

Stonewall Veterinary Hospital accepting donations until Dec. 21

Staff

Christmas is a time of giving — even to our furry friends.

In the spirit of the season, Stonewall Veterinary Hospital is collecting pet food and other animal-related items in support of two rescues — CAARE Rescue and D'Arcy's Arc, which each help animals in need.

The local business is one of a number of veterinary clinics participating in the province-wide pet food drive, which is organized by the Manitoba Veterinary Medical Association.

Until Dec. 21, donations can be dropped off at Stonewall Veterinary Hospital, located at 4 Dolomite Ave.

Samantha Gagnon, local organizer of FUReveryone and employee of Stonewall Veterinary Hospital said that the pet rescues are looking for food, cat litter, collars, leashes, dishes,

toys, newspapers, litter boxes, new or used blankets, beds, towels and sheets. Even opened bags of food and litter are also accepted.

Whenever people make a donation to the cause, they can hang a decoration on the Loving Tree to pay tribute to pets, both past and present.

Gagnon said she offers to help organize this event locally as she "enjoys giving back to the rescue shelters. They do so much for everyone else, it is the least I could do."

This year marks the third time the Stonewall Veterinary Hospital will participate in the initiative, and Gagnon hopes it will continue to grow.

For more information about the Manitoba Veterinary Medical Association's pet food drive, entitled "This season is FUR everyone," visit www.mvma.ca.



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Stonewall Veterinary Hospital is accepting donations for pet rescues until Dec. 21. Pictured, Dr. Patterson, left, with Smokey the cat, Samantha Gagnon, kneeling, and Angela Hand holding Penny Lane.

Woodlands students run for fun while fundraising




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The race was on last Friday at Woodlands Elementary School with Santa and Mrs. Claus leading the pack for the third annual Holly Jolly Jog. Students ran 3km and collected 300 items of non-perishable food items and toys that will be donated to Danica's Village and the Stonewall and District Christmas Cheer Board. The top three finishers: Liam Ivany, Lauren Voth, Riley Rockola; Top finishers in each grade: Grade 1 - Lincoln Hallow, Grade 2 - Joseph Hooper, Grade 3/4 - Riley Rockola, Grade 5/6 - Liam Ivany, Grade 7/8 - Logan Fehr; Top finishers for adults: Mrs. Ivany, Jennifer Reesink. Each winner was awarded a medal and treat from Santa.



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Warren committee to design pedestrian network

By Jennifer McFee

The RM of Woodlands has been busy since the new council attended the inaugural meeting on Oct. 29.

- At the Nov. 13 regular meeting, council approved a conditional use application for a private camping and tenting ground for the use of the owners and their family only. It will include the storage of travel trailers and an accessory structure. The property is owned by Jaime Dela Rosa, Rosalinda Dela Rosa, Dino Dela Rosa, Tammy Dela Rosa, Jose Gutierrez, Merly Gutierrez, Victor Ablang and Vilma Ablang. As part of the conditions, the campground can't include any commercial use and it can't be open to the public. A maximum of five travel trailers can be kept on the property at any given time.

- Council also approved Clayton Tait's conditional use application for the development of a used mobile home on his property as the principal residence.

- Council established the War-

ren Pedestrian Network Committee for the purpose of designing a pedestrian network for the LUD of Warren. Council appointed Deputy Reeve Lorna Broadfoot, LUD of Warren committee member Diana Friesen, Patti Walker, Audra Szczepanik, Leah Brown and Reeve Lori Schellekens to the committee. Council hired JME Consulting to help in designing the pedestrian networks for the LUD of Warren and the Hamlet of Woodlands.

- Council established an interview committee for the hiring of an operations manager.

- Council accepted a quote from Pro Upfitters Ltd. for the purchase of two SCBA for \$13,590.78 plus tax for the Woodlands Fire Department.

- At a special meeting on Nov. 20, Woodlands council voiced support for the Provincial Road 415 restoration project.

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Comfort at Rosewood Lodge



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South West District Palliative Care recently presented Rosewood Lodge with approximately \$2,200 to purchase an Aloe sleeper chair. The chair effortlessly converts from a chair into a bed and will greatly increase comfort for friends and families supporting their loved ones in long-term care. Pictured left: Rosewood Lodge staff and SWDPC board members. Right photo: the Aloe sleeper chair.



Flames help Harvest



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The Stony Mountain Flames Peewee 'Red' team volunteered on Dec. 3 at Winnipeg Harvest. The team enjoyed a tour of the facility, sorted crates of food and supplies and learnt how many people Winnipeg Harvest helps. Pictured: Jackson Vandersteen, Jamie Gaudry, Wade Byle, Travis McKay, Evan Deprez, Cole Swanson, Matty Penner, Carson Littlepage, Logan MacDuff, Evan Roy and Dylan McKay,



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Festival of Lights parade 2018

By Jo-Anne Procter

Ho-ho-holy, what a great parade last Friday evening! The streets of Stonewall were lined with spectators of all ages to take in the annual Festival of Lights Parade. A record breaking 48 floats lit up Main Street as they led the way for Santa Claus to make his debut on his new sleigh.



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'Tis the season for winter and Christmas decorating. Many people have attended workshops at Jasperson's Greenhouse south of Stonewall and created their own planters, wreaths and swags. The friendly, knowledgeable staff provided professional help and guidance along with an endless supply of greenery, pine cones and accessories. The South Interlake Garden Club held their annual end of the year meeting at the greenhouse on Dec. 4.

A host of new taxes for small business owners and employees in 2019

Submitted

Small businesses are facing a not-so-happy new year and will have to tighten their belts to deal with a host of new taxes, including Canada Pension Plan increases, new passive investment rules and the federal carbon tax in several provinces, warns the Canadian Federation of Independent Business (CFIB).

With the finance ministers meeting taking place in Ottawa this past Monday, CFIB is urging the ministers to delay the planned CPP expansion and the federal carbon backstop as well as to reject adopting the new federal rules for passive investment income.

CFIB is encouraged by a letter re-

leased yesterday in which the Ontario and Saskatchewan governments call on the federal government to reconsider these initiatives and study the impact on small and independent businesses.

CFIB reminds Canadians of the following tax changes:

- CPP premiums will rise for five years for all Canadians starting Jan. 1, 2019, and seven years for those earning over \$56,000. This will reduce an employee's take-home pay by up to \$1,050 per year when fully phased in and reduce the payroll budget of every employer.

- Federal carbon taxes will begin to hit taxpayers in Manitoba, Sas-

katchewan, Ontario and New Brunswick starting in the spring of 2019, rising each year for an additional three years.

- On top of higher taxes in 2018 for many family businesses due to new income sprinkling rules, small businesses with passive investment income above \$50,000 per year will pay significantly higher corporate taxes starting in 2019.

"We're on the precipice of an affordability crisis for small businesses," said CFIB president Dan Kelly. "In fact, 84 per cent of small businesses in the four affected provinces say they

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> ARNIE WEIDL Wind and snow provide adventures for the brave

Hi. Thanks for stopping in, friends. These first two stories shared by our angling brothers might remind us that short winter days and snowstorms can play a part in driving on the ice in winter. It was close to Christmas on a mid-afternoon day off the west shoreline of Lake Winnipeg with dusk quickly closing in on young Jordan Green as he sat in his truck watching for any movement of his fishing tip-ups. He noticed wind-driven snow falling into his ice holes but thought nothing of it being in a state of sleepiness brought on by the solitude and darkening of the cloudless blue sky over the white endless mat of the ice field. Then a gust of wind jarred his truck. He looked out the window and realized he could no longer see the thin black line that was the western shoreline. It was time to make for land.

He got out of the truck, turning his face from the now cold biting wind and quickly pulled his fishing rigs up tossing them into the box of the truck. Back in the warmth of the cab he turned on the lights, put it in gear and drove forward looking for the tracks he had made coming out. They were gone. He looked for telltale features on the ice or snow he had passed on the way out onto the ice earlier in the morning. His thin body tensed and his eyes strained as he picked his way around snowdrifts. Then before him, through the blinding sheet of swirling snow, a high drift appeared.

In seconds he was in it. He slammed down on the gas pedal thinking to drive through it. The tires started to spin. He hit the brakes. His hands

clung to the steering wheel. He sat rigid for a moment regaining control then slowly put the truck in reverse and eased on the gas. The tires caught and he backed out of the snow bank. He swung around the drift as the snow shining in the truck's headlights became a white curtain.

He forged ahead, only to feel the lifting of the truck in deep snow that now held him fast. It was time for help. He took out his cell phone and called his friend Donovan Pierce of Selkirk who he knew was on the ice in his general region. Not long after, Jordan saw the headlights of Donovan's halftrack rig bouncing toward him. He was saved.

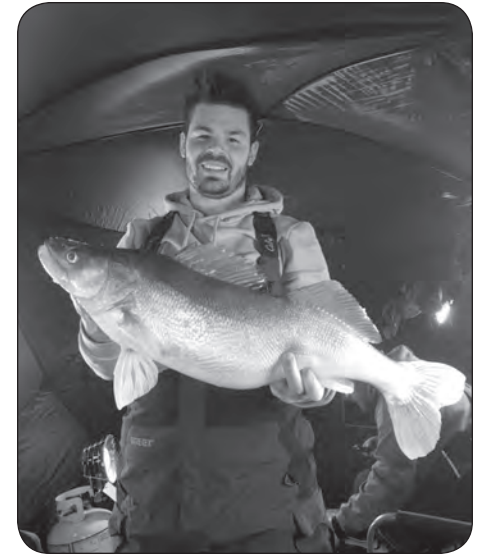
Well out on the ice off the south end of Lake Winnipeg last winter Ian Petreman, a tall, thin fellow, was ice fishing with friends. As the afternoon darkness came upon them, so too did a heavy snowfall and a raging wind. They were tailgate fishing and it did not take long to throw their gear into the truck box and head for land. Ian's truck was a large diesel and the snow driving across his windshield illuminated by his bright headlights served to mask the deep drifts ahead of him.

At first the big trucks tires sent the snow flying high on either side of it but soon the drifts got thicker and they could hear snow scraping on the underside of the truck. The truck slowed and then stopped with the motor racing and the wheels spinning. The men jumped out into the black storm, pulling on their parkas and climbing into the truck box for shovels.

They began shoveling and moving the truck forward two or three truck lengths at a time. The lights of

the truck showed their way while the smell of diesel exhaust flitted in the wind. Suddenly above the blowing snow, bobbing headlights of another large truck came bouncing their way. They waved them in and after a brief shouting conversation over the whipping wind, the two men in the new truck hooked onto Ian's and pulled him free. Soon the two heavy trucks were pounding wildly through large drifts toward shore side by side. That is, until the truck that helped Ian hit a snow ice ridge and stopped high and dry. This time, Ian returned the favour and pulled their rescuers out.

Finally, they all made land somewhere by Belair and stood beside their idling trucks in the dark joking about their adventure and getting to know each other. Brothers Kyle and Jarrett Slobodian of average height, bearded and with guarded smiles, stood with their cousin Trent Lamirande, who was of a quiet nature, sharing a



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY ARNIE WEIDL Winnipegger Trent Lamirande with one of almost master walleye catches from Lake Winnipeg.

frustrating fishing story when I met them on the Red River last week. It seems these guys have been fishing together for 30 years and the brothers have caught dozens of master walleye. Cousin Trent on the other hand has caught just as many walleye but every single one has been a tiny bit short of master length. So in order to compensate Trent for nature's injustice, join me as we pictorially feature him this week with one of his almost masters.

Till next week. Bye now.

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December 20th	Christmas Greetings
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Local municipalities bring forward resolutions at AMM conference

By Teresa Carey

At the 20th annual Association for Manitoba Municipalities (AMM) convention, held at Winnipeg's RBC Convention Centre last month, numerous resolutions were brought forward by the 137 municipalities in Manitoba.

This year, one issue in particular was front and centre for the majority of Manitoba's municipalities. A record 102 of them co-sponsored an AMM resolution concerning changes by the provincial government to the Road and Bridge program. Among them were the City of Selkirk, the towns of Arborg and Winnipeg Beach, the Village of Dunnottar, and the RMs of St. Clements, West St. Paul, Bifrost-Riverton, Gimli, Rockwood, Rosser and the West Interlake.

"Municipalities regard the Municipal Road and Bridge Program as critical, predictable, and effective for budgeting and planning purposes in order to address their infrastructure deficit," the resolution stated.

In 2018, the Province of Manitoba had made \$2.25 million available to municipalities for the final year of the Municipal Road and Bridge Program, and another \$14 million was available in 2017. However, last June the province announced it would terminate the program and reallocate the funds into the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program.

Under the old program, municipalities could use gas tax revenues for their matching dollars, something the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program does not allow. The change could also result in a greater burden

being placed on property taxes, the AMM argues. The AMM has asked the province to pull back from implementing Phase 2 of the Road and Bridge program and instead reinstate the old funding model.

This resolution was passed at the convention, which means the AMM will continue to lobby the government for the change municipalities want to see. Noting the wide support to back-track, the province has promised to revisit and rework the program.

Other resolutions that were brought forward during the convention from the Interlake area include one regarding fire truck replacement. The RM of Armstrong argued that the current National Fire Prevention Association (NFPA) standards that recommend replacing a fire truck/tanker every 20 years should be changed since, in smaller municipalities, many may have lower mileage than those in larger municipalities. Age of a fire truck/tanker, if well-maintained, should not be a determining factor, Armstrong argued.

During the conference, any municipal official may formally speak either for or against any of the resolutions. Gimli Mayor Lynn Greenberg was one of those who argued in favour of Armstrong's resolution during the debate process. The resolution, which was written up by Armstrong reeve Susan Smerchanski, was passed. Smerchanski later said she was approached by several Reeves and councillors at subsequent meetings who thanked her for bringing it forward.

Additional resolutions coming out

of the Interlake region included two from the City of Selkirk. The first was co-sponsored by the Municipality of Gilbert Plains. Their concerns were about policing costs. Selkirk asked for a comprehensive review of municipal policing costs and structure, citing the fact that policing and public safety are the fastest growing costs for municipalities (now exceeding 20 per cent of municipal spending).

Selkirk also put forward a resolution asking that the province amend the Traffic and Transportation Modernization Act (Bill 14) in such a way as to prevent the Province of Manitoba from downloading ownership and ongoing maintenance and renewal responsibilities for what were formerly provincial highways onto municipalities.

The Town of Stonewall put forward a resolution asking for a change in the funding agreements from senior levels of government so that full-life cycle costing may be used as the standard for capital purchases, rather than using the lowest tender or bid. They argue that full-life cycle costing does not always mean selecting the cheapest tender or lowest bid but takes into account factors such as operating costs, repairs and maintenance costs as well as end-of-life disposal costs.

Stonewall's second resolution concerns a Revenue Canada requirement that municipalities deduct CPP from all council members as part of source deductions on councillor indemnities. Their resolution proposes that the CRA cease charging CPP on council indemnities for council members who

have surpassed their CPP maximum, arguing that there is no method for municipalities to recover their contributions, which numbers in the tens of thousands of dollars.

The RM of St. Clements brought forward its concern about current practices which encourage the spread of noxious weeds, a shared concern between municipalities and the province. They want the province to revise its standard practices for revegetation on infrastructure projects and use native plant species for revegetation, since these provide better protection for adjacent lands from weed encroachment.

A resolution put forward by the RM of Rosser asks that AMM lobby the Province to remove the appeal process introduced in Bill 19, The Planning Amendment Act (Improving Efficiency in Planning), for decisions made by council on large-scale livestock operations and aggregate quarry operations. Currently, those decisions are not subject to appeal. Under Bill 19, an applicant would be able to appeal a rejection or the imposition of conditions on an approval.

The RM of Rockwood is asking that the Province of Manitoba and Regional Health Authorities provide municipalities with the legal addresses of high-priority clients, such as seniors. Their reason is to provide priority snow clearance in the event of adverse winter weather conditions, to ensure that seniors have access to need health services such as home care.

> NEW TAXES, FROM PG. 6

can't afford the federal carbon tax announced last month on top of the CPP increases starting on Jan. 1, 2019. This is on top of the incoming passive investment rules that will make it harder for small business owners to save for retirement, economic uncertainty

or upgrades to their equipment."

New Survey Findings
In a survey of business owners in Ontario, Saskatchewan, Manitoba and New Brunswick, CFIB found that 87 per cent opposed this federal carbon tax plan (93 per cent in Manitoba). In addition:

- 4 out of 5 business owners (87 per cent in Manitoba) say the current plan to allocate 90 per cent of carbon tax rebates to consumers is unfair;
- 88 per cent want their respective

provincial government to either withdraw support for the CPP expansion (47 per cent) or reconsider the timing and size of the increase (41 per cent);

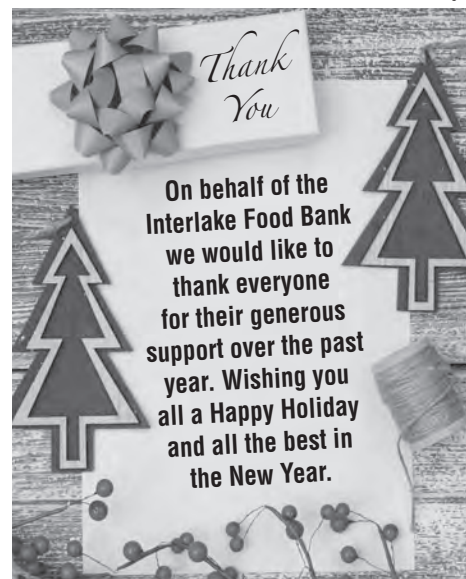
- 85 per cent of Manitoba business owners support the Manitoba government legally challenging the federal carbon tax.

"While CFIB supports the federal government's decisions to introduce accelerated depreciation, drop the small business tax rate to nine per cent and reduce EI premiums, the tax increases will eclipse any savings for

most firms," added Kelly.

"Small businesses need a break," said Jonathan Alward, CFIB's director of Provincial Affairs for Manitoba. "CFIB is calling on other provinces to join Ontario and Saskatchewan in calling on the federal government to reconsider the increase in CPP premiums set to begin in a few weeks."

CFIB is also calling on all provinces to follow Ontario's lead and the electoral commitment of the New Brunswick government by rejecting the new federal passive investment rules.



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> PEDESTRIAN NETWORK, FROM PG. 3

The RM supports including criteria that the road be restored to a minimum elevation of 262 metres above sea level. They also support the road being protected from wave action, including the application of limestone for the best possible durability. The RM of Woodlands supports the project requirement for equalizer culverts to allow for proper water flow.

As suggested by the provincial infrastructure department, they support the construction of pull-outs. However, if this means the project would be delayed, then the pull-outs could be included in future work.

- At the Nov. 29 meeting, council approved the application to Manitoba Green Team for funding assistance for two positions for the LUD of Warren from June 24 to Sept. 6, 2019. The positions will be shared with the Warren Park Development.

- Council established a temporary working committee made up of Reeve Schellekens, Coun. Fleury and Coun. Huff to negotiate an agreement for the operation, control and maintenance of the culvert and gate screw

under Road 72N near Road 6W.

- Council will not consider allowing private land owners to complete drainage works on municipal infrastructure until the RM has adopted a procedure for drainage applications and permits. The RM had been approached about allowing private landowners to complete drainage ditch clean-outs in the municipal ditch. The RM considered liability, municipal resources to oversee the work, drainage project priorities and the impact on downstream property owners. The RM has established a committee to develop a procedure to determine the priority of each request while also ensuring consistency and fairness.

- Council appointed Meechelle Best as the RM of Woodlands citizen representative to the Interlake Community Foundation board for the rest of 2018 and for 2019.

- Council accepted a quote from F.M. Combot & Sons for \$2,598.70 plus tax for the construction of a partition wall in the LUD of Warren office.

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Out of the Darkness!

As we approach the winter solstice, the shortest day of the year in the northern hemisphere, we are in the season of advent. Advent is a time of remembering, and a time of preparing for, God's light shining into the darkness.

Scripture provides many examples of God reaching into human history to shed light in the darkest of times. In the beginning we are told that a darkness covered the face of the deep, and God created light. When people had wandered far from relationships we were created to live within, God entered into a covenant with Abraham promising that all of the families of the earth would be blessed through him. The Israelites became oppressed in Egypt, so God sent Moses to lead the people from slavery to the promised land. Many Kings of Israel and Judah did evil in the sight of the Lord and failed to be the blessing God promised for the world, so God sent prophets to foretell of One who would be born King and called Son of God.

In his gospel introduction of Jesus, John writes "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being, What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John 1:1-5, 14)

So in this season of advent we remember these and other times God has shone light into the darkness of our world. The preparing piece of the season is to ready ourselves for our personal meeting with the anointed one of God. John the Baptist uses the words of the prophet Isaiah when he calls us to "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight." (Luke 3:4) In speaking about his death and ascension, Jesus tells his followers "And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also." John 14:3.

In this time of darkness let us both remember God's light reaching into human history, and prepare our hearts to receive the true light.

The Reverend James Bardsley
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The fifth annual We Care Walk was another resounding success. Organized by the Stonewall Church of the Ascension and CJNU Nostalgia Radio, the event brought dedicated volunteers to Main Street in Winnipeg on Saturday, Dec. 8 to connect with people in need. They distributed more than 100 bags filled with donated scarves, mitts, gloves, socks, hygiene products, tissue, energy bars and more. The bags were packed at the Church of Ascension Hall on Friday, thanks to volunteers including Ross and Lynne Thompson, Doug and Joneen Livingston, Hazel and Andrew Perrie, Rev. James and Barb Bardsley, Cecelia and Nicholas Turner, Joyce Reeves, Nic Wedel and Niam and Shirley Shinnie. Youth from YFC in Stonewall helped hand out the bags on Saturday, along with Nic Wedel and his two sons, Ross Thompson and CJNU volunteers and announcers.

CCM inspires youth hockey players to do good this holiday season

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Between Dec. 7 and 31, 2018, CCM Assists encourages young players to participate in community service and perform good deeds locally. To enter, participating teams across North America are asked to share images

and videos with a short description of their "assists" via Twitter or Instagram using the hashtags #CCMAssists #Entry.

At the conclusion of the program in January, three participant teams will be chosen as winners. The winning teams will be outfitted with CCM's JetSpeed, Ribcor Trigger 3D or Super Tacks AS1 sticks, plus two goalie sticks, for their notable "assists" to the community. For full rules and regula-

tions, please visit <http://ccmhockey.com/en/ccm-assists>.

"We are so proud of everything these young hockey teams have accomplished since the inception of the CCM Assists program in 2015," said Rick Blackshaw, CEO of CCM.

"Very few players will play professionally, but everyone has the opportunity to be a great contributor to their community. As such, these players know that how they perform off the ice is just as, if not more, important than how they perform on it. We are stoked to see what initiatives teams will take part in for the 2018 holiday season."

As an organization, CCM has placed an emphasis on social good and community initiatives through key donations, volunteer services at community hockey events and partnerships with CCM pro-athletes within local communities. Earlier this year, CCM partnered with the Montreal Canadiens Children's Foundation, providing equipment donations and volunteers to help get as many kids on the ice as possible within the Montreal community.

Throughout the course of the campaign, submissions will be retweeted or liked via the CCM social pages. The winning submissions will be showcased on Jan. 11 across CCM's social media feeds.

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Squelching the misinformation of meth use in Teulon

By Natasha Tersigni

Armed with hard data and reliable information, the Town of Teulon partnered with the local RCMP detachment to host an information night for residents that focused on the facts rather than rumours when it comes to potential use and sale of methamphetamine in Teulon.

Over the past few months, Teulon Coun. Danny Hutchinson has received concern from citizens regarding the selling and use of methamphetamine, a highly addictive street narcotic also known as meth, in Teulon. During the town's municipal election forum held on October 11 in Teulon, citizens and candidates alike spoke on the issue of meth being trafficked in Teulon.

In order to address residents' concerns and work with local law enforcement on this potential problem, Hutchinson partnered with Teulon RCMP Cpl. Lacey Clarkson to host a public drug awareness event on Dec. 6 at the Teulon-Rockwood Centennial Centre.

"This evening we brought together a number of community presenters so we can be educated about issues in our town, which will, in turn, help us all to make decisions based on fact and not fear," said Hutchinson.

During the meeting, Clarkson spoke on the concerns raised by citizens and presented data that did not support there being a meth "crisis" in town.

"Based on the information we have, is there drugs in the community of Teulon? Yes, there is. Is there meth here? We have seen individuals come into contact with people who have used it. Is this any different than any other community in the Interlake or other parts of the province? No," said Clarkson.

"Is it an epidemic here in Teulon based on the information we have? No, it is not."

Data collected by the Teulon RCMP detachment supported Clarkson's characterization of meth not being an imminent issue in Teulon.

In 2017 within Teulon there were five reports of drugs, which includes the possession of a controlled substance. None of those reports related to the possession or trafficking of meth. In 2018, from Jan. 1 to Dec. 1, there were seven occurrences of drugs reported in the community of Teulon and one of those complaints was related to meth.

For the RM of Rockwood, in 2017 there were 10 reported occurrences related to drugs and drug use with one of those calls being related to meth. In 2018 there were nine reports reported in the RM of Rockwood, with one of those calls being related to meth.

A situation that Clarkson spoke on during her presentation was the recent information report of strawberry powder laced with meth being distributed at Teulon Collegiate Institute (TCI).

"There is no information to support these allegations that this is happening at the high school," said Clarkson.

"In partnership with our addictions counselor through Addictions Foundation of Manitoba, who works with the Interlake School Division as well as the principal and staff at the high school we followed up on this information and complaint because it was a concern to us as well."

In order to continue to keep the community safe, Clarkson spoke on the important role that residents play in reporting information to the RCMP. When reporting an issue or concern, any information can help in an investigation and the person who is reporting it can remain anonymous if they wish.

"We are asking that if there is information on the sale of drugs that people call to report it to the RCMP. We often take for granted assuming that the police know everything that is going on in town and unfortunately we don't," said Clarkson.

"It is important that as community members you help us help you."



RCMP Cpl. Lacey Clarkson of the Teulon detachment spoke on the concern by raised by community members about the use and sale of meth in Teulon.



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY NATASHA TERSIGNI
Town of Teulon Coun. Danny Hutchinson spoke at the drug awareness event on Dec. 6.

Passing on cheer



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Teulon Rockwood FireFighters Association was pleased to continue their tradition of supporting the local Christmas Cheer Board with a \$500 donation.



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Local farm family receives Breeder of the Year award



Gelbvieh is a cattle breed that originated in districts of Bavaria, Germany, in the mid-1800s and was introduced in Canada in 1972.

By Ligia Braidotti

A local cattle breeder farm was recently honoured with one of the top awards in the industry.

On Nov. 25, the Man-Sask Gelbvieh Association announced that Maple Grove Gelbvieh, known as The Wirgau's, from Narcisse, were the winners of the 2018 Purebred Gelbvieh Breeder of the Year at the Canadian Western Agribition in Regina, Sask.

"This award comes from many years of the Wirgau family's dedication to our great Gelbvieh breed of cattle. Traveling long distances, showing Gelbvieh cattle, organizing shows in Brandon and Regina, being involved in 4-H and Junior shows and the toughest job of all, they have worked long hours on administrative work for the Man-Sask Gelbvieh Association," the Man-Sask Gelbvieh Association wrote on their Facebook page.

Lee Wirgau is one of the owners of

the family business Maple Grove Gelbvieh and said he feels honoured in being recognized for the hard work and time they have put into their cattle. The farm was nominated by one of their fellow breeders, but Wirgau is not sure who did it. The award recognizes the farm's accomplishments.

"It's nice to be recognized for all the involvement and hard work that our family has put into promoting and selling, not only our farm but the breed of cattle that we are involved with," he commented.

Gelbvieh is a cattle breed that originated in districts of Bavaria, Germany, in the mid-1800s and was introduced in Canada in 1972, Wirgau explained. The word gelbvieh means yellow cattle in German and alludes to their golden brown colour with dark hooves, strong limbs and full body pigmentation. According to the Canadian Gelbvieh Association, the meat



TRIBUNE PHOTOS SUBMITTED

Maple Grove Gelbvieh of Narcisse was awarded the Purebred Breeder of the Year award at Agribition. Pictured left to right: Ross Davidson, Dean Hurlburt, Lee, Brooklyn and Cynthia Wirgau.

carries well down the hindquarters of the cattle.

This type of breed was developed to triple their purpose — they are used for milk, meat and draught, although they are heavily used for beef.

"Gelbvieh producers, both purebred and commercial, strive to exceed consumer expectations for delicious beef products. Gelbvieh has a high rate of gain with one of the best feed efficiencies in the industry and will supply the carcass that today's packers and consumers demand," they state on their website.

Wirgau started breeding Gelbvieh cattle in 1996. When he and his brothers were getting out of high school, they decided to have Gelbvieh cattle because they didn't know anyone that bred it in the area.

"And we never looked back," he commented.

Maple Grove Gelbvieh runs the livestock operation at the farm, markets the cattle, takes care of the day-to-day management, takes care of breeding the animals such as artificial insemination, and more. Wirgau is at the farm every day looking after the feeding and organization of the cattle. Their whole family is involved in the day-to-day operation of the business, and he said they are very honoured to have received the award.

"It was an award for our whole operation and everybody involved."

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Correction

In the Dec. 6 edition of the *Stonewall Teulon Tribune*, the article "Old-time Christmas celebration in Woodlands" should have said that the carollers were Mandy Hallow and students from her private music studio in Woodlands.

The *Tribune* apologizes for the error.

Baker's Boutique had something for everyone



TRIBUNE PHOTOS BY STEPHANIE DUNCAN

Sterling North, Stonewall Campus held their 12th annual Bake Sale last Friday and Saturday at the Stonewall Legion with a portion of the proceeds being donated to the Kidney Foundation of Canada. Along with trays of fresh baking, buns and an assortment of cheeses, a light lunch was served at the Baker's Boutique Bistro. Left photo, left to right: Ginny Mailey, Helen Henry, Mandy Deayton and Cathleen MacKinnon. Right photo: Lois Henry, Val Evans and Gill Bradford.

Donation for JDRF



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY JO-ANNE PROCTER

Students of Ecole R.W. Bobby Bend School who live with Type 1 diabetes, left to right: Olivia B. Bryson S., Ethan A. and Heather Sanche (guidance counsellor) presented Vickie Zachanowich from the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF) with a cheque for \$300 last Friday. November was World Diabetes Awareness Month and on Nov. 14, staff and students wore blue and held a hotdog fundraiser. Family Foods, Stonewall donated \$300 towards supplies and volunteers filled over 400 hotdog orders.

JDRF raises money for researchers to help find better treatment and ultimately to find a cure.

Type 1 Juvenile Diabetes is an autoimmune disease. Someone that lives with Type 1 diabetes has to take insulin manually through a shot or a pump as their body fights off insulin producing cells so they are not able to produce insulin to keep them alive. Someone with diabetes can still do anything their friends can, they just have to pay attention to their sugar levels.

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- ~Book your nail and hair appointments-maybe they can squeeze you in!
- ~Out for family dinners? Make all necessary reservations.
- ~Take advantage of the nice weather and get the outside of your home decorated.
- ~Buy your new home and tree decorations to replace old, tattered ones.
- ~Having a party? Choose the food and drinks you'll be having at the party and list everything you need to buy.
- ~Decorate inside your home and set up your tree.
- ~Gather toys, clothes etc. that your children no longer use and donate them to a local charity.
- ~Help your kids write and mail their letters to Santa.
- ~Wrap all your gifts.
- ~Buy everything you'll need for your holiday buffet-don't forget the turkey! Now sit back and relax and enjoy the holidays with family and friends and wait for Santa to arrive!

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Annual Festival of Lights Santa Claus Parade

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 -Stony Mountain School - 2:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.
 -École Stonewall Centennial School, Grade 5-8
 French Immersion - 'Café Francophone' - 6:30 p.m.

December 13
 -Teulon Collegiate Band - 7:00 p.m.
 -Kelsey School-Sturgeon Creek Colony/
 Meadow Lane Colony School - 7:00 p.m.
 -Quarry Choristers - 7:30 p.m. Argyle Community Hall

December 15
 -Christmas Cantata-7:00 p.m. Stonewall United Church

December 16
 -Christmas Cantata - 2:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m. Stonewall United Church

December 17
 -Mallard School-Keystone Colony - 7:00 p.m.

December 18
 -Woodlands School - 2:00p.m. & 6:30 p.m.
 -École R.W. Bobby Bend School,
 Grade 1 and 2 French Immersion - 2:10 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.
 -Lightly School-Clearwater Colony - 7:00 p.m.
 -Omega School-Interlake Colony - 7:00 p.m.
 -École Stonewall Centennial School,
 Band and Choir - 7:00 p.m.

December 19
 -Warren Elementary School - 2:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.
 -Brant-Argyle School - Concert and Lantern Walk
 - 2:00 p.m. & 6:00 p.m.
 -Grosse Isle School - 2:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.
 at Grosse Isle Hall
 -Teulon Elementary School - 1:30 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.
 at Teulon Hall
 -Prairie Blossom Colony School- 7:00 p.m.

December 20
 -Balmoral School - 2:15 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.
 -Rosser School - 1:30 p.m. & 7:00 p.m. at Grosse Isle Hall
 -Concord Colony School - 7:00 p.m.
 -New Haven Colony School - 7:00 p.m.
 -Rock Lake Colony School - 2:00 p.m.

January 30
 -Stonewall Collegiate Band and Choir - 7:00 p.m.



Fond remembrance



**TRIBUNE PHOTO BY
JO-ANNE PROCTER**
 Bernice and Victor Andrade brought ornaments with photos of their loved ones who have passed away to place on the South West District Palliative Care (SWDPC) Memory Tree during the Festival of Lights Parade in Stonewall. Donations are being accepted until Dec. 21 at the South Interlake Regional Library.

Do you know your rights when buying gift cards?

Submitted by the MB government
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cards may have an expiry date if they are issued for a specific good or service, like a manicure or a massage. They may also expire if they are given out for free, such as for a promotion or in a raffle prize.
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 When a gift card is received, treat it like cash. Keep it in a safe place, but somewhere it won't be forgotten about because it can be difficult to

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El Niño could bring mild, snowy winter weather to Interlake region

By Justin Luschinski
 A mild and snowy winter could be in the forecast for Interlake region residents, according to Environment Canada.
 The Interlake region might get a warmer than average winter from December to January, based on Environment Canada's latest forecast. This is based on an El Niño weather pattern, that will bring slightly higher-than-average temperatures over the next few months.
 Amanda Prysizney, a decision support meteorologist with Environment Canada Manitoba, said that their forecast is based on a number of weather trends.
 "According to (climate forecasts), there's an 80 per cent chance of an El Niño this year, which will affect the jet stream. There's likely to be more precipitation, higher than the average, with some slightly warmer temperatures," Prysizney said. "It's not a guarantee, that's

just the trend we seem to be going in."
 El Niño is when the Pacific Ocean warms up, which causes high-pressure weather patterns to travel around the world. Typically, this means higher temperatures and greater precipitation in various regions. One of the strongest El Niño patterns occurred in 2015-16, and gave Canada its second-warmest winter in recorded history.
 According to Prysizney, November was slightly warmer, around -4 C, than it normally is in Manitoba, which typically is -8 C. However, there's a low-pressure system moving from Colorado to Ontario, meaning that temperatures will drop back down for the first few weeks of December.
 On average, the Interlake gets about 23 centimetres of snow in December, with temperatures averaging around -8 C high to a -15 C.

Recycling program in Teulon gaining popularity

By Jo-Anne Procter

When Joan Barton from Teulon started collecting plastic five years ago, it was only grocery bags. Since then, many citizens have joined in her quest to reduce waste and recycling has become a habit in many homes in the community.

Barton was the custodian at Teulon Elementary School and did not want to throw out all the plastic accumulating in the garbage bins. Heidi Reeb, a teacher at the school and an avid recycler, heard about Bag Up Manitoba, which is a program that challenges schools to reduce waste by collecting plastic bags to recycle. Together Barton and Reeb started the program in Teulon and 6,000 bags were collected the first year.

Over the course of five years, students and staff at the school collected a total of 400,000 plastic bags. The bags are eventually recycled into frisbees, bird houses, planter boxes, bird feeders and benches courtesy of Re-Gen Composites. It takes 40,000 bags to make one bench.

Gunton's Erika Davidson, another dedicated recycler worked with Barton and for four years the duo promoted the program with the support of Reeb and new mayor of Teulon, Debbie Kozyra. This past spring Barton retired from "active duty" and Lenore Dodds stepped up to help in July.

As the popularity of recycling grew, the self proclaimed "recycled bag ladies" were running out of space to store the recyclables.

REACT (Rockwood Environmental Action Community Taskforce) recently purchased two 40-foot storage containers with the help of a Shell Environmental grant, and funding from the RM of Rockwood, Town of Teulon and Town of Stonewall and placed one at the Teulon-Rockwood Waste Disposal Site and one at the Win-

field Road Transfer Station outside of Stonewall.

The containers are used for storing the plastic shopping bags that are currently being collected in the community.

The program that was started to reduce our environmental impact and make a safer environment for our children and grandchildren has been received well by the public.

"The program has just expanded," Kozyra said. "It's been astronomical, the people are really into the recycling."

Recycling can be dropped off at depots throughout Teulon (Bigway Foods, Interlake Potato Farm, Kozy's Productions, 2nd Time Around Market, the Gunton Post Office and The Teulon Elementary School).

Davidson and Dodds still go through the bags to ensure they are not contaminated and deliver them to the storage container at the waste sight.

Besides the plastic grocery bags, other plastic recyclable items include:

- Large salt bags
- Bread bags
- Ziplock food storage bags (clean & dry)
- Cereal box liners
- Dog food bags
- Bubble wrap & air pillows
- Newspaper sleeves
- Shopping bags (all sizes)
- Garbage, leaf & recycle bags
- Large sheets of soft plastic
- Dry cleaning bags
- Canada Post bags
- Product wrap on cases of paper towels, napkins, bathroom tissue (large & small), diapers, depends, etc.

Items that are not recyclable are styrofoam, matting, netting, cellophane, metallic or shrink-wrap, plastic bags that have contained meat, dairy, vegetables or fruit as they may have been contaminated.



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY JO-ANNE PROCTER

Recycled bags that were collected around the community are stored at the Teulon-Rockwood Waste Disposal Site in a large storage container. Pictured left to right: Eric Taylor, Lenore Dodds, Erika Davidson and Debbie Kozyra.

Volunteers are always welcome and can contact Davidson at 204-886-2022. "It (recycling) has mushroomed and people are really responding," David-

son said. For more information on recycling, log on to the Town of Teulon website www.teulon.ca.

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ject to administrative penalties that range for \$1,000 to \$20,000. For more information about gift cards, prepaid cards and other payment options, visit www.gov.mb.ca/cca/cpo/cards.html.

Manitobans are encouraged to learn more about consumer protection issues and their rights under the law. Download the free Consumer Protection mobile app. Manitobans can also contact the Consumer Protection Office at 204-945-3800, (toll-free) 1-800-782-0067, or by email at consumers@gov.mb.ca. More information is also available at www.gov.mb.ca/justice/cpo.

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French immersion students host cultural evening

By Jennifer McFee

Bienvenue, les amis!

The French immersion students at Ecole Stonewall Centennial School welcomed their families and staff members for a dinner theatre-style event on Wednesday evening.

About 250 guests were expected to attend the school's first Café Francophone, which featured the involvement of all French immersion students in the school.

"Each student is contributing to our Café Francophone, which really creates a feeling of pride and accomplishment for the students," says French immersion teacher Corinne Johnson.

"The parents can see their children's passion towards French language and culture and their ability to use the language in an authentic learning situation."

For Johnson, it is incredibly important that French immersion students have the opportunity to use the language outside of the classroom.

"The Bureau de l'éducation française has been interviewing French immersion graduates about how they feel about their bilingualism after they graduate. Unfortunately, many say that they feel perfectly comfortable speaking French in a classroom setting but they are less comfortable speaking in social settings because it's a different type of French that you use," she said.

"So it's really become our role as French immersion teachers not just to teach them the verbs and the grammar but also to give them opportunities to speak French in a variety of authentic learning situations."

The Grade 5 students' role was to decorate the gym and to perform holiday-themed songs en français. A group of them also prepared an interpretive dance along with a French poem.

In addition, they acted as hosts and hostesses by bringing the guests to their tables.

"As the hosts and hostesses, they're speaking to their parents in French," Johnson said.

"So even though their parents don't quite understand everything, it gives the students an opportunity to use language that they wouldn't ordinarily



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The French immersion students and staff at Ecole Stonewall Centennial School have worked hard to prepare for their special event.

use in the classroom."

The Grade 6 students were busy making dainties with their teachers in the school's Home Ec lab. They also acted as servers and took orders from the guests, and the Grade 6 choir performed.

"This is something else that I find super valuable because they've been baking and using vocabulary in French, which is definitely vocabulary that they're not introduced to in a regular classroom setting," Johnson said.

"They learned how to follow a recipe in French. It's just been wonderful."

As the chefs de cuisine, the Grade 5 and 7 students were set up in a different room with the dainties as well as cheese and crackers. The servers told the orders to these chefs de cuisine, who then put the plates together to send back to the tables.

The Grade 8 students were in charge of technology, which included a winter video made in advance for the guests to watch as they dined.

Throughout the event, students presented poems and provided entertainment on the piano.

"This is an absolute team event. We need to thank

our custodians for setting up the gym for us and our secretarial staff for putting together the program for us," Johnson said.

"Our administrative team has been fully supportive of this special evening. And, of course, the French immersion teachers and the students have given their hearts to this event."

Johnson also gives credit to the Éducatrices et éducateurs francophones du Manitoba, which provides support to French immersion and francophone teaches in Manitoba. The organization provided a grant to purchase the baking supplies and to cover costs for costumes and decorating.

"I think it's a win-win for everybody," Johnson said.

Creating a connection with the greater community, the school is sponsoring four families through the Christmas Cheer Board this year. During the Café Francophone, they accepted donations of non-perishable food items towards the hampers. All money raised through the sale of dainties will also go towards the Cheer Board. Hamper donations will be accepted at the school until Dec. 13.

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Bacon French Toast Bake

- 1 small loaf challah or brioche bread, cut into 1/2-inch-thick slices
- nonstick cooking spray
- 6 large eggs
- 1 cup heavy cream
- 1 cup whole milk
- 1/2 cup grated Gruyere cheese
- 1/3 cup maple syrup

- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 4 slices Smithfield Bacon, cooked and chopped
- 1/4 cup grated Swiss cheese
- 1/2 cup blackberries
- 1 teaspoon powdered sugar, for dusting

Leave bread slices out, at room temperature, at least 3 hours, or until slightly stale.

Generously coat 9-inch baking dish with nonstick cooking spray. Arrange bread, slightly overlapping.

In large bowl, whisk eggs, heavy cream, milk, Gruyere cheese, maple syrup and cinnamon. Add chopped bacon, saving 2 tablespoons for later. Pour over bread in baking dish. With hands, press down on bread to submerge.

Cover baking dish with plastic wrap. Refrigerate at least 5 hours, or overnight.

Heat oven to 375 F. Remove plastic. Sprinkle remaining bacon and Swiss cheese over top of bread mixture.

Bake 45-50 minutes, or until golden brown and set.

Top with blackberries and dust with powdered sugar before serving.

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Stonewall's Klimpke off to Canola junior men's curling provincials

By Brian Bowman

Brayden Payette's rink was down to their final opportunity to secure a berth into the Canola junior men's curling provincials.

And they took full advantage of that final chance.

Payette defeated Marc Vachon 7-5 to claim the first of two provincial spots up for grabs at the Canola Junior West 2 Regional Qualifier in Rivers, Man. last weekend.

Payette's rink, which includes third Emerson Klimpke of Stonewall, second Brooks Freeman, and lead Kyle Gardiner, earlier doubled Seth White 8-4 in the four-team field.

"This was our last kick at the can," Klimpke admitted. "We played in a berth event in Portage and went 4-2 but, unfortunately, we lost out in the three/four game. This weekend in Rivers was our last chance to get our berth and it was nice to go 2-0."

"It's a great feeling considering I didn't get to go to provincials last year."

Vachon's rink won the second berth after a 9-3 win over Landen Poitras.

In Payette's win over Vachon, he scored a key pair in the sixth end to grab a 6-3 lead.

"My skip, Brayden, the majority of our deuces in that game, were skip-

per's deuces," Klimpke said. "Whenever he put the broom down, that's exactly where the rock would end up. He was shooting lights out - it was a clutch performance by him."

Payette got off to a nice start by scoring two in the second end for a 2-0 lead.

"It sets the pace for the game," Klimpke explained. "The first end was kind of up and down. To go up 2-0 sets the tone and it gets momentum on your side. It's always nice to get that early deuce and get the ball rolling."

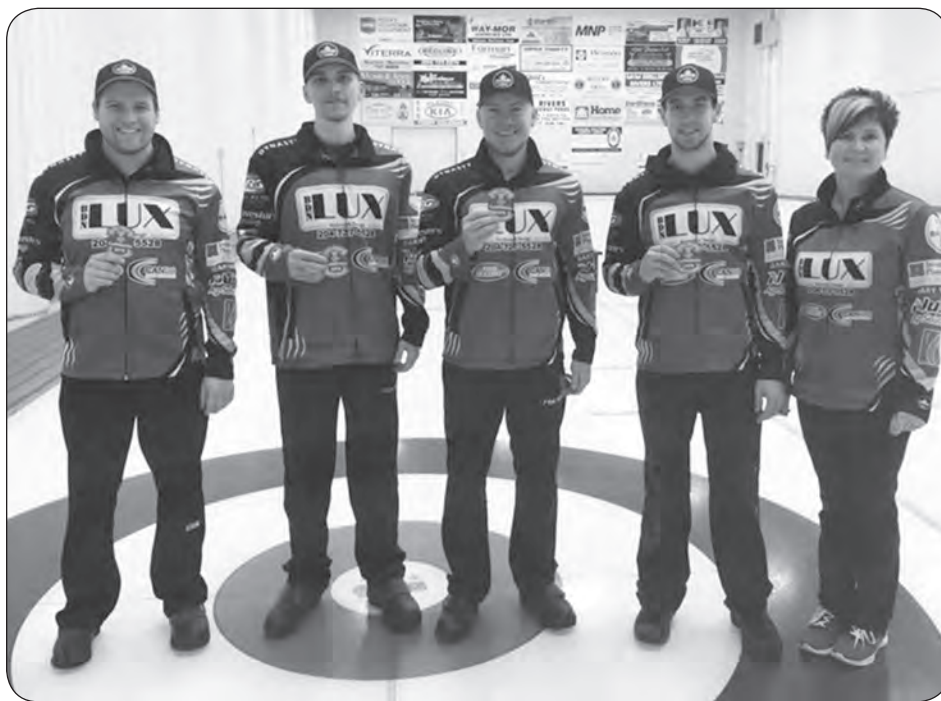
Payette's rink, though, had to come back from a pair of deficits to defeat Virden's White in their first game.

He trailed 1-0 after the first end and then 4-3 after four but scored one in the fifth and then added steals of two in each of the sixth and seventh ends.

"The ice was a little tricky in Rivers," Klimpke, 20, said, explaining their slow start. "It was straight on one side and extremely swifty on the other side so you had to adjust to the ice conditions."

"(In the second half of the game) we just put rocks where they needed to be and we put a lot of pressure on Seth White, the skip."

After a slow start this season, Payette's rink has gotten on a role, posting a 15-7 record in their past four



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Team Payette won a berth into the U21 curling provincials that will be held Jan. 2-7 at Winnipeg's Heather Curling Club after defeating Team Vachon 7-5 in the final in Rivers, Man. last weekend. Pictured left to right; Kyle Gardiner (lead), Brooks Freeman (second), Stonewall's Emerson Klimpke (third), Brayden Payette (skip) and Theresa Payette (coach).

events. If they continue to play well, they should be very competitive at provincials.

"We look to continue that momentum at provincials," Klimpke said. "Regardless of seeding at provincials,

we feel we have a good shot at it...and I believe it's anybody's game at this point.

"It just depends on who gets hot at the right time at provincials."

Seniors rock the ice at Stonewall bonspiel



TRIBUNE PHOTOS BY ELSIE GRAHAM

The Stonewall Curling Club held a senior bonspiel Dec. 3-5 with 12 teams participating. Left photo: winners of the first event were Bruce Buchanan (skip), Murray Last (third), Tom Woodward (second) and Audrey Klimpke (lead). Klimpke's team defeated the Peter VanKemenade rink, which included Chris Tronrud, Henry and Alice Meier. Middle photo: Terry Hogg's rink, featuring Kerry Vande (third), Marianne Cherniak (second) and Chuck McClure (lead) defeated Bill Smith's team of Woody Sewell, John Tataryn and Joan Schaeffer. Right photo: Tom Want (skip) and Bill Jonasson, Larry Specaluk and Arlene Falk beat the Randy Urbanski rink of Orest Byblow, Bernie Kisoloski and Gerald Zalusky.

Balmoral Judo Club busy on the mat



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Pictured left to right, back row: The Balmoral Judo Club's Emily Rogowsky and Kane Makowski; front row, Mya Good and Nathan Panchuck.

Staff

The Balmoral Judo Club competed in two Manitoba tournaments the past few weeks.

They had several members compete at the St. Boniface Open on Nov. 24.

Kane Makowski won gold in the senior men +100 kg division.

There was a "fight off" for spots on Team Manitoba for the Canada Winter Games.

Emily Rogowsky won her "fight off" and will be representing Manitoba at the Canada Winter Games in February in Red Deer, Alta.

Nathan Panchuck participated in the U10 under-35kg combined boys' and girls' division while Mya Good participated in the U10 under-30 kg combined boys' and girls' category.

In the U10 divisions, all athletes receive a participation award.

The local club also attended the Brandon Open and Provincial Championships on Dec. 6.

In the provincial competition, Kane Makowski was second in the senior men +100 kg division while Kaitlin Barr placed second in the U16 women's -63/-70 kg combined category.

Emily Rogowsky was third in U16 women's -57 kg and Sarah Robertson finished third in U16 women's 63/-70 kg combined.

Brandon Open results saw Kane Makowski win gold in the Masters +100 kg division.

Spencer Goodard earned a participation award in the U10 under-35 kg combined boys' and girls' event.

Local athlete focuses on the importance of fitness

By Ligia Braidotti

A Stonewall boy has been getting his strength to overcome challenges through a sport that demands a lot of physicality.

On Dec. 3, Austin McRae played in the mix of the Sledge Hockey Manitoba (SHM) intermediate and advanced players from the Sledge Hockey Manitoba against the Winnipeg's Squadron 402 of the Wing 17 team. The match was to recognize the International Day of Person with Disabilities and focus on the importance of fitness.

Austin was born a twin and had a stroke shortly after birth, causing him to be disabled with palsy on his lower body. He's been playing sledge hockey for five years, something his parents Lindsay and Les suggested.

"It gives me strength, and it's pushing myself to the limit," said the 15-year-old boy. "It's a good sport for everyone to be involved with energy and moving around with your arms. It's for people who have disabilities, but everyone can join in."

Sledge hockey is one of the more popular sports at the Paralympic Winter Games and became an official event in 1994.

Instead of skates, players use double-blade sledges that allow the puck to pass beneath. Players use two sticks, which have a spiked end for pushing and a blade for shooting.

Les and Lindsay thought it would be a good opportunity to get their son involved with kids with disabilities and with a sport that wasn't based on skill level and more on building friendships. Les is involved with SHM as a coach and Lindsay has recently taken apart with the current Advisory Committee.

"IT GIVES ME STRENGTH, AND IT'S PUSHING MYSELF TO THE LIMIT."



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Austin McRae has been playing sledge hockey for five years.

SHM says the sport has become one of the largest attractions for guests because it is fast-paced, physical, and played by male and female athletes with physical impairment in the lower part of their bodies. Lindsay said the sport has made himself stronger to the point he doesn't need other people on the ice with him to participate — some other people need pushers for them.

"It's given him strength because it is quite hard sitting on those sleds with your balance, and if you fall over is hard to get back up. So he went from the kids that needed help to get back up, but now he doesn't want help," she said. "It's given him lots of encouragement and coordination."

Sledge hockey has given him the opportunity to play a sport, no matter what skill level he's at, be active on the ice, and be surrounded by

positive people.

"He is proud of himself to be in a sport where other people can ask him questions about it — because not a lot of people know about sledge hockey and he is very knowledgeable on the sport," Lindsay commented. "He gets really excited when people come out to watch him."

Austin is also involved in wheelchair baseball, wheelchair basketball and also racing with his dad. He is also involved with the Children's Rehabilitation Foundation in Winnipeg, for which he was the spokesperson in 2011.

He said he wouldn't be able to do all that he can do now if it wasn't for his family support. Having his dad on the team encourages him to do his best, and the support from his grandparents is also meaningful for him, the Stonewall Collegiate Institute student said.

"They've (his grandparents) been helping out in all my sports even though it's tough for them to come out," he added.

Giebelhaus to represent Manitoba at Canada Winter Games

Staff

Team Manitoba's archery roster for the Canada Winter Games has been named, the Archers and Bowhunters Association of Manitoba announced Tuesday.

The four archers selected as primary athletes are Bryanne Lameg, Austin Taylor, Cleo Wermann-Thorn and Kadin Giebelhaus.

Giebelhaus, 15, is in Grade 9 at Stonewall Collegiate and also competed in March at the Manitoba Win-

ter Games.

With his teammate Aingeal Hanan, Giebelhaus earned a silver medal in the team competition.

Selected as Team Manitoba alternates are Nattasha Shpak, Brady Klassen, Janna Hawash and Roman Boyechko.

The archers were named following an extensive qualification period consisting of numerous tournaments at Heights Outdoors and Archery Range and Heartland Ar-

chery. Lameg and Taylor emerged as the No.1-ranked compound archers while Wermann-Thorn was the No.1-ranked female recurve archer.

Giebelhaus accepted the No.1 role when archer Brody Wilson withdrew citing commitments to hockey.

The Canada Winter Games will run from Feb. 15 to March 3 in Red Deer, Alta. Archery runs in the second week from Feb. 28 to March 1 and consists of qualification rounds followed by match-play eliminations.

Wiebe smashes his way to men's singles badminton title

By Brian Bowman

Chris Wiebe was a smashing success at the Yonex Westman Open in Brandon earlier this month.

Wiebe cruised to a 3-0 record to win the men's singles badminton event and then placed second in men's doubles.

The singles division field included 18 players.

Wiebe played Ian Abbott, the No. 1-seeded player in the men's singles semifinals, winning 2-1 by scores of 21-18, 11-21, 21-18.

Wiebe played very well to defeat the top-ranked player in the province.

"It was really good," Wiebe said. "I had never beaten him before so that felt good."

Abbott led 11-8 in the third set but Wiebe battled back nicely to secure the comeback win.

"I managed to stay composed and calm and came back to win 21-18," Wiebe said.

Wiebe did not have to play his final game after the other player conceded the victory.

The 17 year old has played at the Brandon tournament before but has never won it. He technically should be competing in the junior event but chose to play against the men for better competition.

Wiebe also played well in the doubles event along with his partner Derick Huynh.

Earlier this year, Wiebe competed in a national tournament and trained in B.C. along with his Interlake Badminton coach Dale Kinley, who is also from Stonewall.

The pair lost their first doubles game in a really close match.

Wiebe enjoys playing with the more experienced Kinley on the court.

"He's definitely a lot better than me," he said. "He's really good and doubles is his specialty."

Besides the national tournament, Wiebe trained extensively in the sport and received private lessons from Adrian Liu, a national badminton champion and one of the top players in the world.

Still a teenager, Wiebe strongly feels his best badminton is ahead of him.

"If I keep at it I'll keep improving," he said. "My serves (need to improve). At the national level, the top teams will just kill that even if it's just an inch above the net. It has to be perfect serves every time to be able to compete with those guys."

In late January, Wiebe and Kinley will be headed west to compete at the nationals in Calgary.

"That's going to be really tough (competition)," Wiebe admitted. "But I'm really looking forward to it."

Wiebe will also be competing in his final junior national event, which will be held May 20-25 in Winnipeg.

"That'll be pretty nice because I'll be able to stay in my own bed," he said.

In May, Wiebe will compete at the MHSAA badminton provincials. He finished second a year ago to a senior and should be considered a favourite to win this year's boys' provincial title.

"I think I can (win gold) this year because the guy last year was older than me," he predicted.



TRIBUNE PHOTO SUBMITTED
Stonewall's Chris Wiebe won the men's singles division and also placed second in men's doubles at the 2018 Yonex Westman Open in Brandon earlier this month.

Bronze medal winners



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The Stonewall Blues 'Yellow' team won bronze medals at the Morden tournament this past weekend. Front row: Ethan Coutu, Noah Christie; middle row, Aiden Cameron, Connor Valardo, Duncan Thompson, Kade Williams; back row: Rory McGuirk, Aiden Peterson, Ethan Godin, Griffin Lowry, Adam McLean; Coaches Chris Godin, Gage Lowry and Dennis Peterson. Missing from the photo: Ryan Richen, Max Johnson and Chris Johnson (coach).

Cockerill cashes in over in Australia

Staff

Aaron Cockerill had a real nice payday in Australia earlier this month.

Cockerill earned the biggest cheque of his professional golfing career, bringing home \$15,110.54.

He earned an impressive 19th-place finish at the Australian PGA Championship.

Cockerill fired solid rounds of 72, 69, 71 and 73 at the RACV Royal Pines Resort in Queensland.

He finished the 72-hole event with a

3-under-par 285.

The tournament was Cockerill's debut on the European PGA Tour after earning conditional tour status last month.

Cockerill, 26, turned pro in 2015, but lost his status on the Mackenzie Tour after, in his words, a disappointing season.

He expects to compete in his next tournament in February when he returns to Australia to golf in the Victoria Open.

Warren whips Winkler Royals

Staff

The Warren Mercs took advantage of a struggling hockey club on Friday.

Warren whipped the last-place Winkler Royals 9-2 in South Eastern Manitoba Hockey League action.

The game was tied at 2-2 past the midway point of the second period but Warren scored three straight goals in the middle frame and then added four more in the third.

Warren's Braydon MacDonald scored twice and added an assist while Brendan Mitchell added a goal and three helpers.

Landon Gray, Reid McLeod, Wes Pawluk, Wade Duncan, Kyle Luschin-

ski and Brock Genyk also tallied for the Mercs.

Chase Faulkner had three assists in the game while Johnny Lazo, Trent Genyk and Travis Bobbee each had two assists.

Ryan Unrau and Michael Moore scored for Winkler. Hayden Dola made 30 saves for the win.

With the victory, Warren improved its record to 6-2 and the Mercs now have 12 points.

Warren is back in action Friday (8 p.m.) when it hosts the Portage Islanders. The same two teams will hook up Sunday (3 p.m.) in Portage la Prairie.

Lightning finish 1-2-1 at Bantam AAA Showcase

By Brian Bowman

The Interlake Lightning Bantam female hockey team had a pretty good showing at the Bantam AAA Showcase last weekend in Winnipeg.

Interlake finished with a 1-2-1 record in its four games.

The Lightning wrapped up play Sunday with a 4-1 loss to the Assiniboine Park Rangers.

Interlake's Tessa Stuart scored a first-period goal, assisted by Brooke Wadge.

But Assiniboine Park's Reece Chuback and Kate Thomson scored in the second period and then Chuback and Keara Parker tallied in the third.

Interlake started play with a 7-2 loss to the Northeast Predators on Friday.

Kenady Christensen scored both of the Lightning's goals, one in the first period and then a shorthanded marker in the third.

Taylor Henley, Dessya Mosienko, Abigail Ulrich, Emily Swanson, Ella Stewner, Ella Dzendzara and Glory Plett scored for Northeast.

Interlake then played to a 2-2 draw with St. Vital on Saturday.

Sarah Shewchuk and Christensen scored second-period goals for the Lightning. Amelie Ruest and Natasha Lachiver answered with third-period tallies for St. Vital.

Interlake's Teagan Achison made 38 saves in goal.

Later on Saturday, the Lightning outscored the Norman Wild 7-4.

Interlake, which held period leads of 2-0 and 6-2, had a four-goal, one-assist performance by Christensen and a two-goal effort from Wadge.

Ava Pool chipped in with a goal and an assist.

Achison stopped 12 Norman shots for the win.



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY LANA MEIER

The Lightning's Brooke Wadge scored twice against the Norman Wild in the Bantam AAA Showcase last weekend in Winnipeg.

Hawks down Stonewall Jets in MMJHL action

Staff

The Stonewall Jets continue to play tight, defensive hockey.

Last Friday, the Jets were defeated 3-1 by the Charleswood Hawks in Manitoba Major Junior Hockey League action in Winnipeg.

The Hawks' Austin Hesselbart opened the game's scoring with a power-play goal at 10:27 of the first period and then Max Fisher made it 2-0 just over seven minutes later.

Stonewall's Aiken Chop cut the lead in half with his team-leading 16th goal of the season at 15:27 of the second period. Andrew Bayduza and

Ryan McMahon assisted on the goal.

But Charleswood's Ben Wicha sealed the victory with an empty-net goal at 19:56 of the third.

Stonewall outshot Charleswood 37-29 as Adam Swan took the loss.

The Jets, now 8-8-3, will be back in action Thursday when they visit the St. Vital Victorias.

Stonewall will then host the Transcona Railer Express Friday and then the St. Boniface Riels on Sunday.

All three games will have 7:30 p.m. puck drops.

Stonewall Blues Day

The Jets will be having a few activities surrounding Sunday's game.

Any child who brings a non-perishable food item will get a ticket entered into a draw to win a mini Stonewall Jets' home jersey to be drawn between the second and third period.

Three novice-aged players will participate in a shootout during the first intermission to promote Stonewall Blues Day.

The team will recognize Stonewall Blues' alumni at the beginning of the game who are currently playing for the Jets.

Meanwhile, any person wearing a Blues' jersey gets in free to the game while the team will reduce admission for adults to \$5.

The Jets will also have a young player lead the team out for the national anthem. They will have a few local players out for the family skate from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Interlake wins pair of Bantam AAA games

By Brian Bowman

The Interlake Lightning Bantam AAA hockey team had a great weekend.

Interlake edged the Southwest Cougars 3-2 on Saturday and then trounced the Wheat Kings 10-2 in Brandon on Sunday.

In the lopsided win over Brandon, Interlake scored four goals in both the first and second periods and then added two more in the third.

Hayden Wheddon led the Lightning with four goals and two assists while other big offensive games came from Peyton Bateman (two goals), Karson

King (goal, three assists), Brayden Stevenson (goal, two assists), Alexander Kaczorowski (goal, two assists), Austin Lourenco (goal and an assist) and Kaydyn McMahon (two assists).

Interlake outshot Brandon 52-36 as Dawson Cowan recorded the win.

Kaczorowski scored the game winner on Saturday at 18:24 of the third period.

Stevenson earlier potted a pair of goals in the second period to erase a 1-0 deficit.

Zach Meadows made 28 saves for the victory.

Interlake will play the Winnipeg

Monarchs this Friday at the Bell MTS Iceplex. Game time is 6:45 p.m.

In U17 Midget prep play, Interlake was shut out twice last week.

The Lightning lost 7-0 to the Winnipeg Sharks on Dec. 5 and then were blanked 3-0 by the Winnipeg Warriors on Saturday in Lundar.

Interlake's next game is Thursday (7 p.m.) when it hosts the Eastman Selects in Stonewall.

On Sunday at 2:30 p.m., the Lightning will look to take a bite out of the Sharks in Warren.



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Midget Provincial Lightning involved in pair of shutouts

Staff

The Interlake Lightning were part of a pair of shutout games last weekend. They lost the first game and then won the second one.

Interlake was blanked 3-0 by the Winnipeg Bruins on Saturday in Teulon but then rebounded nicely to

shut out the Winnipeg Thrashers 1-0 in Manitoba AAA Midget Hockey League action Sunday afternoon at Gateway Arena.

Matthew Vandel scored the game winner against the Thrashers at 13:31 of the third period. Derrick Lange assisted on the goal.

Chris Fines made 34 saves for the shutout.

In the loss to the Bruins, Ben Howika gave the visitors a 1-0 lead at 7:49 of the second period.

Luc Masse and Jesse Tkach tallied in the third.

Fines stopped 32 Bruins' shots.

Interlake, now 5-19-0-1-0, will host the Brandon Wheat Kings Friday (8 p.m.) and then will play the Central Plains Capitals in Portage la Prairie on Sunday (1:15 p.m.).

Lightning drop four games at Female Midget AAA Challenge

Staff

The Interlake Lightning lost all four games at the Female Midget AAA Challenge in Winnipeg last weekend.

Interlake started the event with a 2-0 loss to the Pembina Valley Hawks on Friday.

Abbi Conrad and Cora Fijala (on the power play) scored second-period goals for the Hawks.

On Saturday, the Lightning dropped

a 5-3 decision to the Melville Prairie Fire from Saskatchewan and then was defeated 5-1 by Pilot Mound Academy

Interlake's Denali Sigurdson opened the game's scoring against Melville in the first period, assisted by Erin Yorke.

But Melville's Kailey Ottenbreit replied with a natural hat trick in a 6:20 span in the first period.

The Prairie Fire then went up 5-1 as Starla Mann and Ava Metzger added

second-period goals.

The Lightning's Brenna Barylski and Taylor Kristanson tallied in the third.

Against Pilot Mound Academy, Sigurdson again opened the game's scoring (with the assist going to Megan Humeniuk) but Pilot Mound took a 2-1 lead after the first period on goals by Carrigan Umpherville and Saige Mckay.

Umpherville and Mckay scored

again in the second period and then Mckay completed her hat trick in the third.

Sunday saw Interlake get blanked 4-0 by the Winnipeg Ice.

Sandrene Garofalo and Seren Jocelyn scored second-period goals and then Maggie Medock and Julia Bird tallied in the third.

Cvar selected MMJHL goalie of the month

Staff

The St. James Canucks' Nathan Cvar was named the Manitoba Major Junior Hockey League's Goaltender of the Month for November.

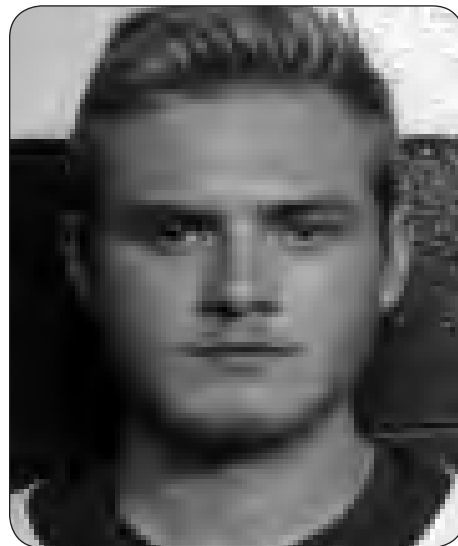
Cvar posted an impressive 5-1 record and 2.33 goals-against average in November.

For the season, Cvar boasted a 7-3 record with one shutout, a 2.20 GAA, and .922 save percentage as of Dec. 6.

St. James traded future considerations to the Stonewall Jets back in September to bring back Cvar for the next two seasons.

Cvar spent the past two years with the Canucks and had a stellar 2017-18 campaign where he went 12-8-3 with a .923 save percentage and 2.35 goals against average.

He also earned a shutout in 23 games played.



Nathan Cvar

After two years, Cvar's rights were sent back to Stonewall until the Canucks re-acquired him

Epp named MFMHL player of the week

Staff

Interlake Lightning goaltender Anya Epp was selected as last week's Manitoba Female Midget Hockey League's Player of the Week.

Epp, a Grade 9 student from Stonewall, shut out the Winnipeg Avros 1-0 on Nov. 28 while stopping all 38 shots.

Epp then earned her team another point in a 2-1 shootout loss against Central Plains two days later. She stopped 48 of 49 shots through regulation and overtime before losing in the shootout.

The 1-0 shutout was the Lightning's first win of the season and Epp earned her team three of a possible four points while facing 87 shots and only allowing two goals.



Anya Epp

Interlake Thunder hand out season-ending awards

Staff

The Interlake Thunder celebrated another very successful season with their annual awards banquet last Saturday evening.

Here are the 2018 Midget award winners:

Most Valuable Player - Colton Meisner - linebacker

Most Outstanding Offence - Colton Nedotiafko - running back

Most Outstanding Defence - James Crate - defensive linemen

Most Outstanding Lineman - Gabri-

el Simard - offensive linemen

Most Outstanding Specials - Tanner McCallen - defensive back

Rookie of the Year - Graeme Perrie - running back

Thunder Impact Player - Benjamin Olafson - defensive linemen

Charlie Cooke Leadership Award - Nedotiafko and Colton Meisner - linebacker.

The Thunder Atom award winners included

Most Outstanding Offensive Player - Logan Bourrie

Most Outstanding Defensive Player - Nathan Esch

Most Outstanding Lineman - Andrew Sanderson

Thunder Impact Player of the Year - Hilton Billings

Interlake's junior girls award winners featured

Most Outstanding Offensive Player - Zoey Oughton

Most Outstanding Defensive Player - Skyler Funk

Most Outstanding Lineman - Madison Delaurier

Thunder Impact Player of the Year - Hailey Hiebert

The Thunder senior girls' award winners were

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

Sudoku Answer

	N	O	W	A	S	B	R	K
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C	B	N	T	P	F	R	A	R
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S	E	E	N	K	O	D	V	O
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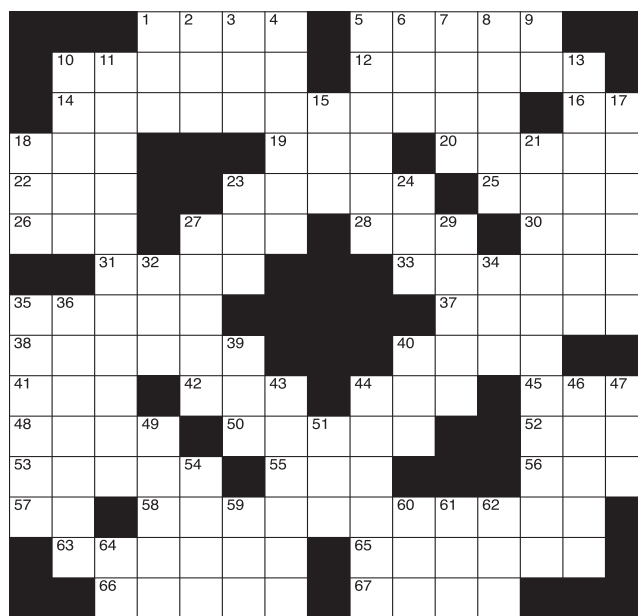
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CLUES ACROSS

- Pairs
- Utah athlete
- Former CIA
- Teeter totter
- Sporting dog
- Woman (French)
- Greek sophist
- Gathered leaves
- Milliliter
- African nation
- In a brazen way
- Aquatic mammal
- Pouch
- Denies
- Germany
- Brightness
- Cool!
- Department of Defense
- Indian city
- "Our Betters" director
- Flow's partner
- Famed English cricketer
- Parts per thousand (abbr.)
- Peacock network
- Sports highlight show
- Great generosity
- Barbary sheep
- Agave
- Crab (German)
- Egyptian god of life

CLUES DOWN

- Speedy ballplayer Gordon



- Ice cream brand
- Midway between north and northeast
- Postage are one type
- Balearic island
- Body part
- Scotland's longest river
- Where rafters go
- Type of Kia
- Where monks live
- UK TV station
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We would like to express our heartfelt thanks to everyone for their amazing support in the recent passing of our husband, father and grandfather, George Henry. The visits with comforting words, the meals, baking, flowers and many other acts of kindness were greatly appreciated. Thank you to the Grace Hospital and Health Sciences Centre for their wonderful care and compassion. Lastly, thank you to all who attended George's Celebration of Life and shared so many stories and memories with us, making it a very special day. A mere thank you doesn't seem enough but know that we really appreciated you being there when we needed you.

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Floyd Swanson
December 7, 2017

There is no death,
Only a change of worlds

-Blair and Lizette

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-Mark and Christine Tronrud
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In Loving Memory
Matthew MacIntyre
December 18, 1984 – September 6, 2012
Forever wishing you were here.
We hold a thousand memories,
And a thousand silent tears.
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Forever and always.
Loved dearly and so sadly missed.
December 18, 2018 Matthew would be 34.
-Love Mom, Dad, Tracey,
family and friends

OBITUARY

James Medwid



Peacefully on Saturday, December 8, 2018 our dear husband and father, passed away with his family at his side.
Jim was born October 17, 1945 at the Dr. Evelyn Memorial Hospital in Stonewall, Manitoba.
He will be lovingly remembered and missed by his wife Margaret of 51 years, his daughter Karmelle and his son Kristopher (Kelly).
He was predeceased by his mother Helen; his father John; brothers Willie and Peter; sisters Marion, Lucie, Jennie and his nephew Tyler.
Jim was the youngest of eight children. He is survived by his brother Steve, the oldest and his sister Margaret.
Jim attended school in Balmoral graduating from Stonewall Collegiate.

He married Margaret Packer in June of 1967. He was blessed with two children, his daughter Karmelle in 1972 and his son Kristopher in 1976.
He took over the family farm in 1967. He obtained his Class 1 license and spent many winters long distance trucking. He also worked at Teulon Hospital for nine years all the while maintaining the family farm until his admission to Rosewood Lodge on July 12, 2015 due to frontal lobe dementia.

Jim loved the farm, the outdoors, his garden and hunting. He spent many years coaching baseball in Balmoral, many years winning the Highway 6 & 7 league. He took his team to the Manitoba Summer Games in 1988.

Jim loved music and dancing. Every Saturday night he would have the Saturday night polka party playing at full blast while still watching Hockey Night in Canada. Whether he was cultivating the field or cutting grass he always was listening to CFRRY 920 on your dial!

We would like to thank Dr. Loudon, Michelle Loehmer, home care workers Matthew Campbell and Sean Amy for their care prior to Jim's admission to Rosewood Lodge. Special thanks to Dr. Graham, the nursing staff and staff from all departments for their support and care.

A Celebration of Jim's Life will be held at the Church of the Ascension, Stonewall (corner of 1st Ave. N and 2nd Street W.) on Friday, December 14, 2018 at 2:00 p.m.

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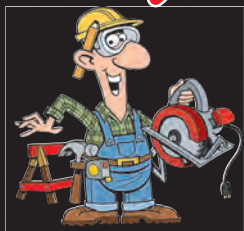
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