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# Woodlands a rocky road: Taxpayers demand better road conditions

By Autumn Fehr

In Manitoba, there's one thing to be sure of. We are not known for our smooth driving roads and streets.

One of the biggest complaints the province has seen this year is deteriorating road conditions — everywhere.

And the road conditions in the rural municipality of Woodlands are no different and have certainly seen better days.

The gravel roads are now mud covered and filled with ruts caused by overland flooding and regular traffic.

Taxpayers from Woodlands are calling on their municipality to fix the deplorable road conditions, as the RM is responsible for them.

According to Adam Turner, CAO of the RM of Woodlands, "Arrangements are being made to bring in additional help."

Many residents would be surprised to learn that fact.

RM of Woodlands resident Chris Hofer said the terrible road conditions have been an ongoing problem since spring.

As the conditions of the roads don't seem to be getting any better, residents are starting to lose hope their roads will ever see the repairs they need to get them back to what they once were.

"The long hard winter song and dance is getting old for me already. It's Manitoba. We have a lot of long and hard winters," said Hofer.

Hofer has been living in the country all his life. He said he doesn't expect paved, smooth, nice roads all the time, but he doesn't expect that when they get a rainfall to not be able to get down his road for a quarter-mile in his car. Instead, he uses a truck to get through the mud.

"It's the worst it's been in years," said Hofer.

According to Lori Schellekens, reeve of the Woodlands, the municipality relies heavily upon the weather to

keep the roads in shape.

"The problem is that when it rains so much, the roads get soft, and when we try to go out there, the road board, which is the middle blade, actually digs into the roads and does more damage," said Schellekens.

Not all residents are aware of the lengthy process the RM must go through before they get the go-ahead to start repairs.

According to Schellekens, the municipal office receives numerous complaints daily, every day since they've been trying.

However, before the municipality can go ahead with any repairs, they must wait for Disaster Financial Assistance (DFA) to come and look at the roads that are damaged so the RM can get reimbursed.

"We can't start repairing the DFA sites until the town goes through the specific process that is already outlined in taking care of roads," said Turner.

According to Turner, the inspections are starting to come in and the RM of the Woodlands has just been given the green light from the province to go ahead with repairing the damaged sites.

Schellekens said that there are multiple things at play when it comes to fixing 900 miles of road going both ways.

There is a timeline to get dust control down in the RM, which is usually near the end of June when the sites are prepared and workers put the gravel on the road. The gravel then sits for at least a week before the dust control goes on.

Schellekens said last year they had the truck go out on the roads almost right after the gravel was put down and it didn't work.

"We've never had this much weather contributing to these roads," said Schellekens.

There are no procedures that residents of the municipality need to follow to have their roads graded.

Schellekens said



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The current road conditions from Chris Hofer's house to the highway. Every time it rains, it turns into mud. There is no gravel left, with a low spot on the road that Hofer understands as a capital project that needs to be done.

residents do not have to call the municipal office to get their roads graded, as the workers have their circuit that they go through to get them all done.

"Because of the way the weather was and the way the roads were, they have not been able to do that circuit," said Schellekens.

Schellekens said this year they have hired a private contractor to add to the fleet of three graders they currently have.

The town's graders will be out taking care of regular maintenance, while the private contractors will be out fixing the DFA claim sites.

Schellekens said they are hoping within a week they will have all the roads graded, and by the end of the summer, they will have everything back to how it should be, depending on the weather.

"We are trying our best to get the roads done and back in shape, so no one is getting hurt and their vehicles aren't getting destroyed — just a

better experience driving down our roads," said Schellekens.

After waiting three to four days for the municipality to answer some questions and listen to his concerns, Hofer said an operations manager from the municipality came out to see the conditions of the road near his house Thursday.

"Up until yesterday, I didn't think they were doing anything to rectify the roads. He explained a few things and I was able to show him exactly what I was talking about, which is what I wanted. I wanted someone to talk to, to find out what's going on," said Hofer.

Hofer is waiting to see what happens from there.

"It sounds like things are going to start rolling," said Hofer.

He hopes the municipality continues to hold itself accountable and residents continue to get answers and the roads that they pour their tax dollars into get fixed.



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# Summer reading program features Mermaid Tales theme



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South Interlake Regional Library, Stonewall branch staff, back row, left to right: Kelsey Dingwall, Joan Ransom, Stella McAuley, Catherine Desmarais; front: Tara Glaspey and Melanie Keppler.

By Jennifer McFee

Children can dive into the summer reading program at Stonewall library, which has been transformed into an ocean wonderland for the “Mermaid Tales” theme.

In previous years, Stonewall branch librarian Joan Ransom and Bookmobile librarian Pam Palcat performed a live summer reading skit at all the local schools and daycares.

This year, they took a new approach by filming a short 12-minute skit that’s now posted to the library’s YouTube channel at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4ubLpKT4swk&t=5s>

“We had so much fun doing it. We are dressed as mermaids — we even take a dip in a pool — and we explain the whole program,” Ransom said.

“It is available on our channel and there is a link from our website homepage.”

To get started in the summer reading program, a parent fills in a short registration form and then the child receives a booklet and log sheet.

“We pay \$10 in library money for each hour a child reads or is read to. They bring in their completed log

sheet and we give them their library money and a fresh log sheet. The child can then spend their library money by shopping at our library store,” Ransom said.

“We have tons of fun stuff in the store — little toys, books, stickers, ice cream coupons from The Kiln and even books. Things cost different amounts, so one may need to complete several log sheets and earn more money in order to buy the item they want.”

In addition, a completed reading log earns one ballot towards five grand prizes. The winner will be drawn for each one at the end of August.

“In the TD Summer Reading Program booklet that we hand out with registration, there are activities that children can do that earn them 16 more ballots for the grand prizes,” Ransom said.

“We ask readers to start counting their reading minutes from July 1 on. The store is loaded and ready to go.”

In keeping with the theme, the staff will be wearing “Mermaid Tales” T-shirts and everyone has a mermaid tail sarong.

“We have decorated the library with

jellyfish, ocean creatures, kelp and coral,” Ransom said.

“We have a kelp reading tent and the star of our video, Clammy the Clam, sits atop a shelf. He will spend the entire summer vacationing at our library.”

The summer reading program always goes swimmingly, and this year is sure to make waves with plenty of fun for all.

“Our program is always so successful

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# Cooking up for a cause



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Quarry Physiotherapy staff, left to right, Scott Allan, Beth Gutkin-Roy, Stephanie Roberecki, Kyla Lenio-Slack and Torey Kirk invited patients, business partners and community members to their barbecue on June 21 while raising funds for Cancer Care MB and the Children’s Hospital Foundation.

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Always check the temperature of the ground with your hand before commencing your walk. Also, check when going on to a different surface such as going from the grass to a footpath. If the ground temperature is too hot to put your hand on, it is probably an indication that it is too hot outside for your dog anyway. Avoid vigorous exercise and play outside on hot days.

Plan to exercise them early in the morning or later in the evening when the temperature is cooler. This will also prevent sunburn. Alternatively, exercise them indoors preferably in air conditioning. Heat-related issues are very common in the early days of the hot weather. Your dog has not had the opportunity to become acclimated to the higher temperatures. Take extra care during this period. Expose your dog to hot weather over a period of days so they can adjust. Even put a white cotton t-shirt on your dog, especially if they are black or dark colored and more prone to attract heat.

Hydration is of crucial importance. Ensure you have water with you at all times when you are on your walks. Be aware that a dog can suffer from heatstroke even if they are not involved in vigorous activity or it is not that hot. In fact, dogs can suffer from heatstroke even while swimming. Obviously, never leave your dog in a car or any area where they cannot stay cool.



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# Nursing vacancies keep beds suspended at Gimli hospital



Marion Ellis, IERHA CEO.

By Patricia Barrett

Nursing shortages in Interlake-Eastern Regional Health Authority hospitals are continuing to knock acute care beds temporarily out of commission, according to the IERHA's chief executive officer Marion Ellis, who provided an update on nurse vacancy rates, bed suspensions and training and job opportunities to municipal officials on June 22.

Gimli hospital has 26 beds, of which 11 are currently suspended because of nursing shortages. The nurse vacancy rate is 21 per cent at the hospital. Stonewall hospital has 15 acute care beds. Currently, no beds are suspended, but the hospital has a 20 per cent nurse vacancy rate.

Beausejour hospital has 24 acute care beds, of which none have currently been suspended, but it has a 25 per cent nurse vacancy rate. Pine Falls hospital has 23 acute care beds, of which six have currently been suspended. It has a 65 per cent nurse va-

### Continued suspension of hospital beds

Hospital	# of beds	Beds suspended	# of beds currently	Vacancy rate (nurses)
Beausejour	24	0	24	25%
Gimli	26	11	15	21%
Stonewall	15	0	15	20%
Pine Falls	23	6	17	65%

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Acute care beds suspensions and nursing vacancies in IERHA hospitals. A nursing shortage in the IERHA has led to ongoing bed suspensions at hospitals.

### Provincial Nursing Retirements 2018-22 (April 27, 2022)

Year	IERHA	Manitoba
2018	23	353
2019	18	357
2020	17	347
2021	19	322
YTD 2022	5	85
TOTAL	82	1,464
% of total	5.60%	100%

Nursing retirements over a four-and-a-half-year period in the province and the IERHA.

cancy rate.

Ellis also said there are disruptions to regional laboratory services.

She released nursing retirement data, showing province-wide retirements at 1,464 between 2018 and April 27, 2022. Of those retired nurses, 82 (or 5.6 per cent) worked in the Interlake-Eastern region.

Licensed practical nursing students are completing practicums in health-care facilities across the region, ac-

ording to data shared by Tanya Cheetham, the IERHA's chief nursing officer.

There are 23 licensed practical nursing students from Assiniboine Community College completing their senior practicums from June 27 to Aug. 26 in the following hospitals: Ashern: 2; Arborg: 2; Beausejour: 3; Eriksdale: 2; Gimli: 2; Pinawa: 2; Selkirk: medicine ward: 3; surgery ward: 3; family birthing unit: 1; Stonewall: 2; and Teulon: 1.

And an IERHA spokesperson said bachelor of nursing students will be completing their rural training in the fall.

"We are working with the University of Manitoba to have bachelor of nursing students complete their rural experience in the fall at some hospitals in the region. These training placements will start in late October and run until Dec. 16, 2022," said the spokesperson. "We have Arborg confirmed to accept nursing students. We continue to work on establishing Eriksdale, Stonewall and Pinawa as training sites for the same time frame. In addition, we are in discussion with this university to arrange for them to send us practicum students three times per year starting in 2023."

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# GIFF getting set to commune under the projector's magical glow

By Patricia Barrett

The largest rural film festival in Canada is gearing up to host outstanding cinematic works from Canada and around the world and welcome back film buffs to the shore of Lake Winnipeg in July.

The Gimli International Film Festival, which is celebrating its 22nd year, unveiled its diverse lineup of more than 70 films, documentaries and shorts that highlight Manitoba filmmakers, female and Indigenous filmmakers, and filmmakers from circumpolar nations including Iceland, Denmark, Finland and Sweden.

The film festival added "international" to its name this year to reflect its global reach to virtual audiences over the course of the COVID-19 pandemic. But it's ready to roll with in-person screenings.

"We are very grateful we can bring the festival back to the community of Gimli this summer and welcome back our many visitors for whom attending the festival has been a long-time summer tradition," said executive director Alan Wong during the festival's program launch at the Fort Garry Hotel in Winnipeg June 23. "It has become Manitoba's premiere film festival, bringing film buffs, filmmakers and industry professionals all together to celebrate on the shores of Lake Winnipeg."

The festival's opening night film is *Band*, billed as "Icelandic performance art meets Spinal Tap" that features three female bandmates who agree to give elusive pop stardom one final chance.

"It's a story about a group of women who are in a band called Post Performance Blues Band and who've been playing to audiences of 10, eight, six people for many years," said documentary film programmer Shira Newman. "They're hitting their 40s and are struggling with what it means to be a female artist in the world, balancing motherhood, caregiving and making an income while trying to make art. They've decided they're going to have an enormous concert and give it one year to try to make it."

Newman said the festival has a large



Alan Wong, GIFF's executive director

number of Canadian documentaries this year, including *Geographies of Solitude* about Sable Island's (southeast of Nova Scotia) ecosystem. The island is populated by wild horses, seals and a naturalist who has lived there for 40 years, documenting the island and the garbage that washes up on it.

"It's a beautiful portrait of someone who is incredibly connected and passionate about her connection to the land," said Newman.

GIFF's international feature film programmer David Knipe said the festival will be screening 19 fiction feature films, nine of which were produced in Canada. They include Indigenous films *Wildhood* and *Slash/Back*.

On the Icelandic film front is *Quake* (or *Skjalfti* in Icelandic), a "bold psychological thriller" about a woman with amnesia who starts to have repressed memories from childhood against a "snowy backdrop of Iceland," said Knipe.

On the Saturday of the festival, film-goers are in for a surprise with a "super-secret late-night screening" of a debut Manitoba feature film. Knipe said "we can't tell you what it is,"

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Gimli International Film Festival board (from left) Lynn Chalmers, Lila Goodspeed Everett, Terry MacLeod, Norma Bailey and Janis Johnson



David Knipe



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## Wage equity in the early learning and child-care sector funding announced

**By Manitoba government**

The governments of Canada and Manitoba announced the allocation of nearly \$37 million to implement a wage grid that will support wage equity for the early childhood workforce in funded child-care facilities.

“Our government recognizes that a well-compensated workforce is essential to stabilize and strengthen the early learning and child-care sector and is a critical step in addressing labour market shortages,” said Manitoba Education and Early Childhood Learning Minister Wayne Ewasko. “This investment will support the dedicated staff who provide high-quality care and early learning opportunities that promote positive early childhood development outcomes, setting the stage for the life-long success for young Manitobans.”

Under the Canada-Manitoba Canada-Wide Early Learning and Child Care Agreement, \$34.7 million will be allocated to the existing operating grants through an additional Wage Grid Supplement to support wage equity for early learning and child-care sector staff who care for children under the age of seven.

The funding will allow non-profit child-care boards to develop fair, consistent and competitive wage scales for early childhood educators and child-care assistants across the province. The wage grid in the Canada-wide agreement sets out equitable wage targets to provide funded

facilities with guidance on wages for child-care assistants and early childhood educators.

“Early childhood educators are at the very heart of the Canada-wide early learning and child care system,” said federal Minister of Families, Children and Social Development Karina Gould. “Today’s announcement with Manitoba is a meaningful step in valuing their essential work and ensuring they have the support they need to continue caring for our children every day.”

The wage grid supplement will be effective as of July 1 and will help the sector retain qualified, experienced staff and boost recruitment efforts. Through the Wage Grid Operating Supplement, all funded facilities will receive a 12 per cent increase in the revenue generated per space, to support increased, equitable staff wages.

The Manitoba government is investing an additional \$2.3 million to ensure staff working in school-age child-care programs are also fairly and consistently compensated.

“Today’s announcement builds on recent investments under the extension of the Canada-Manitoba Early Learning and Child Care Agreement announced in February 2022. At that time, \$6.6 million was allocated toward the Wage Bridge Benefit, which would carry us over to the launch of the wage grid,” said Ewasko. “The Wage Bridge Benefit provided a one-time retroactive wage supplement for

the lowest-paid child-care assistants and early childhood educators during 2021-22, to increase their wages and move us closer to the targets outlined in today’s wage grid announcement.”

The development of a wage grid is a commitment made by all provinces and territories outside of Quebec as part of the investment to build a Canada-wide early learning and child-care system.

“The Manitoba government recognizes the invaluable service of the province’s child-care assistants and early childhood educators, and we are proud to be one of the first jurisdictions in Canada that is ready to proceed with implementing a wage grid to better support the early childhood learning workforce,” said Ewasko. “These important investments are part of our ongoing commitment to ensuring all Manitoba families, regardless of where in the province they live, have access to high-quality, affordable, flexible and inclusive early learning and child-care services.”

For more information on the Canada-Manitoba Canada-Wide Early Learning and Child Care Agreement, visit [www.manitoba.ca/education/childcare/actionplan.html](http://www.manitoba.ca/education/childcare/actionplan.html) and [www.canada.ca/en/early-learning-child-care-agreement/agreements-provinces-territories/manitoba-canada-wide-2021.html](http://www.canada.ca/en/early-learning-child-care-agreement/agreements-provinces-territories/manitoba-canada-wide-2021.html).

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Storm clouds rolled through parts of southeastern Manitoba early Friday night before tapering off into the evening. The weather system dumping up to 53 millimetres in one hour in Winnipeg and surrounding communities. Since June 1, some Interlake communities have received up to 220 millimetres, according to Manitoba Agriculture. Help the Tribune record the weather of the week and send in your photos of friends or family enjoying the outdoors. Email: [weather@stonewallteulontribune.ca](mailto:weather@stonewallteulontribune.ca).

## Donations needed for RCCC gym floor project

By Jennifer McFee

A new gym floor will be coming soon to Rosser Central Community Club, thanks to a \$75,000 Building Sustainable Communities grant.

However, since it's a matching grant, the community club is seeking donations towards the cause.

When the club was built in 1946, the volunteer club had asked each Rosser household for donations. Almost each household donated \$25, which added up to enough money to build the original centre.

Currently, activities on the sport court include gymnastics, marital arts, yoga, baseball and open gym. The new flooring will allow the community club to expand its offerings to include volleyball, basketball, pickleball and tennis.

The club just wrapped up a fundraising raffle in partnership with the Kinsmen Club of Winnipeg, and the community club received half of the ticket sales.

In addition, the club is accepting cash donations of any amount, which are tax deductible.

There are also options for business sponsorships, including the possibility of having painted logos on the floor.

In total, the new gym flooring will cost about \$130,000. Through previous fundraising efforts, the club has \$25,000 to put towards the project. The Interlake Community Founda-

tion also provided a grant, which went towards buying a tarp curtain to separate the gym in half to allow for more user groups.

"In our first year of operating as a multi-use building (April 2019-April 2020), our club rental income was \$1,560. This was before we insulated the building, so we were only able to run programs on the shoulder seasons as the gymnasium was not properly insulated," said club president Jessica Beachell in an email.

"Our second year of running (April 2020-April 2021), our rental income was \$1,610. This was the first year of COVID and our building was closed 90 per cent of that year to programming."

Then from April 2021 to April 2022, the club's rental income jumped to \$13,392.

"This included many cancelled programs due to COVID restrictions and extreme weather. This is an 850 per cent increase in our usage of the building," she said.

"We expect to be able to increase this by another 50 per cent in the coming year with the installation of the gym flooring. The gym was used six days a week from October to April of this year."

At the same time, the club's operating expenses also increased slightly last year. On average over the past decade, the annual operating expenses have remained around \$25,000. For

2020-2021, the operating expenses were \$29,834.50.

"The increase this year was due to the hiring of a cleaner twice per week and a bookkeeper as the facility has become busy and these jobs have become too big to be completed by volunteers," she said.

"Our annual income through our regular programming and regular fundraisers as well as a portion of the RM of Rosser grant (which covers property taxes and insurance) was \$28,064.03. This does not include grants for programming or capital expenses. You can see how vital the gym flooring is to our income and how close we are to cover our operating expenses through rental income to become financially self-sufficient."

Another portion of the RM of Rosser grant will be used to help fund the flooring.

Beachell extends gratitude to everyone who has helped transform the community club to date.

"Of course, none of this would be possible without the large number of volunteers who have donated countless hours of time to make this project so successful," she said.

"Also, a big thank you to our amazing program leaders."

Cash donations can be e-transferred to [rosser.rec@gmail.com](mailto:rosser.rec@gmail.com) or cheques can be made out to Rosser Central Community Club, PO Box 89, Rosser, MB, R0H 1E0.

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## Commit to love

But do not use freedom as an opportunity for the flesh; rather, serve one another through love. (Galatians 5:13)

Freedom is a word that is held in great esteem, especially by those of us in the new world. It is often seen as an opportunity to make decisions without constraint or to be loose and unattached. The truth is that we humans find it hard to commit ourselves to anything, and even if we do make a commitment, we often give ourselves permission to be released from it. We fear commitments and responsibility.

St. Paul teaches us that there is a real danger in living our lives "giving free reign to the flesh." In fact, if we simply give into our baser appetites, we might be allowing ourselves to be made slaves of those same appetites. We simply trade in a perceived constraint for something that can bind us and take away all freedom.

I would propose that freedom is not about avoiding commitments but taking responsibilities for our lives and committing ourselves to those things in life that set our life on a path of self determination, living our lives according to higher principles and goals. In fact, our faith tells us that both discipleship of Jesus and life itself reach their highest purpose when we commit ourselves to the self, giving love of which Jesus speaks. I might even propose that this kind of commitment to love is the most important part of us that follows us into the next life. If so, can we really say that we have lived without making this commitment. The commitment to love has in fact been shared with us by God and allows us to share in the very life of our Creator. That is freedom.

Rev. Barry Schoonbaert,  
Pastor of the Catholic Communities of South Interlake

# Doctors Manitoba raises alarm about unstable rural, northern health care

By Patricia Barrett

As Manitoba's health-care system continues to experience multiple crises of nurse, physician, paramedic and other health-care worker shortages, as well as a huge backlog of diagnostic and surgical procedures, Doctors Manitoba sounded the alarm last week about the instability of health care in rural and northern Manitoba.

The physician advocacy organization, which represents over 4,000 physicians across the province, is concerned about "severe" staff shortages in the province's rural and northern health regions, which are seeing hospital and emergency room closures or limited service that could jeopardize Manitobans' health.


The organization launched a "Rural Care Be Aware" campaign that offers advice on how to prepare for emergencies and how to access care this summer when it is "anticipated more hospitals than ever could have ER closures or reduced operating hours."

"Whether you live in rural or northern Manitoba or you are planning to travel to communities in these areas, doctors want to support you with accessing needed medical care," said president Dr. Candace Bradshaw in a June 24 news release posted on Doctors Manitoba website. "Our new public resource RuralCare.ca will help Manitobans be aware about how to access rural care, including how to plan ahead and what to do in a medical emergency."

Planning ahead includes knowing where the closest and the second closest ERs are, knowing what health region you're in and where the health authority for that region posts information about ER hours and closures.

"Schedules can change with little notice," states RuralCare.ca.

Staffing shortages could result in long waits for service, including the arrival of an ambulance. Paying attention to road numbers or landmarks is important to help emergency services locate someone who needs medical intervention. People can also determine whether alternate care services are available in an area, such as local doctors' offices, says the website. A list of hospitals in each of the five



Some hospitals in rural and Northern Manitoba are likely to experience ER closures or reduced hours this summer, perhaps more than ever before.

Whether you live in a rural or Northern community, or you have plans to travel in these areas, doctors want to ensure you are aware of potential closures or reduced hours and how to find emergency or urgent care when needed.

Be sure to **plan ahead** when in rural or Northern communities, and **know what to do** if someone needs emergency or urgent care. We've put together some advice below to help you.

**DOCTORS MANITOBA**  
Doctors Manitoba raised the alarm last week about hospital ER closures and/or limited health-care services over the summer in rural and northern health regions. It launched RuralCare.ca to provide residents and travellers with practical advice on how to plan ahead for emergencies.

health regions in provided on the site.

Doctors Manitoba says physicians are increasingly concerned about maintaining health care in rural and northern areas because of the shortages of physicians, nurses and other health-care staff.

"Even before the pandemic, physician and staffing shortages were making it difficult to maintain services in some facilities, resulting in long waits, reduced hours and closures," says the organization.

Dr. David Cram, a physician in Souris, advises people to plan ahead based on his own experience of facility closures.

"In all my years practicing medicine in rural Manitoba, I've never seen so many ERs closed or only open part time," said Dr. Cram in the Doctors Manitoba's news release.

There are 68 hospitals and health centres in rural and northern communities, says the organization. Only 40 per cent of emergency rooms are anticipated to be open 24-7, while 34 per cent are anticipated to operate part time, with reduced hours or temporary suspensions. The 26 per cent of ERs that have been closed for more than a year are not expected to re-open this summer.

Hospitals in the Interlake-Eastern Regional Health Authority have been experiencing ongoing temporary ER closures for years because of physician shortages, and some hospitals, such as Teulon, have had their ERs

permanently shuttered. ERs shut down when there's no doctor to staff them.

The IERHA posts ER availability schedules two weeks in advance on its website. For the period July 1 to 15, Interlake hospital ERs in Ashern, Selkirk and Stonewall are expected to be available 24 hours a day. Gimli's ER will be closed one day and experience another day with limited service; otherwise, it's expected to be open 24 hours.

ERs in Eriksdale and Arborg, however, have extremely limited service, with only four days between them on which a doctor is expected to be available.

The IERHA's emergency department schedule is posted on the main page of its website. People can also call 1-866-267-5818 at any time to access an audio recording of the IERHA's emergency department status.

The health authority advises that ER schedules can change quickly, resulting in disruptions to service.

Other health news:

- The provincial government's weekly COVID-19 surveillance report for June 12 to 18 shows 203 new cases of the virus that were confirmed by limited PCR testing. The results of rapid antigen tests are not recorded by the province. The province's data is an undercount of the true number of infections.

There were also 58 new hospital admissions for COVID that week, of

which eight required intensive care treatment. Six more Manitobans died from the virus, bringing the death toll to 2,025.

In the U.K. and in European countries such as France, Germany, Spain, Greece, Portugal and Denmark, COVID is accelerating with the rise of the highly infectious BA4 and BA5 omicron subvariants and is leading to an uptick in hospital admissions. The surge is exacerbated by the lifting of public health protections, waning immunity from vaccination and holiday travel. Health experts expect more deaths.

- Doctors Manitoba's surgical and diagnostic backlog dashboard shows 166,903 procedures in the queue, as of May 31.

- The Public Health Agency of Canada reported a significant rise in monkeypox cases last week, bringing the total to 235, with Quebec reporting 184 cases, Ontario with 45, Alberta with four and British Columbia with two cases as of June 24. A total of 168 cases was reported on June 17.

The World Health Organization is calling for a "unified response" from all countries, whether they're endemic for the virus or not. Monkeypox has spread to 42 countries. There have been 2,103 lab confirmed cases between Jan. 1 and June 15, as well as one death.

"Confirmation of one case of monkeypox in a country is considered an outbreak," said the WHO in a June 17 update. "The unexpected appearance of monkeypox in several regions, in the initial absence of epidemiological links to areas that have historically reported monkeypox, suggests that there may have been undetected transmission for some time."

## > VACANCIES, FROM PG. 4

Assiniboine Community College is offering a full-time, six-month health-care aide training program in Ashern starting in September, and a licensed practical nursing program will be offered in Arborg in September.

Medical lab assistant training is being offered in August at Robertson College and Herzing College, with practicums available in Gimli, Selkirk, Stonewall, Ashern, Beausejour and Pine Falls.

The IERHA is on a hiring spree, looking for nurses, health-care aides, dietary aides, assistant cooks, house-keeping aides, laundry aides and administrative staff.

For a list of health-care training opportunities and jobs, visit [www.ierha.ca](http://www.ierha.ca) or email questions to [info@ierha.ca](mailto:info@ierha.ca).



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# Good will at Goodwin Lodge

By Jennifer McFee

Small gestures can go a long way to making a difference in the lives of others.

At Goodwin Lodge in Teulon, acting recreation co-ordinator Crystal Bergeron stands out for her hard work and dedication.

"I have the best job here. I get to plan activities and bring happiness into the lives of my residents — whether that be helping them care for a plant or going outside and feeding the birds or coming in early to cook them a bacon and eggs breakfast," said Bergeron, who started working as a recreation facilitator in October 2020 before taking her current term position.

"I have 20 resident bosses I work for and they all know that. I am their voice, their assistant and, to some, I am their best friend."

Throughout the pandemic, Bergeron has found creative ways to keep residents and families engaged, such as a pumpkin-carving evening in the fall.

"Brown's Corner Patch in Gunton donated all the pumpkins, so myself and a member from my team volunteered our time to watch daughters laughing and reminiscing with their mother. Another resident watched his son do all the work while he snacked on the treats, all while being safe and following protocols," she said.

"We also were lucky to have iPads that we can offer FaceTime for families and friends. And for the families that don't have FaceTime, we write letters or send pictures out by mail."

Clinical resource nurse Angela Harding said Bergeron takes residents' best interests to heart at all times.

"Nothing is too much trouble for Crystal. Each and every one of our residents is at the forefront of Crystal's mind. Lots of new activities have been taking place since Crystal started last year. She really is having a positive impact on our residents, and I know families appreciate her as well,"

Harding said.

"I want Crystal to know that each and every one of the staff at Goodwin appreciate you and thank you for engaging and stimulating our residents in a positive way."

Likewise, Bergeron expressed appreciation for everyone she interacts with each day at Goodwin Lodge.

"I love the day-to-day interaction with my residents, families and staff. I love that my residents still want to live life to the fullest. I can be nutty and silly yet professional, like bringing in snow so we can have a good old snowball fight in the dining room or watching an 84-year-old talk into a fan like I did as a child," Bergeron said.

"I will truly be sad to leave in August when my position is up. Everyone who works at Goodwin Lodge is out-of-this-world amazing and I thank them all for their guidance and support during my time here."



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Crystal Bergeron

## Inland Port Special Planning Area Under The Authority of The Planning Act

# Notice of Public Hearing

On the date and at the time and location shown below, a PUBLIC HEARING will be held to receive representations from any person(s) who wish to make them in respect to the following matter:

**To Subdivide 6 new lots totalling ± 186.1 acres from Pt. Section 20 and NW ¼ 21-11-02 EPM in the RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF ROSSER**

**HEARING LOCATION:**

Best Western Plus  
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1715 Wellington Avenue  
Winnipeg, MB R3H 0G1

**DATE and TIME:**

July 19 at 6:00 pm

**GENERAL INTENT and PURPOSE:**

To subdivide Pt. Section 20 and NW ¼ 21-11-02 EPM in the RM of Rosser CentrePort lands to create six (6) new lots.

**AREA AFFECTED:**

This subdivision shall apply to the area identified on the map appearing on the Public Hearing Notice.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:**

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A copy of the above proposal and supporting material may be inspected at the location noted above during normal office hours, Monday to Friday. Copies may be made and extracts taken therefrom, upon request. A description of the procedure to be followed at the hearing is also available at the location noted above.



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# Viterra celebrates grand opening in Rosser

By Jennifer McFee

A new Rosser-based grain facility celebrated its grand opening last week as the cream of the crop in the agricultural industry.

On Wednesday, June 22, Viterra invited customers, employees and government officials to gather for a ribbon-cutting event, catered lunch and facility tours to commemorate the company's investment in the area.

Territory manager Brad Flavel welcomed the crowd to the outdoor event at the state-of-the-art grain facility.

"Viterra has been serving farmers here in this area of Manitoba for 100 years. As we know, many things have changed in agriculture during this time — innovations in equipment, seed technology improvements, better agronomic information at our fingertips. However, one thing has remained the same and that is the importance of providing the best possible service to our growers to connect them to global grain markets," he said.

"I believe Viterra is the industry leader when it comes to superior customer service, and this elevator is a great example of our commitment to making the necessary investment to ensure that we remain top of the heap."

Kent Klimpke, Viterra's director of country region management, is now based out of Regina but he originally hails from the Stonewall area.

"We're proud of our history and we're really focused on the future," he said.

"This significant investment of this grain elevator demonstrates our confidence in the province and will continue to play an important role in global agriculture for many years to come."

The facility started receiving grain in October and they've been pleased with the results, especially considering the challenges with last year's harvest, Klimpke added.



Kent Klimpke, Viterra's director of country region management.

"This facility has got 34,000 tonnes of storage. It has the capability to load 156 rail cars, and they'll load those within a 12-hour shift. It really represents the ongoing commitment to driving excellence in the transportation and supply chain," he said.

"This location is an excellent fit for our company. Through modern technology, we have the capability to unload a Super B in five minutes or less."

The company has a global reach that currently extends to more than 60 countries, he noted.

"We at Viterra are supported by an international network that provides us with unrivalled market intel. It's an exciting time. We continue achieving this outside our borders, but we always realize it's communities like this one that allow us to do so. That's why every day we work hard to provide superior service and top quality products to our end-use customers," Klimpke said.

"We continue to make steady investments in technology to make it easier for you to do business with us. We also invest in our people through training and education and, as trusted advisors, they take great pride in working with their growers to help them succeed. We've put together a really good team here at Rosser, and I'm confident we'll continue Viterra's tradition of excellence for growers here."

He also recognized that the provincial government has been supportive of the project right from its early roots.

"As builders of this great community in this region, I thank you for the opportu-



TRIBUNE PHOTOS BY JENNIFER MCFEE

Officials gathered for a ribbon-cutting event at the new Rosser-based facility.

nity to expand our presence here," Klimpke said.

"We're pleased to be part of the business landscape at Rosser and to be a contributor to its economic development and prosperity."

Lakeside MLA Ralph Eichler brought greetings on behalf of the provincial government.

"The benefits of this facility to the area is huge, and I thank Viterra for their investment in our community and the opportunity that it creates for economic growth," Eichler said.

"It puts us on the world market. We're proud of that. We like to be able to say our grain goes around the world."

At the same time, Eichler recognized the municipality's efforts to bring this project to fruition.

"I want to thank Rosser as well for their hard work. They've had lots on their plate," Eichler said.

"CentrePort is a large investment within the community and certainly it helps us grow and prosper as a province as well."

On behalf of the RM of Rosser, Coun. Ken Mulligan addressed the crowd.

"The opening of this beautiful facility in the RM of Rosser is a great addition to the area. To date, this makes three inland grain terminals, a fertilizer storage facility, two family-owned implement dealerships, a soon-to-open an oat flour mill, a new limestone quarry and, also located in CentrePort, Merit Foods," Mulligan said.

"We are proud of the growth and accomplishments within CentrePort to date, but the rural areas of the RM have made many new exciting additions as well."

This new Viterra facility is only one part of the picture, he added.

"The people who are involved in running this elevator are the ties to



The facility has the capacity to load 156 rail cars during a 12-hour period.

the farmers. I have the inside track to these people because I've known them for years. They started their careers just south of this building in the old elevator. I know that they will work hard to earn your respect and business as the years go on," he said.

"We at the RM council are pleased that Viterra chose this area to build in."

#### Construction facts:

- Approximately 1 million pounds of rebar was used, along with 5,600 cubic yards of concrete.
- There are 550 piles under the structure.
- During the concrete pour, two teams worked around the clock in 12-hour shifts for one week.
- The final height is 130 feet of concrete and the steel above it is at 210 feet.
- The total capacity of this facility is 34,000 metric tonnes in 34 bins (or about 1.2 million bushels).



Viterra's new grain facility has 34,000 tonnes of storage.

# Raising funds in memory of Bradley Jackson

**Staff**

On July 16, a fundraising social in memory of Woodlands' Bradley Jackson will take place at Meadow Lea Community Centre. All monies raised will be donated to the Firefighters Burn Fund (FFBF).

Four years ago, Jackson perished in a tragic trucking accident, and since then, his family has been keeping his memory alive by raising funds for a cause near and dear to their hearts.

Jackson's mother, Rose Walder, and his sister, Shay-Lee Jackson, are striving to help others recover from burns. Jackson passed away in 2018 due to third-degree burns to 97 per cent of his body.

The FFBF helps burn survivors in Manitoba, northwestern Ontario and

Nunavut. Jackson's family has raised over \$3,000 to date by selling three Chase the Ace boards and collecting spare change from donation tins located at local businesses.

Jackson's family takes solace in knowing that Bradley would want to help others.

Tickets are available for the social. If interested, contact Rose Walder at 204-461-2859 or email [inmemoryofbrad@outlook.com](mailto:inmemoryofbrad@outlook.com); Shay-Lee Jackson at 204-461-1176 or Randi Tully at 204-266-1398.

For more information or to make a donation in Jackson's memory or to donate an auction prize for the social, check out the Facebook page "Bradley Jackson Memorial Fundraising."



TRIBUNE PHOTO SUBMITTED

The family of Bradley Jackson is honouring his memory by hosting a fundraising social on July 16 with proceeds being donated to the Firefighters Burn Fund.

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only that it's "classic Winnipeg irony and self-deprecating humour" and it will be "a blast."

"Our audiences are sure to be impressed by the scope of these and all the other films we have selected for their mastery and skill, and you'll recognize them as a group of the best films released in the last two years," said Knipe. "After these past two years of interfacing with the festival through a screen, I for one can't wait to get back to Gimli in July, share in the power of cinema together and commune under the projector's magical glow once more."

And where else but Gimli can you sit under the stars with your toes in the sand and Twizzlers in hand to watch free films on a massive screen set up on the shore of Lake Winnipeg. GIFF board member Terry MacLeod announced RBC's free Sunset Screenings — *Cast Away*, *Lilo & Stitch*, *Mamma Mia*, *Life of Pi* and *Nine to Five* —

which will start at 9 p.m. each night on Gimli Beach.

Manitoba filmmaker Norma Bailey announced that Eagle Vision (Manitoba production company) founder Lisa Meeches will be the recipient of the festival's Jack Clements Living the Dream Award. And festival founder Janis Johnson announced that Canadian documentary filmmaker Nettie Wild will be the recipient of the festival's highest honour, the Alda Award.

The festival includes the RBC emerging filmmaker pitch competition, in which finalists will get a three-minute shot at \$10,000, earn a little PR and some professional feedback.

The festival is set for in-person screenings from July 20 to 24. And starting on July 25, the festival goes virtual with a selection of the best until Aug. 7.

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## Stonewall council news in brief

By Jennifer McFee

- At the June 22 meeting, council approved a resolution to start the process of obtaining approval to borrow \$550,000 to upgrade the electrical service for the Quarry Park campground. The borrowing would be repaid over a 20-year period at a maximum interest rate of 7.5 per cent per year. The annual repayment would be no more than \$61,361.59 to be recouped annually through increased campground user fees. There would be no increase to property taxes as a result of this borrowing.

- Council gave second and third readings to a debenture bylaw for the kilns restoration project. The debenture amount is \$500,000 from RBC Life Insurance Company at an annual interest rate of 4.93 per cent over a 20-year period. In addition, the provincial government approved \$30,000 for the project for the 2022-23 year through the Heritage Resources Conservation Grant. Of that amount, \$25,000 will go towards masonry repairs and stabilization and \$5,000 will go towards engineer assessments and drawings.

- Ian Proven of Stonewall Mi-

nor Baseball spoke to council about a proposed project to upgrade the lights at the Fines Field Baseball Complex.

- At the same meeting, community member Del Phillips spoke to council about the possibility of having a gate at the entrance to Quarry Park that could be locked up at night to prevent unwanted after-hours activity.

- Stonewall's electric vehicle charging stations were used for 11 sessions during the month of May, with the average charge time of about one hour.

- The Town of Stonewall will engage the services of a professional landscape architect from HTFC Planning & Design to create a cemetery master plan. The goal is to ensure that the cemetery is a peaceful, organized and welcoming place while it is expanded, landscaped and developed.

- The town will work with Commissionaires to review, update and create enforcement bylaws.

- Council accepted a quote from ArmCom Ltd. to repair the emergency staircase at Veterans Memorial Sports Complex.

## Stony Mountain students making a difference



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Stony Mountain Grade 3-4 class raised \$580 for the Red Cross Ukraine Crisis Appeal.

### Staff

Stony Mountain School students are making a difference on a global scale.

Tanya Eluik-Prins' Grade 3-4 class have been learning about Ukraine in social studies and they decided they wanted to find a way to help.

"We were discussing current events and how many families from Ukraine were having to leave with only a backpack and arrive in a new country, including Canada. We decided to hold an ice-cream sandwich fundrais-

er to raise money for the Red Cross Ukraine Crisis Appeal. After the first two weeks, some girls in the class decided to make loom band bracelets to sell in addition to the ice cream sandwiches," she said.

"We raised \$580 in all, which will be donated to help those Ukrainian refugees. It was a fantastic way for the students to learn about global citizenship and how, regardless of age, we can all help others in need."

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### Planning to Build a Deck this Summer?

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- Is two feet or higher from the ground; or
- Is attached to a building; or
- Has walls or a roof; or
- Is intended to support a structure such as a hot tub or pergola.



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# Picturesque thunderstorm clouds over Lake Winnipeg



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY JACKIE SAURETTE

Jackie Saurette captured this photo over Lake Winnipeg at 7:15 p.m. last Friday from her home in Gimli. Environment Canada issued thunderstorm warnings with the possibility of strong winds, heavy rain and nickel-sized hail. The weather system also prompted tornado watches and warnings in northwestern Ontario, all of which had been lifted shortly after 9 p.m.

## Incredible Creatures: Dung Beetles: mighty manure munchers

By John Gavloski

Wednesday, June 8 was National Insect Appreciation Day. While the benefits and ecological roles of some insects like bees and dragonflies can be easier for many to appreciate, some insects have very important roles that often go unnoticed. Dung beetles are an example. Without them, our natural and agricultural areas would be a lot messier, and biting flies that breed in manure would be more abundant. In this month's Incredible Creatures, we will explore the fascinating world of dung beetles.

38 species in Canada. They are rarely over 15 millimetres, and most are less than eight millimetres.

Both "tunnellers" and "rollers" arrive to a fresh dung pat as adult beetles, ready to tear it apart. Tunnellers dig tunnels beneath the dung pat and bury the dung at the end of the tunnels. They aerate soil and make soil more porous to water. In Canada,

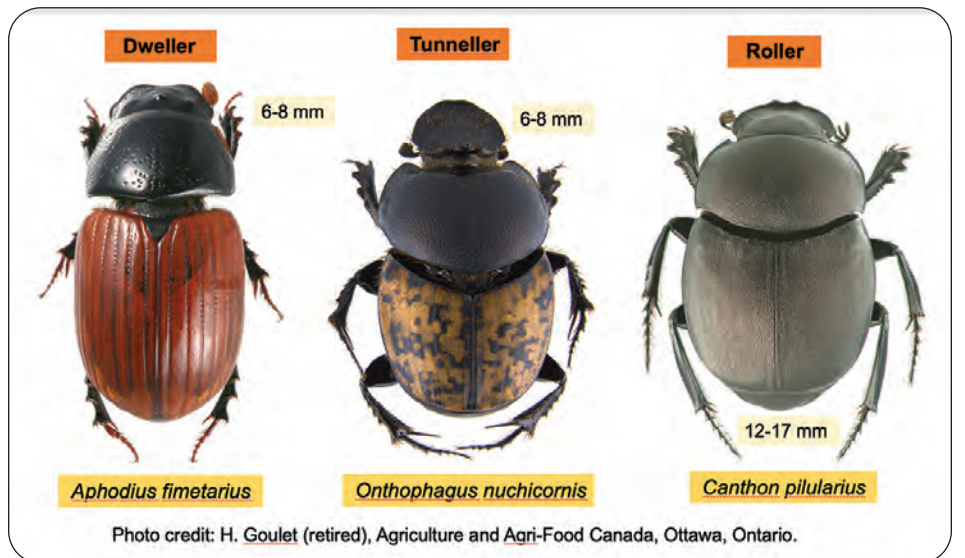


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Dung beetles are one of many beneficial insects.

### Dwellers, Tunnellers and Rollers

Dung beetles are beneficial insects in several ways. Dung beetles convert manure into nutrients, improving soil aeration, minimizing pest flies and increasing water infiltration. Studies have shown that greenhouse gas emissions from manure, such as methane, ammonia and carbon dioxide, are higher in dung pats when there is no insect activity.

There are three general categories of dung beetles: dwellers, tunnellers and rollers. Dwellers spend their entire life in dung, and they can break down a manure pat in a few weeks or months. The dwellers are part of a group of beetles called the small dung beetles (subfamily Aphodiinae). There are 20 species of dung beetles in Manitoba that are dwellers, and



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## > DUNG BEETLES, FROM PG. 13

species of tunnellers belong to a group (genus) of beetles called Onthophagus. There are two species in Manitoba and three species in Canada.

The rollers are the best known type of dung beetle by many, as they are often seen in nature documentaries. Adults of rollers form balls of dung from fresh manure, which they then roll some distance from the pat prior to burial. In Canada, species of rollers belong to a group (genus) of beetles called Canthon. There is one species in Manitoba and six species in Canada.

The adult activities of tunnellers and rollers can remove most of a fresh dung pat from the soil surface in less than a week. Tunnellers and rollers typically are larger than dwellers.

#### **Incredible Strength**

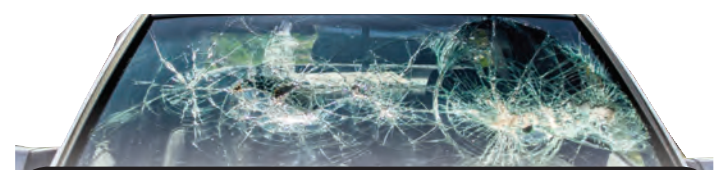
Dung beetles display some incredible feats of strength. Some rollers can roll a ball many times their weight. The horned dung beetle (Onthophagus Taurus) takes the gold, though. Just 10 millimetres long, this beetle can move up to 1,141 times its own body weight. This is the equivalent of an average man moving two fully loaded 18-wheeler trucks. Please don't try this.

By making food out of what would normally be considered waste and a breeding ground for some nuisance flies, dung beetles are certainly an insect that must be appreciated. The introduction of specific dung beetles to Hawaii and the Australian Dung Beetle Project are great examples why. Dung beetles were introduced to Hawaii from Africa as a way of controlling horn flies. Later, in the 1960s, dung beetles were introduced to Australia from Europe, Hawaii and Africa to deal with the dung problem created by introduced cattle. The native beetles found the foreign dung unpalatable, leaving it to litter the landscape. Native Australian species of beetle had developed alongside marsupials such as the kangaroo and wombat, which produce small, hard, dry and fibrous pellets of dung. Cattle were relatively recently introduced to Australia by European settlers and produce large, soft, moist dung pads. Thanks to the introduced dung beetles, pasture quality improved considerably and fly outbreaks were reduced.

## > MERMAID TALES, FROM PG. 3

ful and we are thrilled to be offering it again this summer after a two-year break in programming. We hear from families that it is such a great way for children to keep up with their reading skills and prevent the summer slide," Ransom said.

"We are happy to provide a program that combines literacy and numeracy, as children benefit not only from keeping their reading skills sharp but also from earning, saving and spending their library money. We encourage readers of all ages to sign up, and we count both minutes that someone is read to as well as reading on one's own. We have a separate store for our teen readers that has items that would appeal to them in it."



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# RW Bobby Bend students encouraged to hike or bike to school

**Staff**

It was an exciting day for Ecole RW Bobby Bend School students on June 21 as principal Patricia Crockatt and vice-principal Karen Klassen drew ballots and announced the winners of six brand new bicycles.

RW Bobby Bend's annual Hike or Bike to School event encourages students to bike or walk to school every Tuesday between April and June. For those who do, they get their name entered weekly in a random draw to win prizes including skipping ropes, hula hoops and skip-its.

Students who cannot bike or walk to school can exercise at home or at school during activity breaks to earn an entry into the draw.

Parent advisory council president Amanda Clarke is looking forward to next year's weekly prizes.

"We have partnered with The Kiln next year and winners will receive ice cream treats," said Clarke.

One lucky student in each grade won a bicycle, helmet and lock. This year, the bikes were donated by the TD bank, CIBC bank, the Stonewall & District Lions, the Stonewall Rockwood firefighters, Bobby Bend School and Bobby Bend PAC.

Former PAC member Rhena Harold introduced the Hike or Bike event to RW Bobby Bend in 2011. It has become an annual event since.

The event is supported entirely by community donations.



TRIBUNE PHOTOS BY DEAGHAN MCLEOD

Six lucky RW Bobby Bend students, left to right, Abbigail, Nathan, Braun, Paytyn, Dylan and Ayla won a brand new bicycle at the annual Hike or Bike to School event on June 21.



Stonewall & District Lions member Mary-Jane Slatcher presented Paytyn of Grade 2 with her bike donated by the Lions Club.



Nathan, a Grade 3 student, was very excited to be the lucky winner of one of the bikes.



Grade 5 student Braun was a lucky winner and his class was very excited when principal Patricia Crockatt arrived to his classroom with the bike.



Grade 4 student Abbigail poses with Jeff Hallock of the Stonewall-Rockwood Fire Department.



Ayla poses with vice-principal Karen Klassen. The bike pictured was donated by the school.



Braun, the lucky Grade 5 winner was all smiles with his new bike.



Grade 1 student Dylan was drawn as winner in Bobby Bend's annual Take a Hike or Bike draw on June 21.

# sports & recreation

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## Dorsch wins 2022 Manitoba's Credit Unions Scholar Athlete Award

By Brian Bowman

Warren Collegiate's Katelyn Dorsch was one of four student-athletes to receive a 2021-22 Manitoba's Credit Unions High School Scholar Athlete Award.

The \$1,000 scholarships are awarded to four graduating high school student athletes who maintained a minimum 85 per cent average and competed in at least two interscholastic sports. Other criteria included school, community, volunteer and citizenship activities.

Dorsch participated in basketball, badminton, track and field, and fast pitch. She was named player of the game and a Graduating All-Star in basketball, placed third at the Zone Badminton Championship and played at the Provincial Badminton Championships.

She participated in pentathlon at track and field, where she set a Zone record in 2019, and has placed first in pentathlon at several meets. Dorsch is on the honour roll and is an academic excellence medalist. She is a member of the Student Leadership, Grad Committee, Breakfast Program, Work-Out Wednesday program, and participated in intramural sports and spirit week at the school.

Dorsch is also a volunteer for female U15 hockey tryouts and has coached several practices. She volunteers at fundraisers for cancer and women in



TRIBUNE PHOTO MHSAA

Warren Collegiate's Katelyn Dorsch was one of four recipients of a 2022 Manitoba's Credit Unions Scholar Athlete Award.

sports in addition to food and clothing drives. She was the assistant captain, MVP of the Year, second team all-star and five-time goalie of the week for her Interlake Lightning AAA hockey team. Katelyn maintained a 90 per cent academic average.

"High school sports are a crucial part of every student athlete's life, many lessons can be learned and

taught throughout the span of four years," Dorsch said in a media release. "High school sports impacts three major parts of a student athletes' life: mental health, physical health, and life skills and lessons. Many life lessons are learned in sports. Not a lot are handed on a silver platter, but once the effort is made, it is easy to pick them out. A few of the many teachings I have learned is that nothing comes easy, and it takes dedication, a good work ethic and the strength to never give up to get anywhere in life. I have come to acquire leadership experience, new friends/connections, responsibilities, time management, critical thinking to develop tactics/skills and the self-confidence to know that no one can convince you to be a better version of yourself other than you."

The three other scholarship winners included Ayva Khan of Vincent Massey Collegiate, Russell Outhwaite of Killarney School and Andrew Penner of Morris School.

The presentation took place at a ceremony hosted by Her Honour, the Honourable Janice C. Filmon, lieutenant-governor of Manitoba at Government House. Awards were presented by Lt.-Gov. Janice C. Filmon, MHSAA past president Irene Nordheim and Tim Klassen of Manitoba's credit unions.

## MJHL releases regular-season schedule

Staff

The Manitoba Junior Hockey League announced the 2022-23 regular-season schedule will begin on Sept. 16.

Opening weekend will feature divisional matchups involving all 13 teams.

The expansion franchise Niverville Nighthawks will play in their inaugural MJHL regular-season game on

Sept. 16 in Steinbach before returning to the ice the following night for their home opener.

The MJHL will continue with two divisions for the 2022-23 season featuring a West Division (six teams) and East Division (seven teams).

The Selkirk Steelers will play in the East Division along with the Portage Terriers, Niverville Nighthawks,

Steinbach Pistons, Winkler Flyers, Winnipeg Blues and the Winnipeg Freeze.

Selkirk will host Portage on Sept. 16 (7:30 p.m.) and then the Steelers will visit the Terriers Sept. 18 (6:30 p.m.).

The West Division will consist of the Dauphin Kings, Neepawa Titans, OCN Blizzard, Swan Valley Stampeders, Waywayseecappo Wolverines

and the Virden Oil Capitals.

Each team will play a 58-game schedule that concludes on March 19.

The 2023 MJHL playoffs will begin March 24, starting the road to the 2023 Centennial Cup presented by Tim Horton's to be held in Portage la Prairie in May.

## Stonewall to host U11 A baseball provincials

By Brian Bowman

Quarry Park will be a very busy place when Stonewall hosts the U11 A baseball provincials on July 8 to 10.

There will be 12 teams vying for a provincial title. Stonewall will have a host team in Pool A along with Parkland, Portage and Pembina Hills.

An Interlake team will be in Pool B, joined by Brandon, South Central and Carillon 2. Pool C will consist of Carillon Midwest and NorMan.

As with any provincial tournament, there is a great need for volunteers.

"(The) provincials have a number of volunteer roles that need to be filled where baseball experience is not required," said Shaun Dalglish, adding he wanted to express gratitude to all those who donated or sponsored the provincials.

"We'd highly encourage anyone with as little as an hour or as much as the entire weekend to reach out to

stonewallminorball@gmail.com and we'll find something for the person to assist with."

Dalglish wanted to thank their great board, which was made up of the host team's parents for all of their hard work.

The gate price for provincials is \$10 per person over the age of 12 per day and \$20 for a weekend pass.

There will be a canteen and a Cash Lotto that is going to be the fund-

raiser to assist with the purchase of removable mounds in the amount of \$3,600 as well as for future purchases of jerseys and equipment for Stonewall Minor Ball.

Tickets are \$20 and the draw will take place July 10 at 5 p.m. There will be five prizes: 1st \$1,500, 2nd \$750, 3rd \$250, 4th \$250 and 5th \$250.

Tickets are going fast and can be purchased by emailing stonewallminorball@gmail.com.

# Manitoba selects van Kemenade for The Brick Invitational

## Submitted

Each year a team is chosen from Manitoba to represent at a tournament specifically for 10-year-old hockey players in Edmonton called The Brick Invitational.

Beck van Kemenade, a local player, was chosen to the team.

Players compete on the ice surface in the centre of the West Edmonton Mall. The teams gathered together on June 28 and will play a six-game round robin. The tournament is made up of teams from 14 regions — seven from Canada and seven from the United States.

Many organizations are affiliated with professional teams like the Jr. Red Wings, Jr. Bruins, Jr. Rangers, Jr. Blackhawks, Jr. Canucks, Jr. Canadians as well as teams that have affiliations with Western Hockey League teams such as the Regina Jr. Pats and Manitoba Jr. Ice.

The players are treated like professionals with media days, each game is colour commentated and produced by ASTV (a Manitoba amateur sports provider). Players' names are on a wall of fame in the hallways at the rink. NHL alumni attend and rub shoulders with the kids.

The Brick boasts an alumni list that is hundreds of players long that have all competed in the tournament and gone on to play in the NHL — players like Steven Stamkos, Mitch Marner, P.K. Subban, as well as local talent like Jonathan Toews, Mark Stone, Cody Eakin and Dustin Byfuglien.

Beck is the first player from the Interlake chosen since the 2015 tournament when Hayden Wheddon played, and they are the only two that have played in the last 15 years or as long as the stats go back.

Beck also has a billet brother Conor Geekie that played in 2014, so there's lots of chirping about who is going to do better at the tournament. Conor is a fantastic player that will be drafted in the first

round of the NHL draft in a couple weeks.

Beck attended tryouts in September of 2020. The tryout consisted of 80 invited players from Manitoba and northwestern Ontario that competed over a weekend in both games and skill evaluation.

From there, 30 were selected to move forward to the second evaluation camp before having the final roster being selected to the 13-skater roster in early December. The team was selected by former NHL player JP Vigier who, along with Guy St. Vincent, were selected to coach the team. The team is made up of kids from all over Manitoba, including Winnipeg, St. Andrews, Rosser, Treherne, Russell, Virden, Manitou, Brandon, Ile des Chenes and Kenora.

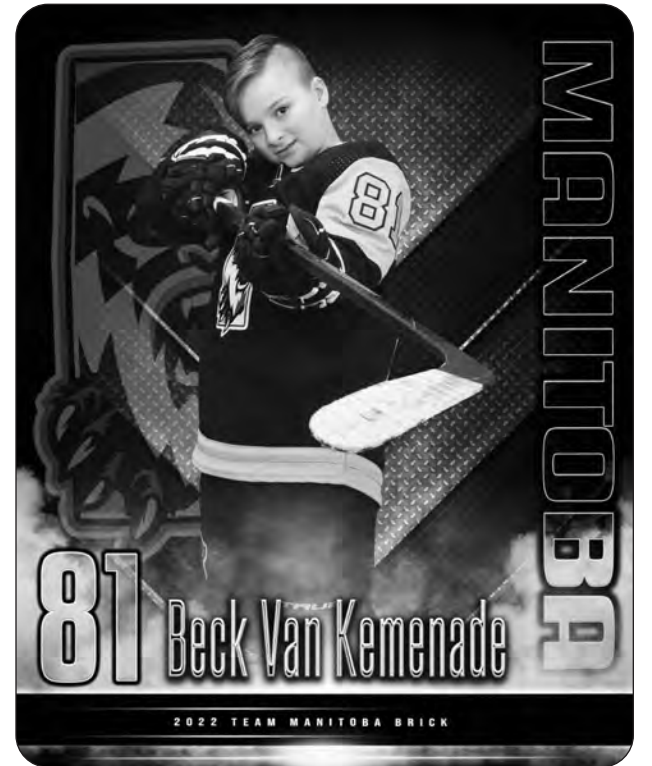
While the tournament was postponed last year, Beck had over 60 hours of practice with his teammates from January to June. They announced in January 2022 that the teams would get to compete in the tournament this year and planning began again.

This year was nearly 50 hours of practice along with three local tournaments in Winnipeg and the Hockey Hall of Fame tournament in Toronto in April. The whole season culminates with The Brick Tournament in Edmonton. In the Brick Division of the North American Hockey Classic tournament Manitoba went 2-2-1 with Beck scoring 12 points in the five games.

Beck plays his winter hockey in Stonewall with the U11 team that competes in the city A1 league. That team had some great coaches and lots of great players and were able to have an extraordinary season, winning the championship and going undefeated for the first time in Stonewall's history.

Beck said it was the most fun he's had in a winter season.

This has been a goal of Beck's for quite some time as he has always been extremely passionate about



TRIBUNE PHOTO SUBMITTED

Beck van Kemenade made a Manitoba team that is competing at The Brick Invitational hockey tournament in Edmonton.

the game. He has worked very hard and has had to make many sacrifices in order to reach this goal. He loves playing hockey and has chased his older brother for many years and likely owes much of his success to him. He wakes up every morning, checks the highlights out and makes sure he's up to date on all of his stats and wears No. 81 for his Brick team as a nod to his favourite NHL player, Kyle Connor.

# Interlake Phillies busy on the ball diamond

## Staff

The Interlake Phillies were swept in a doubleheader to Central Energy in U17 AAA action Sunday in Portage la Prairie.

Interlake lost by scores of 11-4 and 10-7.

Last Wednesday, Interlake defeated the Manitoba Angels 11-7.

The Phillies, now 2-9, will play the Winnipeg Lightning in a doubleheader this Wednesday at the John Blumberg Softball Complex. Game times are 6:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m.

The U15 Phillies dropped a doubleheader to the Lightning last Sunday at Quarry Park.

Winnipeg won 13-6 and 9-2.

On Saturday, Interlake lost 8-1 and 11-0 in a doubleheader to the Westman Magic on Saturday.

Last Wednesday, Interlake lost a doubleheader to the Manitoba Angels by scores of 6-1 and 5-4.

The U13 Phillies, meanwhile, split a doubleheader with the Angels last Wednesday, winning 10-2 and losing 15-2.



TRIBUNE PHOTOS BY LANA MEIER

Left photo, The Phillies pitcher Kassie Siwak releases the ball. Right photo, the Interlake Phillies' Lucy Hoff attempts to make a play at home plate during U15 AAA action against the Winnipeg Lightning on Sunday at Quarry Park.

# Stonewall wins U11 A Interlake baseball regionals

By Brian Bowman

The Stonewall Blue Jays came back from a 3-0 deficit to defeat a combined team from Warren/Woodlands/Grosse Isle 7-3 in the final of the U11 A baseball regionals last Sunday in Stonewall.

After giving up three runs in the first inning, the Blue Jays battled back to score two runs in the fourth inning and five more in the fifth.

"There were definitely some kids that weren't accustomed to being on the (losing) end of a game but we were able to keep them positive and build off of each inning," said Blue Jays' head coach Shaun Dalgliesh. "A couple of big plays made the turn for the better for us and we were able to overcome that deficit and put up a big number in the bottom of five."

Stonewall finished the regionals with a perfect 4-0 record.

"The kids played well," Dalgliesh said. "They were hitting the ball, which was great, and the pitching was good when we needed it. Overall it was a good weekend."

The ball diamonds were in great shape and it was amazing to have so many kids playing baseball.

"From a regional perspective, the town did a fantastic job on maintaining the diamonds, which was great," Dalgliesh said. "The fact that we were able to submit two teams from Stonewall, (and) that normally doesn't happen, so that was a huge plus. It's going to be a great benefit for the kids for years to come. By submitting the two teams, it just gives them the added exposure for maybe some of the kids that may not have had that opportunity. It will set them up for success next year."

The Blue Jays will now host the U11 A provincials from July 8 to 10 at Quarry Park.

"I think that the team that we have will definitely compete," Dalgliesh said. "It's hard to say what other communities have, obviously. I've heard that some of the regionals had upwards to 12 teams participating so the talent pool and pick up opportunity is far greater than what we have here in the Interlake. But definitely with the group of kids that we have we think that we can compete and I'm looking forward to seeing how it all comes together."



TRIBUNE PHOTOS BY LANA MEIER

The Stonewall Blue Jays defeated a combined team from Warren/Woodlands/Grosse Isle 7-3 in the final to win the 11U A regionals in Stonewall. Pictured back row, left to right: Tyler Moran (coach), Reed Moran, Troy Fortin (coach) and Shaun Dalgliesh (head coach). Front row: Alex Walker, Maddyn Dalgliesh, Jake Fortin, Chase Murray, Charles Tucker, Crew Corbett, Xavier Lamb, Graysen Malcolm. Laying down is Mason McCallum.

# Blue Jays win 13U AA regionals

By Brian Bowman

The Stonewall Blue Jays are the 13U AA Mervin Farmer Memorial Regional champions.

Stonewall defeated Lundar 18-4 in a five-inning championship game. The Blue Jays jumped out to an early lead, scoring five runs in both the first and second innings.

"Fortunately, they had used up most of their better pitchers and I had three of my better pitchers left," said Blue Jays' coach Gord Leduchowski. "They were at a little bit of a disadvantage."

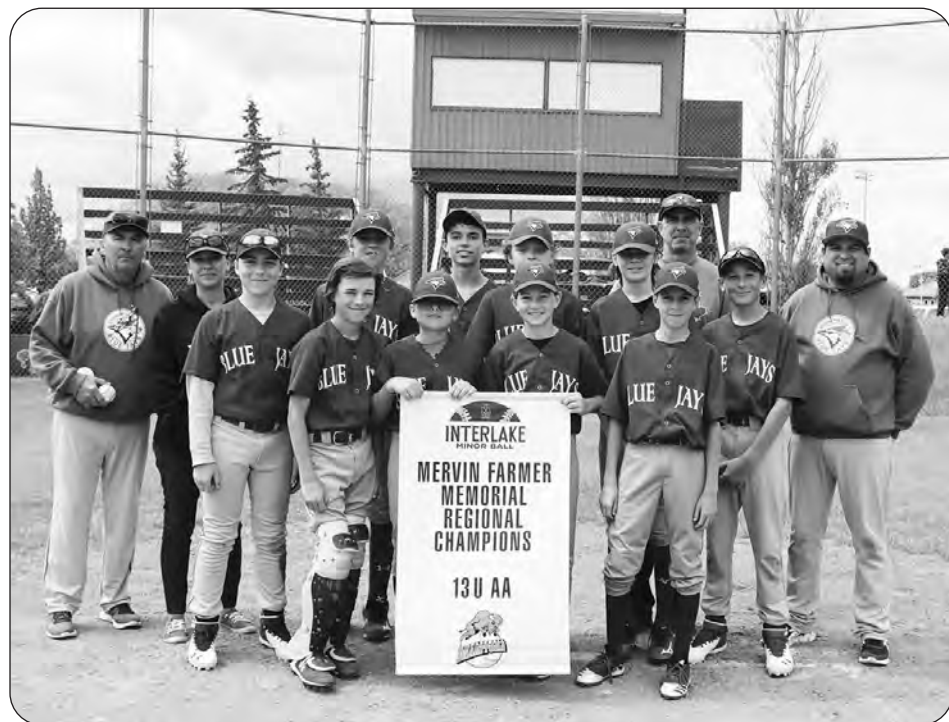
Stonewall played very well in finishing 3-0 at regionals.

"Our boys did a pretty good job," Leduchowski said. "Our pitching was pretty consistent, they threw a lot of strikes. The defence was very good —

they made some really good plays — both fielding ground balls and catching line drives."

Stonewall now advances to the 13U AA provincials in Morden from July 15 to 17. The Blue Jays expect to be competitive

"I think for the most part, if our boys are focused in the game, we'll do fairly well," Leduchowski predicted. "We only have 10 players right now so we may be a little short on our pitching. That's going to be a determining factor and there's also a pitch count. It's going to be an uphill climb for us but we'll see what we can do. We're looking forward to going there and having some fun and doing our best."



TRIBUNE PHOTOS BY LANA MEIER

The Stonewall Blue Jays defeated Lundar 18-4 in the final of the U13 AA regionals last weekend. Pictured back row, left to right: Gord Leduchowski, Nicole Dalgliesh, Jason McIvor and Adam Kirk. Middle row, left to right: James Knutson, Hunter Loewen, Jesse Highmoor, Ethan Zagrodnik, Ryder Dalgliesh and Shawn Hofer. Front row, left to right: Carson Kirk, Ty Kopys, Alec Harrisko and Nate McIvor.

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## Tournaments champs



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The U13 Interlake Phillies were the champions at the Bemidji Blaze tournament last weekend. Interlake defeated Brainerd White 13-6, Pierz Red 6-5 and Bemidji Grey 15-0 in round-robin play. The Phillies beat the BGMR Gators 14-0 in the quarter-finals, Aitkin 15-2 in the semifinals and West Fargo 12-0 in the finals. Pictured back row: coach Sarah Fines, Riley Swanson, Olivia Hagen, Ava Fernandes, Katie Braid, Jersey MacMillan, Peyton Rinn, coach Robyn Deprez and coach Taylor Hagen. Front row: Nicole Hutchinson, Jordyn Chetyrbok, Keira Pattie, Avery Deprez and Sara Vande. Missing from the photo are Brooklyn Sachvie and coach Kalin McGuirk.

## Interlake splits doubleheader with Carillon

### Staff

The Interlake Blue Jays split a doubleheader with the Carillon Sultans in Manitoba Junior Baseball League action Sunday at Quarry Park.

Interlake lost the first game 17-3 but won the second one 2-0.

Last Wednesday, Interlake was shut out 10-0 by Winnipeg South.

Interlake, now 2-12, will host the St. Boniface Legionaires on Wednesday (7 p.m.) and Winnipeg South in a doubleheader Sunday. Games start at

1 p.m. and 4 p.m..

In Winnipeg Senior Baseball League action, the Stonewall Blue Jays crushed the North Winnipeg Pirates 12-2 last Wednesday.

Stonewall, now 6-1 and in first place, hosted the second-place Elmwood Giants this past Tuesday but no score was available at press time.

The Blue Jays will visit the Carillon Sultans on Thursday at 7 p.m. at AD Penner Park.

## U11 Blue Jays win bronze



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY VANESSA CHETYRBOK

Softball Manitoba hosted 38 teams from across the province at the Female U11 Provincial Championships at Buhler Recreational Park last weekend.

Stonewall played eight games over Saturday and Sunday after being rained out Friday evening. Stonewall started off strong in its pool, and after a loss to Brandon Heat Saturday morning, the Blue Jays placed second in their pool with a 3-1 record to advance to the playoffs. With wins over Strathclair and Killarney and then a close loss to Virden, Stonewall defeated the Brandon Heat 8-1 in the bronze-medal game. Morden were the gold-medal winners and Virden won silver. Teulon and Balmoral also participated and had a strong weekend.

Pictured back row, left to right: coaches Scott Myers, Todd Chetyrbok, Dallas Minnie and Marcel Bernier. Middle, left to right: Emma Cassils, Quinn Adamik, Olivia Potter, Kaylah James, Kalli Missiabit, Paige Bernier and Ava Birtwhistle. Front, left to right: Kenzie Myers, Amelia Wirgau and Kahlie Minnie. Laying down is Brooklyn Chetyrbok and Olivia Balzer is far right.

## REFEREE IN CHIEF WANTED

**Stonewall Minor Hockey is seeking applications for the position of Referee in Chief**

The duties of the position are as follows:

The Referee-in-Chief shall:

- Co-ordinate local referee clinics
- Facilitate referee support and development through mentoring, mini-clinics, coaching or evaluations.
- Where SMHRA is mandated to provide one or more such officials, either directly through the Referee-in-Chief or through those persons delegated this responsibility by the Referee-in-Chief
- Ensure that the appropriate fees, including mileage where applicable, are paid to the officials
- Handle all issues arising with respect to officiating and report on the outcome of such matters to the Board.

A stipend of \$4800 shall be paid to the Referee in Chief for the 2022/2023 hockey season. Please send your application in writing to: [info@smhra.ca](mailto:info@smhra.ca) (Closing Date: July 11th)



**United earns home shutout win**

TRIBUNE PHOTO BY JO-ANNE PROCTER

Chris Wiebe scored twice to lead the Stonewall United to a 4-0 shutout win over Crescentwood Saturday SC in MMSL action on Sunday in Stonewall.

### Staff

The Stonewall United blasted Crescentwood Saturday SC 4-0 in Manitoba Major Soccer League 5th Division action last Sunday evening.

Stonewall goals were scored by Chris Thompson (two), Chris Wiebe and David Deroche.

The United, now 3-0-1, will host SCM Academy this Thursday at 7:30 p.m.

In Winnipeg Women's Soccer League 3rd Division action, the Stonewall Royals were defeated 3-1 by the California Raisins on June 20.

The Royals played Gateway Celtic on Tuesday but no score was available. Stonewall will battle the Tri-S Strikers on July 11 at the Ralph Cantafio Sports Complex. Game time is 10 p.m.

# Participation soars for soccer season

By Jennifer McFee

This year's soccer season kicked off with astounding interest in the sport.

In 2022, 455 registered for youth soccer, marking a 96-player increase over the previous record of 359 players in 2019. In addition, a record-breaking 17 travel teams and 28 mini teams were fielded this year.

"The registration numbers were overwhelming and we added so many travel teams at 17 teams that we had to reshape the entire league format in the Red River Recreational Soccer League," said Craig Thompson, president of Stonewall Youth Soccer Association.

"There was even talk of trying to steer some of the late registration kids towards baseball but, not surprisingly, the parents were 100 per cent opposed to this, so we just had to make it work with so many players and teams."

Parents stepped up to help out so they could administer all the teams, he added.

"Soccer is successful in Stonewall because of our volunteers. We have so many great coaches, assistant coaches, managers and other volunteers that make it work," Thompson said.

"We have volunteers helping with ref training, coach training, field management, equipment and other tasks. Most people don't realize how hard the volunteers are working so these kids can enjoy the Beautiful Game. It would not be surprising to see an-

other huge jump in registration again next year."

In addition, Stonewall hosts a men's team that plays in Winnipeg, as well as a women's team that organizes Sunday evening recreational play in Stonewall and also plays in a Winnipeg league.

"We believe the increase is a result of the restrictions lifting, and parents and kids were desperate for something fun to do with friends," Thompson said.

"Soccer is affordable, easy to learn and tons of fun to play with friends. Stonewall youth are discovering the Beautiful Game and loving it."

Since players only need a pair of cleats, shinpads, socks and shorts — and registration costs remain low — soccer is easier on the pocketbook than other sports.

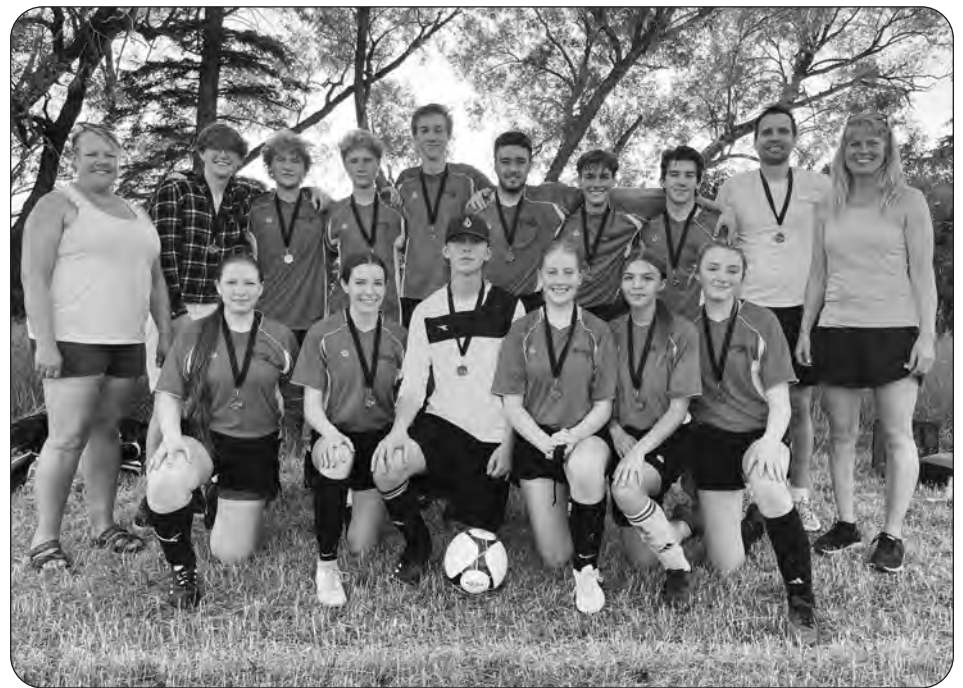
"And, of course, soccer is a great source of exercise," Thompson said.

"The action in a soccer game is non-stop, so all the kids stay engaged while running, laughing, kicking and having fun."

The year-end tournament took place from June 23 to 26 in Selkirk, with all travel teams from 10U to 18U participating. Numerous Stonewall teams won gold, silver and bronze medals.

"This is an awesome event to end off the season," Thompson said.

To learn more about Stonewall Youth Soccer Association, visit [www.stonewallyouthsoccer.com](http://www.stonewallyouthsoccer.com).



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY KRISTA EDKINS

Stonewall's co-ed soccer team won the silver medal at a tournament in Selkirk last weekend. Pictured back row: coach Joanne L'Heureux, Zach Hunter, Reed Lambert, Wyatt Lambert, Mason Murdoch, Gaige O'Neil, Ethan Caners, Connor Crosby, coach Chris Hunter and coach Susan McCowan. Front row: Faith Chartrand, Braxtyn Ollson, Vance Hatcher, Kira Hatcher, Jasmine L'Heureux, and Jordan Glaspey. Missing from photo are Bobbi Bullivant, Heather Woods, Kian Woods and Joshua Heidt.



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY KELLY FARMER

Stonewall's female U15 Team Darragh soccer team won the Red River Soccer League playoff tournament last weekend in Selkirk after finishing in first place in league play with a 10-0-1 record. Team Darragh had a bye for the first game and lost Game 2 to Stonewall's Team Thompson 2-0. In Game 3, Team Darragh defeated Selkirk 2-0, then defeated East Selkirk Team White in semifinal action. In the gold-medal game Team Darragh defeated Team Thompson 1-0. Pictured back row, left to right: Graham Seidel (coach), Jason Darragh (coach), Danica Milbrandt, Meadow Seidel, Colby Darragh, Samie Boonstra, McKenna Farmer, Mariah Tomchuk, Reese Farmer, Kaelyn Morden and Ashlyn Delaine. Front row: Paige Seidel, Blake Darragh, Leah Porteous, Maria Riddell and Aliyah Abas.



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The Stonewall U10 Team Darragh girls finished second in the Red River Soccer league playoff tournament held in Selkirk this past weekend. Team Darragh fell to Selkirk Yellow in the final game 2-1. In the semi-final game Stonewall defeated Petersfield 4-1. They also beat East Selkirk 5-4 and Selkirk Orange 5-2. Team Darragh also finished second in regular league play. Pictured back row, left to right: Mandy Oliver (coach), Gemma Garton, Rachel Hughson, Edie Garton, Cooper Darragh and Brooke Darragh (coach). Front row: Elliot Oliver, Abigail Osborne, Kylie Brunel, Annaka Rouleau and Olivia Rivera.

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### R.M. of St. Laurent Request for Proposals Architectural Services Phase Two St. Laurent Metis Heritage and Health Centre Annex

The Rural Municipality of St. Laurent invites proponents to provide comprehensive architectural and engineering design and consulting services for the construction of Phase Two of the St. Laurent Metis Heritage and Health Centre Annex, located at 350 Chartrand Road South in St. Laurent, Manitoba.

The services shall include, but are not be limited to, all aspects of:

- Architectural, landscape and parking, and interior design (including exhibit displays of the Métis Heritage Centre).
- Civil, structural, mechanical and electrical engineering consultancies,

all for the full extent of the project from schematic design, design development, construction, documentation and tendering, through construction administration and payment certification, completion hand-over and close-out stages of the project. The project is to meet or exceed standards for net-zero-carbon-ready building in accordance with Zero Carbon Building Design Standard V2 established by the Canada Green Building Council, as well as highest published accessibility standard in the jurisdiction, defined as the requirements in the Canadian Standards Association's Accessible Design for the Built Environment (CAN/CSA B651-18), or the most recent standard, in addition to applicable provincial or territorial building codes, and relevant municipal by-laws

The services shall take into consideration that Phase One (the storage and mechanical room portion of the Heritage Centre) has already been constructed and that the design of which deviates from the original conceptual drawings as contemplated in the St. Laurent Metis Heritage Centre Business and Feasibility Plan (the original Plan) dated September 30, 2016 (a digital copy of which can be provided by email). The said deviations consist of size, shape and orientation of the building with respect to the municipality's Welcome Centre, to which Phase One is annexed. The original plan will also be essential for proponents to understand the cultural and historical context of the Métis Heritage Centre portion of the complex and therefore the characteristics that the owner wishes for the building to help convey to the public.

Phase Two of the Métis Heritage Centre is to be comprised of the main building (approximately 4,000 sq. ft. of exhibit space, multi-purpose room, reception area, and public washrooms) as well as a new Community Health Centre of approximately 4,500 sq. ft. The complex will incorporate the recently constructed Phase 1 annex in the most practical and cost-effective manner achievable

The project will be developed with ongoing input from a committee appointed by the Council of the Rural Municipality of St. Laurent, with the assistance of a project manager(s).

Information such as the Business and Feasibility Plan, site map, plans to Phase One (existing, recently built storage portion of the Heritage Centre), etc. may be obtained from Guy Dumont (Telephone: 204-646-2259, Cell: 204-280-0075).

All proposals should be labelled with the Proponent's name and project identification (Phase Two Metis Heritage and Health Centre Annex), and may be submitted in the following ways:

Email: edo.rmstlaur@mymts.net  
Hard Copy: Guy Dumont, Economic Development Officer  
R.M. of St. Laurent  
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on or before 4:30 p.m., Friday, July 15, 2022.

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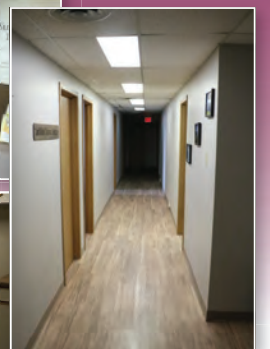
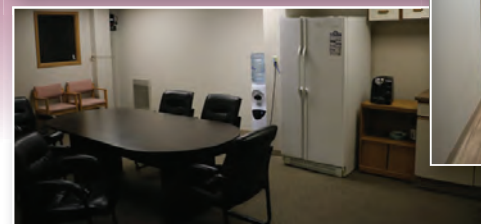


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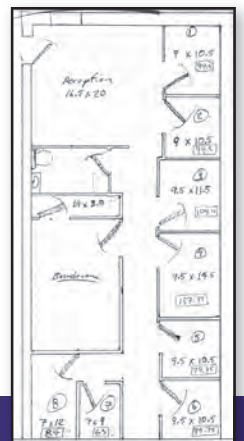
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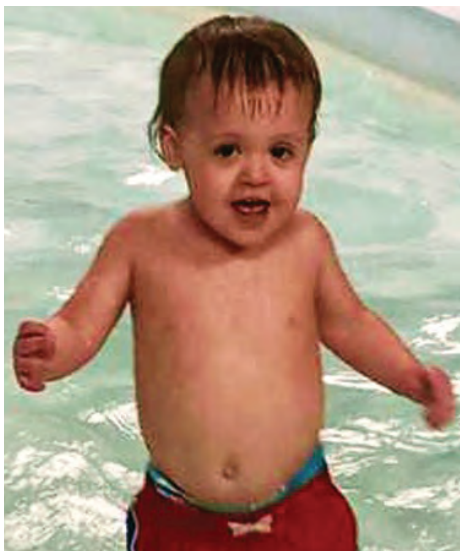
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The Cameron Baldwin family would like to thank everyone who remembered us with cards, emails, visits, food, flowers, prayers, hugs, donations, and/or attended Cam's Celebration of Life. All of these, and fond memories, helped to ease our loss. Thank you to the Stonewall Legion Ladies Auxiliary for their kindness with lunch. Many thanks to Ken Loehmer for his wonderful guidance and support.

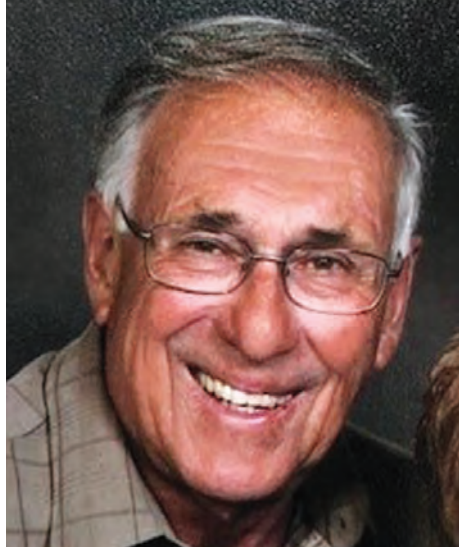
-Eleanor Baldwin

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We would like to Thank the Stony Mountain Fire Dept for coming out June 25 at 2:00 am to distinguish our Trailer fire. Job well done!!! And to the unknown gentlemen for calling 911 and helping us move our fuel containers, then disappeared, Thank you!!

-Christine and Ken Pull

**IN MEMORIAM**



**Merlyn Biloki**  
March 4, 1943 – June 29, 2021  
Remembering you is easy,  
We do it everyday,  
But missing you is heartache  
That never goes away,  
We hold you tightly within our hearts  
And there you will remain,  
Until the joyous day arrives,  
That we will meet again.

-With love from Kathleen,  
Curtis, Alison, Cory and family.

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**Dave Hiebert**  
May 17, 1942 – June 26, 2009  
In loving memory of  
my husband, father and grandpa  
Gone is the face we loved so dear,  
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Sweet to remember him who once was here;  
And who though absent is just as dear.  
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-Jean and family

**CARD OF THANKS**

Thank you to everyone who attended the Jack and Jill shower for Meghan Oliver and Wyatt Eyford on Sunday, June 26th at the Lake Francis Community Hall. Special thank yous go out to Billie-Jean who organized and decorated, and to the ladies of the community who did such an amazing job of putting on a wonderful event. We are so grateful and thankful to all who donated their time, food and effort to make this event special for our daughter and her fiancé.

**CARD OF THANKS**

Tom Bowman - Thank you to our friends, family and neighbours for the condolences, calls, cards, flowers and meals. Your thoughtfulness and support is greatly appreciated. Thank you to the Komarno Community Group for the lovely lunch and to the pallbearers and honorary pallbearers. Special thanks to Ken Loehmer, Shirley Williams and Hugh Cook for ensuring Tom's service was just right. Your kindness and compassion mean a great deal to us.

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**OBITUARY**



**Gail Barbara Jane Johnson (see Carter)**  
It is with profound sadness that we announce the passing of Gail Barbara Jane Johnson (nee Carter) on June 22, 2022 at Pilgims Hospice, Edmonton, AB. Gail was born and raised in Grosse Isle. She is survived by her loving husband Ron, son Gary (Dawn), daughter Ronda (Brad) and Melanie (Tobin); two grandsons and three great-grandchildren as well as her sister Gloria (John) Anderson and brother Charlie (Isabelle) Carter and Bruce (Ruth) Carter.  
Gail was predeceased by her parents Charles (1962) and Barabara (1999) and sister Faith (1937) and Marjorie (2018).  
[www.trinityfuneralhome.ca](http://www.trinityfuneralhome.ca)

**OBITUARY**



**Rev. Lorenzo (Laurie) Daigle**  
Peacefully, with his family by his side, on Tuesday, June 21st, 2022, at The Grace Hospital in Winnipeg, Laurie Daigle, at the age of 79, went to be with his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.  
He is deeply loved and will be missed by his wife of 53 years, Darlene; children Al (Pam), Diane (Myles) and Dave (Jen) and grandchildren Brandyn (Karrah) and Faith.  
A celebration of Laurie's life was held at MacKenzie Funeral Home in Stonewall on Monday, June 27th, 2022. A private interment will be held at a later date.



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**OBITUARY**

**Lindsae Gail Laing**  
September 4, 1953 – June 22, 2022

It is with extreme sadness that we announce the passing of our Mom, Lindsae Gail Laing. Mom was born in Gladstone, Mb. September 4, 1953.

Lindsae was predeceased by her parents John and Irene Mclvor (Olson), father-in-law George, mother-in-law Mary, her brother Leon Mclvor and Ronald (at infancy).

She is survived by her loving husband of 49 years Garnet; her son Ryan (Kara) Whyatt, Isabel; her daughter Sherri (Murray) Sonny, Ty, Cheyenne; her brother Geoff (Audrey) family; her sister-in-law Norma (Bill) family and her sister-in-law Sandy and family.

Mom loved many things in life, baseball being a major thing, gardening and canning, singing, as well as every event her grandchildren participated in. She always told stories of all her cousins and times at the family farms in Gladstone and going to the pool with her brothers. Which we were happy to say we got to share in on those adventures to Gladstone. Mom had a voice of an angel and would belt out tunes while canning in the fall and would speak highly of everyone she would sing with. Mom worked for Manitoba Hydro for over 35 years starting at the general office in Stonewall then moving to Dorsey Converter Station at Rosser, Mb. where she was able to meet so many wonderful people from all over the world at their HVDC conferences, where she would bring home elephant statues from everywhere that she cherished. Every summer there was always a competition as to who would get the first tomato off the plant for a toasted tomato sandwich, I would have to say there was many a times she did not win. Mom could make the best potato salad and the only one we know that mastered homemade mac and cheese that to this day no one could replicate as well goes her mac and tomatoes, which her brothers would request.

May you be singing, dancing, and enjoying your time now free of ailments and continue to be watching over all of us.

As per Mom's request cremation has taken place, and there will not be a funeral.

In lieu of flowers, if friends so desire, donations can be made to a charity of one's choice.

The family would like to extend our sincere thanks to the staff at Stonewall Hospital and Rosewood Lodge for their compassion and kindness shown to Mom and our family.



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## OBITUARY



**Sharon Doreen Leslie**

Aged 75 years of Winnipeg, MB, passed away at Calvary Place Personal Care Home on June 19, 2022.

Sharon is lovingly remembered by her youngest daughter, Tracy (Darrel) Olson and grandchildren Kelsey, Josh, Hanna, and Sydney; step-granddaughter Johanna (Christian) Petersen and sons Oscar and Gustav, step-granddaughter Lisa (Clay) Smorang and daughter Annika; sisters Marion Boulbria, Heather (Marvin) Roos, and Maureen Kosa; sisters-in-law Laurie MacMillan and Donna Leslie; in addition to many nieces, nephews, cousins, and their families.

Sharon was predeceased by her parents Charles (Doug) and Eva Hanna; brothers-in-law Marcel Boulbria, Greg Kosa and Jack Leslie; son-in-law Willi Hesse; her beloved husband Jim Leslie; and cherished daughter Shannon Hesse.

The family wishes to extend sincere thanks and appreciation to the staff at Calvary Place Personal Care Home for their kindness and patience while caring for Sharon during her last few years.

A celebration of Sharon's life will be held at Glen Lawn Funeral Home July 10, 2022 at 2:00 p.m. Cremation has taken place but interment will occur at a later date next to her husband Jim at Dominion City Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations made in Sharon's memory may be made to The Alzheimer Society of Manitoba at <https://alzheimer.mb.ca/>

Family and friends may sign a book of condolence at [www.glenlawn.ca](http://www.glenlawn.ca).



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## CELEBRATION OF LIFE



**Ruth Sampson (nee Appleyard)**

There will be a celebration of life for Ruth Sampson who passed away on April 19th, 2022.

The service will be held at Stonewall Quarry Park Heritage Arts Centre at 2 p.m. on Thursday, July 7th, 2022.



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## OBITUARY



**Eddie Brown**

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Eddie Robert Brown, who passed on June 21, 2022 at the age of 89 years.

Eddie leaves behind his eldest son Mark and partner Linda, his youngest son Matthew and his wife Colleen, and two grandchildren, Eric and Scott.

He is predeceased by his wife Virginia, with whom he will now take his much earned rest beside.

Eddie came from a large family of four brothers and three sisters, all now deceased, save one older brother, Jim, who lives in California. A brother for whom he was deeply close to his whole life.

A proud Newfoundlander by birth, Eddie spent the majority of his life away from the Rock, as a top performing salesman in the stationary industry, with sales in the millions of dollars per year, with a territory reaching from Thunder Bay to the Alberta/BC border. But he never forgot his heritage, growing up in a small isolated fishing village called Englee. Getting up in the early hours of the morning, out with his Dad and brothers to set the traps in the Atlantic for the day, back for school, and then back out to collect the traps and process the fish in the evening. Local transportation was an open boat or dog-team, and life had few luxuries. That childhood made him a strong and determined man, that was evident in him right to the very end. He took every second of life that God was willing to give him.

A graveside service will be held on July 4th 2022, at 2 p.m., at the Stonewall Cemetery, located on Hwy. 67 (Stonewall 2nd Ave N) and Patterson Drive.

A very special thank you to the nursing care team at Teulon Hospital for the extraordinary efforts you took in caring for our Dad. You are amazing and very special people. You treated Dad as if he was yours, and we will be evermore grateful for it.



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