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301 Royal Canadian Air Cadet Squadron Stonewall honours members

By Evan Matthews

Though COVID-19 eliminated another in-person event, the 301 Royal Canadian Air Cadets Squadron 301 still took time to celebrate its members virtually.

For one Stonewall family, it was a little extra special.

Christopher Babcock, commanding officer of the squadron, said while the squadron is based in Stonewall, its members come from all over the Interlake including Teulon, Selkirk, Warren, Gimli area and Fisher Branch.

"We have a squadron full of stellar youth who work very hard to contribute to their communities and work within their peer-led groups," said Babcock, adding the Air Cadets hosted a virtual awards ceremony on Nov. 19.

"Ensuring safety for our members and for the communities we have a presence in is a priority for the cadets. We want to safely engage with our members as best we can in an otherwise difficult environment," he said.

Stonewall's Skylar Kopec, 17, is this year's recipient of the Royal Canadian Legion's Medal of Excellence and also received a promotion to Warrant Officer Second Class, the second highest rank within the cadets ranking system.

The achievement is awarded in recognition for individual endeavours in citizenship, according to Babcock, that meet or enhance the means or the aims of the cadet movement. Babcock said Kopec

easily met the criteria.

Kopec first found herself interested in the cadets because of her older brother.

Watching him have a good time with activities like camping, while learning about airplanes, etc., Kopec said she immediately had interest.

"It's really nice to have received this honour. I've never thought about getting awards or medals as a huge deal, but having been awarded this, I really do appreciate it so much," said Kopec, adding her family engagement with the Air Cadets actually came even before her older brother.

"My grandfather was a cadet, and he's always been involved in helping out. He was really excited to have me join and become a part of it," she said.

As she's participated, Kopec said she's been able to travel places like Whitehorse, where she became a certified Air Rifle Marksmanship Instructor. Last year, she said she went to Cold Lake, AB, where she became a certified Fitness and Sports Instructor.

While it started as something fun, Kopec said she's realized the value in the cadet program and all the opportunity she's been presented with. While thanking her family for that, her family emphasized they couldn't be prouder.

"This program gives people hope, it teaches them gratitude, it teaches respect for your family and your elders, and it teaches effective communication and discipline," said James Gray, Kopec's 80-year-old grandfather, who not only was a member of the Air Cadets, but also spent 13 years in the Royal Canadian Navy.



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Stonewall's Skylar Kopec, 17, is this year's recipient of the Royal Canadian Legion's Medal of Excellence. Kopec also received a promotion to Warrant Officer Second Class, the second highest rank within the cadets ranking system.

Due to the awards ceremony being virtual, both Gray and his wife—Kopec's grandmother—were able to watch the ceremony live at home.

"I'm so proud of my granddaughter. She has done so well with all of it. She's absolutely, marvelous."

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Spirit of giving lives on at Warren United Church

By Jo-Anne Procter

A worldwide pandemic did not rob the Warren United Church of their annual "Poinsettia Spirit."

Last Saturday, Jasperson's Greenhouse delivered 46 poinsettias that the church purchased to distribute to members of the community to remember a loved one throughout the Christmas season.

The popular Christmas plant, with leaves shaped like the Star of Bethlehem, has been a decorative staple for many churches for decades and a tradition to mark the Advent season.

For many years, the Warren United

Church would host their Christmas Eve service with the church adorned with poinsettias that were ordered as a fundraiser. Following the service, each plant would go home with a congregation member in memory of loved ones.

Due to COVID-19, events have had to be rearranged, postponed or cancelled so Warren United Church took it upon themselves to continue with their giving spirit.

Recipients of the Poinsettia Spirit plants made a curbside pickup and were invited to join in on the annual Christmas Eve service that will be

hosted virtually.

The service will be held via Zoom on Dec. 24 at 7:30 p.m. and led by Minister Mary Best.

To register for the service, email Doris Hunter at dorishunter@mymts.net.



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Last Saturday, "Poinsettias Spirit" were distributed via curbside pickup at Warren United Church. Pictured left to right: Laura Johnson, Barb Riddell and Lori Anne Lobb.

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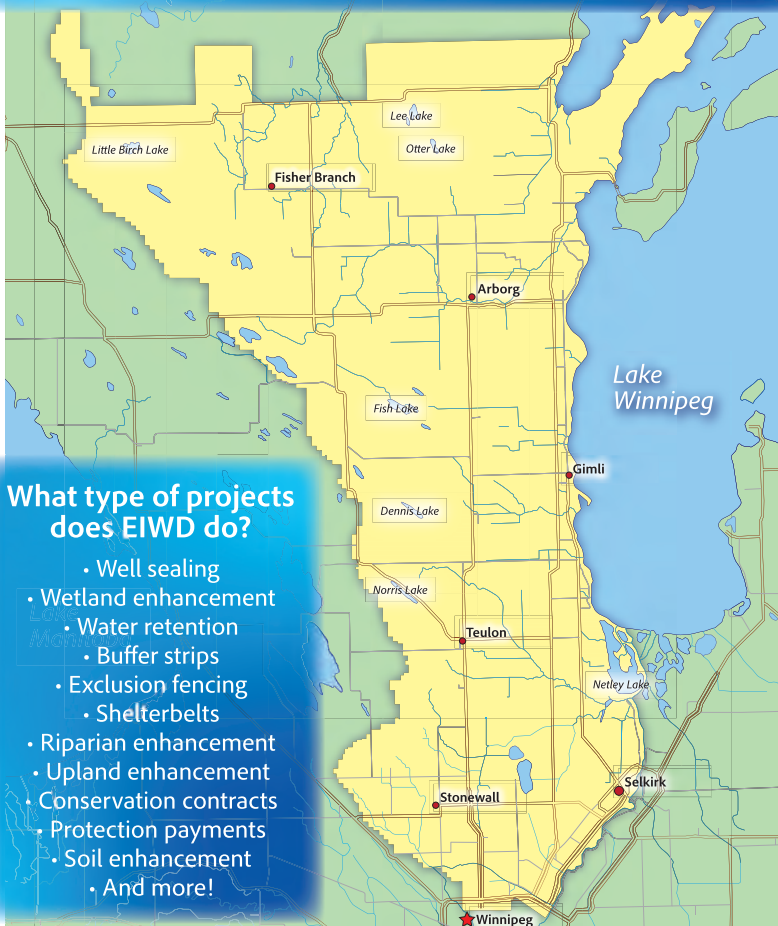
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JZ's Bags giving local homeless people comfort

By Becca Myskiw

A Teulon woman is turning hardship into a helping hand.

Jody Wasserman lost her brother JZ to an accidental overdose on Feb. 26, 2019. Since his death, she's been an avid advocate to raise awareness around addictions.

"It's not a choice," she said. "My brother was trying to get help but there was none available or the stigma around it stops people from asking for help when they want it."

One way Wasserman is raising awareness is through JZ's Bags, an initiative she started this past summer.

JZ, she said, always carried a back-

pack with him, even if he was just going to Wasserman's house for a visit. He was a giving person, too, who would "give the shirt off his back if you needed it."

So, to honour her brother and help more people like him, Wasserman started filling backpacks with items for homeless people in Winnipeg. JZ was also homeless at times in his life and she knows that is not a choice either.

In the summer months of 2020, Wasserman took to Facebook to ask her friends if they had extra backpacks she could have. The post blew up and she had people from all over sharing it and donating their old backpacks.



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Jody Wasserman gave 30 filled backpacks to Winnipeg's homeless this summer in memory of her brother, JZ, who died of an accidental overdose.

Along with the bags, Wasserman needed the items to fill them with. Though she was prepared to spend money on that, she didn't have to spend a dime.

"It was literally overwhelming," she said. "Everything overtook our whole house."

That post about the backpacks had people asking what they were for. So, she created another post saying what she would use each bag for and that one blew up too, getting her more than enough donations of items to fill the bags with.

Each bag had hygiene products like a toothbrush, Kleenex, floss sticks, Q-tips and feminine hygiene products for the ladies. They also included a tarp, blanket, toque, mittens, scarf, neck warmer and a bag of snacks like granola bars, a cup of soup and bot-

tled water.

Each bag also included a handwritten letter from Wasserman telling JZ's story and letting the people know she knows homelessness is not a choice and she hopes the bags bring them comfort.

"To me, that just shows people want to help but they don't know how to help," said Wasserman. "And I gave them an easy way to do it."

She only expected to have about 10 bags to hand out, but she ended up giving 30 away — and she has things saved for when she does her next round in the spring. Each person, she said, was grateful and she cried almost every time after she handed one out.

To donate to JZ's Bags, call or text Wasserman at 204-461-1054 or follow the Facebook page at Project JZ.

RCCC sells fundraising calendars

Staff

Rosser Central Community Club is selling its fundraising calendars until Dec. 12.

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Get Better Together – Now being offered ONLINE!

By Marilyn Sitar

Community Wellness Facilitator

For the first time ever, Get Better Together, a peer support program for people with chronic health conditions, will be offered online by the local health authority, along with a number of other health and wellness classes. All classes are free.

"In our new world of adjusting to living with COVID-19 and focusing on the public health fundamentals, we need to be able to still offer health programs and services but in a way that is safe to do so," said Shannon Montgomery, regional director of public health and community wellness.

"We've had to change a number of the ways that we do things. We know there is still a need for these supports, but we also know that we need to offer them in a way that makes sense, both for the individual and the community."

This fall marks the first time they have offered our programs online, said Jan Keryluk, community wellness facilitator and wellness newsletter lead.

"We started in October with our Intro to Relaxation Series, which consisted of three one-hour sessions on practical strategies for stress management, as well as another three-session class called Intro to Exercise," Keryluk said.

In the New Year, there are more options lined up, including Commit to Quit, a program to aid those looking for information and support in quitting or

cutting down on tobacco use; Craving Change, a program to help understand why we eat the way we do and how to change unhealthy habits; and Get Better Together, a support program for people living with chronic health conditions. Each of these programs is offered once a week for a set number of classes.

"I'm thrilled that we can now offer Get Better Together online," said Caroline McIntosh, regional lead for the program. "Peer support is so helpful for people who cope with ongoing health conditions. Since we can't meet in person, online is a great way offer classes. People get the support they need, while still being 'COVID-careful.'"

Classes are open to anyone to attend. All you need is a digital device (laptop, tablet or cell phone), internet and an easy-to-download software program called "MS Teams." All classes are confidential; participants are asked to commit to being in a private room when participating in the program and to respect confidentiality with information that is shared in the group.

For more information on any of these programs, please go to <https://is.gd/WellOnline> (or go to www.ierha.ca and click on Care in Your Community/ Community Wellness Team/ Free Classes).

Registering is easy. Call toll-free 1-877-979-WELL (9355) or email wellness@ierha.ca.



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Shannon Montgomery, IERHA regional director of public health and community wellness.

Woodlands history book coming along

By Evan Matthews

Though slightly behind schedule, the RM of Woodlands history book is beginning to take shape, according to its creator.

Bryan Myskiw said work is well underway on the book titled *Where We Are: A History of the Rural Municipality of Woodlands (1980 – 2020)*. The RM is still accepting submissions for the book from residents.

"We're looking for a written piece that is proof-read and well-edited," said Myskiw, adding that limited editing is available for the submissions.

"Photos submitted should be high-resolution, and please name the image with an identifying title (family name, business name, what the photo is of), and when listing people in photos please provide names from left to right, back to front, clockwise formats."

Family histories should be kept between 300 and 600 words, with one or two photos, and biographies should be written in third person, Myskiw said.

So far, quite a few submissions have come in,

but Myskiw is also going around the community taking photos, doing research and letting the idea of the book percolate in his mind.

"The physical writing of the book should begin in about two or three weeks," said Myskiw.

He added that the first deadline for submissions, relating to business stories, happened at the end of November.

"Family histories, and stories relating to clubs and committees, the deadline for those will be at the end of December," he said.

As of right now, the book is still being researched, but drafts are soon to come as Myskiw said he's started to formulate how chapters will be structured and how the stories will be told.

Myskiw reminded people currently living outside the RM but former residents are welcome and encouraged to submit pieces to the project.

To submit or contact Myskiw about the book, email any of the following: warrensubmission@gmail.com, lakefrancissubmission@gmail.com, woodlandssubmission@gmail.com or marquettesubmission@gmail.com.

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Once again, acknowledging nuance

By Evan Matthews

For what seems like the millionth time, nuance is the theme this week, but perhaps never has the concept been so important.

Nuance, in this week's context, will refer to people's opinions and conversations, as they relate to the COVID-19 pandemic.

As it relates to COVID-19, there seems to be a number of varying views. Let's not even waste the time debating which of these, if any or all, are correct. Rather, let's discuss the nuance of these opinions.

COVID-19 is as we are being told by public health officials and government, all of whom are doing their best, and know better than the average laymen, therefore, we as a society should listen; while also believing the current restrictions are a violation of rights and freedoms, and may or may not work in the way public health officials and government hope them too?

COVID-19, is not as we are being told. There are hidden agendas, often relating to the conversion of the western world to communism and fascism, and we must protest now before it is

too late; while also believing COVID-19 is real but not nearly as deadly or as big a deal as we've been made to believe?

Whether or not you believe everything you're being told, some of what you're being told, or none of what you're being told, we live in a free and democratic society, and therefore no one can tell anyone else what to hold as an opinion or belief.

Is it possible to notice similarities between the current restrictions and COVID enforcement teams' behaviours comparatively to the Nazi police force (called the Gestapo), while also acknowledging it would be extremely unlikely for western society to genuinely be moving toward communism and fascism?

Is it possible to believe that what others believe is irrelevant, given the nature of our free and democratic society, and that no one can tell anyone else what to hold as an opinion or belief; while also thinking COVID-deniers and anti-maskers are completely and willfully ignorant, uneducated, and for lack of a better term, stupid?

Or on the flip side that while COVID is a real threat, those battering down the hatches and being extreme in their avoidance of this virus are hypochondriacs and unnecessary worriers?

Here is the point: There is a spectrum of belief. This is okay. We, as a society, must accept this.

But we must also accept one another.

The easiest way to do so is to stop worrying about your own rights and freedoms for a little while; don't forget history and acknowledge what could be taken from you, but acknowledge that—even if you believe the pandemic is fake—not everyone does, and people are scared right now.

Until things calm down with this pandemic, we are asked to do a few things right now: Stay home as much as possible to stop the spread, socially distance when we are out in public, proper hand hygiene, and wearing a mask in public.

No matter what you believe, acknowledge nuance, and acknowledge these are small asks for a short time. At the end of the day, we all have to be neighbours. Let's start acting like it.

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Minister Eichler failed to protect the constituents

I got news my child is COVID positive and my child acquired COVID because they were exposed to COVID at school. The school Ralph Eichler, MLA for Lakeside, touted that his team was steadfastly and correctly managing.

Minister Eichler's team failed my child, my family, this community and

this province.

Ministers Eichler, Friesen and Gertzen are directly and entirely responsible for my child's COVID positive results.

And what do they have to say? How can my child have COVID if schools are so safe? Minister Eichler and your team are complete failures at

protecting Manitoba.

"To be clear, it is not Dr. Roussin's sole responsibility to react to pandemic indicators. Health Minister Cameron Friesen signs off on the doctor's public health orders. Every MLA in the provincial cabinet, including Premier Brian Pallister, is involved in provincial pandemic decision-making." - excerpt from B Kives, CBC, Saturday, Dec. 5.

- Michelle Mialkowski
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IERHA announces outbreak at Rosewood Lodge

By Jennifer McFee

The Interlake-Eastern Regional Health Authority announced a COVID outbreak in one of two units at Rosewood Lodge Personal Care Home last week.

On Dec. 1, the health authority's medical officer declared the outbreak, which is called when at least one staff member or resident receives a positive result on a COVID-19 test.

"IERHA staff were fully prepared for the potential of an outbreak and have participated in training to help them understand their roles and responsibilities to manage an outbreak. Resident care remains the primary focus of all staff at Rosewood Lodge," said Ron Janzen, acting CEO of the Interlake-Eastern Regional Health Authority. "All staff members are focused on working together for the care and safety of residents. I commend our staff on site and those regionally who are ensuring residents receive care and comfort in an environment that is safe for them and for our staff."

Infection prevention and control staff are working with staff at Rosewood Lodge, and outbreak protocols are in place. This means that residents

in the affected unit are remaining in their rooms to reduce interactions with each other. They receive meals in their room, and the IERHA has ordered additional bedside tables for added comfort.

Any residents with even mild symptoms will be tested for COVID-19, and test results will be communicated with residents' primary contacts.

All staff members are now undergoing in-person screening at the start and end of each shift. Staff members caring for residents in the affected unit are also putting on a gown before entering a resident's room and removing the gown when leaving. Then they put on a new gown before entering the next room and perform hand hygiene as needed.

In addition, all residents' key contacts have been advised of the outbreak status, as well as all staff who regularly work at the facility. Contract tracing is underway for anyone with potential exposure to the positive case. A public health representative will contact anyone identified as a close contact.

The IERHA continues to monitor on-site staffing to ensure that there is an



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IERHA announces COVID outbreak at Stonewall's Rosewood Lodge.

appropriate level of care at Rosewood Lodge. If needed, more resources will be deployed. Currently, there is sufficient personal protective equipment and more is on the way in an effort to be proactive. There will also be more frequent cleaning and disinfecting, particularly of high-touch surfaces.

Visiting time is currently restricted, including for designated caretakers. However, residents can benefit from phone calls and virtual visits with

family members and loved ones.

Anyone who would like to arrange a phone call or virtual visit can call 204-467-3362. Anyone with questions or concerns about a resident can call 204-467-5257.

At this time, the outbreak is considered to be contained with no additional cautions or concerns for Stonewall Place residents.

Province takes action to ensure safe schools

Submitted by Manitoba government

The Manitoba government is furthering its commitment to protecting safe and healthy learning environments by mandating a two-week remote learning period for Grade 7 to 12 students and offering the same remote learning period for kindergarten to Grade 6 students, Education Minister Kelvin Goertzen announced last Wednesday.

This two-week remote learning period will begin Jan. 4, 2021, following the regularly scheduled holiday break.

"Current data indicates the risk of COVID-19 transmission in our schools remains low and we want to ensure the return to the classroom is as safe as practically possible," said Goertzen. "By moving our Grade 7 to 12 students to remote learning for the first two weeks of the new year and offering remote learning options to kindergarten to Grade 6 students, we are reducing the risk that may be posed as a result of a change in students' close contacts during the winter break."

Students in grades 7 to 12 will move to remote learning for a two-week period from Jan. 4 to 15. Optional remote learning will also be available to kindergarten to Grade 6 students during this period should families wish to

keep their children at home following the holiday break. Regular in-person classroom learning will be available during this period for kindergarten to Grade 6 students, as well as for any grade 7 to 12 students with special needs that must be accommodated in the school or classroom setting.

This two-week remote learning period for grades 7 to 12 will keep close to half of the student population in Manitoba at home following the winter break. Evidence suggests that older students have a higher incidence of contracting the virus, a larger number of close contacts and are more likely to transmit the virus to others as a result. Moving this group to remote learning will reduce the risk of transmission in schools while minimizing the impact on kindergarten to Grade 6 students and their families.

Manitoba school divisions have made significant enhancements to

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Ashern's Lakeshore General Hospital outbreak declared over

Staff

Public health officials advise 12 additional deaths due to COVID-19 have been reported as of Dec. 7 including a female in her 70s from the Interlake-Eastern health region.

The five-day COVID-19 test positivity rate as of Dec. 7 was 13.7 per cent provincially and 14.6 per cent in Winnipeg. As of 9:30 a.m. Monday, 325 new cases of the virus were identified. The total number of lab-confirmed cases in Manitoba is 19,131.

Monday's COVID-19 data shows:

- 38 cases in the Interlake-Eastern health region;
- 37 cases in the Northern health region;
- 20 cases in the Prairie Mountain Health region;
- 39 cases in the Southern Health-Santé Sud health region; and
- 191 cases in the Winnipeg health region.

The data also shows:

- 5,462 active cases and 13,262 individuals who have recovered from COVID-19;
- there are 310 people in hospital with 39 people in intensive care due to COVID-19; and
- the number of deaths due to COVID-19 is 407.

Laboratory testing numbers show 1,736 tests were completed yesterday, bringing the total number of lab tests completed since early February to 373,260. Case investigations continue and if a public health risk is identified, the public will be notified.

The Interlake-Eastern total case

breakdown by district as of Monday, is as follows: A total of 1,285 cases, up by 162 from last Monday: 275 active cases, 991 recovered, 21 currently in the hospital with five of those in ICU and 19 deaths.

Arborg/Riverton 4 active cases, 42 recovered; Beausejour 20 active cases, 37 recovered; Eriksdale/Ashern 27 active cases, 72 recovered and 7 deaths; Fisher/Peguis 36 active cases and 250 recovered, 2 deaths; Gimli 9 active cases, 14 recovered; Northern Remote 58 active cases, 71 recovered and 1 death; Pinawa/Lac du Bonnet 33 recovered; Powerview/Pine Falls 19 active case and 19 recovered; Selkirk 12 active cases and 42 recovered and 2 deaths; Springfield 29 active cases and 92 recovered and 2 deaths; St. Clements 16 active cases and 34 recovered; St. Laurent 9 recovered; Stonewall/Teulon 13 active cases, 108 recovered and 3 deaths; Unknown District 15 active cases and 73 recovered, 1 death; Whiteshell 8 recovered and Winnipeg Beach/St. Andrews 12 active cases and 87 recovered and 1 death.

On Sunday, Dec. 6 a male in his 70s from the Interlake-Eastern health region, linked to an outbreak at Kin Place Personal Care Home in Oakbank passed away.

Currently there are 12 active cases, 2 recovered and one death at Kin Place PCH.

IERHA regional medical officer of health declared at midnight on Dec. 7, that the outbreak at Ashern's Lakeshore General Hospital was over. There were no transmissions of

COVID-19 to any inpatients and no evidence of COVID-19 transmission among staff.

Public health officials advise COVID-19 outbreaks have been declared at the Swan Valley Health Centre in Swan River and Action Marguerite - St. Joseph's Residence, Kildonan Personal Care Centre and Convalescent Home all in Winnipeg. The sites have been moved to Critical (red) on the #RestartMB Pandemic Response System.

In addition, public health officials advise that a person who has tested positive for COVID-19 attended a funeral in Sapotaweyak Cree Nation on Nov. 27 when they were in their infectious period. People who attended the funeral should self-isolate and call the local health centre for further instructions.

Vaccine on its way

Manitoba's daily briefing came not long after Prime Minister Justin Trudeau announced that Canada is on track to receive up to 249,000 doses of the COVID-19 vaccine manufactured by Pfizer by the end of the month. Pending Health Canada approval, the first vaccines should be delivered next week.

"Shipments will continue to arrive into 2021, with millions of doses on their way," Trudeau said in addressing the nation. "This will move us forward on our whole timeline of vaccine rollout and is a positive development in getting Canadians protected as soon as possible.

"I want to assure Canadians that any

vaccine approved in Canada will be safe and effective," the prime minister said. "The regulatory process needs to be as rigorous as it always is. There are no corners cut by Health Canada in terms of approving a vaccine for safe use by Canadians."

Dr. Roussin noted Manitoba is prepared to receive and store the vaccine — which must be stored at -80 C — as soon as it is ready.

"We are prepared to receive vaccine, really, at any point now should it be approved and should it be shipped to us," he said. "And we are in a position to begin administering a vaccine ... if that opportunity avails itself to us."

The province is still working on its vaccine rollout plan, including who might get the first doses.

"We'll have very strict criteria that we'll have to follow," Roussin said. "We need to set up the expectations that this is going to be a very limited supply, especially early on, and so it will be a very minimal scope on who we immunize with it."

The National Advisory Committee on Immunization (NACI) has recommended the first rounds of vaccine be given to those most at risk of severe outcomes if they contract COVID-19, as well as the people who care for them.

That means residents and staff of long-term care homes, assisted living facilities, retirement homes and chronic care hospitals should be given priority, NACI has advised, followed then by Canadians over the age of 80.

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the remote learning experience in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and are well equipped for this mandated period of remote learning, the minister said. The Provincial Remote Learning Support Centre will be available to assist school divisions and educational staff during this remote learning period.

In addition to this remote learning period, Goertzen also announced that

the Manitoba government is further protecting Manitoba schools by confirming the full allocation of the Safe Schools Fund.

"The pandemic situation is evolving and the Manitoba government recognizes that our schools may face extraordinary funding pressures in the 2020-21 school year," said Goertzen. "We are pleased to confirm the full allocation of our government's \$100-million investment, along with \$85.4 million in federal funding, to keep our schools healthy and safe."

The \$100-million Safe Schools Fund, established in August 2020, included \$48 million in school division savings from the 2019-20 school year and additional \$52 million in provincial funding. In late August, the federal government also announced COVID-related funding for education. This total pool of \$185.4 million will be used to augment staffing, health and safety,

learning and technology.

Staffing is a key component of the government's COVID-19 education measures, Goertzen said. School divisions continue to recruit additional teachers, educational assistants, substitute teachers, custodial staff, bus drivers, clinicians and other critical staff. As of Oct. 31, over \$9 million had been invested in additional staffing, with a total investment of over \$67 million already projected to be spent by June 2021.

The confirmed allocations to support schools are:

- 2019-20 savings by school divisions - \$48 million;
- per pupil allocations for school divisions and independent schools - \$76 million including \$44 million to specifically address staffing needs;
- Safe Restart Contingency Fund, application-based funding to support emerging needs - \$39.4 million;
- Manitoba Remote Learning Support Centre - \$10 million; and

- personal protective equipment - \$12 million.

School divisions and independent schools will be able to apply for additional funding for needs not covered by their Safe Schools allocation through the Safe Restart Contingency Fund. The contingency fund will cover incremental expenditures to meet health and safety requirements, address extenuating public health conditions in the region/area that may entail unique cost pressures, and support innovative approaches that may support outcomes for a broader school community, region or the province as a whole.

"Our government is committed to protecting our schools and providing the resources needed to keep students learning and staff supported during these difficult times," said Goertzen. "Manitobans can count on us to support our staff, students and their families as we navigate this unconventional school year together."

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Woodlands man involved in Hollywood production

By Evan Matthews

An actor from the RM of Woodlands has been spending his time, sometimes three feet away, from Hollywood actress Julia Stiles.

Bryan Myskiw said while working as a "stand-in" on the Hollywood set *Orphan: First Kill* has been a rewarding on-the-job learning experience, at the end of the day, it's a workplace like any other and not as glamorous as some may think.

"Members of the cast are sometimes only on set for a couple of days," said Myskiw, emphasizing the actors are really only there to film.

"But as a stand-in, you're used 29 of the 30 days they're shooting. You really get to see the formation of the film from beginning to end and that process."

Myskiw said throughout his life, he's spent quite a bit of time within the acting community.

As a result of being plugged in, Myskiw said he was contacted about working as a stand-in because he met the same dimensions — height and weight — as Rossif Sutherland, a star in the movie.

"There was no real audition or anything, and I pretty much just fit the requirements," said Myskiw, adding that he's worked in similar capacities on-set previously.

"Last week, as an example, for a scene that runs about 30 seconds in the movie, it took 22 camera setups from two different vantage points, meaning 44 total angles, and it took a full 12-hour day to get everything set up."

Myskiw added that he's been very impressed by the special effects.

Orphan: First Kill — originally titled *Esther* — is the prequel to the 2009 horror-thriller *Orphan*. In addition to Stiles, the movie stars Isabelle Fuhrman, Sutherland (who Myskiw stands-in for) and Erik Athavale.

Media outlets reported the plot will follow Leena Klammer "as she orchestrates a brilliant escape from an Estonian psychiatric facility and travels to America by impersonating the missing daughter of a wealthy family. But her new life as 'Esther' comes with an unexpected wrinkle and pits her against a mother who will protect her family at any cost."

What is the role of a stand-in?

Stand-ins live up to the title, according to Myskiw, as they substitute in for actors prior to shooting a scene. They do so for technical purposes, such as perfecting the light and camera setup.

Stand-ins often allow the director of photography to light the set and the camera crew to light and focus scenes while the actors are absent for reasons such as hair and makeup.

"We'll walk through the actors' movement for each scene and make sure everything is good to go," said Myskiw.

"But this is one of the first times I've been working in a studio, as opposed to on-location. The craftsmanship going into these sets — full scale and fully operational, constructed in three to four weeks — is so impressive.

"It's not seen very often in the industry anymore because of the expense," he said.

While unwilling to specify the exact location, Myskiw said the studio is located in north Winnipeg.

Orphan (2009)

The plot of the original film, according to IMDB, follows Kate and John Coleman.

"The couple is re-building a troubled marriage after the loss of their baby and decides to adopt a child.

"When they meet nine-year-old Esther at the St. Marina Orphanage, they immediately fall in love with the well-educated orphan. Their son, Daniel, seems is hostile to his new sister, but their deaf-mute daughter, Max is initially enchanted with her.

"Eventually, Kate begins to feel Esther is manipulative and possibly even psychologically damaged. John refuses to listen to his wife's misgivings.

"Kate calls Sister Abigail at the orphanage, and the nun informs her Esther has a troubled and mysterious history.

"Kate delves further into Esther's past and discovers she is not what she seems to be."

COVID-19 implications

As part of the provincial restrictions, cast and crew involved in the production have been tested for COVID-19 via nasal tests every two days, according to Myskiw.

After the Nov. 11 lockdown, the production crew was on Day 7 of 30. The crew was given some time off while producers figured out how to proceed, Myskiw said.

Days on set now begin with screening for symptoms and checking temperature, according to Myskiw, and then actors are given lanyards to identify they have been tested and results have shown a negative test.

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My twin brother is not one to just sit around and do nothing. I knew that during the time he would spend with me while I recuperated from Surgery, he would busy himself with anything that needed to be done, cleaning, organizing, tending to my needs. This time I decided to make sure he could just relax. This year I took number of weeks before his arrival to clean and organize my house to within an inch of its life. I even put up my Christmas tree up early so that he couldn't do that for me too.

My brother arrived Nov 30th and very quickly noticed that this time it was going to be different. This year we were able to visit, do a little cooking, all the while spend quality time together. This year we talked about the past, shared concerns and joys about the present and agreed to pray for family, friends and situations that could really use God's blessing.

As you might have guessed by now my twin brother and I are best of friends. However, our lives get busy and we don't spend that quality time together as much as we would like. Even though these visits of ours are brought on by the need to assist an ailing brother, they none the less have been times of Grace.

In prayer it occurred to me that I was living out an Advent within Advent. I had taken the necessary steps to use our planned time together to the best of our ability. This year, due to the pandemic, we may find ourselves less consumed with the hustle and bustle of Christmas gatherings. Wouldn't it be great if we could find a way to spend the quality time with our Lord that eludes us most years? The season of Advent is given to us so that we might be prepared to celebrate the Incarnation and allow the Lord to be born anew in our hearts. Maybe we take advantage of a quieter season to actually welcome Christ in ways the busy years do not allow.

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Canada Post Mailbox stolen in Teulon

By Evan Matthews

Teulon council is cautioning anyone who has mailed sensitive information using the exterior mailbox at the post office to contact RCMP.

On Dec. 1 at approximately 6:30 a.m., a call came in to RCMP notifying officers of an overnight theft. The thief

took the red Canada Post mailbox from right outside the Teulon Post Office, according to RCMP.

Canada Post confirmed the incident in a statement to the *Tribune* and added that a street letter mailbox has been replaced and is in operation.

The RCMP posted a notice at the

post office for anyone who may have had sensitive information amongst the stolen mail to contact them.

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ISD prepares students and staff for learning in the new year

By Jennifer McFee

The Interlake School Division is ready to adapt to provincial direction for student programming in the new year.

On Wednesday, Dec. 2, Manitoba Education shared details of the direction for programming when students return from winter break in January 2021. Supt. Margaret Ward said that Interlake School Division students in kindergarten to Grade 6 will resume in-class learning on Monday, Jan. 4.

"Should parents/guardians of kindergarten to Grade 6 students wish to keep their child at home for the period of Jan. 4 to 15, remote learning will be available. All ISD teachers have prepared for remote learning and will provide 10-day plans to families who choose remote learning for the two-week period in January," Ward said.

"Parents/guardians who choose to have their child participate in remote learning from Jan. 4 to 15 have been

asked to notify their child's school directly by Monday, Dec. 14. Students whose parents choose this option will return to in-class learning on Jan. 18, 2021."

For Interlake School Division students in grades 7 to 12, Ward said that learning will take place from home as the province has mandated remote learning for the two week-period from Jan. 4 to 15.

"In-class learning will be available for the period of Jan. 4 to 15 for Grade 7 to 12 students with special needs that must be accommodated in the school. Parents/guardians of students with special needs will be contacted individually by their child's school by Monday, Dec. 14," she said. "Students in grades 7 to 12 may be allowed to book appointments to attend school for short periods of time for limited use of school facilities to connect to Wi-Fi, receive the online component of their remote programming, or ac-

cess other services that may be needed. To support students and families, ISD will lend school laptops for home use by students in grades 7 to 12 during this period of remote learning."

With regard to finding more space for students, Ward noted all schools are using every available space to provide as much distance as possible between students at this time.

"In light of this, we will not be moving students from one building to another for this two-week period in January," she said. "As has been the case since March, ISD staff will continue to adapt to meet the needs of our students, families and communities while following the direction of Manitoba Education and public health. We know we have asked a lot of our students, staff and families for many months and now I sincerely hope that everyone enjoys a restful holiday season."



ISD Supt.
Margaret Ward

Safe at Home program launched by province for holiday season

Submitted by Manitoba government

The Manitoba government has launched a new Safe at Home Manitoba grant, which will enable people staying home this holiday season to enjoy creative cultural, artistic and fitness activities delivered by Manitoba organizations and businesses, Sport, Culture and Heritage Minister Cathy Cox and Municipal Relations Minister Rochelle Squires announced Monday.

"We are excited to invite organizations from across the province to create programs that bring Manitobans together while we are physically apart," said Cox. "Manitoba is home to so many diverse artists, cultural organizations and festivals, and I look forward to enjoying all the creative ways

they can bring safe at home ideas into our own homes."

The Safe at Home Manitoba grant will provide \$3 million in grant funding to a wide variety of Manitoba organizations and individuals who are able to produce free programming for Manitobans to stay safe at home, such as live streaming of the performing arts, cooking classes, at-home fitness programs and home-based art programs for children.

"We recognize that staying home this holiday season as we fight the pandemic and not being able to see our friends and family will be difficult," said Squires. "This gives us an additional reason to stay home with our family, enjoy these home-grown

Manitoba activities together and help make this time easier for us all."

The province has partnered with five organizations that will adjudicate the grants, as well as actively seek out organizations to take part in the program. Partners include the Manitoba Arts Council, Sport Manitoba, The Winnipeg Foundation, Manitoba Chambers of Commerce and the United Way of Winnipeg.

Eligible applicants for the grant include Manitoba municipalities, First Nations, local authorities, not-for-profits, charitable and for-profit businesses, government agencies, post-secondary institutions, and individual artists and they are eligible to apply for up to \$50,000 per project.

Grant requests may include the following:

- new projects that support social inclusion, mental health and physical wellness while staying home;
- expansion or additions to existing projects including the removal of fees or costs to participate;
- equipment or supplies required to deliver a program or project; and
- administration or event costs directly related to program delivery.

A number of programs are already scheduled to begin in December including:

- Legislative Building Open House – Manitoba's holiday tradition will go online with a live broadcast of music, live performances and messages from Manitoba's elected officials on Dec. 18 at 6 p.m.
- Royal Manitoba Theatre Company – A pre-filmed variety show featuring dozens of artists will be available to all Manitobans for download and streaming beginning Dec. 19; and
- Skills Manitoba – Manitoba families will be invited to complete a gingerbread house making exercise that tests creativity and geometry skills.

As well, special initiatives are in store from Festival du Voyageur, Sport Manitoba, The Manitoba Museum, and Manitoba Parks.

For more information on how to apply, as well as additional online programming listed above, visit the Safe at Home Manitoba website at www.SafeAtHomeMB.ca.

Stonewall & District Lions spreading cheer



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Stonewall & District Lions Club president Shohn Godin presented \$1,000 to Kari Willey, toy co-ordinator of the Stonewall Christmas Cheerboard.



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Bright lights, festive sights, Sunova to host outdoor lights contest

Staff

Sunova Credit Union in Stonewall wants everyone to celebrate (safely) this holiday season.

If you live in Stonewall (or surrounding areas), you can enter your home in Sunova's outdoor festive lights contest. Entries will be accepted until Dec. 19 at 12 p.m.

"This year has certainly been tough, we aren't going to deny that," said Leonard McKnight, managing partner of the Stonewall branch. "And although the holidays will look a little different this year, our team here at the Stonewall branch still wanted to celebrate the season and our communities in safe and festive way."

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If you live outside of Stonewall and the surrounding communities, the branch will still accept submissions. Just email stonewall@sunovacu.ca with some high-quality photos and they will still judge the entry.

Community members with questions can reach out to the Stonewall branch by email stonewall@sunovacu.ca or phone: 204-467-5574.



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY LANA MEIER

Sunova Credit Union is inviting Stonewall residents to enter their outdoor festive lights contest.

Stonewall council news in brief

By Jennifer McFee

- The Town of Stonewall will be preparing for a byelection after the recent resignation of Coun. Blair Good. The byelection will be scheduled for later in the winter or early spring, depending on COVID-19 restrictions.

- At the Dec. 2 meeting, council passed a policy to establish the Heart of Our Town incentive. This new program aims to encourage in-fill residential development in Stonewall's downtown core. This initiative would provide developers who are creating five or more units with a potential \$5,000 per unit in economic incentives. Currently, the plan is to run the Heart of Our Town incentive until 2023.

- Ventura would like to change the zoning for part of its development to residential multiple family detached dwelling, which is a new housing category in Stonewall. In addition, McConkey Crescent is being closed and provided back to the developer as part of the proposed housing development in Phase 7. Decisions re-

garding both topics have been tabled until the Dec. 16 council meeting.

- Council indemnities have been set for the next calendar year based on the October consumer price index. For October 2020, the consumer price index was -0.4 per cent, so council members will receive a small decrease in their pay for 2021.

- The town received three tenders for provision of residential waste services. Since there were new bidders that needed to provide additional information, the decision has been tabled for extra discussion on Dec. 9.

- Council adopted in interim operating budget effective Jan. 1, 2021, until the adoption of the 2021 operating and capital budget.

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6. To enjoy a variety of products

Are you familiar with all of the goods and services available in your region? Probably not. In fact, there are likely

more businesses in your area than you realize! Consider spending a day visiting them. You'll find that in just a few hours, you've completed all your holiday shopping and are still close to home.

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New restaurant in Stony Mountain offers Indian and Western dishes

By Jennifer McFee

Right in the midst of pandemic shut-downs, a new restaurant has opened up in the heart of Stony Mountain.

A.R.S. Flavour, owned by Pardeep and Ashna Anand, launched on Thursday, Nov. 26 to specialize in Indian and Western dishes.

"It was a really exciting and busy day. We were starting to get calls for orders even before we opened up, which was a great way to start off. Additionally, we had planned on staying open till 10:30 p.m. but had to close early due to the high frequency of orders, which was a great thing," Pardeep said.

"It was also our first day, so some people did unfortunately have to wait a while for their orders; however, they were very pleased with all the food once it was received. This was because we cook everything fresh, with the best flavours and love. Overall, it was a great day and we loved interacting with and serving all of our customers. Everyone was so welcoming, kind and loved the food."

The new restaurant offers a diverse menu with items to suit every taste, including everything from pizza and burgers to butter chicken and curries.

"At first, we weren't really sure what kind of response we would get for our Indian cuisine, but it turned out to be very popular," Pardeep said.

"We are really happy the community is loving our diverse menu, and we are looking forward to expanding it even more in the upcoming months."

The restaurant's name "A.R.S." incorporates the initials of the owners' children as a way to showcase their family connection and originality, he adds.

"I believe our restaurant stands out because of the authenticity and diversity it brings. It's not very common to see a restaurant specializing in more than one continental area," Pardeep said.

"Furthermore, Stony Mountain hasn't had a restaurant open here in a

while, so it definitely has been standing out."

Although the family currently lives in south Winnipeg, they enjoy Stony Mountain and would consider moving to the community in the future. As previous owners of a Chicken Delight in Winnipeg, the owners bring more than eight years of experience in the restaurant industry.

"There was no particular reason on why we opened it during a pandemic. We just saw an open opportunity and decided to take it. It was a big gamble with high risk, trying to run a restaurant in this situation, but another thought was that we would have a chance to provide food for all the people who are staying home right now," Pardeep said.

"We love the community and appreciate their understanding and excitement. It feels really great to be able to serve everyone during these tough times and we are very thankful for everyone's support."

The family-owned business is open seven days per week at 23 Main St. in Stony Mountain, and delivery is available.

"We would like to say thank you to everyone for welcoming us into town with open arms. We hope to keep expanding our menu in the upcoming months to have an even bigger variety of food options for our customers. We will soon introduce vegan and gluten-free options, as well as soft-serve ice cream in the summer," Pardeep said.

"Furthermore, we would once again like to thank all of the community for being so kind, understanding and showing us so much love. We hope to stay busy and keep providing delicious food for our customers. If you haven't already tried A.R.S. Flavour, I would highly recommend you visit us and experience the freshest and most authentic tastes possible."

For more information, visit www.arsflavour.ca, call 204-344-6100 or



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A.R.S. owner Ashna Anand, left, and head chef Rishi Anand prepare Indian and Western dishes.



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The family-owned business is open daily at 23 Main St. in Stony Mountain.

view the Facebook page called "ARS Flavour."

Second round of MPI rebate cheques on their way

By Standard staff

Manitoba Public Insurance is sending out a second round of rebate cheques over the next few weeks.

Crown Services Minister Jeff Wharton announced last week that MPI customers will receive a total of \$69 million, which is about \$100 per policyholder.

The agency had previously sent out \$100 million in rebates in May in recognition of the fewer collision claims being made this year due to the pandemic keeping more people than usual off the roads.

"As this pandemic progresses, Manitobans continue to be financially impacted by this crisis," said Wharton.

"This second rebate will assist Manitobans as we all work together in getting through this challenging time in our province."

It's estimated about 675,000 cheques will be issued this and next month.

This second rebate was made possible by the combination of fewer claims — about 20 per cent lower from mid-March to the end of October compared to the previous year — and MPI's forecast of collision frequency

remaining favorable into the spring.

Rebates will be based on what policyholders paid during this period and is expected to be about six per cent of their annual Basic Autopac premium.

"As a proud Manitoba corporation, we are pleased with what we can do to help during this unprecedented time," said Satvir Jatana, MPI's acting CEO and president.

"This rebate to our customers is combination of fewer claims and our continued focus on fiscal prudence. MPI continues to operate in a high efficient manner, aimed at delivering

value to Manitobans. Our financial responsibility is reflected in our daily running of our operations and practices."

Jatana explained that this second rebate should not have an adverse effect on MPI's financial outcomes moving forward nor its request for an overall -8.8 per cent rate decrease application to the PUB.

If approved, customers will pay, on average, about \$110 less in premiums. The new rates will take effect April 1, 2021.

Province announces inaugural winners of Manitoba Accessibility Awards

By Adam Peleshaty

A business and a museum, both located in the south Interlake, have been recognized by the province for their efforts to improve accessibility for all to their premises.

The Woodlands Pioneer Museum and the Red Apple store in Stonewall were two of the six inaugural recipients of the Manitoba Accessibility Awards.

The winners were announced by Families Minister Heather Stefanson during a webinar on Dec. 3 to coincide with the International Day of Persons with Disabilities. Out of numerous submissions from across the province, the Woodlands Pioneer Museum received the honour in the rural non-profit category, while Red Apple took home the award in the small business category.

The other award winners were Winnipeg Airports Authority (large business), Winnipeg's Gateway Church (urban non-profit), the City of Selkirk (large municipality) and the Rural Municipality of Victoria Beach (small municipality).

"Manitoba joins people across the world in promoting the rights and well-being of persons with disabilities, today and every day," said Stefan-



Stonewall's Red Apple installed automatic door openers for ease of entry.

son in a press release. "The 2020 Manitoba Accessibility Awards recognize leaders in our communities who have shown their commitment to inclusion and equity for Manitobans with disabilities."

The province's Accessibility Standard for Customer Service, first implemented in 2016, provided the



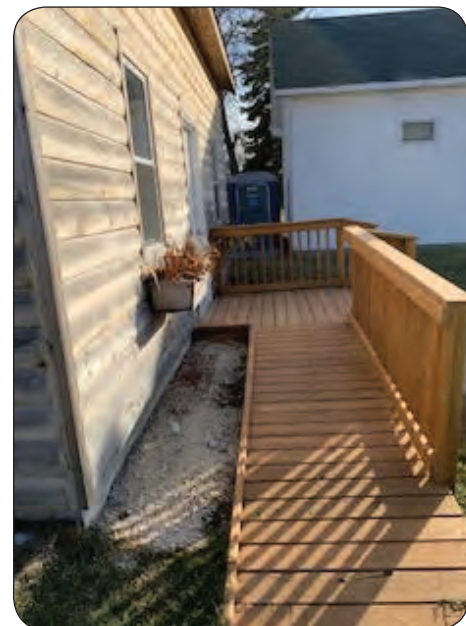
Woodlands Pioneer Museum was awarded one of six Manitoba Accessibility Awards on Dec. 3.

impetus for Woodlands Pioneer Museum to upgrade the accessibility of the site. Some of the improvements were attaching wheelchair ramps and pathways to its buildings, adding accessible parking and creating virtual tours for patrons with limited mobility. Funding for these improvements were provided by donations, grants and financial support from all three levels of government.

"It's an important initiative because it shows a growth mindset for all and it helps us so much to be able to welcome more people to our museum site. Not only does it allow us to be more open to a younger generation, but it certainly respects that some of our older generations who love to visit museums will have an easier time visiting the site," said Woodlands Pioneer Museum president Lorelee Proctor.

Judith Brown, the vice-president of the board, believes working towards accessibility is a responsibility.

"We took a look around at our existing (facilities) and identified barriers and started to work away at them and we're very pleased with our progress," she said. "We have a solid statement



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of commitment to the plan and this (award) gives some credibility to that." Brown also added that improvements to the museum are still ongoing.

The Red Apple store in Stonewall was honoured for its own efforts to improve accessibility. In 2018, the store installed new automatic and accessible front doors, easing entry for older customers as well as customers with limited mobility. The store also removed high shelves and obstacles to widen aisles. Employees were trained in compliance with the accessibility standard and the chain's own customer service policies.

"My team and I feel honoured that our commitment to the community is noticed and appreciated," Red Apple Stonewall store manager Patricia Melo wrote in an email.

"All associates are trained to G.I.F.T. Every customer that comes into the store is Greeted, Informed of any specials, exude Friendliness when speaking or helping a customer, and Thank the customer. ... For the community, it shows that we are a welcoming friendly accessible store to shop in, knowing you will be treated with respect and dignity."

Age Friendly Stonewall/Rockwood, an organization addressing the needs of local seniors, nominated the store for the award last September. The organization called the store an "accessibility champion" in its nomination letter.

"Giving positive awards, rather than trying to enforce accessibility, will show that everyone is a valuable customer and member of the community," Joie van Dongen, chairperson of Age Friendly Stonewall/Rockwood wrote in an email.



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Details in demand for Stony Mountain war hero

By Jennifer McFee

The search is on for information about a Stony Mountain man who is being honoured in The Netherlands for his service during the Second World War.

Flying Officer Donald Howard Bennett was on board the RAF Lancaster ME647, which flew out from the United Kingdom. The plane was shot down on New Year's Eve in 1944 over Eygelshoven in The Netherlands. Bennett died, along with the rest of the crew. He is laid to rest in Nederweert War Cemetery in The Netherlands.

A man named Wim Slangen from Eygelshoven, where Bennett's plane was shot down nearly 75 years ago, recently contacted the *Tribune* in an effort to find any living relatives of the local war hero.

Slangen said that on Sept. 26, 2019, Bennett and his crewmates were honoured with a memorial at the RC cemetery in Eygelshoven, side by side with a B-17 memorial. To honour the crew, an engraved metal plaque is mounted to a stone that came from a quarry in the nearby German city of Herzogenrath.

The idea is to "keep forever living the freedom for which they died," Slangen wrote in an email to the *Tribune*.

"I would like relatives to know that men like Mr. Bennett here also are not forgotten but honoured every year in our fourth of May commemoration (in Dutch: Dodenherdenking) and now with a monument very close to the place they died on New Year's Eve 1944," he wrote.

Bennett is mentioned on the Stony Mountain and Stonewall war memorials, which led Slangen to reach out to the local community in an effort to find his family members. Slangen added that the Nederweert War Cemetery has recently revived its adoption program, and Bennett's relatives might be interested to contact the adopter of his grave.

The request made its way to the Stonewall Heritage Committee, and committee member Jana Williams embarked on a research quest. She amassed some information, which she sent to fellow committee member Cheryl Willis.

When Willis read about Bennett's siblings, a lightbulb went off when she noticed that his sister Winifred had married George Stethem of Stony Mountain. The connection continues, since George Stethem's sister Marguerite had married Willis's uncle Edward Moore. Their son, Douglas Moore, is Willis's first cousin who lives in Stonewall.

Willis contacted her cousin to see if he knew anyone from Bennett's family, and he recalled meeting Bennett's nephew Murray Abbott many years ago. He provided Willis with Abbott's phone number, which was still in service.

When Willis spoke with Abbott, she learned that he had been to The Netherlands the year before to see his uncle's grave and memorial, but he never spoke with anyone about it.

Willis notes that the Stonewall Heritage Committee has responded to several requests for help to locate family members or family history, usually made through the town office or Quarry Park.

"Dedicated committee members such as Jana Williams, who seems to have a knack for finding the information — combined with my four-generational connection to the Town of Stonewall, RM of Rockwood and large extended family connections — often brings positive results," said Willis, who

coincidentally had just clipped Bennett's birth announcement from the 1920 *Argus* newspaper when she received the request for information.

"Our most recent contribution of connecting a living family member with the people dedicating a military monument in the Netherlands was a very rewarding outcome."

It's a small world, since Murray Abbott has also been trying to compile a biography of his Uncle Donald, who was killed in the Second World War.

"We know so little about him. I thought it would be good to learn more about him and his ultimate sacrifice and share it with my relatives on the Bennett side of the family," Abbott told the *Tribune*.

"I have been trying to get more information about Donald's formative years while growing up in Stony Mountain but, with the closing of the Manitoba Archives, my research has hit a road block."

In the biography, Abbott notes that Bennett had three older sisters: Winifred Marion, Dorothy Florence and Gwendolyn Estelle. His father operated a butcher shop in Stonewall until 1923, and then the family moved to Stony Mountain where his father worked as a prison guard.



Donald Bennett before training.



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Wim Slangen seeks relatives of Bennett.

Abbott is planning to contact Slangen to express gratitude for his uncle's memorial in The Netherlands.

"Lest we forget what our ancestors have done for us so that we can have a free and prosperous life," Abbott said.

Anyone with information or photographs from Bennett's years in Stony Mountain can contact Abbott by email at mjabbot1@mts.net.

Meanwhile, Slangen has posted more information on a webpage

that he made for Bennett and his crew at <http://home.kpn.nl/slang075/raf-166-me647-eygelshoven-crash-uk-am.html>.

He is also hoping to find relatives of two other RCAF airmen: Flight Sergeant John Cletus Daze from Arnprior in Ontario and Flight Sergeant Clarence Young from Cobalt/Cochrane District in Ontario.

Anyone with additional information can contact Slangen at wimhm.slangen@planet.nl.



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The Stonewall Anglican Church of the Ascension received an ICF grant to purchase a radio transmitter and antenna to broadcast their weekly services.

Church of Ascension is on the air

By Ross Thompson

The Stonewall Anglican Church of the Ascension can now extend a warm invite to listen in to worship Sunday mornings at 10:15 a.m.

Thanks to the Interlake Community Foundation's grant under the Emergency Community Support Fund, the church was able to purchase a state-of-the-art radio transmitter and antenna, which now spreads the holy word and music with throughout Stonewall. The weekly service to shut-ins and others is on 90.7 local radio FM.

"With this equipment, many residents in vehicles and at home have reported a strong signal and an appreciation for the service and well-loved hymns. As the antenna points to the heavens, may our hearts and prayers also," added Rev. James Bardsley.

Weekly services are also uploaded to the Church of Ascension website stonewallanglicanchurch.ca.

Anti mask protests polarizing Stony Mountain

By Evan Matthews

After a not-so-well attended protest to COVID-19 restrictions created a stir and controversial discussion in Stony Mountain last week, a notice posted on a community bulletin board further showcased divide amongst locals as it relates to current restrictions.

The notice thanked "all who attended last week's meeting. ... See everyone again on Dec. 12, same time, same place."

It went on to say, "Spread the word. In solidarity. Freedom for all."

A Stony Mountain resident, Brittany Chabot, had planned a protest against COVID-19 restrictions on Nov. 22 but later denied involvement in the planning of the rally and also denied involvement regarding the most recent notice on the bulletin board.

"I have no idea who posted it, but I like their message," Chabot said. "Freedom for all."

Some locals say 'Protests not welcome in Stony'

The fact there are people protesting public health orders — valuing an individual's own rights over the health and well-being of others — is not sitting well with many Stony Mountain locals.

Ashley Philippot, a Stony Mountain resident, said the protests aren't right.

"It really upsets me," said Philippot. "I have a six-year-old with kidney disease and a compromised immune system."

Philippot is not alone in her perspective.

Five other Stony Mountain residents came forward to express displeasure with the protests, ranging in opinion from protestors should find other avenues to express themselves to protests are not welcome in the community.

"We're all just trying to do our part in slowing the spread," said another resident, Roberta Barr. "There are better ways for these protestors to get their message out then to completely disregard public health orders."

Barr pointed to the solution of contacting politicians and engaging with

the system.

Cliff Caners, a Stony Mountain resident, agreed and offered up the solution of social media.

With so many alternative options to share opinions, Caners said directly contravening an order in the best interest of everyone's health is an unacceptable choice.

"People have this idea that just because we live in a free and democratic society, we should be able to (share) our views to the world, even if it's being done out of ignorance, a lack of education and selfishness," said Caners.

"Maybe they feel they're trying to pass the voice of a silent majority or something, but even still, they're doing so in an immoral and illegal avenue. It's the biggest issue.

"It's not what they're doing; it's how they're doing it, and how they're doing it at the expense of other people's well-being," he said.

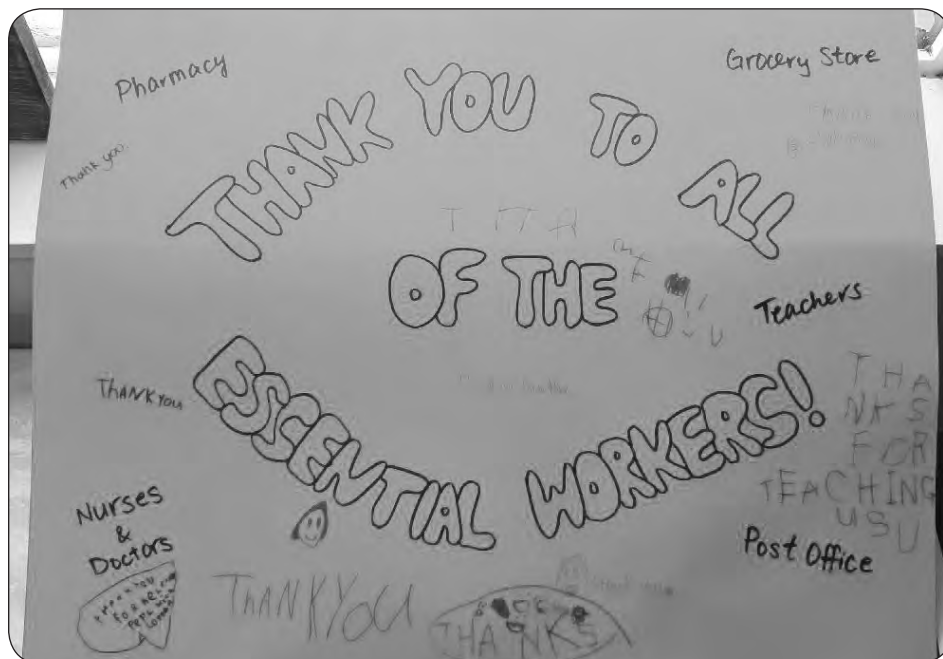
Some other locals are expressing the outright anger, and ostracization of someone like Chabot — who has a perceivably dissenting viewpoint from that of government orders — is not a fair perspective and is reason for alarm in its own way.

One Stony Mountain resident — who did not reply to the *Tribune's* request for comment but did post on the community Facebook page — said whether or not someone's opinion is correct, it does not give anyone else the right to shun or silence them for having such opinions.

"My issue is ... the overwhelming willingness to try and shut down any dissenting discussions because you — the general you, not the specific you — do not like what's being said," the resident's post read.

"Silencing (any) group because of their beliefs is not how you change their minds. It involves informed, patient discourse, which the vapid pro-mask people in this group do not seem willing to do," the post went on.

The same poster compared the shunning and silencing of people based on ideas the newest "version of Naziism,"



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Despite the vocal protestors, and dissenting views on social media, Shawna Legault said the number of signs locals have put up in their windows show the feelings of the true majority.

with at least one other person in the community seconding the sentiment, using the term "fascism" to describe the mob mentality on the thread.

While most agree everyone is allowed to have and share their own opinion, the issue for the most vocal Stony locals comes in when one person's right to an opinion becomes perceivably more important than another person's right to health.

Shawna Legault, a resident of 13 years, said she doesn't care what the protestors believe and they are entitled to their opinions. But they are not entitled to put anyone else's health at risk, she said, so educating them on that fact and being patient is key.

"The first part of the Charter of Rights and Freedoms states that the document 'guarantees the rights and freedoms set out in it subject only to such reasonable limits prescribed by law as can be demonstrably justified in a free and democratic society,'" recited Legault, emphasizing that while she understands where the protestors are coming from, current laws are being dictated by circumstance and the Emergency Measures Act.

"Yes, we have rights and freedoms, but there are limits to those rights and freedoms in certain circumstance.

"We all live here, and we all have to get along to some degree. To me, you can believe whatever you want in your own space, but in the midst of a pandemic, think and act with others in mind."

Rosser council news in brief

By Jennifer McFee

- At the Nov. 24 meeting, Rosser council conditionally approved an application by Enterprise Properties Ltd. to remove topsoil from a lot on PR 221. In addition, council approved a culvert application by Enterprise Properties Ltd., which will need to cover the cost of supplies and installation.

- The RM of Rosser will issue an aggregate transportation licence to Lilyfield Quarry per the development agreement.

- Diane Blue, Kent Oatway and Brynn Kaplan are part of the Lilyfield Quarry Citizen Advisory Committee.

- The RM will enter into an agreement with Muniware Municipal Information Systems for a computer software licence and support.

- The Dec. 22 council meeting is cancelled.

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Laboissiere makes the Jets a better hockey team

By Brian Bowman

Every successful hockey team has a player that sacrifices for the better of the squad.

They may not be glamorous and score a lot of goals but they do many of the little things right to make the team much better.

The Stonewall Jets are lucky to have a player like that in Brendan Laboissiere.

Laboissiere, a fourth-year forward from Stonewall, certainly has drawn high praise from Jets' head coach Brock Couch.

"From Year 1, he's been reliable and very, very coachable, willing to learn," Couch said last week. "He's competitive and doesn't like to get beat and he rarely does, actually, down low with the puck. His corner work is probably his bread and butter. He's ability to win those battles, turn out, and create something is great."

Laboissiere has produced offensively with the Jets, scoring 31 goals while collecting 68 points. But he has been really exceptional in shutting down the opposition's top forwards.

"I would put him out on the ice first and, if it was up to me all the time, against another team's top line, especially in his fourth-year — he's our go-to guy. Especially in the last two years, his confidence with the puck and his open-ice speed has started to come out."

Laboissiere loves playing for the Jets' organization so close to home. He likes the players — and the talent — that they have on this year's team.

It's just too bad that COVID-19 has gotten into the way.

"It's exciting and lots of fun," he said. "COVID cases aren't really going down, which is unfortunate, and I think we've missed over 10 games now that we would have played if COVID wasn't around. "Hopefully, after Christmas or New Year's we can get back on the ice. We're off to a good start, we're 3-0-1, and the one game we lost we were up by two with 10 minutes left and got into some penalty trouble."

The game has slowed down for Laboissiere in the MMJHL over the years. He's made the transition from a three-year high school player, to a MMJHL rookie, and now to a seasoned junior player over the years.

"My first few (MMJHL) games were overwhelming because players we're three, four years older than me," he recalled. "But now that I'm one of the older guys, I'm able to see the ice better and I have more time to make plays."

Laboissiere's team-first attitude is very impressive. A lot of players — especially veteran ones — are usually thinking of ways to improve their offensive numbers.

That's not the case, though, with Laboissiere and Couch is hopeful that attitude trickles down to the Jets' younger players.

"He has definitely embraced it with open arms," Couch said of Laboissiere's defensive role. "As a young man, he's an exceptional guy. He's a hard-working student, he's involved



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Stonewall Jets' forward Brendan Laboissiere has a goal and three assists in four games this season.

in the community, he's very well spoken and respectful. When we had a meeting with him at the start of this year, when a player has had three successful seasons, you expect to be in the top six (forwards). He's versatile in that sense where he can be a top-six guy but he's much more valuable to

the team on our defensive lines.

"What he said to me when we were talking about this situation that I was going to put him down on the third line playing with younger guys, he said, 'I just want to win, I don't care where you put me.'

"I just want to win."

Manitoba Basketball Hall of Fame nominees due Dec. 15

Staff

The Manitoba Basketball Hall of Fame & Museum has announced that the next induction dinner will be held on Sept. 25, 2021.

The selection committee is now requesting nominations of worthy candidates for the next induction that meet the set criteria. The deadline to submit a nomination for the next induction is Dec. 15.

Eligibility for Nomination

All nominations are welcome. The criteria/guidelines used by the selection committee are as follows:

Player Category

Players who consistently performed at a high level over a number of years on provincial, university, national or professional teams; and (a) who played high school basketball in Manitoba, whether or not they stayed in Manitoba after graduation; or (b) who played high school basketball outside the province, but played at an elite level in Manitoba.

Builder Category

Eligible nominees are individuals, such as coaches, managers, trainers, sponsors, and media persons, who

have made a significant contribution to the development and the promotion of basketball in Manitoba.

Team Category

Manitoba based teams that have won national, international, or world championships; and high schools whose male or female varsity teams have won a minimum of three provincial championships within a six-year period.

Submitting Nominations

The Manitoba Basketball of Fame Committee invites members of the community to submit nominations in

the player, builder, and team categories of the Hall of Fame. Nominations can be submitted at any time. However, as the induction dinner is traditionally held in late September/early October, the selection sub-committee of the MBHOF Committee reviews only those nominations that are submitted no later than Dec. 15 of the preceding year.

To submit a nomination for consideration, please visit the Manitoba Basketball Hall of Fame website at www.mbhof.com/p/nominate.html.

Major curling events to be staged in Calgary bubble

Staff

It worked for the NHL and NBA so Curling Canada is hoping that it will work for them, too.

Curling Canada announced last week that it will be hosting its premier events in a bubble format in Calgary later this winter.

The Brier national men's championship, Scotties Tournament of Hearts women's championship, the world men's championship and national

mixed doubles championship will be held at Markin MacPhail Centre at WinSport's Canada Olympic Park in Calgary.

The events will be televised but no fans will be allowed.

Dates for the events will be announced later as Curling Canada works with local, provincial and national health authorities to set up the facility.

"No one can deny that these are

challenging times, and not just for curling, obviously," Curling Canada CEO Katherine Henderson said on their website. "But we also know how important these events are to the athletes, to our partners and, of course, to our fans."

Curling shut down in mid-March because of the coronavirus pandemic, cancelling the men's, women's, mixed doubles and senior world championships, among other events.

"It's been a difficult few months, obviously," Kerri Einarson, skip of the 2020 Scotties champions, told the Associated Press' Jimmy Golen.

"We understand these are strange times with some accompanying challenges that go beyond sport, but as athletes we embrace challenges and will do our best to thrive under whatever circumstances we find ourselves in."

Former Steelers lead Beavers to a pair of weekend wins

Staff

The Minot State Beavers' men's hockey team wrapped up play before the Christmas break with a 5-1 win Saturday over the Jamestown Jimmies.

The Beavers received goals from Brayden Pawluk, Adam Wowryk, Justin Metcalf, Drew Carter and Landyn

Cochrane.

Carter Barley, a former Selkirk Steeler, had two assists.

The Beavers once again got steady goaltending from Troy Martyniuk who stopped 28 of 29 shots for his third victory as a Beaver.

Through seven games, Pawluk, who played parts of four seasons in the

MJHL, has three goals while Barley has two goals and eight points, according to the ACHA website.

Former Steelers' Adam Wowryk (two goals, three assists), Rhett Lough (goal, four assists) and Wayde Johansson (10 penalty minutes) also play for the Beavers.

Last Friday, Minot State downed

Jamestown 3-1.

With the pair of weekend victories, the Beavers improved their record to 8-1 this season.

Minot State is back in action Jan. 23 when it hosts Colorado State.

VB Manitoba recognizes the 2020-21 high school volleyball grads

Staff

Following the cancellation of the 2020-21 high school volleyball season due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Volleyball Manitoba wanted to offer their support to those Grade 12 players who lost their graduating year.

In place of the usual Graduating All-Star event, Volleyball Manitoba is rec-

ognizing all current Grade 12 athletes who would have been participating in their final high school volleyball season.

The list of athletes they compiled came from the 2019-20 rosters.

The "AA" school and female athletes included the Warren Wildcats (Emma Goodman, Paige Wright).

On the boys' side, schools and graduating athletes were Teulon Saints (Joshua Charison, Joshua Hall), and Warren (Liam Bangle, Lane Bond, Gerrit Boonstra, Riley Buchanan, Riley Janke).

At the "AAA" female level, Stonewall Collegiate Rams' athletes included Laurenn Brown, Abigail Enns, Maddy

Fines and Emma Stephens.

On the "AAA" boys' side, the Rams' graduating players are Cole Emberly, Myles Fotty, Noah Harold, Tyler Hogg, Jackson Kummen, Sam Warkentin and Dylan Zacharias.

Manitobans Mahoney, Roeland to officiate the 2021 IIHF World Junior Hockey Championship

From Hockey Manitoba

Manitobans Kelsey Mahoney (linesman) and Brett Roeland (referee) have been selected to officiate the 2021 IIHF World Junior Hockey Championship which is being hosted in Edmonton between Dec. 25 and Jan. 5.

This is the first time that both Mahoney, 33, and Roeland, 27, have been selected to officiate at the prestigious tournament, which is a showcase of some of the best under-20 players in the world.

This year's World Junior Championship will be held without spectators in a single-venue in Edmonton as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

"It's obviously something I've really worked for the last 10 years to try to get this assignment so it's very rewarding. It's going to be a little different living in a bubble but I'm look-

ing forward to it. It's just going to be a lot of fun and I'm excited for it," said Mahoney, the Director of Officiating for the Manitoba U18 AAA Hockey League.

Mahoney has been a linesman in the American Hockey League since 2015 and a linesman in the Western Hockey League since 2010. His WHL experience includes working the lines in four-straight WHL Championship Series between 2015-2018. Mahoney's previous IIHF experience includes being assigned to the 2018 IIHF Ice Hockey U20 World Championship Division II, Group B in Belgrade, Serbia, and the 2017 IIHF Ice Hockey U18 World Championship Division III Group B in Mexico, Mexico City.

"It's going to be completely a different atmosphere with no fans. There are going to be a lot of quality hockey

players there with the NHL shutdown and there is a really good group of officials going," Mahoney said. "Obviously, Brett has worked really hard over the last couple of years with his fitness and his drive to make it to the NHL as a referee and it's just going to be exciting to share this experience with another Manitoba guy."

Roeland spent last season refereeing in the American Hockey League and East Coast Hockey League and his previous IIHF experience includes officiating at the 2018 Hlinka Gretzky Cup in Edmonton and the World Under-17 Challenge in Fort St. John, B.C.

"I'm just looking forward to getting back on the ice at a high level especially after the way last season ended," said Roeland. "Combined with the uniqueness of a bubble, I'm excited for the experience and know it will be

something that I draw upon for the rest of my life. It's a tournament that I've watched over the holidays ever since I can remember and I'm humbled and honoured to be able to represent the branch, everyone I grew up officiating with, and also my friends and family."

Mahoney and Roeland will fly out to Edmonton on Dec. 13 and will start working pre-season games on Dec. 20. The regular competition begins on Christmas Day.

Manitobans Seth Jarvis (Winnipeg, Carolina Hurricanes draft pick) and Daemon Hunt (Brandon, Minnesota Wild draft pick) have been invited to attend Hockey Canada's National Junior Team Selection Camp in Red Deer, which began on Nov. 16.

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Level: Intermediate

Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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

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Crossword Answer



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CLUES ACROSS

1. Skateboarders love them
 6. Popular sports podcast (abbr.)
 9. Former Ohio State great Michael
 13. Not dirty
 14. Earth goddess (Greek myth.)
 15. A Spanish river
 16. Pig meat (French)
 17. Famed astronomer
 18. Floating ice
 19. Broadcast
 21. Aquatic mammals
 22. Some are bath
 23. Hip hop trio
 24. NY Giants' #56
 25. Small European viper
 28. Neither
 29. Multiple Tony-winner Rivera
 31. Loud noise
 33. Second year high schooler
 36. "___ in comparison"
 38. Golf score
 39. Raise
 41. Pastas
 44. Easily manageable
 45. Fathered
 46. Pouch
 48. Institute legal proceedings against
 49. News organization
 51. Unruly group of people
 52. Fasten or secure
 54. Sheets of glass
 56. Doubled
 60. Foolish person
 61. Rooney and Kate are two
 62. Small, rich sponge cake
 63. Advice or counsel
 64. Large wading bird
 65. Famed British physicist
 66. Narrow ridges (Swedish)
 67. Field force unit
 68. Lying face downward
- CLUES DOWN**
1. Proof of purchase (abbr.)

1	2	3	4	5		6	7	8		9	10	11	12
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2. Soap ingredient
3. Blackbird
4. Single steps
5. Tin
6. Books have lots of them
7. Made of fermented honey and water
8. You can get it in a bed
9. Room for communal meals
10. Early Syrian kingdom
11. Provokes dry amusement
12. Use with "thou"
14. Mollusk
17. Grain storage units
20. Not a car, not a truck
21. Ooze
23. N. Vietnamese ethnic group
25. Tennis pros group
26. Something that's not what it's purported to be
27. E. Indian trees

29. Beloved December holiday
30. Regions
32. Metric unit of length
34. Peter's last name
35. Beige
37. 18-year period in astronomy
40. Where golfers begin
42. Basketball stat (abbr.)
43. Frocks
47. Soda comes in it
49. On approval
50. Trims by cutting
52. Small finch
53. Language Bura-___
55. Nothing
56. Imbecile (British)
57. Tropical Asian plant
58. Abba ___, Israeli politician
59. Small freshwater fish
61. Indicates position
65. Data processing

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4 tablespoons (1/2 stick) butter or margarine
3 cups miniature marshmallows

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Coconut Popcorn Snowballs

1 teaspoon coconut or vanilla extract
8 candy canes or candy cane sticks (about 3-4 inches)

Place large sheet wax or parchment paper over work surface. Spread coconut on paper.

Spray large mixing bowl lightly with nonstick cooking spray and place popcorn inside.

In medium saucepan, melt butter over low heat. Stir in marshmallows until melted and mixture is smooth. Pour over popcorn and mix well until coated.

Spray hands with cooking spray and press mixture firmly to form into balls. Place balls on coconut; roll and press coconut to coat. While holding popcorn balls, gently press candy cane into each ball.

Serve immediately or wrap individually in plastic wrap for storage.



Yield: 12 cups
Nonstick cooking spray
12 cups popped popcorn
6 tablespoons butter or margarine
3 cups mini marshmallows
1/2 teaspoon peppermint extract
assorted colored sugars

Jingle Balls

Spray large mixing bowl lightly with nonstick cooking spray. Add popcorn.

Spread plastic wrap on cookie sheet; set aside.

In medium saucepan, melt butter and marshmallows; stir until mixture is smooth. Stir in peppermint extract. Pour over popcorn, mixing until well coated. Let cool 2 minutes.

Spray hands with nonstick cooking spray and form popcorn mixture into 3-inch balls. Gently press colored sugar onto balls. Let sit on prepared cookie sheet until cool and set.



Servings: 8
8 cups unsalted, unbuttered, popped popcorn
2 1/2 cups mini marshmallows
1/2 cup chopped dark chocolate or dark chocolate chips
2 tablespoons butter or light olive oil
1/4 teaspoon salt
16 pretzel sticks

Chocolate Popcorn Reindeer

16 eyeball candies
8 red candy-coated chocolate candies

Place popcorn in large mixing bowl.

In saucepan over medium heat, heat marshmallows, chocolate, butter and salt, stirring often, until smooth. Toss marshmallow mixture with popcorn until well combined.

Scoop 3/4 cup popcorn mixture into ball. Repeat with remaining mixture to make eight balls. Place each ball in paper muffin cup liner.

Insert one pretzel stick on each side of ball to resemble antlers, attach two eyeball candies for "eyes" and one red chocolate candy for "nose." Repeat with remaining balls. Let cool completely.

Holiday Season Fitness Cheat Sheet

By Fitness & Nutrition Expert Julie Germaine

This month, wouldn't you like to enjoy Grandma's adorable, chocolate-sprinkled, candy-covered, sugary cookies without putting on extra weight?

Some of us head into the holidays without much thought about our fitness goals, accepting that putting on fat is inevitable. Many people will tell me they plan to start their workout regime in the New Year, however I will warn you that this mindset is a mistake. Worrying about the consequences of over-indulgences in January is not the path to take. It's been studied that the couple pounds that creep up on people each year add up to 10-20 pounds per decade! Instead, I encourage you to do just a little pre-planning, and I will show you that it is entirely possible to arrive in 2021 feeling healthy, refreshed - and wearing the same pant size!

This doesn't mean toting along your chicken and broccoli Tupperware meal to parties, either! And yes, my love, you may treat yourself to a few 'real' drinks. After all, the holidays are a time to celebrate life and relax with loved ones. So here are some small habitual tweaks to consider to offset the caloric-dense foods you will be savouring.

6 Tips for Healthy Holiday Eating

- Exercise in the morning before your social events. This can mean a walk with the dog, or a great home workout with body-weight resistance or using some gym equipment (I can some great mini bands sets and hip resistance loops available at <https://www.juliegermaine.com/shop> and some free workouts for you to follow along to!). This will give your metabolism a boost and get fitness on your mind. Starting the day out on such a positive note will lead you to make better choices later.

- Don't starve yourself! Don't cut back on your calories because you know you'll be eating big later. Instead, eat a little meal (ie: an egg white omelette or chicken salad) shortly before you go to a get-together so you aren't overly hungry.

- Use a smaller plate. It will make you feel like you are eating more, appear to others that your plate is nice and full, and limit how much food you can serve yourself.

- Budget your carbs. Fill your plate with protein and veggies first, then select only your favourite sides (no need to waste calories on mashed potatoes unless you absolutely love them). Only select one



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dessert, or 3 dainties. Sugars are quickly converted to body fat, so you truly want to avoid indulging in this area if possible.

- Stick to 2 drinks. Set a limit for alcoholic drinks you will consume and stick to it. Try to choose hard bar and diet soda or water as mix, rather than sugary cocktails, wine, or creamy liqueur. Also, drink a big glass of water with your meal and in-between cocktails.

- Bring a healthy option to share. If you are concerned that the host won't provide many low-calorie options to choose from, consider bringing along a large side to share, such as a garden salad, veggie & dip tray, a light appy like shrimp cocktail, or low-fat cheeses with light crackers.

If you are looking ahead to your New Year Resolutions, please sign up now for my 30 Day VIP Fat Loss Challenge and mention this article to enjoy a 25% off discount! You will lose 2" from your waistline in 4 weeks with 30 minute workouts! Clients choose to begin now or by Jan. 4/21.

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The oft-heard expression, "There are Angels among us", was certainly confirmed for me during my wife Rosemarie's final illness. Those Angels are among the nursing staff at our Stonewall Hospital. My heartfelt thanks (and apologies here for any misspellings or omissions), to hospital staff members: Erin, Caitlyn, Janice, Pon, Carey, Roberta, Shaun, Marjorie, Chantelle, Lisa, Christine and Patrice. Brittany and Shannon earned my special gratitude for guiding me through Rosemarie's final day.

Thank you to doctors Zahiri and Graham, your compassion and candour were much appreciated.

My thanks to Ken Loehmer for his assistance with funeral service arrangements. These are terribly difficult days in his field, but his kindness was such a help.

Again, thank you to all from near and far who sent prayers, love and words of encouragement. I did not want sympathy cards, flowers or food, but the many varied expressions of support were a powerful aid in this ordeal.

My family has been such a blessing throughout the past three weeks. Where would we be without them?

-Sincerely Dale Yeo

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two years ago on December 12, 2018

When God was making husbands as far as I can see,
He made a special soulmate especially for me.
He made the a perfect gentleman,
compassionate and kind,
With more love and affection than you could ever wish to find.
He gave my darling husband a heart of solid gold, only my heart can hold,
He was someone I could talk to that no one can replace,
He was someone I could laugh with till tears ran down my face.
Next time we meet will be at Heavens door,
When I see you standing there I won't cry any more.
I will put my arms around you and kiss your smiling face,
Then the pieces of my broken heart will fall back into place.
We love and miss you so much!

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OBITUARY



Harry Melvin Kucharsyn
January 6, 1942 – November 20, 2020

It is with deep sorrow we announce the passing of Harry Melvin Kucharsyn at his home in Teulon, Manitoba.

Harry was born in Glenelder P.O., Saskatchewan to John Kucharsyn and Nellie Bodnarchuk.

Harry is predeceased by his parents, wife Florence Kucharsyn (nee Moroz) and son Casey Kucharsyn.

Harry is survived by his sister Lydia Abram (nee Kucharsyn) (Mike), brother-in-law Fred Moroz (Doreen), Charlie Moroz, sisters-in-law Carrie Borkofsky, Bernice Germain, grandsons Austin Kucharsyn (Haley), Mathias Kucharsyn (Brielle) and many cousins, nieces and nephews.

Harry met Florence in 1963 in Winnipeg where they married and had one son Casey.

Harry enjoyed country living, so he and Florence moved to Teulon, Manitoba in 2008 where he resided until his passing.

Harry worked at St. Joseph's Residence proudly. He often talked about the work and people he met and became friends with, explaining how much he enjoyed it.

Harry loved his trips out to South Beach Casino, enjoying the get away.
Harry loved to talk about the good' ole days and loved country music, especially Johnny Cash!

Harry loved keeping his lawn manicured, very proud of a beautiful yard, and keeping his cars in perfect condition.

A ceremony will be held next year in Winnipeg, date to be determined.

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OBITUARY



Catherine (Kay) Ruth Madill (nee Arnason)

Kay Madill passed away peacefully at Teulon Hospital on Monday, November 30, 2020 after a long battle with Alzheimer's disease. Finally, she will be "home" with her Mum and Dad.

This lovely, gentle lady will be lovingly remembered by her husband Ernie; daughter, Laura and her special son-in-law, Ken (Humbert), along with granddaughter, Kimberley (Robert) and grandson, Cory (Lori) and by many nieces and nephews, all of whom were her favorite.

Kay was born in Teulon on February 26, 1932 to Mundi and Ruth Arnason. She had two older sisters, Lillian (Helgi Austman) and Betty (Don Latta). Later, the three were referred to as "The Snoop Sisters".

She grew up on the farm just west of Teulon and went to school in town. She fondly remembered her Gram and Amma being around the farm and also talked about going skating in Teulon and singing all the way there.

Later, while working at Boyd Johnson's store as a teenager, she served a milkshake to a tall and handsome young man named Ernie Madill, a local boy. They married in July of 1953 and recently celebrated 67 years together at Teulon Hospital. In May of 1954, I was born and then there were three. After a few moves, in 1963 we settled on a farm on PR 415 and Dad, with help, built our forever home. Mom was an extraordinary wife, mom and homemaker. She had worked a short while as Teulon's Postmistress but was happiest at home in the yard and gardens. Her parents lived down the road, ever a source of love and support. Some of Mom's most vivid memories were of family and extended family gatherings every second Sunday at Grandma and Grandpa's. Even in the fog of dementia she recalled those fun times.

Mom's gardens were renowned in the area and she brought home the Agricultural Society's Grand Aggregate Trophy more than once. (She could make any plant bloom). She was a keen member of that organization for many years. She also sat on the Teulon and District Museum Board, was a member of the Teulon Curling Club and a member of the Teulon Ladies Golf League. Golfing was a passion for her. When everyone else was hooking or slicing, she casually played down the middle the fairway. She has the golf trophies to prove her skills. She and Dad had many good times golfing with Betty and Don and various friends over the years. Mom and Dad bowled regularly in Stonewall, making many close friends there. Mom was a superb 5-pin bowler and had a spin on her ball that astonished people. At 87, she still out-bowled most of us.

In the late 70's and early 80's, Mom and Dad cared for Kim and Cory while Ken and I were at work. It was the best of the best of times for them. The kids flourished and Mom was forever bragging to people about how good they were. They spent lots of happy hours on the farm with Grandma and Grandpa. It was a mutual admiration society.

Mom loved coffee time with the gang, parties with friends, Crypto-quotes and crosswords in the morning, soft, comfy sweatshirts, sparkly rings, Baileys Irish Cream, music, kittens and dogs, birds and babies, candies in a special drawer and family time together.

In 2008, Mom and Dad moved off the farm into Crescent Creek Park in Teulon. They met many wonderful, caring neighbours there. Mom especially enjoyed the sing-a-longs at Ruth's and often Dad would find mom over there visiting with "her little girls" or picking leaves off the ground, one by one. Everyone knew Kay and kept watch over her.

The demon Alzheimer's had crept in and eventually they made the move to Gateway Manor. She handled the difficult move with strength and resolve, helping to wrap every nic-nac with care. Thank you to all those who dropped into Gateway to share time with Mom and Dad.

Soon, personal care was necessary for Mom so in 2018 she was lucky to be able to move into the Teulon Hospital, just a quick back lane trip for Dad to make to visit her. In March of 2020, Dad moved to the Hospital. Then there were two!

We would like to thank Dr. Loudon and ALL of the competent and compassionate staff at the Teulon Hospital for their care during this past year and a half. Dad feels very safe and comfortable there.

Due to COVID restrictions, no funeral will be held but we hope to have a memorial service in the spring amidst the flowers and under the blue sky and fluffy clouds that Mom so loved.

In Kay's memory, donations may be made to the Teulon Healthcare Foundation Inc., Box 312, Teulon, Manitoba, R0C 3B0.

"See you later, Mom!"

The Rose Beyond The Wall

A rose once grew where all could see,
sheltered beside a garden wall,
And, as the days passed swiftly by,
It spread its branches, straight and tall...
One day, a beam of light shone through
A crevice that had opened wide-
The rose bent gently toward its warmth
Then passed beyond to the other side...
Now, you who deeply feel its loss,
Be comforted - the rose blooms there-
Its beauty even greater now,
Nurtured by God's own loving care.

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OBITUARY

Carolyn Kreviazuk

Peacefully on Sunday, December 6, 2020 at the Selkirk Regional Health Centre, Carolyn Kreviazuk, aged 74 years of Lockport, Manitoba, beloved wife of Dave passed away.

Due to current health restrictions, cremation has taken place and a celebration of life will be held at a later date.

Full obituary to follow.

Condolences may be left on her tribute wall at www.gilbartfuneralhome.com

Gilbart Funeral Home, Selkirk in care of arrangements.



OBITUARY

Victoria (Vicky) Elizabeth Huewan (Palamarchuk)

It is with great sadness that we announce the peaceful passing of Victoria Elizabeth Huewan (Palamarchuk) at the age of 94 at Red River Place on Sunday, November 29th, 2020.

Vicky was predeceased by her husband Mike (1980); parents Michael and Carrie (Pidstawka) Palamarchuk; siblings Paul, Anne (Frank) Shynkarchuk, infant brother, Marion (Gary) Gelinas.

She is survived by her sons, "the boys", Henry (friend Jana) and Bruce (Linda), daughter Wendy (Zygmunt/Ziggy); grandchildren Cyndi (Allan) Typliski, Kevin (Monik) Huewan and their mother Donna, Cara (Trevor Forkheim) Smolinski, Nicholas (Meagan) Smolinski, Ashley (Jason) and Courtney Huewan, Brandi Standing (Linda's niece); great-grandchildren Holly Typliski, Abigail, Ella and Carter Smolinski, Evan and Max Forkheim; sister Ollie (Eddie) Pomarenski and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and a host

of friends.

Vicky was born in October in 1926 in Silver, Manitoba and lived on a mixed farm with her family. Those early years held special memories especially of summers when a favorite Aunt would visit from Nova Scotia, surprising Vicky and her siblings with toys or clothes. There were memories of bitter cold walks to Fyrer School and how grateful they were for the occasional ride on a fishermen's dog sled or a neighbour's horse that shortened their trek. Some memories were more life altering than others. When Vicky was 10 years old her mother developed TB and was sent to a sanatorium and then died. Vicky was pulled from school to care for her siblings, one being an infant brother that became ill and also died. These tragic diseases that destroyed a little girl's world, shaped the adult Vicky would become. She was always caring, compassionate, stoic, determined and routinely sacrificing to meet the needs of others. Following that dark time, when family dynamics changed, Vicky made a promise to herself that no one would ever go hungry in her house!

In August of 1946, Vicky married Michael (Mike) Huewan and they began their life on the farm west of Fraserwood. Those were happy days filled with everything that Vicky loved; the hard work and challenges of farming, raising and loving their three children, caring for the gargantuan garden and the building of lifelong relationships with nearby neighbours. In 1980, after two years of intensive homecare provided by Vicky, Mike passed away from cancer. Thirty-four years of marriage and farming, side by side, had come to an end. For the next decade, Vicky continued to live on the farm by herself with support from family and neighbours. Then the very difficult decision was made to sell the family farm. Vicky moved to Selkirk to be near her children and grandchildren.

With her usual upbeat, positive attitude, Vicky adapted to city living and made friends with all she encountered over the years in Selkirk. She was many things to many people but to everyone she met, she was a kind, loving, generous, loyal, supportive and fun loving woman. She continued her passionate support of the Winnipeg Blue Bombers, the Jets and the NDP. (She voted in the last provincial election and was always ready to discuss politics.) She was always there whenever any family member needed extra help. Vicky, who was now just "Baba" to everyone in Selkirk and area, would pack her bag to go and help out. The more physical the labour, the more she loved it. She kept her optimistic nature, despite having various health crises over the past decade. This eventually led to her being in a wheelchair and needing to live at Red River Place. As with everything else that happened in her life Vicky was accepting of this reality saying, "it is what it is" and "everything happens for a reason". To say her family and friends will miss Baba is an understatement, but they know she is home now with her beloved Mike and the Lord.

"As for me, my life is already being poured away as a libation, and the time has come for me to depart. I have fought the good fight to the end; I have run the race to the finish; I have kept the faith; all there is to come for me now is the crown of uprightness" 2 Timothy 4: 6-8

May she rest in peace and may perpetual light shine upon her.

Due to COVID restrictions, a private Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at Notre Dame Church, Selkirk, MB. at 11:00 a.m. presided by Father Gerald Langevin. Interment to follow in St. Francis Cemetery, Fraserwood, MB.

To view the Mass live or leave a condolence on her tribute wall go to www.gilbartfuneralhome.com and the link will be on her obituary.

Honorary Pall bearers are Bobby and Barry Hudyma, Peter, Kelly and Rocky Karish and Johnny Natyna.

In lieu of flowers, donations in her memory can be made to: St. Francis Cemetery, Fraserwood MB ROC 1B0 or Harvest Manitoba to honour Vicky's wish that no one go hungry.

The family wishes to express their gratitude to the nurses and health care aides of Red River Place for the tender care provided to Vicky and her family this past week.

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