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South Interlake Regional librarian Kelsey Dingwall celebrated the magic of reading and the power of family last Friday at the Family Literacy Day with local preschool children and their parents and grandparents. There were two special story times in the morning where Dingwall read books about families, sang interactive songs with her guests and had a make-and-take craft activity.

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Interlake softball development camp offers fun way to fundraise

By Haley Cvar

The Interlake AA Softball program is hosting a winter development camp over the next few months at Collège Stonewall Collegiate.

The camp takes place on Sundays from 4 to 7 p.m.

Jeff Kisiloski, AA director for Interlake Phillies/Maroons Softball, said to keep in line with an annual tradition, the first week includes a themed event to give back to the community. This year's theme was "Strike Out! Cancer" and the organizers asked participants to donate to a fundraising drive for CancerCare Manitoba.

In the spirit of team culture and community support, organizers asked each player to donate \$10, which was collected and donated to CancerCare Manitoba on behalf of everyone involved in the camp.

There are 60 avid softball players registered for the U11, U13, U15 and U17 camp.

The purpose is to provide a simple reminder that everybody can take a small action today, which can have significant impact tomorrow within the community.

In the spirit of fun, players came dressed in their best pink outfit last Sunday in support of all the moms, sisters, aunts and grandmas who have or may experience cancer in their lifetimes.

To equally support the dads, brothers, uncles and grandpas who may experience the same, some players donned a cool moustache (eyeliner works awesome for this purpose).

Kisiloski said they had hoped to raise close to \$700 from the fundraiser but were blown away by the generosity of the players and families.



TRIBUNE PHOTOS BY HALEY CVAR

The Interlake Phillies Softball program is hosting a Winter Development Camp on Sundays and this week's theme was "Strike Out! Cancer." The players donated \$1,115 to CancerCare Manitoba.



The final tally on the cheque was \$1,115.

Kisiloski spoke about the importance of giving back to the community.

"This small action today can have a significant impact tomorrow within our communities."



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Woodlands business offers zero-turn mowers

By Jennifer McFee

The Woodlands community is welcoming a new start-up business — but it's actually not a start-up at all since its roots run decades deep.

For more than 30 years, Arrowquip has been manufacturing cattle-handling equipment for the global market. The Firth family moved the business from Australia and has been operating in Woodlands since 2003.

Now the entrepreneurial family is taking that experience to the outdoor power equipment sector through Arrowquip's new sister business called Yakta.

Andrew Firth, former Arrowquip CEO, moved over from his role to become Yakta's founding CEO. Meanwhile, his brother Mark Firth stepped up to lead Arrowquip as its new CEO.

To start, Yakta will specialize in zero-turn mowers. The first mower will roll off the line in early February.

"We decided to venture into this sector by listening to our Arrowquip customers and dealers, who let us know that this sector is under-utilized and all about shareholder value over dealer and consumer growth," said chief marketing officer Brodie Milne.

"Currently, we're operating inside our Arrowquip international HQ building, which is right next door. Our manufacturing staff will be in the new building shortly and office staff in the coming months."

Yakta's first product off the line is its YXR 710 zero-turn mower, which operates up to 20 kilometres per hour. This powerful product features a 30.5-horsepower engine and 16-gallon fuel capacity. It's geared for both homeowners and commercial oper-



Yakta's first product off the line will be the YXR 710 zero-turn mower.

ators alike. Coming soon will be the YXR 910, YXR 610 and YXR 410 models.

"We've been engineering our mower lineup since the winter of 2022 and launched our brand at Equip Expo this past October," Milne said.

"We'll also be releasing our Split Frame technology in the fall that transforms our mowers to anything you need — blower, snow blower, grader, thatcher."

With Yakta, its products will stand out for their top-notch performance combined with dedicated customer service.

"Our point of difference starts with how over-engineered our products are, ensuring that they're able to stand up to the toughest use cases, which is backed by our five-year or 2,000-hour warranty that covers everything except for batteries, blades and tires," Milne said.

"This means that we cover Kawasaki,



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Yakta launched its brand at Equip Expo in October.



The 72,000-square-foot facility is located in Woodlands.

ki, Briggs & Stratton, and Hydro-Gear longer than they cover themselves. Industry standard is about three years or 1,500 hours on average."

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- Award recipients will be recognized at the Annual Spring Physician Dinner in April.

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Adventures in Scouting

By Jo-Anne Procter

Over the last 33 years, Cub Scouts (aged 8 to 10 years old) and their leaders have participated in Operation Ice Cap Winter Cub Scout Camp, at Camp Arnes, north of Gimli. On Jan. 12 to 14, members from Stonewall's Cub Scouts joined other packs from throughout the province who attended the event.

The Ice Cap program was designed to provide fun, new friendships and teach new skills through different challenges. Scouts spent the weekend participating in indoor and outdoor activities including ice fishing, building and launching a model rocket, fire starting, first aid, an obstacle course, a snowshoe challenge, table tennis,

card games and making silk-screen T-shirts.

In the evening, skits were performed around the campfire by each Scout group followed by fireworks.

Scouts Canada is the country's leading co-ed youth organization, offering programming for children and youth aged 5 to 26. (Beavers 5 to 7, Cubs 8 to 10 and Scouts 11 to 13).

Scouts gives kids a space to reconnect with the outdoors — a place to connect with nature, bond with new friends and develop skill sets that prepares them for real life.

Those interested in Scouting can check scouts.ca and locally contact Karl Daher at 204-467-2235.



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Colton, Kaleb and Fletcher taking a short break while snowshoeing.



Pictured left to right: Cubs roasting marshmallows after learning how to start a fire safely; Colton, Kaleb, Fletcher and Victor showing off the shirts they learned how to silk screen; Learning how to transport an injured Scouter by sled after performing first aid.

Three patients share experiences of their 'excellent' dentures

BY ELISHA VANDOR

Have you ever heard people say, 'when you love what you do, it doesn't feel like work?' Well, the saying goes...Do what you love and you'll never work another day in your life. That's exactly how we feel everyday coming into work at Vandor Denture Centre to transform peoples smiles. What really puts the icing on the cake is when we hear how patients are doing with their new dentures after we have made them. When we do receive feedback, we share it with our entire team and it honestly puts an extra pep into our step. Here's 3 reviews that our patients so graciously relayed to us:

Our Denturist Matthew's patient, Isla called a week after receiving her new dentures to cancel her follow up appointment and said, "Matthew is absolutely excellent. He did a super job on my dentures. Even with no gums left, the upper fit is fantastic and the lower stays in place and isn't loose. If I would have known this would be such a seamless transition to new dentures with-

out pain, then I would have done it years ago." Isla H.

Another cool tidbit that makes the full-service denture experience at Vandor Denture Centre unique is that our dentures are hand-crafted in-house; meaning the same Denturist who sees you for your appointments customizes your denture to look like your smile once was or shapes it to make it uniquely you. Recent patient Shawna says, "It's been a journey for Brock and myself. It started approximately 6 years ago. I was recovering from cancer treatments, which included chemotherapy and radiation. I had several complications and teeth loosening was one of them. Unfortunately, at the time, I thought it was the end for my bright white smile. I had to lose some teeth. I was scared to death, but fortunately I heard of this Denturist. Brock eased all my anxieties and fears. I told him I wanted my new teeth to look exactly like the ones I lost due to the treatments. He made them look exactly like the ones I lost. He knew how important that

was to me. I can't begin to explain how grateful and blessed I am to have Brock work on my 'new smile'. From the moment you walk into his office you are greeted by his support staff like you are family. Not once did I feel uncomfortable. I would highly recommend Brock and his staff to my family and friends. So if you find yourself walking into his office, then expect to be treated as family. I thank Brock and staff for the excellent care I was given." Shawna.

Lastly, our patient Louise said, "nothing was going to stop me from getting my new teeth today! The people at Vandor Denture Centre are just very nice and caring. They do wonderful workmanship. I love my new teeth." Louise S.

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Louise (patient of Denturist Brock) braved the winter blast to get her new teeth and share her experience.

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Principal for the day at Ecole RW Bobby Bend School



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Ecole RW Bobby Bend School had a new principal for the day last Friday. Grade 2 student, Miss Evelyn Martin took over some of Principal Pat Williamson-Crockatt's duties including morning announcements, helped with outdoor recess and bus duties and most importantly wrote a cheque to CancerCare Manitoba for \$7,500. The parent advisory council from the school hosted a fundraiser last year in memory of Hailey Belluk-Hunt, a member of the PAC in 2020 who succumbed to cancer. It was so popular that the PAC continued the initiative again this year. Students collected pledges for the chance to serve as principal of the school for one day. For every \$5 pledge the students made, their name was entered in the draw. At press time, Bobby Bend students raised \$7,710 for the cause. The top fundraiser was Kindergarten student Annika Crockatt who raised \$930. CancerCare Manitoba Foundation raises funds for programs and services that may not be eligible for government funding and to help deliver the best research, patient care, treatment and support for all Manitobans and their families living with cancer. Donations will be accepted until the end of the month and can be made online at support.cancercarefdn.mb.ca. Left photo, Miss Martin is excited to with her new responsibilities as principal for the day. Right photo, ERWBBS Principal Pat Williamson-Crockatt, PAC member Amanda Martens, Miss Evelyn Martin, top fundraiser Annika Crockatt, PAC chairperson Amanda Clarke and vice-principal Mme. Celine Doll presented a \$7,500 cheque to Sherelle Kwan of CancerCare Manitoba.

Vote for local entries in La Poutine Week Feb. 1-7

By Jennifer McFee

Calling all poutine connoisseurs — it's the week you've been waiting for! La Poutine Week runs from Feb. 1 to 7 across Canada, with several entries right here in the Interlake.

To participate, restaurants across the country can create a one-of-a-kind poutine, and diners can vote for their favourite at lapoutineweek.com. The website also features a voting leaderboard that showcases the top restaurants in real time.

At Kahleigh's Brew Barn, located at 40 Main St. in Riverton, they're serving up a creation called "Brew Burger Poutine."

"This year we decided to do a deconstructed Brew Barn burger — fries topped with cheddar cheese, gravy, bacon crumble, ground beef, tomato, pickles, lettuce and our house made burg' sauce," said owner Kahleigh Dubois.

"We wanted to do something this year that wasn't spicy so it would appeal to more customers — and when it comes down to it, burgers are the most popular items on our menu. We source our beef from a local farm by Arborg called Bar Z Beef."

The local eatery has participated in



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Interlake's participating restaurants include Kahleigh's Brew Barn, Lakeview Hotel and Resorts and Shenanigans on the Beach.

La Poutine Week for several years.

"We look forward to coming up with new ideas and meeting all the new customers who come out to try our latest creation," Dubois said.

"Our Brew Burger Poutine will be available to order on our website starting Feb. 1."

Kahleigh's Brew Barn is open seven days a week from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday to Saturday and noon to 8 p.m. on Sundays. Visit www.kahleighsbrewbarn.ca to learn more about the Riverton restaurant.

At Shenanigans on the Beach, located at 46 Main St. in Winnipeg Beach,

they'll be cooking up a creation called "Shenanigan's Philly Cheese Frings Poutine."

This entry features a mixture of hand-cut double-fried Interlake potato fries and crispy onion rings, topped with slow-roasted Grade A beef, sautéed bell peppers and a blend of Saputo mozzarella and St. Albert cheese curds. To top it off, everything is covered in Montreal-seasoned gravy and sprinkled with freshly sliced green onions.

"It is very good. We had to do a lot of taste-testing," said Shannon King, one of the co-owners of the restaurant.

"This is actually our first year doing it. I figured it would be a good way to come out and try something different."

At Lakeview Hotel and Resorts, located at 10 Centre St. in Gimli, the mouth-watering entry is called "Lobster Poutine." This tasty dish features diced lobster tail, sautéed grape tomatoes and green onions smothered in lobster bisque and house three-cheese blend.

Visit www.lapoutineweek.com for a full list of restaurants participating in La Poutine Week and to cast your vote.

Quarry Park ski and snowshoe lending program

By Jennifer McFee

Outdoor adventures abound at Quarry Park during every season of the year.

The cross-country ski trails are now open for all to enjoy. Even better, a new initiative in 2024 will allow visitors to borrow snowshoes or cross-country skis for free.

Kelly Kimball, Quarry Park manager, said the equipment is available at the Heritage Arts Centre.

"You can come to the reception desk in the lower level to complete or submit your lending agreement and waiver. Staff can also email both the form and the waiver to people wishing to use the equipment in advance," she said.

"The forms must be signed by a par-

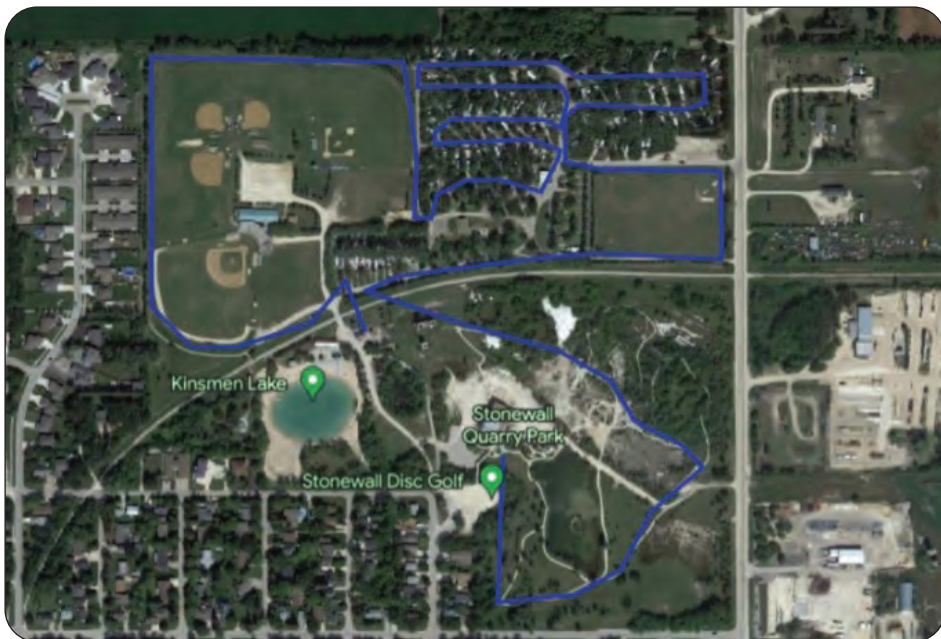
ent if the child is under 18 years of age."

Anyone interested in borrowing equipment can also request the forms via email at stoneqp@stonewall.ca or by phone at 204-467-7980.

"If you know that you will be using the equipment more than once, the lending agreement and waiver can be dated for a certain time period and not just for the one day," Kimball said.

"ID will be required — a driver's licence or similar photo ID for adults and student cards for students who do not have government-issued photo ID. Families only need ID for the adult in charge."

The equipment will be loaned out in two-hour blocks. The Heritage Arts Centre is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.,



Stonewall's new ski and snowshoe trail stretches roughly 2.5 kilometres through Quarry Park. The trail, which is marked by blue in the picture above, features three start points and is maintained by a group of volunteers.



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY JO-ANNE PROCTER

Snowshoes and cross-country skis are available to borrow at the Heritage Arts Centre.

seven days a week.

"Start points are near the gate to Kinsmen Lake, the lower parking lot of the HAC or the parking lot by the campground. We have two full sets of snowshoes for families (two adults, three kids). We also have a variety of ski sizes; however, we are still sourcing enough cross-country ski boots to have a good-sized library to lend from," she said.

"If you know of or have any used cross-country classic ski boots you wish to donate to the program, we'd be happy to receive them at the Heritage Arts Centre."

The equipment-lending program will be offered annually, thanks to a Healthy Together Now grant from the Interlake-Eastern Regional Health

Authority.

"The idea behind this program is to provide an opportunity for those without skis or snowshoes, or those who have never tried it, to experience the activity and enjoy being outdoors in the winter," Kimball said.

Healthy Together Now is a community-led and government-supported grassroots program to help prevent chronic disease in Manitoba. Individuals plan and lead projects while the provincial government and regional health authorities provide funding, support and training.

The program targets Manitobans who are most at risk for chronic disease in rural, urban, First Nations and

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Keep informed about Stonewall's traffic bylaw

By Jennifer McFee

Stonewall council drove forward with a new traffic bylaw that is now in place after being approved in December.

Discussions began last summer, and members of the public had the opportunity to provide input on the proposed bylaw at an open house event in November as well as through an online survey prior to the bylaw being passed.

Under this bylaw, no one can park any vehicle on Main Street between Second Avenue North and Third Avenue South for more than four hours between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday to Saturday. In addition, U-turns are not permitted at any intersection on Main Street. As well, no one can park a vehicle on a street that contravenes the town's snow-clearing policy.

The bylaw also notes that vehicles longer than six metres aren't able to park on a public roadway.

CAO Wally Melnyk explained the six-metre standard is in bylaws from other communities that the town referenced as part of its traffic bylaw review.

"Throughout this process, the town has asked for public input and indicated its desire to make changes if needed. The six-metre standard is something that will be looked at as part of that review later this year," he said.

"This is, however, a balancing act be-

tween allowing the greatest number of people to use public parking spaces and accommodating all types, sizes and lengths of vehicles. In a community where sufficient public parking has been identified as a concern, there is irony in allowing one very large vehicle to occupy space that could accommodate a greater number of smaller vehicles."

Although the bylaw speaks to vehicles greater than six metres not being able to park on public roadways, Melnyk said it doesn't restrict those vehicles from driving on the streets or parking on private driveways or private property, including parking lots.

Work will begin later this year for signage and road markings in keeping with the bylaw, he added.

"In terms of enforcement, bylaw enforcement has the right to ticket based on the bylaw, but the town has asked that discretion be used based on the need to roll out the signage. Having said that, obvious offences such as parking in front of a fire hydrant will be ticketed," he said.

"Overall, the new traffic bylaw has a few changes like the parking of vehicles on one side of the street in residential areas, but much of what is in the bylaw existed in the previous version."

Residents and business owners are encouraged to reach out to town council or administration at any time with questions or concerns.

The Town of Stonewall's bylaws, including the traffic bylaw, are published in full on the town's website

at www.stonewall.ca under "Town Hall" and "Documents" followed by "Bylaws and Permits."



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Rental accommodations needed for health-care workers

By Jennifer McFee

Rental accommodations are in demand for health-care workers coming soon to the Interlake-Eastern region.

Interlake-Eastern Regional Health Authority is reaching out to local residents to find rental properties in Arborg, Ashern, Eriksdale, Stonewall, Selkirk, Pine Falls, Pinawa and Beausejour.

Julene Sawatzky, regional lead for human resources, said optimally they're seeking small furnished rental options that are in good condition and close to health facilities.

"One of the challenges we are finding in stabilizing the workforce in our rural environment is access to affordable and appropriate rental accommodation," she said.

"We have numerous recruitment initiatives underway, including the Philippines recruitment effort as well as the rollout of the Provincial Nursing Float Pool. We need accommoda-

tions in order to be able to have these nurses and health-care aides actually work in the communities."

In addition, physicians often struggle to find an appropriate place to live, which is a key factor in retention.

The duration of the rentals will vary depending on the situation of the worker.

"Provincial Float Pool nurses may be coming to the community for three to six months at a time, whereas individuals and families from the Philippines will be staying in the community a minimum of several years. In both cases, having some basic furnishings in place is very helpful," Sawatzky said.

"We also have agency nurses working in many of our communities. They often seek nightly rentals as they may come and work in a community for a few shifts in a row and then drive back to where they live."

To help address the issue of accom-

modations, the health authority is gathering information about residents who might have short-term or long-term rentals available.

"We are finding challenges right across the region. The communities of Ashern and Pine Falls are of particular focus as their distance from a major centre makes it more difficult to support staff with accommodations. Staffing stabilization efforts are underway. We're capitalizing on Provincial Float Pool staffing and recruited workers from the Philippines," Sawatzky said.

"As we focus on improving access to care across the region, we need places for staff to live and we hope that communities take opportunities they may have to facilitate access to housing."

Anyone with a rental site that is available can contact human resources officer Susan Peitsch at speitsch@ierha.ca or 204-345-4325.

RCMP news in brief

By Jennifer McFee

Stonewall RCMP are seeking information about an incident in Teulon in early January.

On Tuesday, Jan. 9, Stonewall RCMP received a Crimestoppers tip that a man and woman had a stolen truck at the hotel behind the Super 7 Esso in Teulon.

Stonewall RCMP attended the incident, along with the D Division emergency response team, negotiator and police dog services.

Tristan Provinciano of Selkirk, age

36, and Haley Osadchuk of Winnipeg, age 21, were arrested peacefully after lengthy negotiations with RCMP.

Both face several charges, including possession of property obtained by crime over \$5,000, failure to comply with court orders and mischief over \$5,000.

"As of Jan. 26, 2024, both remain in custody," said Cpl. Mike Garton, supervisor and investigator with Stonewall RCMP.

"The RCMP response involved several support units due to RCMP hav-

ing had previous interactions with these individuals involving possible firearms."

If anyone has information that they'd like to share anonymously with the RCMP, they can call Crimestoppers at 204-786-8477 or submit an anonymous tip online at <http://manitobacrimestoppers.com>.

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On Wednesday, Jan. 23 at about 10:15 a.m., Stonewall RCMP responded to a report of a phoned-in firearm threat made towards Access Credit Union in

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I do not call you servants[a] any longer, because the servant[b] does not know what the master is doing, but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. (John 15:15)

While browsing through the internet, there is a common experience, where one would find news articles that pop out, which continually distract us. One such article which spoke about 'loneliness' caught my attention. While probing further, I found an article that further described it as "an epidemic of our recent times". Though this was a concern, understanding the alarming situation did come as a surprise. We've come out of the Covid situation and are still trying to wriggle off the side effects which sometimes have had a haunting effect on us. Thankfully, it's a thing of the past from which many lessons were learnt. Social activity now has meant that we enjoy a normalcy which compares healthily with our past experiences. So, it would come as a surprise that we would be talking about loneliness as a phenomenon that we seem to be grappling with as a human race. Loneliness has variously been described as an "unpleasant emotional response to perceived isolation" (Wikipedia) which sometimes stems from a lack of friends or company. There are situations when one can be with a room full of people sharing relational dynamics and still be lonely. It's funny when we think how technology and devices which shrink the world to fit our palms can ironically contribute to this unhealthy situation. Surprisingly, this phenomenon surfaced long before the pandemic struck us. The pandemic accentuated what was already a full-blown problem. If there is any generation which seems to be affected the most, it is the present generation (Gen Z). If we were to try to find the origins of its source, we would stumble upon what we have glorified, as leading causes for such an epidemic. Faith communities are not immune to its devastating effects. Loneliness can be categorized in different ways based on a particular situation. As communities of faith, there is a larger impetus for relationships based on love and service. We reach out because God in Christ Jesus first reached out to us. Availability and active listening can do wonders. Keeping channels open for communication is only a small step in the right direction.

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Snow removal crews were busy clearing Main Street in Stonewall last Thursday night from snowfall the week before. Help the Tribune record the weather of the week and send in your photos of friends or family enjoying the outdoors. Email: news@stonewallteulontribune.ca.

Manitoba's winter roads open for the season

By Lana Meier

On Jan. 29, Transportation and Infrastructure Minister Lisa Naylor declared that the Manitoba government had opened the majority of the province's winter road network. This will serve as crucial access routes for numerous northern communities who heavily depend on these roads for both regional transportation and delivery of crucial goods.

"Manitoba's winter road system is a crucial transportation route for many northern communities," said Naylor. "Manitoba Transportation and Infrastructure is dedicated to providing safe winter road routes, as soon as weather conditions allow. Despite milder temperatures in December and January, our government is pleased to announce the opening of these vital routes."

Since 1971, the use of winter roads

has been vital in enabling the transportation of goods to remote and northern communities. These roads also serve as a temporary means of inter-community travel for residents, while providing crucial access to the rest of the province. Stretching over a distance of 2,375 kilometres, these roads are built on natural terrain including muskeg, streams, rivers and lakes. Working closely with local communities, construction and upkeep of these roads create job and training opportunities for over 250 local residents.

The winter road system in Manitoba is usually open from mid-January to mid-March, but its availability is dependent on the weather. Each year, the Manitoba government and federal government jointly allocate more than \$9 million towards the construction and upkeep of these roads. They

play a crucial role in serving 22 communities and over 30,000 Manitobans, supporting over 2,500 deliveries of various goods. This includes a significant amount of fuel transportation, as well as shipments of construction materials, heavy equipment and store supplies.

Timelines of completion for all roads are dependent on weather conditions. Certain sections may undergo sudden closures for repairs due to changing weather conditions, the minister noted.

Road users are encouraged to contact individual communities to inquire about potential entry requirements before travelling.

To learn more about Manitoba's winter road network, go to <https://gov.mb.ca/mti/winter/>.

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> SKI, FROM PG. 6

Métis communities. Program goals include supporting communities that lead prevention activities and increasing communities' knowledge and ability to run prevention programs for a variety of chronic diseases.

In addition, Healthy Together Now aims to encourage organizations, communities, regions and governments to work together to help prevent chronic disease. At the same time, it strives to build on and blend with existing prevention programs, while also developing new ones.

Healthy Together Now supports programs that address four health pillars — nutrition, mental health, physical activity and tobacco reduction — with a focus on health equity.

Caroline Le Clair is involved with community health promotion with Interlake-Eastern Regional Health Authority. She said Stonewall's snowshoe and cross-country ski program received funding because it addresses the pillars of mental health and physical activity.

"The ski and snowshoe program is free and therefore more accessible to the community. Anyone can use the equipment. By being free, it is breaking down some of the barriers people

may be facing in terms of cost when looking for an activity for themselves or their family to participate in," she said.

"Many programs or activities can be expensive. This program offers an opportunity for folks to get outside, enjoy nature, get some physical activity in and even connect with other community members."

A spring intake will open soon for Interlake organizations, groups or individuals interested in applying for Healthy Together Now funding.

Visit <https://www.ierha.ca/programs-services/life-style/healthy-together-now/> to learn more about the intake process, funding guidelines and deadlines.

Looking ahead, plans are in the works for Louis Riel Day celebrations at Quarry Park on Monday, Feb. 19. The festivities will include crafts, banock-making over the firepit, outdoor winter games and snowshoeing. The event will also feature toe-tapping tunes from Dave and Jason Lavallee of Lavallee Tradition along with Jason Lepine from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Access Auditorium in the Heritage Arts Centre. The cost is \$5 per child and \$7 per adult. Admission includes all of the day's activities and the show.

> YAKTA, FROM PG. 3

— be it a homeowner with an acreage they need to manage to commercial cutters who are using the units for eight hours a day, five or more days a week," Milne said.

Yakta's main business comes from the United States, which is where they see the vast majority of their sales. All sales of Yakta products will be done through dealers.

"Our methodology is all around the dealer. They are the ones who are the backbone of our economy and who need support in a space where OEMs (original equipment manufacturers) are taking away from their bottom line and either going to big box stores or directly to consumer," Milne said.

"Consumers need dealers who are dedicated to their success and dealers need OEMs who are dedicated to theirs. As such, you'll never see a Yakta product in a big box store or sold direct. All product sales will go

through our committed, hard-working, family-owned dealerships."

Currently, there are already 51 dealers across 16 states and three provinces that are ready and waiting to take their first order of Yakta units as soon as they're available, as well as many others waiting to finalize dealer agreements.

"The response from dealers looking for better has truly been humbling. Along with our international HQ facility currently being built in Woodlands, we intended to expand to an additional plant in the U.S. to keep up with demand as well. Those talks are already in place and plans in development," Milne said.

"We already have plans in place to begin sales in Australia, either this year or very early the following year, as well as other international markets like the U.K. where we're currently very successful with Arrowquip."

> RCMP, FROM PG. 8

Teulon by an unknown person.

Officers attended the scene. Meanwhile, local schools were placed under hold-and-secure protocols as a precaution.

"Someone called and basically said, 'I'm going to rob the bank. I have a gun.' We were there right away and we went to all the businesses around the area," Garton said.

"There was no surveillance or anything to prove that it was real. It was likely someone calling from a different location."

Officers determined there was no credible threat to the business, and the public was not considered to be at risk.

The investigation is ongoing into the origin of the phone call.

Anyone with information is asked to call Stonewall RCMP at 204-467-5015, Crimestoppers anonymously at 1-800-222-8477 or submit a secure tip online at www.manitobacrimestoppers.com.

The community is grieving the loss of a father and his baby boy who died in a highway collision last week.

On Thursday, Jan. 25 at about 7 a.m., Stonewall RCMP attended a two-vehicle collision on Highway 6 in the RM of Woodlands. Woodlands Fire Department and emergency medical services also attended, as well as an RCMP collision analyst.

The highway was closed in both directions from Road 323 to Road 411.

The initial investigation determined that a southbound car driven by a 29-year-old Winnipeg man collided with a northbound semi-truck and trailer driven by a 74-year-old man.

The 29-year-old man and his one-year-old passenger were killed instantly. The semi driver sustained minor injuries and was transported to Health Sciences Centre.

"Extremely icy road conditions were a main factor," Garton said.

"Drivers are reminded to adjust driving behaviours for the winter road conditions."

Stonewall RCMP, along with a traffic reconstructionist, continue to investigate.

A GoFundMe page called "Jacob and Riftyn" has been set up to help pay for funeral costs.

Yakta is located off Highway 6 in Woodlands right next to Arrowquip. Currently, it employs 50 workers — and further recruitment efforts are underway as the company is ramping up for production in its 72,000-square-foot facility.

"We are always looking for new employees who are looking to make a real impact on a global scale. Anyone who might be interested in joining our team, at any level, should reach out and apply," he said.

"Currently, we're looking for more engineers, factory support (assembly), operation staff and sales support. With the exception of engineering, no past experience is needed — just drive and motivation to succeed and thrive."

Milne estimates they'll likely need between 100 and 150 employees by the end of the year.

"However, this is a moving number and is based on demand," he noted.

"If more shifts are needed, like they were for Arrowquip, we'll add shifts and staff."

Looking ahead, the future looks bright for the bustling new business.

"We're the only zero-turn mower manufacturer in Canada," Milne said. "We're competing against giant names like Toro and John Deere, and we have no doubt that we're going to be able to show those brands how things are done."

Even in these early days, Yakta seems poised on a path for success.

"Overall, there's no holding us back. The industry is being bought and sold from major holding companies and OEMs all the time. Each time, consumers are being left with fewer and fewer choice since products are often made identical as another mower brand the company owns, just painted differently," Milne said.

"We will wake up a market that has put consumers behind shareholder value for far too long and who have not taken care of the hard-working, family-owned dealers. We've proven this on an international scale with Arrowquip, making ranching families safe once again and dealers successful all round the world. Yakta will do the same for the outdoor power equipment market."

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A Message from CurlManitoba President Keith Johnston

On behalf of the CurlManitoba Board of Directors, staff, and approximately 100 member curling clubs across the province, it's an honour to bring greetings to all competitors, spectators, and supporters of the game.

At CurlManitoba we are proud of the accomplishments of our high-performance athletes, but recognize the foundation of curling remains at the grass roots level. Our recently developed strategic plan placed even greater emphasis on growing curling club capacity and further improving communication with our member clubs. We believe positive progress has been made in these areas with club focused newsletters, for example, as well as through conversations, shared resources, and workshops. Many clubs have also taken advantage of website and social media support through CurlManitoba.



Growing the game continues to be another high priority area for CurlManitoba. New opportunities are being discovered within our communities by partnering with groups like Winnipeg Newcomers Sport Academy.

Evolving initiatives like U15 bonspiels hosted throughout the province and inter-league play have been introduced and now join our other youth-based programs to help provide opportunity for everyone across the province.

Last season at the national level, our Manitoba athletes continued to shine. Highlighted by a fourth consecutive Canadian Women's Championship for Gimli's Kerri Einarson and for all of our athletes overall, an impressive nine medals over six national events.

The CurlManitoba Curling for Life Endowment Fund continues to grow with funds now in excess of one million dollars. This fund generates revenue in perpetuity to be used for scholarship and development opportunities all across the province.

All of our successes would not be possible without the continued support of our sponsors. I would like to extend a debt of gratitude to all of our partners with a special thank you to Viterra, our title sponsor for this great event. Our sport could not thrive without supporters like you.

We would also like to thank the Stonewall organizing committee and all of the many dedicated volunteers for hosting this year's event. We know you will provide great hospitality for all players and spectators, ensuring this event will be another success!

Good luck to all teams competing and may you be guided by good sportsmanship now and for years to come.

Message from Viterra

Welcome to the 2024 Viterra Championship in Stonewall. This marks the eighth year we've been the title sponsor of this premier event, and we're proud to continue supporting this showcase of the best curling Manitoba has to offer.



Viterra has a long history of partnering with farm customers in this area of the province, connecting them to markets worldwide. Most recently, we were proud to open a brand new, state-of-the-art grain facility at Rosser, which will support customers in the area with superior service for many years to come.

While we continue to make investments in our asset network, it is just as important for us to invest in the communities where we live and work. Our partnership with CurlManitoba is a great way to illustrate this commitment and I would like to recognize their team for the great work they do to support local curling and help it thrive across Manitoba.

Over the last 100 years, our success has been fueled by our competitive spirit and focus on high performance, which are the same qualities that drive our curlers to achieve success here at home and around the world. I would like to wish all of the curlers participating in this week's tournament good luck as they compete to earn a spot on the national stage.

I would also like to thank the dedicated crew of volunteers who work hard to ensure that curlers and fans have a memorable and engaging experience at one of Manitoba's top sporting events.

I hope you enjoy what promises to be an outstanding week of curling.

Kyle Jeworski, CEO
Viterra Canada

Message from the Town of Stonewall

On behalf of the Town of Stonewall and my fellow Councilors, I am pleased to extend a warm welcome to those attending and who are participating in the 2024 Viterra Provincial Championship. We are extremely proud to host and sponsor this prestigious Provincial Championship for

the first time.

Stonewall has lots to offer and we encourage you to spend some of your downtime exploring our town. We have a variety of great places to shop, eat, and play all within walking distance of the Veteran's Memorial Sports Complex.

I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to the Host

Committee along with those who have

made this event possible. Volunteers are the backbone of every community and events such as this could not be possible without them.

Thank you to our Parks & Arena Staff for the extra time



and effort to ensure our facility is a welcoming venue for all to enjoy.

Whether you are curling, spectating, or volunteering, we hope you have a fantastic time in Stonewall.

Mayor
Sandra Smith

Message from the Committee

The 2024 Viterra Championship Host Committee would like to welcome you to the Town of Stonewall.

The Town of Stonewall was founded in 1878 as a major limestone production centre and not long after the Stonewall Curling Club was established in 1888. Throughout the club's history, there have been numerous dedicated volunteers that have ensured

the longevity and success of the club.

Hosting a prestigious event such as the Viterra Championship can't happen without the support of volunteers from the club, town and surrounding communities. We want to thank each and every volunteer for taking the time to make this event a success.

The Committee also wants to give a huge thank you to all our

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WEST 1	DAUPHIN	GLENN TOEWS	NICK OGRYZLO	CORY TOEWS	STEVE PROCYSHYN		
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WEST 2	BRANDON	CALE DUNBAR	SHAYNE MACGRANACHAN	KYLE SAMBROOK	CHRIS CAMPBELL	LORNE SAMBROOK	
WEST 2	BRANDON	STEVE IRWIN	DALEY PETERS	TRAVIS TAYLOR	TRAVIS BROOKS	KELLY MARNOCH	SHAWN TAYLOR
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Viterra Championships coming to Stonewall next week

By Ty Dilello

The 2024 Viterra Championships will be taking place in Stonewall at the Veteran's Memorial Sports Complex from Feb. 7-11.

It's going to be an exciting time as 32 of the top men's curling teams

from across the province will be competing for a chance to wear Team Manitoba colours at the upcoming Montana's Brier.

The top seeds at the provincial championships will be Granite's Brad Jacobs (Reid Carruthers, Derek Samagalski, Connor Njegovan) and

Fort Rouge's Ryan Wiebe (Ty Dilello, Sean Flatt, Adam Flatt). Rounding out the top five seeds will be Fort Rouge's Braden Calvert (Corey Chambers, Kyle Kurz, Brendan Bilawka), Assiniboine Memorial's Jordon McDonald (Dallas Burgess, Elias Huminicki, Cam Olafson) and Assiniboine Memorial's Brett Walter (JT Ryan, Graeme McFarlane, Hugh McFarlane).

Thomas Dunlop is representing Charleswood on Devon Wiebe's team. The Interlake will also be represented by Winnipeg Beach's Justin Reynolds (Nick Weshnoweski, Josh Maisey, Sean Giesbrecht), who won a spot through the same regionals as Ede. Kyle Einarson is curling with Justin Richter, Jared Litke and Mitch Einarson and are representing Beausejour.

The Carman area has a pair of entries in the Viterra Championships as Carman's Dean North (Brad Wainikka, Rob Van Deynze, Mike Orchard) and Holland's Jeremy Sundell (Elliot Sundell, Paul Sundell, Thomas Huggart) each won a berth through the southern regionals event.

Full Event Passes for the championships are available for \$150 and Single Day Passes are \$50. They can be purchased here: <https://curlmanitoba.org/viterra-championship/>. The physical tickets can then be picked up at the Town of Stonewall office (293 Main Street) Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., or at the Stonewall Curling Club bar Monday to Friday from 6:45 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. They can also be mailed out, or can just be picked up at the door during the event. Tickets can also be purchased in person (cash/debit/credit card) at the Club bar.

Single Draw Admission (\$20) will only be available during the event. Children 12 and under are free.

"Our team is very much looking forward to competing in Stonewall next week," said Wiebe, skip of the second-seeded rink out of the Fort Rouge Curling Club. "We've had a pretty good season to date, and we really want to try and peak at this Provincial Championships as the ultimate goal for our team this season is to win the provincials and play in the Brier. That would be a major accomplishment for us."

Team Matt Dunstone out of the Fort Rouge won't be playing in the Viterra Championships as they have been awarded a Wild Card entry to the upcoming Montana's Brier.

There will be a number of local curlers participating. The home team representing Stonewall is Logan Ede's team (Reece Hamm, Emerson Klimpke, Ryan Zapotochny) who won a spot through the regionals. Stonewall's Greg Melnichuk will skip a team after he earned a spot winning the Manitoba Open and

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FRIDAY, FEB. 9 – 8:30 A.M., 12:15 P.M., 4 P.M., 7:45 P.M.

SATURDAY, FEB. 10 – 9 A.M., 2 P.M., 6 P.M.

SUNDAY, FEB. 11 – 9 A.M., 2:30 P.M.

50/50 for the Viterra Championships is also now available online at www.raffle.link/curling, with the first drawing on Feb. 7 at 10 p.m. promising to be a big one.

There will be a “Quarry Patch” where fans can come out before and after games to socialize. It will be open from 9 a.m. to 1 a.m. from Wednesday to Saturday and from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday.

At the “Quarry Patch,” there will be

DJ music on a few of the nights, Neil Kitching performing on Thursday night, Grant Leutshaft on Friday night, and Grant Leutshaft/Bruce Jacobs performing on Saturday night. These musical performances will take place from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. each night.

The winner of the Viterra Championships will represent Manitoba at the 2024 Montana’s Brier in Regina, Saskatchewan, from Mar. 1-10. This will be the first Brier under the sponsorship of Montana’s BBQ & Bar, following the departure of Tim Hortons as a sponsor.

A total of eighteen teams will qualify for the 2024 Brier. The fourteen Canadian curling member associations will hold playdowns to determine who will represent their province or territory. Team Canada is represented by Newfoundland and Labrador’s Brad Gushue, who won their second consecutive Brier championship at the 2023 Tim Hortons Brier.

In a change in the qualification format, the Brendan Bottcher of Alberta and Matt Dunstone rinks automatically pre-qualified for the 2024 Brier field based on their 2022-23 Canadian Team Ranking

Standings (CTRS), which meant they bypassed the provincial qualifiers. A fourth qualifying team will join the field as the top non-qualified team on the 2023–24 CTRS standings following all of the provincial and territorial playdowns.

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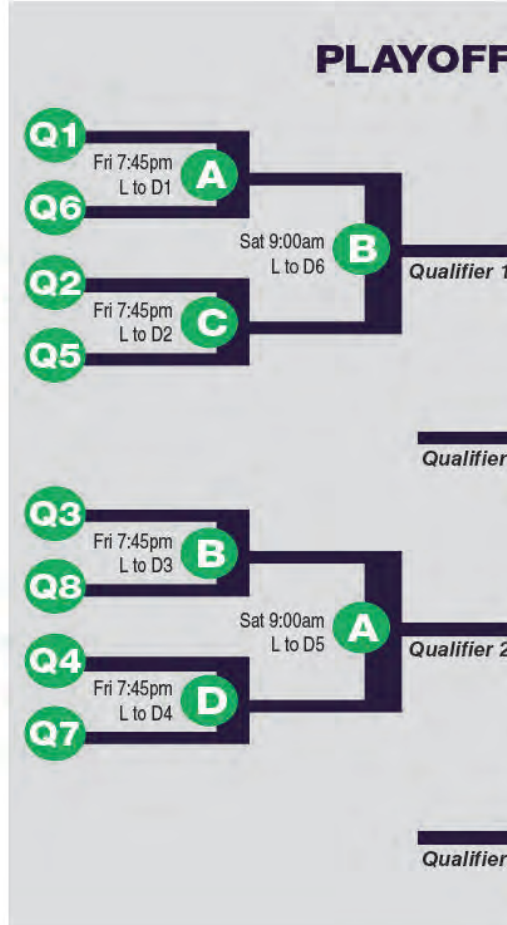
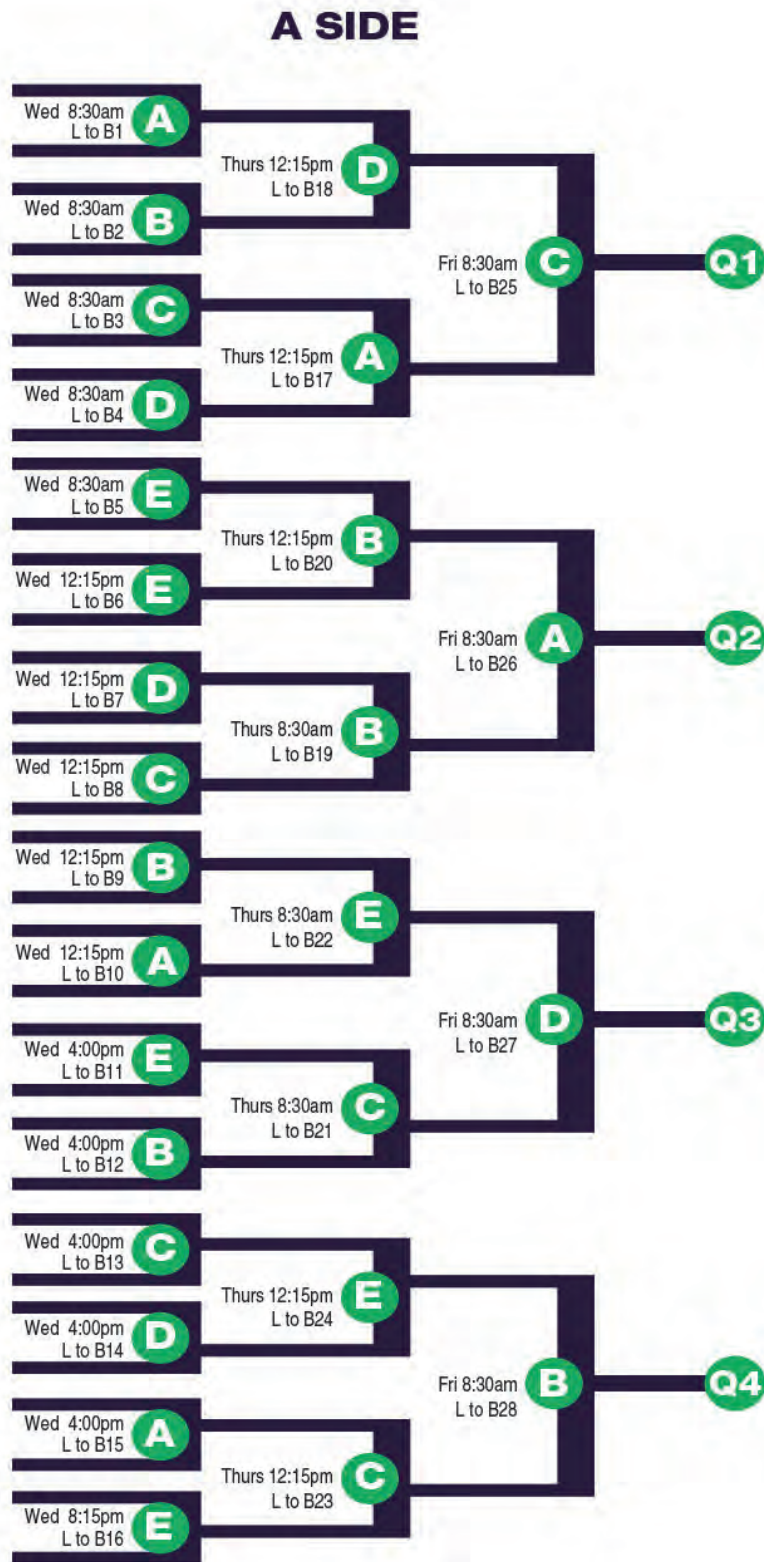


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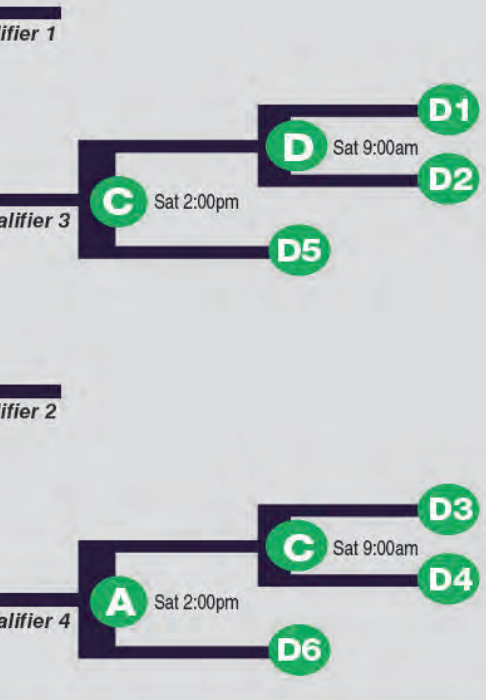


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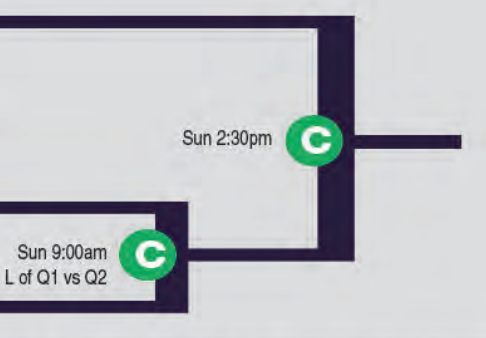
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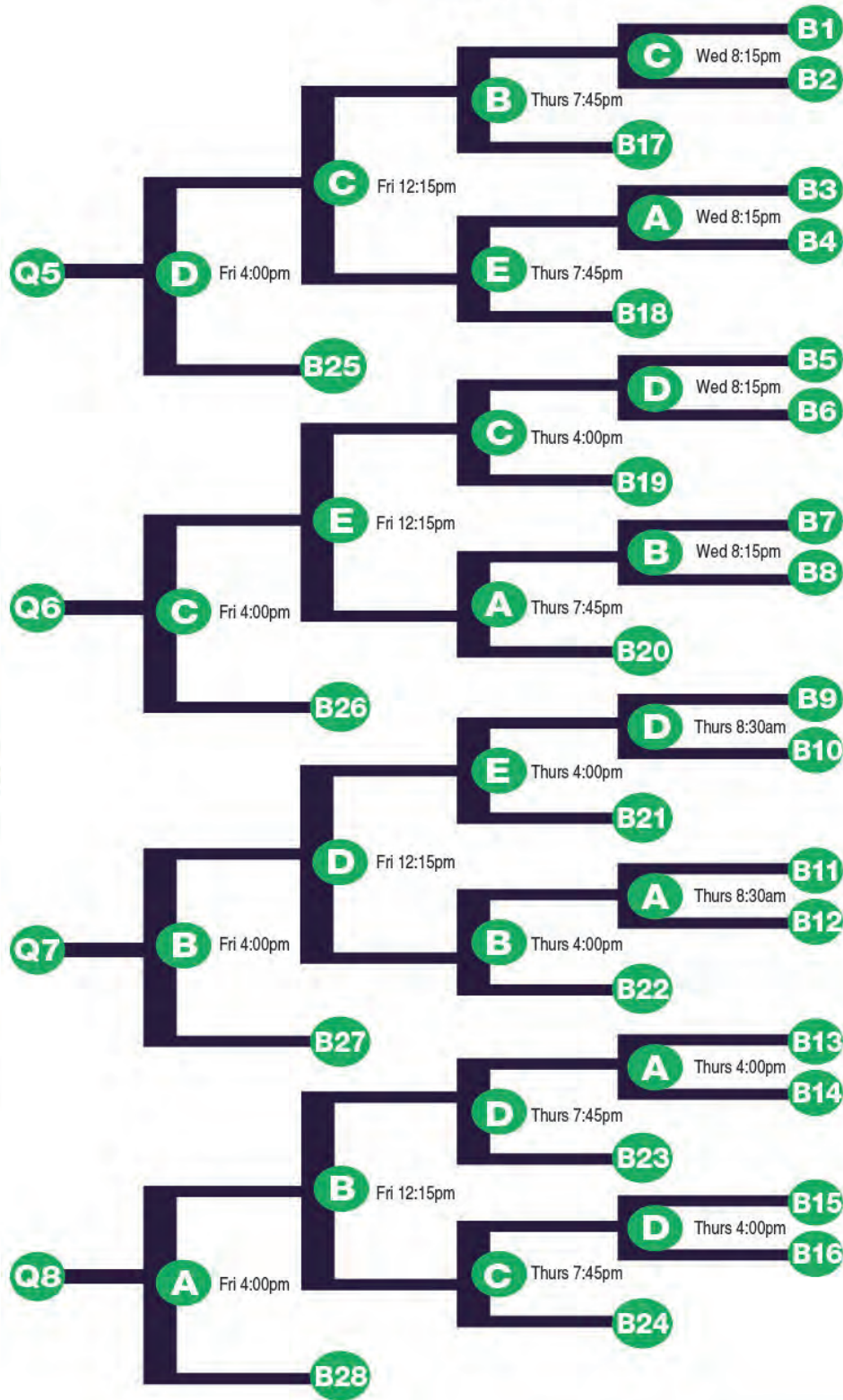
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Manitoba Provincial Men's History

Provincial

From 1925 to 1958 teams played a straight knockout format. This was played in conjunction with the MCA Bonspiel. In some years as many as 64 teams qualified. Exceptions to this included 1930 to 1932 where the MCA Bonspiel Grand Aggregate Winner was declared Provincial Champion. In 1949 a round robin format was used with 12 teams. In 1959 the current format of a maximum of 32 teams was started, however if a team qualified twice, the numbers were reduced accordingly. In 1965, minimum 32 teams became the yearly number to compete. There have been various types of draws used to declare the champions over the years. In 1995, the 8 team qualifier was introduced and in 2003 the Final Four or Page Playoff was introduced. In 2021 there was no playdown because of the pandemic. Jason Gunnlaugson Team being last years champion was chosen to represent the province. In 2022 only 28 teams competed in a curling club due to restrictions

Canadian Men's

The idea of a national competition began in 1925, with the Manitoba Champion heading east to play a series of exhibition games against eastern teams. In 1927 the first Brier was held with 8 teams competing with only one team representing Western Canada. The teams played 14 ends against each of the other teams with no playoff unless the teams were tied for first place. In 1928, the games were shortened to 12 ends with 10 teams competing. In 1936, PEI and British Columbia were added and in 1951 Newfoundland / Labrador, in 1975 The Territories were added. In 1977, games were shortened to 10 ends. There was no Brier held from 1943-1945. In 1979, the last Brier was held where no playoff games followed unless teams were tied. In 1980 the play-off format was changed to the first place team receiving a bye to the final and the second and third place teams playing a semi-final game to see who would advance to the final. In 1995, the Page Playoff format was adopted. In 2018, the event was ex-

panded to 16 teams in two pools of 8 teams. A wildcard entry was added. In 2021, because of the pandemic the championship was expanded to 18 teams in two pools of nine. Two additional wildcard entries were added based on the ranking system, one of the wildcard teams was from Manitoba. In 2022, three additional wildcards were added. Two pools of 8 with top three playing down to four and page playoff final.

Men's

In 1959, the first world men's championship was held with teams from Canada and Scotland competing. In 1961, the USA joined as did Sweden until finally 10 teams qualified in 1973. The teams played a round robin followed by a straight knockout involving the top four teams with 1 vs 4 and 2 vs 3. There are now 12 teams that compete. In 2005, the Page Playoff format was adopted. The championship was not played in 2020.

Provincial Final

Since 2003 the Page Playoff has been used to determine the champion. In the 18 years of this playoff system, the winner of the 1 vs 2 game has gone on to win on 13 occasions. On 4 occasions the loser of the 1 vs 2 game has come back to win (2008 Burtnyk, 2010 and 2013 Stoughton, 2017 McEwen). Only once has the 3 vs 4 winner claimed the championship. (2012 Fowler).



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Happy World Wetlands Day on Feb. 2

By Jennifer McFee

A major transformation is underway at Oak Hammock Marsh, where the Wetland Discovery Centre is temporarily closed for renovations.

As a result, celebrations will look a little different this year for World Wetlands Day on Feb. 2.

"World Wetlands Day is a very important day to celebrate as wetlands are one of the most complex and beneficial habitats on the planet," said Jacques Bourgeois, who does marketing and communications for Oak Hammock Marsh.

"They prevent floods and droughts, clean water naturally, reduce erosion, capture excess carbon, provide a home to countless species and give us a great opportunity to enjoy nature by offering numerous recreational activities such as bird-watching, hiking, canoeing and kayaking."

Unfortunately, we are still losing wetlands at an alarming rate, he added.

"We must continue our efforts of raising awareness about their importance," he said. "It is through the dedicated conservation work done by Ducks Unlimited Canada for the past 85 years that we can achieve this goal."

This year's theme for World Wetlands Day is "Wetlands and Human Well-being."

"This is a perfect topic for Oak Hammock Marsh, and we encourage people to come out and enjoy our trails on their own or on snowshoes with a guide," Bourgeois said.

"The fact that the Discovery Centre is currently closed for renovation is a bit of a challenge to showcase the benefits of wetlands firsthand, so we decided to illustrate the many facets of our thriving marsh via a free virtual presentation on the evening of Feb. 2."

The virtual presentation will be available in French at 6 p.m. and in English at 7 p.m. through the Oak Hammock Marsh website at www.oakhammockmarsh.ca.

"Not only will this presentation take people through a virtual walk through the marsh, but it will highlight all the benefits associated with wetlands. It is also a way to demonstrate our virtual educational programs to potential teachers and educators who would be interested booking or programs for their classroom," Bourgeois said.

"Feb. 2 is also Groundhog Day. This is when our official plush groundhog prognosticator, Manitoba Merv, will tell us if we will have an early spring or not."

Looking ahead, there's much to look forward to at the Wetlands Discovery Centre. The revamped facility will feature improvements to the current café and meeting rooms, as well as some entirely new exhibits complete with technological enhancements.

The award-winning Harry J. Enns Wetland Discovery Centre first opened its doors in 1993 and continues to welcome about 100,000 visitors each year. However, no major upgrades have occurred since it opened so the building is in need of serious repairs.

"We are also taking over the second floor of the current DUC (Ducks Unlimited Canada) offices and transforming it into a multipurpose event space," said Nathalie Bays, operations manager for Oak Hammock Marsh.

"The building is over 30 years old and many of the systems have deteriorated. This renovation allows us to make essential repairs needed for our continued operations."

The Wetland Discovery Centre closed on Nov. 1 for the project to begin. Soon after, representatives from local museums and non-profits had the chance to pick up displays and structures to give them a second life. After that, members of the public flocked to a clearance sale in mid-November to buy exhibit items, office furniture, supplies and much more.

With an eco-friendly approach, 98 per cent of the excess exhibits and furniture has been repurposed.

"All carpet and wood is being recycled," Bays added.



TRIBUNE PHOTOS BY OAK HAMMOCK MARSH

New exhibits will be coming soon to the Wetlands Discovery Centre.

"The project's total budget rings in at \$6.4 million for the Wetland Discovery Centre side of the building. About half of those funds come from provincial and federal sources. Oak Hammock Marsh is currently running a capital campaign to raise funds for the other half.

The improvements aim to increase accessibility, offer engaging exhibits and add space that could be used for conferences and other gatherings, including weddings or celebrations of life.

A new theatre will provide an ideal venue for guest speakers to share their knowledge with both live and remote audiences. A state-of-the-art production centre will make it possible to deliver virtual and distance learning across the country, allowing the Wetland Discovery Centre to become a national hub for conservation science and education programs.

The renovation project is currently in the demolition stage, but the outdoor trails remain open for all to enjoy.

"We hope to reopen in time for the fall migration, and event space would be ready later in the year," Bays said.

"The trails can absolutely be used

and we are also hosting groups in our Willow Retreat and running limited events."

She's looking forward to the new exhibits, which include a massive wall display of different wetland species. Another display will showcase wetlands wildlife through interpretive graphics, species models, live animal and plants displays, wildlife sighting tools and other hands-on activities.

Visitors will also learn about the role and function of wetlands through a large digital map, a "flood the town" exhibit, interpretive graphics, a live cattail display and a chance to view waterfowl decoys. The wetlands conservation and stewardship exhibit will feature interpretive panels, changeable displays and a role-playing game.

These displays will allow visitors to gain a deeper understanding of the importance of wetlands and their role in maintaining ecological harmony and balance among ecosystems.

"We are excited to keep engaging guests of all ages," Bays said. "We encourage people to sign up for our newsletter and follow us on social media for updates. As we embark on the public phase for our capital campaign, any support is appreciated."

Visit www.oakhammockmarsh.ca to learn more.



Snowshoeing is still offered at Oak Hammock Marsh during the Wetland Discovery Centre's closure.

University project focuses on Main Street revitalization

By Jennifer McFee

Stonewall will benefit from the fresh perspective of landscape architecture students who are focusing on the town for an in-depth school project.

From Friday, Jan. 19 to Sunday, Jan. 21, a group of landscape architecture students from the University of Manitoba stayed at the Heritage Arts Centre while they perused the town and nearby communities.

On Friday, the group met with Stonewall Mayor Sandra Smith, along with town councillors and members of the Chamber of Commerce and heritage committee.

They participated in a mock emergency evacuation scenario, which involved registering at the Heritage Arts Centre and sleeping in cots set up behind the stage in separate areas for men and women.

On Saturday, the fourth-year undergrad and master's-level students toured through Stonewall, Stony Mountain and Teulon to consider how the communities are connected and what they have in common.

"We really wanted to see how Stonewall overall situates itself within the RM of Rockwood," said Will Kendrick, one of the participating students.

"We also checked out some of the gravel pits to see how the landscape has changed from what a natural landscape would be. As well, we went out to Oak Hammock Marsh to see wetlands restoration."

They also participated in silent walks down Main Street in the daylight and in the dark, quietly making mental notes of their observations.

The theme for their course is "Emergent Futures," so their project involves creating a long-term landscape design vision for Main Street, while also keeping the town's strategic plan

in mind. They'll present their findings to the town in April.

Reflecting on their initial introduction to the town and its representatives, Kendrick shared his first impression.

"It's clear that there's a real passion for Stonewall — and it's an authentic passion," he said. "People really want to see this community thrive and be not just a bedroom community but a place where people can have a life here."

Ipalo Phiri, another visiting student, shared similar sentiments.

"Right from the get-go, everybody was so accommodating, sharing their experiences and their views," she said. "It was really insightful for us to hear that."

Student Julien Tetrault noted that they'll also reach out to the Manitoba Métis Federation local for input on the project.

"We're hoping that we can get some insight from the MMF local," he said. "I think that would be really helpful."

Mimi Locher, dean of the faculty of architecture, joined the students for their adventure in education.

"We feel that it's very important for students to connect with communities and learn from the local communities how they view themselves and what they want for their futures — and then to be able to help them imagine that," she said.

"For me, it's been really fun to get to know the students. We've been having some great conversations about what we're seeing and what we're experiencing. They're really paying attention and thinking of what's working and what could be better. I'm excited to see what they come up with."

Mayor Sandra Smith explained how



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY JENNIFER MCFEE

A group of landscape architecture students from the University of Manitoba spent the weekend at the Heritage Arts Centre.

this immersive education experience — and the mock evacuation practice — came to be.

"The town has been working with Scatliff Miller Murray for a couple years on creating a number of plans in the community, including a Quarry Park master plan. As part of that process, Bob Somers from SMM reached out to the U of M and professor Frits Van Loon about the possibility of engaging some of his students in the Stonewall Main Street revitalization review project," she said.

"Once in a four-year cycle, the town must exercise its emergency plan in order to comply with provincial legislation. Given that we had a dozen students or so that we needed to host for a couple days, we used the opportunity to test our emergency plan and fulfill a legislative requirement."

Like Locher, Smith is looking for-

ward to hearing the students' observations and suggestions.

"The town is very proud of the businesses that exist along Main Street and they do an excellent job providing goods and services to our community and the region. There are, however, challenges with vacant spaces and property along Main Street. The hope is that we can engage the students in some brainstorming on what our Main Street could become," she said.

"There will be sessions held with the businesses, Chamber of Commerce and community to get a sense of direction and investment needed regarding the commercial core of our community. We are excited to work with the U of M and are looking forward to the information that will be identified through the process."

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Cockerill ties for fourth at DP World Tour event

By Brian Bowman

Everyone looks forward to payday but Stony Mountain's Aaron Cockerill had a really, really good one recently.

Cockerill tied for fourth at the Hero Dubai Desert Classic, firing a 4-under par fourth-round 68 to finish the tournament at 10 under, just four shots back of Northern Ireland's well-

known Rory McIlroy.

Cockerill finished in a three-way tie for fourth overall. He started the event with rounds of 71, 67 and 72.

Cockerill's reward? A cool cheque of over \$510,000 Canadian. (Yep, that's right.)

That performance moved Cockerill

33 points up the Race to Dubai rankings to ninth overall.

He continued his stellar play last Sunday, shooting a 5-under par 67 during the final round of the DP World Tour's Ras Al Khaimah Championship in Dubai.

Cockerill made an eagle on the 14th

hole to go along with five birdies, 10 pars and two bogeys.

He finished the tournament with a 12-under par 276 after earlier rounds of 67, 70 and 72 to tie for 23rd overall. He earned 28.8 points and earned \$31,387.80 Canadian.

Carman Beavers upset Warren Mercs in SEMHL action

By Brian Bowman

In the Southeastern Manitoba Hockey League, any team can beat another.

The ninth-place Carman Beavers proved that last Saturday with a surprising 3-2 road win over the Warren Mercs.

Carman's Ben Dalke and Warren's Brayden MacDonald traded first-period goals.

After a scoreless second, the Beavers' Scott Atkins scored a pair of goals by the 10:12 of the third.

The Mercs' Chase Faulkner made it a one-goal game, though, with a

marker at 17:58 of the third.

Warren's Dexter Kuczek finished the game with two assists.

With the loss, the Mercs are now 13-3 with 26 points, four points back of the Ste. Anne Aces with two games in hand heading into this week's slate of games.

Warren will play at the Altona Maroons on Thursday and then host the Red River Wild Friday.

Puck drop for both games is 8 p.m.

The Aces, meanwhile, have closed out their 18-game regular season.



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY JO-ANNE PROCTER

The Merc's Braydon MacDonald popped one in over the shoulder of Carman's goaltender Daniel Wenham in his teams 3-2 loss last Saturday night at home.

Interlake to be well represented at the NAHC in Grande Prairie

By Brian Bowman

The Interlake will be well represented at the National Aboriginal Hockey Championships in Grande Prairie, Alta.

The male team will consist of Interlake forwards Ian Buors (St. Laurent/Sandy Bay First Nation) and Blake Farthing (Stonewall/MMF Interlake region), Selkirk Steelers' forward Nick Giasson (Winnipeg/MMF Winnipeg region), Selkirk Steelers' defenceman Luke Wagner (Winnipeg/MMF Winnipeg region), Winnipeg Freeze forward Noah Oughton (St. Laurent/MMF Interlake region) and Winnipeg Blues' defenceman Tavon McCorrister (Winnipeg/Peguis First

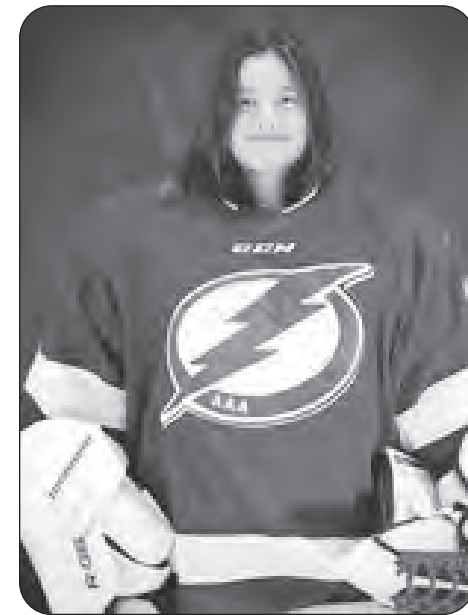
Nation).

The team's trainer is Eric Favel (Peguis First Nation/Peguis First Nation).

The women's team includes Interlake Lightning forward Bre-Ann Windross (Grosse Isle/MMF Southeast region), Interlake Lightning goaltender Rachel Halldorson (Lundar/MMF Interlake region) and Winnipeg Avros' forward Liberty Aime (Clan-deboye/MMF Interlake region).

Team Manitoba's head coach is Dale Bear (Winnipeg/Peguis First Nation) while Jacinta Bear (Winnipeg/Fisher River Cree First Nation) is the manager.

Lightning players getting recognized



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The Interlake Lightning's Vayda Rigaux was named the Manitoba Female Hockey League's U18 AAA player of the week for Week 16 while teammate Jane Sugimoto received the goaltender of the week award for the same period.

U18 AAA male Interlake Lightning on five-game losing streak

By Brian Bowman

The Interlake Lightning U18 AAA male hockey team was stopped 5-2 by the Southwest Cougars on Sunday afternoon in Teulon.

Tytan Johnson and Brandon Burak scored second-period goals for the Lightning.

Southwest goals were scored by Regan Anderson, Jack Clark, Connor Hoemsen, Tyson Draper and Kylan Anderson.

Saturday saw Interlake drop a 3-1 decision to the Winnipeg Wild.

Johnson scored a second-period goal while Hudson Kowalchuk and William Marceus replied for Winnipeg in the first period and then Jonah Van-

derhorst tallied in the second.

Last Friday, the Lightning lost 3-1 at home to the Wild.

Johnson scored for the Lightning while Kowalchuk, Marceus and Vanderhorst replied for the Wild.

On Jan. 20 and 21, Interlake lost a pair of games to the Brandon Wheat Kings, including getting blanked 4-0 in the second game.

Jaxon Jacobson, Easton Odut, Ethan Stewart and Loughlan McMullan scored in the game.

Saturday saw Brandon nip Interlake 5-4 in overtime.

Jacobson scored the game winner in OT.

Ian Buors (two), Johnson and Burak

scored for the Lightning.

The Wheat Kings' other goals came from Colten Worthington (two), Declan Hoad and Stewart.

Interlake, now 19-13-3 and in fifth

place with 41 points, will hit the road this weekend to play the Parkland Rangers Saturday (7:30 p.m.) and Sunday (1:30 p.m.) at Credit Union Place.



Warren Mercs are hosting Red River this Friday, Feb. 2nd in Warren

Puck drop at 8pm

Alumni Night, anyone that has worn a Senior Mens Merc jersey in the last 70+ years gets in the door for free.

Come support the Mercs for their last home game of the regular season!

Playoffs start Feb 10th.

Team Lawes wins final 9-8 to capture Scotties title

By Lorne Stelmach

A well-played close final Sunday afternoon in Morden capped off the Scotties Tournament of Hearts with the top seeded team skipped by Kaitlyn Lawes edging the Beth Peterson foursome 9-8.

It was a close game the whole way between Lawes, who finished 5-0 in the round robin, and Peterson, who went 3-2 and whose team included Morden native Katherine Doerksen.

The key shot in the end was a Lawes deuce in the ninth when she faced two and played a re-direct hit, just rubbing off a Peterson stone in the front of the eight foot circle and doubling out the second stone on the centre line in the back of the eight foot circle.

Team Lawes jumped out to a 4-1 lead after three ends, but Peterson and her team fought back to tie it up 7-7 after eight.

The Lawes deuce in the ninth end set the stage for a dramatic tenth when Peterson had a chance to draw through a narrow port to the four foot circle for a pair and a tie. She navigated the port but slid a few inches too deep and scored just a single.

"When I let it go, I thought it was close, and it's either a flash or a two, so we went for it, and I thought it was kind of a gutsy call," Lawes said of her critical deuce.

"There were some great shots made on both sides and just some great line calls and well swept," she said, noting as well a key shot in the seventh when



Stonewall's Jenna Boisvert releases a rock. Boisvert played third for Rachel Kaatz's team. Team Kaatz finished with five losses.

she called for a little nudge to prevent a steal.

"It was very intense. Beth and her team played phenomenal, like first end runback after runback, and we knew we had to bring our A game and had to hang in there and make some big shots."

A teary Peterson afterwards lamented coming up just short at the end of a challenging week which saw her and a teammate both make visits to the walk-in clinic with injuries and needing to have their fifth step in as well.

"I'm so proud of the girls ... people don't even know how much adver-



TRIBUNE PHOTOS BY RICK HIEBERT

Marquette's Sara (Oliver) Krym was the lead for Jolene Campbell's team. Team Campbell had 4 wins and 1 loss in the round robin but finished the championship round with five wins and three losses and did not qualify for the playoff round.

sity we had this week," she said. "It was a really long week with a lot of challenges thrown our way, and I just thought we had this last one ... I'm pretty devastated."

Despite the challenges, the Peterson team qualified for the championship round with a 3-2 round robin record and then were the only team to win

all three championship round games and played a precision control game to win the semi-final over third seeded Kate Cameron.

She was optimistic heading into the championship final.

"Honestly, the girls did such a good job of keeping us in that game. It was

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Rams finish with a 2-1 record last week in WHSHL action

By Brian Bowman

The Collège Stonewall Collegiate Rams lost 5-3 to the River East Kodiaks in a home game last Friday.

Stonewall goals were scored by Adam Newcombe (two) and Logan MacDuff while Ashton Kollar (two), Nolan Fielding, Matt Didyk and Gavin Ulrich replied for River East.

Last Wednesday, Stonewall beat the Beliveau Barracudas 5-4.

Rams' goals were scored by Newcombe (two), Foxx Domansky (two) and Gavin Holod.

Holod finished the game with three points while Evan Roy had two assists.

Jay Walsh, Ryder Latta, and Owen Flockton replied for Beliveau.

Jackson Vandersteen earned the win in goal.

On Jan. 22, the Rams played a solid game in a 4-1 win over the Garden City Gophers.

MacDuff scored twice while Newcombe, and Logan Meier also tallied.

Jakob Kelemen scored for Garden City on Rams' goalie Hunter Manning.

Stonewall will visit the Steinbach Regional Sabres on Wednesday for a 4 p.m. game.

The Warren Collegiate Wildcats were edged 4-3 by the Pierre Elliott Trudeau Canadiens last Friday.

Wildcats' goals came from Dylan Riddell, Colton Bruce and Ethan Shymko.

Canadiens' goals were scored by Logan Gilkes, Owen Chmelnitzki, and Dallas Semus. The fourth goal scorer wasn't listed on the league website at press time.

On Jan. 22, Warren had a nice 5-4 home win over the Louis Riel Voyageurs.

The Wildcats' Owen Shymko and Quinn McKnight each had strong games with a goal and two assists while Colton Bruce added a goal and an assist. Kaelen Ivany and Ethan Shymko also scored for the Wildcats.



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY JO-ANNE PROCTER

The Warren Wildcats' Ethan Shymko sped by the Voyageurs' defence to score in his team's 5-4 victory on Jan. 22.

Louis Riel goals came from Teo Pelletier-Lavack, Jonah Allard-Bradley, Cory Tremblay and Moussa Kane.

Dallas Shaver earned the win in goal.

Warren will play the Maples Collegiate Marauders on Wednesday (3:30 p.m.) and then will host the Kildonan East Reivers on Friday (4 p.m.).

Jets close out January with an impressive win

By Brian Bowman

The Stonewall Jets crushed the Charleswood Hawks 5-0 in an afternoon tilt on Sunday.

Peyton Bateman (two) Alex Kaczorowski, Karson King and Cohen Cheung. Bateman was brilliant, finishing the game with four points. King was also very good with three

points.

Jets' goaltender Dylan Leclair made 28 saves for the win.

Last Thursday, the Jets were edged 5-4 in overtime by the St. Vital Jr. Victorias in Winnipeg.

Jack Kaiser scored the game winner.

The Vics came out flying, opening up a 4-0 lead just 16:42 of the game on

goals by Lucas Gillson, Dayton Kiesman, Ryland Nechwediuk and Kaiser.

Give the Jets credit, though. They battled back to tie the score at 4-4 as Kaczorowski and Landen Sitarz scored in the second period and then Bateman and Jeremy Klimchuk tallied in the third.

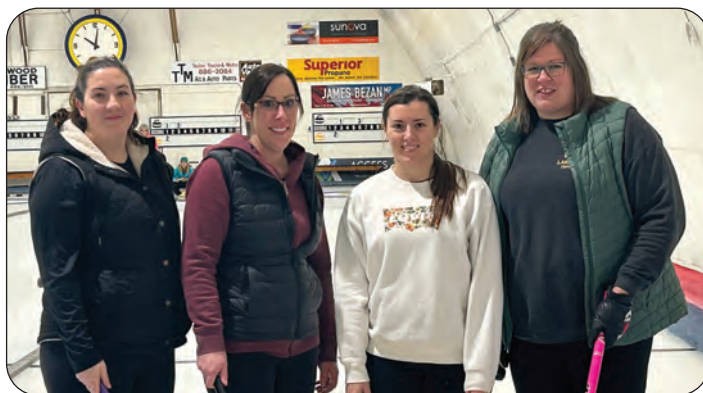
Klimchuk's goal came at 16:36 of the

final frame.

Stonewall will now play four straight games on the road, beginning with a Friday tilt against the Ft. Garry/Ft. Rouge Twins.

On Sunday, the Jets will take on the River East Royal Knights. Both games will start at 7:30 p.m.

Teulon celebrates 100 years of curling



The Teulon Curling Club hosted its ladies bonspiel Jan. 12-13 in honour of the club's 100th anniversary. This year's theme was TV shows with 18 teams taking part in the fun spiel. Pictured clockwise from top left: "A" event winners: Kendra Derbowka, Ashely Derbowka, Zoe Johnson and Laverne Kiel; "B" event winners: Amber Blue Team (a.k.a. Winnie the Pooh) Carrie Lafournaise, Michelle Possberg, Amber Blue. (Missing from the photo is Danna Shannon.); "C" event winners: Jane Brown (a.k.a. Gilligan's Island) included Melanie Nault, Kim King, Jane Brown, Nikki Morton (coach/professor), Lauricia Neale; "D" event winners: Kristyn Brown, Cristy Leahey, Kim Hiebert, Lindsey Jack. (Missing from the photo is Heather Tataryn.)

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a tough game, and we were down a lot, but a lot of good shots made, so I'm really proud of this team," said Peterson, who called it a hard loss that was going to sting for awhile. "Kaitlyn made some really key shots ... you can never count her out, and she made a great shot."

Lawes was equally proud of her new Fort Rouge team that includes Selena Njegovan, Jocelyn Peterman, and Kristin McCuish.

"It's our first provincial win as a team, and I'm so proud of the girls for hanging in there right to the end," she said.

Lawes sees winning the provincial championship as really helping build their team confidence now going as Team Manitoba to the national Scotties Tournament of Hearts later this month alongside fellow Manitoba teams led by Kerri Einarson and Jennifer Jones.

"Any chance you get to play in big finals, we keep saying the more finals we can get into the better, and it's really exciting going into the Scotties being Team Manitoba," said Lawes, who concluded with encouraging words for the Peterson team. "They had a phenomenal week, and look out, they're a great team, and they'll be right there for the next few years."

Warren to host provincial stick curling championship

By Jo-Anne Procter

Get ready to be swept away by competitive stick curlers as they battle it out for the title at the Manitoba Ladies Provincial Stick Curling Championship.

The championship, for 2024, is being

held in Warren Feb. 2 to 4.

There will be 24 teams from curling clubs throughout the province competing over the weekend.

All teams are guaranteed five games, and by Saturday evening, 16 teams will be eliminated and eight teams

will compete in the finals on Sunday.

Stick curling began in the 1980s and is rapidly spreading across the country. It has grown so much that its popularity has saved numerous curling clubs from closing their doors.

Be sure to drop by the Warren Curl-

ing Rink to cheer on your local curlers and see what stick curling is all about.

This year, the Canadian National Championship is being held April 17 to 21 at the Leaside Curling Club in Toronto, Ont.

UPCOMING GAMES

Friday, Feb. 2
Stonewall Jets at Ft. Garry/Ft. Rouge Twins
Century Arena
7:30 p.m.

Sunday, Feb. 4
Stonewall Jets at River East Royal Knights
Terry Sawczuk Arena
7:30 p.m.

