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## Here comes Santa Claus

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Children and families lined Stonewall's Main Street last Friday evening to watch all the brightly lit and flashy floats in the annual Stonewall & District Chamber of Commerce Festival of Lights Santa Claus Parade. As tradition would have it, the last of the 43 floats carried the jolly man in red, Santa Claus.

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# Family supports teen injured in accident

By Jennifer McFee

The community is coming together to support a local teen who suffered major injuries in a recent car accident.

At about 6 a.m. on Sunday, Nov. 12, 17-year-old Kienan Roche of Arborg and three of his cousins were driving on Road 415 heading towards Teulon. When the driver swerved to avoid a deer, the car hit a driveway and rolled.

Kienan, who was in the back passenger seat, ended up with a broken neck and spinal cord trauma that caused paralysis from his upper chest downwards. His sister Alexa said that their cousins are all OK.

Kienan underwent two surgeries to repair his neck and take the pressure off his spinal cord, and his mobility remains limited. They are still waiting

for the swelling in his spinal cord to go down.

Currently, he can move his arms a little bit but he lacks fine motor skills and control of the movement. Doctors aren't sure how much mobility and strength he'll regain in his arms and fingers, but they don't expect much more. Kienan is determined to prove them wrong, and his family is keeping close to offer as much support as possible.

"He's at HSC right now, so we were staying at the Canad Inns for almost two weeks, and we just got a room at the Ronald McDonald House," Alexa said.

"He has moved to the rehabilitation area of the hospital so he's doing more active physio with his arms right



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The Roche family is raising funds to cover costs related to Kienan's recovery.

"Kienan is a very compassionate person. He's wonderful to talk to and always has something witty to say," Alexa said.

"He can be a bit shy at first, but once the ice is broken, he's very sociable. Kienan won't sugarcoat anything and will give you an unfiltered reality check when you need it," Alexa said.

Spending time with family is a priority to Kienan, she added.

"He was usually seen driving around with his brother and would visit often with his sister. He would help out his cousins and friends, driving them around and just hanging out and having fun," she said.

"Kienan also spent a lot of time on his grandparents' farm and would stay over most of his weekends. He was a hard worker, doing what he could for his Amma and Afi, whether it was helping with various barn chores, fixings or what needed to be done in the field."



Kienan Roche is at Health Sciences Centre after a recent car accident.

His parents and siblings Alexa, 24, and Darian, 21, are doing everything they can to support Kienan throughout his recovery and rehabilitation.

Kienan is committed to regaining as much independence as possible, with a focus on being able to walk again. To help him achieve this goal, his family is raising funds to meet his changing needs.

"We'll need wheelchairs and other equipment," Alexa said.

A GoFundMe page has been set up

at <https://www.gofundme.com/kienans-rehabilitation> to help raise funds for Kienan and his family. At press time, the page had raised more than \$4,200 of the \$20,000 goal.

In addition, Kienan's Aunt Chantel has set up a charity account at CIBC. For anyone who would like to make a contribution, the account number is 00567 - 0541036.

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# Sign up for December Christmas Bird Count

By Jennifer McFee

Bird enthusiasts will be soaring at the chance to participate in this year's Christmas bird count.

Oak Hammock Marsh will host its 20th annual bird count on Dec. 16 from 8 a.m. to noon.

Resident naturalist Paula Grief explained that the yearly event began in the United States, where it operates through the National Audubon Society.

"This will be the 118th running of the Christmas bird counts across North America, and there are thousands of them across North America," she said.

"There used to be a tradition to go hunting on Boxing Day, and a gentleman suggested that instead of going hunting, let's just go count them. That's how the idea was born and it has spread massively."

For the Oak Hammock Marsh event, a 10-mile diameter circle is divided into 11 areas of observation.

"We send out inexperienced people with experienced people. That way, everybody has a partner and nobody gets lost," Grief said.

"The idea is to get all the volunteers

our to do a survey in the middle of winter, which is traditionally very quiet here in the north. It gives us an idea of what's happening to the birds that are staying here because we don't get to see these birds all of the time because they nest further north or they nest in the forest."

Many of these species move from place to place where food is available.

"So we may not see them here in Winnipeg or at Oak Hammock Marsh, but they may be over in Portage la Prairie at this time of year," Grief said.

"It gives a constant live snapshot of where the birds are, which I think is a really great tool to use for conservation,"

Participants should expect to spend time driving and walking, so they should make sure to dress warmly for the weather.

"Most of it is driving, but you're driving with the windows open so it's still colder than you think it's going to be. There's also a little bit of walking," she said.

"You record everything that you see and hear and then we come back here



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Oak Hammock Marsh is hosting its 20th annual Christmas bird count on Dec. 16.

for a hot lunch. We tally all the results and hand out some prizes for most birds and most species. Everybody gets to vote on the best bird that was seen that day."

Pre-registration is required by Dec. 13. To register, call 204-467-3300 and

ask for Paula Grief. The fee is \$5 plus the cost of admission to Oak Hammock Marsh Interpretive Centre.

For more information about Oak Hammock Marsh, visit [www.oakhammockmarsh.ca](http://www.oakhammockmarsh.ca).

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# All was merry and bright at Festival of Lights parade

By Jo-Anne Procter

Christmas carols filled the air and excitement built as decorated floats cruised down Stonewall's Main Street last Friday at the annual Parade of Lights Santa Claus Parade hosted by the Stonewall & District Chamber of

Commerce.

The streets were lined with children of all ages waiting to catch a glimpse of Jolly Old St. Nick and to officially kick off the holiday season.

Congratulations to the winning

floats this year: Commercial Category, first: Marquette Co-op, second: Luke's Town Service; Non-Commercial - first - Royal Canadian Legion Branch 52; second: South Interlake Snoriders. Honourable mentions: Manitoba

Hydro, Badger Daylighting, the 301 Alan McLeod Air Cadet Squadron, Girl Guides, Rocklands Antique Club and Knight of Columbus and a special mention to the dancing candy cane on the Stonewall Pharmacy float.



TRIBUNE PHOTOS BY JO-ANNE PROCTER





# Local business donating firewood to folks in need

By Jennifer McFee

A local business owner has a burning desire to help others during the holiday season through his new "NeighbourWood" initiative.

Clint Pinder, owner of Firewood Manitoba, plans to donate and deliver one cord of seasoned firewood to someone in need during each week of December.

"I thought of it last week while I was processing firewood. It just popped into my head and I thought it would be something nice to do. We'll see what the response will be," he said.

"For some people, they might not be comfortable getting charity, so it might work better if I deliver it when they're not there. That way, it would be like a gift that Santa left behind."

The cord of wood should go a long

way to keeping someone's home warm and cozy.

"It's 128 cubic feet of cut, split and stacked firewood. If you envision it, it's a stacked pile that's four feet by four feet by eight feet, so it's a fair bit," he said.

"If you're heating strictly with wood, it would probably take care of all of your heating for a month. However, most people use it as a supplement to electricity or gas. Hopefully our NeighbourWood program will help people out."

Located near Stony Mountain, Firewood Manitoba processes logs that come from urban tree removals. The company also buys forestry by-products, such as logs that might not be straight enough for lumber, to turn into firewood.



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Clint Pinder of Firewood Manitoba plans to donate and deliver one cord of seasoned firewood to someone in need during each week of December.

As another way to spread some holiday cheer, the business set up a bonfire outside of Southside Service to provide some much-appreciated warmth to parade-goers at the Festival of Lights Santa Claus Parade on Dec. 1. To take off the chill, Pinder served up hot chocolate and provided

marshmallows for roasting.

Pinder welcomes nominations for the NeighbourWood program from anywhere in Manitoba. To nominate someone who might be in need of some firewood, email [clint@firewood-manitoba.ca](mailto:clint@firewood-manitoba.ca).

## Kind, caring students



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY MONICA BALDWIN

Over the last couple of weeks, students of Grosse Isle School collected items and monetary donations and held a bake sale in support of latest venture of Danica's Village. Last Thursday, students went shopping with the money they raised and purchased gifts for children in Churchill. The gifts will be included in 80 hampers being shipped to help out the struggling town since the rail line shut down. Rosser School, Brant-Argyle School, Warren Tire and Inview Insurance in Stonewall also collected items. For more information or to donate, contact Toni deLaroque at 204-396-6784 or [toni.delaroque@grainscanada.gc.ca](mailto:toni.delaroque@grainscanada.gc.ca).

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## > ARNIE WEIDL Wedding groom gets the best catch of the day

My good friends, how are you?

Driving down the sloping snowy gravel road to the Balsam Bay harbour last Saturday, I was amazed at the endless lines of anglers' parked vehicles. More were spotted on the harbour ice and still more vehicles and anglers dotted out on the ice pack of Lake Winnipeg as far as the eye could see.

Some fishers sat on sleighs fishing from holes amongst a vast array of portable shacks. With so many folks on hand, I simply idled Old Red up to the nearest shack, got out and called to a young, slight chap with short blond hair. His quick smile emphasized his sharply defined features as he basked beside his shack in the sun's warmth, jigging his short rod in an ice hole. He seemed a naturally quiet fellow and couldn't think of a fishing story at first, but as we talked of the peace and silent joy of being out here, his eyes lit up and he recalled an unusual story.

Our new friend Josh Junerum now hails from East Selkirk, but years ago he lived in Swan Lake. Even though he's quite young, he had no problem going fishing by himself.

One particular time, he hooked and pulled up a big jackfish, but he was using a pickerel rig and the other hook buried itself in his finger as the jack flapped around. Pain shocked through his body as he tried to kneel on the jack so he could get the hook out of his finger, but try as he might, the fish kept wiggling, wrenching the hook, causing him further grief. Just then, an RCMP car came cruising past on a nearby road and Josh waved frantically at them for help.

Unfortunately, a border of high bulrushes prevented the officers from seeing Josh's predicament. They simply waved back with a smile and carried



**TRIBUNE PHOTO BY ARNIE WEIDL**  
Lucas Champagne with the pickerel he caught at Breezy after parasailing with his portable ice shack.

on. Resolved, Josh became a man of action. He cut the fish line, tucked the now dead fish under his arm and made for the hospital.

His mother, who worked there, stood shocked at the receptionist's desk to see her son walking in holding up one hand with a hook-impaied bloody finger and a huge fish under his armpit.

It was also a very agreeable day on the Red River a bit upstream of Selkirk last Tuesday. There were a few guys fishing in the open and one tall fellow seemed to stand out from the others.

My spiked boots made small crunching noises on the ice as I tread up to him. He introduced himself as Lucas Champagne of Winnipeg. He hadn't caught anything but was quick to pull out his cell phone and show me a giant pickerel he had caught on the Red by Breezy last week. That wasn't the only thing that impressed me about Lucas.

He told me he had been fascinated

with marine life since he was a kid. He went to college in Newfoundland to become a marine biologist on a volleyball scholarship. If you can believe it, when returning to Manitoba, he went to work dealing with invasive species in our waterways. Josh, you are a wonderful credit to our fishing culture.

Josh is also good at parasailing with a portable ice shack. Before he caught that pickerel at Breezy, he had tried to pin down his portable shack. The wind was very gusty, catching it just right and up it went with him hanging on. He literally became airborne for a moment, and when he landed, the tent and his butt took a pretty good smacking.

Josh was not deterred. He went back to his truck got some tools and fixed his tent, set it up and got fishing. It wasn't long after that he got the walleye we're admiring.

Last Saturday, after meeting Josh at Balsam, I thought I would see if anyone was fishing by the Winnipeg Beach harbour. As I drove up to the rise of the north beach, I was surprised to see a crowd of people grouped together on the beach snow banks. I was further taken aback when I saw a minister performing a wedding ceremony. I waited until it was over then threaded my way through the crowd and accosted the local newly married couple, Bill and Heather Paterson, kidding them, saying, "Since you guys are making it difficult for me to get a fishing story from the anglers beyond you on the ice, maybe you have a story for our readers."

They laughed, saying no. A slim, pretty, shivering gal, Billie Joe Lake, beside me observed, "This wedding is really like fishing: Bill got a great catch with Heather!"

Till next time. Bye now.

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# This holiday season give your child the gift of literacy

## Submitted

Literacy has a profound impact on our lives. Children and teenagers who love to read and take good reading skills with them to school each day have an invaluable head start on career success and personal happiness. Those burdened by poor literacy are significantly more likely to struggle.

Canadians understand the power of strong reading skills to transform lives. A recent Environics survey exploring attitudes about literacy found nine-in-ten believe improving literacy skills will improve everyone's quality of life, and 87 per cent think more needs to be done to improve literacy rates.

When asked about the negative outcomes of struggling with literacy:

- 86 per cent believe poor literacy hinders employment opportunities
- 76 per cent think it increases the likelihood of poverty

- 40 per cent believe poor literacy rates are detrimental to physical health

Other studies clearly show the love of reading, not just the ability to read, is a huge predictor of school success. Conversely, children who struggle with literacy are up to four times more likely to drop out of high school.

The holiday season is a wonderful time for parents to encourage children and teenagers to read. By creating opportunities for reading, parents can spark excitement about reading and begin laying the all-important foundation for strong literacy skills.

"Learning to read fuels a child's imagination," says Stephen Faul, president of Frontier College, a national charitable literacy organization. "There is no more powerful way to expand horizons, improve self-confidence and spur creativity. Simple activities to get your kids reading can

have a profound impact on their future success. One of the key lessons we've learned from providing literacy programs to thousands of people in need each year is the crucial importance of reading from a young age."

Frontier College offers these tips get your kids reading this holiday season:

- Establish a tradition by reading the same book each year around the holidays.
- Think about what interests your children (start with their hobbies) and find materials to read aloud (i.e. magazines, flyers and newspaper articles).
- Encourage older children to read to younger children. Both develop their reading skills through this experience.
- Visit your local library and let your child choose books and materials to bring home to read.
- If you are on the road visiting family and friends, encourage children to read street signs.

- If your family receives greeting cards, have your children read them aloud or help them create their own personal greeting cards and write messages to family and friends.

- Ask your children to help make a grocery list or read labels in stores.

- Encourage your children to read recipes and help with the measuring and baking.

- For parents, the true magic of the holidays is creating family traditions and memories that last a life time and even impact future generations. Reading and storytelling traditions offer an easy and powerful way to strengthen the fabric that binds families together and increase the chances of future happiness and success.

This holiday season give the gift of literacy. Read to your child, give them a book and plant a seed.

To learn more visit [frontiercollege.ca](http://frontiercollege.ca).

## letter to the editor

### Rural communities are awesome

Once again, rural Manitoba communities prove they are awesome! The towns of Teulon and Stonewall along with the RMs of Rockwood, Rosser and Woodlands showed their caring and giving spirit as seen by the recent successful fundraising gala hosted by South West District Palliative Care. Our citizens and businesses are and continue to be very generous in supporting local palliative care initiatives. SWDPC is extremely grateful for this

support as well as the support of the *Stonewall Teulon Tribune* for their ongoing great coverage of all of our events over the past 20 years. Rural communities really care. SWDPC is thankful for being part of these fabulous communities!

Lois Borkowsky,  
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# New teachers' group focuses on computational thinking

By Jennifer McFee

Students might soon be learning a new way to think.

Carter McLean, a Grade 7/8 teacher at Balmoral Elementary School, is one of 21 educators from across the province chosen to form a new team focused on coding and computation.

"It's a group started by Manitoba Ed. We're looking at computational thinking, which is a way of thinking that goes along with inquiry and using technology to solve problems," he said.

"That's where the coding comes in because coding is a way to have a computer or program to accomplish a task for you. The idea is to break down the problem, see patterns, build applications and develop algorithms based on those patterns."

So far, the team of educators has met twice and they will continue to meet throughout the school year.

"We're in discussions about what tools can be used in the classroom to help students get to the level of computational thinking, which is more of

a problem-solving base using skills and different attitudes. Within that, there are elements of technology," he said.

"The goal is for it to be across all grades and all curricular subjects as well. We're still in the planning stages, so we're discussing how we see it in our classrooms and in our schools."

The Balmoral Elementary students might have a bit of a head start, since they have the opportunity to participate in a graphic communications course that launched two years ago in conjunction with the school's sewing program.

"In that class, we do coding, robotics, building websites, building applications and using block coding to build video games," McLean said.

"The students take it many different ways. This year, we're exploring augmented reality. It's really more of an exploration class for the students because we present them with tools and then they go in the direction that they see that they could apply it to their studies or their life."



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Balmoral Elementary students Dexter Sigurdson, left, and Wesley Waldner holding two Sphero robots that they control using coding.

## Stonewall RCMP respond to stabbing incident

### Submitted


On Saturday, Dec. 2 at approximately 9:20 a.m., officers from the Stonewall RCMP Detachment responded to a report of a fight taking place on 2nd Street West in Stonewall.

Officers arrived at the location and located a 20-year-old male suffering from stab wounds. The preliminary investigation has determined that the victim and another 20-year-old male had an altercation on the street.

During the course of the altercation, the victim was stabbed. The victim, from the RM of Rockwood, was transported to hospital with non-life-threatening injuries.

The suspect was identified to police and was located a short time later in Stony Mountain where he was arrested without incident.


Stonewall RCMP continue to investigate.



### Holiday Schedule

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<b>December 21st</b>	<b>Christmas Greetings</b>
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# ParticipACTION 150: Indigenous games

By Natasha Tersigni

With a few items on the ParticipACTION 150 being of Indigenous origin, I decided what better way to pawn some people into joining me than asking the Teulon Collegiate Indigenous Culture Club for some help. Spoiler Alert: I even got fresh bannock out of the deal — one of my better ideas for sure!

A few years ago, TCI teacher Kathy Simcoe decided to start the Indigenous Culture Club at the school. The club focuses on learning more about First Nations and Métis culture within Canada along with all the other cultures that make up the school and community. Throughout the year, students take part in a variety of activities including ice fishing, making dream catchers and a Métis Game Day.

My favourite day they host is Culture Day, which is basically just an excuse to eat delicious food from around the world. I secured my invite this year by promising an Italian delicacy of cannoli (thanks, Mom, for hooking me up).

The afternoon games we ticked off the list were #90 One Foot High Kick, #93 Double Ball, #3 Knuckle Hop and #26 Stick Pull. One Foot High Kick is pretty self-explanatory. You tie a ball to something tall, in this case a basketball hoop, and try and kick the ball. After immediately kicking the ball, you curse under your breath about

your poor pants choice and then proceed to blame said clothing choice on why a Grade 8 student beat you at the game. The One Foot High Kick is an Inuit game that tests your co-ordination, flexibility, sense of balance and jumping skills. Big surprise, turns out I have none of these.

Double ball was the hardest game but one of the more enjoyable ones. It is a team game that is known in many Indigenous cultures across the prairies. Players pass a double ball, made of two small balls with a string connecting the two, across a large field, or, in this case, a gym. A team scores when they cross the opposing team's goal line. The caveat: there is no running with the balls — only passing. My team, named appropriately Team Awesome, came out the victors, in spite of me being on their team.

Knuckle Hop was not that enjoyable and reminded me vaguely of doing push-ups in basic military training, and that brought up a whole slew of emotional baggage that this column does not have time for. The game is a test of pain, resistance and strength endurance. Staying in a push-up position but supporting yourself only on tightly clenched fists, participants push themselves off the floor and hop forwards to a designated end point. First person there wins. Shockingly, I did not win. My course instructors



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To help complete a few Indigenous games on the ParticipACTION 150 list, Natasha Tersigni, right, enlisted the help of the Teulon Collegiate Indigenous Culture Club and teacher Kathy Simcoe.

from basic training would not be very surprised.

Last game of the afternoon was stick pull, my bread and butter. This game is a pulling contest where two competitors sit on the floor and attempt to pull each other out of position or pull the stick out of the opponent's hand. After the rest of the club paired off with people of similar height and build, there was just Kathy Simcoe and myself left, who is about four inches shorter than me. I figured I had this in the bag. I was wrong. Very, very wrong. The actual game was a blur and my therapist suggested now

is not the time to re-live the details of my brutal loss. Now I know how every member of the Winnipeg Blue Bombers has felt for the last decade.

Following the games, we had delicious bannock and tea, which greatly eased my insecurities of losing a simple game of stick pull. Food usually has that effect on me. The afternoon was a success. I was able to hang with a great group of students and we all learned a few new games. More importantly, I was able to trim my list a bit. Exact numbers of completed items on the said list are not available at this time. Please check back Dec. 31.

## Contest kick-off celebrates small business owner achievements

### Launch coincides with International Day of Persons with Disabilities

Submitted

Rural Manitobans with a disability or health condition and running a business have a chance to enter a unique contest aimed at celebrating their successes and encouraging others to embrace entrepreneurship on their own terms.

The Just Watch ME! video contest launched Monday, coinciding with the United Nations International Day of Persons with Disabilities (Dec. 3), a day observed worldwide to raise awareness and encourage a more inclusive and equitable society for persons with disabilities.

In Canada, according to Canadian Business SenseAbility, about one in five people have a disability, and close to 500,000 people with disabilities are job-ready — making self-employment a viable employment solution, particularly in rural Canada, says Community Futures, the organization behind the video contest.

"Owning a small business offers people with a disability or health condition the flexibility, control and freedom to set their own hours and create their own work environment — important tools for success," says Susan Bater, the program manager for Community Futures' Entrepreneurs with Disabilities Program. "Our annual video contest is just one way we celebrate and showcase the success of rural entrepreneurs with disabilities or health conditions."

A panel of local small business owners, contest judges, past contest winners and award-winning, prairie-based entrepreneur and business coach Katrina German were on hand in Saskatoon with Community Futures today to officially launch the contest and offer advice and tips on using digital storytelling to promote business success.

Last year's winner, Lucy Fouasse of St. Malo, Manitoba, owns Lil' Steps

Miniatures & Wellness Farm, an equine-facilitated wellness centre for children and youth. Fouasse successfully launched her own business after recovering from a serious head injury that limited how many hours she could work and the types of jobs she could do.

"Being my own boss has been a really awesome experience," says Fouasse. "After my injury, I really had to focus on not looking at my limitations but on my strengths, and that is really what being an entrepreneur is all about."

Any entrepreneur with a disability or health condition operating a business in rural Manitoba or rural Saskatchewan is now invited to submit a short video about their business success on the Just Watch ME! website. This year's winner will receive \$1,000 in cash and prizes to

support their business and will be announced in February of 2018.

Community Futures is a non-profit organization assisting rural communities with economic development. For over 30 years, Community Futures has supported entrepreneurs with starting a small business, expanding a business or purchasing an existing business. One of the programs they deliver is the Entrepreneurs with Disabilities Program to support people with disabilities or ongoing health conditions in starting businesses in rural Manitoba and rural Saskatchewan.

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# Town hall meeting set for Stonewall luxury apartments

By Jennifer McFee

Ventura Developments will host a town hall meeting next week to share information about a new luxury apartment rental development planned for Stonewall.

The event is scheduled for 6 p.m. on Dec. 14 at the Stonewall Quarry Park Heritage Arts Centre, with the presentation starting at 6:15 p.m.

Tim Comack, vice-president of Ventura Developments, says the project would mean three to four new buildings with an investment of about \$20 million to \$25 million in Stonewall.

"Ventura has teamed up with West Acres Development, which has a long history of being a leader in the development of exclusive apartment projects geared towards empty-nesters, baby boomers and retirees. Ventura Developments Inc. is a leader in Manitoba in the development of all types of condominiums, including apartment-style condos. Ventura is currently building 48 units in Osborne Village and 82 units in La Salle," Comack said.

"West Acres has participated in over 50 buildings such as what we are proposing in Stonewall. On top of that, the Ventura Group of Companies is one of the largest residential home building, condo development and subdivision development companies in Manitoba. We are currently the largest builder of custom homes, as well. We are active builders in Stonewall and we are the developers of Quarry Ridge Park in Stonewall too."

The proposed building will feature 24 apartment suites ranging from 1,000 to 1,400 square feet. In addition, tenants will be able to enjoy a large party room complete with a full kitchen to host gatherings, as well as a fitness centre



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in each building.

"We are planning three to four buildings on the Quarry Ridge Park Phase 3 site. The site is directly across from the hospital on 3rd Avenue South and also faces the large forest on the east of the Quarry Ridge Park Subdivision property," Comack said.

"The views will be beautiful for the residents and they will also be connected to Quarry Ridge Parks endless walking trails and park spaces. It's also a unique site because grandparents can locate near their family if their children have built or will be building in Quarry Ridge Park."

Construction is expected to begin in March 2018 with occupancy 10 to 12 months later.

"We expect to lease and build one building per year for the next three to four years," Comack added.

All are welcome to attend the town hall meeting, which will provide details about the project name, building plans, floor plans, suite plans, parking plans and site plans. Attendees will also be able to take home a project-specific brochure that will provide additional information including the proposed entrance fee, the rental rebate program and net rental rates.

For those who attend the meeting, they will also have the chance to reserve a unit by making a \$1,000 fully refundable deposit. Not only will they be able to secure a unit,

they will also have the chance to pick their apartment suite.

"The apartment suite holds will be done on a first come, first serve basis. We want to make sure people know to bring their chequebook because this is the time to reserve their spot in Building 1," Comack said.

"Based on the overwhelming response we received from the public after the article that was done in the *Tribune*, we are hoping for a substantial turn out of 100-plus residents. More importantly, we already have 25 Interlake seniors who have reached out to Ventura by email or phone to be put on a waiting list for more information."

The meeting will start at 6 p.m. with sandwiches, light snacks and refreshments, followed by a formal 30-minute presentation starting at 6:15 p.m. After that, approximately 15 minutes will be allotted for a question-and-answer period.

For more information or to be added to a project communication list, email [info@venturadevelopments.ca](mailto:info@venturadevelopments.ca) or call 204-942-7744.

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# A new born king at live nativity

By Natasha Tersigni

Stonewall New Life Church held their annual live nativity at Boonstra Farms last Saturday. Hundreds of community members welcomed the Christmas season and visited a recreated scene from Bethlehem to see the newborn baby Jesus.

"It is important to us to share with our community the meaning of the season. The fact that we celebrate Christmas as the coming of Christ with Jesus being born and that is a message we really want to remind our community about as we celebrate that as a church," said New Life Church Associate Pastor Andrew Dyck.

Organizers of the event worked hard to ensure that guests had the full authentic Bethlehem experience.

"We have close to 40 volunteers involved with the event whether it is setting up, clean-up, acting or planning. It is an event that does require

a lot of work both ahead of time and during the day," said Dyck.

"We always have a lot of people that come forward willing to help and this event does not happen unless we have a lot of volunteers. It is always an encouragement to see so many people come forward to make it possible."

Upon arriving at the barn, community members were ushered into a bustling Biblical era marketplace that was full of vendors selling a variety of mock goods including jewelry, fish and cloth.

Once completing their shopping tour, guests were invited to the manger where baby Jesus was being watched over by his parents Mary and Joseph and the three wise men.

After greeting the newborn King, families were welcomed outside to warm up near a roaring fire to enjoy hot chocolate and tour the rest of the farm via a hayride.



Vendor Brenda Bawdon sells her jewelry and broke the news to potential customers that only shillings were the only accepted currency.



TRIBUNE PHOTOS BY NATASHA TERSIGNI

Mary, Joseph and Baby Jesus played by Allison, Paul and Joshua Emmer were the big draw at this year's Live Nativity. At just under a month old, baby Joshua and his twin brother Caleb had the honour of filling in as baby Jesus throughout the afternoon event.



The three Wise Men, left to right, Sandy and Jim Croy and Shannon Coburn, remained in the manger during the afternoon with their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh for Baby Jesus.

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For many Christians, these four weeks prior to Christmas are known as Advent. As the name would suggest, it refers to a time of spiritual preparation before the celebration of our Lord's nativity. This time of waiting is to be an active one as we look into our lives and ask ourselves if we have been faithful to God. As simple as this sounds, it is not so. We can often struggle to live out our every day lives while still being watchful and ready to encounter our God.

The reality is that although we profess to worship only God there are many other "gods" that compete for attention in our lives. For instance, there are people who want to play the part of god, and there are others to whom we willingly give the honour. Likewise, there are many attitudes or values that become god-like in their importance to us and to our world.

If it is peace we are after, however, only God can supply it. Power, wealth

and prestige pretend to offer joy and peace but always come up short or last but for an instant in the great scheme of things. It is good to be reminded that our Lord never promised to make us wealthy or powerful if we did His bidding. In fact, as we pick up our cross and follow Him, we learn it can be just the opposite. Instead, what we are promised is a joy and peace that this world can never supply. For those that wait and watch for the Lord, there is a life that offers

joy and peace. It is a life that begins in the heart of every believer but springs eternally in the Divine presence of God!

This Advent, may we make the choice to stand against these false gods of our time and to walk ever closer to that one who, sent by the Father, brings true life and joy.

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# Community organizations granted provincial funding

By Natasha Tersigni

Lakeside MLA and Agriculture Minister Ralph Eichler was the bearer of good news Friday as he delivered two provincial grants to local non-profit community groups.

The first stop on the funding tour was the Oak Hammock Marsh Interpretive Centre (OHMIC), where Eichler presented a \$225,000 cheque to Ducks Unlimited Canada (DUC) Canada staff. With over 100,000 guests per year, the centre plays an important role in teaching visitors about the environment and the need for continued education in sustainable practices. The funding will be used for ongoing operating costs of the OHMIC.

"Every year, thousands of visitors come to the centre, and through our different programs and educational initiatives, we are able to connect them with their local environment. It is important, especially as we contin-

ue to talk about sustainable practices for the environment, for people to see first hand what impact they can have in protecting finite resources such as the marsh," said OHMIC manager Nathalie Bays, who added that the centre is a joint partnership between DUC and the Province of Manitoba and continued provincial support is needed to continue to operate the centre.

The second funding announcement of the morning was at the South Interlake Regional Library (SIRL) Stonewall branch. Eichler presented the Rural Library Technologist Sustainability Grant to the branch's head librarian Joan Ransom. The grant of \$10,086 will be used to assist SIRL in maintaining and upgrading technological services for library users.

"In order to continue to operate and function, we need public money," said Ransom.



TRIBUNE PHOTOS BY NATASHA TERSIGNI

Lakeside MLA Ralph Eichler presented \$225,000 to the Ducks Unlimited (DU) Canada staff at Oak Hammock Marsh Interpretive Centre last Friday. Pictured left to right: DUC chief financial officer Marcy Sullivan, Eichler, manager of OHMIC Nathalie Bays and DUC national director of conservation Dave Howerter.



Along with a Rural Library Technological Sustainability Grant of \$10,086, Lakeside MLA Ralph Eichler, left, presented a plaque to South Interlake Regional Library (SIRL) Stonewall branch head librarian Joan Ransom to commemorate this year's 50th anniversary of SIRL.

"We are a community entity and pleased to be supported by all levels of government funding through grants and other initiatives."



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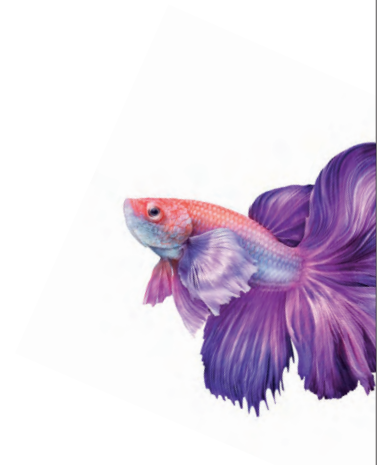
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## Breakfast with Santa



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Stonewall Kinsmen members, with help from local Kinettes, spent Saturday morning cooking breakfast at the Stonewall Legion Hall during their annual Breakfast with Santa. After filling up on pancakes and sausages, children visited with Santa and Mrs. Claus. Left photo: Lucas Acland with his mom Cass visit with the Big Man in Red. Top right photo: sisters Sophia Potter, left, and Olivia prepare for a tasty breakfast. Bottom right photo: Reese Maxwell chows down on a pancake.

## Remembering loves ones



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY JO-ANNE PROCTER

Loved ones who have passed can be remembered through the annual South West District Palliative Care (SWDPC) annual Memory Tree campaign at the Stonewall branch of the South Interlake Regional Library. For each donation made to the SWDPC, a decoration is placed on the tree. Board members Chuck McClure, left, and George Willis were kept busy hanging decorations last Friday during Stonewall's Festival of Lights Santa Claus parade.

## Warren's Winter wonderland



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West Interlake Trading Company (WITC) members held its annual Breakfast with Santa on Saturday at the Warren Memorial Hall. Volunteers cooked up a tasty pancake breakfast while Santa Claus posed for photos. All money raised from the event will be used to maintain the town's aging grain elevator. The WITC is a non-profit organization run by volunteers with the vision to promote tourism in the southwestern region of the Interlake.

## Free movie matinee



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The Stonewall and District Lions sponsored their annual Tin for a Bin movie at Flicks Cinema in Stonewall. In exchange for a non-perishable food item for the Stonewall and District Christmas Cheer Board, movie-goers received free admission to the 1 p.m. or 3 p.m. showing of *Despicable Me 3*. Pictured left to right: Madeline Taplin, Melodie Versavel, Jaxon Taplin and Kenzi Thompson.





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- ~Decorate inside your home and set up your tree.
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- ~Help your kids write and mail their letters to Santa.
- ~Wrap all your gifts.
- ~Buy everything you'll need for your holiday buffet-don't forget the turkey! Now sit back and relax and enjoy the holidays with family and friends and wait for Santa to arrive!



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# Annual Festival of Lights Santa Claus Parade



Another successful year of laughter and memories as Main Street was blanketed by thousands of bundled up kids of all ages and 43 floats from our businesses, services and organizations. Many thanks go out to the people that spent many hours preparing their floats and to those that came out to watch. Special thanks go out to: Christy Brown and Stephanie Duncan from the Stonewall Teulon Tribune and Lawrence Burt who marshalled and organized the floats, the Town of Stonewall for their help with street set-up, Firewood Manitoba for the warming bonfires, our volunteers for putting up our posters and signs, the Stonewall Kinsmen Club, Tim Williams and the 301 Cadet Squadron for managing crowd-control on Main Street, the Pathfinders that carried our lead banner, and the Communities in Bloom Committee for being our float contest judges. It is great to see these volunteers come forward to help run this annual event. It is an important part of our community spirit and the chamber appreciates the people that have stepped up to help make it another successful event!

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## Rosser named Midget Football League of Manitoba's MVP

By Brian Bowman

Joe Rosser made the rare switch from lineman to middle linebacker this season for the Interlake Thunder Midget football team.

And it's safe to say that switch was a tremendous one.

Rosser enjoyed a standout season with the Thunder this past season and was recently honoured with the league's most valuable player award.

Rosser was grateful to win the award and was quick to thank his coaches and teammates for his success. He also wanted to thank his late grandfather, Leonard Vandale, for introducing him to football.

Vandale, who passed away in 2015, heavily influenced Rosser's decision to play football.

"I honoured him by playing football after his death and I haven't stopped playing," Rosser explained. "He was a huge football fan and he played when he was young, too."

Remarkably, Rosser has played football for just three years, all with the Thunder Midget team. And he enjoyed his time with them tremendously.

"It's a great program," said Rosser, who lives in Selkirk. "There's great coaches, great kids — it's amazing. They gave me an opportunity to learn and improve my skills in football."

Rosser started out playing on the offensive and defensive line for the Thunder. But the 5-foot-11 1/2, 175-pounder made the unique switch to linebacker seemingly with ease.

It takes a very special player to make that change so quickly and successfully.

"(Playing) linebacker is so much better," Rosser enthused. "I was working hard and couldn't wait to start this year."

Rosser, 17, led the league in solo tackles with 29 and special team tackles. He also had an interception that he returned for about 50 yards and "three or four" fumble recoveries during the season.

"I just love making players when they count and feeling good about yourself," Rosser stressed.

Rosser, also a defensive captain on a young Interlake squad, is one of those players that lead by example.

"You know that all of the guys look up to him," said Thunder head coach Mitch Obach. "He's a quiet leader and that carries much more weight when he does speak up, whether it's in the play or between

plays."

Next season, Rosser is hoping to play either at the junior or university level. He hopes to make that decision in the near future.

Obach, meanwhile, really enjoyed coaching Rosser, considered by many to be a complete football player, this past season.

"He's one of those hard-working, mature football players that you wished that you had a team full of," Obach said last week. "He has a serious approach to the game. If he wants to learn something, he'll tell you (and) if he thinks he can help you out by telling you something, he'll let you know."

Here are the other nominees and winners at the Midget Football League of Manitoba awards banquet:

Nominees for the 2017 MFLM Defensive Player of the Year:

Falcons Football - Nicholas Paluck - Linebacker  
Interlake Thunder - Colton Meisner - Linebacker  
St. Vital Mustangs - Clayton Antymis - Linebacker  
Sunrise Coyotes - Cody Hutlet - Linebacker  
Winner - Clayton Antymis

Nominees for the 2017 MFLM Most Outstanding Lineman of the Year:

Falcons Football - Brighton Kwiatek - Defensive Lineman  
Interlake Thunder - Gabe Simard - Offensive Lineman  
St. Vital Mustangs - Lucas Davidiuk - Defensive Lineman

Sunrise Coyotes - Aaron Dyck - Offensive Lineman  
Winner - Brighton Kwiatek

Nominees for the 2017 MFLM Offensive Player of the Year:

Interlake Thunder - Colton Nedotiafko - Running back  
Falcons Football - Reece Derksen - Receiver  
St. Vital Mustangs - Breydon Stubbs - Running back  
Sunrise Coyotes - Brandon Goodman - Receiver  
Winner - Breydon Stubbs

Nominees for the 2017 MFLM Special Team's Player of the Year:

Falcons Football - Reese Derksen - Kicker/Kick returner  
Interlake Thunder - Joe Rosser - Long snapper  
St. Vital Mustangs - Owen Brown - Kicker/Punter  
Sunrise Coyotes - Erik Tomasson - Kick returner



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The Thunder's Joe Rosser was recently honoured with the league's most valuable player award.

Winner - Owen Brown

Nominees for the 2017 MFLM Most Outstanding Rookie:

Falcons Football - Carter Kutzan - Running back  
Interlake Thunder - Connor Henry - Linebacker  
St. Vital Mustangs - Riley Ho - Receiver  
Sunrise Coyotes - Carter Fuerst Quarterback  
Winner - Carter Kutzan

The Interlake Thunder also had six players selected to the league all-star team. Those players included Rosser, running back Colton Nedotiafko, linebacker Colton Meisner, offensive lineman Gabe Simard, defensive back Anthony Joynt and offensive lineman Carter Becker.

Interlake's six rookie all stars featured linebacker Conner Henry, defensive back Brandyn Linklater, quarterback Carlin Doak, defensive back Eric Zotter, defensive lineman Lowell Wilkinson and running back Chris McKay-Burnstick.

## Rams blocked at 'AAA' varsity volleyball provincials

Staff

The Stonewall Collegiate Rams' varsity volleyball seasons ended at the MHSAA "AAA" provincials in Brandon last weekend.

The boys reached the quarter-finals Saturday where they lost 2-0 to Brandon's Neelin High School. Neelin won the match with set wins of 25-17 and 25-17.

Neelin went on to win the provincial title after downing Calvin Christian 2-1 by scores of 21-25, 25-16 and 15-11.

Stonewall, meanwhile, finished its pool play with a 2-2 record. The Rams defeated Westgate Mennonite Collegiate 2-1 (21-25, 25-19, 15-12) and Dauphin 2-1 (20-25, 25-13, 15-8).

On an individual note, the Rams' Seth McMahon was his school's re-

cipient for the Harv award. The Harv award goes to a player who best represents hustle, attitude, respect and values.

Stonewall's players of the game were McMahon, Ryan Brown, Scott Yeo, Andrew Everitt and Gio Ciulla.

In girls' action, Stonewall failed to make the playoff round after going winless during pool play.

The Rams lost 2-0 to Neelin (25-8, 25-22), Linden Christian (25-12, 25-12), St. Boniface Diocesan (25-21, 25-13) and WC Miller Collegiate (25-20, 25-18).

The Rams' winner of the Harv award was Loren Proven.

Stonewall's players of the game included Sarah Fines, Proven, Hunter Lupyrypa and Amber Schneider.



# Warren girls' volleyball team comes out on top

By Jennifer McFee

The girls' volleyball team at Warren Elementary bumped, spiked and volleyed their way to victory.

Last week, the young athletes won the divisional middle years competitive tournament held at Warren Collegiate Institute.

"The WES girls volleyball team, composed of grade 7 and 8 students, had a terrific season. They worked very hard all season long and accomplished the goal they had set out at the beginning, which was to win the divisional banner," said coach Darcy Olson, who is also the Grade 7 teacher.

"The tournament win was a total team effort and it could not have been done without the hard work on everyone on the team."

During the round robin, the Warren Elementary team finished second in their pool, winning two of four sets. They lost two sets to Stonewall Black.

In the quarter-finals, they beat the Teulon Grade 8 team in two straight sets.

Then in the semi-finals, they played against Stonewall Gold and beat them in two straight sets with scores of 25-

22 and 27-25.

In the finals, they played against Stonewall Black and beat them in two straight sets with scores of 25-22 and 25-16.

School principal Chris Gamble expressed pride for all involved in the great achievement.

"We are very proud of their efforts and appreciative of our teacher volunteer coach, Mrs. Olson, for her time and efforts," he said.

"We are also very appreciative of the efforts of the co-ordinators of the event, Monica Baldwin and Bill Olson, who arranged the tournament at WES and WCI. Chris Doliwa, previous teacher and vice-principal, now retired, was our referee for the day, which we greatly appreciated. Thanks to all the parents and teacher volunteers who made the day possible."

This year, the Warren girls were also champs of the Gimli tournament, coming out on top of the 10 teams that competed. As well, they were champions of the Stony Mountain tournament and the Warren Elementary tournament.



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY CANDACE PROCTER

Warren junior high girls win Interlake volleyball banner. Pictured back row, left to right: Raine Welburn, Kinzey Kaplar, Tessa Stewart, Alyssa Procter, Kaity Mair and Helen Alexander. Front row: Teagan Atchison, Naomi Good, Abigail Cassidy and Ella Masszi.

# Teulon hosts Jonathan Watson Memorial Bonspiel

Submitted

The Teulon Curling Club hosted the Jonathan Watson Memorial Bonspiel last weekend.

Eleven teams in two categories participated in the event.

A draw to the button contest saw Brenyden Bomberak draw within 4 1/4" in the 14-and-under category and Alexandre Fontaine (8 1/4") in the

18-and-under category.

Results of the weekend were as follows:

18-and-under category (Sponsored by Teulon Bigway Foods and One Insurance):

Winners: Jordon McDonald team (Jordan McDonald, Jaedon Neuert, Braxton Kuntz and Alexandre Fontaine).

Runners up: Josh Maisey team (Oliver DeMeyer, Sean Giesbrecht, Tim Johnson, Tyler Giesbrecht).

14-and-under category (Sponsored by Teulon Elementary School and Gimli Veterinary Services)

Winners: Carter Ives team (Carter Ives, Graeme Perrie, Andrew Perrie and Gabe Perrie).

Runners up: Blake Good team (Blake

Good, Riley Buchanan, Autumn Good and Jake McIvor).

Meanwhile, a huge thank you goes out to all the curlers who entertained us with great shot making and to all those who supported our bonspiel with donations, buying tickets, etc.

It was a successful weekend with proceeds going to an Interlake family fighting childhood cancer.



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# Wildcats bronzed at varsity 'AA' volleyball provincials



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY TARA WHIFFEN

Warren varsity boys, back row, left to right: Mark Hnatuk (coach), Ryan Peltz, Connor Oleschak, Bren Hunter, Hunter Sholdice, Gerrit Boonstra, Lucas Procter, Colton Gibson (coach) and Lawrence Hunter (coach). Front row: Matt Fossay, Austin Holod, Asa France, Nick Streeter, Mitch Allen, Harley Peterson and Riley Janke.



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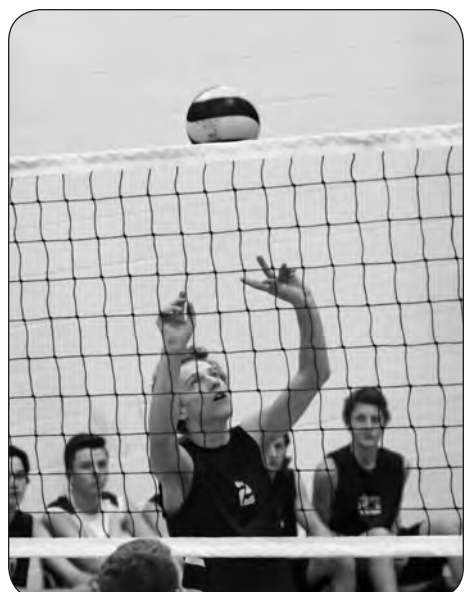
Warren varsity girls, back row, left to right: Madeline Boonstra, Laura Brad, Jacee Turner, Ryenn Lobb, Mackenzie Turner, Jenn Krahn (coach). Front row: Alex Chester, Hannah France, Grace Goodman and Payton Janke.



Payton Janke



Jacee Turner (6)



Asa France



Mitch Allen



Bren Hunter

## By Brian Bowman

Warren Collegiate did a great job hosting the MHSAA "AA" varsity volleyball championships.

And the Wildcats also did a great job on the court.

Both Warren teams battled their way to third-place finishes to conclude outstanding seasons.

The Wildcats' varsity boys' team defeated the Carman Cougars 2-0 (25-15, 25-11) in the third-place game Saturday afternoon.

Warren was relegated to the third-place game after losing 2-1 to the Steinbach Christian Flames in a hard-fought battle.

After losing the first set 25-15, the Wildcats came back to win the next one, 25-21. But the Flames then doused Warren 15-12 in the decisive

third set.

Warren started the playoffs with a solid 2-0 (25-20, 25-21) victory over Major Pratt in a quarter-final game.

The Wildcats finished pool play with a 3-1 record. Warren swept Goose Lake (25-19, 25-19) and Immanuel Christian (25-9, 25-12) and defeated the MCI Blues 2-1 (24-26, 25-20, 15-10).

Warren lost 2-1 (25-18, 18-25, 10-15) to the Green Valley Pirates.

The Wildcats' had two players — Mitch Allen and Asa France — named to the provincial all-star team. Bren Hunter was given the Player's Choice Award.

Steinbach Christian won the "AA" varsity boys' provincial championship after beating Green Valley 2-1 in the final.

On the girls' side, Warren defeated the Major Pratt Trojans 2-0 (25-17, 25-22) on Saturday to claim the bronze.

Earlier that day, Warren lost 2-0 (25-12, 25-22) to Green Valley in a semi-final match.

The Wildcats began the playoffs with a 2-0 (25-19, 25-22) quarter-final triumph over the MacGregor Mustangs.

In pool play, Warren was 3-1 after 2-0 sweeps over Niverville (25-13, 25-19), Ashern (25-14, 25-17) and Gabrielle-Roy (25-15, 25-21).

The Wildcats also lost 2-0 (25-21, 25-23) to Major Pratt.

Warren had two players — Jacee Turner and Payton Janke — named to the provincial all-star team.

Green Valley won the varsity girls' "AA" title after sweeping Niverville 2-0 in the final.





## Warren continues winning ways on home ice

### Staff

There is no place like home for the Warren Mercs.

Warren improved its home record to a perfect 4-0 so far this season after a 4-3 victory Friday over the Portage Islanders in South Eastern Manitoba Hockey League action.

The Mercs' Mitchell Hansen scored the game-winning goal at 3:56 of the third period, assisted by Bryn Lindsay and Brock Genyk.

Warren took a 2-0 lead just 9:32 into the game on goals by Brendan Luschinski and Reid McLeod.

But Portage's Adam Blight responded with a goal at 14:60 of the first period and then Dan Leslie added a pair to begin the

second to give the visitors a 3-2 lead.

Lindsay then tied the score at 17:45 of the middle frame. He finished the game with two points along with Brock Genyk and Hansen. Brock Genyk is currently fifth in league scoring with two goals and eight assists for 10 points.

Travis Bosch earned the win in goal.

With the victory, Warren improved its record to 4-3 and the Mercs now have eight points. That record leaves them in third place, behind only Altona (5-1) and Notre Dame (4-2-1), in the seven-team league.

The Mercs will look to continue their winning ways on home ice this Saturday when they host Altona. Warren will also be at home Dec. 16 when Carman comes to town. Both games begin at 8 p.m.

**TRIBUNE PHOTO BY JO-ANNE PROCTER**  
The Mercs' Bryn Lindsay assisted the game winning goal this past Saturday in Warren's 4-3 victory against the Portage Islanders.

## Jets grounded by Hawks in OT

By Brian Bowman

The Stonewall Jets' game Sunday against the Charleswood Hawks was a great battle between two elite Manitoba Major Junior Hockey League teams.

So it was fitting that overtime was needed to decide the outcome.

Trevor Szyda scored the game winner in OT to lift the Hawks to an exciting 2-1 home victory.

The tight-checking affair saw Charleswood's Spencer Ferbers open the game's scoring just 29 seconds into the contest.

But the Jets' tied the score at 1-1 early in the second as Chase Faulkner scored his team-leading 15th goal of the season on the power play.

Faulkner led all MMJHL players in points with 37 as of Monday afternoon.

Devin Muir and Andrew Bayduza assisted on Faulkner's goal.

The Jets were 1-for-5 on the power play while the Hawks were blanked in three opportunities.

Last Friday, Faulkner scored three goals to lead the

Jets to a 6-2 home win over the St. Boniface Riels.

Brendan Labossiere, Braden Groot and Kyle Doak also scored for Stonewall.

Adrian Fran and Austin Kossack replied for St. Boniface as Curtis Beck made 38 saves for the victory.

On Nov. 28, the Jets were grounded 3-1 by the Raider Jr. Hockey Club in Winnipeg.

The Raiders' Auzzie Loewen-Palmer scored at 19:34 of the opening period on the power-play and then Dawson Anderson made it 2-0 just five minutes into the middle frame.

Sam Mandryk cut that lead in half at 13:57 of the middle frame, assisted by Muir and Faulkner.

Cody Merritt then added an empty-net goal with just a second left in regulation time.

The Raiders, who outshot the Jets 40-21, were 1-for-6 on the power play. Stonewall was blanked in just two power-play opportunities.

Stonewall was 14-7-1 and in fourth place heading into this week's games against Pembina on Friday



**TRIBUNE PHOTO BY LANA MEIER**  
Jets' captain Chase Faulkner scored a hat trick to lead Stonewall to a 6-2 home win over the St. Boniface Riels last Friday.

in Stonewall and at Ft. Garry/Ft. Rouge on Sunday at Century Arena.

## Female Lightning to compete at Bantam Showcase this weekend

By Brian Bowman

The victories have been hard to come by so far this season but the effort certainly has been there for the Interlake Lightning Bantam female hockey team.

Interlake's record dipped to 0-10-0-1 after a 3-1 loss to the Central Plains Capitals on Sunday. But the team is showing plenty of progress.

"They're doing (well)," said Lightning head coach Charlene Bodnarchuk Tuesday. "The record isn't there but the effort is there. They're working hard at practice, so I'm happy with that so far."

Sunday's two-goal loss to Central Plains was a perfect example of the Lightning's improvement this season. Interlake took a 1-0 lead about a minute into the first period.

Central Plains tied the score in the second period and then added a pair in the third.

The Capitals' loss was a good reflection as to how the Lightning has played in most games.

"If you look at our scores and you break it down period by period, for two out of three periods, we're in tight with those teams," Bodnarchuk said. "We're battling in 0-0 games and not out of it completely."

"My team knows that they have some MIA periods where there are missing for five, six minutes and that's where the score gets built up."

Bodnarchuk feels the Lightning are playing more consistent hockey and she expects their club to be pretty good by season's end.

Goal scoring, though, has been a problem for the Interlake so far with just 12 goals in 11 league games. The Lightning will have to do a better job sending pucks towards the opposition's net.

"We have a tendency to pass first and that can't be the tendency if you want to score goals," she admitted, noting the Lightning players do a real good job passing the puck. "You have to put pucks to the net. The more pucks you put on net, the more rebounds

you'll create and the more chances that you'll create."

The Lightning will be busy this weekend when they compete at a Bantam Showcase at the Bell MTS Iceplex.

That showcase is part of Hockey Manitoba's Girls' Hockey United event, which is a special weekend that brings together approximately 750 females from across the province in celebration of the tremendous growth and development of girls' hockey.

The weekend features a variety of exhibition/showcase games, skills camps and development clinics, and marks the largest annual female hockey event hosted in Manitoba and one of the largest in Canada.

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8	2	3	1	4	9	6	7	
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Sudoku Answer

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Crossword Answer



# CROSSWORD

## CLUES ACROSS

- Large jug
- Anwar \_\_, Egyptian statesman
- Punjab province capital
- Evoke
- Data
- Exists
- Supervises flying
- Having eight
- Right-handed page
- NHL great Bobby
- German municipality
- Negotiate
- Keyboard key
- Youngster
- Medical decision (abbr.)
- Ribonucleic acid
- One-time Levi's chairman Walter
- Cold region
- Type of plywood
- A way to unfreeze
- Winter melon
- Dispute
- An expression of imagination
- Human gene
- Touch lightly
- Computer giant
- Garlands
- Franz van \_\_, German diplomat
- Vineyard
- Elk or moose
- Moved quickly
- Swiss river
- Rhode Island
- Fall into disrepair
- Ancient Roman virtue
- Removes
- Slovenly women
- Comedian Rogen

## CLUES DOWN

- Extremely high frequency
- Court

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- Make a mistake
- Change the appearance of
- Long-haired dog
- The Greatest of All Time
- Designer Christian
- Blemished
- Atlanta-based rapper
- Deceivers
- One who supports disorder
- Colossal
- A team's best pitcher
- Comfort in a time of sadness
- Opponent
- Professionals might need one (abbr.)
- Captures geographical data
- Senior officer
- Sacred Islamic site
- Egyptian unit of capacity
- Comedienne Gasteyer

- Performer \_\_ Lo Green
- Having only magnitude, not direction
- Cleft lip
- Payroll company
- Prohibit
- Stroke
- Does not acknowledge
- Hillsides
- Austrian river
- Passover feast and ceremony
- Golf score
- Hair-like structure
- Check
- Extract metal from this
- Tell on
- Powdery residue
- A part of the mind



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#### CARDS OF THANKS

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-B.

### ANNOUNCEMENT

#### CARDS OF THANKS

Belbin - I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the staff at Stonewall Hospital for their compassion during Ken's brief stay. Thank you to family and friends for all the visits, phone calls, cards and support. Special thanks to Donna Ridgeway for all your help and for being our personal chauffeur for many months. Thank you to Michelle Procter and Donna for making Ken's service so memorable. Thank you to Shirley Williams for officiating, MacKenzie Funeral Home, as well as to Jessie Minaker and friends for the wonderful lunch at the service. Thank you to my daughter Bev and husband Terry and grandson Kyle, to special friends and neighbours, the Manchulensos and Jo-Anne Procter.  
-Dorothy Simonson

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### ANNIVERSARY



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## OBITUARY



### Leland Walter Tait

Lee, beloved husband, dad and grandpa passed away November 25, 2017 at the age of 70 years, surrounded by his family.

He is survived by his wife Tannis; son Shaun; daughter Stacie (Dale); his grandchildren Piper Lee and Tate Leland; sister-in-law Karen; numerous cousins, nieces, nephews and friends.

Leland was born in Chatfield, MB and moved to Winnipeg with his family as a young boy. He was a hardworking man and always put his family first. He began working full-time at age 16 and was always proud to share the story of how he bought his mom her very first brand new kitchen set. He married Tannis in 1974 and moved to Teulon, MB a few years later, where he built a house and fulfilled Tannis's dream of owning horses, which he affectionately referred to as hay burners. They had a marriage filled with love, laughter and lots of colourful memories. They made a good team

throughout their life together. Lee had a passion for sports and filled his early years playing baseball and hockey. Lee was a dedicated dad and coached his daughter's ringette teams for many years. Coach Lee was proud of all the girls he coached, and inspired them to always do their best. He had many fond memories of these days and the friendships made. Lee could always be seen front and center at his son's many concerts and recitals. He would tell anyone who would listen what a great singer his son was. He was proud of his children and was always there for them. Lee worked for the City of Winnipeg Water Works for 30 years and retired on January 12, 2002, two days after his first grandchild, Piper was born. He became a devoted grandpa. He could be seen beaming with pride at Piper's many horse, sporting and academic accomplishments. He was proud of the young lady she had become and said, "She will do something special when she grows up". Grandpa put on many miles and never missed a hockey practice, power skating lesson or game for his grandson Tate. He was Tate's number one fan and proudest supporter. Grandpa Lee and his grandkids spent their summers at Winnipeg Beach Campground. We never knew who was more excited for the last day of school to come - grandpa or the kids! Grandpa cherished this time with his "kids" and it is here where he met his Winnipeg Beach family and grandkids Harlan and Hudson. Anyone that knew Lee, knew he loved being a grandpa, loved his grandkids and would do anything for them. When grandpa was not with his grandkids he shared his time between his favourite coffee shops Balmoral Rec Centre and Blue Skies Bakery. He had an unbelievable sense of humour and could be counted on for some good hearted teasing. Lee was a considerate, fair and generous man who always listened carefully to other people. He was a self-taught handy man and could produce the most efficient economical repair. There wasn't much he couldn't fix! Lee valued his family and friends and was always lending a hand to anyone that needed it. Lee was a one in a million husband, dad, grandpa, and friend!

Many thanks to the nursing staff at Stonewall Hospital who looked after Lee during his time there where he fought so hard to get better and go home to his family. Thank you to the friends and family that visited, supported and helped grandpa's family when he could not. He was forever grateful!

Cremation has taken place. At Lee's request, there will be no service.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to a charity of your choice.

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## OBITUARY

### Edward Walter Allarie

After a lengthy illness, Edward passed away peacefully on November 12, 2017 at the age of 57. Predeceased by his Mom and Dad Margaret and Amable (Sr.) Allarie. Left to mourn Harold, Amable (Jr.) and Courtenay (Deanna). Nephews and nieces are Jesse and Eric, Landon, Aubrie, Mackenzie, Harper Allarie.

In compliance with Eddie's wishes, no funeral service will be held.

## OBITUARY

### Antoine Beasse

As a family we are saddened to announce the passing of Antoine Beasse on December 1st, 2017.

He leaves behind his daughter Holly, son-in-law Jim and his granddaughter Kaliesa.

To most he was known as "Tony", to some he has become infamous as "The Tony" in the antics of spending time with his daughter.

He was a busy man, liked to keep a foot going in one direction and lived by the adage "work while the sun is shining". His garage was his anchor, home base, mess, and space and damn don't you take something and not put it back. He knew where the smallest bolt was so you did him no favors by placing it elsewhere. This was his kingdom. He took great joy in the ability to fix anything that had an engine and became obsessed when it didn't work and

defied it to defeat him.

He became a welder by trade and it took him to several jobs in Canada and eventually led him to Bristol Aerospace in Stony Mountain. A job he enjoyed where he wore many hats. We used to giggle because the supper table talk went from Black Brant rockets to the odd occasional shift where it was obvious he was in charge of skunk removal.

It was at Bristol where he worked as well retired and made some of his lifelong friendships. Bristol had one heck of a great crew back then. Employees loyally herded their families out to Lake St George and the caravan raced to get there. Many a fishing story was born and lives on to this day. Oh the joy at catching big freight trains and landing them. His favorite was the goal of pickerel in the pan. Those were the days!

Tony and Laura met, married and had Holly in Calgary. They then moved to Winnipeg before settling in Balmoral. They both were always to be found at the Rec Centre having coffee with their friends.

Tony ended up moving to Stony Mountain after Laura was diagnosed with Alzheimer's. He loyally went and visited and did what he could for her until her passing.

Tony comes from Ste Rose Du Lac, and leaves many cousins and friends behind.

For Tony there is a love of music that runs through his veins. He doesn't just hear it he feels it. He has played guitar for enjoyment, employment and amusement. He's made friendships that really have lasted his lifetime. Country and Western, Bluegrass, Gospel or a Metis jig, if it had a beat to follow he was playing it. Saturday ritual in our house, change the strings, polish the Gretsch, shower, watch Bugs Bunny then load up and out the door. Going gigging. He played until recently with his friends until he just couldn't anymore. Not many 49 year olds can call home and their Dad is out. "I had a gig". Good on you.

All this time he still managed to be a Dad, one hell of a Dad. What a reliable man he was, one call to Dad was often the fix. He has fixed bikes, roller skates, boo boos, tires, cars, empty wallets and hearts. He mentioned checking the oil in the car and the price of gas because one had to know these things. He took us fishing, camping, skating, swimming, movies. Truck stops for coffee and eats.

Tony had a great bond with Jim, his son-in-law, over their love of fishing and music. He was so proud to hand his guitar over to Jim but never quite understood his son-in-law's music choices. Tony left Jim knowing that they loved each other to pieces and thankful for their years of not just being family but friends.

One of his proudest moments was holding his new little granddaughter. Kaliesa is his little gem. He's been so proud of her love for education and drive to "get schooling". He wants her to be the smartest smarty pants on the block. He proudly showed her off at Christmas parties even giving away his coveted title of Santa; it was his turn to be Grampa! Grampa and Grandma had been lassoed by "The Prettiest Girl on the Prairie". He sees the Laura in her. You could see the love in his eyes as she cared for him in the last few months, you could see he wanted more time to see her spread her wings.

We were lucky to have him.

This past year had been a succession of battles that his body could not fight. Friends were behind him offering whatever they could whenever it was needed. Wes was always there. Darien was such a support, if only we can all have such a beautiful person in our corner. She now has an angel watching over her, doing his best from afar to be there in kind.

Keith and Jennie, a man can't ask for much more in a friend than you both. You have been a support, a shoulder to lean on, a confidante and partner in crime. You have our admiration, respect and love.

The Legion and Chicken Chef were two of his home away from homes. Thank you to all that have been asking about how he was doing. We want to thank everyone who took the time to support him in this last year, to all the faces that came and met us at the hospital we thank you sincerely. His stories were endless and he sure enjoyed his time with many of you. Thank you all for checking in on each other.

Dad wished to be buried with his parents in Ste Rose. We want to wait until the spring to have a service there as we say our good bye in one of the last chapters of letting go.

Lastly, my Mother would raise hell if the nurses, Drs., palliative care, home care and staff weren't thanked. We needed you and you were there. Our thanks also to Ken Loehmer, you truly have been a comfort at this time. And finally to Lucie, you are an angel that walks the earth. Thank you for being there with us all.

It's now his time to step up and take his place on stage, as part of The Angel Band. Go rest high on that mountain Dad your time on earth is done.

A daughter can only be so lucky to have a Dad like him. I thank you and love you Dad.

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## OBITUARY

### Brian Allan Siis

It is with devastated hearts we announce the sudden and unexpected passing of our dad, Brian of Balmoral, MB. on Monday, November 27, 2017. He was born July 8, 1960 in Winnipeg and grew up in River Heights.

He worked in the trucking industry for many years enjoying it immensely.

Cremation has taken place and a private family interment took place Friday afternoon.

There was a celebration of life at St. Marks Lutheran Church, 600 Cambridge St. on Friday, December 1.



## OBITUARY

### Kathleen Yolande Richkun (nee O'Connor)

August 6, 1945 - December 3, 2017

After a courageous battle, and now at peace, it's with heavy hearts and deep sadness that we announce the passing of our dear mother, mother-in-law, grandmother, sister, sister-in-law and friend, Kathleen Richkun.

Kathleen passed away at the age of 72 years at the Riverview Medical Centre with family at her side.

Kathleen was predeceased by her loving husband Allan Richkun; her parents, Frank and Claudine O'Connor; her sister Geraldine and her brother Douglas. She will be forever cherished, and lovingly remembered by her children, Melanie Werbowsky (Sheldon); Melissa Gauthier (Robert); Derrick St. Jean (Leanne); Jennifer St. Jean (Dale) and step-children Brenda Nash (Ron) and Robert Richkun (Paula); her brothers Lawrence and Patrick (Janet); and her grandchildren, Ryker and Mackie, Ayden, Matthew and Nicole, Randy, Robyn, Ryan and Christopher; along with numerous nieces and nephews and special friends Ruth, Helen, Tara and Judy.

Kathleen was born in Creighton Mines, Ontario and moved to Stony Mountain in 1983 where she met and married the love of her life Allan Richkun. Kathleen enjoyed a successful and rewarding 30 year career at the Stony Mountain Penitentiary where over the years, she progressed to the position of Chief Sentence Manager and retired in 2014. Kathleen enjoyed playing baseball, curling, golfing and travelling with her husband. Kathleen's passion in life was to teach her children and grandchildren how to love, care and give. She will be forever remembered by her family and friends for her generosity, warmth, guidance and courage.

A celebration of Kathleen Richkun's life will be held on May 26th, 2018, 11:00 a.m. at the Komarno Cemetery with a luncheon to follow.

The family would like to take this opportunity to thank the staff on 3 East Wing, Palliative Care Unit at Riverview Health Centre for their expertise and kindness in caring for Kathleen.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a memorial donation to the Palliative Care Unit at Riverview Health Centre, 3rd Floor, East Wing, 1 Morley Street, Winnipeg, MB.



## OBITUARY

### William John Heaps

With great sadness, we announce the passing of William (Bill) John Heaps, on November 30, 2017 at the Gimli Community Health Centre, at the age of 71.

Funeral arrangements pending.

Longer obituary to follow.

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## OBITUARY

### June Loraine Eyford (nee Roberts)

Peacefully, on November 30, 2017 at the age of 83, with her daughter by her side.

June was born on November 28, 1934 in Lunder, to Phyllis and Jack Roberts. She married Baldur (Bud) Eyford on October 18, 1952. Together they raised three children; Brian, Garry and Laurie. In earlier years they lived for a time in Vagar, Lunder and Oak Point, before moving to Warren in 1971. In 2009, Mom moved to Stonewood Place in Stonewall, where she lived until recently relocating to Prairie View Lodge in Pilot Mound in September of this year.

Throughout her life, June enjoyed bingo, travel, fishing, curling, gardening, reading and watching sports, but above all, her favourite pass time was being with her family. Nothing made her happier. Known as Amma to the grandchildren, she loved them all so very much. In her eyes they could do no wrong and were the smartest kids ever! Going to Amma's meant getting spoiled. If you wanted candy for breakfast, you could have candy for breakfast. Amma would never say no to the kids. There was always coffee and lunch on at Mom's. She loved having company.

Mom worked at a number of places over the years. She and Dad managed the Oak Point Hotel, she waitressed in both the Lunder and St. Laurent hotels, and worked in the parts department at Lawson's implement dealership in Warren. In the 90's, Mom joined her sister Joan to operate the lunch counter at the Ashern Auction Mart. After that stint, she vowed never to bake another pie.

Mom was predeceased by Dad in 1999. She will be lovingly remembered by her twin sister Joan Sigfusson, and older twin sisters Shirley Jonsson and Bev (Bob) Brasted; her children Brian and Val Eyford, Garry and Kelly Eyford, and Laurie Treble (Dale); and grandchildren Emil Eyford, Jordan and Mandy Nykolaishen, Kevin Nykolaishen (Alyssa), Wyatt Eyford (Meghan), Courtney Treble (Wade), Lauren Treble (looking). Amma would have laughed at this! Langamma will also be missed by great-grandchildren JJ, Nick and Chloe Eyford, Lelaina and Liam Nykolaishen, as well as numerous nieces and nephews. Mom will be fondly remembered by many, especially long time friends Bernice Bremner, Delores Johnson, Randi Thomson Janet Young-Donahoe, numerous bingo pals, and newer friends from Stonewood Place.

We would like to express our thanks to Dr. Graham in Stonewall for his dedicated and patient care of Mom over the years. Mom is a long time cancer survivor and in more recent years had battled many other health challenges with courage. We also thank the staff at Stonewall hospital for the kindness and concern shown to Mom throughout her many stays, and the staff at Prairie View Lodge for the love and care extended to Mom during her brief stay.

Cremation has taken place. The family is planning a celebration of June's life gathering for family and friends at the home of Garry and Kelly in Warren. A spring, 2018 date to be determined.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to CancerCare Manitoba.

Mom will be dearly missed by her beloved family and will forever be in their hearts and memories.

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