

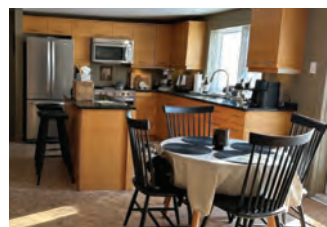
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Lillies & Lattes Coffee Shop open for business

By Autumn Fehr

In October 2022, the community of Woodlands got exactly what they needed: Lillies & Lattes Coffee Shop, a new place to get their caffeine fix.

Owners Bobbi-Jo (Lillies) Bolun, and her husband, Petru Bolun, who also owns Country Colours Painting, worked hard to get their new business up and running with the help of family and friends and their two-year-old daughter Lovella.

Bolun grew up in Woodlands and said that it had been a dream of hers for a long time to open her own coffee shop.

"I wanted to do something within my community," she said.

Since the coffee shop opened its doors at the Woodlands Recreation Centre about six months ago, it's been a hit in the community, buzzing with customers.

On top of traditional café fare like lovingly crafted espresso, cappuccinos, drip coffee, lattes, teas and more, Lillies & Lattes is serving up tantalizing baked goods made fresh in-house each day. Bolun has daily homemade lunch specials, consisting of a soup and two sandwich options, around \$15. Also new to the menu are frozen soup options, ready to take home for supper.

There is a play area for kids, a nice seating area, along with locally made crafts for sale. Bolun houses some vintage items from the area, including historic Woodlands ball and hockey uniforms.

Since opening her doors, Bolun has hosted special events such as Breakfast with Santa, a Valentine's dinner,



and skate nights where people can come and use the outdoor ice and purchase hot drinks and food.

The shop's name symbolizes a part of Bolun's past and her future. Lillies was her maiden name, and it also stands for a goal of hers when it comes to her business. One day, she hopes to incorporate flowers into the shop alongside what she currently offers.

"I plan to keep everybody happy, fit and caffeinated," said Bolun.

In addition to adding flowers to the shop one day, Bolun has other goals and plans for her shop, which customers won't have to wait long for.

As the weather starts to warm up this summer, customers can look forward to locally made ice cream, smoothies and iced coffee. Bolun also plans to build a beautiful patio space where her customers can sit and enjoy their tasty, fresh treats in the sunshine.



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Bobbi-Jo Bolun and her husband Petru and daughter Lovella are enjoying their new business venture, Lillies & Lattes Coffee Shop, operating out of the Woodlands Recreation Centre.



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Conservatives loosen purse strings in election-year budget

By Lorne Stelmach

The new provincial budget was touted last week as delivering both historic help for Manitobans and record levels of funding for services.

It delivers \$1.8 billion in affordability and tax measures while bolstering vital programs and services with a record-setting investment of \$2 billion, said Premier Heather Stefanson and Finance Minister Cliff Cullen.

"I think this is a significant and very bold step in the right direction. ... In fact, this is historic in our province. We have never before seen the kinds of tax relief that we have in this budget," said Stefanson. "We are getting back to our roots as progressive conservatives — progressive on social issues and conservative on fiscal issues."

"This budget is about doing everything possible for Manitobans at a time when they need it most," said Cullen.

He went on to stress that the spending increases were not coming at the expense of fiscal responsibility.

"I wouldn't say it's out the window at all. I think the focus initially when we came into office was on the bottom line," he said. "We're in a pretty good place economically from our recovery ... that allows us additional money to make additional investments."

"It's really finding a balance. We only have so much money to deal with."

The budget projects a \$363-million deficit, which would be down \$15

million from the current 2022-23 forecast of \$378 million.

It will leave more than \$5,500 in the pockets of the average family by 2024 while delivering across-the-board funding increases in all 19 government departments, officials say.

The budget includes the largest personal income tax reduction in Manitoba history. Changes to the provincial basic personal amount will ensure Manitobans do not pay tax on the first \$15,000 they earn in 2023.

This measure alone will save the average two-income family over \$1,000 and will remove 47,400 low-income Manitobans from the tax rolls, the government says.

At the same time, the government says its redoubling efforts to help heal the health-

care system with an investment of \$7.9 billion. It is an increase of \$668 million to help shorten wait times and rebuild the front lines. The budget also initiates a \$1.2-billion multi-year capital campaign that will add capacity to nine health care facilities.

"Budget 2023 is making significant investments to heal health care in our province to help people get the care they need, when and where it's needed," Cullen stressed. "We're making foundational investments to reduce diagnostic and surgical backlogs, hire more health professionals and support health infrastructure needs, but we're also expanding coverage for

"THIS BUDGET IS ABOUT DOING EVERYTHING POSSIBLE FOR MANITOBBANS AT A TIME WHEN THEY NEED IT MOST."



SCREENSHOT

Premier Heather Stefanson and Finance Minister Cliff Cullen unveiled the Conservative government's 2023 budget last week in Winnipeg.

diabetes insulin pumps and glucose monitors and creating a new hearing aid program for Manitobans."

The budget provides funding of more than \$100 million to address the challenges of violent crime and homelessness and \$1.7 billion for public schools.

The Manitoba government says it is also well on its way to creating 23,000 affordable child-care spaces and will invest \$76 million this year to introduce affordable child care three years ahead of plans in other provinces.

The budget will also provide more help for Manitobans with disabilities, as funding increases there to \$640 million. Municipal operating funding is also increasing \$47 million to a total of \$217 million.

The financial plan will also invest \$65 million more into post-secondary institutions and cap university tuition

increases at 2.75 per cent, and it assists small business growth and supports the creation of new made-in-Manitoba jobs by increasing investments in loans and guarantees by \$27 million to spur private-sector investment. It also includes \$15 million for the community economic development fund and \$20 million to support economic development.

"Our message to investors is simple: Come grow in Manitoba," Cullen said. "We are investing more than \$2.5 billion in trade-enabling highway infrastructure over the next five years and making investments to spur economic development opportunities and generate well-paying jobs."

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Enjoying outdoor hockey with Sticks in the Middle

Staff
The latest Sticks in the Middle outdoor hockey event scored a great turnout, snowy weather and all.
On Saturday, March 11, crowds gathered at Kinsmen Lake for a full day of outdoor hockey fun.

NHL alumni Derek Meech and Trevor Kidd were on hand to sign autographs, pose for photos and even play some games.
The duo also signed a hockey stick that will be on display at the arena, along with an Outdoor Hockey Club flag to commemorate the day.
Visit the Outdoor Hockey Club website at outdoorhockey.club to view a documentary series focused on outdoor hockey across the country. A video from the Stonewall event will be released on the website on Saturday.



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Critics slam Tory budget as too little, too late

By Lorne Stelmach

The provincial budget introduced last week delivered a range of measures touted by the government as historic, but the tax relief and investments, though welcomed, also had critics suggesting the government didn't go far enough in providing more relief after years of falling short.

"I recognize where they're coming from; we recognize, sure, there's more to do, but I think that today this is a historic day in giving and providing much needed relief to Manitobans," Premier Heather Stefanson emphasized after unveiling the budget.

The Canadian Taxpayers Federation supported the much-touted income tax cut but was calling on the government to speed up its timeline and immediately provide more full relief.

"Today's tax relief is good news and will let Manitobans keep more of their money when it's needed the most," said prairie director Gage Haubrich. "But families are struggling to afford groceries today, so why is the govern-

ment waiting until after the election to provide the full tax cut?

"The government needs to balance the budget and stop throwing more debt on the backs of future Manitobans."

Dougald Lamont and the Manitoba Liberals observed that the PCs were trying to buy back trust from Manitobans with a big promise budget that will not make up for their seven years of cuts and freezes to health care, education, municipalities and people in need.

"The PCs seem to think they can foul up as badly as they want, and it doesn't matter because they'll just buy their way out of trouble," Lamont said. "Even where the budget makes big promises, how can you trust the PCs to fix health, education or infrastructure when they just spent seven years trashing these sectors?"

"Manitoba needs a plan to rebuild and recover after a pandemic and decades of neglect by both the PCs and

NDP. This is more of the same that we've heard for decades, and it hasn't worked," he added. "If we're really going to tap into Manitoba's potential, we need to invest in our own people, our own businesses, our own public services and in environmental renewal for the long-term."

An increase in funding for universities is a step in the right direction, but it fails to repair the damage inflicted on the post-secondary education sector since 2016, suggested the Manitoba Organization of Faculty Associations.

"After seven years of cuts, this has left Manitoba's universities struggling to recruit and retain faculty, support student success and invest in the future of our province. One year of good news will not fix seven years of bad choices," said vice-president Allison McCulloch. "Public funding for higher education has been cut by nearly a quarter in real dollars, shifting the burden on to the backs of stu-

dents."

Manitoba's largest union was also not convinced the budget is anything more than an attempt to bury the harm the Conservatives have caused to public services.

"After two terms of active attacks on public services, the Conservatives think that they can buy themselves the next election," said Gina McKay, president of CUPE Manitoba.

"The damage that Stefanson's government has done to our public services isn't going away because of an election-year budget," she emphasized. "People are struggling across Manitoba to make ends meet, and this government has spent its time in office cutting health care, privatizing services and failing to meet the needs of our schools and universities."

"The government tried to freeze workers' wages and push Manitobans further behind. How can anyone trust them to provide real support that keeps up?"

Amendments would ensure wildfire firefighters benefit from firefighter cancer, heart injury presumption

Submitted by Manitoba government

Bill 25, the Workers Compensation Amendment Act (wildfire firefighters), is being introduced to ensure wildfire firefighters benefit from cancer and heart injury presumption that applies to other Manitoba firefighters under the Workers Compensation Act, Labour and Immigration Minister Jon Reyes announced Friday.

"Wildfire firefighters work diligently in extreme, hazardous conditions to protect the environment and public health and safety, and their occupational demands are ever increasing as climate change causes wildfire seasons to become longer and more severe," said Reyes. "This bill recognizes that the hazards of wildfires are on a similar scale to those experienced in urban firefighting and ensures wildfire fighters benefit from the same presumption as other firefighters."

When firefighters contract certain

types of primary cancers or heart injuries, the firefighter presumption makes it easier to establish that their cancer or injury is related to work. Currently, the presumption does not apply to wildfire firefighters.

Under the current act, if firefighters or Office of the Fire Commissioner personnel are diagnosed with one of 19 designated cancers or suffer a heart injury within 24 hours of responding to an emergency, the act presumes this to be a work-related illness or injury. By adding a definition of "wildfire firefighter" to the firefighter presumption, it would apply equally to all firefighters.

The minister noted wildfire firefighters, like urban firefighters, are exposed to varying levels of smoke with the potential for exposure to carcinogens. In addition, like other types of firefighters, wildfire firefighters are exposed to similar stresses of heavy

muscular work, extreme temperatures, sympathetic nervous system activation and exposure to smoke, and are therefore at a similar risk for suffering a heart injury. As such, they should receive the same treatment as other firefighters in Manitoba, noted

Reyes.

"While these changes will more effectively address the risks posed to wildfire firefighters, prevention and risk mitigation remain a central focus of Manitoba's occupational safety and health framework," said Reyes.

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COVID infections, hospitalizations rising in Manitoba

By Patricia Barrett

COVID infections and hospitalizations are creeping up in Manitoba, according to the provincial government's respiratory surveillance report for Feb. 26 to March 4 (reporting Week 9).

There were 150 new infections detected by PCR testing in Week 9, an increase in cases from the 124 new infections reported the previous week and the 94 new infections reported the week before that.

The government restricts access to PCR testing, and COVID infection data reported in its surveillance reports are an underestimate of the true number of infections. Rapid antigen tests aren't tracked.

The government stopped listing in its surveillance reports the names of personal care homes and hospitals experiencing COVID outbreaks.

There were 75 new COVID hospitalizations, an increase of 10 from the 65 new hospitalizations reported the week before and the 44 reported the week before that. Eight of those 75 people required intervention in the intensive care unit. The numbers are derived from differences in total severe outcomes between the current and the previous week's report.

The COVID vaccination status of hospitalized/ICU patients and people who died is not included in the weekly respiratory report.

"The province no longer reports on the vaccination status of individuals in the surveillance reports," said a provincial spokesperson.

The Week 9 surveillance report says wastewater data for Winnipeg and Brandon up to Feb. 27 indicates sustained COVID activity, as well as "an increase in activity from early Febru-

ary."

There were two deaths from COVID reported in Week 9.

Manitoba's COVID death toll was 2,464 as of Feb. 25, according to the federal government's COVID webpage, and Canada's death toll now stands at 51,447.

There were two cases of influenza A and one case of influenza B reported in Week 9, along with 20 hospitalizations and one death.

The number of new respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) cases did not appear in the Week 9 report. There were 56 new RSV cases reported the week before and 61 the week before that.

Manitobans' uptake of bivalent COVID vaccines, which target different strains of the virus, has been fairly low. Only 20.6 per cent of Manitobans

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letter to the editor

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Don't let food insecurity cost you a pretty penne

With the cost of living continuing to grow, and the average salary staying the same, it's no surprise that Canadians are struggling with finances. More and more communities across the nation are experimenting with new ways to battle the ongoing food insecurity crisis.

According to reports from Second Harvest, a national food rescue organization, food banks and other food-related programs across Canada served 5,141,481 people per month last year. They expect that number to

climb to 8,208,679 in 2023, a roughly 60 per cent increase. That's compared to 2,196,238 per month before the pandemic.

At the same time, Canada's Food Price Report has stated that grocery prices will continue to rise. The report predicts that food inflation will rise a steep five to seven per cent in 2023.

At an acute level, people struggling with food insecurity, are at higher risk of infectious diseases, injury, chronic conditions (heart disease, chronic pain and hypertension). The inability to access healthy food can trickle down to a person's mental health as well.

While you may think that your reliable sources of nutrition are out the window, you may find many of your

daily vitamins and minerals in your grain products, like pasta!

Pasta is an affordable, versatile and nutritious meal to provide to your family. The noodle is high in fibre, keeps your blood sugar in check, and contains 25 per cent of your daily folic acid intake.

With over 60 per cent of vulnerable Canadians turning to food banks as a resource to feed their families each month, making pasta a regular part of your diet will be sure to keep your tummy and wallet full.

Hannah Magee, registered dietitian, is available to discuss the health benefits of pasta and ways you can incorporate it into your meals during inflation.

- Warmly,
Emma Gostovic

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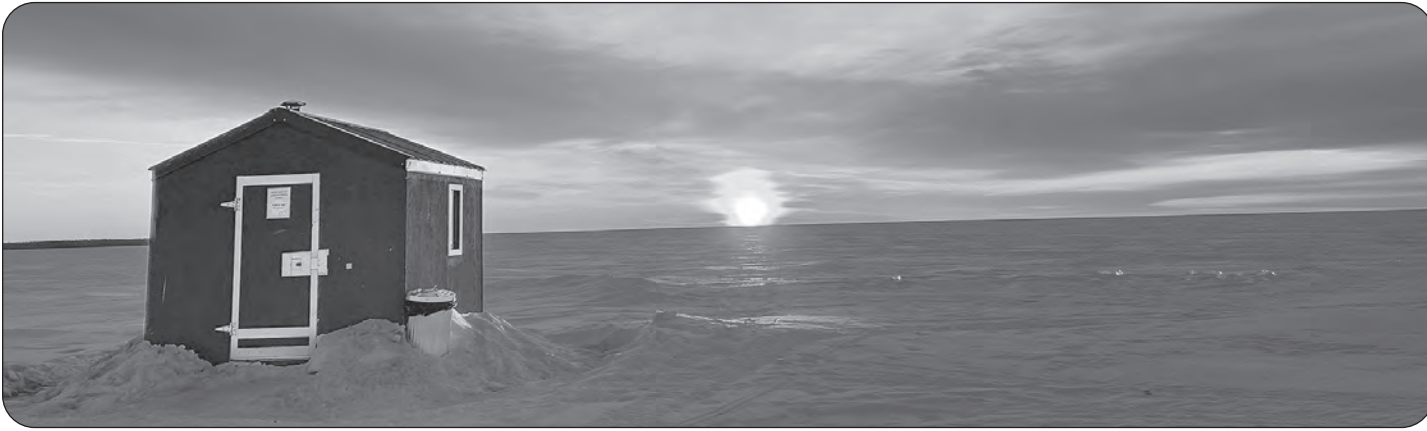


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Canadian Agricultural Safety Association launches new mental health hub

Submitted by CASA

The Canadian Agricultural Safety Association (CASA) is pleased to announce the launch of a new online farm safety and mental wellness hub bringing together information and resources in one place to support farmers, farm families, farm workers and farming communities.

Available on the hub will be farm safety and mental wellness resources created by CASA, resource and programming highlights from other organizations, links to national, provincial, and international resources, links to reports and research, as well as section highlighting news and events linked to agriculture safety and mental wellness.

"Healthy farmers, farm workers and farming communities are key to safe and sustainable farms," says Andrea Lear, CASA's CEO. "The Hub acts to bring together information for pro-

ducers, community members, providers, researchers, journalists and anyone else interested in the link between mental wellness and farm safety."

The intent of the Hub is not to duplicate resources but rather to amplify and promote the already existing programs and resources available to producers across the country.

The new Hub has been generously supported by Farm Credit Canada (FCC), a long-time supporter and champion of farm wellness and safety.

"The strength and vitality of the agriculture and food industry depends on many things, but especially on the health and wellness of the people who are the backbone of its success," said Carla Warnyca, FCC's manager of community investment. "We see the work of the Canadian Agricultural Safety Association and the new Mental Health Hub as an important part of supporting Canadian farm families

with the resources to help them better navigate mental health challenges and understand the importance of overall wellness on the farm."

The Hub is available on CASA's website at casa-acsa.ca/mental-health. For more information about CASA programs, visit casa-acsa.ca.

The Canadian Agricultural Safety Association is a national, non-profit organization dedicated to improving the health and safety of farmers, their families and agricultural workers. CASA is funded in part through the Canadian Agricultural Partnership, federal, provincial and territorial initiative and receives additional support from the agricultural and corporate sectors. For more information, visit www.casa-acsa.ca, find us on Facebook or LinkedIn or follow us on Twitter @planfarmsafety.

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have had a dose of a bivalent COVID vaccine.

Other health news:

The Interlake-Eastern Regional Health Authority declared on March 10 a COVID outbreak at Gimli hospital. The COVID outbreak declared on March 1 at the Rosewood Personal Care Home in Stonewall continues, according to the IERHA's outbreak page (viewed March 11).

- Worldwide, there were almost 4.5 million new COVID infections and 32,000 new deaths reported over the period Feb. 6 to March 5, according to the latest epidemiological update from the World Health Organization.

Since the start of the pandemic, there have been more than 759 million confirmed cases of the virus and over 6.8 million deaths.

- Emergency room service at the Arborg hospital and the Eriksdale hospital continues to be limited. The schedule for the period March 16-31 shows Eriksdale's ER open on only two days while Arborg's ER shows two days (24-7) and one half-day of service. The schedule is subject to change.

- Concerns about the sharing of digital health data arose after the federal government and provincial and territorial governments agreed to a new health-care funding deal. The premiers of Saskatchewan, Alberta and Ontario said they would not be sharing personal health data with the

federal government.

Manitoba's government told the *Express* that personalized health information will not be shared.

"As is required by law, individual personal and personal health information cannot and will not be exchanged. Government organizations are required to follow the law and the province takes the legal responsibility to protect personal and personal health information very seriously," said a provincial spokesperson. "As part of health care funding agreements with the federal government, any data sharing will only include deidentified health information. Any data sharing measures will ensure the protection of personal and personal health information."

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The Jesus Revolution



Last week, we went to see the movie *Jesus Revolution*. It's based on a true story of a pastor by the name of Chuck Smith (played by Kelsey Grammar of *Cheers* and *Frasier* fame). Smith, who is an aging pastor of a small church in Southern California, meets a young hippie by the name of Lonnie Frisbee who is a "Jesus Freak" (as they were called back then). The movie then deals with the collision of two very different ways of doing church.

The events of the movie all happen in the early 1970s, a time when the "Jesus People Movement" was exploding across the nation. I still recall seeing *Time* magazine's June 21, 1971, front cover with a picture of Jesus on it and the title "The Jesus Revolution" splashed over it (just five years before, the front cover on April 8, 1966, had asked "Is God Dead?").

For me, as a young pastor, those were amazing times. I had just begun my ministry as a 21-year-old pastor of a brand new small church called Stonewall Baptist Church (today it's called New Life Church). We had just had our organizational meeting on March 19, 1970, and I will never forget how God moved in an absolutely incredible way amongst the youth of that day.

By 1971, when Linda and I got married, we already had a group of 40 to 50 teenagers in our Youth Group on a Saturday night. When we squeezed into the living rooms of people's homes here in Stonewall, there would be only standing room. The singing was absolutely incredible. I would sit and listen as kids shared their experience of personally meeting Jesus and the change He had brought into their lives. Their prayers were passionate and spontaneous.

It was an absolutely incredible thing to be part of. Indeed, I credit that initial move of God in our society for giving us the launching impetus for the growth of the church until I retired in 2014, with a church constituency of around 600. This movie brought all those wonderful memories back to me.

Henry Ozirney

Armstrong to review indemnity bylaw; compensation for Interlake councils

By Patricia Barrett

With the October 2022 municipal election behind them, various councils across the Interlake either increased their rate of compensation and/or expenses, changed nothing or are planning to undertake a future review of what they get paid. Under Manitoba's Municipal Act, councils are allowed to establish bylaws or policies to set their own compensation, reimbursement of expenses and conditions of payment. Rural Municipality of Armstrong Reeve Kate Basford said she and her new council are planning to review their indemnity bylaw, which had been updated and passed by the previous council about a month before the 2022 election.

Basford said council is in the process of changing how the municipality will be run. They hired a public works foreman — public works responsibilities previously fell under the purview of each councillor — and plan to hire a permanent chief administrative officer. The responsibilities attached to those positions could affect the duties performed by council and subsequently the compensation they receive.

"I'm hoping to look at the indemnity bylaw passed by the previous council as soon as we get the staff we need and the office running smoothly. The indemnity bylaw and the procedural and organizational bylaw were built on the fact that the previous council didn't have a public works foreman. This municipality was run on a ward system and there were indemnities allocated to councillors when they were doing public works duties, including getting paid for mileage," said Basford. "We've now hired a public works person and we're transitioning. We're also looking at how the CAO and council positions will be organized."

Basford said she'd like to review the Association of Manitoba Municipalities' municipal salary survey to see how other RMs of similar size and character are paying their council members. And to judge whether indemnities are fair, Basford said they'd also have to look at the RM's population and revenue it generates. She wants to look at the compensation other RMs pay their CAOs based on experience and degree of responsibility.

"A review of the indemnity bylaw has to be relative to how much council is involved in the op-

eration of the municipality," said Basford. "And the reality is we don't have the tax base to raise indemnities to the extent that some other municipalities have. RM indemnities have to be relative to the revenue an RM brings in. When you look at our RM's revenue, I don't think we can support too much more." Armstrong has a population of 1,967 (census 2021). Its current indemnity bylaw (9-2022) was passed Sept. 13, 2022, giving the reeve an annual indemnity of \$10,342.32 (or \$861.86 monthly) and councillors \$8,963.40 annually (or \$746.95 monthly). Council members are paid a daily indemnity of \$151.60 for meetings and an hourly indemnity of \$18.95.

Meals for conventions "where receipts are not submitted" will be paid flat rates of \$15 for breakfast, \$20 for lunch and \$25 for dinner to a daily maximum not to exceed \$80.

Council members receive \$50 monthly for a cell phone with an answering service and \$25 for a cell phone with no answering service. An additional \$50 per month is provided for personal Internet service in the event meetings are held via Zoom or other online conference system.

By contrast, Armstrong's 2017 indemnity bylaw saw the reeve being paid \$759.75 monthly and councillors paid \$658.45 monthly. The hourly indemnity was \$16.71 for attending external organization's meetings within or outside the municipality and for attending special council or committees of council meetings above those specified in the monthly indemnity. Each council member had also been paid \$16.71 an hour for public works inspections, \$16.71 for inspecting roads for snow plowing and \$16.71 for hauling culverts, road signs and flagging roads. Reimbursement for meals and for cell phones were the same rates as stated in the 2022 bylaw.

Below is compensation information from indemnity bylaws of select municipalities in the Interlake.

For comparative purposes, previous indemnity bylaws (where available) for each municipality are provided.

TOWN OF ARBORG. Council for the Town of Arborg, which has a population of 1,279 (census 2021), passed a new indemnity bylaw (11-2022) on Dec. 14, 2022. The mayor receives a monthly indemnity of \$830. The deputy mayor receives \$650 per month and councillors receive \$650 per month.

Councillors receive zero dollars for performance of duties, work or services within the limits of the Town of Arborg. Beyond the limits of the town, councillors receive \$190 per day to attend meetings and/or business. To attend AMM meetings, Federation of Canadian Municipalities meetings or other organizations' meetings, councillors are paid \$190 per day.

Councillors receive an indemnity of \$21.50 per hour, including travelling time, to attend meetings

| SCHEDULE "A" | | |
|---------------------------------|---|--|
| 2022 TOTAL COMPENSATION | | |
| MAYOR | | |
| Annual Indemnity | \$ 10,342.32 | |
| Monthly Indemnity | \$ 861.86 | |
| COUNCILLOR | | |
| Annual Indemnity | \$ 8,963.40 | |
| Monthly Indemnity | \$ 746.95 | |
| MEETING RATES | | |
| Daily Indemnity | \$ 151.60 | |
| Hourly Indemnity | \$ 18.95 | |
| MAXIMUM DAILY INDEMNITY | \$ 151.60 | |
| MONTHLY COMMUNICATION ALLOWANCE | Internet \$ 50.00 | Mobile Phone \$ 25.00 w/o VM service \$ 50.00 w/VM service |
| Note to Communication Allowance | Internet allowance to be paid ONLY when a member of council uses their personal internet for meetings held via an internet conference service during that month | |

RM OF ARMSTRONG

The previous council for the RM of Armstrong had updated their compensation and expenses just before the 2022 election, giving both the reeve and councillors a 13.4 per cent indemnity increase. The RM's new council will be reviewing the compensation.

of fewer than five hours outside town limits. They receive 50 cents per kilometre in the performance of duties, work or services. Meal allowance is set at \$70 a day and a technology allowance of \$135 per month.

Arborg's previous indemnity bylaw (4-2020), passed on Dec. 9, 2020, was as follows: The mayor had received a monthly indemnity of \$742.63; the deputy mayor, \$571.24; and councillors \$571.24. Each council member received zero dollars for the performance of duties, work or services within the limits of the town. Beyond the limits of the town, council members had been paid \$168 a day. They were also paid \$168 a day for attending an AMM meeting, Federation of Canadian Municipalities meeting or attendance at other organizations' meetings. Within the limits of the town, members were paid \$168 a day for a full-day meeting. Meal allowance was set at \$60 a day and a technology allowance of \$100 a month. For meetings fewer than five hours and outside town limits, councillors were paid \$19.10 an hour. Councillors had also received 45 cents a kilometre.

MUNICIPALITY OF BIFROST-RIVERTON. The municipality has a population of 3,320 (census 2021). Its current indemnity (2-2022) was passed last year on Feb. 10, 2022.

The reeve receives an indemnity of \$12,670 annually and all other members of council receive \$9,210 annually. These indemnities remain unchanged from 2019.

Councillors act as "road commissioners" and are paid \$24 an hour and 59 cents per kilometre travelled. There was no increase to road commissioner wages, but councillors are receiving a per-kilometre increase of 15 cents (previous kilometre rate was 44 cents).

For attendance at meetings of committees or boards for which they haven't received remuneration, each council member is paid \$24 an hour and 59 cents per kilometre. For attending business outside the municipality, councillors are paid \$24 an hour and 59 cents per kilometre. Each council

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| COUNCIL INDEMNITY RATES | | | | |
|--|--------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| YEARLY CONSUMER PRICE INDEX AS OF OCTOBER 31, 2022 = 8.4 % | | | | |
| | CURRENT 2022 RATES | ADJUSTED RATES FOR 2023 | ROUNDED ADJUSTED RATES FOR 2023 | MONTHLY INSTALLMENTS FOR 2023 |
| Mayor's Indemnity | \$ 21,480.00 | \$ 23,284.32 | \$ 23,290.00 | \$ 1,940.83 |
| Deputy Mayor's Indemnity | \$ 19,070.00 | \$ 20,671.88 | \$ 20,680.00 | \$ 1,723.33 |
| Councillor's Indemnity | \$ 15,790.00 | \$ 17,116.36 | \$ 17,120.00 | \$ 1,426.67 |
| Daily Per Diem | \$ 180.00 | \$ 195.12 | \$ 200.00 | |
| 1/2 day Per Diem | \$ 90.00 | \$ 97.56 | \$ 100.00 | |
| Citizen Member Hourly Rate | \$ 22.25 | \$ 24.12 | \$ 25.00 | |

TOWN OF STONEWALL

The 2023 rates of compensation for Stonewall's mayor and councillors are provided in Policy No. 20.1.

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member receives a communication allowance of \$75 per month, no change from the 2019 bylaw.

Bifrost-Riverton's previous indemnity bylaw (No. 1-2019) was passed on Jan. 9, 2019. As road commissioners, each council member received \$24 an hour and 44 cents per kilometre. For attendance at meetings of committees or boards for which they hadn't received remuneration, each council member was paid \$24 an hour for less than half a day, \$96.50 for a half day, \$207 for a whole day and 44 cents per kilometre. Beyond municipal boundaries, each council member was paid \$24 an hour for less than half a day, \$96.50 for half day plus a \$20 meal allowance for non-local meetings, \$207 for a whole day plus a \$60 allowance for non-local meetings and 44 cents per kilometre.

GIMLI. The *Express* reported on Gimli's proposed new indemnity bylaw last month (see Feb. 23 edition online). The RM has a population of 6,569 (2021 census). If council passes the bylaw, the mayor's compensation will increase by 43.4 per cent. The deputy mayor will see an increase of 45.9 per cent and councillors will see an increase of 47.8 per cent.

Several RM of Gimli residents expressed concern about the proposed raise. Silver Harbour residents Fred and Barb Veldink wrote to council, saying a pay increase after fewer than six months in office seems "odd" and normally people have to first prove themselves. They reminded council that the RM has lots of seniors whose fixed incomes may not withstand potential tax increases.

"I want to remind you that in the RM of Gimli we have a high number of retired seniors on a fixed income, including myself. In addition, we have a number of people who have difficulty making ends meet. Some rely on food banks to survive," they wrote in an email dated March 7. "Your action to award yourself a 40%+ increase is an insult to all of us as well as [a] probable increase in taxes."

The couple is encouraging council to vote down their proposed bylaw, consult former municipal councillors to determine fair wages then bring a new salary proposal to taxpayers.

TOWN OF STONEWALL. The Town of Stonewall, which has a population of 5,046 (2021 census), set out new indemnity rates for 2023 under Policy No. 20.1.

The mayor receives an indemnity of \$23,290, an increase of \$1,810 or 8.4 per cent from the \$21,480 received in 2022. The monthly installment is \$1,940.83. The deputy mayor receives

\$20,680, an increase of \$1,610 or 8.4 per cent from the \$19,070 received in 2022. The monthly installment is \$1,723.22. Councillors receive an indemnity of \$17,120, an increase of \$1,330 or 8.4 per cent from the \$15,790 received in 2022. The monthly installment is \$1,426.67.

A daily per diem is set at \$200 and a half day per diem is set at \$100.

"During the four-year term, the indemnities shall be reviewed annually and may be adjusted at the first meeting of December for the next calendar year to reflect cost of living. The Cost of Living allowance will be calculated by the Consumer Price Index for Manitoba and will be determined from the percentage listed from October of the previous year to October of the current year," states the policy.

The indemnity rates for 2024, 2025 and 2026 have not yet been set.

RM OF WEST INTERLAKE. The RM of West Interlake has a population of 2,228 (2021 census). Council passed a new indemnity bylaw (No. 10-2022) on Nov. 15, 2022.

The reeve receives a monthly indemnity of \$650 (\$7,800 a year), which includes a monthly expense allowance to cover regular council meetings and ratepayer inquiries. It excludes mileage. Councillors receive a monthly indemnity of \$500 (\$6,000 a year), which includes a monthly expense allowance to cover regular council meetings and ratepayer inquiries. It excludes mileage.

Each member of council receives an hourly indemnity of \$20 (including travel time) when attending special council meetings, boards or district meetings, conferences, seminars, conventions and training.

Each member of council receives \$150 when attending a full day meeting (over five hours, including travel time) inside or outside the municipality.

Reimbursement for meals is set at \$10 for breakfast, \$20 for lunch and \$30 for supper. Each member receives a monthly office/communication allowance of \$175 and is enrolled in the Blue Cross benefits program, where the member pays one third and the RM of West Interlake pays two thirds of the premium.

The previous indemnity was not obtained.

SELKIRK. The City of Selkirk has a population of 10,504 (census 2021). Its 2019 indemnity bylaw [No. 5323 of Feb. 11, 2019] is the most current version, said Selkirk CAO Duane Nicol. And council "has not prioritized review or amendment to this bylaw at this time."

The mayor receives compensation of \$28,302. The deputy mayor receives \$18,137. Councillors receive \$14,451.

Each council member is paid an hourly indemnity of \$25 for committee attendance within City of Selkirk limits. Outside the boundaries of the city, each council member is paid \$309 for any combination of meetings.

There are no dollar amounts stated for eligible municipal business expenses incurred, including meals, registration and tuition fees, courses, meeting materials, accommodations outside city boundaries and travel. Mileage is paid in accordance with the rate set out by the Canada Revenue Agency.

If appointed by resolution to travel beyond city limits on business, each council member is paid \$103 for fewer

than four hours and \$206 for four hours or more.

Each council member is also paid a monthly communication allowance of \$142.50 to support materials such as mobiles, Internet service, papers, printers and ink. The mayor and deputy mayor are provided with a cell phone, or at their discretion with an additional \$65 per month allowance.

The bylaw is reviewed at least once during the term of each elected council.

The *Express* reached out to the Association of Manitoba Municipalities to obtain its municipal salary survey but was unable to obtain it.

Director of policy and communications Nick Krawetz said the survey was shared only with "participating municipalities as per AMM policy."

HISTORIC HELP FOR MANITOBANS

Budget 2023 provides tax breaks, education property tax rebates and carbon tax relief fund cheques. That's more than \$5,000 more in the pockets of the average family.

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MPs take pay raise same day they take more from taxpayers

By Franco Terrazzano

In less than a month, members of Parliament will take more money out of your wallet and stuff more into their own.

On April 1, the federal government is increasing carbon and alcohol taxes while MPs take their fourth pay raise since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic.

This year's pay raise will range from an extra \$5,100 for a backbench MP to an extra \$10,200 for Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, based on contract data published by the government of Canada.

A backbencher currently collects a \$189,500 salary. Ministers take home \$279,900. Trudeau gets \$379,000 from taxpayers. Do they really think they should take thousands more from their constituents, many of whom are struggling to fill the fridge?

But this year's changes alone downplay the pay raises politicians took during the pandemic.

As of April 1, MPs will receive an annual salary \$15,700 higher than they did pre-pandemic, while the

prime minister will take home an extra \$31,400.

Politicians don't deserve pay raises when they make life unaffordable with higher taxes.

The federal carbon tax will be cranked up to 14 cents per litre of gas and 12 cents per cubic metre of natural gas on April 1.

The Trudeau government claims "families are going to be better off" with its carbon tax and rebates. The government expects you to believe it can raise taxes, skim some off the top to pay for hundreds of new bureaucrats and still make you better off.

The parliamentary budget officer's math shows Canadians shouldn't swallow that spin.

The carbon tax will cost the average family between \$402 and \$847 this year even after the rebates, according to the PBO. And this will be the fourth time Trudeau has increased his carbon tax since COVID-19 touched down.

While Ottawa sticks Canadians with higher bills, other countries have provided relief. The Canadian Taxpayers

Federation identified 51 national governments that cut taxes during the pandemic and as inflation took off. That includes more than half of G7 and G20 countries and two-thirds of the countries in the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development.

Many of our peers were also offering relief at the pumps.

Australia cut its gas tax in half. India cut its gas tax to "keep inflation low, thus helping the poor and middle classes." The United Kingdom announced billions in fuel tax relief. South Korea cut its gas tax by 30 per cent. Germany, the Netherlands, Italy, Israel, Peru, Poland, 25 Indian states and union territories, Alberta, Ontario, Newfoundland and Labrador, New Jersey and Florida also cut gas taxes.

You could be forgiven if all this drives you to drink. But Trudeau will also be reaching further into your wallet every time you pick up a case of Keith's, a bottle of Pinot or a mick-ey of rum.

Canadians already pay about half

of the price of beer, 65 per cent of the price of wine and three quarters of the price of spirits in taxes. And in April, the federal excise tax will be going up by another 6.3 per cent.

First passed in the 2017 budget, the federal escalator tax automatically increases excise taxes on alcohol with the rate of inflation each April. This undemocratic tax hike allows MPs to take more money from your wallet every year without having to vote on the increase.

After April's hike, the federal government's alcohol excise taxes will have increased by about 18 per cent since the automatic annual increase was introduced in 2017.

Politicians shouldn't be raising taxes and giving themselves pay raises when Canadians are choosing between the jug of milk or the package of beef at the grocery store. All MPs should oppose April's tax and pay hikes.

Franco Terrazzano is the federal director of the Canadian Taxpayers Federation.

Dairy cows die in barn fire near Woodlands

Firefighters from two departments responded to blaze at dairy farm

By Autumn Fehr

On Friday evening, March 3 at 8:50 p.m., the Woodlands and St. Laurent fire departments responded to a fire at the family-owned Park dairy farm north of Woodlands on the east side of Highway 6.

When firefighters arrived, they saw that the dairy barn was on fire. The fire spread quickly to both parts of the barn, the "newer barn" area where the milk cows were and the "older barn" where some of the replacement stock

was housed. There was a dividing wall between both parts of the barn.

Fortunately, the fire was stopped at the dividing wall and contained by the firefighters. They were able to save the older barn, but the milking parlour part of the barn was a total loss, said Dean Campbell, fire chief of the Woodlands department.

When the fire departments arrived, they could only save a portion of the dairy barn that held the stock. All the milk cows died in the fire that eve-

ning.

The blaze was so large that Woodlands and St. Laurent departments were on the scene, including four pumper trucks and two tanker trucks, for eight and half hours until roughly 5:30 a.m. the following day.

The cause of the fire is unknown, and it is under investigation, said Campbell.

The *Tribune* contacted the Park family for comment, but they declined an interview.

Stonewall RCMP investigate fatal collision

Staff

Stonewall RCMP responded to a two-vehicle collision on Road 3 East and Highway 415 in the RM of Rockwood on March 11 at approximately 3:30 p.m.

The investigation has determined that a pickup truck going south on Road 3 East entered the intersection when it

was unsafe to do so and collided with an SUV going east on Highway 415.

An 82-year-old female passenger in the SUV was pronounced deceased at the scene. The driver and other passenger in the vehicle, a 55-year-old male and a 91-year-old male, were taken to hospital with non-life threatening injuries. All three were from Teulon.

The driver of the pickup truck, a 29-year-old male, and passenger, a 28-year-old male, both from Stonewall, were not physically injured.

The 29-year-old driver from Stonewall, was arrested and is facing charges of impaired operation of a conveyance causing death and impaired operation of a conveyance causing bodily harm.

Stonewall RCMP, along with a forensic collision reconstructionist and the Criminal Collision Investigation Team, continues to investigate.

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Municipal Board rejects zoning appeal to establish quarry half a kilometre from Stonewall

By Patricia Barrett

Residents of Stonewall may be breathing a little easier now that Manitoba's Municipal Board rejected an appeal by Maple Leaf Construction to move ahead on rezoning land for the operation of a limestone quarry within shouting distance of Stonewall's northern border.

The precedent-setting ruling on what appears to be the "first time that a developer has sought to place a quarry this close to an existing town" saw the board favour the protection of an urban centre rather than mining development.

The board called the concerns raised by Stonewall residents and by residents living within an existing agricultural buffer zone "significant" and "relevant."

Stonewall resident Douglas Grantham was one of dozens of public presenters who either made oral presentations or provided written submissions last year during Municipal Board hearings on the proposed quarry.

Grantham said he agreed with the board's decision to reject Maple Leaf Construction's appeal, which came after the Rural Municipality of Rockwood rejected the company's rezoning request.

"The decision was a tremendous victory for all the residents of Stonewall," said Grantham. "If Maple Leaf was allowed to proceed with the quarry, it would have a dramatic detrimental effect on housing prices in Stonewall. Simply said, it was just too close."

Maple Leaf Construction owns the land, which is located in the RM of Rockwood and about 500 metres (or half a kilometre) from Stonewall's border. The company had asked Rockwood council to rezone the land from Agricultural Limited - Stonewall Vicinity Zone to Industrial Extractive Zone so that it could operate a 110-acre limestone quarry over a period of eight to 10 years.

In March 2022 Rockwood denied Maple Leaf Construction's request to amend the zoning. The company then submitted an appeal to the Municipal Board, a quasi-judicial tribunal that makes decisions or recommendations on property assessment appeals and planning appeals, among other responsibilities. The board has the power to deny or accept proposed amendments to zoning bylaws or request alterations to bylaws.

The board held public hearings last year on July 26 and on Sept. 8 and 9 at which residents were able to voice their concerns about the proposed quarry.

Those opposed indicated they

weren't objecting to quarries in principle; they were opposed to having a mine so close to a well-developed town. Stonewall's northern border has homes, businesses in the Industrial Park and recreation facilities such as a campground, an outdoor swimming pool and several sports fields.

At the board hearings, public presenters and residents raised specific environmental and financial concerns that included the removal of a buffer zone (land zoned agricultural) between Stonewall and existing quarries to its north, noise from the blasting of rock with explosives so close to residences, potential damages to homes and other buildings as a result of the vibrations from blasting, the devaluation of residential properties, airborne limestone dust arising from blasting and the transportation of rock, unusable land once the limestone embedded in the earth is extracted and potential contamination of ground water.

Rockwood's reeve Wes Taplin said during one of the hearings that in the history of the RM, this was the first quarry application the RM rejected, and that it was rejected because of the number of objections raised by the community.

Stonewall's former mayor Clive Hinds, who was one of the public presenters, said he agreed with Rockwood council's decision to reject the rezoning, and that he "feared for the health and safety of the residents of Stonewall" should the quarry be allowed to go ahead.

Maple Leaf Construction, which operates other quarries in Rockwood, presented expert reports during the hearings indicating the proposed quarry "would not have any ill effects upon the town or its residents." Furthermore, the company said it would "voluntarily reduce its operating hours" to accommodate residents' concerns and wouldn't crush or stockpile aggregate on the quarry property.

The board issued its decision and order (Order No. B-23-002) on March 10, saying it had given due consideration to what should take precedence — the existing buffer zone established around the urban centre (Stonewall) protecting it or a viable quarry operation.

The board looked at documents such as the local planning district's development plan, which shows the Agricultural Limited Zone forming an "unbroken ring" around Stonewall, and a report prepared by the Rockwood Quarry Advisory Committee that states the "rights of the pre-established homeowners to quiet enjoyment of their property must be



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Rock mining leaves behind large craters in the earth and high berms.

respected."

In its view, the board said it found that "very little, if anything, has been done to attempt to accommodate and protect the existing local community," and that the developer [Maple Leaf Construction] "flat out refused to accept any conditions" that had not been put in place on previous quarries.

"The Board would have expected that in the course of preparing for this Appeal there would have been some investigation of how the major concerns could be eliminated or drastically reduced," the board wrote. "It is well-know, and has been for some

time, that the primary problem with aggregate extraction is the use of explosives which cause noise, vibration, potential damage to property and dust, which is in addition to the dust created from crushing."

Municipal Board decisions can be appealed to the Manitoba Court of Appeal on matters of law or jurisdiction no later than 30 days after the board order, according the board's website.

Municipal Board orders dating back to 1975 are available in print in the board's library and can be inspected or photocopied.

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End of an era for Teulon's Anglican church

By Jennifer McFee

A historic Teulon church is preparing to host its last service after serving the community for more than a century.

St. Cyprian's Anglican Church will host a final de-consecration service on Saturday, April 1 before the church, hall and land are put up for sale by the diocese.

The 123-year-old church was built in 1899 east of Teulon. Ten years later, it was moved to its current location at 60 2nd St. SE.

Generations later, the hall was built on the east side of the church in 1988-89, with support from the Anglican Church Women group and Junior Anglican Women's Guild, as well as the parishioners and the community.

Since then, the facility has been well-used for Sunday school, church functions, family gatherings and community get-togethers.

Long-time parishioner Elaine Good explained that the congregation has dwindled over time, and there's no longer enough involvement to keep the doors open.

"There are too few of us and we simply can't afford it," she said. "We've gotten too small and we can't manage. The hall brings good income, but it also requires people to look after it and keep it going."

Moving forward, St. Cyprian parishioners plan to continue gathering together for joint services

and shared fellowship with St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Good added.

Wendy Enstrom, Good's daughter, also shared her sentiments about the pending closure.

"My thoughts are based on all our family history that has been a part of this old church for generations — weddings, funerals, baptisms and confirmations and even the Thanksgiving meals that were always a little chaotic but always delicious," she said.

"Closing the doors is hard, but knowing the possibility of the building and its contents could be removed forever is heartbreaking. If it could somehow be preserved, then it would be protected and remembered and even host an occasional service for special occasions. I definitely have my fingers crossed that that sweet, old church still has a miracle or two left in it."

The April 1 de-consecration service will start at 11 a.m., followed by lunch and fellowship. All are welcome to attend, including those from surrounding areas.

Since seating is limited in the church, additional seating will be available in the hall with audio-visual access to the service.

To reserve a seat, please call or email Elaine Good at 204-886-7228 or elglgood@mymts.net or email Carol Dawson at caroldawson@gmail.com.



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A de-consecration service will take place at St. Cyprian's Anglican Church on April 1 at 11 a.m.

Giant Pumpkin Growers seminar coming to Carman

By Ty Dilello

The Manitoba Giant Growers Association (MGGA) invites all pumpkin growers to a seminar about the intricacies of growing giant pumpkins.

The seminar will be from 1 to 3 p.m. on March 25 at the Carman Legion Hall.

The MGGA is pleased to organize a seminar again following the two-year COVID hiatus. The seminar will include a PowerPoint presentation by Milan Lukes, a two-time Roland Pumpkin Fair winner.

"This is an excellent opportunity for new growers to learn the many challenges of growing giant pumpkins," said Art Cameron of the MGGA.

In his presentation, Lukes will cover

all aspects of growing a giant pumpkin from selecting good quality seed to getting the seed started in the house and transplanting it out to your garden. Once established outside, he will touch on pruning the plant, pollinating the flowers, watching for disease or insect damage, providing good wind protection as the plants are quite fragile, and also discuss many ways to encourage good growth.

He will also discuss things to watch out for when the pumpkin grows and how to avoid problems. Finally, Lukes will show how to carefully remove your pumpkin from the vine and take it to a weigh-off.

After Milan's presentation, Laverne Wojciechowski, the western Canadian

representative for the Great Pumpkin Commonwealth (GPC), will report on the recent conference held in Boston. The GPC is the governing organization that establishes the rules for over 100 weigh-offs around the world, and the rules are designed to ensure that all growers are treated fairly.

Finally, a short discussion about the rules will be held to ensure all new growers know their responsibilities. There will be four door prizes of seeds from the 2,537 pound pumpkin grown by Mr. Don Crews of Lloydminster.

"Since the MGGA hasn't charged a membership since 2017, it will be necessary to charge in 2023 to pay for the cost of holding the seminar," said



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The Manitoba Giant Growers Association invite pumpkin growers to a seminar about the intricacies of growing giant pumpkins on March 25.

Cameron. "Memberships are \$10 per person or \$15 per family, and it's cash only."

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Woodlands Childcare continues to raise funds for expansion project

By Jennifer McFee

Woodlands Childcare continues to take strides towards its plans to expand.

The childcare centre launched in 2015, and it currently has a long waitlist for its spaces for four infants, 24 preschoolers and 30 school-age children.

Plans are underway to expand with a new 5,000-square-foot facility that would provide eight infant and 32 preschool spaces, with room to grow if needed. These combined 40 new spaces would also create 12 to 14 new jobs within the community.

Executive director Rachelle McKay said the total project cost to accommodate the 40 additional childcare spaces is \$2 million, which includes details like landscaping and furniture.

"We are pleased that the Government of Manitoba provides 60 per cent of the overall project funding. The remaining 40 per cent of the funds are to be raised by the community," she said.

"The fundraising target is \$800,000. To date, we have raised \$80,000 through contributions from fundraisers, grants, donors and the continued support from the RM of Woodlands."

A generous contribution made in Cliff and Anne Riddell's name increases the fundraising total to \$180,000.

Cassie Tully, chair of the Woodlands Childcare Inc., expresses appreciation for the generous donation.

"The backbone of this project is the community. It takes a village to raise a child, and it will take a village to help us reach our goal," Tully said.

"We are so appreciative of all the help we receive along the way. Mr. Riddell's very generous dona-

tion brings us closer to our goal and is such motivation for our committee of volunteers."

The funding from the province is committed once 40 per cent of the project funds has been raised, McKay explained.

"Any contribution, large or small, helps us meet our goal, allowing us to get shovels in the ground and spaces open for families sooner," she said.

"Childcare is critical to all families, especially to families who work."

Community support is vital to the project, she added.

"Community members can help out by spreading the word about the project, as well as support our up-and-coming fundraising events," she said.

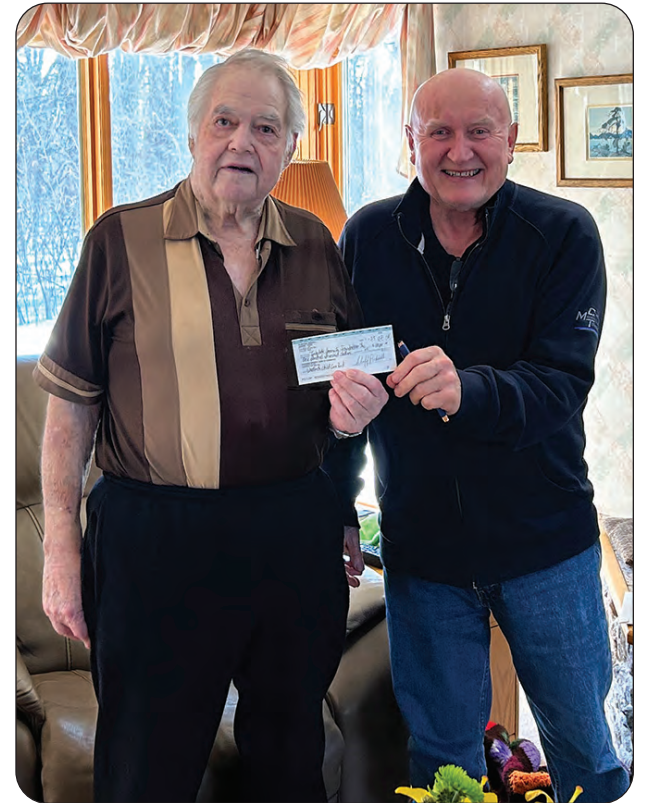
"Our volunteer committee continues to work hard at addressing the 180-plus children currently on our waitlist."

Childcare is a critical service needed to help the community's growth and development, McKay added.

"In 2017, we worked with Community Futures West Interlake to conduct a Social Return on Investment Study. The results of the survey showed that for every dollar invested into childcare, there was return investment of \$2.50 back into the community," she said.

"We feel that the number would be drastically increased today. We hope that donors will consider this when making a contribution to the project and its impact on the overall community."

Interlake Community Foundation has partnered with Woodlands Childcare Inc. to accept donations for the project on their behalf. For more information



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY DARRYL LANGRELL

Glen Tully (right), friend of the Woodlands Childcare Inc., accepts the generous donation of \$100,000 from local farmer Cliff Riddell.

on how to support this project, visit the Interlake Community Foundation website at www.interlakefoundation.ca.

Lions Club responds to community need

Staff

The Stonewall and District Lions Club has made a healthy donation to the Stonewall hospital.

The local service organization raised \$6,040 to buy two portable vital sign monitors for the hospital. The Lions raised the funds through multiple initiatives, including their regular pancake breakfasts, golf tournament, Grey Cup ticket sales and 7/7 draw.

Whenever they hear that medical assistance is needed, the Lions try to get involved.

"They like to help the people and the community," said club president Len Kolenich.

"This machine will help the nurses. Basically we hear the need and we try to respond."

Michelle Loehmer, home care case co-ordinator for Interlake-Eastern Regional Health Authority, shared how these devices will help.

"Home care nurses provide multi-dimensional care to patients of all ages in the client's home. Individuals who receive home care nursing today often have more acute and complex care



Kaitlyn Peters demonstrates how to record vitals on the portable monitor.

needs," she said.

"The portable vital signs monitors generously purchased by the Stonewall Lions board will assist the Stonewall home care nursing team to provide ongoing effective assessment and interventions to community clients with a broad array of diagnoses and needs."



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Left to right: Laurie Minaker, Michelle Loehmer, Bill Ridgeway, Megan Deprez, Kaitlyn Peters and Len Kolenich.

Community to remember longtime volunteer Colin Crockatt

By Autumn Fehr

Returning for its second year, local curlers in the community of Argyle will take to the ice in remembrance of Colin Crockatt.

Crockatt was a member of the community of Argyle who passed away from cancer in August 2021.

Since then, a group of his close friends and his cousin have organized the weekend bonspiel in his memory.

"Colin was heavily involved in keeping the Argyle Curling Club running by volunteering in numerous roles, including club president, over the years. He was also a lifelong curler, so when we were thinking of a way

to commemorate him, naming a curling bonspiel after him made sense," said Travis Lawrence, one of the event organizers.

This weekend, from Friday, March 17 to Saturday, March 18, the annual Colin Crockatt Classic mixed/open bonspiel will take place at the Argyle Curling Club.

The event is three games of round-robin style, with four end games. The open/mixed curling format means anyone can come out and curl.

A wing night on Friday will be open to the public. In addition, there will

be a supper on Saturday night to conclude the weekend. The supper is included with the curlers' entry fee of \$160 per team and is also open to the public to buy supper tickets.

"Colin was a beloved member of the Argyle community that passed away much too soon. An event like this gives everyone a chance to remember the truly one-of-a-kind person he was," said Lawrence.

The deadline to register a team or purchase supper tickets has passed. So if you missed out this year, be sure to look out for the event next year around the same time.



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The Colin Crockatt Classic bonspiel is sold out for the March 17-18 weekend.

ISD presents balanced budget for 2023-24

By Jo-Anne Procter

A balanced draft budget of \$41,705,000 was presented to the public via a virtual meeting on March 8.

The 2023-24 projected revenue of \$41,705,000 comes from property taxation, which is \$22,436,655 (53.8%). Direct support from the provincial government is \$16,352,201 (39.2%), while other provincial revenue is \$2,651,897 (6.4%) and \$264,247 (0.6%).

Projected expenditures in this balanced budget include \$430,000 for school buses \$430,000 (1%); \$1,042,036 for payroll, taxes, internet and transfers (2.5%); \$2,433,898 for services (5.8%); \$34,985,132 for salaries and benefits (83.9%); and \$2,813,934 for supplies (6.8%).

The 2023-24 balance is based on a bit more revenue and a few less students.

Supt. Margaret Ward explained that the Interlake School Division (ISD) senior administration and board of trustees begin planning their budget for the next school year in November or December and there is a process they follow.

In October of each year, they look back at the prior year by way of annual audit, which points them forward to the next budgeting process.

They start looking at projected en-

rolments for the following year. Then in early February, the provincial funding announcement takes place and the school division finds out what funds they will be receiving.

In early March, they formulate a draft budget and bring it to the public for consultation, and by the end of March, ISD needs to finalize the budget for the coming year and report to the province.

For the 2023-24 school year, the projected number of students attending ISD schools is 2,923, an overall decline of 79 students from the current year.

The pupil-teacher ratio (PTR) is the number of full-time equivalent students divided by the number of classroom teachers in each building, which varies from year to year. The projected PTR for the 2023-24 school year is 19.09 for kindergarten to Grade 8 and 19.04 for grades 9 to 12. The PTR for 2022-23 is 18.85 for kindergarten to Grade 8 and 18.62 for grades 9 to 12. (The PTR does not take into account staffing for school counselling, learning support, early literacy and school administrators.)

Professional staff — including classroom teachers, school counsellors, learning support, early literacy, school administrators, curriculum support

and student services — have been maintained for the projected budget.

For 2023-24, the PTR will remain at less than 20, which works out to 5.6 fewer full-time equivalent classroom teachers than 2022-23.

In 2023-24, ISD plans to purchase two buses, which is \$430,000 in the draft budget. Currently, 57 per cent of students are transported to school on 34 bus routes. The vast geography of the division has buses travelling approximately 868,000 kilometres per year. All transportation costs are climbing, including fuel, parts and cost of new buses.

Board chair Alan Campbell expressed that this budget is extremely challenging.

"It is counter-intuitive to say that it is a good thing we have a reduction in enrolment because we are forced now to make a reduction in the number of teachers (5.5 teacher positions)," he said.

However, he said that in this post-pandemic scenario, the needs of students and families are going to go up.

"We should be able to increase the number of clinicians, social workers, student psychologists," he said. Yet they will have to consider further

between teachers, clinicians or school buses.

"We have done everything we can as a board for the last number of years with funding cuts every year," he stressed. "This is the first time we have seen our funding hold from provincial government in seven years, which doesn't even come close to the inflationary increases that we would anticipate in costs."

The provincial government makes all decisions on increases. They provide a property tax offset grant. They have eliminated the school board's ability to adjust local taxation.

Campbell also said that the division, along with others, are in financial challenging times and property taxpayers are receiving a reduction in education property tax.

"We have done everything we can to protect the classroom. In the last number of years, we have been forced to make cuts such as junior kindergarten and continuing education and have gone a number of years without purchasing school buses," Campbell added.

"We recognize the challenges out there. We still think we are in a really good spot in ISD, especially when it comes to our PTR and how effectively we are able to spread thin that dollar and try to make sure that every cent that we can put into classroom resources are put there and to make sure that everything we can do to support students and their families and our staff is executed on as efficiently and effectively as possible."

You can access the recorded March 8 budget meeting and draft budget information, including graphs, at interlakesd.ca. On March 20 at 7 p.m. at the regular meeting of the board of trustees, the final budget will be voted on.



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Stonewall Collegiate students ready to perform

By Jo-Anne Procter

Collège Stonewall Collegiate (CSC) students are ready to perform some musical magic.

They are ready to get their revenge on COVID by hosting a musical production called *Revenge of the Musical* on March 16 and 17 at Quarry Park Heritage Arts Centre.

This come-back concert is the first time CSC students have been on stage since the spring of 2019 for their rendition of *The Wedding Singer*. And after the cancellation of the 2020 show a week before opening night, students are ready to get the show on the road.

Revenge of the Musical will be the first time this group of students have ever performed on stage with CSC.

Staff members Kendra Obach, Jesse Hourie, Jennifer Greigson and Lindsey Weber have collaborated to bring

the show to life. It is a collection of six short musicals in a variety of styles, featuring many students across all grade levels.

The cast of 25 — and more than a dozen students working behind the scenes as tech crew, backstage help, band members and volunteers organizing and working the canteen, taking tickets at the door and a video crew — are excited for the performance.

"I'm so excited to be doing a show finally after three years of it being cancelled because of the pandemic," said Grade 12 student Evalyna Shipley.

More than 500 middle and high school students have been invited to three matinee performances. Tickets are \$10 for the afternoon show on March 16 at 1 p.m. and \$15 for the 7 p.m. shows on March 16 and 17.



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY JO-ANNE PROCTER

Collège Stonewall Collegiate students are excited to hit the stage March 16 and 17 at the Quarry Park Heritage Arts Centre for three shows.

Rosser council news in brief

By Jennifer McFee

- At the Feb. 14 meeting, Rosser council approved the purchase of a 2021 Cat 938M loader from Toromont Cat for \$344,960 plus tax and the trade-in of a 2000 Cat 928 front-end loader. The cost will be financed through the municipality's machinery replacement reserve.

- Council approved the provincial government's expansion proposal for the Redboine Watershed District, which supports watershed-based management in Manitoba.

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Teulon doctor earns award from Doctors Manitoba



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Dr. Michael Loudon was awarded with a 2023 Medal of Excellence as a "Physician Well-Being Champion."

By Jennifer McFee

Doctors dedicate their careers to focusing on the health of others, yet it's essential that they focus on their own well-being too.

It's a top-of-mind topic for a Teulon doctor who has earned accolades from Doctors Manitoba for his efforts to promote physician health.

Doctors Manitoba awarded Dr. Michael Loudon with a 2023 Medal of Excellence as a "Physician Well-Being Champion." An awards committee

selects recipients based on an evaluation of peer-submitted nominations.

For nearly 15 years, Loudon led the physician peer-support component of the Physicians At Risk program. Through this work, he helped de-stigmatize substance use disorders, thereby striving to create a safe environment for physicians and medical learners to ask for help.

"I work with many physicians, and every interaction should have a physician-health perspective. Further to that, physicians need to be supported in all that they do," said Loudon, the medical director of Teulon Medical Clinic.

"And it's not only physicians — we now have nurse practitioners, physician assistants and other people who are also helping us carry the clinical load, and they need support as well. This award brings recognition to the topic, which is really important."

Loudon has now retired from his long-standing role with the Physicians At Risk program, yet he continues to act as a champion for physician health in other capacities.

He served as a member of the Doctors Manitoba Physician Health and Wellness Committee from 2016 to 2020, which allowed him to promote physician mental health on a national

level.

Then in 2020, he joined a project called Physician Health Community of Practice, which is a collaborative effort of Interlake-Eastern Regional Health Authority and Doctors Manitoba.

"The purpose of Community of Practice is to help the region focus on physician health. We are trying within the region to promote physician health in association with Doctors Manitoba," he said.

"Physician health is important. That's the message that I want this award to help convey."

Kier Johnson, Doctors Manitoba's strategy and communications director, explained the significance of the award.

"The Doctors Manitoba awards are the highest honour bestowed upon physicians in Manitoba," Johnson said.

"The Medal of Excellence was created to recognize those who demonstrate excellence in the medical profession and whose actions are a source of inspiration for other physicians. Up to three worthy individuals can be inducted each year."

This year, one medal was specifically designated to recognize a champion of physician health. This award

aims to honour someone who has demonstrated a commitment to improving the health and well-being of physicians, with active work in this area over the last three years, either at the system, organization or individual level — and Loudon fit the bill.

"Dr. Loudon is being recognized for his many years of service with Physicians At Risk, offering peer support to colleagues, and more recently his work on the IERHA-Doctors Manitoba Community of Practice to improve physician well-being in the region," Johnson said.

"Burnout, distress and isolation are major issues among physicians, especially in rural communities, and are a big threat to retaining physicians."

For Loudon, he's pleased that the award is bringing attention to these important topics.

"As always with an award like this, one is honoured. We don't work for praise and glory," he said.

"They haven't allocated an award for physician health before. Physician health has always been on the backburner and this means we are putting it front and centre, which I think is really important to do."

To see a full list of Doctors Manitoba 2023 award recipients, visit www.doctorsmanitoba.ca.

Manitoba AgriInsurance dollar values increasing for 2023 crop year

Submitted by government

Manitoba's crop insurance coverage is expected to increase for the upcoming crop year, federal Agriculture and Agri-Food Minister Marie-Claude Bibeau and Manitoba Agriculture Minister Derek Johnson announced earlier this year.

"Climate challenges, like last spring's flooding, continue to threaten farmers' livelihoods," said Bibeau. "Enhancements to the AgriInsurance program for 2023 will bring increased value to Manitoba's producers and ensure they have fair and flexible coverage to meet their needs."

The ministers released details indicating 2023 dollar values are higher than 2022 dollar values for most crops insured in Manitoba. Total AgriInsur-

ance coverage for 2023 is expected to reach \$5.3 billion on 9.45 million acres. This means the average coverage is estimated at \$560 per acre, compared to \$499 per acre in 2022. This increase in coverage reflects the expectation of continued strength in commodity prices into the 2023 crop year.

"The costs and risks related to farming in Manitoba continue to climb," said Johnson. "We're increasing our support for Manitoba farmers through the AgriInsurance program because we know that adequate coverage is now, more than ever, important in helping manage that risk."

The AgriInsurance program is a risk management tool for Manitoba farmers to protect against production shortfalls and quality losses caused by

natural perils. In the case of extreme weather events that impact production such as drought or excess moisture, the program provides predictable coverage producers can depend on when planning for the upcoming growing season. The program is administered by Manitoba Agricultural Services Corporation (MASC). Manitoba has a high level of AgriInsurance participation, with over 92 per cent of annual crop acres and more than 7,600 farms enrolled in the program.

Additional program enhancements for 2023 growing season include:

Expanding the Contract Price Option (CPO) to be available for the majority of crops (including the corresponding pedigreed and organic crop if applicable), excluding potatoes,

vegetables, and forages. Established in 2020, CPO was previously only available for canola and field peas. This expansion of CPO will provide flexibility for producers by allowing the price of contracted production to be blended with the base AgriInsurance dollar value (weighted by production) to better reflect expected market prices.

Amending premium rate calculations so that AgriInsurance premium rates will not exceed a 10 per cent increase year-over-year. This change will lessen the impact of disastrous growing seasons on premium rate increases.

The Canadian Agricultural Partnership (CAP) is a five-year, \$3 billion commitment by the federal, provincial, and territorial governments that supports Canada's agri-food and agri-products sectors. Under CAP, AgriInsurance premiums for most programs are shared 40 per cent by insured producers, 36 per cent by the Government of Canada, and 24 per cent by the Manitoba government. Administrative expenses are shared 60 per cent by the Government of Canada and 40 per cent by the Manitoba government.

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GrainFox launches game-changing agtech platform

By Raegan Hedley

The future of grain and commodity marketing is personalized. On Feb. 21, GrainFox launched a new virtual platform that will help producers keep up with the markets, plan and track their cash flow, tabulate expenses, calculate returns, track sales and inventory, and make sales decisions.

"The process of grain marketing is very complex. There's a lot on the line and a lot of factors that go into making that selling decision," said Liz Pham, chief growth officer at GrainFox. "We're really there to guide them through that complexity and remove the emotion of that selling decision."

GrainFox doesn't sell or broker the sale of grain or commodities. According to the company, the platform uses machine learning and AI, input from analytical teams, and insights from their network of customer success managers to provide recommendations. It all came about because Lepp said they identified a gap in the market: small-to-medium-sized farms were being underserved when it came to marketing support for their operations.

"In these times of heightened volatility and uncertainty in the markets, personalization has never been more important to a producer's sales strategy," said Mark Lepp, founder and CEO of GrainFox.

"We wanted to create a platform that's cost-effective and has a self-serve option to bring more value and support to help producers make more informed grain selling decisions as they go through their journey on their operation of taking their crop from the bin to the bank."

Lepp said the goal with GrainFox is to offer a "single source of truth for all things grain marketing," where producers can connect all their data that are relevant to the grain marketing decision to help them make the best strategies possible.

"Farmers typically have at least a dozen different apps and different data silos within their operation," said Lepp. "What we're working on is bringing all those data silos together so if the producer wants to use that information from their operation to help power their wealth management tools, they can."

At the core of the GrainFox platform is a tool called Smart Advisor. The first of its kind in North America, it provides personalized sales recommendations based on how the sale of each crop in a farmer's portfolio interacts with one another. It synthesizes historical and current market data, along with producers' cash flow goals, storage constraints and risk tolerance to deliver advice that helps growers get their bins empty by harvest.

"There are literally dozens of key features that producers take into consideration when they make that decision to sell," said Lepp. "The amount of data that we're able to synthesize and bring to each individual operation is incredible."

Richard Surendrakumar, chief product officer of GrainFox, said Smart Advisor pulls from an ever-growing bank of over 20,000 data sets.

"Every day we discover new data sets that could be potentially relevant to the trends, the prices, and some of the decisions that we make in the algorithms. Now, these data sets could be things like your macroeconomic data trends, data events, news articles, financial data and more," said Surendrakumar.

"It's the algorithm that's really doing the heavy lifting here. It finds patterns, correlations and causality relationships between all of these types of information and marries them to the farm's operational constraints."

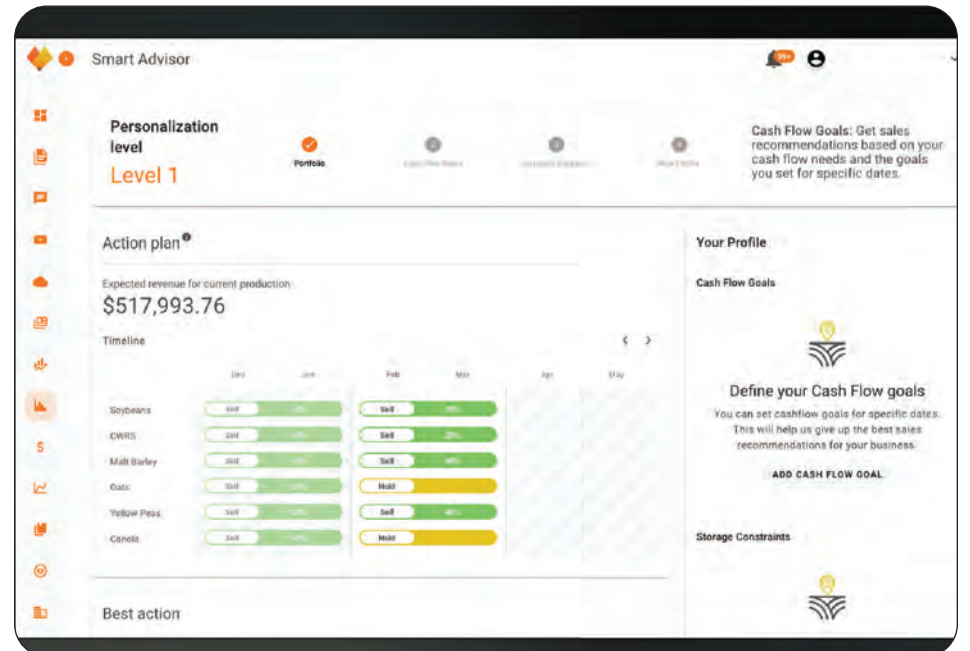


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understand the user's farm operations better, and then integrate that into the algorithms and the decision-making?"

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Canada's farmland values continued to climb in 2022

Submitted by FCC

The average value of Canadian farmland increased by 12.8 per cent in 2022, amid strong farm income, elevated input prices and rising interest rates. The demand for farmland remained robust and the supply of farmland available for sale continues to be limited, according to the latest FCC Farmland Values Report.

Farmland values saw the highest increase since 2014 and follow gains of 8.3 per cent in 2021 and 5.4 per cent in 2020.

In Manitoba, average farmland values increased by 11.2 per cent in 2022, following gains of 9.9 per cent in 2021 and 3.6 per cent in 2020.

"Challenging economic conditions could have been expected to slow the demand for farmland and the resulting price buyers paid for land in 2022," said J.P. Gervais, FCC's chief economist. "But the underlying fundamental factors in the farmland market tell another story."

FCC estimates that receipts of grains, oilseeds

and pulses in Canada have increased 18.3 per cent in 2022 and are projected to grow 9.4 per cent in 2023.

"Higher farm revenues are driving the demand for farmland, but higher borrowing costs and increased input prices are expected to lead to declines in the number of sales in 2023," according to Gervais.

The highest average provincial increases in farmland values were observed in Ontario, Prince Edward Island and New Brunswick, with increases of 19.4, 18.7 and 17.1 per cent, respectively. Saskatchewan followed with a 14.2 per cent increase. Five provinces had average increases below the national average at 11.6 per cent in Nova Scotia, 11.2 per cent in Manitoba, 11.0 per cent in Quebec and 10 per cent in Alberta.

British Columbia is the only province to have recorded a single-digit increase at eight per cent, but it is also a market where land values are the

highest on average.

There was an insufficient number of publicly reported sales in Newfoundland and Labrador, Northwest Territories, Nunavut and Yukon to fully assess farmland values in those regions.

"It's good practice to have and maintain a risk management plan that takes into account possible economic changes," said Gervais. "When producers ensure their budgets have room to flex if commodity prices, yields or interest rates shift, they're better off in the long run."

FCC also suggests producers to exercise caution, especially in regions where the growth rate of farmland values exceeded that of farm income in recent years, which was the case in most provinces.

Gervais acknowledges that higher farmland values pose a challenge for young producers, new entrants and other operations that are looking to expand.

"Land is more expensive now relative to income than it's ever been. The ability to service debt and overall equity in the operation are critical factors of success going forward. The good news is that farmland value increases reflect a positive outlook for the demand of agriculture commodities and the quality food we produce in Canada," he said.

"Producers have a long track record of making strategic investments in land, even before agriculture and food was identified as one of six sectors with the highest potential for growth by the Advisory Council on Economic Growth in 2016. These long-term investments in food production have spurred growth and create a bright future for Canada's agriculture and food industry."

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GrainFox (formerly FarmLink) acquired DePutter Publishing in 2022. Lepp said they were excited to bring together two of the leading brands in Canada that provide farmers grain marketing strategies. GrainFox features analysis from two in-house teams that work together: FarmLink and DePutter Publishing.

"Those two different strategies are fed into GrainFox and pushed out to our clients, making it a really efficient channel for real-time information gathering," said Lepp.

GrainFox is currently only available to Canadian growers, but they have plans to expand to the U.S. in the near future.

A photograph of a man with a beard, wearing a dark jacket and a baseball cap with 'NOREYDO FARM LTD.' on it. He is holding a black dog in a barn setting. The background shows a cow and wooden structures.

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Gimli represented well at 2023 Brier final

By Ty Dilello

Manitoba's Matt Dunstone (featuring Gimli's B.J. Neufeld and Colton Lott) reached the final of the 2023 Tim Horton's Brier. However, in Sunday night's final, Dunstone fell to Team Canada's Brad Gushue by a 7-5 scoreline.

Team Dunstone including Dunstone, Neufeld, Lott and Ryan Harnden, who competed as Team Manitoba, was arguably the top team all week at the Brier as they rolled through the round-robin with an impeccable 8-0 record. After defeating Team Wild Card #1's Brendan Bottcher in a playoff qualification game, Dunstone suffered his first loss in the 1v1 page playoff game against Gushue.

Dunstone would rally in the semi-final to defeat Bottcher again to set up a championship final re-match with Team Gushue.

In the final, the two teams traded single points throughout the first seven ends of the game as the score was tied 3-3. It was in the eighth end that Gushue would capitalize on some errors from Team Dunstone and score three points to take a commanding 6-3 lead.

Dunstone wouldn't go down without a fight as they took two points in the ninth end to get it to 6-5. Ultimately, Dunstone forced Gushue to draw a piece of the four-foot against two Manitoba counters for the win.

Unfortunately for Dunstone and his crew, Gushue was perfect on his draw to win 7-5 and earn his record fifth Brier victory as a skip.

"We were down and out after the eighth end, and we made him throw a tough shot to win the Brier," said Dunstone. "It just speaks volumes about this team. We're gritty. We're tenacious. We're never out of it."

With the win, Team Gushue took home \$108,000 in funding, while Dunstone earned \$60,000 for their silver medal. Dunstone and Neufeld also were named First Team All-Stars at the Brier for their strong performance all week.

Team Reid Carruthers of the Morris Curling Club also represented Manitoba the Brier as Team Wild Card #2 but had a disappointing week as they finished out of the playoffs with a record of 4-4. East St. Paul's Kyle Doring was also at the Brier, throwing second stones for Alberta's Karsten



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Sturmay, who participated as Team Wild Card #3. Unfortunately, Sturmay would also miss the playoffs with a record of 3-5.

Team Gushue will now go on to represent Canada at the 2023 World Men's Curling Championship on home soil at TD Place Arena in Ottawa from April 1 to 9.

Prystupa karate chops the competition

By Brian Bowman

Laura Prystupa has only been in karate for seven years.

But, she is obviously a quick learner.

She won Best Overall Black Belt Trophy at the 23rd annual Interlake Karate Competition held in Stonewall on Feb. 25.

"It's pretty cool, I guess," said the 39-year-old Prystupa. "I wasn't expecting to win at all. It was a great experience."

Prystupa said there were a lot of great young athletes at the event, which was really nice to see.

She loves karate and the people at the local club.

The Stonewall club, meanwhile, captured the trophy for Best Dojo.

"Last year we had Saskatoon Dojo but they weren't able to make it out, so hopefully in the spring we can make it out there for their tournament," Prystupa said.

Competing clubs included the I.K.D. Karate Organization from Winnipeg, Gimli and Stonewall.



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Sensei Clive Hinds presented Laura Prystupa with the Best Overall Blackbelt trophy.



The Stonewall karate club captured the trophy for Best Dojo at the 23rd annual Interlake Karate Competition held in Stonewall on Feb. 25. Competing clubs included the I.K.D. Karate Organization from Winnipeg, Gimli and Stonewall. Stonewall students, front row, left to right: Khang Lam, Walker Walls, Ryland Precourt, Mackenzie Lavallee, Helena Gaboury, Travis Boehm, Fred Uhres-Todd; middle row: Ellaria Johnson, Lukas Goldstein, Lewis Boehm, Monaco Geeron, Braxton Sookermany, Max Slobodzion, Carson Conway, Hailey Prystupa; back row: Laura Prystupa, Jesse Redhead, Rosalie Bosse and Sensei Debbie Hinds.

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Fox was fantastic this season racing

By Brian Bowman

Balmoral's Dylan Fox was dominant at the Canadian Power Toboggan Championships in Beausejour on March 4-5.

The 13 year old placed first in his Junior II F500 14-17 class. It was a great way to cap off a terrific season.

Fox has no problem racing against older competition.

"I'm starting to get used to it," Fox said.

There were a lot of racers and a lot of people taking in some great racing.

"That was probably one of their best showings in a long time," Fox said.

Fox, accompanied by his father Dustin, raced quite a bit in the U.S. this winter.

Recently, Fox placed first in both the F500 class and the pro F500 class finals at the Central MN Pond Racing

in Detroit Lakes.

He had two firsts and a second-place finish in his pro 500 heat races.

Some of the venues down south are bigger than here in Canada and there is more money to be won.

Different sanctions have different rules as to allowing younger drivers to move up an age class.

"We found a different sanction where we were allowed to race up," Dustin explained. "They base it off how you're driving, how you're handling the machine, and everything else and it's their call if you're capable of running those bigger classes or not. That's kind of why we go to that sanction."

Dylan starts the season racing in Beausejour and spends most of the weekends in the winter travelling to different races up until March.



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Balmoral's Dylan Fox had a terrific season racing this winter.

Winners of the Stonewall men's bonspiel



TRIBUNE PHOTOS BY MATTHEW DUNLOP

This year's Stonewall men's bonspiel was generously sponsored by the Trans Canada Brewing company and saw 16 teams compete. Left photo, right to left: The Team Sam Good beat Team Justin Twiss 9-1 after four ends to win the A-side final. Sam Good (skip), Neil Kitching (third), Dillon Bednarek (second), Daniel Hunt (lead); The B-side was won by Team Ronan Peterson including Ronan Peterson (skip), Nick Senff (third), Jonah Peterson (second), Nathan Kelly (lead). Team Craig Nichol, of Craig Nichol (skip), Ryan Smith (third), Riley Nichol (second), Devin Smith (lead) won the C-side.

Deprez wins 2023 Masters Provincial championship

By Ty Dilello

Stony Mountain's Laurie Deprez captured the 2023 Manitoba's Credit Unions Master Women's Championship on Sunday in Thompson. Deprez and her team out of the La Salle Curling Club, which included Deb McCreanor, Lori Pellissier and Bev Atkins, defeated Sandra Cowling's Hamiota team 5-3 in the championship final.

The Deprez foursome completed the championship with five wins and a loss. Their loss came in the round robin to Team Cowling, who was unbeaten with four wins in the five-team round robin. The perfect record gave the Hamiota team a bye to the Sunday morning final.

In the semi-final, Deprez had an 8-7 win over defending champion Judy Colwell and her East St. Paul team. In the finals, a stolen two on the fifth end gave Deprez a 4-3 lead. She would hold on from there and escape with a 5-3 win.

"As a team, we were happy with how we played during the provincials as it was a great team effort," said Laurie Deprez. "We built momentum

and curled better as the week went along. We all made key shots at crucial times. Both teams played well in the final game. Cowling had beaten us in the round robin, but we felt the score of that game was not an indication of the game as in that game, I had a key miss at the wrong time."

For Deprez, it was her first championship at the Masters level (60+). However, she had previously skipped the 2012 Manitoba Senior Women's champion team.

In the men's Masters Provincials, La Salle's Randy Neufeld was victorious after defeating Granite's Mike Mahon by a 4-3 scoreline in Monday afternoon's final.

Neufeld and Deprez will now go on to represent Manitoba at the National Masters Championship, which is being held in Saint John, N.B., from April 3 to 9.

"We are certainly looking forward to being going to nationals in New Brunswick," said Deprez. "To have the opportunity to go to the nationals is very exciting."



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Stonewall's Laurie Deprez captured the Manitoba's Credit Unions 2023 Master Women's Championship on Sunday in Thompson. Pictured left to right: Laurie Deprez, Deb McCreanor, Lori Pellissier and Bev Atkins.

Curlers rock the ice for Balmoral mixed spiel



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Balmoral held a mixed bonspiel with 12 teams participating in a round-robin style tournament on March 3 and 4. Left photo: Team Dodd won the A-side, pictured left to right, Rich Garlinski, Leanne Dodd, Nancy Dodd, Jason Dodd and Gary Dodd; middle photo: Team Argan won the B-side with Cornie Peters, Tammy Nelson, Darrel Argan and Sandy Jamault, while Team Melnyk including Wally Melnyk, Bren Murray, Tracy Holod and Scott Holod won the C-side.

2023 Western Canadian Ringette Championships to be held in Winnipeg

Submitted

In just under two weeks, Winnipeg will be hosting the 2023 Western Canadian Ringette Championships.

Taking place from March 29 to April 1, the Western Championships will bring together teams from Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia at the U14AA, U16A, U19A and 18+ A levels.

The event will feature 500 athletes across 25 teams as they represent their provinces as the "best in the west." The total estimated attendance for the annual championship is anticipated to be around 800 to 900 attendees.

The U16A and U19A teams representing Team Manitoba are the Eastman Heat which include athletes from the Eastman Ringette Associa-

tion (Beausejour, Springfield, Lorette, Steinbach, Niverville/Red River, etc.)

Opening ceremonies will be at 4 p.m. on March 29 at the Selkirk Recreation Complex and will be hosted by LTI (Virgin 103.1) and include opening remarks from Obby Khan, minister of Sport, Culture and Heritage.

It will be immediately followed by the skills competitions for U14AA,

U16A and U19A. Attendance to the opening ceremonies is free.

Games begin on March 30 and will be taking place at both Seven Oaks Arena and East End Arena. Attendance at the door is \$35 for the weekend or \$15 for the day.

Wildcats win JV girls A/AA basketball provincials

By Brian Bowman

The Warren Collegiate Wildcats made it very clear that they are the best junior varsity girls' A/AA basketball team in the province.

Warren soundly defeated the William Morton Warriors 69-21 in the championship game last Saturday in The Pas.

"They were awesome and they were awesome the whole tournament," said Wildcats co-coach Fallon Campbell. "We say offence wins games and defence wins championships. Defensively, they were great all weekend and actually all season."

What a way to cap off a great season.

"We had that mentality of what a champion is, both on and off the court and we really worked on them mentally as to what it means to be a champion and it paid off for us," Campbell said.

Warren reached the final after beating Prairie Mountain/Nellie McClung 47-32.

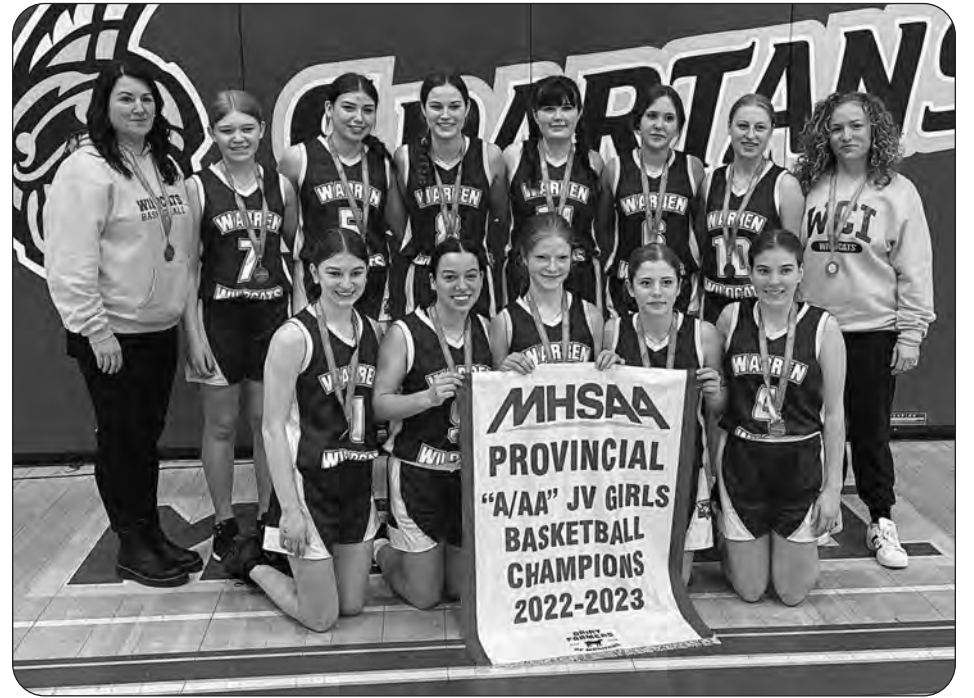
"That was the team we lost to in the final last year so that was our biggest game and hurdle to get through," Campbell said. "We knew what we had to do and we just took it one quar-



Pictured left to right: Provincial All-Star Mia Cassils, Provincial MVP Colby Darragh and Provincial All-Star Lauren Voth

ter at a time and got the job done." The Wildcats started the provincials with a dominating 62-17 win over the Ross L. Gray Raiders.

The Teulon Collegiate Saints, mean-



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Back row, left to right: Michelle Riddell (coach), Cheyanne Fleury, Mia Cassils, Samantha Boonstra, Reese Hnatuk, Leia Theroux, Lauren Voth and Fallon Campbell (coach). Front row: Camryn Oliver, Jadyn Baldwin, Colby Darragh, Avery Langrell and Kiera Schutz.

while, were defeated 41-33 by Prairie Mountain/Nellie McClung in the third-place game at the provincials.

Teulon downed the Rosenort Redhawks 38-22 but then lost 38-29 to William Morton.

Meanwhile, Warren's Colby Darragh was named the provincial MVP while Mia Cassils and Lauren Voth were selected as provincial all-stars.

Tournament winners



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On March 2, Teulon Collegiate's Grade 7 boys and girls basketball teams travelled to Fisher River to compete in the Northern Interlake Division Basketball tournament. The boys finished third out of five teams. The girls were successful in winning the banner. Pictured, back row: Kara Powroznik, Brooklyn Waldbauer, Samantha Lowden, Olivia Price and coach Derek Cook. Front row: Ainsleigh Hutchinson, Kate Rawlings, Lynaya Toth, Zuri Cook and Jailyn Thorkelson.

Schneider a smash hit in tennis

Staff

Ashley Schneider is having a ton of success on the tennis court.

She was a U12 champion and U14 semifinalist at the Saskatchewan Junior tennis tournament in Saskatoon Feb. 3-5.

The 11-year-old was also a U12 champion at the Winnipeg Winter Club tournament.

"I'm proud of my tournament results in Saskatoon but there are a lot of things I can improve with myself," she said in an email.

Schneider started playing tennis when she was eight years old and became more competitive when she was nine.

She really enjoys the sport.

"I like tennis because it's challenging and fun," she said. "Also, I get to play and train with my sister Amber, which is a lot of fun. Tennis is tough but my coaches tell me it's not about who you play or the score; it's about how you play and if you use the skills that you practise."

Schneider competed last year a few times in Alberta and the United States. She will be attending indoor nationals in Calgary at the end of this month.



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Ashley Schneider was the U12 champion and a U14 semifinalist at the Saskatchewan Junior tennis tournament in Saskatoon Feb. 3-5.

Stonewall Blues win silver at Female U13 Rural 'B' Provincials

By Annaliese Meier

The Stonewall Blues recently competed in the Hockey Manitoba Female U13 Rural B provincials held in Grandview from March 3 to 5.

It was a great opportunity for the Blues to showcase their talent, skill and teamwork on the ice against the top teams from across Manitoba.

Stonewall tied their first two games in round robin play but won the next two to get themselves into the gold medal game.

They tied Grand Plains 1-1 on Friday and Springfield Black 1-1 on Saturday. Sophie Fumerton scored the lone goal for Stonewall in Game 1.

While Payton Farthing scored for

Stonewall in Game 2.

The Blues then defeated Springfield Red 3-0 in the quarter-finals. Farthing scored twice while Payton Joss scored one.

Stonewall then advanced to the final after winning a very tight 3-2 semi-final game over MacDonald with Farthing scoring another two goals and Kate Halleux scoring one. The Blues goaltender Jordyn Chetyrbok continued with her strong play in net.

Unfortunately the girls would not be able to pull off the win for the gold medal and lost 0-4 to Grand Plains.

In the skills competition Payton Farthing won the fastest skater award.



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY HOLLY POTTER

Pictured left to right, back row: Dan Joss (AC), Bella Einarson, Kyaira Zagrodnik, Kylie Barylski, Quinn Adamik, Olivia Potter, Annaliese Arbez, Payton Joss, Travis Zagrodnik (assistant coach); middle row: Ashlyn Huard, Aubri Porter, Kate Halleux, Annika Reesink, Emma Sigvaldason, Kendra Zaretsky; front row: Kenzie Myers, Everly Sherry, Jordyn Chetyrbok, Payton Farthing, Sophie Fumerton and Michelle Myers (coach).

Stonewall Blues win silver at Female U15 Rural 'A' Provincials

By Annaliese Meier

The Stonewall Blues recently competed in the highly competitive Hockey Manitoba Female U15 Rural A provincials held in Wawanesa from Feb. 24 to 26.

With the top teams from across Manitoba participating in this event, it was a great opportunity for the Blues to showcase their talent, skill and teamwork on the ice.

The team got off to a solid start on Friday, Feb. 24, when they played their first game against the Southeast Sharks. Despite early jitters, the Blues soon found their rhythm, with Myla Johannesson and Karen Caumartin scoring the two goals where the team tied their first game of the season.

Bailey Mantik, the Blues' formidable goalkeeper, was exceptional between the posts, blocking numerous shots and displaying quick reflexes to keep the opposition from scoring to win.

Their second game of the day was against the Westman Falcons, which proved to be a tough match-up for the Blues. However, the team showed resilience and perseverance, holding on to a 1-0 lead thanks to Emily McMurtry's lone goal and Mantik's solid performance in goal.

On Saturday, Feb. 25, the Blues continued their impressive form by securing two wins. In their first game against Altona, they fought back from an early deficit to clinch a narrow 2-1 victory, with Sydney Boughton and

Myla Johannesson finding the back of the net. Mantik continued to shine in the goal, making numerous saves to keep the Blues ahead. The team's second game on Saturday was a dominant display of skill and teamwork, when six different players scored in the team's 6-0 victory over Brandon. McMurtry, Rhea Myers, Jordan Hudson, Kashlynn Kiesman, Abigail Minnie and Paige Powroznik were all on target, while Mantik put in another solid performance in goal.

The Blues' impressive run in the tournament led them to the gold medal game against the Westman Falcons on Sunday, Feb. 26. It was a closely contested match, with both teams showing determination. Un-

fortunately, the Blues were unable to find the back of the net, losing the game 1-0. Nonetheless, the team displayed great teamwork, effort and spirit throughout the tournament.

Overall, the Stonewall Blues concluded the tournament with three wins and two losses, finishing with the same record as the Westman Falcons. Bailey Mantik, the team's goalkeeper, played an instrumental role in the team's success, putting in strong performances in all five games. The Blues' impressive showing in the Hockey Manitoba Female U15 Rural A provincials was a source of pride for the team, coaches and fans alike, and they certainly left a lasting impression on the ice.

Stonewall Jets blast Raiders

Staff

The Stonewall Jets scored six first-period goals in a 6-1 home victory over the Raiders Jr. Hockey Club on Sunday afternoon.

The win snapped Stonewall's sev-

en-game losing streak.

Cole Emberly (two), Nathan Vigfusson, Alex Kaczorowski, Peyton Bateman and Michael Spence scored for the Jets.

Alex Loschiavo replied for the Raid-

ers.

Ty Hogue made 33 saves for the win. Last Friday, Stonewall suffered a 6-2 home loss to the Transcona Railer Express.

Kaczorowski and Rhett Woods

scored second-period goals for the Jets.

Transcona goals were tallied by Michael Todoruk (two), Parker Janz, Evan Chudley, Matthew Smith and Jason Kotchon.

Stonewall, now 12-30-0-1, will wrap up its season on Sunday (7:30 p.m.) with a home game against the St. Vital Jr. Victorias.



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League champions Flames light up Peguis



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Stonewall Blues Team Minnie won the Eastern Manitoba Female Hockey League U11 "A" Banner on March 12. Team Minnie beat MacDonald 3-2 in overtime to win the semi-finals before defeating the Stonewall Blues Team Darragh 9-4 to win the gold medals and the banner. Pictured back row, left to right: coaches and manager Dusty Moore, Todd Chetyrbok, Dallas Minnie, Nathan Brunel, Beth Gutkin Roy; players Reese Moore, Evangeline Grandmont, Devynn Van Hussen, Lucia Borkowsky, Kahlie Minnie, Brooklyn Chetyrbok, Kaëlle Kuzmik, Kylie Brunel, Lucy Roy and Rowyn Fines and goaltender Deklynn Gottfried.



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY EVAN ROY

The Stony Mountain Flames captured the Interlake Minor Hockey U13C Regional Championship banner last Thursday at home after defeating Peguis in an exciting double overtime game 4-3. The Flames defeated Peguis in game two 8-3 and lost Game one 7-6. Pictured left to right, back row: Jena Stewart (assistant coach), Tom Hefford (assistant coach), Meara Smithson (assistant coach), Zachery Chesworth, Rob Smithson (head coach), Logan Richardson, Everett Stewart, Austin Coutu, Easton Penner, Jacob Schram, Josh Izzard, Dylan McKay, Liam Smithson (assistant coach) and Rylan Hefford. Front row: Jaxson Keely, Lucas Roy, Jordan Sinclair, Jayden Izzard, Finn Smith, Kingsley Green and Jeffrey Sinclair.

Jones heading to Bismarck State

By Brian Bowman

Maryn Jones will soon be taking her softball talent south of the border.

The 18-year-old, who attends Stonewall Collegiate, has received an international scholarship from the Bismarck State Mystics.

"I'm really excited about it. It's a huge opportunity," said Jones, who has played softball since she was five years old. "It's been about three years since we've been wanting this."

Jones, left-handed pitcher, played community ball in Warren until her family moved to Eastman where she played AAA ball until she was 16. The family recently moved back and she played for the Interlake Phillies last year.

She has a variety of pitches — a changeup, dropball, curveball, fast-ball and a riseball.

That has to be a headache for hitters. Jones wants to be a starter with Bismarck but she has no problem if they select her as a reliever.

"I understand because I am left handed, which throws the batter off," she said

This year for U19, Eastman and Interlake are combining teams, which is really special for Jones as she loved playing for both organizations and now they are combined for one team.

When Jones moved back to the Interlake, the Phillies' organization really supported her in her desire to start teaching pitching to younger girls. She became certified and lots of girls now know her in the community because of her clinics.

"I helped out with a guy named Greg Bouchard and he's kind of big in Manitoba for pitching so I got started off with that," she explained. "Over



TRIBUNE PHOTO SUBMITTED

Maryn Jones has received an international scholarship to attend school and play softball for the Bismarck State Mystics in North Dakota.

the last summer, I helped girls for AA and (those) trying out for the Phillies AAA. I had a huge help from Robyn Deprez. She always helps with the pitching clinics. I had my first pitching clinic in August and I had eight girls there, which was neat."

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The Council of the Town of Stonewall has scheduled a public hearing at Town Hall, 293 Main Street, Stonewall on the 29th day of March, 2023 at 6:00 PM to present the **special service proposal** which can be viewed on the Town of Stonewall website at www.stonewall.ca

A written objection may be filed with the Chief Administrative Officer, at the Town Office via email to info@stonewall.ca prior to the commencement of the hearing. At the hearing, Council will hear any potential taxpayer who wishes to make a presentation, ask questions or register an objection to the special service proposal.

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Dated at the Town of Stonewall this 7th day of March A.D. 2023, and issued pursuant to Section 318 of The Municipal Act.

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RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF ROSSER EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

The Rural Municipality of Rosser invites applications for the position of **Public Works Heavy Equipment Operator Employee (Seasonal)**.

Under the direction of the Public Works Foreman, the position will be required to assist the Public Works Department and perform general municipal related work.

Qualifications – Public Works Heavy Equipment Operator Employee (Seasonal)

- Valid Manitoba Drivers Class 3 license would be an asset.
- Minimum 1 year experience in operating heavy equipment.
- Mechanically inclined
- Knowledge in the operation and maintenance of different equipment (tractor/mower, compact track & 4wd loader, tandem)
- Ability to work with minimal supervision.
- Ability to do some physical labor.
- Duration from May to November

The deadline to apply is 12:00 noon on Monday, April 17th, 2023.

Please submit your cover letter, resume and three references, marked "Application for Public Works Employment" to Ken McMahon, Public Works Manager, at:

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

If you have any questions, please call the Municipal Office at 204-467-5711.

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Annual General Meeting!

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Location: Oak Park Estates,
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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.

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RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF ROSSER EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

The Rural Municipality of Rosser is seeking applications for the following positions for the spring/summer of 2023:

Green Team Worker

- Must be between the ages of 16 – 29
- Have a valid driver's license.
- Physically fit & motivated

Duties to include but are not limited to the following:

- Mowing grass at various locations
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- 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.

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- Communications with various levels of government, as required;
- Ensure tenant files are accurate and up-to-date;
- Complete walk-throughs with tenants and/or tenant's family;
- Maintenance of the building including cleaning and maintaining the common areas;
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- ensuring that maintenance records and logs are kept;
- shoveling snow, as required;
- ensuring tenant issues are addressed and brought to the board, as required;
- Other duties as assigned or required.

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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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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
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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.

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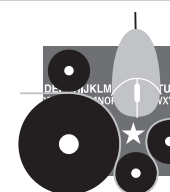
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BIRTHDAY



Ron Schott
Happy 100th Birthday!
A Come & Go Tea will be held at the Woodlands Legion on Sunday, March 26, 2023 from 2 p.m. – 4 p.m. Everyone welcome!

IN MEMORIAM



Joan Sinclair
September 10, 1937 – March 19, 2016
Our cherished Mom, Grandma and Great-Grammies Joan
As children, you were our Mom and our strength,
The force upon which we relied,
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And you always stood by our side.
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Denis Nolin
April 26, 1937 – March 11, 2016
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The saddest part is we'll never say hello again.
You didn't deserve to suffer in pain for 20 years.
We had so many plans for the rest of our lives.
We will never forget you and hold your memory close to our hearts.
Love you forever.
-Your wife Shirley

CARD OF THANKS

We are very thankful to the Stonewall Royal Canadian Legion Branch #52 for their generous donation as we focus on our son's cancer journey. Along with many friends and family for all of their contributions, we are overwhelmed. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts.
-Courtenay, Deanna, Landon, Aubrie, Mackenzie and Harper

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The family of Larry McMahon wish to extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who has supported us through this difficult time. The thoughts, phone calls, texts, visits, split wood deliveries, food deliveries, flowers, garden seeds and gift cards are all so very much appreciated.
A huge thank you to Mr. Ken Loehmer for his professional guidance, compassion and kindness.

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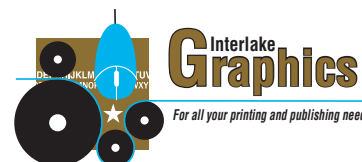
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IN MEMORIAM



John MacLeod Hannah
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-Loved and missed Pat,
Susan, Chris, Helena, Delta,
Francis, Charlie and Chico

IN MEMORIAM



Ambrosia (Bonnie) Pawluk
June 7, 1932 – March 4, 2021
Always remembered, forever loved
And deeply missed.
-Your loving family

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

IN MEMORIAM



Pete Skihar
March 14, 2003

Twenty years, how can this be Dad?
Sometimes it seems like only yesterday
We lived and laughed our lives happy and free
In Hoof beats and Heartbeats
Side by side on the dusty hot prairie and emerald spring pastures
On trails that rained brightly with chatoyant autumn leaves
And snowflakes peaked impishly from wicked winter clouds.
How short the days when you were here
How long the days since you have gone
How warm the sun like your love shone through
Constant and courageous, not like the capricious wind,
In Hoof beats and Heartbeats.
How blue the sky that reflected in your eyes
Shimmering and shining sapphires beyond the artist's brush.
But our love like the powerful poplar and the mighty golden oak
Will breathe on and on, forever and ever, hand in hand
Past our mortal lives through the colors of the rainbow,
Brighter and stronger then the blaze of the Moon
In Hoof beats and Heartbeats
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OBITUARY



Doreen Briggs
Peacefully at Betel Home, Gimli on March 12, 2023 Mom passed away at the age of 96.
She was predeceased by her infant son Gerald, son-in-law Barry Skrabek and granddaughter Stacey Skrabek.
She is survived by daughters Debbie (Jim), Lenore (Jim), Sherri (Ted), Patti (Robbie) and Maureen (Glenn); grandchildren Chuck (Jen), Melissa (Paul), Nic (Sarah), Pam (Jared), Peter (Courtney), Andrew, Josh, Kurtis (Megan), Dustin (Martine), Devin (Toni); as well as 14 great-grandchildren and Ed Waluk. Mom cherished her 91 year continued friendship with Mary Abrahams.
Mom was born October 17, 1926 in Teulon, where she lived her entire life with the exception of the last couple of years in Betel Home in Gimli. She married Al Briggs in 1949 and together they raised five girls on the farm while enjoying her garden and many flowers. Mom was active in her community organizations and enjoyed all types of sports. In her later years she enjoyed multiple road trips and travelling aboard with close friends.
On behalf of the family we would like to extend Mom's and the families gratitude to all her new friends and compassionate staff at her new home in Betel. Special mention of a dear friend and caregiver Kerri Einarson who made Mom's day on so many occasions.
Cremation has taken place and a memorial service will be held at the Teulon United Church on May 13, 2023 at 2:00 p.m. with a private family interment to follow.

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OBITUARY

William Pemkowski
Bill Pemkowski of Stonewall, Manitoba, passed away peacefully at the Stonewall Hospital, on March 7, 2023.
There will be, at a later date, a memorial service in Stonewall, MB.
A special thank you for all the wonderful care Bill received; especially Dr. M. Zahiri.

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OBITUARY

Marilyn Joan Warkentin
April 26, 1940 – March 11, 2023
With heavy hearts, as a family we have lost our Mom, Grandma, Great-Grandma and wife, Marilyn Joan Warkentin from Teulon, Manitoba. She was the pillar of strength for her husband, children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She was tragically taken from us on the afternoon of March 11, 2023.
With respect to Mom's wishes, there will be only a private family celebration of life.
A complete obituary to follow at a later date.

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