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## **2** The Stonewall Teulon Tribune Thursday, March 9, 2023 **Teulon library receives grief** support books and funds

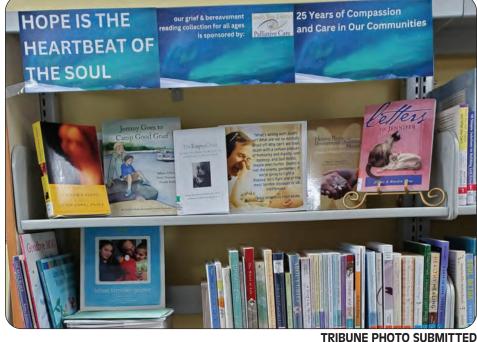
### Submitted by Sherry Wood-Weaver

South West District Palliative Care recently donated part of its Grief Publication Collection to the Teulon branch of the South Interlake Regional Library, as well as \$500 for administrative costs associated with the technical cataloguing and processing required, adding to the growing collection of all SIRL branches.

With a large and diverse collection of books, the SWDPC board decided that the best way to have them available for public use in the areas it serves (providing support for end-oflife care for clients and families in the municipalities and surrounding communities of Rockwood, Rosser, Woodlands and Armstrong) was to continue its community partnership and add

to the collection of the SIRL branches, whose patrons are also from these areas. The Stonewall branch had received a donation of Grief & Bereavement books in the past from SWDPC and the decision was made to add more to the Teulon Branch as well. In total, there are now over 100 of these books that can be borrowed through all of the SIRL branches, including the Bookmobile. These grief book subjects for all ages and relationships include topics such as trauma recovery, facing illness, emotional healing, end-of-life care, memorial planning, overcoming loss and so much more.

SWDPC programs include volunteer support, education and equipment purchases offered in conjunction with



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the Interlake-Eastern Regional Health dent on donations and community

## Headingley RCMP respond to out-of-control house party

### Submitted by RCMP

Headingley RCMP received multiple reports of an out-of-control house party in the RM of Rosser on Feb. 24 at approximately 11:30 p.m.

One of the reports stated that shots were fired and people were injured at the residence. Officers attended immediately. The house was known to officers as an online marketplace vacation home rental.

When officers arrived on scene, it was chaotic. Many people were fleeing the property, both on foot and in vehicles. When they entered the premises, officers observed a large number of youth inside and empty liquor containers were strewn everywhere. Immediately, officers were approached by a female youth stating that her friend was in need of emergency medical assistance. Officers cleared all three floors of the home while other officers were able to clear the roadway to allow EMS access to the property.

Officers outside the residence located further injured individuals and brought them inside for treatment. A male and a female were transported to hospital with serious injuries. It was discovered that another male was already at the hospital receiving treatment for injuries sustained at the

party. It did not appear that anyone had been shot despite initial reports coming into police. No firearms were located.

Initial investigation has determined that the party was announced on Snapchat and that many people at the party were unknown to each other. The residence has received thousands of dollars in damage. The party-goers were mainly youth, and drugs and alcohol were present at the scene.

"This is the second large youth party announced via social media that RCMP have seen in the last few months, and the trend is getting concerning," said Staff Sgt. Jason

Vrooman, area commander for Stonewall and Headingley RCMP. "Young people are getting seriously injured. The danger these types of events pose is no laughing matter. The level of violence escalated quickly. My advice to those seeing these invitations is stay as far away as you can and advise police immediately."

If you have information regarding this event or if you were a victim of a crime that night, police would like to speak with you. You are asked to call Headingley RCMP at 204-888-0358, Crime Stoppers anonymously at 1-800-222-8477 or secure tip online at www.manitobacrimestoppers.com.





# Sticks in the Middle returns on Saturday

### By Jennifer McFee

Come one, come all!

Another outdoor hockey event is happening this weekend, and everyone is invited.

"After a great day playing road hockey in the VMSC parking lot this past fall, Outdoor Hockey Club 'Sticks in the Middle' is back for a winter event," said Randy Frykas, founder of Outdoor Hockey Club.

The event is set for Saturday, March 11 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Kinsmen Lake.

"NHL alumni Derek Meech and Trevor Kidd will also be attending to sign autographs, take photos, talk hockey and get into some games," Frykas said.

"It's open to everyone. Please bring lawn chairs or something to sit on. If

you are looking to play, please register for free in advance so we get a sense of how many people are coming and when."

All players are required to wear helmets, and those under 18 are required to have cages or full face shields.

"The goal of this event is to enjoy a day of outdoor hockey here in Stonewall and to hopefully turn this into a regular community event," Frykas added.

"The Sticks in the Middle day will also be featured in the Outdoor Hockey Club series currently in its first season. There are six episodes already released on the OHC YouTube channel."

To register or for more information, visit outdoorhockey.club or email info@outdoorhockey.club.



**TRIBUNE PHOTO SUBMITTED** 

All are welcome to participate in the Sticks in the Middle event on Saturday, March 11 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Kinsmen Lake.

## **Red River Mutual invites communities to spruce up their stories**

#### Submitted by Red River Mutual

Red River Mutual's community sponsorship initiative, Spruce Up Your Story, is back for its fourth year and offering \$150,000 in total to help restore well-worn but well-loved spaces that are at the heart of communities across Manitoba and Saskatchewan.

"The goal of Spruce Up Your Story is to ensure the places where communities gather continue to thrive for generations to come. It's not about replacing these spaces, but rather breathing new life into them," says Jennifer Ewankiw, vice-president of strategy and business development. "We're committed to helping make a change

in the communities and neighbourhoods we do business in. Red River Mutual is part of the community, a neighbour, and we want to be there for our neighbours."

This year, Red River Mutual will help restore select community spaces where people connect, laugh, learn and share. Deserving communities across the prairies will receive a share of \$150,000. On top of the monetary gift, the winners will also have access to additional volunteer hours from a crew of Red River Mutual and local brokerage staff members to help complete their projects.

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awarded more than \$450,000 to support 30 spaces in communities across Manitoba and Saskatchewan. Southquill Foodbank Garden in Erickson, Man., was one of the recipients granted funds in 2020 to help set up a community garden adjacent to its foodbank.

Red River Mutual provided \$16,000 to help the Main Street Green Space - Southquill Foodbank Community Garden Spruce Up their Story. The funds are being used to properly landscape the garden to prevent runoff and soil erosion, level and re-grav-

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## 4 The Stonewall Teulon Tribune Thursday, March 9, 2023 Cottage Country's Lake and Cabin Show on March 17–19

### By Autumn Fehr

In just a few weeks, the No. 1 event in Manitoba for cabin-goers will return to the Red River Exhibition Park.

The 14th annual Cottage Country's Lake & Cabin Show will be held from March 17 to 19 at the Red River Exhibition Place at 3977 Portage Ave., Winnipeg.

If you are a cottage owner, buyer or plan on to building or renovating your dream staycation spot, this event is the perfect one-stop shop. Everything you need for your cottage project will be in one place. Meet top local companies to help you build, renovate, upgrade, decorate and enjoy your Manitoba cottage retreat.

And a few familiar faces from Oak Bluff and Petersfield will be there to help you along the way.

Arctic Spas in Oak Bluff has participated in the cottage show for a number of years and is looking forward to this year's show.

The business provides high-quality, efficient, easy-to-maintain hot tubs and arctic spas for all of Manitoba, perfect for any cottage lover.

Arctic Spas have spent about 27 years caring for Manitoba's cottage country.

"Virtually everything that a person needs for their cottage or is thinking about for their cottage under one roof. It gives you a different idea for whatever you are doing, whether it's on the water or in the home. We add a bit of a different accent to create a bit of that outdoor experience at the cottage," said Dustin Last, sales manager at Arctic Spas.

Horizon Storage Sheds from Petersfield will also be at the event to help you with your cabin storage needs.

The business builds storage and garden sheds in various building styles to fit the needs of any cottage or home owner, or prospective buyer.

They have nine standard styles to choose from: the Ranch Style, Big Ranch, Low Barn Style, High Barn Style, Cottage Style, Platinum Style, Urban Style, Workshops, and Greenhouses. In addition, each style has a variety of customizable options.



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Arctic Spas will have a booth at the 14th annual Cottage Country's Lake & Cabin Show March 17-19.

The show's hours are Friday, March 17 from 2 to 9 p.m., Saturday, March 18 from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Sunday, March 19 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Tickets at the door can be purchased for \$12 for adults, \$10 for seniors, and

kids 13 and under are free.

There is free parking available on location.

This year's event is presented by Aviva Insurance Canada.

## Manitoba government reduces charitable raffle licence fees

### Submitted by Manitoba government

The Manitoba government is introducing regulatory changes to the Licensing and Appeals Regulation that will allow the Liquor, Gaming and Cannabis Authority of Manitoba (LGCA) to restructure its licence fee model for charitable raffles, Justice Minister Kelvin Goertzen announced Thursday.

"Manitobans are the most charitable people in all of Canada," said Goertzen. "Lowering raffle fees will ensure that more of Manitobans generosity will go to the charities and causes they are choosing to support."

Under the new model, the fee for major raffles — with anticipated gross revenues over \$10,000 — will be reduced to one per cent from 1.5 per cent of the actual gross revenue, calculated and due after the event. The change represents a 33 per cent fee reduction for raffle licensees, noted Goertzen.

"We're so grateful for community

champions who choose to use raffles to help raise funds for sick and injured children," says Stefano Grande, president and CEO, Children's Hospital Foundation of Manitoba. "We welcome the news of a reduction in raffle licence fees because it will help fundraisers be even more successful in supporting families in hospital."

Charitable raffles with anticipated gross revenues between \$2,000 and \$10,000 will pay a nominal licence fee, while charitable raffles with anticipated gross revenues under \$2,000 — which typically operate for recreational purposes rather than fundraising — will continue to be eligible for a free licence.

"It is important for public agencies like the LGCA to continually review our fee structures to ensure they are appropriate and not an impediment for our regulated industries. This amendment is a positive step in supporting Manitoba charities and their hard work in our communities," said Kristianne Dechant, executive director and CEO, LGCA.

The minister noted regulatory changes related to charitable raffle fees were introduced alongside Manitoba government measures to modernize liquor service in the province.





# Volunteers needed to launch CIB group in Warren

### **By Jennifer McFee**

A new Communities in Bloom group will hopefully take root in the Warren area.

Communities in Bloom is a volunteer-drive charitable organization with provincial and national competitions that focus on six criteria: community appearance, environmental action, heritage conservation, tree management, landscape, and plant and floral displays.

The vision is to inspire communities to enhance quality of life and environment through people and plants, thereby creating community pride.

"We would like to start a Communities in Bloom group to showcase both the community and individual efforts at beautification and environmental conservation, and also to get valuable feedback for where we need to con-

tinue our growth and development," said Judy Olson, a community representative for the local urban district of Warren.

"We have three parks in our neighbourhood, many beautiful yard sites and demonstrate care of our environment, with examples including recycling, solar lighting where feasible, and participation in a pilot project at food recycling. Overall, Warren is a great place to bring your family. It is a great place to live.'

The benefits of being involved are plentiful, including an increase in community pride and involvement.

It's also a cost-effective investment in a measurement of the community's achievements through the Communities in Bloom process, Olson said.

attention to environmental action, provides a link to other communities and promote visibility of the Warren community.

To launch a Communities in Bloom group, Olson said they'll need to find three or four individuals who are interested and willing to form a volunteer committee.

"The LUD of Warren has budgeted the funds required so as not to have any individuals out of pocket for expenses incurred," she said. "The LUD will support the committee however we can."

The committee will need to register by April 30 and organize a one-day tour with a visiting judge, Olson added.

"The committee will also prepare a At the same time, it would bring short document on the community's achievements and attend an annual conference in September, where awards are presented. We are hoping it would be a fun and exciting project for some of the avid gardeners in town. We know they live here as the evidence is in the beauty of our community," she said.

"We have put a call out on our community Facebook page for committee volunteers and have some interest, but we need a few more people to get involved."

Anyone interested in getting involved can contact Judy Olson at jolson@rmwoodlands.ca.

To learn more about Communities in Bloom, visit www.communitiesinbloom.ca.

## Province advises Manitoba Health cards to include alphanumeric characters

### Submitted by Manitoba government

Manitoba Health advises the six-digit family registration number used on health cards will be changing to include one letter and five numbers going forward.

The purple Manitoba Health card entitles people to health benefits and

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el the parking pad to accommodate increased visitor traffic, and add elements like picnic tables, signage, a tool shed and more. The space will have room to grow within and with the community.

"What has made this community garden special is how many people have come together to help support it. Spruce Up Your Story has helped our communities develop and build towards sustainable food security," says Heather Parrott-Howdle, volunteer board member. "Erickson is a special place because of the variety of cultures here. It will be a gathering place where people can build relationships around healthy food. This community dream could never have happened without the support we

services within the province and is presented when receiving care at facilities like medical clinics, hospitals and pharmacies. The card includes the six-digit family number as well as a nine-digit number for each individual.

Previously, the family number

would be six numbers (e.g. 123456) but now one letter will be included (e.g. A12345). There will be no changes to nine-digit individual numbers. Using a mix of numbers and letters for new family registration numbers will ensure enough options are available for Manitoba's growing population.

Manitoba Health has advised healthcare providers and other sites where health cards are required so necessary system adjustments can be made.

In recent months, Manitoba Health has also worked to reduce processing times for people who need new or replacement health cards. The backlog created by the pandemic is now eliminated and most new application requests are handled within a fourweek window.

For more information about health cards and health-care coverage in Manitoba, visit www.gov.mb.ca/ health/mhsip/mbcard.html.



received from Red River Mutual and our local insurance agent, Northstar Insurance."

Applications for this year's initiative are now open. The submitted renovation or beautification projects will be evaluated based on community use and significance, commitment to sustainability, aspects of volunteerism, and connections to a local Red River Mutual affiliated insurance brokerage.

For a full list of previous winners and updates on their projects, visredrivermutual.com/spruce-upit your-story/winners/. Members of the public can submit a project for consideration until May 31 and learn more about the initiative by visiting SpruceUpYourStory.com.

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## **COVID** continues to hospitalize Manitobans

#### **By Patricia Barrett**

COVID continues to land Manitobans in hospital and in the intensive care unit, according to the provincial government's respiratory surveillance report for Feb. 19-25 (reporting Week 8).

There were 65 new hospitalizations for COVID, with 11 people requiring intervention in the intensive care unit, according to differences in severe outcomes between weeks 7 and 8. There were 44 new hospitalizations with two ICU admissions reported the previous week.

Four people died from COVID in Week 8, the same number of deaths reported the week before.

Manitoba's COVID death toll was 2,460 as of Feb. 18, according to the federal government's COVID webpage, and Canada's death toll now stands at 51,249.

There were 124 new COVID infections detected in Manitoba by PCR testing, an increase of 30 new infections over the 94 reported the week before.

Provincial data are an undercount of the true number of infections as the government restricts PCR testing and rapid antigen tests aren't tracked. The provincial government no longer provides in its surveillance reports the names of personal care homes and hospitals with COVID outbreaks.

Wastewater surveillance data for Winnipeg and Brandon up to Feb. 21 show the virus at a sustained level of activity.

There was one new case of influenza A reported in Week 8 and zero cases of influenza B, according to differenc-

es in total cases from week to week. There were nine hospitalizations for influenza and two deaths reported in Week 8.

There were 56 new respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) cases reported in Week 8, down five cases from the 61 reported the previous week. Ôther health news:

The Interlake-Eastern Regional Health Authority declared on March 1 a COVID outbreak at the Rosewood Lodge Personal Care Home (Shura Lane unit) in Stonewall.

"Four residents have tested positive and we are awaiting test results for four residents," states a March 2 message to family from clinical team manager Margarete Moulden. "Outbreak protocols are now in place on Shura Lane and general visitation has been restricted on this unit. Designated family caregivers are still attending residents in Shura Lane to provide care while wearing appropriate personal protective equipment."

The care home was in a "good position" regarding staff and equipment heading into the weekend.

"And our staff are committed to adhering to the protocols that help to prevent the spread of illness among our residents," said Moulden.

The IERHA declared on March 2 a gastrointestinal outbreak at East Gate Lodge Personal Care Home in Beausejour.

- There were over 4.8 million new COVID infections and more than 39,000 new deaths worldwide reported between Jan. 30 and Feb. 26, according to the World Health Organization's epidemiological update published March 1.

Total confirmed COVID cases globally have now reached 758 million with over 6.8 million people having died from the virus. Reported infections are underestimates because of testing delays and reductions in testing.

The WHO says recombinant strains of COVID appear to be on an upwards trajectory. Recombinants occur when multiple COVID variants infect a person and interact with each other, mixing their genetic material to form a new hybrid.

"There has been an increasing trend in the proportions of recombinant lineages. In epidemiological week 6 (6 to 12 February 2023), pooled recombinant variant sequences accounted for 41.5% (7748 sequences) of sequences, which has increased from 18.7% (8919 sequences) in week 2 (9 to 15 January 2023)," state the update. "The majority of these recombinant variants in week 6 were XBB.1.5 (32.6% of all sequences)."

The WHO is currently monitoring seven omicron subvariants: BF.7 (BA.5 + R346T mutation in spike), BQ.1 (including BQ.1.1, with BA.5 + R346T, K444T, N460K mutations in spike), BA.2.75, CH.1.1 (BA.2.75 + L452R, F486S); XBB, XBB.1.5 (BA.2.10.1 and BA.2.75 recombinant) and XBF (BA.5.2.3 and BA.2.75.3 recombinant).

"These variants are being monitored due to their observed transmission advantage relative to other circulating variants and additional amino acid changes that are known or suspected to confer fitness advantage," states the update.

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A sun dog cut through the clouds last Friday morning making Corine Hoas' drive east of Meadows on Highway 221 a showy one. Sun dogs are glowing spots around the sun caused by the reflection of light in ice crystals in the air in cold temperatures. Help the Tribune record the weather of the week and send in your photos of friends or family enjoying the outdoors. Email: weather@stonewallteulontribune.ca.

### Hearing aid grant program created for seniors with hearing loss

#### Submitted by Manitoba government

The Manitoba government is creating a new \$12.6-million grant program that will assist eligible older Manitobans experiencing hearing loss to cover the expense of testing, fitting and purchasing new hearing aids, Seniors and Long-term Care Minister Scott Johnston announced Thursday.

"Our government recognizes hearing loss as priority concern for seniors and with this grant more Manitoba seniors who require hearing aids will have the financial means to access them regardless of income level," said Johnston. "Hearing aids provide valuable benefits to improve quality of life in a number of important ways such as fully participating with family, friends and co-workers, while also avoiding the isolation that can be associated with hearing loss."

According to Department of Health statistics, nearly 4,000 seniors over the age of 65 reported hearing loss during a physician visit in 2021 and roughly 25 per cent of seniors have hearing loss at a level that would benefit from hearing aid use.

The hearing aid grant of up to \$2,000 is available to all Manitobans who meet the following eligibility criteria: - age 65 or over;

- family income below \$80,000 in the previous year;

- have documented hearing loss; and - have been prescribed hearing aids

by an audiologist or otolaryngologist. "For those who are hearing impaired something as simple as a hearing aid can make all the difference in quality of life," said Susan Sader, executive director, Good Neighbours Active Living Centre. "The Manitoba government is to be commended for listening to Manitobans who struggle with hearing loss and for providing a program that will help many stay active and engaged in the community."

Untreated hearing loss is linked with decreased word recognition, difficulty communicating, increased risk of falls, social isolation, cognitive decline and dementia.

"We have received many heartbreaking emails and phone calls from seniors or their caregivers asking for help because they need hearing aids but could not afford them," said Joanne Jones, president, Canadian Hard of Hearing Association Manitoba Chapter. "This new grant is a great step in ensuring many more Manitoba seniors will have the hearing aids they need and better healthier lifestyles as a result."

The Manitoba government will begin accepting applications later this spring.

The new program aligns with strategic priorities including financial security and safe, inclusive and accessible communities, which are highlighted in Manitoba, A Great Place to Age: Provincial Seniors Strategy.

To read the strategy, visit https:// gov.mb.ca/seniors/docs/seniors\_ strategy\_2023.pdf.



### **Angels Watching Over Me**

Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him (Matthew 4:11).

We're now in the season of Lent - a season that begins with the temptation of Jesus in the wilderness. This year, the presence of the angels who came to wait on Jesus stood out for me. It sparked a memory of a childhood hymn my mother taught me to sing at night - perhaps you know it too. It goes like this: All night, all day, angels watching over me, my Lord. All night, all day, angels watching over me. Now I lay me down to sleep. Angels watching over me, my Lord. Pray the Lord my soul to keep. Angels watching over me. Lord, stay with me through the night. Angels watching over me, my Lord. Wake me with the morning light. Angels watching over me (Otis L. McCoy).

This hymn speaks of the overarching care of God. It's a great Lenten hymn as we begin our journey to the Cross with Jesus. It's a song for all ages, not just children. Who doesn't want to know that God is travelling with them?

For Jesus, going into the wilderness with the Spirit helped to strengthen him for the ministry God had set before him. Lent is a wilderness time for us too, as we choose what the next few steps of our faith journey will look like.

What does the wilderness look like for us? The wilderness experiences we have will be as different as we are. Today, the wilderness is not often a place we go; instead, it is something we live through, because of the things that are going on in our life.

We follow a God who sends the Spirit into the wilderness with us, to lay claim to us and to strengthen us. God also sends angels to watch over us and wait on us as we ready ourselves for the ministry we do each day. All night, all day, angels watching over me and each one of you!

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at Stony Mountain-Lilyfield Pastoral Charge Manitoba government sets stage for \$10-a-day child care, prioritizing new spaces, training early learning and child-care professionals, and ensuring access across the

### province

### Submitted by the Manitoba government

As part of the Manitoba government's ongoing efforts to be a national leader in affordable and accessible child care, Premier Heather Stefanson and Education and Early Childhood Learning Minister Wayne Ewasko announced Manitoba has reached a historic milestone in which Manitoba families will pay a maximum of \$10 a day for children 12 years and under for regular hours of care, beginning April 2.

"Our government recognizes that access to affordable and high-quality child care is essential for Manitobans to participate in the workforce, support their families and play an active role in the growth of their communities and the economy," said Stefanson. "Today, I am proud to share that with the significant initiatives our government has implemented over the past few years to lower parent fees and build capacity in the childcare system, we have gone above and beyond our commitment by reducing all parent fees to \$10 a day for children 12 and under attending licensed, funded early learning and child-care centres and homes. Our government recognizes many Manitoba families are struggling to make ends meet and this partnership and our significant investments will save Manitoba families thousands of dollars a year in child-care fees."

Under the Canada-Manitoba Canada-Wide Early Learning and Child Care Agreement, the Manitoba government committed to decreasing parent fees and reaching an average of \$10 per day by 2026. Today, the Manitoba government announced it has surpassed its commitment and has done so three years ahead of schedule, the premier noted.

"Over the past several years, our government has been working diligently to strengthen and grow the early learning and child-care system to be able to effectively implement this significant fee reduction," said Ewasko. "We have been working collaboratively with the child-care sector, municipalities, Indigenous communities, and the business community to create thousands of new spaces throughout our province. Additionally, we are supporting initiatives to build a strong workforce so Manitoba families can be confident their children are receiving the best care to support their needs."

As part of efforts to strengthen the workforce, the Manitoba government also announced today an expression of interest to expand post-secondary training options for early learning and child-care professionals, the minister noted.

"Our government continues making investments to attract, train, and retain child-care professionals," said Ewasko. "The expression of interest will support training expansion, as well as the development of additional on-site child-care spaces and expansion of existing facilities to create new learning labs and development sites that will allow students to put their in-class learning into practice."

The expression of interest invites post-secondary institutions to apply for funding to develop new programming to train child-care professionals and will help ensure there are an additional 1,000 child-care assistants and 2,000 early childhood educators by 2026, the minister said, adding that post-secondary institutions are also invited to submit proposals for the expansion of child-care services on campus to support students, employees and communities.

"Early childhood educators are the essential foundation of high-quality child-care services. Investing in the early learning and child-care workforce, both now, and planning for the future, is fundamental to successful system building for children, families and all," said Jodie Kehl, executive director, Manitoba Child Care Association Inc.

The expression of interest for training expansion closes today, while the expression of interest for child-care expansion and learning lab development closes March 31. The Manitoba government will proceed with the selection process and the development of training programming in the coming weeks, Ewasko said, adding that funding for expanded training options will be provided through the Canada-Manitoba Canada-Wide Early Learning and Child Care Agreement.

Over the past two years, the Manitoba government has implemented a number of initiatives to support a high-quality, accessible, inclusive early learning child-care system in the province, Stefanson said, particularly in the following areas: spaces, workforce and affordability.

For quality child care to benefit Manitobans, spaces are needed in every community across the province and to achieve this the Manitoba government has:

- provided new, ongoing operating grants to support the creation of over 3,100 affordable child-care spaces;

- partnered with rural municipalities and First Nations communities to build 23 new child-care centres, creating an additional 1,670 spaces; and

- worked with community-based organizations, existing child-care providers, school divisions and other partners to advance the Manitoba government's overall commitment for 23,000 new child-care spaces by 2026.

The Manitoba government is committed to creating a qualified, motivated workforce of early childhood educators and child-care assistants by improving recruitment, retention and remuneration, and to support this goal has:

- allocated nearly \$37 million to implement a wage grid to support wage equity for the early childhood workforce, by providing a 12 per cent increase to revenue per space added to the operating grants;

- implemented the Early Childhood

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Educators Tuition Reimbursement, providing up to \$5,000 per student per academic year, which has already supported 380 students; and

- provided \$60 million in quality enhancement grants to child-care facilities to support infrastructure improvements, curriculum development and workforce retention.

Affordable child care provides choices for individuals and families. A provincewide early learning and child-care plan means ensuring all families have access to quality, professional and affordable child care in their community and to meet this need the Manitoba government has:

- provided a further \$1 million to almost \$140 million in annual provincial funding to support affordable child care for families, with the additional funding ensuring the \$10-a-day child care covers a regular day of care for school-aged children;

- expanded net household income thresholds for the Child Care Subsidy Program by 45 per cent in 2022, allowing more families to have child-care fees reduced; and

- provided a \$72-million parent fee advance to reduce parent fees through child-care centres.

"Our government is working diligently to ensure every Manitoba child and family can access high-quality, affordable, inclusive early learning and child care across the province. We look forward to continuing our work to establish Manitoba's child-care system as one of the most affordable in the country," said Stefanson.

For more information about early learning and child care in Manitoba, visit www.manitoba.ca/childcare.

For more information about the Canada-Manitoba Canada-Wide Early Learning and Child Care Agreement, visit www.canada.ca/en/early-learning-child-care-agreement/ agreements-provinces-territories/ manitoba-canada-wide-2021.html.

# Correction

### Staff

In the *Stonewall Teulon Tribune* article "Tigers win U11 Rural C female provincial title" on March 2, we included the results of the U11 Rural A provincials. In the article we published that the girls won bronze but said then said they won silver in the cutline under the photo. The article was correct, and the girls won bronze.

The staff of the *Tribune* apologizes for the typo.



# **Nominations now open for Canada Volunteer Awards**

### **By Jennifer McFee**

Do you know a volunteer, business, social enterprise or not-for-profit that is making a difference in your community?

If so, perhaps you'll consider submitting a nomination for a Canada Volunteer Award.

The Canada Volunteer Awards celebrate Canadians who make a difference, explained Brenda Martinussen, a representative for the Prairies on the National Advisory Board.

"They recognize the outstanding contributions of volunteers, businesses and innovative not-for-profit organizations in improving the well-being of people and communities," she said.

"Volunteers support services and organizations who have a direct impact on the lives of Canadians across a wide range of fields — education, arts and culture, sports, health care, the environment, animal care — the list goes on. They dedicate their time, energy and resources to make a difference, to have a positive impact and to address social challenges.'

Martinussen draws attention to a 2018 Statistics Canada's general social survey on giving, volunteering and participating. According to the survey, 79 per cent of Canadians aged 15 and older reported volunteering in 2018, and they dedicated about 5 billion hours to their volunteer activities.

"Many not-for-profits would be unable to function or do all the work they do without volunteers. So many community initiatives are rooted in the work of volunteers. If we stop to think of all the things that would not be done without volunteers, we start to see the impact of their efforts," she said.

"Volunteers do not volunteer for recognition. However, I think that whenever possible, it is important to recognize and show appreciation for individuals who are taking time out of their lives to help improve the life of someone else. Volunteers make our communities better places. Even the smallest tasks can make a big difference in the lives of others."

When you nominate someone, it's a way to thank them for their involvement in the community, she added.

"Rural Manitoba has some incredible communities with incredible volunteers supporting them," she said.

"As a Prairie representative, I love seeing volunteers from rural areas nominated. Just because we are from small communities does not mean our work does not have a great impact."

Martinussen challenges all Express readers to think of someone in their community who could be nominated.



Maybe there is someone who is known as the go-to person to get things done in their area. Maybe this is more formally through their support of a seniors' organization, a hall board, 4-H, a community club or their local library. Or maybe it is informally — they are always there to help in a emergency to start a food or clothing drive for a family in need, they lead sandbagging when a flood is threatening, or they deliver groceries to their elderly neighbours on a regular basis," she said.

"Often, you find people who do both. Our volunteers are worthy of being recognized. Nominating someone shows them that their efforts and time are appreciated and that the value in the work they are doing is noted."

Similarly, nominating a business or organization can provide a much-appreciated boost.

"At a local level, being nominated can help raise the profile of a not-forprofit, social enterprise or business. Aside from this increased visibility, award recipients will be asked to identify a not-for-profit organization in Canada to receive a grant of \$5,000 for the regional awards and \$10,000 for the national award," Martinussen said.

"Individuals and organizations will be recognized at a national ceremony. They receive a certificate signed by the prime minster as well as a label pin. They also take part in a session for sharing best practices in volunteering."

For Martinussen, she knows firsthand the importance of volunteering, which is why she's happy to serve as a Prairie representative for the National Advisory Board.

"I was raised to appreciate the value of giving back to others. I personally

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try to volunteer in a role that is meaningful to me at each a local, provincial and national level. After my other provincial and national volunteer commitments came to an end, I was looking for another way to make an impact. When this opportunity came up, it seemed like a great fit," she said.

"I have always been a firm believer in volunteering and supporting one's community, and I also believe in recognizing and appreciating the work of others. With this appointment, I was able to be a part of showing appreciation and recognition for people and organizations who are really making an impact in their communities."

### NOMINATION CATEGORIES

Nominations will be accepted until April 26 in four regional categories as well as one national category.

The national Thérèse Casgrain Lifelong Achievement Award recognizes dedicated individuals who have volunteered for at least 20 years and have inspired other volunteers, led volunteer groups or made other exceptional achievements through volunteering.

For the regional awards, one award will be given in each region (Atlantic, Quebec, Ontario, Prairies, and British Columbia and the North) for each of the following categories:

Community Leader - recog-

nizes outstanding individual volunteers or groups of volunteers who have taken a lead role in developing solutions to social challenges in communities. This category does not include not-for-profit organizations or registered charities.

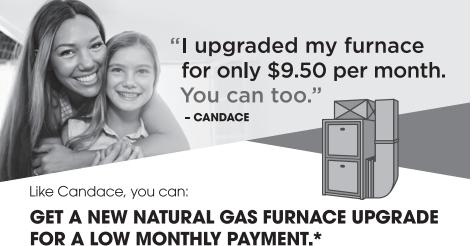
Emerging Leader - recognizes volunteers between the ages of 18 and 30 who have demonstrated leadership and helped to build stronger communities.

Business Leader – recognizes businesses that demonstrate social responsibility in their practices, including promoting and facilitating volunteerism locally, regionally and nationally, as well as for-profit or notfor-profit social enterprises dedicated to creating social, cultural or environmental benefits for their communities.

Social Innovator – recognizes the contributions of not-for-profit organizations, including not-for-profit social enterprises, that find and use innovative approaches that address social challenges in their communities.

For more information or to submit a nomination, visit www.canada. ca/en/employment-social-development/programs/volunteer-awards. html.

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#### **By Jennifer McFee**

Do you have your documents in order?

It's better to prepare important documents in advance — such as healthcare directives and power of attorney — rather than on the spot in stressful situations.

Jennifer Dann, a hospital-based social worker in Interlake-Eastern Regional Health Authority, explained the significance of taking these steps.

"A health-care directive is a document that provides direction to your health-care team about your healthcare wishes in the event you are not able to express them yourself," she said.

"It is strongly recommended you speak to your doctor before filling out your directive. On this document, you can inform doctors, nurses and your medical team about what kinds of treatments you may or may not want."

At the same time, the health-care directive allows you to designate one or two loved ones to act as your medical decision-makers, or health-care proxies, if you're no longer able to make decisions for yourself.

"It's important to speak openly about your health-care wishes to your loved ones. The people you choose should understand your medical conditions and your health-care goals," Dann said.

"They should also be agreeable to act on your behalf in the event it is required. However, it should be noted that a health-care proxy cannot consent on your behalf for medical assistance in dying (MAiD)."

The health-care directive form is free

and can be printed from the provincial government website. Alternatively, you can ask any health-care provider to print a copy.

"The directive can be changed at any time. You simply need to destroy the old one and complete a new one, making sure it is signed and dated. You may also write your medical treatment wishes and designate medical proxies on any piece of paper, as long as it is signed and dated," Dann said.

"Once you have completed the document, share the information with your family and your doctor so they know your health-care wishes and keep the document in a safe place. Many people keep that document on their refrigerator so that paramedics or their families or friends can find it in an emergency."

In addition, a key consideration is power of attorney, which is a legal document that gives another person the legal authority to act on your behalf and manage some or all of your financial affairs.

"As it relates to financial matters, a lawyer is required to complete the document. There are many different types of power of attorney documents. A lawyer will help you determine which type best suits your needs. It is a relatively inexpensive means to ensure that your financial needs are met if you are no longer able to manage them on your own," Dann said.

"If folks are assessed as no longer able to make decisions on their own, and if they do not have a power of attorney document, the province has a process in place that allows for families or loved ones to hire a lawyer and present to court to seek private commiteeship. This process is often expensive and may take several months. If families are not in a financial position to seek court-appointed private committeeship, the Office of the Public Guardian and Trustee will be assigned."

When it comes to health-care settings, including personal care homes, it's worth taking the time to ensure you have a power of attorney document in place.

"Often people come to personal care homes because they are no longer able to live independently and require additional supports. This may be as a result of increased physical health needs or someone may no longer be mentally competent and require a more supportive environment to ensure their personal safety. Folks that are assessed as lacking mental capacity require assistance managing their personal finances," Dann explained.

"Having a power of attorney document allows for your designate to act on your behalf, arrange for alternate housing (such as a personal care home) and ensure your financial needs are met. Some personal care homes require a power of attorney document prior to admission to their facility."

At the same time, don't forget to file your tax returns each year. If you file your income taxes annually, you might be able to access benefits and refunds that could enhance your financial situation.

"If you require a more supportive environment, it is important to know that personal care home rates are set



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Jennifer Dann, a hospital-based social worker in Interlake-Eastern Regional Health Authority.

by Manitoba Health and are calculated based off of your Canada Revenue Agency notice of assessment. You will be required to submit your notice of assessment to the personal care home on an annual basis and your rates will be recalculated," Dann said.

"Many communities provide free income tax clinics for seniors. Contact your local services to seniors office to find a free tax clinic in your area."

All are welcome to learn about filing a tax return through two free upcoming presentations. A community online presentation is set for Thursday, March 9 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. via Microsoft Teams. Then on Monday, March 13 from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m., a 55-plus presentation will take place at Gimli New Horizons. This session will also be available online via

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## Low to moderate risk of flooding this spring: province

### By Ashleigh Viveiros

After a year of drought followed by a year of flooding, dare we hope 2023 will be the year local waterways give us a break?

According to the province's spring flood outlook, we just might be that lucky, depending, of course, on what Mother Nature has in store for us in the weeks ahead.

In its February flood outlook released last week, Manitoba Infrastructure and Transportation's Hydrologic Forecast Centre reported low to moderate risk of flooding in most Manitoba basins.

The centre is predicting a moderate risk of flooding along the Red and Assiniboine rivers and in the Interlake region along the Fisher and Icelandic rivers, and a low risk of flooding along rivers such as the Souris, Roseau, Rat and Pembina.

Water levels are expected to remain below community flood protection levels, the province says.

There is also a low risk of flooding for most other Manitoba basins including the Saskatchewan River, Whiteshell lakes area and northern Manitoba. With the exceptions of Dauphin Lake and Lake St. Martin, most Manitoba lakes, including Lake Winnipeg and Lake Manitoba, are projected to remain within operating ranges after the spring run-off, the release said.

The report notes that soil moisture conditions at freeze-up play a major roll in the likelihood of flooding come spring.

"Due to normal to below normal summer and fall precipitation, the soil moisture at freeze-up is normal to below normal for most Manitoba basins," it says. "Some localized areas in central Manitoba and in the Interlake region have above normal soil moisture.

"The soil moisture is normal to below normal for the Red and Souris River basins (including the U.S. portions of the basin), the Assiniboine River, Qu'Appelle River, Saskatchewan River, Winnipeg River and northern Manitoba basins."

Winter precipitation has also been generally below normal in much of central and southern Manitoba, save for southeastern Manitoba which saw near-normal levels. The northern part of the province saw normal to above normal levels, as did the U.S. portions of the Red River and Souris River ba-



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If Mother Nature cooperates, we may avoid sights like this come spring thaw. Last year much of the Pembina Valley was under water due to overland flooding, but right now the flood risk is low to moderate, according to the province's latest flood outlook.

# Frydays to celebrate St. Patrick's Day with karaoke

### By Autumn Fehr

Come celebrate St. Patrick's Day at Frydays Restaurant & Lounge next Friday!

On March 17, Frydays is hosting the debut of GreenLight Karaoke. The event will start at 7 p.m., and the party will go on until close.

The GreenLight Karaoke is sponsored by the Green Acres Art Centre (GAAC). This is the beginning of a new partnership between GAAC and Fridays.

Holly Spencer, owner of Frydays and a new member to the business community, said she plans to continue this partnership and host regular monthly events.

At the end of March, Spencer will celebrate her second anniversary as owner of Frydays.

The GAAC guitar banjo vocal instructor, Gareth McNicol Briggs will be launching GreenLight Karaoke as the host.

There will not be a cover charge, but a 50/50 draw will be held to cover the costs for the event.

People are encouraged to wear their best St. Patty's Day outfit for a chance to win a prize. At midnight, judges will choose the winner.

Frydays will have a feature cocktail special, Green Lightening, with \$2 from the sale of every drink to the GAAC.

Every time you sing, your song ticket will be entered into a draw to win prizes throughout the night.

Designated drivers will receive a wristband and free pop throughout the night and a chance to win a prize.

The GAAC team is committed to working with businesses and local organizations to build community.

Frydays is a "Rising Star Sponsor" of the GAAC. "We both believe in music and energy in the community," Spencer said. "The GAAC provides excellent programs to the community, and Frydays wants to do their best to support that."

The GAAC is a non-profit organization located in the entrance of the Teulon-Rockwood Green Acres Park. The organization provides a variety of art programs for all ages, including music for residents of Teulon and surrounding communities.

Lana Knor, president of the GAAC, said there is a lot going on at GAAC for all ages. She said to stay tuned for details on summer camps and other events.

"Along with the regular art camps that include dance and musical theatre, we will have some new exciting themes of camps including music, science, outer space, baking, cooking, sewing and much more," she said.

"The age groups will be expanded to include ages 4-14 and all camps will run Monday to Friday."

Currently the GAAC website is under construction but you can check in and follow along on their Facebook page Green Acres Art Centre Inc. and their Instagram account gaacteulon.

Music lessons are available for all ages and abilities, including adults, and are available in the afternoon and evening.

The GAAC has applied for funding from Family Connections and is planning on expanding their



### pre-school programs.

New in 2023, Frydays will be hosting live entertainment, karaoke or jam night once a month to try to provide more music and opportunities to the community. More details about this can be found on their Facebook page Fry-Days Restaurant & Lounge.

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Microsoft Teams. To register, email wellness@ierha.ca or call toll-free at 1-877-979-9355.

More information about free tax clinics is available on the Government of Canada website at www. canada.ca.

Dann suggests making the effort to any eliminate barriers that could stand in the way of accessing supports when you need them. If you don't file your taxes, you might also miss out on tax breaks, income supplements or government subsidies.

"Since personal care home rates are calculated by your income, admission to a personal care home could be delayed until the most recent annual income tax is filed and your notice of assessment received. You will be required to submit your annual notice of assessment to the financial office of your chosen personal care home," she said.

"If you are experiencing housing instability, many housing organizations and supports require current financial information prior to them considering your application."

In her role as a hospital-based social worker, Dann has seen firsthand impacts of not completing these tasks. "When it comes to health care, I don't think folks realize that there are service accessibility barriers when your financial and legal arrangements are not in place," she said.

"Not having these affairs in order can also result in emotional and financial challenges for the patient's loved ones, if there is a need for them to intervene or support after a medical event or change."

The ripple effect can extend outwards beyond the individuals to create systemic impacts as well.

"Unfortunately, not having the right legal documents in place has resulted in lengthy hospital admissions, which places additional pressures on an already strained healthcare system. Additionally, I have witnessed people experiencing barriers accessing long-term care or other housing arrangements as a result of not having fulfilled their financial obligations," Dann said.

"We can all work together to ease the strain on our health-care system by ensuring that there are no financial or legal barriers that may complicate or delay a discharge from hospital."



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## Local ranch owner named Novice Cutting Co-Champion

### By Raegan Hedley

Cutting? No, not with a knife. It's a sport with horses!

"It's a different sport...a lot of people don't even know what cutting is or understand how you get points," says Brenda McQueen, owner of Rocking Q Ranch in Stonewall.

If you've never heard of cutting, here's how McQueen describes the sport: "In a cutting competition, you have two and a half minutes to show the judge how good you and your horse are at cutting cattle."

According to Wikipedia's page about cutting, during the allotted time, the horse and rider must cut at least two cows from the herd, and one must be a deep cut, meaning the cow must come from deep inside the herd instead of from the edges.

Each contestant has four helpers: two are designated as turnback riders, who help to keep cattle from running off to the back of the arena, and the other two are designated as herd holders to keep the cattle bunched together and prevent potential strays from escaping into the work area.

The hardest part according to Mc-Queen? "When you're riding a cutting horse you can never even lift up your hands off the horse. If you lift them, you get docked points right away. You're controlling them with your legs."

At the beginning of the competition season, McQueen's cutting horse, Time In Montana, came up sore because of a front tendon problem in his front leg. To compete, you need to use a horse that's been trained to



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Brenda McQueen was named Novice Cutting Co-Champion for 2022.

cut, and McQueen retired her last cutting horse RJ after a great career and a championship win in 2018.

When it comes to winning, Mc-Queen says you have to get points throughout the season to work up to it. With her horse on the mend, she sat on the sidelines until she turned to her partner, Garry Gerbrandt, and said, "let me just get on Amando and see if he'll cut for me."

Amando Smoothie was a cutting horse but became a turnback horse after a streak of quitting out of nowhere on his riders.

"Luckily, he never quit on me and we kept going," she says. "That was actually at the Morris Stampede that I tried him out. So thank goodness, he came up for me and got me some points there."

Despite not showing in as many classes as she would've liked, Mc-Queen was able to make a comeback.

"The last class of the year, that's what helped me win the finals."

The Manitoba Cutting Horse Association had its 59th annual awards banquet to celebrate the winners of the 2022 season on Feb. 11, 2023. Despite splitting her season between two horses, McQueen was named co-champion alongside Tanya Harms Watkins — and her horse Popcorn in the \$5,000 Novice rider class.

"Tanya and I have been competing against each other for a few years now. She is a great rider and has a great horse, so competition is tough," says McQueen. "I am very fortunate to have amazing horses and to be a part of a great club."

This is McQueen's first championship win since she retired RJ, and she says it was very exciting.

"I say it doesn't matter if I win to myself because I'm so nervous, but I'm pretty competitive. I think everybody's out there whether they think it or not."

McQueen was introduced to cutting



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Brenda McQueen riding her main cutting horse, Time In Montana (Monty) at Evergreen Land & Cattle in Steinbach.



McQueen cutting on Amando Smoothie, a horse she borrowed from her partner to stay in the competition for the 2022 season, at the Morris Stampede.

by Gerbrand in 2015. She switched from competitive trail riding to cutting and says she was hooked.

"There are lots of things that could happen - you can't predict what cow you're going to pick. You might get good cattle and do well. Then you might get really bad cattle that are running end to end and there goes your class. You never know what's going to happen that day...you could be the top rider and still blow it." "My horse always looks after me out there. It's definitely an adrenaline rush, I think that's what keeps people coming back."

The Manitoba Cutting Horse Association's 2023 season starts back up in May, and Rocking Q Ranch is hosting a show in August. Visit the club's website for more information about upcoming events and competitions: mbcutting.ca

# Selkirk RCMP investigating use of counterfeit currency

### Staff

Selkirk RCMP received a report of a suspect attempting to purchase goods at a business located on Manitoba Ave. in Selkirk using counterfeit Canadian currency on Feb. 28, at 1:45 p.m.

Officers were advised that a suspect produced two \$100 bank notes in an effort to make a purchase when the cashier suspected they were counterfeit and called police. The suspect immediately fled the store.

The preliminary investigation has determined that several businesses in Selkirk were targeted and two suspects were caught on surveillance cameras.

The counterfeit currency was seized and two of the three bills were found with the same serial number. The three bank notes also had a security feature that is found on a different denomination.

RCMP believe other businesses may have been targeted and urge those accepting \$100 Canadian bank notes to examine them carefully.

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For tips on how to spot counterfeit currency, please go to https://www. bankofcanada.ca/banknotes/counterfeit-prevention/.

If you can identify these two suspects, have any information regard-

ing this incident or believe you may have accepted counterfeit currency, please contact the Selkirk RCMP at 204-482-1222, call Manitoba Crime Stoppers anonymously at 1-800-222-8477 or submit a secure tip online at

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# **Argyle Museum plans to share Balmoral history**

### By Jennifer McFee

Argyle's community museum plans to branch out to also highlight Balmoral's history.

Settlers, Rails and Trails launched as a private museum in 1991 in Brant-Argyle School. Since then, the museum attained charitable status and acquired 12 acres of land in 2019 to create a permanent home.

Since 2014, the museum has created 15 exhibitions, as well as one theatrical production that travelled around the Interlake as a play and was recorded on DVD. In addition, the museum has published four history books, and two of its directors received the 2022 Queen Elizabeth II platinum jubilee medal.

On Feb. 22, president and executive director Shayne Campbell shared some museum highlights with Rockwood council.

He noted that the museum uses technology, hands-on and interactive exhibits to share information.

"We also created off-site presentations, like the seven flag exhibitions we created at the Manitoba legislative buildings," he said.

"In addition to local history schools, churches, businesses, families, veterans — we have diversified to create a Manitoba Brick & Block Collection and the famous Canadian Flag Collection, which puts us on the national stage."

The museum's 12-acre park site is currently under development, featuring a one-acre prairie grass planting area, three heritage buildings in the final stage of renovations, and 10 royal trees planted for Queen Elizabeth II's platinum jubilee.

"As half of Argyle's population lives in the municipality, as is located our 12-acre park, we appreciate the ongoing support from Rockwood," Camp-





bell told council.

"The museum is also looking to include residents from Balmoral to share in our local history, stories, artifacts and programming."

Campbell also expressed gratitude for the RM of Rockwood's contributions, which include railway ballast rock, letters of support for grants and financial support to the museum's major projects.

"The museum wanted to make a meaningful thank-you to the RM online, on our village sign, signage at the exhibition centre and on our 2022 annual report," Campbell said. The museum is currently located in the lower level of Argyle Community Centre on Highway 322. It's open on the first Saturday of each month from 1 to 4 p.m. with free admission. Appointments can also be arranged by emailing argylemuseum@gmail.com. For more information about Set-

tlers, Rails and Trails, visit www.set-





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tlersrailsandtrails.com or facebook. com/argylemuseum.

**Stonewall council news in brief** 

### By Jennifer McFee

The Town of Stonewall is being recognized for its beautification efforts.

The town won a Manitoba Good Roads award in the urban beautification competition in the 2,001 to 7,500 population category.

"That's another feather in the town's cap," said Mayor Sandra Smith.

"I think part of that result is from the work that our Communities in Bloom committee does, so kudos to them and to our staff as well."

An awards banquet is set for April 3 in Winnipeg.

In other council news:

• At the March 1 meeting, council passed second and third readings of a bylaw to govern the Town of Stonewall and its committees.

• Council appointed Deputy Mayor Peter Bullivant and four citizen representatives (Glenn Leskiw, David Cassidy, David Kalnuk and Lockie McLean) to the 2024 Board of Revision.

Each member will receive remuneration according to the indemnity bylaw. Bullivant will be the presiding officer, and the assistant CAO will be the secretary for the Board of Revision.

• Council adopted an inclement weather policy to govern the operation of the town's facilities in case of severe weather.

• Council learned about opportunities for naloxone training.

• CAO Wally Melnyk will execute a service agreement with the Commissionaires to provide bylaw enforcement from April 2023 to March 2024. The Commissionaires' bylaw enforcement staff will be designated as officers for the town.

• The CAO will sign a snow removal agreement between the town and the provincial government, which includes a three per cent rate increase for 2022-23.

• The CAO will execute an electric service agreement for the relocation and alteration of a Manitoba Hydro post on 3rd Avenue South to accommodate the new daycare entrance.

• Deputy Mayor Peter Bullivant acknowledged the impressive achievements of the Stonewall Blues U11 A Team Scrivens in the Chevrolet Good Deeds Cup. At press time, the final results were still being tallied.

## **Stonewall Art Group features local artists: Cindy Trachsel**

### By Autumn Fehr

When Cindy Trachsel retired from teaching in 2014, she finally got the opportunity to start the art career she had been waiting for.

In 2017, she joined the Stonewall Art Group.

Trachsel said she has always dabbled in art and enjoyed picking up the pencil and seeing where it took her, but life seemed to get in the way.

"I've always loved drawing. It's something I've always had a passion for. I like to see the animals and people come alive in my drawings. When you can capture a feeling or expression in a person or an animal, it's a really nice feeling," said Trachsel.

Now, being retired, Trachsel can focus on her art and experiment as much as she wants with whatever medium she chooses.

"I'd sketch a little when I had a free moment, but I never really worked at it until 2014," said Trachsel.

She started with pen and ink, then stippling, then transitioned to her now go-to medium, coloured pencils.

She mainly uses oil-based pencils, but there are also wax-based pencils and a mixture of the two. Although she has dabbled in all three, she always returns to the oil-based set.

Coloured pencils are her chosen medium, as she focuses on the little details in her creations. When mainly drawing people and animals, using this medium helps the details in the fur of animals, and people's hair or skin tones, pop off the page and indeed come to life.

The pieces she creates are usually a portraiture style of either subject.

"I create mostly because I love it. I love being able to start with a blank paper and being able to create an animal or a person, and they come alive on the paper, " she said.



Northern Hawk Owl



Palomino

Trachsel's just finished featuring her pieces in the St. Andrews Heritage Art Show. Her work is currently on display at the Heritage Arts Centre in Stonewall with their blue and yellow show dedicated to Ukraine. She also has work hanging for the historical collection of Stonewall. Both are up

### > FLOODING, FROM PG. 10

sins.

"The magnitude of the spring runoff on Manitoba's rivers is still very dependent on weather conditions from now until the spring melt and during the spring melt period," the report stresses.

Too much precipitation, the frost depth at the time of runoff, and the timing and rate of spring thaw and peak flows in Manitoba, the United States, Saskatchewan and Ontario could all paint a very different picture over the next few weeks.

"A late thaw and spring rainstorms could result in a rapid snow melt that

increases overland flooding and flows on tributary streams and larger rivers," the report says.

The province is already taking flood mitigation steps, including conducting normal spring ice cutting and breaking work along the Red and Icelandic rivers over the next few weeks to reduce ice jam related flooding.

The Red River Floodway is expected to be activated this spring under unfavourable future weather conditions to reduce water levels within the city of Winnipeg. Some operation of the Portage Diversion is also anticipated to prevent ice jamming on the Assiniboine River.

Another flood outlook is expected later this month.

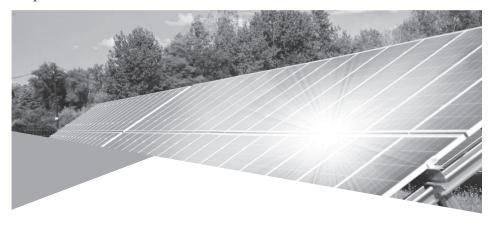


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Cindy Trachsel used oil-based coloured pencils to bring her drawing of The Tiny Ballerina to life.

### until April.

In addition to showing her work on display, Trachsel also does commission work. To inquire about a commissioned piece, contact Trachsel at flamerv6@mymts.net. To view her work in advance, check out her Facebook page at Cindy Trachsel to view her pieces. The Stonewall Art Group meets every Monday afternoon at the Heritage Art Centre. They always welcome new members of any skill level. Please feel free to drop by and meet the group. For further information, please get in touch with stonewallartgroup@gmail.com.



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# **Interlake Thunder female** football returns

### Staff

The Interlake Thunder female football program will be hitting the gridiron once again.

Right now, they're hitting the gym. The Thunder held their third indoor practice last Sunday. There is no charge for indoor practices, which will take place at Stonewall Colle-

giate. The upcoming practice dates

are March 19 and 26 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. On March 12, the girls will practice with the Manitoba Fearless (WW-CFL) from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Gateway Community Centre.

The team's regular-season schedule begins in May and continues through Iune.

Depending on weather, training camp is scheduled to begin in April.

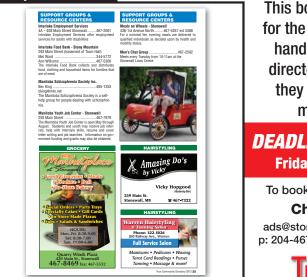


The Tribune is excited to announce that this year's edition of the Community Directory 2023/2024 will be published this April.

It's everything one needs to plan a small or large gathering from the venues to the local businesses and artisans who make it possible to do business here. It will include all organizations including sports, arts, seniors, athletics, academics and every business in between to help with day to day life. Whether you are buying or selling a home, renovating a room, adding a garage, replacing a hot water tank, looking for a restaurant, a special gift, a bottle of wine to enjoy an evening at home, winter tires, an oil change, the DIY project, maybe a massage or a new pair of glasses - we have you covered. Our schools, health centres, restaurants and businesses are a one stop shop.

The Visitor's Guide will be available for pick up at local businesses as well as at the Tribune Office, 74 Patterson Dr. Stonewall. Covering our areas of Argyle, Balmoral, Grosse Isle, Lake Francis, Marquette, Rosser, St. Laurent, Stonewall, Stony Mountain, Warren, and Woodlands.

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**TRIBUNE PHOTOS SUBMITTED** The Interlake Thunder female football program has been hard at work in the gym preparing for the upcoming season.

Cost to play is \$250 per player. All equipment is provided with the exception of cleats and mouthguards (gloves are optional).

Age groups are junior (2009 to 2012) and varsity (2005 to 2008). No experience is necessary.

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# **Stonewall skaters on point at Stony On Ice**

### Submitted by Nancy Hoff

The Stonewall Skating Club had a lot of success at the Stony On Ice competition March 3-5.

Coaches Katie Roy, Keesha Mc-Cutcheon and Leigh Nesbitt were very happy with their skaters performances which included:

Anna Hoff - STAR 3 Freeskate: Bronze and STAR 3 elements: Silver

Rogan Stoecklin STAR 3 Freeskate: Bronze

Lacey Learning-STAR1 Creative Improv 1: Silver and STAR 1 Freeskate:

Cameron Nesbitt - Creative Improv 3: Bronze medal Cameron Nesbitt and Natalie Maly-

on - STAR 5 team: Silver Kara MacDonald and Cora Gray -CanSkate Team: Gold

Brooklyn Tully - CanSkate Creative Improv: Silver and CanSkate 6: Silver Kara MacDonald - CanSkate Stage 5: Gold

Mallory Desmarais - CanSkate 6: Silver

# **Graceful skating**



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY LARRY MATHEWSON Stonewall's Orenn O'Neill competed in figure skating at the 2023 Canada Winter



**TRIBUNE PHOTOS SUBMITTED** 

Brooklyn Tully, Lacey Learning, Kara MacDonald and Cora Gray with coach Leigh competed in the Canskate stages and represented the club well.



Rogan Stoecklin, Cameron Nesbitt, Lacey Learning and Anna Hoff competed in the Star stage and made us proud and showed off their skills.

# **Rams eliminated from WHSHL playoffs**

### By Brian Bowman

Games

The Stonewall Collegiate Rams' potent offence suddenly dried up in their best-of-three semifinal series with the John Taylor Pipers.

After winning Game 1, Stonewall was defeated 5-1 last Thursday and then 4-1 on Friday.

In Friday's loss, the Rams' Carter Boughton scored a first-period goal on the power play.

John Taylor goals were tallied by Callum Lamboo (two), Kayden Buffalo and Jack Speechley.

Russell Watts scored a first-period goal for Stonewall on Thursday.

Speechley (three), Nathan Duncan and Kane Woodward answered for the Pipers.

The Rams started the series with a 3-1 victory over the Pipers last Wednesday in Stonewall.

Ty Woods and Noah Chartrand scored to give the Rams a 2-0 first-period lead.

Lamboo tallied in the second and then Stonewall's Rylan Slatcher closed out the scoring in the third.

Slatcher and Reid Byle each had two points in the game.

Hunter Manning earned the win in goal.

#### By Brian Bowman

Every athlete that has had the opportunity to compete at a Canada Winter Games raves about the experience.

Just ask Argyle's Olive Johnston. She had the great experience of competing in the biathlon at the Games.

"It was just surreal. It was so amazing being there," she said last week. "I met so many people from different provinces and territories. Life-long friendships made in two minutes. It was so cool being there. It was absolutely amazing."

Johnston competed in the sprint race and the single mixed relay.

The PEI scenery was pretty incredible.

"It was so beautiful. There are so

many hills that you would never see in Manitoba," Johnston said. "Just absolutely beautiful. Everyone that I talked to said 'If you think it's beautiful now you should come back in the summer and see it.""

Johnston was able to take in action from other sports, which was a great experience.

"We watched a lot of wheelchair basketball and that was absolutely incredible watching those boys and girls on teams in wheelchairs and how they have overcome disabilities," she said. "Their arm strength and the pure mental strength they have to get up and do that is absolutely amazing."



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY DENNIS NAVARRO

Argyle's Olive Johnston competed in the biathlon at the 2023 Canada Winter Games in Prince Edward Island.

# **Morden moves past Mercs**

### Staff

The Warren Mercs' season is over. Morden scored three unanswered goals in the third period of a 6-2 home win last Friday.

The Bombers won the best-of-five semifinal series 3-1.

Darren Bestland and Brenden Luschinski scored for the Mercs.

Morden goals were tallied by Mike Rey (three), Steve Mullin, Cole Penner and Adam Hughesman. Last Wednesday, the Bombers defeated the Mercs 4-3 in Warren.

Jaden Townsend scored the game winner at 14:41 of the third period.

Eric Swanson, Travis Bobbee and Drake Lindsay scored for Warren.

Hughesman (two) and Rey replied for the Bombers.

Morden now advances to play the Ste. Anne Aces in a best-of-seven final series. Ste. Anne swept the Portage Islanders in their semifinal series.



**TRIBUNE PHOTO BY RICK HIEBERT** The Mercs Cole Murdock tries to avoid a deflection from the Bombers Jory Mullen in front of goaltender Hayden Dola.



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY JO-ANNE PROCTER The Stonewall Collegiate Rams' Penelope Cacao drives to the basket against Grant Park in a 32-19 win last Thursday. That victory secured Stonewall third place. In junior varsity boys' action, Stonewall also finished third after defeating Gorden Bell 66-44.

# Rams win



## Washington Capitals sign Ryan Hofer to three-year, entry-level contract

### By Colton Davies

The Washington Capitals continue to stay busy during deadline week, this time signing one of their own.

The Capitals announced Wednesday that they have signed Western Hockey League forward Ryan Hofer to a three-year, entry-level contract. According to our friends at Cap-Friendly, the contract carries a cap hit of \$851,000. He will be paid \$82,000 during his time in the AHL.

Hofer, 20, was drafted in the sixth round (181st overall) of the 2022 NHL Draft. The 6-foot-3, 181-pound centre plays a hard-nosed game. Last season, while with the Everett Silvertips, he registered 58 points (25 goals, 33 assists) and 84 penalty minutes in 67 games. This season, Hofer was part of a monstrous trade that saw him and Anaheim Ducks prospect Olen Zellweger go to the Kamloops Blazers in exchange for four roster players and 10 draft picks, it is considered to be

one of the biggest trades in major junior history. The Blazers host the 2023 Memorial Cup, part of the reason for them going "all in." He joined a team that has been led predominantly by Dallas Stars' top prospect Logan Stankoven who held a 35-game point streak this season. Hofer has tallied 22 points (13 goals, nine assists) and 30 penalty minutes in 17 games since joining the Blazers and playing on a line with New York Islanders prospect Davlan Kuefler.

Hofer is also the younger brother of St. Louis Blues goaltender Joel Hofer. In case his surname sounds familiar. The younger Hofer will have the chance to compete in the 2023 Memorial Cup before embarking on his NHL journey. Expect Hofer to begin his development with the Hershey Bears of the American Hockey League during the 2023-24 campaign.



**CREDIT: ALLEN DOUGLAS/KTW** Ryan Hofer signed a three-year, entry-level contract with the Washington Capitals.



#### **TRIBUNE PHOTO SUBMITTED**

The Warren Mercs U9 Black team won gold in the Beausejour Blades C Division tournament this weekend. The Mercs went undefeated in the round robin, 12-2, 10-0, 12-2, 16-3, the semifinals 16-4 and finals 12-1.

After a hard-fought regular season, the players and coaches of the team deserved this victory for all of their hard work. Pictured left to right, back row: Hailly Dew (manager/coach), Declan MacDonald, Hayden Misura, Josh Hueging (head coach), Aidan Murdock; middle row: Xander Kaplar, Cash Ross, Peyton Tully, Nixon Hueging, Zoey Dew and goaltender Blake Nunn.

# Golden tourney champs Provincial medalists



**TRIBUNE PHOTO SUBMITTED** 

The Stonewall Blues won bronze at the Hockey Manitoba U15B Female provincials in Pierson after defeating Lorette 4-2 in the bronze medal game. To open the tournament, the Blues defeated Reston/Elkhorn 5-1, then lost to the Pembina West Rockets 5-1 and Hamiota 1-0. Pictured back row, left to right: Alexis Petrie, Elisabeth Evans, Sophia Potter, Emma Hennessey, McKenna Farmer, Kylie Combot, front row: Suri Borsa-Gould, Reese Fidler, Marie Riddell, Hailee Strachan and goaltender Eleanor Sugimoto.

# Dunstone representing Manitoba at Tim Horton's Brier

### By Ty Dilello

The 2023 Tim Horton's Brier is being held this week in London, Ont., at the Budweiser Centre, from March 3 to 12. The games will all be shown on TSN throughout the week.

Fort Rouge's Matt Dunstone (featuring Gimli's B.J. Neufeld and Colton Lott) will be playing as Team Manitoba, while Reid Carruthers of the Morris Curling Club will be entered at Team Wild Card #2.

Carruthers is just returning from coaching Gimli's Kerri Einarson to her fourth straight Scotties win, but is prepared for another long grind of a week.

"The Brier is one of those events that you can always get up for," said Carruthers. "We know it's going to be a long week, and hopefully, that's a good thing because it means that we'll be winning some games and are in the hunt."

Skip Brad Gushue and his Newfoundland team won the 2022 edition and will represent Team Canada at the event. This year's Brier will follow the same format as the past two editions that includes Team Canada, the 14 Canadian curling member associations and three Wild Card teams that will be the top three teams that did not qualify from their provincial playdowns based on CTRS standings. Other teams in the field are Alberta's Kevin Koe, Newfoundland and Labrador's Nathan Young, Northern Ontario's Darren Moulding, Northwest Territories Jamie Koe, Nova Scotia's Matthew Manuel, Nunavut's Jake Higgs, Saskatchewan's Kelly Knapp, British Columbia's Jacques Gauthier, New Brunswick's Scott Jones, Ontario's Mike McEwen, Prince Edward Island's Tyler Smith, Quebec's Felix Asselin, Yukon's Thomas Scoffin, Wild Card #1's Brendan Bottcher and Wild Card #3's Karsten Sturmay.

East St. Paul's Kyle Doering throws second stones for Team Wild Card #3's Karsten Sturmay and is looking forward to competing in his first Brier.

"It's something I've always dreamed of playing, so, of course, I'm very excited at being in the Brier," said Kyle Doering.

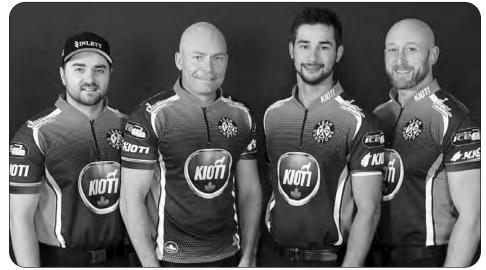
"I would have liked to qualify the traditional way of winning an actual province for my first time, but we'll certainly take the Wild Card. I can't wait for the event to get going."

On a sad note, this will be the final Brier where Tim Hortons will be the primary sponsor of the event. The winning team from the Brier will represent Canada at the 2023 World Men's Curling Championship on

# **Funspiel champions**



**TRIBUNE PHOTO BY STU BROWN** The 2023 Stonewall Family Funspiel was held on March 4. Eight teams enjoyed a fun day of curling. Everyone that participated were winners, though the top team consisted of Ryan Duncan, Corbin and Spencer Goddard, Camryn Lecoq and Chris Goddard.



PHOTOS BY CURLING MANITOBA

The 2023 Tim Horton's Brier kicked off at the Budweiser Centre in London, Ont., last Friday. Fort Rouge's Matt Dunstone (featuring Gimli's B.J. Neufeld and Colton Lott) are playing as Team Manitoba. Left to right: Matt Dunstone (skip), B.J. Neufeld (third), Colton Lott (second) and Ryan Harnden (lead).



Reid Carruthers of the Morris Curling Club is entered as Team Wild Card #2. Left to right: Rob Gordon (lead), Reid Carruthers (skip), Derek Samagalski (third) and Connor Njegovan (second).

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home soil at TD Place Arena in Ottawa.

As of Monday night, Team Dunstone had defeated Saskatchewan 9-3, Nunavut 14-2 and Northwest Territories 10-4.

Meanwhile, Wildcard #2 (Carruthers) lost their first one to Northern Ontario 4-6, but rebounded with an 11-7 win over Northwest Territories and 7-6 over Newfoundland and Labrador. Unfortunately they lost 7-9 to Alberta 7-9 Monday morning.

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### **The Stonewall Teulon Tribune** Thursday, March 9, 2023 **21 Stonewall Jets heading into final weeks of MMJHL action**

### By Annaliese Meier

It was a tough week for the Stonewall Jets losing all three of their games in Manitoba Major Junior Hockey League action.

On Feb. 28, the Stonewall Jets hosted the Charleswood Hawks at the Veterans Memorial Sports Complex in a MMJHL game.

The Hawks won 5-2.

The first period saw the Jets tally the game's first goal on a power play, with Peyton Bateman scoring with assists from Raf Padua and Brody Stovin. The period ended with the Jets leading 1-0.

In the second period, the Hawks came alive, scoring four goals to the Jets' one. Davis Koga scored the first goal for the Hawks just over a minute into the period, followed by Ryland Hueging scoring two goals for the Hawks. Cole Topham scored the Jets' lone goal in the period. Ethan Lewis also scored for the Hawks with assists from Lucas Van Norman and Koga.

In the third period, the Hawks continued to dominate, with Jake Hrus-

ka scoring a shorthanded goal for Charleswood, with assists from Ethan Lewis and Elliot Lewis. While the Jets put up a strong fight, they were ultimately outplayed by the Hawks, who were able to capitalize on their opportunities and secure the win. The Hawks' offence was led by Hueging, who had two goals and an assist in the game. The Jets will look to bounce back in their upcoming games and continue to work on improving their play. Meanwhile, the Hawks will look to build on their strong performance and continue to climb the standings in the MMJHL.

The Stonewall Jets hosted the Charleswoods Hawks for a second time in one week on March 3, but unfortunately, the game ended in a 6-3 loss for the home team.

During the first period, the Charleswood Hawks managed to score three goals. Logan Danis scored the first goal early on in the game, followed by Darien Schaan, who scored a power-play goal, and then Jason Ruff scored another power-play goal

TRIBUNE PHOTO BY BRETT MITCHELL



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY LANA MEIER Nathan Vigfusson and the Stonewall Jets have three games remaining in their MMJHL season.

as well.

In the second period, Rhett Woods scored the first goal for the Stonewall Jets to start off the second, assisted by Karson King and Andrew Caron, but Logan Danis of the Charleswood Hawks scored his second goal of the game swiftly after.

In the third period, the Charleswood Hawks managed to score two more goals. First, Ben Zander scored a power-play goal continuing the point streak with the man advantage, followed by Adam Stewart. However, the Stonewall Jets also managed to achieve two goals. Matthieu Meier scored and was assisted by Cole Emberly and Brody Stovin, and Nathan Vigfusson scored later in the period, assisted by Cole Emberly again and Alex Kaczorowski. However, the game's final score was Stonewall Jets 3, Charleswood Hawks 6.

The Stonewall Jets then travelled to Southdale to play the St. Boniface Riels Sunday afternoon, where they lost 6-3.

The game had no scoring during the first period, but St. Boniface Riels

scored four goals during the second period. Brandon Slobozian scored the first goal, followed by Carson Dubois, who scored two goals, one with even numbers and one on a power play, and Dylan Waldmo scored the fourth goal.

The Stonewall Jets managed to score twice during the second period as well, both scored by Adam Vigfusson, the first assisted by Cole Emberly and Jordan Grey, and the second assisted by Peyton Batemen and Raf Padua, tightening up the score leading into the third period.

In the third period, Rhett Woods scored a goal for the Stonewall Jets, assisted by Adam Vigfusson and Cole Emberly, St. Boniface Riels scored two more goals before the end of the game. Dylan Waldmo scored his second goal of the game, while Deegan McGarry scored a power-play goal.

After a hard-fought week, the Jets will use this week to prepare for their upcoming games when they host the Transcona Railer Express on Friday at 8 p.m. and the Raiders on Sunday at 2:30 p.m.



# **Stonewall curlers rock**



Team Lawrie Hogg of the Stonewall Curling Club were the Gilbart Funeral Home

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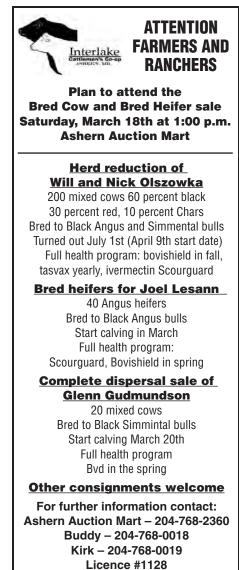
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A copy of the Request for Proposal and project specifications may be obtained from the Town of Stonewall website: www.stonewall.ca

DEADLINE FOR THE SUBMISSION OF PROPOSALS IS 5:00 PM, MARCH 14, 2023.

Proposals must be submitted electronically VIA EMAIL to the RFP contact at the Offices of the Architect no later than 5:00 p.m. on March 14, 2023.

Contact: Dustin Sharrow, Project Architect – dustins@mmparchitects.com CC: Russell Krepart, Director of Design – russellk@mmparchitects.com Subject: RFP CM: Stonewall Personal Care Home

### TOWN OF STONEWALL SUMMER EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

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- Works & Operations Summer Projects Staff

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- > Must be between the ages of 16 29
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- > Physically fit & motivated

Duties to include but are not limited to the following:

- > Mowing grass at various locations
- > General maintenance on municipal buildings
- > Clean beautify throughout the municipality.

Wage: \$14.15 - \$18.50 depending on experience & qualifications

Competition will remain open until the positions are filled.

Please submit your cover letter, resume and date available to start to: Public Works Manager, Ken McMahon.

Rural Municipality of Rosser Box 131 Rosser, Manitoba, R0H 1E0 fax: (204) 467-5958 e-mail: info@rmofrosser.com

The Rural Municipality of Rosser supports inclusivity and accessibility in the workplace. Reasonable accommodation is available to applicants with disabilities.



### THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF WOODLANDS EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY MUNICIPAL EMERGENCY COORDINATOR

The Rural Municipality of Woodlands is seeking a Municipal Emergency Coordinator to provide emergency management services.

- The Municipal Emergency Coordinator will be responsible for:
- Preparation, maintenance, and testing of the regional Emergency Plan
- Coordinating the response to emergencies in the region
- Attracting, managing, training and motivating volunteers

The job will require a time commitment during normal times of an average of between 1 and 4 hours per week. During emergencies the Municipal Emergency Coordinator must be available for full workdays, including overtime, for as long as is required.

The Municipal Emergency Coordinator will hold a contract position reporting to the Chief Administrative Officer. There will be an initial probationary period of six months, following the successful completion of which a contract may be offered.

The successful applicant must have good knowledge of the Manitoba community emergency preparedness program. He or she must have a demonstrated ability to manage volunteers; to provide training to volunteers, staff and members of council; to maintain the emergency plan; and to coordinate emergency response within the community. Training in emergency response management is an asset. A basic level of ability with Microsoft Office is essential. A valid driver's license and access to a vehicle is essential.

Please include 3 references with your resume including contact information and relevance.

Resumes, references, and salary expectations addressed to the undersigned will be received by mail, fax, email or in person until March 31, 2023.

We thank all applicants for their interest in this position. We will contact only those selected for an interview.

Kaitlyn Griffith Chief Administrative Officer Rural Municipality of Woodlands Box 10, Woodlands, MB R0C 3H0 Fax: 204-383-5169 Email: cao@rmwoodlands.ca

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The Town of Teulon invites applications for the following positions:

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**Government -> Career Opportunities** 

Deadline for Applications: These positions will remain open until filled. Applications may be submitted to info@teulon.ca to the attention of Andrew Glassco, CAO.

These positions are to commence in late June.

We thank all who apply, however only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF WOODLANDS EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY MECHANIC 2 OR 3 - FULL-TIME POSITION

The Rural Municipality of Woodlands invites applications for an opening for a full-time position of a Mechanic 2 or 3.

The Mechanic 2 position is responsible for servicing, preventative maintenance and repairs for all small equipment, vehicles and heavy equipment up to 8900kg for the Municipality including the Public Works Department and Fire Department.

The Mechanic 3 position is responsible for coordination of work, servicing, preventative maintenance and repairs for all small equipment, vehicles and heavy equipment for the Municipality including the Public Works Department and Fire Department.

Salary and benefits are as per the Collective Agreement, with Operating Engineers of Manitoba.

- The successful candidate will have the following qualifications:
- Journeyman Mechanic Certificate in either (Light Duty Red Seal Mechanic) or (Heavy Duty Red Seal Mechanic or Truck Transport Red Seal Mechanic).
- Certified to carry out Provincial Vehicle Inspections.
- Ability to operate heavy equipment as well as other designated equipment.
- Possession of a Class 3 Manitoba Drivers License with air brake endorsement.

A full job description for the Mechanic 2 or 3 position is available by contacting the RM Office at (204)383-5679 or on our website at www.rmwoodlands.ca.

Persons applying should submit a cover letter stating which position is being applied for including a detailed resume with three (3) references and a current drivers abstract.

Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. R.M. of Woodlands

Box 10

Woodlands, MB, R0C 3H0

Attention: Finance Manager

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Are you a natural born storyteller with an eye for photography and a passion for community news? Carman-Dufferin Standard is currently seeking a full-time reporter and photographer to join its multi award-winning weekly community newspaper.

We are looking for someone who is both motivated and passionate about being the best outlet of interesting and breaking news stories and event coverage in the Carman-Dufferin area and surrounding area communities.

### Qualifications:

- A post-secondary degree/diploma in journalism or equivalent experience in a related field
- Strong photography and writing skills with an interest in social media
- Self-starter with the ability to exercise solid news judgement
- Ability to establish professional relationships to consistently source and write a wide range of stories and cover events in a fair, balanced and accurate manner
- Able to work both independently and as a team on a flexible work schedule including both evenings and weekends to meet our weekly editorial deadline
- Experience covering council and school board meetings
- Knowledge of CP Style and about the Interlake and its surrounding communities would be an asset

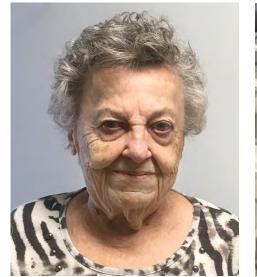
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Happy Birthday - March 7th Jean Michaluk Sending lots of love and great wishes to our Great-grandma, Granny and Mom -Love your family

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Happy 80th Birthday Lawrence Weselak (Gramps) Love and good wishes sent to this Husband, Father, Grandfather and Great-Grandfather (Pa-pa-pa). -Love your family

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BIRTHDAY



Happy 60th Birthday to our Ma, Heather Hamaberg! March 10, 2023 -Love always: Raeanna and Jocelyn XOXO

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### Woodlands Museum **Needs You!**

Annual General Meeting!

Date: Thursday, March 23, 2023 at 7 PM Location: Oak Park Estates, Common Room

120 Parker Street, Woodlands MB Please note: Woodlands Museum is a local museum that represents a large surrounding area. We encourage all interested in learning about the activities of the past year to attend. In addition, we are in need of new directors and would love to have some new people join our group. Mark the calendar we hope to see you there!

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**David Fairlie** March 20, 1948 - March 8, 2019 Softly the leaves of memory fall, Gently we gather and treasure them all; Deep in our hearts your memory is kept, Our dad, grampa, and husband we'll never foraet.

Maryann Rothwell (Riding)

Peacefully on Thursday, February 23, 2023 at Rosewood Lodge

Besides her husband Glenn of 59 years, Maryann leaves to

mourn her children: Terry (Alicia), Karen and Joanne. To cherish

Grandma's memory are her grandchildren: Courtney (Sheldon)

and Robyn (Bob) and her great-grandchildren Everett and Hazel.

Also Marvann's sisters-in-law. Albina and Judy and including her

Mom was predeceased by her parents, Bert and Alice; sisters

May (Harry) and Lil (Duke) and brothers Bob (Lois), Jim (Donna),

John and George (Emily); sisters-in-law Irene (Lawrence) and Edith;

Personal Care Home with her family by her side, Mom's struggle

-Lovingly remembered by Barb and family

### OBITUARY

with dementia after many years has ended.

numerous nieces and nephews.



WE LOVE YOU MOM

brother- in--law Ed; niece Tracey and nephew Ron. Cremation has taken place and a private service has taken place at Woodlands, Manitoba. In tears we saw you sinking, We watched you fade away, You suffered in silence, You fought so hard to stay. You faced your task with courage, Your spirit did not bend, But you still kept on fighting Until the very end. God saw you getting tired, so He put His arms around you And whispered Maryann, Come Home with Me. Rest in Peace. Until We Meet Again.



There is a link death cannot sever, Love and remembrance last forever.

### OBITUARY

Larry McMahon November 1, 1961 - February 25, 2023

Suddenly, we regret the passing of Larry McMahon. Loving son to Roy and Olive McMahon; brother to Tim (Connie), Randy (Eleanore); husband to Kathy; Dad to Derek and Brock; Grandpa to precious Bennett - who put a twinkle in his eyes; uncle to many nieces and nephews; and loved by the Brown family.

Larry's passions were his boys! A very devoted coach and manager through the boy's minor sports - never missing a game. His happy place was time spent at the rink and ball diamonds. He tried to golf, but as soon as his sons kicked his butt - he retired. He had a passion for farming - and there was no better season than hunting season. Always a fierce competition between Larry and his brothers - and sons and nephews, when old enough to join the party.

Respecting Larry's wishes, cremation has taken place and a private family gathering to celebrate his life will take place on a later date.

We would like to thank the paramedics, and all family and friends for overwhelming kind words and condolences - for the many phone calls, texts, visits and cards and food deliveries.

Love, Hugs, and Support -Sincerely Kathy

Derek, Brock and Bennett

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### OBITUARY

Joyce Lorraine Buors (nee Larsen)

With family by her side on March 1st, 2023 at Rosewood Lodge in Stonewall, Joyce Buors peacefully passed away at the age of 79 after a 17 year battle with Dementia.

Joyce is survived by her loving husband Paul, her daughter Christine (Murray) Campbell and her son Keith (Melanie Camacho) Buors. Also mourning her loss are her grandchildren Melissa (Dillan) Campbell, Andrew (Kirsten) Campbell, Logan and Aidan Buors,

Jaden Camacho. She leaves behind many nieces, nephews and friends who will miss her quiet kindness.

Joyce was predeceased by her Dad Len in 1980, her brother Ken in 2003, sister-in-law Iris in 2011 and her mom Beatrice in 2017.

Joyce was born November 29th, 1943 in Teulon, MB and was raised in Ideal, MB.

She met Paul while going to high school in St. Laurent, MB. They dated for awhile before marrying in 1966. After living and working in Winnipeg for a few years, Joyce and Paul decided to move to Stonewall, MB to raise their family and have been there ever since.

Joyce worked 25+ years for the Royal Bank in Winnipeg and then at the South Interlake Credit Union in Stonewall. For many years she enthusiastically volunteered her time with the CWL at Christ the King Catholic Church in Stonewall and was on the Stonewall Figure Skating Committee as well as the Stonewall Minor Hockey Club where she met some really good friends.

Joyce enjoyed the little things in life. In her spare time, she loved walking and bicycling, camping and gardening, bowling, dancing and playing slo-pitch. She loved to laugh and was always up for a good joke or dancing whenever the occasion arose. Family was important to Joyce so she always made time to visit with her many family members and her beloved grandchildren.

A Service of Remembrance will take place on Thursday, March 9th at 11:00 a.m. at Christ the King Catholic Church in Stonewall, MB (315 2nd St. East).

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Rosewood Lodge in Stonewall (513 1st. Ave. N Stonewall MB R0C 2Z0 Canada) or The Alzheimer Society of Manitoba (10-120 Donald St. Winnipeg, MB R3C 4G2).

The family would like to extend a special thank you to all local paramedic, doctors, hospital staff and all staff at Rosewood Lodge for the kindness and compassion shown to Joyce and her family during the difficult times over the last 17 years. "The only time goodbye is painful is when you know you'll never say

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### Comedy show supports CLI

It was a side-splitting good time at a recent comedy show that also raised funds for a worthy cause.

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On Saturday, Feb. 25, Something Beautiful hosted a dinner and comedy show fundraiser featuring Dean Jenkinson and Big Daddy Tazz at Quarry Park Heritage Arts Centre.

The event featured a four-course dinner enjoyed by 160 guests, as well as silent and live auctions in support of Community Living Interlake.

The mission of the not-for-profit organization is to support people living with an intellectual disability to live a fully inclusive life as members of the community

"This event has really helped us to increase our message," said Nancy Dzwinchuk, director of social enterprises.

"The individuals we support are so excited to be a part of a real comedy show, and the support we have received from the community, donors and sponsors is really beyond our expectations."

Community Living Interlake supports Stonewall residences and also operates a day program and Something Beautiful Café & Gift Shop, a social enterprise.

"Our individuals are so thrilled and cannot wait for the next event," said events co-ordinator Burgundy Krasnesky.

"A Big thank you to everyone who came out and supported this event."

Community Living Interlake also extends gratitude to its donors, sponsors, board members and volunteers.

If you missed the comedy show and would like to support Community Living Interlake, visit Something Beautiful at 307 Main St. or check out the organization's website at https://communitylivinginterlake.ca/



Jau!





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