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New amenities are on their way to Stony Mountain thanks to a five-business plaza that's currently under construction.

The U-Build group of companies is building an 8,000-square-foot commercial building at Quarry Road and Old Highway 7. Known as Quarry View Plaza, the building will offer five retail spaces — and three of them are still up for grabs.

Tim Hortons has leased one of the spaces, and it's expected to open in early 2026. In addition, the U-Build group of companies will be opening an Esso gas bar and convenience store in another of the spaces. In a future phase of the project, they also plan to add a car wash to the property.

"The other three properties are to be determined. They're currently listed with Re/Max's commercial division," said Brody Leathwood, who launched U-Build Construction with Richard Maxwell in 2014. "We're very excited to see who's going to partner with us."

The influx of new businesses brings opportunities for local entrepreneurs and helps to create jobs in the community. At the same time, they bring

much-needed amenities to Stony Mountain.

"This project represents a major step forward for the town," Leathwood said. "It's the first significant non-residential development in many years and signals a new wave of commercial investment. I believe it's the start of a broader growth trend for the community."

The business partners share firsthand knowledge of what the community needs since they were both born and raised in Stony Mountain.

"We're proud to be local to Stony Mountain, and we're excited to continue developing here. Between our group of companies, we employ about 40 people, and Quarry View Plaza is already off to a great start. The Esso gas station and convenience store will be a big asset for the community. We'll even have slushies, which I think will be a hit for baseball and all the summer sports," Leathwood said.

"It will be a local spot where people can fuel up, grab a snack, do their lotto or get a car wash — whatever they need. Our goal is to have a wellstocked convenience store with everything residents could want. Tim Hortons will also be a big benefit,





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Work progresses on the 8,000-square-foot Quarry View Plaza in Stony Mountain, which will feature an Esso gas bar, convenience store and Tim Hortons, along with three more commercial units for lease.

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Interlake Foundation invites donors to double impact Nov. 10-16

By Lana Meier

Manitobans will once again have the chance to see their generosity go further during the 2025 Endow Manitoba Giving Challenge, taking place Nov. 10 to 16.

The province-wide campaign encourages donors to give to their local community foundation's unrestricted or community funds, helping grow endowments that provide annual grants to local charities, schools and service groups.

"The need for grants to local charities has grown exponentially," said Tracy Holod, executive director of the Interlake Community Foundation (ICF). "The Giving Challenge is our biggest source of new donations to support the Community Grants Program. Unrestricted donations allow the ICF to direct the funding to where it's needed most every year.

"This year, the ICF is granting \$60,000 as part of our Community Grants Program. However, we received requests totalling over \$101,000. We would love to be able to fund every qualifying grant application."

Holod noted that past Giving Challenge donations have had a lasting impact across the region.

"Because of the Endow Manitoba Giving Challenge, the ICF created a permanent unrestricted fund called the 'All Communities Fund' in 2020," she said. "Since the first donation of

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-Come to our open house on Wednesday, November 12th. We will be on the main level in the Town of Stonewall Hall from 10AM to 4:00PM. We will have cookies and coffee for everyone who drops by

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Minion-themed riders parade through Balmoral on Halloween











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Riders from Jaime Margetts' RW Ridgeway Ranch took to the streets of Balmoral on Halloween night to trick-or-treat in style. For the past five years, the group has paraded through town, spreading cheer and handing out treats along the route. This year's theme was Despicable Me/Minions. Pictured clockwise from top left, left to right: RW Ridgeway Ranch's youngest rider Oaklynn and 23-year-old Shetland pony Radar dressed as evil minions; Sawyer riding three-year-old mare Astrid; the group from RW Ridgeway Ranch ready to parade around Balmoral; Kaycie and Mira with Shetland pony Jax dressed as Kyle the dog from Despicable Me; and Wynter and her dad Ian with Joy the banana horse.









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Local students build leadership skills at national conference in Ontario

Students from Collège Stonewall Collegiate, Teulon Collegiate Institute and Warren Collegiate Institute joined more than 500 student leaders from across the country at the annual Canadian Student Leadership Conference (CSLC) held in Haliburton, Ont., earlier this month.

The five-day event, hosted at Camp White Pine, brought together youth delegates for workshops, keynote speakers, team-building activities and collaborative learning designed to strengthen student leadership in Canadian schools.

Warren Collegiate teacher and advisor Fallon Campbell said the experience inspired students to take initiative and connect with others in a meaningful way.

"The energy and learning students gain from the conference creates a ripple effect when they come home," Campbell said. "The confidence shift was huge — they learned that being a leader means stepping outside your comfort zone and taking chances.

Students also learned about the Relay for Life organization during the conference and took part in a mini-relay event. The experience inspired delegates to host their own version next spring.

"They already have a tentative date set for May 8 and have met over Zoom to learn more about hosting the event," Campbell said.

She added that staff will continue supporting student initiatives by creating opportunities for collaboration between schools and encouraging students to apply their new skills.

"Student leadership is about fostering school and community spirit, creating belonging and giving back," she said.

Students from all three schools said they came



Students and staff from Collège Stonewall Collegiate, Teulon Collegiate Institute and Warren Collegiate Institute attended the 2025 Canadian Student Leadership Conference in Haliburton, Ont., earlier this month. The five-day event at Camp White Pine brought together more than 500 student leaders from across the country for workshops, keynote speakers and team-building activities focused on inclusion, confidence and school spirit.

away from the conference motivated to strengthen school spirit and inclusion.

"There were so many great keynotes. We all found bits and pieces from each that were useful," said Kiera Schutz of WCI. "I loved the takeaways from Sarah Mitich, a Canadian actress. Her message was all about showing up in a way that you are proud of and making sure you are well so that you could be well for others."

"We are excited to create more spirit and a sense of belonging throughout our school," said Maria

Riddell of WCI.

"I attended a few sessions on building inclusion and belonging in our schools and am very eager to find ways to implement some of the things I learned," added Liv Fontaine of WCI.

Teulon Collegiate students said they were drawn to attend by the stories of past delegates.

"I was inspired to attend CSLC by the previous

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Province adds 323 staffed hospital beds to boost capacity

The Manitoba government has expanded hospital capacity with 323 fully staffed beds since October 2023 including 10 new intensive care unit (ICU) beds this year — as part of efforts to shorten emergency wait times and prepare for seasonal demand, Premier Wab Kinew announced Mon-

"After years of cuts it was critical we staff up Manitoba's health-care system," Kinew said. "With 3,400 more people working in health care, we've been able to open beds and boost capacity across the province. More beds in wards means less access block and lower wait times in the emergency room."

Since April 2025, the province has opened and staffed 10 new ICU beds – six at the Health Sciences Centre Children's Hospital, two at St. Boniface Hospital and two at Grace Hospital. Additional medicine, surgical and transitional-care beds have been added in Winnipeg, Brandon, Selkirk, Dauphin and Steinbach.

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Minister Uzoma Asagwara said the added capacity is helping hospitals prepare for the annual surge in respiratory illnesses.

"Every fall and winter, we see how hard respiratory virus season hits our hospitals and in turn, the patients and staff who rely on them," Asagwara said. "When we came into office, the system was under real strain. But every year, we're entering this season stronger — with more staffed beds, more nurses on the floor and a co-ordinated plan to keep care moving when demand peaks."

The province has also funded and staffed 141 personal care home beds since taking office, with more under construction. Asagwara said those investments help improve patient flow by allowing individuals ready for discharge to move into appropriate care settings, freeing up hospital beds for

The added capacity builds on last year's expansion of more than 100 acute-care beds ahead of the 2024 respiratory virus season.

Dr. Brent Roussin, Manitoba's chief es/vaccinefinder.html.

provincial public health officer, said the province's planning supports public-health measures aimed at reducing the spread and severity of respiratory viruses.

"Respiratory virus season is always a difficult time for hospitals, families and communities," Roussin said. "The planning and investments made by the province strengthen our ability to respond. Manitobans can help reduce the spread of illness by staying home when sick, washing hands often and getting vaccinated against influenza and COVID-19."

Flu and COVID-19 vaccines are available at medical clinics, ACCESS Centres, pharmacies, nursing stations and public-health sites across Manitoba. The province is also offering free respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) vaccines to seniors aged 60 and older living in long-term care homes and has launched a provincewide campaign encouraging all Manitobans to get vaccinated.

For a list of vaccination locations, visit manitoba.ca/respiratoryvirus-

Manitoba government accepts all recommendations from independent review of planning statutes

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The Manitoba government has accepted all the recommendations in the final report of the independent review of the Planning Amendment and City of Winnipeg Charter Amendment Act (Bill 37), announced Municipal and Northern Relations Minister Glen Simard.

"The previous government's changes to the Municipal Planning Act were intended to squash local-community

voices and centralize top-down control over municipal decisions," Simard said. "We don't think local communities should be dictated to by the provincial government. We believe municipalities should have the freedom to choose their own plan based on what's best for their citizens."

Simard said the review addresses criticisms raised by municipalities, and "builds on the work we've already done to reverse decisions made

by the previous government. We look forward to working in partnership with municipalities to build a stronger, more responsive planning system."

The review began in November 2023 after the province introduced an amendment to The Planning Act that granted municipalities the right to opt-out of Plan 20-50, a regional

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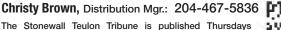
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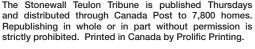
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growth plan for the Winnipeg Metropolitan Region that many municipalities outside Winnipeg opposed. According to the government's notice, over 250 participants representing more than 95 municipalities, development stakeholders and the public were involved in the consultation process.

The Association of Manitoba Municipalities (AMM) welcomed the tabling of the Statutory Review Report. "We look forward to the Manitoba government's implementation plan and working together to strengthen Manitoba's planning framework. It's essential that any changes continue to

respect local autonomy, as municipal councils are best positioned to make decisions that reflect their communities' priorities," said AMM president Kathy Valentino.

The Association of Manitoba Bilingual Municipalities (AMBM) also offered support. "As trusted partners, we will continue to work closely together to plan for sustainable and inclusive growth, harnessing our province's unique bilingual advantage to strengthen our communities," said AMBM president Ivan Normandeau. "We also underscore the importance of fully supporting municipal action and equipping municipalities ... with the necessary tools to fulfil their mandates in service of residents."

Under Bill 37 (originally proclaimed

May 20, 2021), key changes to the provincial planning framework included new mandated timelines for planning decisions, expanded appeal rights to the Manitoba Municipal Board, the establishment of regional planning mechanisms (including the Capital Planning Region) and steps to streamline development approvals and reduce red tape.

A government bulletin notes the review aligns with the province's commitment to ensure local voices are respected and timelines for approvals are sped up.

The next step will be for the province to outline an implementation plan for the accepted recommendations — a process AMM said it looks forward to.

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\$1,000, the fund has grown to \$166,629 and has granted out \$6,000 through our Community Grant Program since 2021. This amount will continue to grow every year."

Holod encourages everyone to take part during the Giving Challenge week.

"Any amount helps," she said. "We pool the donations and the small ones really do add up. We appreciate all gifts — and our donors — so much. By making grants to local communities, we are the local 'one-stop donation shop.""

The ICF will host a Giving Challenge Open House on Wednesday, Nov. 12 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the main floor of the Town of Stonewall Hall.

"We ask folks to drop by for a cof-

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(from For the Fallen by Laurence Bin-

We hear these words each Remembrance Day as we listen to The Act of Remembrance. They remind us to pause each day to give thanks for the sacrifice of soldiers who died in war, so that we might live in freedom. But there is so much more in this poem if you read it in its entirety.

It goes on to speak of the more intimate losses when a soldier dies: They mingle not with their laughing comrades again; They sit no more at familiar tables of home; They have no lot in our labour of the daytime. As the number of our World War II veterans become fewer each year, we need to dig deeply into the stories told by family, and those who serve now, to be reminded of the personal, human losses to family, community and humanity through the sacrifices of wartime.

We need to imagine not being able to share life with a close friend; or having an empty seat or two at the family table; or having one less co-worker because of the horror of war. We must make the effort to honour what we promise when we say - We Will Remember Them.

Laurence Binyon was certain that the memory of the soldiers he wrote about would be lasting: As the stars that shall be bright when we are dust, Moving in marches upon the heavenly plain, As the stars that are starry in the time of our darkness, To the end, to the end, they remain.

Any time we look up at our big, prairie night sky, we ought to remember the soldiers who are as numerous as the stars, who earned our freedom.

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Youth-led fundraising gala focuses on next generation of Manitoban leaders

By Jennifer McFee

Youth resilience is in the spotlight at an upcoming gala fundraiser that will share the stories of Manitoba's future leaders.

CanU will host its annual youth-led Imagine Stories Gala on Thursday, Nov. 13 at the Canadian Museum for Human Rights in Winnipeg. The Winnipeg-based charitable organization offers mentorship to kids in grades 5 to 12 on post-secondary campuses.

Each week, students from across the city are bused to campus to take part in fun, educational programs led by university students who volunteer as mentors through CanU's Leadership Development program.

"The experience creates a powerful two-way impact; youth gain confidence, curiosity and a sense of belonging, while the university mentors develop leadership and empathy through giving back," said Christina Wood, chair of the CanU Imagine Stories Gala. "Together, they're building a stronger, more connected Manitoba."

For Wood, the cause is close to her heart.

"This event is deeply personal for me. I grew up in poverty and moved between foster homes. At one point, even finishing high school felt out of reach. But I was lucky to have people who believed in me — teachers and mentors and my foster mom who helped me believe in myself," she said.

"CanU is about giving young people the chance to be seen, supported and inspired to believe in themselves. It's a program I wish had existed when I was growing up, and that's why I'm so passionate about helping it grow."

The Nov. 13 gala is geared for anyone who believes in the potential of Manitoba's youth — including community members, the business community, educators and supporter who want to make a difference.

"It's also for people like me, who see a bit of themselves in some of the CanU students and know what having a safe place to grow and learn can do for your confidence and your future," Wood said.

"Many of our guests come year after year because they leave inspired by the students and the stories they share."

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Children who will reach their fifth birthday by December 31st, 2026 are eligible to attend Kindergarten in the 2026/2027 school year. Proof of age and address are required.

The goal of the gala is simple: to raise awareness and funds so more kids can participate in CanU.

"We want every student who dreams of joining to have the chance, regardless of their circumstances. It's one of our main fundraisers of the year. All proceeds go directly toward CanU programming, covering transportation, meals, scholarships and the costs that make it possible for almost 700 students to attend and thrive," Wood said.

"It also supports the processes involved in selecting, training and coordinating almost 800 post-secondary volunteers who are developing their professional and leadership skills and convictions. The gala is what keeps the program accessible to families who might not otherwise be able to participate."

For Interlake residents, the program can also make an impact.

"Even though the Imagine Stories Gala takes place in Winnipeg, the message behind it resonates across the province: when we invest in our youth, our whole province grows. In fact, CanU is working with several partners to develop and provide opportunities to youth in northern and remote parts of our province," Wood

"Through our CanU's Leadership and Development program, post-secondary students volunteer as mentors, tutors, program designers and facilitators for grades 5 to 12 participants, and many of those mentors come from communities outside Winnipeg, including the Interlake and Pembina regions. In many ways, the

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impact travels home with them—back into the communities they come from and eventually return to."

At the same time, the CanU team is also working to grow their reach and share what they've learned.

"Beyond raising funds and awareness for CanU, our story might inspire others to start their own local initiatives that connect youth, mentors and education," Wood said. 'And we'd be happy to share our experience and insight with anyone who wants to make that happen in their own community or help us bring CanU into theirs."

The Imagine Stories Gala takes place on Nov. 13 at 6 p.m. at the Canadian Museum for Human Rights (85 Israel Asper Way in Winnipeg).

"The Imagine Stories Gala is our annual celebration and fundraiser. It's a powerful evening where CanU youth take the stage to share their own stories — stories of hope, confidence and growth. Alongside that, we host a gourmet cocktail-style dinner, online auction, 50/50 draw and VIP reception. It's one night that brings together community, inspiration and impact," Wood said.

"There are lots of ways to get involved; sponsoring the event, donating to the online auction, volunteering or simply helping spread the word. We're always looking for mentors, supporters and community partners who want to help create opportunities for youth."

Visit trellis.org/2025imaginestoriesgala for more info about tickets and sponsorship opportunities. The event usually sells out, so it's best to buy tickets early.





Clubroom Events for the Week of November 2
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Friday - 6:30 Meat Draw

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Town of Stonewall to offer grants to revitalize commercial sector

The Town of Stonewall has created a new program that aims to revitalize the community's commercial sector.

The Commercial Revitalization and Incentive Support Program, known as CRISP, offers grants to encourage private investment, support local entrepreneurs and strengthen Stonewall's commercial core.

Mayor Sandra Smith announced the program at the recent Stonewall and District Chamber of Commerce inaugural Business Awards Banquet.

"CRISP is about investing in Stonewall's future," Smith said. "By helping our local businesses grow and attracting new ones to our community, we're creating a stronger, more vibrant downtown that residents can be proud of."

Smith explained that CRISP provides three targeted programs: Business Owners' Opportunity for Storefront Transformation (BOOST), Niche Enterprise Support and Transformation (NEST) and Economic Development Grant for Expansion (EDGE).

These programs are designed to assist businesses at different stages of growth, from storefront upgrades all the way to large-scale expansions.

Council has identified the need to revitalize downtown and support local businesses while also transforming vacant and underused properties. Each year, council will set a maximum amount of funds for CRISP in their budget year.

BOOST offers up to \$5,000 to businesses that are looking to complete storefront improvements that focus on signage and façade enhancements, decorative lighting, exterior accessibility improvements and security. BOOST is currently identified for the commercial general zone, but council is considering potentially expanding it to other business zones based on feedback received after the launch on Oct. 25.

NEST will provide a matching grant of up to \$25,000 to entrepreneurs who are creating brick-and-mortar niche businesses in the commercial general zone that don't currently exist or operate in town. In particular, this grant is geared for businesses that focus on tourism, innovation or unmet community needs. The business can't be a national franchise.

EDGE aims to help business owners who are undertaking a major private sector investment that will result in at least \$2 million in increased assessment and create new employment opportunities. The proposed projects need to focus on economic develop-

ment and long-term job creation, and they must result in substantial improved property value. This opportunity is available to any business within town limits.

Successful EDGE applicants will receive a grant equal to incremental municipal taxes created by the increased assessment for three years. Incremental municipal taxes are the difference between the amount of property tax revenue generated before the development occurred and the amount of

property tax revenue generated after the project is complete. The applicant must own, operate and pay tax on the improved property. The business expansion must also create at least three new permanent full-time jobs or equivalent, and some conditions

"This is more than a grant program; it's a partnership," Smith said. "When businesses thrive, Stonewall

CRISP aims to benefit the community by boosting local employment, attracting visitors and enhancing quali-

ty of life.

Robert Price-Lewis, president of the Stonewall and District Chamber of Commerce, said it's great to see the town supporting investment in the business community.

"Small improvements like new lighting or signage can make a big difference," he said. "At the same time, larger projects that bring jobs and long-term investment are vital

for keeping our local economy strong and sustainable."

To learn more about CRISP or to apply, visit https://stonewall.ca/p/ crisp or contact the town office at info@stonewall.ca or 204-467-7979. Applications will be available before the end of 2025 and they'll continue to be accepted year-round. Town staff are available to help guide applicants through the process.

LEADERSHIP SKILLS, FROM PG. 5

TCI students who got to attend and how great their experience was," said Alayna Toth.

"They talked about their experience being life-changing and how it opened their eyes to the influence that leadership has on students alike," added Kenadi Sherred.

Both said meeting peers from across the country was a highlight.

"Everyone was so friendly — being at CSLC felt like one big family," said Toth. "We all keep in touch through social media."

Sherred also insights on the event.

"From trading pins to talking about how different our lives are based on where we live, the community was so welcoming that it truly felt like one big celebration all day every day,"

said Sherred.

Collège Stonewall Collegiate student Lucy Hoff said the experience helped her become more open and confident.

"How to be more open and encouraging to other people and to have more school spirit," Hoff said of the skills she developed.

"There was very limited cell service so people were able to be in the moment. Also, staying in a cabin helped us get close with kids from other provinces and schools."

She added the experience changed her understanding of leadership.

"It has made me realize how many leaders there are in the world and how many different types of leaders there are."



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Please join the PCH Committee for an update on the 143-bed personal care home being planned for our region and how you can help ensure our facility is next on the list to be built.

The people of the Interlake-Eastern Regional Health Authority region have long suffered from having the lowest number of PCH beds per person in Manitoba.

Over the past few years, a working group has been developing plans for a 143-bed personal care home to serve this region.

Members of the PCH Committee will share the facility's plans with you, bring you up to date on efforts to get it built, and answer your questions. A family testimonial will also be provided during this session.

Date: Thursday, November 13, 2025

Time: 7:00 PM

Location: South Interlake 55 Plus location

(374-1 street West, Stonewall)

RSVP not required

Refreshments will be available

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High-speed pups take over Inwood trails for annual Sidewinder mushing race

By E. Antonio

It was an exhilarating day for 40 racers and more than 100 dogs at the annual Sidewinder Dryland Urban Mushing event held in Inwood on Oct. 26.

Participants and their dogs sped through a series of trails, vying for top spots in their categories. Organizer Muriel Smith of Gimli said this is an event she and fellow organizer Steve Diamond look forward to each year — and this race happened to be their biggest yet, doubling registration numbers from previous years.

Urban mushing — a high-speed sport that shows city-dwellers can take part too — features competitors running, biking or scootering with one or two dogs.

"It's an amazing sport and we're all there to make it the best experience



Brigitte with her dog, Ozzy

people can have," Smith said. "We want everyone to come away feeling

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TRIBUNE PHOTOS BY E. ANTONIO

Gimli's Muriel Smith competes in Bikejor events with her dogs Zip (left) and Jake. Forty competitors and 100 dogs gathered at the annual Sidewinder Dryland Mushing event in Inwood on Oct. 26. Owners raced with their dogs on foot, by bike or on scooter through a series of trails.

> HIGH-SPEED PUPS, FROM PG. 10

good because it's about growing the mushing community." Smith has been a musher for nearly 15 years after searching for a winter sport she could enjoy.

"We had dogs, so I figured what better combination than doing a pulling sport?" she said.

She took part in a Snow Motion event — Manitoba's official winter dog sports club — and fell in love with the activity. Since then, she has competed across Manitoba and beyond, most recently in Minocqua, Wis., at the International Federation of Sleddog Sports (IFSS) Dryland Mushing World Cham-

"Going to worlds was amazing," said Smith. "I ended up meeting extraordinarily amazing people who not only do the sport, but who have the same mindset and love for their dogs

She placed sixth, competing against mushers from 23 countries and nearly 400 dogs. That event — along with the 2023



Getting water after the race.

Continentals, where she finished third — remains a highlight of her mushing career.

Dryland mushing includes three main categories: Canicross, where racers run with their dog; Bikejor, where participants bike with one or two dogs; and Scooter, where racers use a scooter with one or two dogs.

At Sidewinder, three Canicross, four Bikejor and two Scooter races were held, all of varying lengths. Smith competed in the two-mile bike race with her two-year-old husky-cross Zip, and in the four-mile bike race with her four-year-old Eurohound-cross Jake.

Any dog larger than 30 pounds is welcome to compete, but Smith warns that it can be a dangerous sport — a single dog can reach speeds of up to 40 kilometres per hour downhill. Her dogs average about 24 kilometres per hour on flatter terrain.

"There's normally an ambulance on site, and I try to make it my goal not to end up there," she joked.

At Sidewinder, Smith placed second and fourth in her respective races. Every competitor received a participation ribbon for completing the course, while medals were awarded to the top finishers in each category.

At the end of the day, Smith said it's not about winning — it's about com-

"On a human level, it's the camaraderie between people. There's a very, very big majority who are there for each other. If someone needs a hand at the start line, someone will always be there to help," she said. "It's everything to do with community, the love of the dog and the sport."

She's also driven by the joy she sees in her dogs.

"Just watching my dog run makes me so happy because that's what he loves to do," she added. "Every single musher thinks they have the best dog — and they do because their own dog is always their best dog."

Anyone interested in mushing can visit www.snowmotion.ca for details on how to get involved, including a schedule of mandatory pre-race lessons.





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An evening to honour the fallen and thank the living

By Jo-Anne Procter

Veterans' Week in Canada runs from Nov. 5 to 11, inviting all Canadians to pause and reflect. It's a time set aside to honour the courageous individuals who have served our nation throughout history.

In Stonewall, Royal Canadian Legion Branch 52 kicked off the week with its annual Veterans' Dinner — a cherished event that serves as both tribute and reminder that every person who has served deserves recognition and appreciation. Last Saturday, community members gathered in solidarity and respect for those who have donned the uniform.

Branch 52 president Ken Power welcomed guests and introduced the Colour Party, led by sergeant-at-arms Howard Hilstrom. Following the Last Post and a moment of silence to honour fallen comrades from land, sea and air, guests were introduced to veterans, widows and branch executives before enjoying a roast-beef dinner served by legion volunteers.

Power acknowledged Ivannia and Paul Pelletier for maintaining the flowerbeds surrounding the legion and Emmy Byle and her crew for crafting the striking poppy nettings



Rev. Mona Denton shared words of reflection and gratitude during the dinner.

that decorate the hall.

Local representatives — Selkirk-Interlake-Eastman MP James Bezan, Lakeside MLA Trevor King, Rockwood Reeve Wes Taplin, Rosser Coun. Angela Emms and Stonewall Mayor Sandra Smith — expressed gratitude for those who have put their lives on the line.

Bezan, the Conservative shadow minister for national defence, said



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY JO-ANNE PROCTER

The Royal Canadian Legion Branch 52 Colour Party officially opened the annual Veterans' Dinner in Stonewall on Nov. 1.

the event holds a special place in his

"It is the most important time for us to pay tribute and give thanks to those who serve and who have served. There is no question that our freedom and our rights have been protected and enforced around the world," he said.

"Canada's contributions to peace-keeping and standing up against terrorists are because of those great women and men who put on a uniform to defend those who cannot defend themselves. Thank you to every one of you who puts on a uniform and serves our communities and our country."

He also thanked families of those who serve.

"Thank you for sharing your loved ones with us to make us a better nation," he said. "Every time the doors of this legion are open, it's a chance for us to connect with those who have served."

King thanked the legion for providing a welcoming space and for helping younger generations understand the sacrifices that protect their freedoms.

Taplin noted that the annual dinner not only brings the community together but also honours those whose courage and resilience continue to inspire others.

On behalf of the RM of Rosser, Emms expressed gratitude to those who served and reminded guests that remembrance extends beyond Nov. 11, living in the peace and respect Canadians uphold daily.

Smith thanked veterans and widows for their service and sacrifice. Having

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TRIBUNE PHOTO BY JENNIFER GOODMAN

Dignitaries in attendance at the annual Veterans' Dinner. From left: RM of Rosser Coun. Angela Emms, Selkirk–Interlake–Eastman MP James Bezan, Royal Canadian Legion Branch 52 president Ken Power, Lakeside MLA Trevor King, Town of Stonewall Mayor Sandra Smith and RM of Rockwood Reeve Wes Taplin.



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Exhibit examines Stonewall's wartime sacrifices

By Jennifer McFee

A special exhibit is on display in Stonewall to share the stories of the town's sacrifices during the Second World War.

A Small Town's Sacrifices: Stonewall in World War II is on display in the Fullbrook Room at the Heritage Arts Centre from Nov. 1 to 10 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. The display will be closed on Nov. 11.

Catherine Precourt of the Stonewall Heritage Committee said the exhibit shows how the Second World War impacted everyone in the community.

"Stonewall had a population of maybe 1,000 people at the start of the Second World War and the RM had probably around 5,200 people, so there weren't a lot of people in the area. We're looking at a small rural town and its contribution during the war, how it affected the town and the people in it — not just those who served but the people who stayed here as well," she said.

"It affected absolutely every single person, including children. So part of the exhibit talks about the people at home, kids at school, what it was like to be in Stonewall with the fundraising drives and the salvage operations and the rationing. It affected every as-



John Howard Grahame

pect of life at home."

This year marks 80 years since the end of the Second World War, and Precourt said it's important to continue to tell the stories so they're not forgotten. And as the Heritage Committee researched local veterans, they found that the connections extended beyond just names on a page.

"It became personal. These are our boys. These are our people," she said. "When you read about war or see war

movies, we almost become desensitized. We might not stop to think about the personal cost and the personal stories. Those are the ones that mean the most to me."

This year's event poster features a photo of an aircrew that didn't make it home, including John Howard Graham from Stonewall. When his niece saw the photo on the poster, she contacted the Heritage Committee and loaned them Graham's medals and a wartime diary that he kept.

"Even though it's been 80 years, it's still close to the heart of people who lost friends and family. So when people share things like that with us, we're very grateful. We want to tell

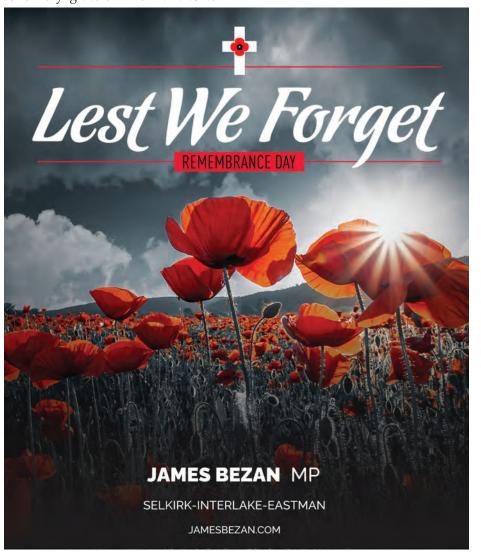
the stories of people who didn't come home but also stories of those that did because it's all part of the bigger picture," Precourt said.

"The Heritage Committee is also grateful to the town because they allow us to have space in the building and they fund the cost of supplies for our project."

Another story in this year's exhibit focuses on a young couple that was married during the war. They had their first baby right before the husband, who was a Winnipeg Grenadier, was sent to Hong Kong. He was captured and put in prisoner-of-war

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Carrying the legacy forward: Bateman prepares for Nov. 11

For Stonewall's Captain Carter Bateman, serving his country while continuing to learn, travel and grow alongside others drives his commitment to the Canadian Armed Forces.

The 23-year-old joined the Royal Winnipeg Rifles as a Primary Reserve infantry officer at 19, during his first year of university. What began as a way to support his education soon became a calling.

"I quickly fell in love with the work and opportunities I have been given since I started working full time with CAF," Bateman said.

Since his initial training, he has continued to complete his Bachelor of Health Science (BHSc) at the University of Manitoba, with a focus in biomedicine. In 2022, he completed a 13-month CAF officer training program in New Brunswick. He went on to assume duties as a platoon commander in 2023 and 2024.

Bateman has also been called to support several emergency response operations in rural Manitoba, including wildfire suppression and evacuation assistance under Operation LENTUS, CAF's response to natural disasters. Those deployments, he said, taught

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Bateman assists with wildfire management and evacuations in Germansen Landing, B.C.

him how to sustain himself and others in difficult environments.

He now serves as the Operations and Plans Officer for the Arctic Response Company Group (ARCG) within 38 Canadian Brigade Group, supporting unit- and brigade-level cold-weather planning for operations





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Stonewall's Captain Carter Bateman, far right, joined the Canadian Armed Forces when he was 19. Now 23, he has travelled across Canada helping with natural disaster situations. Pictured is Bateman with members of the Royal Winnipeg Rifles Council in Brockville, Ont., from spring 2025.

and exercises in the High Arctic. Most recently, he served as Land Task Forces Commander on Operation NA-NOOK-NANAKPUT.

"I do this for the enjoyment and satisfaction of learning, working, and growing with others," he said. "Service is duty and pride — it means showing up for a cause bigger than me, wearing a uniform that stands for

trust, and trying to meet the standard set by those who served before us."

Bateman emphasized that the CAF provides significant personal, professional and practical support to those who commit.

"The CAF gives me a lot — worldclass leadership and technical training, access to fitness facilities, sports and competitions, travel and joint training with allied forces overseas,





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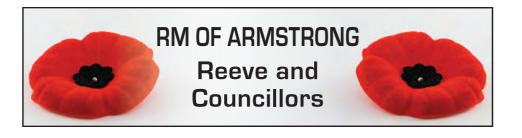




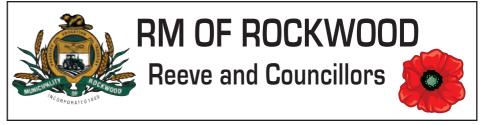
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and a strong professional network and mentorship," he said.

He is currently on a renewable threeyear full-time service contract and receives:

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Mission-specific allowances, such as field and deployment benefits and income tax exemptions on eligible overseas operations

Access to subsidized housing and family support services

"The flexibility to move between parttime and full-time periods without leaving the organization is a big plus as well," he added.

Bateman credits much of his leadership and resilience to his years playing hockey in Stonewall.

"Hockey gave me teamwork and clear communication, leadership, fast decisions under pressure, discipline, resilience, and a strong fitness base," he said. "Managing gear, travel and schedules translated directly to kit prep, inspections and timelines in the CAF."

What makes the work meaningful, Bateman says, is seeing effort translate into real-world impact.

"Purpose matters. You see your effort count on a larger scale. Helping a community on a hard day or watching a young soldier grow into a leader makes it worth it. The best moments are often what we call 'type-two fun' — tough in the moment, unforgettable afterward."

He acknowledges the challenges — time away, harsh climates, physical demands - but relies on his team, routine and sense of purpose.

He is set to graduate with his BHSc in December 2025, a program that he says pairs well with his military work.

"Understanding the human body like a machine is so interesting to me — the interdisciplinary health aspects of taking care of your body and sharing that knowledge with others," he said.

After graduation, two possible paths await:

- Begin a Master of Business Administration (MBA), which he says would strengthen his leadership roles within
- Deploy to Germany for seven months for overseas support.

Further down the road, he may pursue a medical doctorate, but for now, he is focused on growing his experience.

"I want to be a well-rounded person, and to me that means being adaptable and learning as much as I possibly can while enjoying the things I do."

As Remembrance Day approaches, Bateman will take part in the Royal Winnipeg Rifles ceremonial parade at Vimy Ridge Park in Winnipeg on Nov. 11 at

"For me, Remembrance Day means living up to the standards of earlier generations and knowing we stand on their shoulders," he said. "There have been a lot of sacrifices, and we must honour them and remember the members who served for our country."















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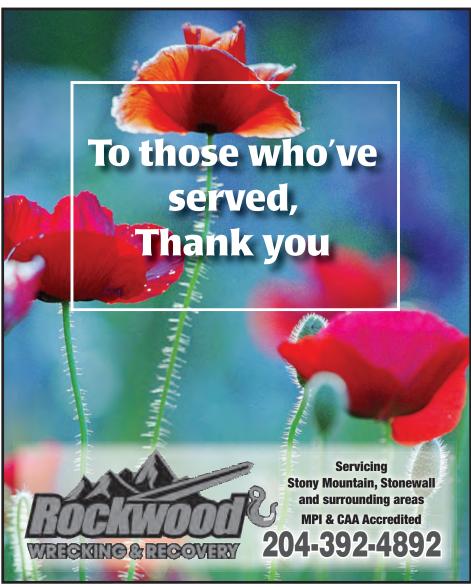




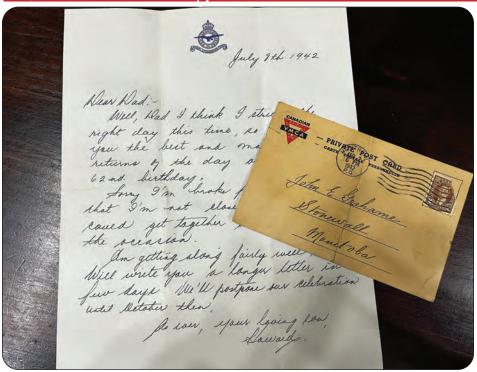








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A handwritten letter from John Howard Grahame to his father in 1942 is among the personal artifacts featured in A Small Town's Sacrifices: Stonewall in World War II. Grahame, a Stonewall native who served overseas during the Second World War. His letter, along with his medals and diary loaned by family, helps bring local wartime stories to life at the Heritage Arts Centre exhibit.

> SACRIFICES, FROM PG. 13

for four years. She went to help on her family's farm in the Stonewall area camp, and wife didn't hear from him until her husband eventually made it















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hibit, and they'll also be making votives for a service at the cemetery.

> "It's important to involve young people so they have the chance to participate as well," Precourt said.

> "Everything has a story — and these stories are impactful to share."

back home.

"There so many sacrifices," Precourt said. "We want to try to give people an idea of what Stonewall was like 80 years ago. This is our past, our heritage, and it's important to share."

The Heritage Committee has invited local Grade 6 students to tour the ex-



2025 SERVICES - TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11

LEGIONS/HALL

Brant Argyle Legion Branch #222 – Argyle Community Hall Doors open 10:00am Ceremony 10:45am followed by laying of wreaths at cenotaph at Brant-Argyle Cemetery 1/2 mile north on Meridian Road. Light lunch served back at the hall.

Stonewall Legion Branch #52 - Doors open 10:00am with service at 10:30am. **Light lunch to follow**

Stony Mountain - Stony Mountain Recreation Centre - Doors open 10:00am, service 10:30am

March to cenotaph to lay wreaths following service and back to community centre for light lunch

St. Laurent Metis Legion Branch #250 - Welcome coffee and bannock 9:30am, service at 10:50am. Light lunch to follow.

Teulon Rockwood Centennial Centre - Teulon Lions Club hosts pancake breakfast 8:30-9:30am (\$7 - no charge for serving members and Veterans) Service 10:30am followed by laying of wreaths. Coffee and dainties served following service.

Woodlands Legion Branch #248 - Service 10:30am Silver Cross Mother Mrs. Seggie will be in attendance. Light lunch to follow.

Halloween 'pub' crawl brings spooky fun to seniors







The music was blasting and people were dancing at Goodwin Lodge's Halloween "Pub" crawl at the Teulon Personal Care Home on Oct. 29. Staff came together to serve spooky treats and drinks for residents and their families to enjoy

"We wanted to do something fun and our creative juices were flowing, so we figured let's do it," said Crys-



TRIBUNE PHOTOS BY EMILY ANTONIO

tal Bergeron, Goodwin Lodge's recreation coordinator.

It was the first event of its kind for the care home, and Valerie Coburn, Goodwin Lodge acute recreation facilitator, said it was a huge success that will likely return.

Residents had the chance to visit each of the eight Halloween-themed tables while dressed in costumes for their in-house "pub" crawl. A variety

of baked goods and beverages were served, giving participants plenty of sweet treats and lasting memories.

"We're always looking for something new to do," Coburn said.

"Words can't even explain how amazing this turned out to be. It brought together, family and friends. I couldn't have asked for a better day."















Local family cuts food waste by freeze drying produce

By E. Antonio

A mother-daughter team from Stonewall has found a unique way to reduce garden produce waste — and they have turned it into a thriving small business.

By freeze-drying fruits, vegetables and herbs, they can preserve food for years while sharing their harvest with the community at local farmers' markets.

Karen Goertzen and her daughter Stephanie own Grandma G's Garden — a hobby that grew out of Karen's determination to make the most of her backyard garden.

"I'm thrifty and I don't like throwing anything out," Goertzen said. "With the freeze drying, I can use my garden produce without having it go to waste."

She picked up the craft two years ago after expanding her backyard garden.



A bag of Grandma G's Garden freezedried raspberries sits ready for market.

She quickly realized traditional methods like freezing and canning could no longer keep up with the sheer volume of food she was producing. The



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Stonewall's Karen Goertzen and her daughter Stephanie have built a small business around preserving home-grown produce through freeze-drying — turning their garden harvest into long-lasting, healthy snacks.

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garden now supports three families, and freeze drying provides a practical way to preserve their goods and allows her to share the produce effectively with others, including with another daughter who lives in Texas.

"I just want to use up the produce I have and when you have this huge garden and not a lot of freezer space, I had to come up with another option," she explained.

Her herbs and vegetables are grown on her property and she tries to source her fruit from u-pick Canadian gardens. Grandma G's Garden has freeze-dried peas, corn, onions, potatoes, zucchini, beans, a variety of herbs, plums, apples, watermelon, apricots, ground cherries and her bestselling strawberries and raspberries

"I try to listen out for what people are looking for. If they are interested in a certain product, I will do my best to make it happen," Goertzen added.

Goertzen said one of the added benefits of freeze-drying is the health factor

"There are no added ingredients like fats or sugars — it's purely the fruit or vegetable you're eating," she said. "The only exception is a couple of items like my beans and zucchini, which I season with powdered ranch."

Her products also last far longer than traditionally preserved foods. While she doesn't have an exact shelflife figure, Goertzen said she is still enjoying freeze-dried food she made three years ago.

"It still has the same taste and texture as the day I made it," she said.

Her freeze-dried goods are versatile. Many customers enjoy them as healthy, on-the-go snacks, while she uses them in her own cooking and baking.

"The possibilities are endless with freeze drying," Goertzen said.

Each batch takes just over 24 hours to complete. She washes and slices each ingredient and lets her five-tray freeze dryer do its work.

"I have done a lot of reading and research," she noted. "But through trial and error I have slowly discovered the best techniques to freeze drying things."

Her farmers' market season has come to a close for the year, but she is already scouting out which markets she wants to attend in 2026.



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Servings: 6 Grape Gremolata:

1 cup finely chopped green Grapes

2 tablespoons minced Italian parsley

1 clove garlic, minced

1 large lemon, zest only

1 pinch sea salt

Roasted Cauliflower:

1 large head cauliflower

2 tablespoons olive oil

1/2 teaspoon sea salt

freshly ground pepper, to taste



Roasted Cauliflower with Grape Gremolata

To make grape gremolata: In medium mixing bowl, stir grapes, parsley, garlic, lemon zest and salt. Cover and refrigerate until ready to serve, up to 1 day ahead.

To make roasted cauliflower: Heat oven to 450 F and line baking sheet with foil. Discard leaves and stems from cauliflower and cut into 1-1 1/2inch florets. Place in large bowl and drizzle with olive oil. Sprinkle with salt and pepper, to taste, and toss well to coat. Transfer to prepared baking sheet and spread in single layer.

Roast 15 minutes. Stir well and roast 15 minutes, or until golden brown on edges. Serve warm with grape gremo-



Servings: 24 (1 cup each)

24 square won ton wrappers, at room temperature

olive oil cooking spray

2 tablespoons sesame oil

1 tablespoon honey

1 tablespoon soy sauce

1 tablespoon rice vinegar (unsea-

1/4 teaspoon ground ginger

3 cups red Grapes from California

sesame seeds

snipped fresh cilantro, for garnish Heat oven to 350 F. Spray won ton wrappers on both sides with olive oil

Sesame-Roasted Grapes in Crispy Won Ton Cups

spray. Press into 24 mini muffin cups, gently pressing into bottom to form flat base. Bake 10-12 minutes, or until lightly browned; let cool.

Increase oven temperature to 425 F and line small baking sheet with foil. In medium bowl, stir sesame oil, honey, soy sauce, vinegar and ginger. Add grapes and toss well to coat.

Spread mixture in single layer on baking sheet and roast 30 minutes, or until grapes are cooked but still holding shape, stirring occasionally. Let cool then spoon a few grapes into each won ton cup, adding any leftover juices. Garnish with sesame seeds and



Servings: 6

3 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil

3 tablespoons balsamic vinegar

3/4 teaspoon sea salt

3 cups red Grapes from California

1 pound orange sweet potatoes, peeled and cut into 1/4-inch slices

Sheet Pan Roasted Grapes and Sweet Potatoes

3/4 cup thinly sliced onion freshly ground pepper, to taste snipped fresh basil

Heat oven to 425 F. In large bowl, combine oil, vinegar, salt, grapes, sweet potatoes and onion, tossing well to coat. Place on large baking sheet and spread in single layer.

Bake 30 minutes, or until potatoes are tender, stirring halfway through cooking. Sprinkle with freshly ground pepper, to taste, and fresh basil.

Ask the Money Lady

Dear Money Lady Readers:

I want to talk about something I hear from readers all the time. Many Canadians want to feel more "in control" as they age. Many want to be more prepared and knowledgeable when facing the financial, health, and lifestyle changes that come with getting older. I don't think we talk enough about how empowering knowledge can be in later life. When we're equipped with the right information, we not only protect ourselves, but we also thrive as we age. We stop being afraid of change and start meeting it head-on, because now we have the tools to do so. Ultimately, there's no rulebook for getting older. Some people ease into retirement. Others are pushed into it before they're ready. While many others spend decades dreaming about it, only to arrive and think - now what? That's where continuing to stay active and broadening our minds becomes so important.

That belief is the foundation of the Vibrant Living Speaker Series, a brand new initiative I'm proud to officially launch across the country. Over the last few months, we've been working on the pilot program with a number of wonderful organizations and community centres across Ontario to build an event series that's designed specifically for older adults, bringing together expert advice, practical knowledge, and a good dose of inspiration. The series focuses on three key areas: financial literacy, health and wellness, and social wellbeing. Why these three? Because they're the pillars of a strong and vibrant life. We need to feel financially secure. We need to take care of our bodies and minds. And we need connection, joy, and purpose. These aren't just "nice to haves"— they're essentials. They're what allow us to age with confidence, security and dignity.

Through the Vibrant Living Series, we bring in professionals and specialists to speak on topics that



matter. You'll hear about how to avoid financial scams, how to manage chronic health conditions, how to stay socially active in your community, and even how to plan for longterm care in retirement. Of course, I'll be there too, offering guidance and sharing what I've learned from helping Canadians navigate their finances for over 35 years. This is more than just a presentation series, this is a chance to gather; which is also an essential component of social wellbeing, and it will allow you to find ways to make your life the best it can be.

If you've been reading my column for a while, you know I've always been a big believer in practical advice. No fluff, no nonsense, just real information that makes a difference and that's exactly what vibrant living is all about. I hope to see you at one of our upcoming events. If you can't attend in person, don't worry, I'll be bringing you the highlights and lessons from the series right here to the pages of your newspaper, because everyone deserves the tools to live well—at every age.

Good Luck and Best Wishes, Money Lady

Written by Christine Ibbotson, Author, Finance Writer and Syndicated Money Coach on BNN Bloomberg. Christine is also part of the everyday lineup on CTV Your Morning in every province. No AI. Follow Christine on Instagram @askthemoneylady, or on Facebook (Christine Ibbotson) AND JOIN ME AT OUR VIBRANT LIVING SPEAK-ERS EVENTS!!

Zucchini Spice Bundt Cake

Recipe courtesy of "Cookin' Savvv"

1 box spice cake mix

2 cups grated zucchini

1/3 cup melted butter

1 cup chopped walnuts, divided

1 cup chopped white chocolate chips,

1 cup powdered sugar

Heat oven to 350 F.

In bowl, mix cake mix, zucchini, butter, eggs, 3/4 cup walnuts and 3/4 cup white chocolate chips. Pour into greased bundt pan and bake 40 minutes, or until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean.

Let cool about 10 minutes then remove from pan to finish cooling.

Mix powdered sugar and milk, about 1/4 cup, to reach desired consistency of frosting. Pour over cooled cake then sprinkle with remaining walnuts and remaining white chocolate chips. Cut and serve.

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Royal Aviation Museum Tuesday, November 18

Leave Lions Manor, Entrance #1 at 9:10 am and South Interlake 55 Plus Centre at 9:15 am Members: \$40 / Non-Members \$45 Lunch at Chicago Joe's (at your own expense) Deadline to register and pay is November 7

November Luncheon

Wednesday, November 19, 2025, 12:00 pm

Serving Chinese Food, Dessert, Tea/Coffee Tickets: \$18.00. Advance tickets only available at South Interlake 55 Plus Office, 374 1st Street West, Stonewall

Deadline to purchase tickets: Friday, November 14 Ask about the Subsidized Transportation for this event, sponsored by Age Friendly Manitoba

Presentation: Our Amazing Universe A Trip Through the Night Sky

Tuesday, November 25, 1:00pm - 374 1st Street West, Stonewall Ted Bronson will bring a power point presentation including amazing pictures of the Aurora Borealis, eclipses seen from around the world and the Deep Sky

Please register for this complimentary presentation by Wednesday, November 19 Ask about the Subsidized Transportation for this event, sponsored by Age Friendly Manitoba

St. Vital Shopping Centre Trip

Thursday, November 20
Depart 9:15 am from Lions Manor, Entrance 1 and 9:30 am from South Interlake 55 Plus **Registration Deadline:** Tuesday, November 18 Members \$20 / Non-members \$25

The Tenors Joy to the World Tour

Sunday, December 14

Leave Lions Manor, Entrance #1 and South Interlake 55 Plus Centre at 12:30 pm Members: \$115 / Non-Members \$120 **Call for Availability**

Winter Wonderland Christmas Light Display

Tuesday, December 11 Cost: \$25.00 per person

(Dinner at Denny's at your own expense) Registration deadline: Thursday, December 4

<u>Let's Craft</u> <u>Christmas Centerpiece</u>

Friday, December 19, 10:00am

Space is Limited. Call to register for this complimentary workshop by December 10. This event is complimentary, as well as transportation due to sponsorship of New Horizons Grant

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This program was developed for older adults but adults of all ages are welcome to attend. If you are experiencing normal age-related memory changes, or want to learn to protect and improve your brain, join us!

Developed by Dr. Angela Troyer in collaboration with a team of phychologists and scientists at Baycrest Centre for Genriatric Care

Where: Lion's Manor, Multi-purpose Room, Entrance 4, 622 Centre Ave, Stonewall When: November 6, 13, 20, & 27 and December 4, 2025

Time: 2:00pm-3:00pm

RSVP to Senior's Resource 204-467-2719 by October 23, 2025

Christmas Parade & Light Tour Friday, December 5th, 2025

Christmas Parade @ 7:00pm & Tour of the Town Lights to follow. Handivan pick up will be at

Stonewall - Lions Manor (door #1), Stonewood & Crocus Manor Woodlands - Oakpark Lodge & Oakpark Estates Balmoral - Sprucewood Place & Stony Mountain - Hilltop Manor Reservations Required Limited seats available! Call Seniors Resource at 204-467-2719to reserve your seat! Please RSVP by December 3rd/25

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had family members serve in both world wars, she said she understands the effects first-hand.

"An uncle who was deeply affected by his experience had PTSD, and it wasn't something that was talked about," she said. "It is so important that when family members come back from service, we are there to support them. We need to do what we can to support them when they return because they have sacrificed so much."

Newly appointed Manitoba District 5 Commander Janet Raymond said she was honoured to attend the dinner.

"This dinner is more than a meal. It's a moment to pause, reflect and thank the veterans who have given so much in service to our country," she said. "Your courage, your sacrifice and your continued presence in our communities are deeply valued. We see you; we honour you."

Spiritual leader Rev. Mona Denton read two scriptures and extended her appreciation to veterans and their families. She reflected on how war

touches all aspects of life, noting that

more than 500 major-league and 4,000 minor-league baseball players served during the Second World War.

"It reminds us how much of day-today life was affected by the war effort," she said. "As wars rage around the world still, remember not only the loss of life but the loss of human potential, too,"

Denton added that as Second World War veterans become fewer, their stories must continue to be shared.

"In our video-driven and digital world, it's too easy not to experience the human tragedy of war. May it never seem distant to us as we share the stories of sacrifice we know."

Following the formalities, guests moved into the clubroom where a band provided entertainment for the remainder of the evening.

A Remembrance Day service will take place at the Stonewall Legion on Tuesday, Nov. 11. Doors open at 10 a.m., with the service beginning at 10:45 a.m., followed by a light lunch. All are welcome to attend and honour Canada's heroes.

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Teulon Saints junior varsity girls win Zone V banner

By Jo-Anne Procter

The Manitoba High Schools Athletic Association Zone V junior girls volleyball championship was held Oct. 28 at Warren Collegiate and Oct. 29 at Teulon Collegiate.

The Teulon Saints earned their spot in the playoffs with a strong round-robin performance. They defeated the Fisher Branch Cougars 25-4 and 25-13, the Fisher River Hawks 25-9 and 25-15, and the Lundar Kodiaks 25-9 and 25-17. Their only loss came against the Arborg Athletics, falling 25-12, 20-25, 15-4.

In the semifinal, the Saints topped

the Gimli Lakers 26-24 and 25-14 to advance to the gold-medal match against the Warren Wildcats.

The championship final was a hardfought battle. Teulon dropped the opening set 22-25 but rallied to win the next two 25-23 and 15-5 to capture the Zone V title.

The Saints will now turn their focus to the upcoming junior varsity A/AA provincial round 1 playoff in Grandview on Nov. 8, where they'll face the host Spartans, the Baldur/Cartwright Cougars and the West St. Paul King's Knights.



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY JUDI CARROLL

The Teulon Saints captured the Manitoba High Schools Athletic Association Zone V junior girls volleyball championship banner on Oct. 29 in Gimli. The Saints defeated Gimli Lakers in the semifinal and went on to beat Warren Wildcats in the final to claim the title. Pictured left to right, back row: Lori Wutke (supervisor), Derek Cook (coach), Lily Skinner, Mya Marmonier, Lily Melek, Avery Monsterski, Anna Carroll, Scarlett Wasserman and Mike Rawlings (coach); front row: Jailyn Thorkelson, Kate Rawlings, Lynaya Toth, Olivia Price, Ainsleigh Hutchinson, Zuri Cook and Derek Cook (coach).



Jets top Raiders in shootout after third-period comeback

By Kieran Reimer

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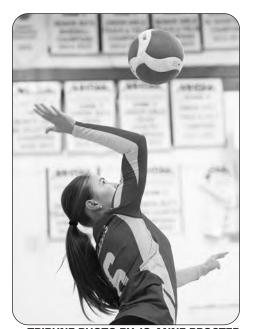
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TRIBUNE PHOTO BY JO-ANNE PROCTER

Stonewall Jets' Wylie Garchinski (right) scored the lone goal for the Jets in their 5-1 loss to the River East Royal Knights in Stonewall on Oct. 30.

up at Southdale Community Centre. Puck drop is scheduled for 3 p.m.



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY JO-ANNE PROCTER Warren Wildcats left side hitter Torie Galbraith was recognized as a Dairy Farmers of Manitoba Athlete of the Week on Oct. 29 for her outstanding performance at the varsity girls' level.

Warren's Galbraith named MHSAA Athlete of the Week

By Kieran Reimer

The Manitoba High Schools Athletic Association tipped its cap to a Warren Wildcats volleyball star last week.

Left side hitter Torie Galbraith was named a Dairy Farmers of Manitoba Athlete of the Week on Oct. 29 for her standout play at the varsity girls' level.

"Just being a leader on the court, she kind of quarterbacks a lot of the things we do offensively and defensively," said Wildcats coach Tyler Oliver on Thursday. "She's always talking to her teammates during timeouts and between games about what she sees. She reads the game exceptionally well, so she knows where to be defensively, she knows where to put the ball offensively, and she competes like not many, that's for sure."

A Grade 11 student, Galbraith has already emerged as a leader on and

off the court. She's also excelled in the classroom, maintaining a 92 per cent average while balancing a busy school and sports schedule.

Her performance at the Golden Bears Winter Blast Tournament in mid-October showcased her abilities, as she helped the Wildcats capture first place in the 10-team event.

She credits her success to the extra effort she put in over the summer in the gym and working with coaches to grow her skills.

"It just keeps making my job easier and easier when you have these types of athletes who work hard — and not just on the court during our two-hour practices, but over and above that," said Oliver. "Torie does that. There are a few others on our team who do that as well, but Torie leads in that world of putting in all the extra time, and she's seeing the benefits of it, for

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Galbraith hopes to pursue volleyball beyond high school if the opportunity presents itself.

For now, she's focused on helping her team achieve playoff success in November.

"The biggest goal would be to win provincials as a team," said Galbraith. "Overall, I just want us to stay really close as a group. Right now we get along really well, and I hope that keeps going."

The Wildcats will head into the Zone 5 Girls Playdown from Nov. 4-5 as one of the favourites, boasting homecourt advantage and wins this season against Quad-A opponents.

The eight-team tournament at Warren Collegiate Institute will include the Wildcats alongside Lundar, Peguis, Lake St. Martin, Teulon, Fisher River, Ashern and Gimli.

67's battle hard in high-scoring matchup

By Haley Cvar

The Warren 67's battled hard but dropped a pair of high-scoring contests this past week in Hanover Tache Junior Hockey League play, falling 9–5 to the visiting Red River Mudbugs on Wednesday before being blanked 8–0 in Springfield on Saturday.

Warren opened strong against Red River on Oct. 29, trading early goals before the Mudbugs' power play took over. Red River went a perfect three-for-three with the man advantage, while the 67's were held scoreless on

two opportunities.

Justin Braid led the Warren offence with two goals and an assist, while Keith Baldwin, Gavin St. Onge and Brennon Chartrand added singles. Evan Roy and Gavin Winram each collected two helpers.

Red River's Braison Penner recorded three points, including the game's opening goal, while Ziko Pankratz, Caleb Boulanger, Tyson Froese and Hayden Tschetter also found the back of the net.

The 67's trailed just 5–4 entering the

third period but couldn't recover after surrendering four unanswered goals down the stretch. Preston Laschyn made 33 saves through 40 minutes before being relieved by Josh Tristram, who stopped seven of 10 shots in the

Three nights later, the Springfield Xtreme controlled play from the opening faceoff, firing 57 shots on Warren goaltender Dallas Shaver en route to an 8–0 win. Michael Jette paced Springfield with a pair of goals, while Ethan Da Silva and Cameron Osborne

each had two-point outings.

Warren went 0-for-4 on the power play while the Xtreme struck three times with the man advantage.

UPCOMING GAMES:

The 67's (0-3-0) will look to regroup at home when they host the Grunthal Red Wings on Friday, Nov. 7 at 8 p.m. at the Access Credit Union Arena in Warren, before visiting the Niverville Clippers on Saturday, Nov. 8 at 8 p.m. at the CRRC.

Baty's 57-saves lead Mercs past Northstars in home opener

By Kieran Reimer

The Warren Mercs picked up their first win of the South Eastern Manitoba Hockey League season, edging the Île des Chênes Northstars 5-4 in a shootout during their home opener Sunday at Access Credit Union Are-

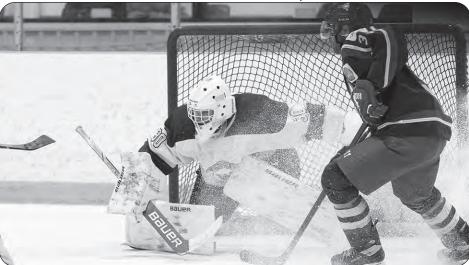
Goaltender Evan Baty was outstanding between the pipes, turning aside 57 of 61 shots to backstop the Mercs to victory.

Warren got regulation goals from Drake Lindsay, Mason Waite, Patrick D'Amico and Dasek Sobkow, which

kept the game tight through three periods. After a scoreless overtime, Matt Cameron buried the shootout winner while Baty shut the door to secure the

The result improves Warren's record to 1-1 after dropping their season opener 7–2 to the Notre Dame Hawks earlier in the week.

The Mercs will look to build on the momentum when they visit the Springfield Winterhawks on Saturday. Puck drop is set for 8 p.m. at One Insurance Arena in Oakbank.



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY JO-ANNE PROCTER

Warren Mercs goaltender Evan Baty makes a save during his standout 57-save performance in the team's 5-4 shootout win over the Île des Chênes Northstars in their South Eastern Manitoba Hockey League home opener Sunday at Access

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collect single point after challenging week

The Interlake Lightning wrapped up a tough stretch of Manitoba U18 AAA Hockey League action last week, collecting one point from three road and home games that saw them face some of the league's top offences.

The Lightning opened the week Oct. 29 with a 4–1 road loss to the Winnipeg Thrashers at Seven Oaks Community Centre. Winnipeg struck for three first-period goals, including a power-play marker from Julian Fedora, to take early control. Jace Guevarra added another on the man advantage in the second to make it 4–0 before Interlake's Damon Marquart broke the shutout in the third with his third goal of the season, assisted by Reid

Grayson McDonald Goaltender made 34 saves on 38 shots, while the Lightning were held to 20 shots and went 0-for-2 on the power play.

Two nights later in Brandon, the Lightning ran into a red-hot Wheat Kings squad that rolled to a 9–2 win. Brandon exploded for four goals in the first period and added two more in the second, including a power-play goal from Jaxson Brick, to build a commanding 6-0 lead through 40

Interlake found the scoresheet late, with Madden van Kemenade netting his seventh of the season at 12:45 of the third, assisted by Elijah Rempel and Brody Huver. Marquart added a late tally from Hudson Sigurdson 1-for-1 on the power play. and Mathias Sibilleau. The Lightning were outshot 45-26, with Seth Schaeffer and McDonald sharing time between the pipes.

Returning home to Teulon on Nov. 2, the Lightning earned their best result of the week, pushing the Yellowhead Chiefs to overtime before falling 3–2. Sam Corbett tied the game late in the second period with a power-play marker, and Marquart briefly gave Interlake a 2-1 lead early in the third. Yellowhead responded with goals from Keegan McNish and Beau Lepp, the latter scoring the overtime winner just 91 seconds into the extra frame.

McDonald stopped 24 of 27 shots in the OT loss, while Interlake finished

With the 0-2-1 record over the threegame stretch, the Lightning continue to battle in the middle of the league standings as they look to regain form heading into November.

UPCOMING GAMES:

The Lightning hit the road this weekend for a pair of games, beginning Friday, Nov. 7 against the Kenora Thistles at the Moncrief Construction Sports Centre, with puck drop set for 7:30 p.m. They'll continue their travels Saturday, Nov. 8 when they take on the Winnipeg Bruins at Southdale Community Centre in Winnipeg starting at 5:30 p.m.

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Thunder capture RMFL title in thrilling finish

By Kieran Reimer with files from Lana Meier

It was a championship game for the ages.

The Interlake Thunder varsity team claimed its third-ever Rural Manitoba Football League title Sunday in dramatic fashion, edging the St. Vital Mustangs 37–36 in a contest that went right down to the final seconds at Stonewall Collegiate Field.

"It's awesome to win a championship, but I couldn't think of a better group of guys to do it with, and so it just made it extra special," said thirdyear head coach Christof Hasselfield.

It marked the third consecutive year the two teams have met for the RMFL championship, with the Mustangs taking both of the previous meetings.

The Thunder came out strong Sunday, building an early lead on first-half touchdowns from AJ Nadon and Jamie Dandeneau, helping them hold a 22–6 advantage midway through the third quarter.

But the Mustangs refused to back down, narrowing the gap to 29–22 with five minutes left in the third, and then to 29–28 three minutes later.

St. Vital carried that momentum into the fourth, taking its first lead of the game at 36–29 late in the quarter. With just four minutes to play, Interlake regained possession — but disaster struck when starting quarterback Jessie Batenchuk went down with an injury.

Grade 10 backup Colten Leger stepped in under pressure and led a drive for the ages. He got the ball into the hands of Nadon, Dylan Maclean and Dandeneau to keep the chains



TRIBUNE PHOTOS BY LANA MEIER

The Interlake Thunder varsity football team celebrates its dramatic 37–36 win over the St. Vital Mustangs to capture the 2025 Rural Manitoba Football League championship Sunday at Stonewall Collegiate Field. The victory secured the Thunder's third RMFL title and completed a perfect 9–0 season.

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On third and long in the final minute, the Thunder ran a screen pass in which Leger found Maclean for a first down — and then more — as he made it all the way to the end zone, shocking the Mustangs' defence.

"I knew if I could get the ball in my hands, I could at least get us the first down," said Maclean. "We ran the play beautifully, the linemen blocked beautifully, our sophomore quarterback waited perfectly, dropped a dime piece to me, and from there we just ran it in. The boys were hyped and I was excited as ever. I was thankful Christof put his trust in me to make a play and it all worked out."

The Maclean touchdown put the Thunder within a point, needing the

convert to tie the game.

Hasselfield and company, however, had other plans.

They again surprised the Mustangs with an even gutsier play call, going for two points and the win instead of the extra point to tie it.

The Thunder executed perfectly, getting the ball to Trevin Smith, who powered across the goal line to give Interlake a 37–36 lead with under a minute to play.

Thunder kicker Marlo LaPierre then booted the ball deep on the ensuing kickoff, and Dandeneau made a key tackle to pin the Mustangs deep in their own zone.

St. Vital managed to drive into Thunder territory, aided by an interception that was called back due to a flag earlier in the play.

Against a 59-km/h crosswind, the Mustangs attempted a punt on the game's final play in hopes of pinning the Thunder in the end zone for a single point.

The kick, however, veered out of bounds, sealing the third RMFL title in Thunder varsity history.

"Christof said that if we didn't have the Mustangs in the end, it would have felt kind of like we were missing something in the championship — and I agree with him fully," said Nadon. "For us to win it in our final year after losing when I started in Grade 10 — and we lost every year to the Mustangs — it was easily the most stressful but exciting situation in my life, to be honest."

Nadon's Thunder career now comes to an end, but he'll go out on top as a

champion, remembered for his many touchdowns — including two in Sunday's final.

What will also be remembered is the game-winning drive led by the Grade 10 Leger, who despite being the backup, stayed ready if called upon — something he did a couple of times this season.

"Shades of Week 1 when he came in relief in the second quarter," said Hasselfield. "Even before that final touchdown to Dylan (Maclean), I asked him, 'Hey, do you know the play?' And he goes, 'Yeah, I know it.' He was confident. That's one thing about Colten — he's just sort of unflappable. He's laser-focused in, and whatever he's been asked to do, he's going to do it, so he was rock steady."

With the win, the Thunder now have championships in 2008, 2018 and 2025 at the varsity level.

It's the first RMFL title of Hasselfield's career, who has now reached the finals in each of his three years as head coach.

He made sure to credit his staff, including team manager Jennifer Samborski and Thunder vice-president of football operations Kris Johnston.

"It's a team win — through the players, the coaches, the parents, everything — and it's great," said Hasselfield. "I can't think of a better team that deserves it more or worked harder for it, so just elated overall."

The Thunder closed out the season undefeated at 9–0. Next up for the club are the team awards, scheduled for the end of November.



Graduating Grade 12 players, left to right, Teagan Peterson, Jake Rogoski, Jessie Batenchuk, Dylan Maclean, Jamie Dandeneau, Jakob Samborski, AJ Nadon, Tyler Yourchenko and Cooper Ponton.

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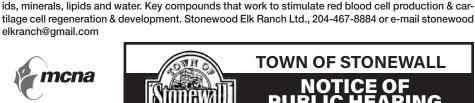
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The council of the Town of Stonewall has scheduled a public hearing at Town Hall, 293 Main Street, Stonewall on the 19th day of November, 2025 at 6:30 PM to present special service proposal 1-2026.

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

All objections, written or verbal, must be filed prior to the adjournment of the hearing and must include the name, address and property description of the person filing the objection and the grounds of their objection.

Copies of the special service proposal are available on the Town municipal website at: www.stonewall.ca.

Dated at the Town of Stonewall this 17th day of October A.D. 2025 and issued pursuant to Section 318 of The Municipal Act.

> Wally R. Melnyk Chief Administrative Officer Town of Stonewall 204-467-7979 | wmelnyk@stonewall.ca

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If you are interested in joining the conversation on what should be the Board's focus in the 2026-2027 Operational Budget, please register online by visiting our website at www.prsdmb.ca or contact us by email at prsd@g.prsdmb.ca. A virtual meeting link will be sent via email to those who pre-register. The questions will be posted online prior to the consultation date.

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IN MEMORIAM



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-Dianna

OBITUARY

Johnny (John) Dmetro Yuzwa July 13, 1963 – October 24, 2025

After a 4-and-a-half year battle with multiple myeloma, on October 24th, 2025, Johnny (John) Dmetro Yuzwa passed away at the age of 62.

John is survived by his wife Dawn Yuzwa; his daughters Alexandra (Matt) and Leanne; brothers Peter (Tannis), Nick (Wendy), and nephews Pierson and Patrick.

Thank you to the staff, nurses, and doctors at CancerCare Manitoba in Winnipeg and Selkirk for their compassion and care for dad.

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OBITUARY

Marion Alice Woloshyn April 27, 1946 – November 2, 2025

It is with a heavy heart that I announce the peaceful passing of my sister and best friend, Marion Alice Woloshyn, of Teulon, on Sunday, November 2, 2025 at the age of 79.

Marion is survived by her sister Joan.

She was predeceased by her parents, Bill and Betty Woloshyn and just recently by her brother Michael.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Teulon and District Museum, Box 44, Teulon, Manitoba. R0C 3B0.

In keeping with Marion's wishes, cremation has taken place and there will be no funeral service.

Rest in Peace Marion

KEN LOEHMER

204-886-0404

OBITUARY

Marlene Cheryl Friesen (nee McLeod)

We are saddened to announce the passing of Marlene Cheryl Friesen of Stony Mountain, Manitoba.

Marlene passed away peacefully at Stonewall Hospital on October 28, 2025 at the age of 76. Marlene was born on May 8, 1949 in Fort William, Ontario. Marlene grew up in Port Arthur, Ontario, where she attended school and church.

Marlene was predeceased by her husband James Friesen.

She is lovingly remembered by her sister Regina Roberts and will be deeply missed by all who

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OBITUARY

Jason Richard Conway

Jason Richard Conway, aged 39, of Gunton, Manitoba, passed away on Friday, October 24, 2025.

Jason began his life on July 16, 1986 in Brandon, Manitoba, where his parents, Rick and Cindy, were stationed with the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, along with his sister Kim. In 1992, Rick and Jason moved to Winnipeg, while Cindy and Kim were posted to Teulon to continue their policing careers.

It was in Winnipeg that Jason's many passions began to take shape - starting at age five with all things Ghostbusters and growing into a deep love of NBA basketball by age 10. He spent countless summer evenings shooting hoops on the driveway until dark, dreaming of becoming the next Michael Jordan. His trademark Air Jordans, basketball shorts, and Chicago Bulls tank top were his uniform of choice, and his Space Jam DVD was

played until it nearly wore out.

Fate stepped in when Jason moved to his moms to attend middle school. There, he met Carli the girl with the infectious smile and laugh - who quickly fell for the new guy with the gift of gab. Jason fit right in with Carli's family, who welcomed him with open arms. That was the beginning of their 22-year love story, and this summer they celebrated their 15th wedding anniversary.

Jason began university but soon changed direction when he received the call to attend Depot in Regina at just 19 years old. Graduating as a Constable in 2006, he proudly followed in the footsteps of his father Rick, mother Cindy, and Uncle Ed by serving in the RCMP. He spent four years posted in McCreary, Ste. Rose du Lac and Oakbank/Beausejour detachments before moving to the Major Crime Division, where he served for 15 years and earned the rank of Corporal. Jason's tireless dedication to justice led to numerous convictions and earned him the respect and admiration of his peers and Crown Attorneys alike.

Of all his achievements, none meant more to Jason than being a father to his son, Carson. The two shared an unbreakable bond, spending their time together playing sports, listening to music, and exploring the outdoors camping and fishing. Making memories with Carson and Carli was Jason's greatest joy.

Jason is survived by the loves of his life - his wife Carli and son Carson; his mother Cindy Morris; his father Rick Conway (Norma); his sister Kim Skinner (Rod) and his nephew Lachlan and niece Lilly; Carli's parents Randy and Sherry Osbak; brother-in-law Randal Osbak; sister-in-law Meghan Osbak and his nephew Bennett; sister-in-law Mallory Osbak, as well as numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, coworkers, and countless friends.

He was predeceased by his grandparents Reg and Vivian Morris, and Margaret (Mag) Conway. A memorial service was held at the Teulon Rockwood Centennial Centre, Teulon, Manitoba on Tuesday, November 4th, 2025.

Jason was a big man with an even bigger heart. He laughed loud and often, loved deeply, danced hard, sang with passion, and always saw the good in others. He made every room brighter, every joke funnier, and every moment more memorable. Our lives were richer for having known and loved him.

Though his voice has fallen silent, His laughter still echoes in our hearts. Love does not end: it only changes form.

KEN LOEHMER 204-886-0404

Announcements

Russell Thomas Crockatt



It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of our beloved husband, father, grandfather, uncle and friend Russell Crockatt at the age of 78, on October 29, 2025 at Selkirk Hospital. He was predeceased by his son Colin in 2021, his parents Sadie

and William, sister Anne and brother-in-law Cliff.

Left to cherish his memory is his wife of 54 years Barbara Crockatt; siblings Ken (Virginia), Barb (Verne), Donna (Peter), Wendy (Dave); daughter-in-law Pam (Robert); and grandchildren, Paige, Max, and Lucy along with many family members and friends.

Russell was born on March 13, 1947 in Winnipeg, one of six children. He married Barbara on December 19, 1970, they farmed and built a life in Argyle where they raised their son Colin. Russell worked very hard to build his farm and legacy, trucking for Leo's to be able to upgrade from a mobile to the custom home he and his

friend Cyril built in 1973. Barbara or Barbie as he called her, truly was the love of his life, although not overtly romantic anyone who knew them could attest to their partnership and his love for her.

Russell greatly cared for his animals, working cattle by horse and always a softie to sneak food scraps to the family dog. He was happy to invest in the welfare of his animals, with the calving barn, and CCTV for calving set up both in the kitchen and bedroom to what family members referred to as "cow-vision". Russell was an active member in the farming community, showing cattle at fairs, and enjoying trips to Agribition, Ag Days and Brandon Fair. He enjoyed socializing with his friends and peers at the coffee shop and curling rink over the years. When he was younger, he enjoyed playing sports and watching the Jets and Bombers along with attending their games with Colin. Additionally, winter holidays and camping in the summer with friends were always looked forward to.

He was very proud when Colin went to university to get his Agriculture Degree with his intention to return to the family farm. They farmed alongside each other from 2004 until Colin's passing in 2021 and continued to help and support Pam with the farm afterwards. Russell found great joy having the next generation take over the farm and have his grandchildren run around the farm. As he slowed down, he found time to spend with the grandchildren and enjoy their smiles, laughter and energy. His eyes would light up when he saw them! He will be truly missed by all who knew and loved him.

Barb and family would like to extend their thanks to the coffee shop crew for always being there for Russell over the years and to the staff at Selkirk Hospital during this past week for their

The graveside service will be held at the Argyle Community Cemetery on Friday, November 7th at 1:30 p.m. with a luncheon at the Argyle Community Hall to follow. Everyone is welcome.

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