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The Last Wife brings modern conversation on women's rights to MTC

By E. Antonio

A Rosser youth is taking centre stage in a major production at the Royal Manitoba Theatre Centre.

Eleven-year-old Blake Beachell is part of *The Last Wife*, now running through April 18 at the John Hirsch Mainstage, where he plays Eddie, the young son of King Henry VIII.

Beachell said his interest in acting began through school and church productions.

"I like watching movies and seeing people act, and I thought it would be something cool for me to do," he said.

He added working with Royal MTC has been a meaningful step toward pursuing larger theatre opportunities.

"Just realizing this could lead to other opportunities and bigger roles is exciting," he said. "It's taught me to be more confident on stage while still being true to myself."

Beachell said he relates to his character, describing Eddie as a young person trying to live up to expectations while navigating life in a royal family.

His favourite part of the experience so far has been the technical rehearsal, where he saw the full production come together for the first time. He said audiences can look forward to a particularly dynamic scene between Eddie and his uncle that involves detailed choreography.

The production tells the story of Katherine Parr — the final wife of Henry VIII — through a contemporary lens, blending historical drama with modern conversations about gender, power and political agency.

Written by Canadian playwright Kate Hennig, *The Last Wife* explores Parr's complex and often precarious position within the Tudor court as

she navigates an obligatory marriage while quietly advocating for Henry's daughters and their right to rule.

Artistic director Kelly Thornton said the decision to stage the production was driven by a desire to spark discussion around current social and political issues.

"Programming *The Last Wife* came as a direct response to the second failed attempt of a woman to win the White House, even against an opponent who challenged democracy itself. It made me want to agitate a deeper conversation," Thornton said in a news release. "While *The Last Wife* is written under the guise of history, Hennig is provoking a dialogue very much about today, asking us what we are willing to risk to effect change."

Hennig's work reframes a largely overlooked historical figure, presenting Katherine Parr not simply as a survivor but as an influential force in shaping England's future.

She said the idea for *The Last Wife* began in 2011 during the Arab Spring, when she noticed that most political leaders at the forefront of global change were men, prompting her to consider the role of women in shaping history.

A longtime enthusiast of both general and women's history, Hennig said reimagining Parr's story felt like a natural fit.

"She was young and beautiful, and after reading about the influence she had on Mary I and Elizabeth I, it was just so fascinating," Hennig said. "We've been handed down such a male point of view on women in history, and when we incorporate the female perspective, their stories become much more filled out."



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Blake Beachell of Rosser and Amelia Sargisson appear in *The Last Wife*, now running at the Royal Manitoba Theatre Centre through April 18.

Blending contemporary and historical themes, Hennig said the play connects past struggles with ongoing conversations about equality.

"The play is about the force of patriarchy for women and men," she said. "The women are just trying to assert their own individual desires in an environment where the world stands between them."

Hennig was in Winnipeg for the production, which she described as a special experience, offering a fresh perspective on her work each time it is staged.

"The energy the audience creates is shared with everyone else, and that energy is unique each and every night," she said. "I have been doing this for about 45 years, and experiencing this energy never gets dull."

She added one of her favourite ele-

ments of the play is watching the negotiation of power between Katherine and Henry unfold, raising the question: how do people negotiate power within marriage and family?

Hennig said audiences can expect an emotional and thought-provoking experience.

"The audience will laugh, they will cry, and they will see themselves on the stage," she said. "They will see a classic engagement between the sexes and leave with a sense of hope."

The Last Wife runs through April 18 at the John Hirsch Mainstage and is recommended for mature audiences due to strong language, depictions of violence and sexual themes. Tickets and show information are available online and through the Royal MTC box office.

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Two historic kilns crumble, marking end of an era

By Jennifer McFee

With two of Stonewall's three historic kilns coming down, the Town of Stonewall is providing further insight into the decision behind the demolition.

A 2018 assessment noted that the kilns posed a risk to the public due to their condition. More recently, during rebuilding process for the south kiln, engineers have been monitoring and assessing the physical state of the other two kilns.

"Unfortunately, the kilns have been in a state of disrepair for many years," said CAO Wally Melnyk. "That is why they were fenced off from the public."

Discussions focused on other options besides demolition, but none of them would have allowed public access to the site.

"A temporary measure like netting or straps would have allowed the kilns to remain standing, but they would have had to remain behind a fence," Melnyk said. "The goal of the Save the Kilns project was to restore the kilns and have the site opened to the public."

Over time, council made the deci-

sion to demolish two of the kilns with a redesigned vision for the project.

"The decision to demolish two of the kilns came about after a great deal of discussion and input from a variety of individuals and groups from the community. In fact, an on-site open house was held and a survey was provided to the public for their input, which resulted in no clear direction on what should be done with the structures," Melnyk said.

"The first wish of everyone who has been involved in the Save the Kiln project is that all three kilns could have been fully restored. Unfortunately, escalating costs made the financial viability of the project difficult, fundraising had come to a plateau and the kilns continued to deteriorate. If the site was going to be reopened to the public and sufficient funds were unavailable for restoration, there were few other alternatives."

To date, the project has cost nearly \$1.7 million with another \$1.5 million to \$2 million needed to complete the revised project, which will include landscaping and creation of an amphitheatre as well as walkways and



TRIBUNE PHOTOS BY JO-ANNE PROCTER

Two of Stonewall's historic limestone kilns stand prior to their recent demolition, part of a scaled-back redevelopment of the site.

lighting on site.

The estimated cost to refurbish each of the remaining kilns would be about \$2 million per structure, and the cost for landscaping, lighting and amphitheatre would be in addition. As a result, council made the decision to look at a scaled-down project.

The town committed \$1 million toward the project, and the provincial government contributed \$1 million through an Arts, Culture and Sport in Community grant. Quarry operators and fundraising efforts have also contributed a significant amount of funds for the project. In total, about

\$3.5 million has been committed to the initiative.

Mayor Sandra Smith also shared a few comments on the changes to the project.

"No one involved with the Save the Kilns initiative, including town council, saw the current scenario as the optimal outcome for the project," she said.

"However, the economic reality of the project, that saw an initial project scope of \$3.5 million grow to \$6 million and then \$8 million meant that a full restoration of the site wasn't financially viable."



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Teulon Elementary School wrapped up the final day before spring break with a lively talent show on March 27, featuring more than 70 student performers. Students took to the stage with a wide range of acts, including magic, comedy, gymnastics, singing, dancing and piano. The audience responded with enthusiastic cheers and encouragement throughout the event, creating a supportive and celebratory atmosphere to close out the school term. Pictured clockwise from top left: Teulon Elementary School teachers perform a spirited dance to Boot Scootin' Boogie; Grade 6 student Addy, along with friends Callia, Jocelyn, Lily, Sadie and Grade 5 student Colbie, dance to Cotton-Eyed Joe; Grade 2 student Charlotte and her kindergarten brother Carson sing Teeth by Five Seconds of Summer; Grade 5 students Chloe and Emma perform their choreographed routine to Best Friends Forever by the Fun Squad; Grade 2 student Nell performs I Don't Wanna Wait by David Guetta; and Grade 1 student Jo sings Golden from the K-Pop Demon Hunters movie.

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4-H members showcase skills at area communications event

By Lana Meier, with files from Jennifer Greigson

Young speakers and presenters from across the South Interlake region took centre stage March 22 as Balmoral Elementary School hosted the 2026 South Interlake 4-H Area Communications event.

Participants from the Balmoral 4-H Club, Selkirk Silver Spurs, East Selkirk 4-H Club, Teulon 4-H Club and Argyle 4-H Club delivered speeches and visual presentations, demonstrating confidence, creativity and strong communication skills.

Organizers noted that all members performed exceptionally well throughout the day.

Top finishers in each category earned the opportunity to advance to the 4-H Manitoba Provincial Communications event, scheduled for April 18 in Brandon. Second-place competitors were named as alternates.

In the speech competition, Felicity Martens of Balmoral placed first in the Cloverbud category, followed by Eberly Wicklund of Argyle. In the junior division, Katie Marohn of Balmoral claimed first, with Alexa Dumond, also of Balmoral, finishing second. Reese Moore of Balmoral earned top spot in the intermediate category, while Charlee Tronrud of Teulon placed second. Evelyn Westdal of East Selkirk secured first place in the senior division.

In the one-person visual presentations, Lucas Young of East Selkirk placed first in the Cloverbud category, followed by June Holtmann of Selkirk Silver Spurs. Peyton Marohn of Balmoral won the junior division, with Molly Wlock of Selkirk Silver Spurs finishing second. In the intermediate category, Melodie Versavel of Balmoral took first place, followed by Allison Mushaluk, also of Balmoral.

Two-person visual presentation winners included Diesel Blue and Rheo Blue of Teulon in the Cloverbud category, and Rose McLean and Adley Rempel of Balmoral in the junior division.

The event was supported by a team of judges and volunteers. Judges and timekeepers included Magdalena Melnychuk, Diane-Mae Boychuk, Bev



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South Interlake 4-H members pictured left to right, back row: Adley Rempel, Rose McLean, Alexa Dumond, Katie Marohn, Evelyn Westdal, Allison Mushaluk and Melodie Versavel; Front row, Eberly Wicklund, Felicity Martens, Molly Wlock, June Holtmann, Diesel Blue and Rheo Blue.

Wait, Maegan White, Barb Melnychuk and Karen Olafson, 4-H Manitoba's club support coordinator. Volunteers included Teresa Melnychuk, Kim Marohn, Lance Marohn, Kim Mushaluk and Jason Mushaluk. Balmoral mem-

bers Annika Marohn and Aiden Versavel served as room chairpersons.

Event organizers expressed appreciation for the strong community support and the dedication of the participating members.

Warren Collegiate students excel at annual Winnipeg Brain Bee



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WCI students Jessica Chrusch, Sarah Goodwill and Shelby Birch competed in the annual Winnipeg Brain Bee in Winnipeg on March 21.

By Jo-Anne Procter

Three Warren Collegiate Institute students tested their neuroscience knowledge against 70 competitors from across Manitoba at the annual Winnipeg Brain Bee — marking the first time the school has sent three participants, with two earning top-10 finishes.

Shelby Birch, a Grade 12 student, along with

Grade 11 students Jessica Chrusch and Sarah Goodwill, represented the school at the competition held March 21. Chrusch and Goodwill both earned top-10 finishes.

The event, hosted by the Manitoba Neuroscience Network, challenges students on topics including memory, emotions, sleep, brain disorders and nervous system function. Participants complete written and diagnostic components and take part in hands-on learning activities led by scientists.

Held annually at the University of Manitoba's Bannatyne campus, the Brain Bee also gives students an opportunity to explore neuroscience in a practical setting.

Chrusch said the experience was both challenging and rewarding.

"It was a unique experience. It was really rewarding because it was the hardest I've ever studied for something," she said. "It's something I am super proud of, and I felt the experience was very rewarding."

One highlight, she said, was touring the lab facilities.

"Especially holding a human brain and being

able to point out and see all the anatomy I had been studying," Chrusch said. "It was cool to meet all the different participants — it felt like a very supportive community."

Goodwill said the competition offered a rare opportunity to engage in academics in a competitive environment.

"It was a really fun experience to compete in something academic," she said. "My favourite part was the workshops after the competition."

She said the hands-on components helped bring classroom learning to life.

"It was really neat being able to hold a real brain and see all the parts in real life," Goodwill said. "It made all of the studying come together."

Both students said they are already looking ahead.

"Jess and I are planning to compete next year," Goodwill said. The top competitor at the provincial event advances to the Canadian National Brain Bee, held at McMaster University in Hamilton, Ont., with the opportunity to move on to international competition.

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The power of showing up

By Harvey Max Chochinov

For many families, visiting a loved one who is aging or seriously ill can feel surprisingly difficult. We may love them deeply yet hesitate before walking into a hospital room, nursing home or hospice. Often, that hesitation stems from a sense of helplessness.

When someone we care about is unwell, our instinct is to fix what is wrong. If we cannot make them better, we may feel what we offer is inadequate — or that our presence only highlights our powerlessness. Yet families matter enormously in the lives of people who are ill.

What if the issue is not that families have too little to offer but that we misunderstand what truly helps?

Presence eases suffering

Palliative care research points to an approach called intensive caring, which reframes caregiving not as fixing but as being with. Though developed for health-care professionals, its lessons apply equally to families.

At its core is a simple idea, expressed by hospice pioneer Dame Cicely Saunders: “You matter because you are you, and you matter to the last moment of your life.”

For families who feel “it just doesn’t feel like enough,” this offers reassurance — presence itself eases suffering.

Families often feel like bystanders as doctors, nurses and institutions manage care. Compared with medical interventions, what they offer can seem small.

An old family friend once put it this way while his wife was in hospice: “All I do is hold her hand and try to feed her a little. We often fall asleep in front of the TV. It just doesn’t feel like enough.”

Yet these moments are not only

enough — they are essential.

Showing up is the most fundamental act. Presence can mean the difference between feeling cared for and feeling abandoned. For someone whose world has narrowed because of illness, knowing a familiar face will return again and again is profoundly comforting.

Dignity-affirming presence

Families often worry about not knowing what to say, but tone matters more than words.

Holding a hand, making eye contact or sitting quietly together conveys care and respect. Even silence, when grounded in genuine presence, can be deeply affirming.

Being attentive, calm and emotionally available signals that the person matters. By contrast, distraction or discomfort can unintentionally suggest the opposite.

Taking an interest

Illness can reduce a person to a diagnosis or a list of limitations. Families are uniquely positioned to counter this by taking an interest in who their loved one is beyond their illness.

That may mean talking about books, family news, hobbies or memories, or simply spending time together listening to music or watching a favourite program. Reminiscence can be especially powerful, affirming that a person’s life and experiences still matter.

Families also play an important advocacy role. By reminding health-care providers who the patient is as a person — their values, preferences and life story — they help ensure care remains respectful and person-centred.

Even when a cure is not possible, there is still meaningful work to be done. Near the end of life, hope often shifts from recovery to comfort,



Harvey Chochinov

meaning and peace — and families help sustain that hope.

Letting go of fixing

The hardest shift for families is letting go of the need to fix. In everyday life, problems are often solvable. Illness, especially in later life, does not always follow that pattern.

When families cling to outcomes that are beyond reach, they may feel they have failed. Letting go of fixing allows space for something else: comfort, connection and presence.

It means recognizing that while suffering cannot always be removed, it can be eased through attention, affirmation and love.

For families, this shift can be liberating. Caregiving becomes not a series of failed repairs but an act of accompaniment — walking alongside someone through one of life’s most vulnerable moments.

If you can and want to visit someone who is aging or ill, remember this: showing up matters. Being present matters. Taking an interest matters.

In the quiet economy of human connection, these acts are not small at all. They are enough.

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Free fishing, park entry offered for spring break

By Haley Cvar

Manitobans are being encouraged to get outdoors this spring break with free fishing and free entry to provincial parks from March 27 to April 5.

Ian Bushie said the initiative is aimed at making outdoor recreation more accessible for families across the province.

"Affordability matters, and we want to ensure every Manitoban can enjoy the incredible lakes, forests and landscapes our province is known for," Bushie said in a release. "Free fishing and free park access open the door for more families to explore the outdoors

together this spring break."

During the promotion, anglers can fish without a provincial licence. However, all existing regulations remain in place, including possession limits, size restrictions and rules specific to certain bodies of water. Federal angling licences are still required in national parks.

The province is also reminding anglers to use caution on late-season ice and check conditions before heading out.

In addition to free fishing, entry to all provincial parks will be waived

during the spring break period, with free park access continuing throughout April.

"Spring break is a perfect time to enjoy Manitoba's outdoors and removing the cost barrier helps more people do just that," Bushie said. "I encourage Manitobans to explore our parks, try fishing and enjoy the beauty of our province while always staying safe and checking ice conditions."

More information on angling regulations is available through the province, while details on park access can be found on Manitoba Parks' website.

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Jesus said to her, 'Mary!' She turned and said to him in Hebrew, 'Rabbouni!' (which means Teacher). John 20:16

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Mary stayed and saw angels at the head and foot of where Jesus had lain. They asked her why she was weeping and Mary tells them of her fear that someone has taken Jesus' body away.

Jesus then also appears and asks her why she is weeping and whom she is looking for. Mary doesn't recognize him and thinks he is a gardener.

All we know, is that the minute he spoke her name, she recognized him immediately. When those who know us best speak our name, our name has power - the power of relationship.

When Jesus calls us by name, there will be no question that Jesus has been made known to us in a personal and recognizable way.

Each year, we run to the tomb with Mary and wait for the sound of Christ's voice. Jesus will speak our name clearly if we have ears open to hearing him. In the naming we are seen to the depths of our soul, and in return, our spirits are opened so that we may see Jesus and follow where he leads.

May we all follow Christ with love and compassion in this Easter season as we serve God - in our homes, in our community and in the church.

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Concerns about local water quality

I live in Warren and have owned pets for more than 40 years. In January, one of our cats developed a urinary tract infection caused by crystals. We took him to a veterinary clinic in Winnipeg. We had never experienced this before, and his brother, who came from the same farm north of Stonewall, was completely fine.

After reading a recent article in the *Stonewall Teulon Tribune* regarding water quality, I felt compelled

to share our experience. The article mentioned a resident who tested their water and recorded a total dissolved solids (TDS) reading of just under 500. TDS measures the amount of minerals in water, including salts and calcium.

Following our cat's recovery, which cost approximately \$2,000, I purchased a water filtration system equipped with a TDS meter. When I tested our tap water in Warren, it showed a reading of 305. After filtering the water, the reading dropped to zero, which aligns with what our veterinarian recommended for our pets.

Since January, we have used filtered water for all drinking purposes, especially for our pets. Our veterinarian indicated that mineral content in water, including calcium, can be a contributing factor in urinary issues for some animals.

Our pets are now doing well, but I wanted to share this experience as something other pet owners may wish to be aware of. It may also be worthwhile for residents to learn more about their local water quality and how it may affect their households.

- Ian Robbins
Warren

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World renowned local chocolatier shares Easter chocolate tips

By Jo-Anne Procter

As Easter approaches, kitchens are filling with the rich aroma of melting chocolate and according to professional chocolatier Rachel McKinley, a few simple techniques can turn home-made treats into something special.

Easter is one of the busiest seasons for chocolatiers, with demand for molded bunnies, filled eggs and decorative treats surging in the weeks leading up to the holiday. While store-bought options remain popular, McKinley said more people are trying their hand at making confections at home.

This year, McKinley said one treat in particular is capturing attention: the smash egg. Last Friday she hosted an Easter Smash Egg workshop in Warren.

"A big trend over the last few weeks has been exactly what we are doing tonight — a smash egg," she said. "It's like a chocolate piñata."

The oversized hollow eggs are filled with smaller treats such as chocolates, gummies and sprinkles, then broken open — often with a small hammer — on Easter.

The connection between Easter and chocolate has deep historical roots.

"Eggs have historically represented rebirth and fertility, and are a potent symbol of spring," McKinley said. "When chocolate became popular in the Victorian era, making chocolate Easter eggs was a natural extension of



Chocolatier Rachel McKinley stirs milk chocolate, carefully maintaining a temperature between 31 and 33 C.

this symbolism."

She noted that early chocolate eggs were quite different from today's smooth, sweet versions. Eggs were often forbidden during Lent, so at the end of the fast there would be a surplus that would be decorated to mark the end of the fast — a tradition that later carried over into chocolate-making.

"Easter eggs as we know them, sweet and smooth were pioneered in Great Britain in the 1870s, and the tradition carries on," she said.

For those looking to try chocolate-making at home, McKinley recommends starting simple and focus-



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Kim Admiraal, left, and Alli Allec prepare chocolate bunnies to fill the smash eggs they created during an Easter smash egg workshop in Warren.

ing on quality ingredients.

"Buy real chocolate," she said. "Real chocolate is more expensive than candy melts but tastes much better."

One beginner-friendly option is making truffles using ganache, a mix-

ture of chocolate and cream that can be rolled into balls and coated with toppings like nuts, coconut or cocoa powder.

Technique also plays a key role, Continued on page 14

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Lions Club pledge boosts Green Acres Park vision

By Lana Meier

A major fundraising push is underway in Teulon as a local community group looks to transform Green Acres Park into a year-round event destination.

The Teulon and Area Lions Club has pledged up to \$10,000 in matching grants to support the development of a new climate-controlled food service venue at the park, a project spearheaded by the Teulon Community Development Initiative (TCDI).

TCDI treasurer Sue Lee called the contribution a strong start to the group's 2026 fundraising campaign.

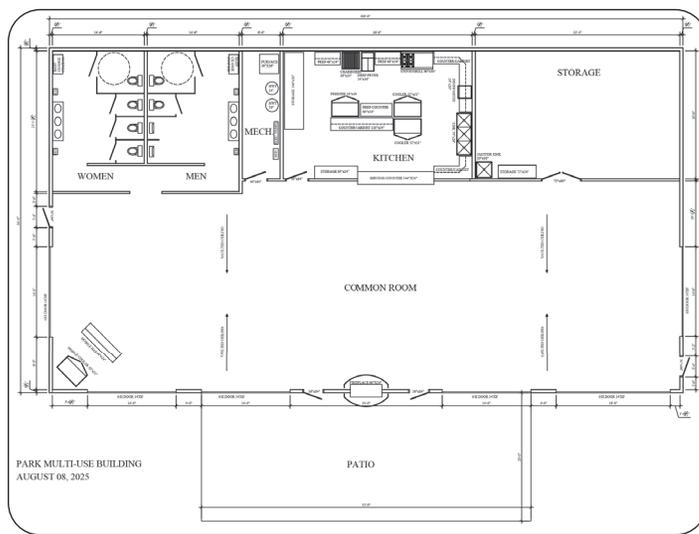
"This is a great kick-start for our fundraising," Lee said, noting the matching structure will help maximize community donations.

Plans for the proposed facility include a commercial kitchen, indoor dining space and modern accessible washrooms — amenities organizers say are increasingly necessary to meet current public health standards and support larger-scale events.

The design also features glass overhead doors on three sides, allowing the space to function as an open-air pavilion in summer while remaining enclosed during inclement weather. The building would include air conditioning, in-floor heating for colder months, and additional restrooms, creating a flexible venue suitable for events ranging from summer weddings to winter festivals.

Wray Whitmore, a director with the Teulon and Area Lions Club and secretary of TCDI, said the addition of a commercial kitchen would significantly enhance the park's usability.

"A commercial kitchen in Green



Conceptual floor plan shows the layout of the proposed climate-controlled facility at Green Acres Park.



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An AI-generated rendering illustrates a possible design with glass overhead doors and a flexible indoor-outdoor layout.

Acres Park is very significant," he said. "It will attract caterers, support local businesses and help keep event revenue in Teulon while promoting tourism."

Whitmore added that updated infrastructure would allow the park to better accommodate weddings, reunions, sporting events and community gatherings throughout the year.

Teulon and District Chamber of Commerce president Jan Lambourne also sees strong economic and community potential in the project.

"Green Acres Park is a beautiful space," she said. "With a caterer-friendly venue, Teulon could attract more events like summer weddings and family reunions. Existing events would also benefit from reduced volunteer workload and lower costs, such as eliminating the need for portable washrooms."

Organizers say the project has the potential to boost local economic activity by attracting visitors and enhancing existing events, increasing demand for local businesses year-round. Comparable venues in nearby communities host about 100 events annually, generating roughly \$100,000 in gross revenue and \$40,000 in net revenue that remains in the local economy.

Local officials say the idea of upgrading park facilities has been discussed for years. Teulon Coun. Michael Hep-

ples and former councillor Mike Ledarney noted that multiple proposals have come forward over the past decade, with recent Parks and Public Spaces consultation results indicating strong community support for a facility like this.

TCDI chair David Leduchowski said the group aims to raise \$1.5 million over the next three to five years to bring the project to life.

"Our goal is to have the facility funded within three years," he said. "If completion is within reach, we will extend fundraising efforts for up to an additional two years."

He noted that if the project is not completed within five years, TCDI will determine how the accumulated funds are used, with the requirement that they support a Town of Teulon project on town-owned property.

Leduchowski said the biggest challenge will be maintaining strong community engagement.

"To reach a goal of this size, we need broad support from residents, businesses and stakeholders," he said. "That will require a strong, ongoing publicity and engagement campaign to keep people informed and involved."

Since launching fundraising efforts in February, organizers say early momentum has been encouraging. With the Lions Club's matching initiative,

nearly \$17,000 has already been raised, and the Teulon and District Chamber of Commerce is expected to announce its support in the near future.

Throughout 2025, the group focused on building a foundation for the project, including incorporating the committee, gathering letters of support, participating in strategic planning with East Interlake Community Futures and finalizing an agreement with the town.

Leduchowski said the long-term goal is to create a space that serves the community in all seasons.

"This is about creating a space where generations can gather, collaborate and connect," he said.

The final building design and location within Green Acres Park are still being refined, with current drawings and renderings considered conceptual.

The initiative is being funded through donations rather than tax increases, with organizers encouraging residents to contribute. Donations are eligible for charitable tax receipts through the Interlake Community Foundation, with potential tax credits of up to 46 per cent.

Community members can donate online through the foundation or pick up donation forms locally.

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Winners of the fifth annual Colin Crockatt Classic at the Argyle Curling Club were Jeff, Sheila, Lachlan and Tavish Cook of Neepawa. Jeff Cook was a longtime friend of the late Colin Crockatt, with the two having met during their university days. The well-attended bonspiel brought together families and young curlers for a day of community competition, highlighted by a roast beef supper and a draw-to-the-button contest. Organizers extended thanks to all participants and volunteers who helped make the event a success.

Tax tips every new home buyer should know

Buying a home is one of life's biggest milestones — and one that comes with important tax considerations. For first-time buyers especially, understanding what can be claimed and how it affects your return can make a meaningful financial difference.

One of the most well-known programs is the First-Time Home Buyers' Tax Credit. Eligible buyers can claim a non-refundable credit that helps offset some of the costs associated with purchasing a home. While it won't cover everything, it does provide some welcome relief during an expensive transition.

Another valuable tool is the Home Buyers' Plan. This program allows first-time buyers to withdraw funds from their RRSPs to put toward a home purchase without immediate tax consequences. However, it's important to remember that these funds must be repaid over time, so planning ahead is key to avoiding future tax impacts.

New homeowners who have made their property more accessible — whether for themselves or a family member — may also qualify for the Home Accessibility Tax Credit. This can apply to renovations that improve mobility or safety, such as installing ramps, grab bars or walk-in tubs.

For those working from home, there may be an opportunity to claim a portion of home-related

expenses. Depending on your situation, this could include utilities, maintenance and other costs tied to a designated workspace. Proper documentation and an understanding of eligibility requirements are essential here.

It's also important to keep records of all purchase-related expenses. While many closing costs are not immediately deductible, they can affect the adjusted cost base of your home. This becomes particularly important if the property is sold in the future.

If your home is your principal residence, any gain on its sale is generally exempt from tax. However, if part of the home is used to generate income — such as a rental suite or business space — there may be additional considerations when it comes time to sell.

Every home purchase is unique, and the tax implications can vary depending on individual circumstances. Taking the time to understand available programs and keeping organized records can help ensure you're making the most of your investment.

As with any major financial decision, seeking professional advice can provide clarity and help you avoid costly mistakes. With the right guidance, new homeowners can move forward with confidence — knowing they've made informed choices from day one.

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Grand opening planned for Faamii Café on April 3

New eatery brings net-to-plate dining to Stony Mountain

By Jennifer McFee

A new local restaurant is stirring up interest in the community by specializing in homecooked fish from net to plate along with other comfort-style cuisine.

Faamii Café opened up at Mountain Motor Inn in Stony Mountain on Feb. 2 — and many diners were already familiar with the business from its food truck that was set up in St. Laurent from September to November 2025.

Partners Christine Allard and James Leclair launched the restaurant to share their love of food and family.

“Faamii Café started with a love for food, a passion for fishing and a dream to be able to stay close to home and work with our family. We bought a food truck the spring of 2025, and after gutting it and renovating, we were able to open it last summer. It was a wild ride from Day 1 with people lining up to try our fish and smash burgers,” Allard said.

“It was a learning curve and we navigated the ups and downs of opening a small business. Our customers were very patient and understanding while we ironed out the kinks, and we are beyond grateful for each and every one of them.”

When the weather started to turn, they packed up their food truck for the winter since they couldn't keep the water lines and propane lines thawed. Then over the winter months, they tried to secure a permanent location to open a restaurant. Despite their efforts, they weren't having much luck — until they reached out to the owners of Mountain Motor Inn.

“Once things fell into place, we were able to put in the work to get the space renovated quickly for our tight timeline. We opened the doors of our first restaurant on Feb. 2,” Allard said.

“Some of our food truck staff came with us and we were fortunate to find some new local team members. We currently employ 20 staff, including several students. We love watching everyone grow into their roles and strive to keep the energy positive and cheerful. Every time you walk through our door, we want you to feel like part of our Faamii.”

“Faamii” is the Michif word for “family,” she added.

“At our establishments, this is our company culture,” she said. “We work together as a family and enjoy feeding our family.”

The eatery's main staple is pickerel, and they also offer smash burgers, breakfasts, breakfast sandwiches, chicken wings, pickerel wings, salads, soups, poutines and various appetizers.

For Allard, her favourite menu item is their pickerel burger featuring a huge fillet dipped in beer batter, fried to perfection, topped with a mountain of shredded iceberg lettuce and smothered in their homemade dill tartar sauce on a toasted brioche bun.

And for Leclair, it's tricky to narrow down his top pick among all their flavourful foods. But if he had to choose, he'd stick with the unparalleled pickerel poutine, which features homemade fries topped



Fish burger and fillets, featuring locally popular pickerel, served fresh as a menu favourite.

with pickerel bites, cheese curds and gravy.

Along with savouring the flavours of their culinary creations, the duo can revel in the knowledge that they caught the fish themselves. It's truly a family effort since their children help in the restaurant while their extended family helps with the fishing and fileting in St. Laurent.

“We are a Métis and First Nation business that harvests our fish from the net to the plate using over 70 per cent of the fish in our menu. We also have our fish dealer licence and sell fresh pickerel fillets if you'd prefer to bring some home for your own creations.”

The restaurant is a welcome addition to Stony Mountain, where the community has embraced the new eatery with gusto.

“They have been great, plenty of enthusiasm and support, although we did face doubt on the longevity of the venture due to the residents' past experiences with restaurants in our location or in the town. We addressed those concerns early and ensured the people that we were here for the long run,” he said.

“Once the people tried our foods, I think they could see that we weren't the generic brand with food that comes off the back of a truck. Each and every item we have has been tested and tweaked in our kitchen, with the exception of a few items. We are foodies and our passion is the palate.”

Faamii Café is located in the middle of the Mountain Motor Inn (9152 Road 73N in Stony Mountain). It's closed on Tuesdays and currently open the rest of the week from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily. Once the summer starts, the hours will be extended to 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

All are welcome to join Allard and Leclair at a grand opening event at Faamii Café on April 3. Pre-sale tickets cost \$10, or they can be purchased for \$15 at the door. Only 280 tickets will be available. When you buy an event ticket, you'll also receive a free entry into a grand prize draw at midnight.

“We will be drawing every hour from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. for fresh fish, pickerel cheeks, wings,



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Christine Allard and James Leclair, owners of Faamii Café, operate the Stony Mountain restaurant as a family affair alongside their children.

burgers and so much more. Come join us at 10 p.m. to listen to live local Métis band Les Barn Boys. Drink specials start at 8 p.m.,” Allard said.

“Come celebrate with us. See you soon at Faamii Café.”

Learn more about Faamii Café on their website at faamii cafe.ca or check out their Facebook page for updates.

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What is SILENT BULLYING and how can you spot it?

WHAT'S SILENT BULLYING?

Silent bullying, sometimes referred to as quiet bullying, doesn't involve loud words or physical harm. In-stead, it happens through actions that can be difficult to notice, such as ignoring someone, giving them the "silent treatment," spreading rumours behind their back, leaving them out on purpose or using subtle looks or gestures to make them feel unwelcome. Because it



can be hard to detect, silent bullying can be just as damaging as more overt forms of bullying.

HOW TO SPOT IT

To recognize silent bullying, keep an eye out for certain patterns of behaviour, such as:

- **Exclusion.** If you notice that someone is often excluded from group chats, activities or conversations, it could be a sign of silent bullying.
- **Subtle gestures.** Look for non-verbal signs of bullying. For example, if classmates roll their eyes, whisper or give dirty looks when an individual speaks, those are warning signs of silent bullying.
- **Changes in behaviour.** Keep an eye on how the person being targeted behaves. If a typically outgoing individual becomes withdrawn or avoids school and social events, these could be red flags that they're experiencing silent bullying.

Spotting silent bullying means paying attention to what *isn't* being said, as much as what is. Silent bullying may be quiet, but its impact is loud. By noticing it and speaking up, you can help build a culture of respect every day.



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Chocolatier Rachel McKinley assists her niece and assistant Emily Spruyt in cutting homemade strawberry marshmallows coated in freeze-dried raspberry and icing sugar using a guitar cutter dubbed "Hank Jr." The marshmallows were used to fill chocolate-coated smash eggs during an Easter smash egg workshop in Warren.

particularly when it comes to tempering — a process that gives chocolate its signature shine and texture.

"The fat that gives chocolate its structure is called cocoa butter, and it has a tendency to melt and then set very chaotically," McKinley said. "Tempering is melting the cocoa butter and then controlling its cooling so that you get a smooth chocolate with a glossy finish and a perfect snap in your mouth."

She said tempered chocolate tastes better, has a longer shelf

life and looks more appealing than untempered chocolate.

For McKinley, who has spent more than two decades in the industry — including running Prairie Girl in Winnipeg, founding CocoaNymph in Vancouver and serving as master chocolatier for Purdys Chocolatier, the appeal of chocolate goes beyond technique.

"I love the joy that chocolate brings to people," she said. "That is my absolute favourite thing."

McKinley who grew up in

Stonewall is now working as a consultant with chocolate companies around the world with her primary client based in Belize and teaching through Ecole Chocolat, an online chocolate school, McKinley continues to share her expertise while helping others discover the craft.

"I have been working for Ecole Chocolat since 2017, and I still teach for them — I develop their curriculum and teach specialty classes for them online, and sometimes travel to explore chocolate in France."

Interlake locals heading to MJHL semis

By Kieran Reimer

Interlake talent set to clash in MJHL semifinals

Interlake hockey talent will be front and centre in the Manitoba Junior Hockey League semifinals, with six local players split between the Niverville Nighthawks and Waywayseecappo Wolverines.

Both teams advanced with commanding first-round sweeps and will now meet in a best-of-seven series, with a berth in the Turnbull Cup final on the line.

The Nighthawks punched their ticket with a four-game sweep of the Winkler Flyers, led by Interlake products Hayden Wheddon (Stonewall), Adam Vigfusson (Gimli) and Dawson Zeller (St. Andrews).

Zeller played a key role in the series, scoring twice in Game 2, including a shorthanded marker, while Wheddon and Vig-

fusson contributed in Game 3 as Niverville took a 3-0 series lead. Vigfusson, the team captain, capped the sweep with a two-goal performance in a 4-0 Game 4 win.

Goaltender Austin Dubinsky was also instrumental, turning aside 24 shots in both games 2 and 3 before making 38 saves in a shutout performance in the clinching game.

Meanwhile, the Waywayseecappo Wolverines stunned the Dauphin Kings with a four-game sweep of their own, marking the franchise's first trip to the semifinals.

The Wolverines feature their own trio of Interlake players in Noah Oughton (St. Laurent), Blake Farthing (Stonewall) and Ryder Kirk (Stonewall).

Waywayseecappo set the tone early in the series, jumping out to a 2-0 lead before securing a dramatic 3-2 double-overtime

victory in Game 3 at Credit Union Place.

Back on home ice, Oughton opened the scoring in Game 4 — his first of the postseason — as the Wolverines completed the sweep with a 3-1 win in front of 850 fans at Waywayseecappo Arena Complex.

The semifinal matchup will guarantee that Interlake representation continues into the MJHL final, with players on both sides set to play key roles.

Niverville enters the series as the regular-season champion and will hold home-ice advantage, while Waywayseecappo finished third in the MGEU West Division but has already proven it can upset higher-ranked opponents.

The other semifinal will see the Steinbach Pistons take on the Virden Oil Capitals.

Semifinal schedules have yet to be released.

Local comedian prepares to perform at national event



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Stonewall comedian Brady Holm, a Collège Stonewall Collegiate graduate with Inuit heritage, will perform standup in Gatineau, Que., in May at the Indigenous Prosperity Forum, marking his first time travelling by air for a comedy engagement.

By Jennifer McFee

A local comedian will be bringing his witty musings to a national audience as part of a Quebec-based event.

Brady Holm of Stonewall has been invited to perform standup comedy in Gatineau at the Indigenous Prosperity Forum hosted by the National Aboriginal Capital Corporations Association. The event takes place from May 5 to 7, bringing together Indigenous leaders and innovators from across the country.

"This is my first time flying somewhere to perform standup, so I'm both excited and honoured," he said. "It will definitely be an event I won't forget."

Holm, who has Inuit heritage, got his start in comedy right after he graduated from Collège Stonewall Collegiate in 2022.

"The first Wednesday after graduation, I went down to the since-burned-down wee Johnny's Irish Pub and signed up for the open mic and since then have been fortunate to progress to bigger rooms, such as my favourite, Rumors Comedy Club in the city," said Holm, who expressed gratitude to Doug Pattie of Stonewall Tire, where he worked for two years after high school.

"Recently, I was invited out by the Stonewall Jets to perform at their annual gala, which was fun. I'll be performing in the Winnipeg Comedy Fest for the second time with some of my close friends over these past three years, joking about whatever's funny to me — whether that be Nirvana, soup or the WNBA."

Until now, the furthest Holm has travelled for comedy is Saskatchewan, so he's looking forward to branching out even further.

"Other than that, I've been fortunate enough to make good friends and am now being invited to travel for standup, which I'm grateful for," he said. "It's helping change my life."

Spotting nutrition deficiencies



Fitness Expert, Julie Germaine

By Fitness Expert Julie Germaine Coram

Scientists have long focused on longevity and often report that nutritional deficiencies can have a significant impact on ongoing performance and overall health. Thankfully, there are symptoms you can watch for to slow the signs of aging — and help you keep up with your children or grandchildren for many years to come.

Often, my clients come to me with concerns about chronic pain, such as bone or muscle aches, and even flu-like symptoms that hold them back from living life to the fullest. My first thought is always vitamin D. When your intake of this essential vitamin is lacking (less than 1,000 IU per day), you not only risk poor bone health, but may also be more likely to fall ill due to a weakened immune system. Adequate intake is also important for wound healing and mood regulation, helping reduce the risk of developing depression.

How can you increase your intake? Eat more fatty fish and fortified dairy products or cereals. Supplements can also help boost your levels if needed.

Another sign to be aware of is feeling tired, unmotivated or weak during your workouts, especially if you follow a vegetarian diet or do not consume animal products regularly. You may also experience memory problems in this scenario. The vitamin of concern here is B12.

Maintaining bone strength is a major concern as we age, as fractures from falls are a significant risk in older adults. Consuming adequate amounts of calcium is crucial to keeping teeth and bones healthy. This relates closely to vitamin D intake, as the two work together in the body for maximum absorption.

It is best to obtain calcium through your diet — such as dairy prod-

ucts or canned salmon with bones — although supplementation can help prevent bone loss if necessary.

There are also other important nutrients to support skin health (biotin), the immune system (vitamin C) and energy levels (magnesium). Eating a balanced diet with a variety of protein sources, along with plenty of fruits and vegetables, is key. Adding a daily multivitamin can also help prevent deficiencies.

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Blaze edge Predators for MWJHL crown

By Annaliese Meier

The Prairie Blaze are Manitoba Women's Junior Hockey League champions after outlasting the Western Predators in a tightly contested five-game final.

Prairie Blaze secured the title with a 2-0 victory in Game 5 on March 23 at the Hockey for All Centre, scoring twice in the second period and shutting the door the rest of the way. Western goaltender Lauren Cherkas was sharp in defeat, turning aside 26 of 28 shots.

The championship game capped a back-and-forth series between two of the league's top teams. The Western Predators finished first overall in the regular season with a 20-5-3 record (43 points), while the Prairie Blaze placed third at 18-5-5 (41 points), underscoring how tightly contested the league was at the top.

Prairie Blaze struck first in the series with a 2-1 overtime win in Game 1 on March 14, with Kenady Christensen scoring the winner and adding an assist, while Phoenix Freis also scored. Reese Farmer replied for Western, while Abegael Glass made 30 saves in the victory.

The Blaze doubled their lead with a 2-1 win in Game 2, as Jaida Silvaggio

and Emerson Shier each had a goal and an assist, while Arianna Murdock made 15 saves. Lauren Cherkas was busy at the other end, stopping 32 shots in the loss.

Western responded in Game 3 with a 1-0 shutout, as Sydney Shead scored the lone goal on the power play. Lauren Cherkas was perfect with 42 saves, while Abegael Glass made 21 stops at the other end.

The Predators carried that momentum into Game 4, rallying for a 4-3 win with three third-period goals. Brooklyn Balazovic led the charge with a goal and two assists, while Maisie Breckon and Sarah Rach also scored. Zoé Comte, Jaida Silvaggio and Phoenix Freis replied for Prairie Blaze as Western evened the series at 2-2. Lauren Cherkas made 27 saves in the win, while Arianna Murdock stopped 14 shots for Prairie Blaze.

Prairie Blaze secured the title with a 2-0 victory in Game 5 on March 23 at the Hockey for All Centre, scoring twice in the second period and shutting the door the rest of the way. Arianna Murdock turned aside all 28 shots for the shutout, while Western goaltender Lauren Cherkas made 26 saves on 28 shots.



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Local representatives Emma Stewart (Western Predators assistant coach), Jadyn Baldwin, Reese Farmer, Kaelyn Morden, Taylor Morden and Kenady Christensen took part in the MWJHL final between Prairie Blaze and Western Predators.

The series also featured strong local representation. Jamie Johnson of Arborg served as an assistant coach for the Prairie Blaze, who also featured local players Taylor Morden and Kenady Christensen.

The Western Predators included Warren's Emma Stewart as an assis-

tant coach, along with local players Jadyn Baldwin, Kaelyn Morden and Reese Farmer.

Despite falling just short in the playoff final, Western was recognized for its regular-season success and was presented with the league championship trophy following the game.

Interlake Junior High curling divisional champions



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The Interlake School Division 2025-26 divisional curling bonspiel was held at the Stonewall Curling Club on March 24, bringing together teams from Brant-Argyle, Stony Mountain, Stonewall Centennial, Warren, Woodlands, Teulon and Balmoral. Teams competed in boys, mixed and girls divisions, with strong performances across the board. In the finals, Stonewall captured the boys title with a win over Warren, while Balmoral claimed the mixed championship by defeating Teulon. In the girls' division, Teulon earned top spot with a victory over Balmoral. Organizers noted a high level of competition throughout the day, with good curling and strong sportsmanship evident on the ice. Pictured are the participating teams. From left: the Balmoral mixed team — Adree Williams (lead), Chase Schaeffer (second), Emily Spruyt (third) and Kolby Pozernick (skip); middle: the Teulon girls team — Kya Gunchoski, Hannah Dola, Ashlynn Urquhart-Cockrem, T-yana Fisher and Adalyn Mowat; far right: the Stonewall boys team — Anton Sowa (lead), Cooper Dickey (third), Jase Gillespie (second) and Thomas Moffat (skip).

'We love you, Doc': Jets trainer retires after 32 years behind the bench

By Lana Meier

After more than three decades behind the bench, Stonewall Jets trainer Denis Doc Moreau is stepping away from the game — leaving behind a legacy built on care, commitment and connection.

Moreau's 32-year career as a hockey trainer has spanned multiple levels of the game, but his impact has always gone far beyond the physical side of hockey.

"Relieved, but a lot of sadness," Moreau said of his decision to retire. "Also knowing I made a difference."

That difference was felt not only in the dressing room, but across generations of players who relied on him for both medical and emotional support.

"The players could come to me for help with medical or emotional support," he said. "That's what I'm most proud of."

Moreau's path to becoming a trainer began after his time as a goaltending coach in minor hockey in Winnipeg. Looking to stay connected to the sport in a different way, he transitioned into training — first at the AAA level before joining the Stonewall Jets during the 2006-07 season.

He never expected it would turn into a lifelong role.

"Never," he said. "It was the love of the game. The best seat in the house that kept me coming back."

Over the years, Moreau became a fixture in the Jets organization, known for his steady presence and ability to support players through both the highs and lows of junior hockey.

"Stonewall club is superior when it comes to understanding what it takes to become a winning junior hockey club," he said.

His final season ended in dramatic fashion, with the Jets pushing their



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Stonewall Jets graduating players Peyton Bateman, Cohen Cheung, Alex Kaczorowski, Brody Stovin, Karson King and Austin Lourenco are joined by longtime trainer Denis "Doc" Moreau, who is retiring after 32 seasons behind the bench.

first-round playoff series to a deciding Game 7 after battling back from a 3-0 deficit — a testament, he said, to the team's character.

"The room this year has been so strong mentally and physically," Moreau said. "Having fun is a big part of any sport and there was never a time when the team was negative."

Moments like those — both on and off the ice — are what he will miss most.

"The brotherhood," he said.

Throughout his career, Moreau witnessed countless memorable moments, including a championship run with the St. Boniface Riels in 2014-15. But one moment stands above the rest — not for a win, but for a life saved.

During a minor hockey game, a young player was struck and fell to the ice, unable to breathe after swallowing his mouthguard.

"I went immediately on the ice and saved his life," Moreau said. "I removed the mouthguard with forceps and his airway was no longer obstructed. The young child started to breathe on his own as the ambulance pulled in."

It's a moment that underscores the often unseen responsibilities of a trainer — a role that goes far beyond treating injuries.

On a typical game day, Moreau's work ranged from assessing injuries and taping joints to providing massages, monitoring player health and offering emotional support.

"Checking in with the team to see if there's any underlying issues... massage, stretch, wrap knees, wrists, ankles, hips — anything that's injured," he said. "Encourage the team on or off the ice emotionally."

He also noted the job isn't always

easy.

"Bodily fluids, dislocated limbs, emotional distress," he said, describing some of the tougher aspects fans don't often see.

Over time, the role of a trainer has evolved, with increased education and a deeper understanding of injury prevention and treatment.

"Trainers now are educated to treat what the naked eye cannot see — muscles and bones — through their kinesiology programs," he said.

But for Moreau, the relationships built along the way have mattered most.

That was evident in one of his final moments at the rink.

"I was coming around the rink to head to the Jets room... the two Scrivens brothers (Kyle and Byron) hung over the bleachers and said, 'We love you, Doc,'" he recalled. "I knew there was an unbreakable bond."

As he steps away from his role, Moreau is also leaving behind a new tradition — one that ensures those bonds remain visible.

"All aging out players or hockey staff are to sign the Stonewall Jets dressing room wall with their name and jersey number," he said.

While he is retiring from training, Moreau said this isn't a complete goodbye.

"I may choose to give back to the Stonewall Jets in a different role," he said.

Looking back, he wouldn't change a thing.

"Absolutely. Hockey brought me a sense of community and giving back to a sport I love."

And after 32 years, it's clear that community — and the players within it — will remember him just as fondly.

Jets' rally falls just short in Game 7 MMJHL heartbreaker

By Lana Meier

The Stonewall Jets pushed their first-round Manitoba Major Junior Hockey League playoff series to the limit, but a third-period surge by the River East Royal Knights ended their season with a 5-4 loss in Game 7 on March 27 at the Veterans Memorial Sports Complex.

Stonewall appeared in control early, building a 3-1 lead after the first period on goals from Brody Stovin, Peyton Bateman and captain Karson King. King added another in the second period to make it 4-1, putting the Jets in a strong position to complete the comeback series win.

However, River East responded with four unanswered goals in the third period, including two from No-

lan Fielding, to complete the comeback and eliminate the Jets.

Spencer Hunnam made 36 saves on 41 shots in the loss, while Kyle Beilman stopped 41 of 45 shots for River East.

The decisive game capped a tightly contested seven-game series that swung back and forth throughout.

River East opened the series with a 6-3 win on March 13, followed by a narrow 4-3 decision on March 15 to take a 2-0 series lead. The Jets dropped Game 3 at home 7-4 before facing elimination.

Stonewall responded with resilience, beginning with a 5-2 win in Game 4 on March 20 to stay alive.

Game 5 marked a turning point as the Jets delivered a dominant 6-2 vic-

tory on home ice. King led the way with four goals, including a power-play marker, while Kale Chipman and Rylan Slatcher also scored. Stonewall outshot River East 41-18, with Hunnam earning the win.

The Jets carried that momentum into Game 6 on March 25 in Winnipeg, jumping out to a 3-0 first-period lead on goals from Wylie Garchinski, Gavin Holod and Seth Clements. Bateman added the eventual game-winner in the third period as Stonewall held on for a 4-3 victory to force Game 7.

Stonewall's offensive leaders were among the most productive players in the league during the first round. King finished with 10 goals and 13 points in six games to lead all play-

off scorers, while Bateman added 11 points (three goals, eight assists) and Holod recorded 10 points (three goals, seven assists). Stovin also contributed eight points, placing four Jets skaters among the league's top offensive producers.

Despite the final outcome, the Jets showed strong character in battling back from a 3-0 series deficit to force a deciding game, highlighted by offensive production from their top line and steady goaltending from Hunnam.

The series ultimately came down to a single period, with River East capitalizing late to advance, while Stonewall's season came to an end just one win short of the second round.

Stonewall teams shine at Junior Interlake Interclub finals



Stonewall's Spencer Goddard, Evan Searcy, Camryn Lecoq and Andrew Sheldon captured the B event title at the Junior Interlake Interclub League finals held March 15 in East St. Paul.

By Haley Cvar

Stonewall curlers delivered strong performances as the Junior Interlake Interclub League wrapped up its 2025-26 season March 15 at the East St. Paul Curling Club.

The league featured 11 teams from Stonewall, East St. Paul, West St. Paul

and Selkirk, bringing together young athletes from across the region.

West St. Paul claimed the Grand Aggregate title to top the overall standings.

Stonewall teams made their mark across multiple divisions, highlighted by a championship performance



Members of the Stonewall rink of Josh Tristram, Judah Hidlebaugh, Nick Turner, Niam Wedel and Jayden Slatcher won the A event at the Junior Interlake Interclub League finals March 15 at the East St. Paul Curling Club.

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in the A event. The club also captured the B and C event titles, capping a successful showing on finals day.

The results wrapped up a strong season for Stonewall's junior curling program, with multiple teams reaching the podium and highlighting the depth of emerging local talent.

U14C Ignite capture provincial gold



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The U14C Interlake Ignite, pictured left to right, back row: Emily Lazaruk (coach), Neve Robbins, Darren Pott (coach), Gabby Sookermany, Trinity Walker-Ross, Lyla Cieszynski, Natalie Pott, Avery Jones, Emily Hempel, Keira Wilson, Tyler Erickson (coach), Kelsey Erickson (coach); middle row, Brooklyn Doll, Kaycie Margetts, Maya Manguiat, Isis Robinson, Leona Bruce; front row, goaltender Ellie Anderson. Missing from the photo is Hailey Surzyshyn-Ruud and Michelle Anderson (manager).

By Annaliese Meier

The U14C Interlake Ignite capped a strong season with gold at the Ringette Manitoba provincial championships, earning a dramatic 5-4 win in the final. The Interlake squad — with players from Fraserwood, Selkirk, East Selkirk, St. Andrews, West St. Paul, Warren and Balmoral — showed resilience throughout the tournament. Ignite opened with a narrow 5-4 win over the Northstars on Wednesday before falling 6-1 to the St. James Boom on Friday. The team

rebounded Saturday with a 4-3 victory over the Northstars to secure a spot in the gold-medal game.

In Sunday's final at Seven Oaks Arena, Ignite delivered when it mattered most, edging the Boom 5-4 to claim the provincial title. The win caps a season of steady growth, with Ignite finishing second in the regular season and earning bronze in the city playoffs. Coaches credited the team's development, teamwork and perseverance for the championship run.



The Stonewall rink of Maddox Keeping and Olivia Wirgau won the C event. Missing from the photo are teammates Holly Fitzpatrick and Chelsea Thomas.

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Marquette Curling Club sticks to a great weekend

By E. Antonio

The Marquette Curling Club had a full house for its Big Stick Spiel from March 19 to 22, bringing together 44 teams for a weekend packed with stick curling fun.

“Nothing brings the community together more than curling, great food and great friends,” said Krysta Prevost of the Marquette Curling Club. “It’s great to see everyone chipping in to help make this event a success.”

Terry and Wendy Proctor captured the Big Stick championship, while Norma Purdy and Murray McRae claimed the B-side title. Jim and Keren Rouse won the C side, and Edith MacMillan and Celine Sholdice took top honours in the D side.

The club also recognized Ross MacMillan and Ralph Nespor, who competed for Team Manitoba at the Stick Curling Nationals in Nova Scotia from March 25 to 29.



Ralph Nespor and Ross MacMillan show off their Team Manitoba gear before heading to the Stick Curling Nationals.



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Ross MacMillan's family celebrates before his departure to the Stick Curling Nationals. Back row, from left: Travis Yeo (son-in-law), Tanya MacMillan (daughter-in-law), Chris MacMillan (son) holding Benson (grandson), Jody Yeo (daughter), Jeff MacMillan (son) and Edith MacMillan (wife). Front row: Ross's grandchildren Ensley MacMillan, Karsten Yeo, Bo MacMillan and Tanner Yeo.



Big Stick champions Terry and Wendy Proctor.



B-side winners Norma Purdy and Murray McRae.



C-side winners Keren and Jim Rouse.



D-side winners Edith MacMillan and Celine Sholdice.



Flames red hot for season finale

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U7 Stony Mountain Flames players gather following the Tim Hortons Jamboree at the Hockey For All Centre on Sunday, March 22, wrapping up a memorable season alongside their coaches. Pictured left to right: Coaches Cody Bakkum, Vanessa Barker and Korde Bakkum; back row: Halle, Piper, Theo, Charlee, Asani; front row, Blake, Faye, Maddie, Leah and Benny.

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In accordance with Section 36 of *The Municipal Councils and School Boards Election Act* (MCSBEA), the R.M. of Armstrong Voters List is open for changes or revisions.

- Any person who is eligible to vote in municipal elections in the Local Authority of the R.M. of Armstrong can have his or her name added to the Voters List or have any information about the voter on the Voters List corrected.
- Any person can request to have his or her name and address obscured from the Voters List.

A person whose name has been obscured will receive a Personal Security Certificate and identification number. In a civic election, that person may only vote by Sealed Envelope Ballot and cannot vote in person at the regular or advance voting places.

To implement the above, a written request must be submitted to the Senior Election Official, in person, by e-mail, fax or mail to:

Rural Municipality of Armstrong
Box 69
Inwood, MB R0C 1P0
Phone: (204) 278-3377
Fax: (204) 278-343
Email: clerk@rmofarmstrong.com

The next Municipal Election takes place on October 28, 2026.

Angie Dzuba
Senior Election Official
RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF ARMSTRONG

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The public may send written submissions or objections within 15 days of the publication of the notice to the department below.

MB Enviro and Climate
Box 35
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Winnipeg MB, R3Y 0L6



Rural Municipality of Armstrong

Employment Opportunity TRANSFER STATION & WASTE DISPOSAL GROUNDS OPERATORS

The Rural Municipality of Armstrong invites applications for the position of part-time and casual operators for the waste sites within the RM of Armstrong.

Under the supervision of the Public Works Coordinator, the Disposal Grounds Operator operates the site in compliance with the Waste Disposal Ground Operating Permit, Municipal By-laws and policies, and applicable federal and provincial regulations.

The operator will be required to take the Manitoba Landfill Operator Certification Program and be responsible for various recycling programs. The operator must be physically able to lift 50 lbs and have a valid drivers license.

Posting will remain open until a suitable candidate is found. We appreciate your interest in the position, however, only those applicants chosen for an interview will be contacted. This position commences as soon as possible.

Interested candidates should submit a resume with three references to:

RM of Armstrong Office
1094 Highway 17 Inwood
P.O. Box 69, Inwood, MB ROC 1PO
Fax: 204-278-3437
Email: clerk@rmofarmstrong.com

THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF ARMSTRONG

PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE 2026 FINANCIAL PLAN

In accordance with Section 162(2) of *The Municipal Act* the Rural Municipality of Armstrong shall hold a PUBLIC HEARING to present the 2026 Financial Plan for the Municipality on:

Thursday, April 9, 2026 at 7:00 P.M.
FRASERWOOD HALL

10140 PR 231 Fraserwood, MB

The Rural Municipality of Armstrong 2026 Financial Plan consists of:

- 1) The 2026 Operating Budget,
- 2) The 2026 Capital Budget,
- 3) An estimate of the Operating Revenue and Expenditures for the following fiscal year (2026), and
- 4) A five (5) year Capital Expenditure Program (2027-2031)

The purpose of the PUBLIC HEARING is to allow any interested person to make representation, ask questions, or register an objection in respect of the Rural Municipality of Armstrong 2026 Financial Plan.

Copies of the Financial Plan will be available for review and may be examined by any person on the Rural Municipality of Armstrong website at www.rmofarmstrong.com or at the Municipal Office at Lot 55 Highway 17, Inwood, Manitoba during regular office hours.

Following the Financial Plan presentation Council will open a discussion regarding Ward Boundaries and possible changes to council structure for the Rural Municipality of Armstrong.

Dated this 19th day of March, 2026

Colleen Mayer

Chief Administrative Officer
Rural Municipality of Armstrong

THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF
ROSSER

DUST CONTROL NOTICE

The RM of Rosser will accept requests for dust control measures on a **Pre-Payment Basis**, on municipal roads in front of residences and/or established sites within the Municipality.

Applicants will be charged **\$350.00** for a **16' x 300'** strip. Areas to be serviced will be staked out prior to application.

Please drop off or mail your completed application along with payment to the Rural Municipality of Rosser office 0077E PR 221 during regular business hours.

The deadline for applications is **Friday, May 22, 2026.**

The Rural Municipality of Rosser
77E PR221 Rosser, MB R4B 0C6

THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF
ROSSER

RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF ROSSER

BY-LAW CADET (SUMMER STUDENT) One (1) POSITION

The Rural Municipality of Rosser is seeking candidates interested in community by-law Education and Compliance investigation.

The Rural Municipality is committed to the development and maintenance of a livable, safe, orderly, viable and sustainable community. By-law Cadets will be representatives of the Municipality and expected to be Ambassador's for the Municipality of Rosser. By-law Cadets will have to engage with and promote the health, safety, and well-being of the Citizens of the Municipality through observing and recording by-law compliance.

Duties:

- Coordinate activities with the South Interlake Planning District/RM of Rosser By-law Officer.
- Inspect/observing properties, vehicles, and buildings to ensure their compliance with designated by-laws (i.e., noise, parking, nuisance, dogs, zoning, licensing, open burning, fireworks, abandoned/stolen vehicles)
- Responding to questions from residents on certain programs and municipal services and providing information, advice and guidance on by-laws, municipal programs, and service requirements.
- Responsible for the intake, examination, and processing of complaints and answering enquiries regarding complaints.
- Travel throughout the Municipality to conduct inspections, establish compliance, investigate complaints, and conduct other duties as required.
- Special project work as assigned.

The successful candidate must:

- Be knowledgeable and comfortable with electronic communication and computers.
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- Strong verbal communication skills
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Wage: \$20.08 per hour; Hours 37.5 hours per week.

Applications must contain a cover letter and full resume with three references, deadline being **April 10th, 2026** at 12:00pm.

Forward application marked "Application for By-Law Cadet Position" to:
RM of Rosser
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Rosser, Manitoba R0H 1E0
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THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF WOODLANDS
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
REGARDING THE
2026 FINANCIAL PLAN

In accordance with Subsection 162(2) of The Municipal Act the Council of the Rural Municipality of Woodlands shall hold a PUBLIC HEARING to present the 2026 Financial Plan for the Municipality on

Thursday, April 16, 2026 at 6:30 P.M.
Municipal Office
57 Railway Ave, Woodlands, MB

The Rural Municipality of Woodlands 2026 Financial Plan consists of:

- 1) 2026 Operating Budget
- 2) 2026 Capital Budget
- 3) an estimate of the operating revenue and expenditures for the following fiscal year (2027), and
- 4) a five-year Capital Expenditure Program (2027-2031)

The purpose of the Public Hearing is to allow any interested person to make representation, ask questions, or register an objection in respect of the Rural Municipality of Woodlands 2026 Financial Plan. If you are planning to attend we are requesting that you pre-register with the RM of Woodlands Office at 204-383-5679 or by email at finance@rmwoodlands.ca, to ensure there is sufficient space available. A virtual Teams link can be provided by email.

Copies of the draft 2026 Financial Plan are available for review by email, mail, fax, or in person at the RM office after April 1, 2026.

Kaitlyn Griffith, CMMA
Chief Administrative Officer
Rural Municipality of Woodlands
Dated March 25, 2026

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- Enforces building, plumbing, and fire codes
- Enforces building, zoning, lot grade, and private approach by-laws
- Issues building, plumbing, and development permits
- Reports all permits to Manitoba Assessment
- Conducts various building inspections
- Ensures accurate record system and documentation is in place and properly maintained
- Assists with the preparation of variation orders and conditional uses
- Advises council on planning, zoning changes, variation orders, zoning amendments, and conditional uses
- Advises owners, builders, contractors, and tradespeople on building codes and by-laws, land development, zoning by-laws, variation orders, conditional uses, etc.
- Initiates zoning amendments, variation orders, and conditional uses
- Completes monthly reporting to CAO and council, and Statistics Canada

Requirements for this position include:

- Certified Building Code Official (CBCO) in Housing and Part 9: Buildings, or willingness to obtain certification
- Community College Certificate in the building trades an asset.
- Knowledge of Manitoba building code, plumbing code, and fire code
- Knowledge of various provincial legislation with respect to land use and development, variation orders, conditional uses, zoning memoranda, etc.
- Ability to read and interpret building plans
- Above average oral communication skills
- Above average research and report writing skills
- Ability to deal with people in a tactful and diplomatic manner
- Good organizational skills
- Ability to solve problems
- Ability to work under minimum supervision
- Possession of class 5 driver's license
 - o Provide use of own vehicle
- Physically capable to perform the duties and functions of the job, including kneeling, standing, climbing stairs and ladders, entering confined spaces, etc.

The salary range for this position is based on qualifications and experience. Rural Municipality of Woodlands offers a comprehensive benefit package.

This competition will remain open until a suitable candidate is found. Only those candidates selected for an interview will be contacted.

Please forward resume to:

RM of Woodlands
Building and Development Officer
PO Box 10, 57 Railway Avenue
Woodlands, Mb. R0C 3H0
Fax: 204-383-5169
planning@rmwoodlands.ca



PUBLIC NOTICE
2026 Financial Plan

In accordance with Section 162(2) of the Municipal Act, the Town of Teulon shall hold a **PUBLIC HEARING** to present the 2026 Financial Plan on:

Wednesday, April 29, 2026 at 6:15 p.m.
Teulon Civic Centre
44 Fourth Avenue S.E.
Teulon, Manitoba

The Town of Teulon 2026 Financial Plan consists of:

- The 2026 Operating Budget
- The 2026 Capital Budget
- An Estimate of the Operating Revenue and Expenditures for the following fiscal year, and
- A five (5) year Capital Expenditure Program

The purpose of this Public Hearing is to allow any interested person to make a representation, ask questions or register an objection in respect to the Town of Teulon's 2026 Financial Plan.

Copies of the 2026 Financial Plan will be available for review as of April 22, 2026 on our Municipal Website at www.teulon.ca or by calling 204-886-2314, or emailing info@teulon.ca

The public is invited to interact, ask questions, and have the opportunity to speak for or against the proposed By-Law.

Dated this 24th day of March, 2026.
Chris Yuen
Chief Administrative Officer
Town of Teulon

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Her light and love kept shining through.
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She passed away so safe and warm.
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Our dancing girl, our shining light.
-Love, Mom, Dad, Riley and Tanner

OBITUARY



Mona Ardyth Hickey (née Somers)
It is with deep sorrow that we announce the passing of Mona Hickey, on Wednesday, March 25, 2026 at Selkirk Hospital at the age of 75.
She was born in Grandview, MB and was predeceased by her parents Mervin and Mary Somers and her sister Marilyn Puskaric. She is survived by her brothers Bart (Heather) and George.
She lived most of her life in Stonewall, MB with her husband of 53 years Gerald Hickey.
Surviving to mourn her loss is her loving husband, Gerald; daughters Julia (Brent) Aeichele, Kristal (Byron) Heppner; son Barry (Chantagne) Hickey; grandchildren Darian, Sam, Jack, Tamir and Rey.
She is a long-time member of the New Life Baptist Church and had many friends in the community.
A funeral service will be held Thursday, April 2 at 2:00 p.m. at New Life Baptist Church, Stonewall. In lieu of flowers, if friends so desire, memorial donations may be made to Bethel Children's Home and One Hope Canada.



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