr said based on the numbers of phone calls [unspecified] he has received from the Gimli region, there is "a tremendous amount of optimism."

Isfeld disagreed, saying fishers are "very split" on the viability of the open market. "You guys are saying, 'Here's the potential plus side. Is the next part of your presentation about the potential negatives?'"

Mohr agreed there may be some downsides to open marketing such as "additional costs to the system" and "some inefficiencies," but that there will be no shortage of companies wanting to buy their fish.

"If FFMC was paying you guys the best price in the world," said Mohr, "I don't think all of these buyers would be coming in here looking at this as an opportunity."

Isfeld asked Mohr how he knows what the best price in the world is because "you just said there is no known price out there for pickerel or for whitefish."

Mohr said a politician told him that fish prices will increase. At the same time, he said fishers' wages are of no concern to fish companies, only their own profits.



Lake Winnipeg fisher Kris Isfeld went head-to-head with fishery envoy Perry Mohr over dozens of points.

"Two or three times is what one of the politicians told us that you guys are going to get paid," said Mohr. "I heard the same thing in the hog industry and my knee-jerk reaction to that is, 'If it's too good to be true, it probably is.' .... There are people...looking at the Manitoba situation as an opportunity to come in and make money. All of these companies that are going to build here...are in it to make money. They're not looking at this to make the fishers more money. At the end of the day that might be one of the side effects, but they're in it to make money for themselves."

Lake Winnipeg fisher Chris Kristjanson broached the issue of potential regulatory changes to fishers' quotas.

"I really want to hear more what the province says that they want to do with the rules and regulations of my quota," he said. ".... I want to know now what my quotas, my family's quotas and my kids' quotas are worth, and what they're going to be worth on the decisions that the province makes."

Mohr said if he came to this meeting to find that out, he's at the "wrong meeting." But in his opinion, quotas would likely increase in value.

Kristjanson said he'd "pass on that optimism."

Other issues such as the provincial role in price reporting, sales tracking, dealer licenses, quota monitoring, index netting, export permits and eco-certification gave rise to more heated debate, but no answers as to what will happen.

Speaking with the *Tribune* before the meeting got underway, Hecla fisher Ivan Grimolfson said without FFMC and its packing plant in Riverton, which shoulders the cost of distributing fishers' catches, he would likely have to fold his nets for good.

"I'm not going to run all the way to St. Laurent or some place to sell my fish," said Grimolfson. "I'm not going to run all over Winnipeg and try to sell it."

The envoys are to present recommen-

dations to the province in the spring. The government said it will withdraw from FFMC in August, but did not confirm a date.

One fisher expressed concern about when the province will indicate a withdrawal date to which Mohr responded that without one, potential investors will not "start looking at this."

Former NDP Interlake MLA Clif Evans, who has attended several envoy meetings across the Interlake and sat in on Gimli's meeting, said, "The feds have not heard from the province on a set date for opt-out. All they talk about is August 17 or 18. There's nothing in writing from the province."

Evans was optimistic about Freshwater's ability to support Manitoba fishers once the province opts out.

"Right now they're [Freshwater] in the process of talking with fishers and others to set up contracts...to sign on with Freshwater."

Evans said the envoys' meeting in Fisher River Dec. 2 was not a happy affair when the *Tribune* contacted him a few days later. Former Chief Lorne Cochrane had allegedly said he didn't consider the meeting a "consultation" and that any changes to their fishery have to be considered within their treaty rights.

Gimli MLA Jeff Wharton, who was in session at the Legislature during the Gimli meeting, said he's willing to discuss fishers' concerns as the envoys continue their "fact-finding mission."

"I look forward to being a part of the solution," said Wharton by phone, "and to continue the dialogue at this very exciting time for the fishing industry.... I've had discussions with individual fishers and groups of fishers and will continue that process and welcome the opportunity."

Former NDP Minister of Conservation and Water Stewardship Tom Nevakshonoff, who has attended a number of envoy meetings, said he fears that the demise of the quota system in is the works and that northern fishers will suffer the most.

"They're [the Conservatives] setting up the fishery for a corporate takeover," said Nevakshonoff by phone. "The quota system was designed to maintain a core quota in communities. It was set up to preserve a community block...so that these communities could continue to fish."

Nevakshonoff said cabinet can change quota regulations "with the stroke of a pen" enabling companies from outside Manitoba or Canada to come in and "swoop up" quotas.

"My greatest fear is that quotas will be posted on the open market," he said. "I think it's a conscious strategy by the Pallister government."



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

## Sudoku Answer

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### Crossword Answer



# CROSSWORD

### CLUES ACROSS

1. Large primate
  4. Annualized percentage rate
  7. Frictional horsepower
  8. Alternate name
  10. Incursion
  12. Metrical feet
  13. Musician Ingram
  14. Swiss river
  16. Text speak for annoying
  17. Squelch
  19. Will Ferrell played one
  20. Close violently
  21. Arrogant
  25. Goddess of the dawn
  26. Today (Spanish)
  27. Ethiopian town
  29. Speed
  30. Kids take it to school
  31. Bowling ball's adversary
  32. 1988 NFL MVP
  39. Volcanic crater
  41. Curved shape
  42. Discover by investigation
  43. Up in the air (abbr.)
  44. A son who shares his dad's name
  45. Assist in wrongdoing
  46. Actress Lathan
  48. Nonsense (slang)
  49. Sharp and forthright
  50. Midway between northeast and east
  51. NAACP cofounder Wells
  52. Soviet Socialist Republic
- CLUES DOWN**
1. Again
  2. Erectile organs
  3. Concluding speech

[illegible]

4. Pie \_\_\_ mode  
5. With pustules  
6. Muslim calendar month  
8. Need it to live  
9. Thailand  
11. Container to serve food  
14. Boxing great  
15. Woolen blankets  
18. Expresses surprise  
19. Emergency medical services  
20. Inflamed swelling of the eyelid  
22. Reporter  
23. Arrived extinct  
24. Ad \_\_\_  
27. Academic bill of rights  
28. A pair  
29. Pumpkin and apple are examples  
31. China  
32. Made illegal  
33. Be mistaken  
34. Stephen King's "Pennywise"  
35. Semite  
36. Martens with short tails  
37. Large bodies of water  
38. Lower in position  
39. Dough used in Latin American cuisine  
40. Calculating tools  
44. Boxers do this  
47. Macaw



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-Sincerely,  
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## ANNOUNCEMENT

### CARDS OF THANKS

A special thank you to all for attending my 80th Birthday Tea on November 27th at the Warren Church Hall. Thank you for all the good wishes, lovely cards and gifts. A special thank you to the "angels" who prepared the lunch that included China tea cups and daintie sandwiches – a perfect tea party.

-Blessings to all,  
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## OBITUARY



**Jackie McLeod (nee Zacharias)**  
Jackie McLeod nee Zacharias of Meadows, 52, passed away to be with God November 30, 2016.

It is with great sadness that we announce the sudden passing of our beloved wife, mother, daughter, sister, aunt, daughter-in-law, sister-in-law, and friend. Jackie is survived by her husband Paul; her daughter Kelsey; her honorary daughter Marcy; her mother Mary Zacharias of Manitou; her mother-in-law Shirley McLeod of Pilot Mound; sisters, Jeannie Thiessen, her husband Ed, children Brittany and Evan of Stonewall and his girlfriend Brittany McCutcheon; Joanie Zacharias of Thunder Bay, Ontario; Janet Bier, her husband Budd of Winnipeg, sons; Robert Hunt, wife Trish and son Jakob of Morden and Chris Hunt, girlfriend Fatin Azman of Grunthal. She is predeceased by her father David Zacharias and father-in-law Earl McLeod.

Jackie was a beautiful person inside and out and was dearly loved by many family and friends. Jackie loved gardening, reading, crafting, scrapbooking, cooking, antique hunting, decorating, she loved to can vegetables from her garden, and she loved to make tomato juice and soup and her famous salsa that Paul loved. She loved her pets and they kept her company and gave her much joy. Jackie enjoyed living on a hobby farm that she shared with her husband Paul and daughter Kelsey for 23 years. Jackie was blessed with having her kindred spirit, and best friend, Yvonne living next door. She enjoyed raising hens and gathering the eggs; but she didn't enjoy washing them. Jackie was especially proud of Kelsey, her achievements and her path into para-medicine and caring for others.

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