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Warren Collegiate held a fundraising Coffee House event featuring a range of entertainment on May 14. Among the performers was a trio who danced to Aretha Franklin's iconic hit, "Respect." Pictured from left to right are Georgia Campbell, Luca Findlay, Ileana Pop, and Molly Beachell (friend). More details can be found in the full story inside.

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# Communities in Bloom prepares for busy season

By Jennifer McFee

Plenty of excitement is blossoming for Communities in Bloom as it prepares for national judges to embark on Stonewall this summer.

The national judges will be in town from July 23 to 25 to evaluate different categories for the national edition of the annual competition. The judges typically provide a full report in October that serves as a guideline for future improvements.

"We're judged on different things like tidiness, landscaping and floral displays, as well as some of the bigger things that are more town-related like

environmental action, heritage conservation and urban forestry. In terms of tidiness, landscaping and floral displays, it's always awesome when individual properties take pride in their yard because the judges do drive around to take a look," said Shelley Proven, who co-chairs the local committee along with Asta Johannesson.

"Communities in Bloom is all about fostering civic pride and being environmentally responsible and beautifying your own property as well as the town. On an individual basis, all of those things really help in terms of judging — it makes a difference."

For 2024, the Communities in Bloom colour of the year for 2024 is orange.

"It's a symbolic gesture honouring Indigenous communities," she said. "But it's not like orange is the only colour you should plant. It can be an accent colour or you could put any colour with it. It's meant for you to think about planting orange flowers."

Stonewall's Communities in Bloom committee has applied for several grants over the last six months, and they're hoping to hear good news about their applications. They've applied for a Green Cities grant that would focus on planting more trees. They're also hoping to receive a Scotts Gro for Good grant that would help finish some of the plantings in the Indigenous and Seniors Healing Garden.

In addition, they've applied for a Healthy Together Now grant to promote mental health and the healing garden.

"It would help give some financial support to some teachings that would occur in the healing garden," Proven



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said.

"For example, we're thinking of involving the daycares where they would go to the new healing garden space and we would have teaching sessions on plants with an Indigenous perspective."

Last fall, they were able to complete the hardscape at the Indigenous and Seniors Healing Garden, thanks to a New Horizons for Seniors grant from the Government of Canada. This year, they'll focus on planting in the garden as soon as it warms up.

"One of the recommendations of judges when they were here in 2022 was that we apply for more grants as a community because there are lots of grants available," she said.

"Recreation facilitator Laine Wilson has been really instrumental in identifying grants and assisting with grant writing. We're hopeful that we'll be successful in getting some grants that we've applied for."

Based on their previous visit to Stonewall, the judges also recommended that the Communities in Bloom committee reach out to youth and get them involved.

"We're trying to reach out to the youth more in the community," Proven said. "That's going to be a focus as we move forward: how do we get the youth involved? And how do we get different organizations in Stonewall

involved in Communities in Bloom?"

Volunteers are also always in demand in many different areas of expertise.

"As we're growing, there are so many different skill levels that we can use. It doesn't necessarily mean working in the garden," she said.

"It could mean that you want to help out with Yard of the Week or writing grants or working on documents. There's something for everything on our committee as we're expanding and broadening our role."

Yard of the Week begins the first week of July, and ballot boxes will be located at the library and at Home Hardware.

"Communities in Bloom is a sub-committee of the Town of Stonewall. It's been really awesome working with the Town of Stonewall towards some of the goals that were recommended by the judges," Proven said.

"Last time we were judged, we got five blooms silver. We did really well, so we're continuing to work towards those things that the judges recommended."

To learn more about Communities in Bloom or to get involved, contact Asta Johannesson at 204-771-8768 or Shelley Proven at 204-513-1968. More information is also available at [www.mbcommunitiesinbloom.ca](http://www.mbcommunitiesinbloom.ca) and [www.communitiesinbloom.ca](http://www.communitiesinbloom.ca).



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# Art with nods to warmer weather on display at HAC

By Autumn Fehr

On Monday, May 13, the Stonewall Art Group (SAG) unveiled their new display at the Heritage Art Centre (HAC). This unique collection features portraits of birds, butterflies, streetscapes, and weathered buildings, each crafted with a distinct medium including oil, watercolour, acrylic, felted yarn, and/or pencil crayon. Over 30 talented group members contributed to this stunning display, which will run into September.

The new exhibit is a part of the SAG's usual rotation of art on the HAC lobby wall. The display is changed three times a year.

Before beginning the next semester of the group's weekly sessions, the artists drew several theme suggestions from a hat and set out to create pieces based on those themes. At the end of the semester, they are put on display for the community to enjoy.

SAG is a vibrant collective of local artists who meet weekly at the Heritage Art Centre (HAC) to paint and draw together. The group boasts a membership of over 50 artists and has been making the community brighter for over 30 years.

The group displays artwork on a permanent basis at the HAC for its Historical Stonewall Display and on a rotational basis for the lobby wall display. Additionally, it is active with a display in the Palliative Care Unit at the Stonewall Hospital and periodic shows at the local library.

SAG is on a break for the summer but will recommence weekly sessions on Sept. 16.

For more information, please email [stonewallartgroup@gmail.com](mailto:stonewallartgroup@gmail.com); new members of any age or experience are always welcome.



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY JO-ANNE PROCTER

The Stonewall Art Group unveiled their unique collection featuring portraits of bird, butterflies, streetscapes and weathered buildings at the Heritage Arts Centre on Monday. The art will be on display until September.

## Stonewall council news in brief

By Jennifer McFee

At the May 15 meeting, Stonewall council passed first reading of a bylaw to regulate smoking and vaping on or near the town's outdoor facilities and properties, including the distance to the entrance of indoor facilities.

### IN OTHER COUNCIL NEWS:

- Council accepted a proposal from Scatliff + Miller + Murray for the Veterans Memorial Sports Complex recreation redevelopment master plan.

- WSP Canada Inc. will provide professional engineering services for the reconstruction of 4th Avenue North. The proposed project includes upgrading the street, enhancing drainage with the installation of curb and gutter, improving street lighting and the installation of a sidewalk on the north side of street.

- The town will enter into a parking lease agreement with Midtown Merchants Ltd. for a property at 369 Centre Ave.

- The town will purchase a corporate package for the 19th Annual Ralph Eichler Charity Golf tourna-

ment, which takes place June 14 at the Teulon Golf and Country Club. The event supports the Interlake Community Foundation and South West District Palliative Care.

- Meetings in June are bumped back by a week. The June 5 regular council meeting has been changed to June 12. June 12 committee of the whole meeting has been changed to June 19. The June 19 regular council meeting has been changed to June 26.

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# Kickstart to rejuvenation



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Thanks to Jamie Pope, owner of the Stonewall Tim Hortons and her staff, Ecole Stonewall Centennial School recently received a generous donation from the Smile Cookie Campaign. With the help of students and staff volunteers, the campaign raised an impressive \$16,550.50. This money will be used to kickstart renovations for the school's outdoor space. Last Tuesday morning, Pope presented the official donation to the school alongside Ed Harvie (principal), Amanda Clarke and Debra Adamik (PAC), Valentia Scaman, Quinn Clarke, Kara Powroznik, Jeff Levesque (vice principal), and Maiya Krahan.

# Honouring 75 years



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY LAINE WILSON

The Brant-Argyle Legion recently received a plaque from Selkirk-Interlake-Eastman MP James Bezan to honour resilience, camaraderie, and unwavering patriotism for their 75th Anniversary which was celebrated on Nov. 11, 2023. The plaque was presented on behalf of the Parliament of Canada and the constituents of the Selkirk-Interlake-Eastman region. Receiving the plaque are Wayne Henderson and Ron Watson of the Brant-Argyle Royal Canadian Legion. Br. 222.

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Stonewall's Lucette Morin's ticket was the last one drawn on May 11 in the Stonewall Kinettes Club Elimination Draw. There were 300 tickets sold and 30 smaller prizes were won in the weeks leading up to the final draw before Morin won \$1,000 grand prize. Pictured from left, Pam Norquay (raffle chairperson) Lucette Morin and Pat Moldowan (Kinette president and co-chairperson).

# Pickleball club hosts 80th birthday surprise

By Emma McGill

On May 1, Stonewall and Stony Mountain's Pickleball club had their last game of the season. On the same day, a frequent pickleball player and dear friend to many, Paul Kohlmeier, celebrated his 80th birthday with a surprise put together by the club.

"I met Paul about two years ago," said Terry Lees, who runs the pickleball program. "We are both horse people and despite riding in the same circles for 20 years; we never met once during that time frame. I quickly learned that Paul is a very energetic person."

Kohlmeier joined the program shortly after COVID-19 restrictions were lifted and has been an integral part of the club and its community since. He plays with the club multiple times a week, also plays in Selkirk, and is an active golfer in the Inwood senior league, as well as other leagues.

"Paul is an amazing person with an amazing personality," shared Lees. "He always has a smile on his face and is an inspiration not only to the people in our club, but to everyone he meets."

It was Lees' idea to put together the surprise for Kohlmeier, which included a picture cake, a new pickleball paddle, a pickleball coffee cup, and



the presence of his wife and daughter along with about 35 others.

"So many people came together to support this and make it happen. We managed to totally surprise him," said Lees.

Kohlmeier grew up in Winnipeg and started out in the grocery business. After he met his wife, Louella, they started their own business producing fasteners together. They have now been married for almost 56 years.

It has been about seven years since Kohlmeier retired, but it wasn't long after his official retirement that he returned to work anyways, liking to be



active. He grew up playing baseball and hockey, and in later years found a passion for golf. However, golf didn't keep him busy in the wintertime, so Kohlmeier took up pickleball.

The pickleball club runs at the Stonewall curling rink from the spring to

fall and at the Stony Mountain elementary and high school during the fall and winter, and Paul is an avid member of both seasons, adding to the welcoming community of the club.



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Paul Kohlmeier celebrated his 80th birthday with the Stonewall and Stony Mountain Pickleball Club on May 1.

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## New EMS station opens in Teulon

By Lana Meier

A new emergency medical services (EMS) station has opened in Teulon, providing a modernized operational hub for paramedics positioned in the Interlake town and surrounding communities, Health, Seniors and Long-Term Care Minister Uzoma Asagwara announced last Thursday.

“The ability to retain and recruit paramedics is crucial toward ensuring Manitobans have timely access to emergency care, particularly in rural and northern regions of our province,” said Asagwara. “The new EMS station in Teulon provides a modernized space for paramedics and reflects our government’s commitment to improving both staff culture in the health-care system and better emergency care for all Manitobans.”

The updated two-storey, 3,046-sq.-ft. station in Teulon, previously occupied by the Teulon Rockwood Fire Department, received a significant investment of \$532,000 from the Manitoba government. Eight paramedics

work out of the new Teulon station, providing 24-7 coverage for the town and broader Interlake region.

The new station boasts a pair of garage bays and updated living space for paramedics.

Louise Alarie, regional EMS director for Shared Health, acknowledged the challenging and multifaceted nature of paramedics’ work on the front lines of health care. She explained that the new station in Teulon will serve as a fitting and up-to-date base for paramedics when they are not actively responding to medical emergencies and linking Manitobans with necessary care.

The new station is one of many investments made towards improving emergency medical services for both paramedics and the patients they serve. As part of Budget 2024, the Manitoba government pledged more than \$16 million to expand job opportunities for paramedics, including training for students and current staff to become advanced care paramedics.

Mayor Todd Campbell of Teulon emphasized the importance of quality emergency care in the economic and social well-being of our community. He highlighted that this investment will enhance emergency services for both families and elderly residents of Teulon.

This week is recognized in Manitoba as being Allied Healthcare Professionals Recognition Week, which celebrates the diverse and highly specialized skills of the province’s allied health professionals – which includes paramedics. The Manitoba government has additionally proclaimed May 19-25 as Paramedic Week in Manitoba for the important role they play in providing emergency health services.

There is a grand opening for the public on May 30 from 1-3 p.m. at 51 Main St. Staff from Shared Health Emergency Response Services will be on hand to provide tours. Coffee and cake will be served.

## Improved facilities will be available along Hwy. 6

By Lana Meier

Last week, Minister Lisa Naylor announced that the Manitoba government is embarking on a new pilot project to improve sanitation and waste management measures on Provincial Trunk Highway (PTH) 6. This initiative aims to decrease litter along the road and improve safety conditions.

According to Naylor, the stretch of

PTH 6 between the St. Martin junction and Thompson offers limited options for travellers seeking a place to rest, with just one washroom facility open 24 hours a day. Fortunately, this news coincided perfectly with May long weekend and will bring much needed relief to commuters, travellers, and truck drivers during the busy summer months ahead.

Temporary toilet and garbage fa-

cilities will be installed at the Devils Lake rest area and at a new location near Williams River, with facilities expected to be operational by May long weekend, the minister said, noting this pilot project is part of enhanced road safety initiatives and exploring improvements to existing rest areas along the provincial highway network.

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## Spectacular annual Narcisse mating ritual



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Every spring, the Narcisse Snake Dens are alive with tens of thousands of red-sided garter snakes as they slither to the surface from their winter dens. Pierce, Paisley and Ridge Wilson had fun visiting the Narcisse Snake Dens on May 11. When the mercury reached 27 degrees C, which was 13 degrees above the daily average. Share your pictures of friends and families enjoying the outdoors to record the weather of the week. Email details to [news@stonewallteulontribune.ca](mailto:news@stonewallteulontribune.ca)

## ACU teaming up with Winnipeg Blue Bombers to help students tackle finances

By Lana Meier

Manitoba schools will have the opportunity to win a unique financial literacy workshop sponsored by Access Credit Union and the Winnipeg Blue Bombers. This partnership aims to support community initiatives for young people and promote financial literacy, featuring a special guest from the Winnipeg Blue Bombers.

The "Tackle your finances like a pro" workshop will be delivered by the Access financial literacy team, along with a Winnipeg Blue Bombers player, to teach students practical money management skills and tips. The 60-minute workshop will be a fun and interactive experience, with students being able to ask questions and interact with a Bombers player, all while learning about financial literacy. Exciting giveaways and prizes will also be up for grabs.

"Access is excited to be teaming up with the Winnipeg Blue Bombers to help teach students how to manage money, budget, and make good financial choices," said Larry Davey, President and CEO of Access Credit Union. "Our goal with financial literacy is always to help empower people with financial knowledge and we believe that starts at a young age."

According to Wade Miller, President and CEO of the Winnipeg Football Club, the Financial Literacy Program by Access Credit Union is an excellent

initiative aimed at empowering and educating youth in our local communities. The Winnipeg Blue Bombers are thrilled to collaborate with Access Credit Union and aid this program in the coming years, allowing students

to reap the benefits of these workshops.

The Financial Literacy Program at Access Credit Union began in 2017

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*Jesus said: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied." (Matthew 5:3-6)*

I recently heard an individual critique Christianity by saying that all Christians do is use God as a crutch. I think what they meant is that Christianity is simply a coping mechanism for weak people, a kind of medicine to help us process and deal with the realities of life. What was so interesting to me about this critique is that rather than feeling like it was unfair, I actually felt like the individual misunderstood just how weak Christians think they are. To us, God is not a crutch, as if we are simply injured and need support. Rather, we believe that we are dead, and that He is our only hope of resurrection.

In the verses from Matthew quoted above, it is clear that Jesus believed the same thing. He didn't come to help make strong, self-sufficient people better. Instead, He came to offer relief and salvation to those who realize how hopeless they are. Poor in spirit, mourning, meek, hungering and thirsting after righteousness. Or, as Jesus said elsewhere, "I came not to call the righteous, but sinners" (Mark 2:17). The reality is, one of the criteria for being a Christian is not strength, but rather a true acknowledgement of weakness and need.

I realize that our culture tends to celebrate strength, self-sufficiency, and a 'pull-yourself-up-by-the-bootstraps' mentality – and in some ways these can be good things – but maybe you're feeling totally burnt out by the busyness and the grind of life as it is. Know today that Jesus isn't looking for people who can offer anything to Him, instead He offers to be everything for you. He doesn't call you to get your life in order before you come, but rather to come to Him and let Him empower you for the rest. If you are feeling poor in spirit, come to Him, and let Him satisfy you.

Daniel Bredin

# Country Girls Market was buzzing with excitement

## Tails of Freedom receives \$5K

By Emma McGill

The second annual Country Girls Market took Stonewall by storm, drawing in over 1,000 eager attendees. From handmade treasures to tasty treats and adorable kittens, this market had it all.

The Veterans Memorial Sports Complex provided a platform for an impressive 75 vendors to showcase their goods while supporting local businesses and entrepreneurs. It also provided a great shopping experience for those in search of the perfect gifts for the loved ones they celebrate on Mother's Day.

This market included everything from jewelry, paintings, baked goods, dog treats, crystals, soaps, to services like tattoos and family photography.

Moving from the curling rink to the skating arena provided more space for vendors and all of their shoppers.

The official recorded number of attendees at the market was 1,002, exceeding organizers Jennifer Good and Laura Kaner-Isaak's goal of 1,000. Last year's attendance was surpassed before noon.

"We are overwhelmed and overjoyed at how this market turned out," said Kaner-Isaaks. "There were a few hiccups, but each of our vendors were amazing and watching everyone work together was fantastic. It was truly heartwarming to be a part of it."

Kaner-Isaak and her partner, Jennifer Good, became friends at a craft market hosted by Something Beautiful, bonding over living in Stonewall and their enthusiasm for the idea of creating their own markets. They wanted to see a market which they would be happy to experience both as vendors and customers, and one that would benefit their community.

Through their markets, Kaner-Isaak and Good help a non-profit every year, this year's being Tails of Freedom. They not only brought a small



Alyssa of Tails of Freedom helped kittens find their fur-ever homes through adoption.

herd of adoptable cats and kittens, but also held a silent auction and raffle donating 100 per cent of profits to this organization. Overall, \$5,100 was raised and a good number of adoption applications have been submitted.

Country Girls Markets also offered a reduced table rate to entrepreneurs who were under 18 years of age to encourage the next generation of small business owners and give them some exposure for their work. Some of these young vendors included Bracelets by Kendra, A Dogz World, katelyn's cake pops, A's Crazy Crochets, Pause, Mindful Minis by Lily, and Old Oak Jewelry.

"Every shopper we spoke to was having a wonderful time," said Kaner-Isaak. "One of our local vendors, Weekend Wood Warrior, was taking an informal poll of where people were coming from. He learned many new shoppers from Winnipeg came to visit our town!"

Shoppers were especially joyed by the experience of having Tiny Fox photography on site to do micro sessions as well as a tattoo artist, Jong, whose shop will be opening in Stonewall in July.

While people strolled through the arena and engaged with the wide



TRIBUNE PHOTOS BY EMMA MCGILL

Carmen Hemmersbach with her painted garden rocks at the Country Girls Market last Saturday.



The Stonewall Strummers were a new addition to this year's market.

range of vendors, they were serenaded by The Stonewall Strummers, a new and very well received addition to the market this year.

"I think what made things special this year was the community support. The Stonewall Strummers playing, and donations to our vendors by Stonewall Family Foods and Beyond Bread Bakery. Local businesses Quarry Pets and Keyboard Ventures



Young entrepreneur Bella Botterill with her jewelry created from alcohol ink art.

donated to Tails of Freedom silent auction baskets. I'd also like to give a huge thank you to Town of Stonewall Parks and Arena manager Brett Chatfield and his staff for all their hard work helping us set up tables and chairs and general help when we needed it.

We appreciate them very much!"

Next year's Mother's Day market is already in the works for May 10 of 2025, but anyone wanting to experience a Country Girls Market in the meantime can attend a Night Market at Quarry Park on July 1, which will be open from 2 to 9 p.m.

For any vendors interested in taking park, applications are live at: <https://linktr.ee/countrygirlsmarkets>



April Osnach of Teulon, left, and Jacquie Ross of Winnipeg.



Brock and Kevin welcomed customers with smiling faces.



# Rural Interest Group medical students visit Selkirk Regional Health Centre

By Lana Meier

Interlake-Eastern Regional Health Authority (IERHA) hosted a dinner for 23 University of Manitoba medical students at Lower Fort Garry National Historic Site on Friday, May 3.

Physicians from Interlake-Eastern RHA, including Dr. Ian Alexander (Regional Family Medicine Specialty Lead), Dr. Stewart Nadurak (family medicine resident), and Dr. Jade Young (family physician), engaged with students to discuss their practices and encourage interest in family medicine within the region.

The students were members of Rural Interest Group (RIG), a university-sponsored group for first and second year medical students with a passion for rural medicine and lifestyles. Throughout the year, RIG organizes trips to IERHA where students can meet with rural physicians and gain hands-on experience in rural Manitoba. These trips are part of Interlake-Eastern's recruitment efforts

to showcase the opportunities for practicing medicine in rural areas to future doctors.

Following dinner, students checked into the hotel in Selkirk and prepared for an early start on Saturday morning at Selkirk Regional Health Centre. They were divided into groups to experience four interactive clinical stations. Dr. Phoebe Thiessen, a family physician and the IERHA's Regional Medical Obstetrics Lead, led the obstetrical and gynecology station; while Dr. Nadurak demonstrated the ultrasound station; Dr. Alexander taught about intubation/airway at his station; and Dr. Rita Costa, an IERHA family medicine resident, oversaw the suturing station. Once everyone had rotated through the stations, there was an insightful Q&A session with all of the physicians present. The day concluded with a tour of Selkirk Regional Health Centre, guided by Dr. Ian Alexander himself.

Students were grateful for the chance to engage with experienced physicians and for the valuable learning experiences. Some mentioned that they would have preferred more time to explore Selkirk. Pamela Robertson, IERHA's physician recruiter, noted that this positive feedback is encouraging for the physicians who work hard to make RIG a valuable experience for students.

Robertson expresses gratitude to Dr. Costa, Dr. Nadurak and their team, as



Student works on a dummy's airways at Selkirk Regional Health Centre for the University of Manitoba medical students 2024 Rural Interest Group trip.



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Twenty-three University of Manitoba medical students attended Selkirk Regional Health Centre for the 2024 Rural Interest Group trip.

well as Dr. Young who traveled from Eriksdale to join the students for dinner, and Dr. Phoebe Thiessen for her support throughout the day. He eagerly anticipates the next RIG trip.

Community members who want to get involved in rural physician recruitment and who have suggestions on destinations or events for students or residents, please contact Pamela Robertson, physician recruitment at [probertson@ierha.ca](mailto:probertson@ierha.ca)



Student practices suturing on a pig foot at Selkirk Regional Health Centre for the University of Manitoba medical students 2024 Rural Interest Group trip.

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# Local museum seeks phone artifacts for upcoming exhibit

By Jennifer McFee

If you're doing some spring cleaning and come across an old phone, consider donating it to Settlers, Rails and Trails Museum.

The local museum is calling on the community to donate telephone artifacts for its next big exhibit called Treasures From Our Vault, which will launch in October.

"This will showcase items from our museum's permanent collection, personally selected by our 10-member board of directors. There will even be an opportunity for visitors to vote for their favourite items too," said Shayne Campbell, president and executive director.

"We were recently awarded funds from the Manitoba Government Community Museum Program Support Grant (through Manitoba Sport, Culture, Heritage & Tourism) to create professionally made, conservation-style display cabinets. These items will prolong the life of all future artifacts displayed within."

The telephones will be the first exhibit showcased in these new display cabinets as part of the museum's Historic Timeline exhibit, which will run at the same time as the Treasures From Our Vault exhibit.

"The phones will be arranged along a timeline, telling the linear history of telephones in Manitoba, from the 1880s to modern day," Campbell said.

"Over the next few years, we plan to keep the timeline feature when we change out the phones for historic toys and then home entertainment artifacts."

The museum is currently seeking phones as well as other related artifacts such as signs, phone bills and glass insulators. Even modern-day cell phones would be welcome.

The museum already has some phones in its permanent collection, but they're hoping to include the many colours and variations of phones that existed in the past.

"It will be of interest to many people as telephone communication has a long history in Manitoba. People from the Interlake region have enjoyed the convenience of telephone technology since the early 1900s, even though electricity wasn't available to all until the 1950s," Campbell said.

"Visitors will have a fun time looking at and inter-



acting with phones they remember from their past."

In a separate initiative, the museum is also gathering historic items from the Balmoral area.

"With such an important and vivid history, yet without a museum of their own, our heritage organization has officially adopted the community of Balmoral in our collection plan," Campbell says.

"We continue to seek history, photos, artifacts and items from the Balmoral region. In addition, we welcome any interested volunteers from Balmoral that would like to know more about the museum, its goals and even its operations."

Even though the new exhibits won't be set up until October, there's plenty for museum visitors to enjoy in the meantime.

"We are still featuring the Manitoba Brick and Block Exhibition, which continues to bring in visitors from across Manitoba and beyond — including members of the Manitoba masonry industry such as bricklayers, retailers and collectors," Campbell said.

The Manitoba Brick and Block Exhibition runs until October. Admission is free to view the exhibit, which is open the first Saturday of every month from 1 to 4 p.m. Appointments can also be made by emailing [argylemuseum@gmail.com](mailto:argylemuseum@gmail.com).

Adding to the excitement, the community of Ar-



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Settlers, Rails and Trails currently has these phones in its collection.

gyle is planning its Argyle Day 2024 Celebration on Saturday, June 1 to mark the 112th anniversary of Argyle. This free event will feature a community garage sale starting at 10 a.m., as well as a flag-raising and electronic sign dedication ceremony at noon.

The celebration will also feature community business booths and free tours of the historic Brant-Argyle School.

Settlers, Rails and Trails will be open both of its locations: the lower level at the Argyle Community Centre and the 12-acre museum park located north on Meridian Road.

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# Stonewall Home Hardware celebrates 60 years

By Jennifer McFee

Home Hardware is marking a milestone 60-year anniversary with a celebration, and everyone's invited.

Store manager Andrew Kirk said they're very proud and happy to be celebrating 60 years for Home Hardware as a company.

"Our store joined Home Hardware in 1984. Our family originally started on Main in 1934 as a general store, going through the years with many changes and growing with the community. We are celebrating 10 years in our new location," he said.

"We opened this location in March of 2014 from our old location. Our business has been spread over five generations of family."

In addition to Andrew, family members who have been involved in the business include Katharine, Adam, Reghan and Crystal Kirk.

"Things have been great over the years with growing the business," Andrew said. "COVID had its challenges, but we managed to get through that as a team."

One of their greatest successes stems from maintaining a well-stocked store that is clean and welcoming to provide customers with the best possible shopping experience.

"We take pride in having a nice store for our customers to shop in to go along with our top-notch customer service. We have added a lot

to the business over the years from renovation to our front door entrance and completely changing our parking lot," Andrew said.

"We also added different things to our services, such as Purolator and FedEx depot. We also added M&M Meats to our store. We are always looking to improve on what we do. We are always looking to grow our business with the community. We are working on our growth, but nothing is set in stone yet for future plans."

Over the years, the local store has won numerous Home Hardware awards, including being named the 2021 Western Canada Home Hardware dealer of the year and the 2019 Western region paint dealer of the year.

"We would like to take this time to thank all of our customers' family and friends for the support of our business," Andrew added.

"Our staff is also a big part of what our business is and why we have great success in a great community. Without all of the people, we would not be in this position."

The community is invited to join the Stonewall Home Hardware team for a customer appreciation barbecue on Saturday, May 25 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 486 Main St.

"We will have prizes and giveaway to go along with our one-day-only in-store flyer, which will be found on the

back page of the Tribune," Andrew said.

"We are also having a pail sale that day, which is a fun idea. All items that can fit in the 19L pail will be 10 per cent off that day."



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The Kirk family is hosting a customer appreciation barbecue on May 25 to celebrate 60 years in business in Stonewall. Pictured left to right, three generations of Kirks, Andrew, Katherine, Adam and Reghan.

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# The beloved Prairie Dog Central in need of donations

By Emma McGill

The Prairie Dog Central (PDC) Railway, a cherished gem of the Grosse Isle community, has been transporting passengers back in time from near and far since its inception in 1970.

However, maintenance needs have sidelined Steam Locomotive No. 3 due to extensive boiler repairs requiring fundraising efforts upwards of \$250,000 through Go Fund Me. The iconic locomotive, along with its counterparts, brings roughly 12,000 passengers annually from Inkster Junction Station to Grosse Isle from May to October.

The PDC is owned and operated by the Vintage Locomotive Society and hosts a diverse array of events throughout the year, including Family Fun Days, Mystical Magic Trains, Heritage Village Picnics, Howlin' Halloween Express, and Great Train Robberies.

The PDCR currently has 139 members, 50-60 of which are active. These

volunteers carry out tasks such as working in the maintenance shop looking after coaches and locomotives, selling tickets in the station, in the gift shop, aboard the train as Porters in each coach, as a member of the licensed operating crew, on the track gang, or maintaining the grounds.

Paul Newsome, retired locomotive engineer and current General Manager at the Vintage Locomotive Society.

"We are a Manitoba and Winnipeg icon. We run the oldest operating steam locomotive in Canada and one of the oldest operating in North America," said Newsome.

Built in 1882 by Dubbs and Co. in Glasgow, Scotland, Steam Locomotive No. 3 is the oldest operating locomotive that Newsome speaks of. In Canada, steam locomotives are required to have the tubes in their boilers replaced. Steam Locomotive No. 3 has hit

that 15-year mark. Due to these extensive maintenance needs, that being

the replacement of 187 tubes within the boiler barrel, this locomotive is currently out of service. Because the Railway is predominantly volunteer based and specialist work is necessary to get this 142-year-old engine back up and running, the PDC Railway is asking the community for help in letting people know about these essential repairs.

Typically, loco-



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PDC's railway trips take passengers on a journey through Manitoba's landscapes and history.

motive No. 3 operates on three quarters of PDC excursions. Otherwise, the excursions are handled by one of the railway's vintage GP9's. Fortunately, there has always been an operating locomotive. However, this means that there is only one operating steam locomotive and right now, it is out of service.

When visitors come to board the PDC's locomotives, each experience approximately a 45-50 minute ride.

"There's quite a lot for passengers to see and do. We have a 19-minute ground time for passengers when we get up to Grosse Isle," said Newsome. "There's a lot to eat and places for people to sit."

Beyond its iconic locomotives lies a journey filled with history and charm. Passengers can explore the Grosse Isle Heritage Village during layovers

and immerse themselves in Manitoba's rich cultural tapestry while supporting Prairie Rail Solutions' revenue-generating initiatives.

The Grosse Isle Heritage Village features a restored school house, the old Gunton Station, the Grosse Isle United Church, and 1886 Ridgeway Heritage House, along with many other antiques and artifacts to look at and learn about. Behind the school house is tall grass prairie, providing the opportunity for a self-guided walk during which visitors can learn about native plants and flowers.

The railway provides families with many opportunities to plan to catch an event and experience the historical importance of the railway and its locomotives to Manitoba's communities. Tickets can be purchased through the Prairie Dog Central website.

The PDC will continue to operate this season, from May 12 to Oct. 27, without locomotive No. 3. To help get this locomotive running and keep this historically rich part of Manitoba's railways alive, people can visit the Go Fund Me page labeled "The Prairie Dog Central Railway."

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# From Latin dance to farming: a tale of agricultural passion

By Lori Penner

In a surprising turn of events, Cheryl Jolly-Nagel traded her dance shoes for work boots, leaving behind a thriving career as a Latin dance instructor at Club Med to embark on a new journey in agriculture, much to the shock of her friends and family.

Reflecting on that decision more than two decades later, Jolly-Nagel, formerly the president of the Western Canadian Wheat Growers Association, said, "I left a dream job, and when I fell in love with agriculture, I found my other dream job. I loved what I was doing, but it was a personal challenge to find my place on the farm."

Little did she know that her encounter with her high school sweetheart and her newfound love for agriculture would redefine her career trajectory.

Today, alongside her husband David, Jolly-Nagel manages a bustling family farm in Mossbank, Saskatchewan. But her contributions to the agricultural world don't end there. She has become a prominent voice in the industry, hosting Farm Show TV and engaging audiences across the country on various agriculture-related topics.

However, Jolly-Nagel's journey hasn't been without its hurdles. She recalls a time when morale among producers was low, and the agricultural industry faced skepticism and disinterest from the public.

"When I got into agriculture, I didn't know that farmers are their own worst enemy. At that time, I realized it wasn't the general population losing enthusiasm for the agricultural indus-

try, it was the farmers themselves."

"Newspapers shared nothing but doom and gloom financial projections. There were no jobs and no young people who wanted to be part of it. When I graduated, farming was not a popular career choice. And yet, there I was, massively gung-ho to join the ranks of the farming crew."

Over the next 20 years, agricultural policy became her focus.

"I should have known that was going to be my fate because I always loved to argue. I will forever be in debt to the Western Canadian Wheat Growers Association that welcomed me to that table with zero experience. They let me cut my teeth on the policy issues that we were working so hard at, and represent that organization. I had the enthusiasm they needed."

Over the years, Jolly-Nagel has tirelessly advocated for the industry, emphasizing the importance of promoting its practices. She highlights the need to bridge the gap between farmers and the public, dispelling misconceptions and building trust through open dialogue and shared values.

She admits that she grossly underestimated the importance of building relationships with the public and showing them how much farmers truly care about the land and the environment and the safety of our food system.

"I took for granted that because my family has been farming some of the same land for more than 100 years, that was enough to gain their trust. We thought we were always going to have their trust. And we just walked out of the tractor one day and wondered why doesn't anybody trust us?

And we didn't realize that we needed to be building a relationship with the public first."

So much of the confusion stems from public perception. Or rather, misconception.

"Most consumers picture farms as that little red barn and farming practices from 50 years ago. And we have not done enough of the effort to bring them back up to the present day. Agriculture has gone through tremendous technological change. From precision planting to drone technology. It's the most scientifically advanced industry on the globe. The public doesn't know how we're farming, but even more, they don't know who is farming."

Misinformation runs rampant, she says.

"We haven't done a good job explaining not only what we do in agriculture, but who is doing it. We just never took a lot of time to fill in that gap.

"Canadians are now two generations removed from the family farm. From having relatives on the farm, to losing the common sense of how food is grown. If they're only getting their information online, what are they finding? It's not good. If they look up meat, it's bad. GMOs are the worst. Pesticides. Sugar is bad. Chemicals are bad. Everything they read online about farming is bad."

How do we change it? Sharing your values, Jolly-Nagel says, is three to five times more effective with building trust than sharing scientific facts and expertise.

"We don't take a minute during the day to think about the values that are behind every decision we make on the



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY LORI PENNER  
Cheryl Jolly-Nagel believes it's time to share the good stories about farming, and educate the public on what the modern farmer actually does.

farm. I would suggest if you're using fungicides, and you don't know why, you shouldn't use them. If you really haven't taken a minute about why you use pesticides and why choose to grow genetically modified canola, then maybe that privilege won't be there forever. And I realized if I don't really know why I need access to fertilizer, that privilege can go away real fast."

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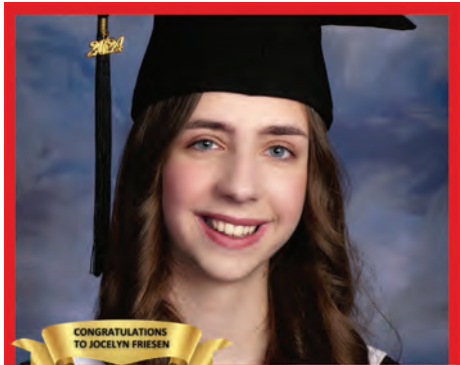
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The Warren Collegiate Leadership group hosted a Coffee House last Tuesday evening. WCI student Seth Stepaniuk was the Master of Ceremonies for the evening and welcomed guests to celebrate the creativity and talents of current, past and future students of WCI. There was a variety of soulful ballads, keyboard prowess, poetry, a comedic act and dancing to compliment the delicious baking prepared by students and of course coffee. The evening was a successful fundraiser that brought in just over \$3,500. WCI staff and students have been longing for an upgraded outdoor space and track. Their 'Road to Rival' fundraising campaign has started the many phases it will take to complete the project. It involves an engineer and the process will require a lot of money and grants. It has taken hope and enthusiasm to get the ball rolling. From the funds raised at the entertaining evening, students have also made a donation to Oak Park Lodge in Woodlands to purchase flowers for their memory garden. The WCI Parents Advisory Council has set up an online 50/50 to support the project that will be drawn on June 12. For more information on how to donate contact the school at 204-322-5586.

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## Jr. Jays undefeated with red hot bats in MJBL action

By Kieran Reimer

The Interlake Blue Jays have begun their season with a strong start in the Manitoba Junior Baseball League.

The ball club out of Stonewall, opened their regular season last week with wins against the Altona Bisons, Pembina Valley Orioles, and Winnipeg South Wolves.

"It's good, starting off the year with a couple of wins is always good," said Jays head coach Dave Meyers.

The Jays opening game victory against the Bisons was a pitcher's battle for the first three innings until the Jays were able to open the game up in the fourth and fifth, putting up 11 runs to win 11-3.

"Their pitching got a bit more tired than ours and that's why we got going more," said Meyers. "Our bats started to line them up a bit. It was a good win."

The game against the Orioles happened immediately after with the Jays having an almost nightmare start to the game, giving up five runs in the first inning.

As the game progressed, both teams struggled to defend but the Jays were able to capitalize on more of the Oriole's errors as they got their bats going to ultimately win 15-11.

Meyers had mixed feelings about the win.

"I thought we actually played poorly," said Meyers. We made a lot of mistakes in the field, then we started to battle back. The thing I liked about my team is they just kept battling and never gave up."

And that never-give-up mentality is something Meyers is hoping to see from his team throughout the season as they aim to be a championship contender.

Last year, the club finished fifth out of eight in the MJBL with a 10-14 record and lost in the first round of the playoffs to the eventual champion St. Boniface Legionaires in three games.

Already off to a 3-0 start, Meyers said he hopes they finish somewhere around the 17-win mark and head into the playoffs playing the best baseball of their season.

This year's team features a blend of returning players and rookies who have shown promise in the team's first few practices and opening games.

"On the weekend everybody hit," said Meyers. "The offence was there for sure but then to its early in the year so the pitching will get better as it goes on as people throw more. Our hitting should get better as it goes on to. We're pretty good at team defence and as long as we don't get too many injuries, we should be good."

And as the season goes on Meyers hopes to get a few more practices in. The Jays were forced to start practicing later than they hoped due to wet conditions on the field.

He said they plan to have one or two practices a week for the next few weeks and more once the playoffs draw closer.

For now, the Jays are preparing for their Wednesday night contest against the Elmwood Giants which will begin at 7:30 p.m. from Koskie Field in Win-



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The Blue Jays' Hunter Sholdice slides under the tag on first after trying to steal to second against the Winnipeg South Wolves on May 15.

nipeg. They will also play a pair of games on Sunday against the Pembina Valley Orioles from Winkler Parkland Diamond at 1 p.m. and 4 p.m.

The 2024 Interlake Blue Jays roster boasts a strong lineup of local players, including talented individuals like Chris Fines (Infielder), Jack Moir (Catcher), Thomas Waldner (Pitcher/Outfielder), Hunter Sholdice (Outfielder), Tyler Hoeg (Pitcher/Outfielder), Keenan Allen (Pitcher/Infielder/Outfielder), Kaden Stewart

(Infielder), Connor Smith (Pitcher/Infielder), Justis Heilgards (Catcher/Outfielder), Rylan Slatcher (Catcher/Infielder), Landin Irvine (Pitcher) Hayden Faragher (Pitcher/Infielder), Bryce Meyers (Pitcher/Outfielder), D.J. Malak (Infielder), Dorian Wood (Outfielder), Spencer Schaffer (Pitcher/Infielder), Matthew Good (Outfielder), Alex Myers (Infielder) and Josh Duguay (Outfielder).

The coaching staff includes Dave Meyers, Ken Allen, Todd Faragher, and general manager Adam Kirk.

## Laxdal's Generals fall in Ontario Hockey League Championship

By Kieran Reimer

Stonewall's Derek Laxdal's incredible hockey season has come to an end, however, not quite with the finish he would have hoped for.

The Oshawa Generals head coach Laxdal, coached his team to the Ontario Hockey League Championship final in only his second season with the junior hockey club.

Even the most ardent Oshawa Generals fan couldn't begrudge the powerhouse London Knights over their dominant four-game sweep as the Knights dropped the Generals 7-1 last

Wednesday and outscored them 31-9 in the series to win their fifth OHL title in 19 years.

Despite going the minimum number of games, the Knights scored the most goals in an OHL finals series since 1999, showing massive offensive firepower and a very successful power play (12-21 or above 50 per cent) that was deadly while Oshawa's own power play was just about powerless (1-17).

So the Knights, led by star forward Easton Cowan's OHL-leading 34 points in the playoffs in just 18 games

— he won the Wayne Gretzky 99 Trophy as playoff MVP to go with the Red Tilson Trophy as regular season MVP — and Kasper Hulttanen's 17 goals, had a right to celebrate winning the J. Ross Robertson Cup (the Generals have won it 13 times) long into the night at the Tribute Communities Centre.

The Generals, who were mired in ninth place in the Eastern Conference back in mid-November and looked like they'd struggle to even make the playoffs at that point, deserve a lot of credit for winding up in the OHL fi-

nals.

The Generals steadily climbed all the way up the division and conference standings, adding pieces like overage forward Connor Lockhart, overage defenceman Connor Punnet and defenceman Zachary Sandu throughout the season thanks to the moves of general manager Roger Hunt. They also got help in November with the return of key veterans like star forward Calum Ritchie and tough hometown forward Luke Torrance from injuries,

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## Stony Mountain's Hunter triumphs in charity boxing event

By Kieran Reimer

The atmosphere was electric as Stony Mountain's Chase Hunter stepped into the ring at the sixth annual Fight for Charity on April 27. Over 1,300 enthusiastic spectators cheered on local amateur boxers in support of Siloam Mission while the 10-match boxing event buzzed with excitement. The RBC Convention Centre in downtown Winnipeg was transformed into a battleground for a noble cause, featuring live auctions and casino tables amidst the boxing matches.

Hunter's debut marked a significant milestone after three months of dedicated training and fundraising efforts.

"It was such a rewarding experience," said Hunter. "I'm glad I could be a small piece to the bigger picture of what Siloam Mission is trying to do. Any little bit that I can bring to them is an amazing feeling and one that I would do in a heartbeat."

Hunter, 33, works for Thor Plumbing & Heating in Winnipeg. He and owner Justin Thorsteinson, who also fought in the event, raised nearly \$30,000 to add to a total of over \$100,000 going to Siloam Mission.

In his fight, Hunter defeated 23-year-old Camilo Olivar by judge's decision after three two-minute rounds of back-and-forth action.

"We both landed a few good shots on each other for sure," said Hunt-

er. "I hit him pretty good in the first round and had his nose bleeding. He landed some pretty good shots on me, one that I definitely felt after the fight on my jaw."

Hunter's victory came in front of family members, work friends, and various sponsors showing support ringside.

With the victory, Hunter improved to 1-0 in his amateur career as the event is considered a Manitoba Boxing Association sanctioned event.

Thorsteinson also won his match, giving both of Thor Plumbing & Heating's representatives, Team Blue, two victories over Team Red.

Hunter credits their success to the months of training they, along with the other boxers in the event, had with various Pan Am Boxing coaches.

"We all trained together starting day one on this journey learning basics, throwing punches and guards," said Hunter. "By the last three, four weeks we were sparing two or three times a week. We would see each other in the ring and learn tendencies."

When it came time for the big event, all the boxers had gotten to know each other through training and showed their support throughout the night. Pan Am coaches were also in attendance, feeding boxers water, providing medical relief, and coaching tips between rounds.



In a thrilling showdown for a cause, Hunter showcased his grit and skill, raising funds for Siloam Mission while delivering an electrifying performance beating Camilo Olivar in the Sixth annual Fight for Charity.



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Stony Mountain's Chase Hunter won his first and last amateur charity boxing event of a lifetime on April 27.

For Hunter, walking into the ring amid roaring applause was a moment of pure intensity and focus—a highlight in his journey towards giving back to the community through sport. "You kind of block out all the noise," said Hunter. "It's a feeling that only a boxer would understand. I always heard that but to actually experience it was second to none. Being in a focused state of mind, zoned in on what

you need to do, and get the win. It was my 10 minutes of fame."

Hunter has since decided to put an end to his boxing career but plans to keep training for his own gain.

Fight for Charity continues to grow yearly, with attendance tripling since it began in 2017.

You can donate to Siloam Mission on their website, [siloam.ca](http://siloam.ca)

### > LAXDAL, FROM PG. 15

and the team's buy-in to the coaching of Laxdal. Combine that with stellar goaltending from Jacob Oster — which didn't show in the OHL final series, but was there all season and through the first three rounds of the playoffs — and it made for a memorable season for Oshawa.

Laxdal helped the Generals to one of the best seasons in franchise history, winning the Eastern Conference and having the league's best record after Jan. 1.

The Generals finished the regular season with a 40-19-7-2 record and eliminated the Barrie Colts, Ottawa 67's, and North Bay Battalion in the playoffs en route to the finals.

Laxdal is the OHL's nominee for the Canadian Hockey League's Brian Kilrea Coach of the Year award that will be presented during the 2024 Memorial Cup in Saginaw, Michigan. He will be formally presented with the Matt Leyden Trophy (Ontario Hockey League Coach of the Year) during the league's June 12 awards ceremony at the Hockey Hall of Fame in Toronto.

Laxdal is now 58, with a resume that could appeal to NHL teams.



# Cheer Integrity Athletics makes history at 2024 Youth Summit Championship

By Kieran Reimer

Last month, Cheer Integrity Athletics marked a significant accomplishment in the world of Manitoba cheerleading.

For the first time ever, the U12 division one and two clubs from the Oak Bluff program traveled to Tampa, FL for the 2024 Youth Summit Championships on April 25-26.

The "Youth Olympics" is the most prestigious cheerleading competition that attracts teams from around the globe, including the top three Canadian teams for a weekend of high flying stunts and synchronized dance moves at the highest level.

Their U12 division one team, which included Interlake's Molly Beachell, made program history by qualifying for day two of the event as Canada's representative in the finals, marking a significant achievement for this year.

"All the parents were crying and screaming, and the kids were kind of in shock," said Melissa Skrabek-Senecal, president of Cheer Manitoba and mother to Lilly Senecal who cheers for both of Cheer Integrity Athletics U12 teams.

The event however wasn't just about putting together a flawless routine. As the largest youth cheerleading event in the world, it also serves as an opportunity for the kids to make new friends from all over.

Skrabek-Senecal said Lilly and her teammates were able to take part in a cheerleading tradition where teams go around trading inspirational wooden clips with kids from other teams.

"It was amazing for them," said Skrabek-Senecal. "You paint them and put in inspirational quotes. You go around and pin them on their bags and their uniforms. They traded pins with girls from Japan which had beautiful prints on them. It was an amazing event. Unparallel from anything we've done before. The kids just had an amazing time. One of those moments you remember forever."

Getting Cheer Integrity Athletics

into the event was something they had worked toward since tryouts at the end of last summer.

They originally qualified for the event back in February after pulling off a near flawless routine in their qualifier in Chicago where they scored high enough to earn a bid to the Youth Summit Championships.

However, their achievements were not easily earned. Skrabek-Senecal acknowledged the collective contributions of the athletes, parents, and coaches at Cheer Integrity Athletics, who all put in countless hours perfecting routines to reach this level of success.

"The kids put in a ton of extra work to train to get to that point to compete at the event," said Skrabek-Senecal. "The coaches to. They do this on their own time because they love the sport and are so passionate about growing the sport and the program. It's a great mix of parents and kids but unbelievable coaches in an exceptionally well-run program."

Two of their coaches ended up receiving awards for their efforts.

Coach Bailey Campbell was named one of five top coaches at the Youth Cheerleading Summit for displaying exceptional leadership traits, a spirit of sportsmanship, integrity, and kindness that elevated the entire cheer community.

Coach Kamille Weiler was acknowledged by Cheer Manitoba as Coach of the Year for her dedication to the program all while driving two hours from her home in Piney for every practice.

Following the historic run in the tournament, Cheer Integrity Athletics is continuing to grow their program.

This summer they are opening a second location in Rosser that will be run out of the Rosser Central Community Club to be able to get more people into cheerleading from rural areas of Manitoba.

Jessica Beachell, a board member at the community club and mother of Molly was one of the people who



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Cheer Integrity Athletics will be hosting two summer cheer leading camps at the Rosser Community Club from July 15-19 and Aug. 12-16.

spearheaded the idea.

"I said we have a gymnastics floor that's the same as the cheer floor other than it doesn't have the spring in it," said Beachell. "I said we could try and run some classes in their or try to run a camp so they thought they would start with the camp to try to introduce some new kids and possibly run a program out of their in the fall."

Cheer Integrity Athletics plans on hosting two different camps in Rosser this summer from July 15-19 and August 12-16 followed by team tryouts shortly after at the end of August.

Skrabek-Senecal said they continue trying to be as inclusive as possible to anyone who wants to participate in cheer.

They currently have programs for

people who use wheelchairs, people who are blind, and people training for the Special Olympics. They are also adding an adult program for people to continue cheering after ageing out of youth programs.

"It's one of the most inclusive sports," said Skrabek-Senecal. "There is a spot for everyone."

Cheer Integrity Athletics programs will continue throughout the summer off-season. They hope to qualify for the Youth Summit Championship again in 2025.

For more information or to register you can visit [cheerintegrityathletics.com](http://cheerintegrityathletics.com) or email [cheerintegrityathletics@gmail.com](mailto:cheerintegrityathletics@gmail.com).

## > AGRICULTURAL PASSION, FROM PG. 13

When those horror stories hit the media, producers are forced to react to them.

Jolly-Nagel says farmers need to get to a place where they can promote the industry rather than always being on the defence.

"Start sharing stories about life on the farm. I spend much of my time speaking to an urban audience and sharing the good news stories and I encourage you to do the same."

By sharing stories of life on the farm and championing the values that guide their decisions, Jolly-Nagel believes they can shape a brighter future for agriculture and inspire the next generation of proud farmers.

"We all agree it's important that the next generation is proud of the agricultural industry and a part of that heritage is acknowledging the role that farmers need to play. We

must share the good news stories and put our values first. Those tools that we have available to us are a privilege. And if you're using one of those tools today, on your farm, think about it as a privilege so that the next generation will continue to be able to use it. When I think of all the tools that can be taken away, it's a pretty bleak future for the next generation."

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# Interlake athletes preparing for track provincials



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Track and field athletes from all over Manitoba competed in the Lord Selkirk Regional Comprehensive Royal Rumble on the Rubber track on May 14. Athletes had an opportunity to showcase their abilities and gain a better understanding of their opponents leading up to the Manitoba High School Athletic Association Track and Field Provincials. The Provincials will take place on June 6-8 at the University of Manitoba.

## Phillies Weekend Report: U13's strike gold in Minnesota

By Kieran Reimer

The U13 Interlake Phillies won gold in the Orioles Opener tournament in St. Louis Park, MN over the weekend.

The Phillies put together a perfect 4-0 record in the tournament that featured some of the top clubs from Minnesota and the United States.

Their tournament began with two pool play victories, over Wayzata and Tonka to qualify for the Platinum Bracket semi-finals.

In the semis they had their closest game of the tournament against Chanhassen. The Phillies won 6-5 and advanced to the gold medal game.

In gold they faced Hopkins, who also entered the game with a 3-0 record and the best runs differential in the tournament.

The Phillies were able to get through to Hopkins' pitchers to put up seven runs and win in a 7-1 final.

Kardyn Reimer was named Phantastic Philly of the day as she struck out 32 batters and walked none over all four contests.

The Phillies returned home with tournament bragging rights. They now switch gears back to league play in the Manitoba Premier Softball League U15 where they still sit first in the league at 3-0.

They will look to continue their undefeated season on Saturday, June 1,

when they play a pair of home games.

The Phillies will play the Smitty's Terminators U13 (2-1) at noon before taking on Central Energy U13 (1-5) at 4 p.m.

The **Interlake Philles U15** had the weekend off of games.

They currently sit in fifth place in the MPSL U15 after winning one of three games against the first-place Eastman Wildcats U15 the previous weekend.

The Phillies U15 will play a doubleheader on Saturday against second-place Central Energy U15 at Stonewall's Quarry Park at noon and 2 p.m.

The **Manitoba Phillies U19** trip to Brandon this weekend didn't provide the end result they wanted as they dropped both games of a doubleheader Sunday afternoon against the Westman Magic U19 from ANSC.

The first game was a batting clinic, with both teams scoring double-digits in runs. The Phillies kept it close but fell short, losing 16-13.

Both teams tightened up defensively in the second contest and pitchers from both clubs battled for a majority of the game before the Magic were once again able to pull ahead by three and win 6-3.



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The U13 Interlake Phillies captured gold in the Orioles Opener in St. Louis Park, MN on Saturday. The Phillies were dominant all tournament long, going undefeated.

A positive from their weekend was they were able to get their bats going. Their 16 runs in two games more than triples their output from their previous three games when they scored only five runs in total.

The Phillies now hold a 1-5 record

and sit third in the MPSL U19.

Their next game will be Saturday, June 8, when they take on the Smitty's Terminators U19 (2-0) from Mof-fat Field in Winnipeg.

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## THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF ARMSTRONG

# REQUEST FOR SEALED TENDER

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## ANNIVERSARY



**Happy 69th Anniversary on May 25th**  
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**Vera "Terys" McCowan**

Vera "Terys" McCowan (Sotkowy) RN, long time resident of the Grosse Isle area, passed away peacefully on Monday, May 13th, 2024 at Stonewall Hospital with her family by her side, after nearly reaching the age of 91.

She was born in Summerberry, SK in 1933, the 6th of 12 children. She was predeceased by her husband of 50 years, Capt. James W. McCowan. Terys received her RN diploma from the Regina Grey Nuns' Hospital School of Nursing in 1955 and then went on to become a Flight Attendant for Trans Canada Airlines (Air Canada), travelling around the world from 1955-1960. Terys and Jim met briefly as children in SK, then crossed paths again in the mid 1950s during their flying careers. They wed in 1960 and Terys continued her OR nursing career at the old Grace Hospital on Arlington St. in Winnipeg. Terys and Jim bought a farm near Grosse Isle in 1970 and over the years, lovingly turned the old farm yard into an award winning rural property in 1995.

She gave up these exciting careers to become a full-time partner in farming with our father over the years - putting her heart and soul in to trucking grain, painting our house/barn, gardening, and raising her son James Garth, and her daughter Susan Terys. She participated in the Prairie Dog Central Train market for many years selling her famously delicious honey, pickles, jams/jellies and homemade pies from the back of their restored 1950 Chevy grain truck. In the 1970s, she served on the Interlake School Division Board of Trustees. Terys was selected to the Board of Governors at the University of Manitoba in the 80s. In addition, she spent countless hours working with the local Lions Club.

In their retirement years beginning in 1986, Mom and Dad motor-homed to many places in the US where they would enjoy the warm company of many lifelong friends, spending countless hours on the golf course.

Mom was known for her radiant smile, her never-ending help in all things community, her relentless work ethic, and her unwavering dedication and commitment to our farming family. Mom was meticulous in every job she tackled, and she taught us perseverance, accountability, gratitude, honesty, and compassion for others.

Mom was a proud, loving grandma to four amazing grandchildren and mother-in-law to Jim's always supportive wife, Karen McCowan.

Mom wanted us to thank the many nurses, home care team, health care aides, EMS personnel, pharmacists and physicians who assisted her through her medical journey over the past year. With their help, she was able to live independently at her Lions Manor apartment in Stonewall until just 10 days before her passing. She and her family will be forever grateful for their kindness and compassion.

At Mom's request, there will be no funeral service. She asked that her ashes be spread on the field behind the farm where Dad's ashes lay.

In lieu of flowers, donations would be greatly appreciated to the South West District Palliative Care Program, Stonewall, MB or the Harbour Lights Ministries in Arborg, MB.

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### OBITUARY

**Rev. Robert (Bob) Bruce Werry**  
August 18, 1928 – May 8, 2024

Rev. Robert (Bob) Bruce Werry passed away peacefully at Lions Prairie Manor in Portage La Prairie at the age of 95.  
A Service of Remembrance will be held on Wednesday, May 29, 2024 at 2:00 pm. in the Stonewall United Church.



204-886-0404

### OBITUARY

**Russell Allan Snell**

It is with great sadness we announce the sudden passing of Russell Allan Snell aged 66 years of Argyle, Manitoba on Friday, May 17, 2024 at Stonewall & District Health Centre.  
Longer obituary to follow.



204-886-0404

### OBITUARY

**Joseph Darren James**

It is with sadness we announce the peaceful passing of Joseph Darren James aged 59 years of Stonewall on Wednesday, May 8, 2024 at Stonewall & District Health Centre.

The family would like to thank the Doctors and Nurses and staff at the Stonewall Hospital and the Health Sciences Centre for their wonderful care and support.

A graveside service will be held on Sunday, June 30, 2024 at 1:00 p.m. at Inwood R. C. Cemetery.

This obituary can be viewed at [www.kfuneralservices.ca](http://www.kfuneralservices.ca)



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