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Stonewall potter progresses to semi-finals

By Jennifer McFee

The Interlake continues to be well represented in CBC's nationwide pottery competition.

Jen Sonnenberg of Stonewall is competing in the eight-episode series called *The Great Canadian Pottery Throw Down*, which features amateur potters from across the country.

Each week, the artists compete to create a main pottery piece while also taking part in a smaller skill test. And at the end of every episode, one potter is sent packing from their hub on Vancouver's Granville Island.

Episode 6 aired last week, and Sonnenberg continues to stand her ground.

"Continuing on in the competition into Episode 6 was so exciting and unexpected. This week's challenge was to create a nine-piece place setting for a Michelin Star restaurant, with a guest appearance from chef Mike Robbins of Vancouver's AnnaLena restaurant actually giving feedback and plating our sets with their food," she said.

"It was an opportunity I've never had before and thought was so incredible. Making functional work — things that people are going to use like mugs, bowls and plates — are some of my favourite things to make. So, for me, there was a lot of pressure to create a cohesive set that would elevate the food."

Sonnenberg decided to create a set that was very sculptural in form and was inspired by "lucky stones" — rocks with holes eroded into them that were picked up from Manitoba beaches.



"While we waited for our pieces to dry and be fired in the kiln, we had a spot test in which we had to pull as many handles off of pre-made mug bodies as we could in 20 minutes. Pulling handles is a method of adding handles to mugs," she said.

"We had to try and make our handles as close as we could to the handles that judge Brendan Tang made as a demo. It was a very close race, but I ended up getting the most done in the time frame and won first place."

Overall, it was a close call for the judges, but Sonnenberg breathed a sigh of relief when she found out she'd continue in the competition.

"I was really happy with the soft organic forms that I created, but in the end it came down to me and Renu (a fellow competitor) as to who was going to go home this episode, with the judges feeling that some of my plates were a bit too small," she said.

"I was grateful to have won the spot test and continue on to the semi-final episode."

Episode 7 of *The Great Canadian Pottery Throw Down*, the semi-final, will air on CBC on Thursday, March 28 at 8 p.m. and on CBCGem.



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Jen Sonnenberg of Stonewall will progress to the semi-final episode.

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Upgrades underway for Grosse Isle's outdoor rink

By Jennifer McFee

A project to revamp Grosse Isle's outdoor rink continues to forge forward.

Phase 1 recently wrapped up thanks to the hard work of community members and help from Mukwa Experts. The first part of the project included removing decades-old deteriorating plywood boards and replacing them with durable pressure-treated lumber.

End boards were made taller so fewer pucks will leave the playing surface. To top it off, new chain-link fence was added above the side boards. The outdoor skating rink becomes a beach volleyball court in the summer, so the upgrades can be enjoyed year-round.

"We were basically able to do all that with volunteers and labour done by the community," said Monica Baldwin, second vice-president of the Grosse Isle Recreation Club.

"We got the boards up in place before we were able to flood the rink. If we hadn't replaced the boards, they were so deteriorated and rotten that we probably wouldn't have been able to have an outdoor rink this year. It was good to get that completed."

The rec club has been able to raise \$150,000 through fundraising and generous grants toward the project, which has a total estimated cost of \$180,000.

Now Phase 2 is about to begin, which includes a complete replacement of the existing skate shack. The old shack will be put up for sale, with the hopes of building a larger and more inviting shack this summer. To complete the new building by next

skating season, the Grosse Isle Recreation Club has begun a fundraising drive with the goal of raising the final \$30,000 by June.

"The warmup shack has been there since 1976 and has served us well. The furnace still works in it, but the floor and foundation need to be replaced and the current floor plan isn't ideal for the larger crowds we're getting and for the annual events we host," Baldwin said.

"We're reaching out to our community and local businesses looking for one-time donations."

The group has suggested donation tiers ranging from Friends and Family level at \$100 to \$250 all the way up to Platinum level at \$5,000. All donors will receive tax receipts and permanent recognition on a sponsorship board. Donors helping with higher tier contributions will receive additional promotion as outlined on the group's donation website.

To help with fundraising efforts, local filmmaker Randy Frykas is working on a video to showcase the outdoor rink. He will also

feature the Grosse Isle rink in some upcoming Outdoor Hockey Club releases.

In addition to fundraising efforts by the rec club, the multi-phase project has received contributions from the RMs of Rosser and Rockwood, the Richardson Foundation, and the Art, Culture and Sport in Community Fund.

Visit grosseislemb.ca/donate/ for more information on the project or to make a donation.

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TRIBUNE PHOTOS SUBMITTED BY MONICA BALDWIN

Filmmaker Randy Frykas is working on a video to showcase the Grosse Isle outdoor rink and help with fundraising efforts to complete a number of upgrades.



Local hockey players are excited that Phase 1, which included new boards and chainlink fencing, was completed in time for the start of the winter.

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Kletke elected as new councillor in Teulon byelection

Teulon council news in brief

By Autumn Fehr

Teulon residents recently went to the polls to choose either Bert Campbell or Glenn Kletke as their next councillor.

Out of the 1,125 residents on the voters list for this byelection, only 319 individuals — accounting for 28 per cent — actually made it to the polling stations.

Kletke emerged as the victorious candidate with 193 votes, while Campbell received 126 votes.

Seven ballots were recorded as declined, rejected, spoiled or not re-

turned to the voting station (sealed ballots).

Kletke is excited about learning the workings of the town and how he can add value to the council.

"This is my first foray into this area of governance, and I will be asking a lot of questions. I want to be part of this great team that is able to say that, yes, we are going to adapt to a new progressive way of thinking to help our town grow with recreation, housing and business development. We need to look at the five Ws (who, what, where, when, why) and then make the best decision we can with our available resources today with our focus on 'build for tomorrow not for today,'" said Kletke.

Kletke was sworn in at the Teulon

council meeting on March 12 and immediately began his duties as the newly elected councillor.

IN OTHER COUNCIL NEWS:

- Todd Campbell, Serena Flannery and CAO Chris Yuen were authorized to attend the media workshop in Gimli on March 25. There is no cost for the training course itself.

- Council approved the closure of 2nd Avenue SE on the east side of Main Street to the back lane for a street market on July 12 and Sept. 6 from 2 p.m. to 11 p.m., as requested by the Teulon Resource Centre. The town will provide barricades at no cost to the organizers.

- The Board of Revision date for the 2025 assessment rolls for Teulon has been set for Nov. 12 at 5:30 p.m.

- Council members Campbell, Kirt Ansell, Kletke, Robin Nishibata and CAO Yuen were authorized to attend the AMM Spring Convention in Brandon on April 10 and 11. The cost is \$350 plus taxes per registrant.

- Council accepted the quotation from Winnipeg Building & Decorating Ltd. to paint the exterior wall of the Teulon Rockwood Centennial Centre for \$4,724.87, plus applicable taxes. The project will be paid from the insurance proceeds from Western Financial Group from the vehicle impact incident on Oct. 15, 2023.

Spring road weight restrictions in place now

By Autumn Fehr

The RM of Woodlands will impose 65 per cent spring weight restrictions, effective immediately, with an end date that aligns with what is set by Manitoba Infrastructure, as follows:

1. Local urban district of Warren, except for Hanlan Street, MacDonald Avenue, William Avenue, Coolidge Drive, Railway Avenue and King Road (being the paved portion of Road 77N); and

2. Village of Woodlands, except for Main Street.

The municipality implements weight restrictions to protect streets that are more susceptible to damage

by heavy vehicles when the roads are softer in the spring. The restricted streets are in Woodlands and Warren, with the above-mentioned exceptions. Heavier vehicles, such as farm equipment, semis or construction equipment, may be impacted. Lighter traffic, like regular cars and trucks, are not affected.

In other news:

- Council set the 2024 dust control rate at \$330 plus applicable taxes for a 16' x 300' area. The dust control application deadline is May 17, 2024. The council accepted Prairie Liquid's quote of \$0.49/litre plus applicable taxes.

- Council authorized the installation of a four-way stop sign at Road 77N and Road 4W intersection

and follows provincial guidelines. The new four-way stop sign was installed following a concern by a resident regarding the speed of the traffic coming into Warren at the mentioned intersection. The stop sign will force vehicles to slow down before entering Warren. The project cost less than \$200, with the purchase of supplies, the signs and posts.

- Council accepted the Interlake Cladding Solution quote to supply and install siding on the Swap & Shop building at the Transfer Station for \$5,914.20.

- Council gave third reading to a bylaw to revise and update the policy and standards for the construction of private approaches and the installation of culverts in private approach-

es in the RM of Woodlands.

- Council accepted the quote from MicroAge Manitoba for \$1,289.80 plus shipping for a replacement desktop computer for the office administrator.

- Council authorized the payment of \$4,000 to Napier Emergency Consulting for emergency management consulting services for 2024 to 2025.

- Council gave first reading to a bylaw to provide a loan to the RM of Woodlands Community Pastures Inc. for their 2024 pasture operations, with an amended interest rate of 5.5 per cent. The loan is to be repaid, with interest, by Dec. 31, 2024.

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Christian Education Building
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Contact: (204) 461-0155
Meets every Tuesday & Friday 8-9 PM

Stonewall AA
Parochial Hall
291 1st St. W., Stonewall, MB
Contact Denis: (204) 981-7747
Meets every Sunday 7:30-8:30 PM

Rockwood council news in brief

By Jennifer McFee

A Rockwood couple is seeking permission to operate an agri-tourism business from their property on Road 7E.

The owners applied for conditional use to grow and sell vegetables from their 16.4-acre property, which is located about one mile east of Stonewall.

They would like to operate the farm produce retail operation from Tuesday to Sunday from the start of Au-

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gust to mid-October between 11 a.m. and 5 p.m.

They expect that about 10 to 15 vehicles will come each day to their property, which has a grass parking lot available with space for 40 to 50 vehicles.

South Interlake Planning District had no significant concerns with the plan. However, there might be dust impacts due to the potential increase in traffic on Road 7E. As a result, SIPD recommended that council consider implementing dust control measures at the owners' expense.

Council conditionally approved the request.

IN OTHER COUNCIL NEWS:

- An applicant sought ap-

proval to place a 1,000-square-foot temporary mobile home on a 5.05-acre property in Argyle. The applicants need a temporary location for the mobile home until they can buy a property in the area for a permanent location. The temporary mobile home would be connected to an existing septic tank and existing well on the property, and electricity would be provided by Manitoba Hydro already on the site. South Interlake Planning District had no significant concerns with the request, and council granted conditional approval.

- The April 10 Rockwood council meeting will be changed to April 17.
- Road restrictions started on March 11 until May 29 in an effort to protect roads during the spring thaw.

Stonewall, Rockwood councils sign contract for ECE program

By Jennifer McFee

More post-secondary education opportunities will be coming soon to the Stonewall area.

In a joint venture between the councils of the Town of Stonewall and RM of Rockwood, both municipalities are working together with Red River College Polytechnic to run an accelerated 16-month early childhood education diploma program in Stonewall. This training option would help meet the needs of residents of both Stonewall and Rockwood.

At a special meeting on March 13, Stonewall council agreed to sign a contract with RRC Polytech to offer the program.

"Investing in early childhood education is one of the most impactful ways we can strengthen our community and empower future generations," said Peter Bullivant, the Town of Stonewall's deputy mayor.

"By providing a local opportunity to pursue training and careers in ECE, we are not only meeting a critical

need within our workforce but also laying the foundation for a brighter future for all."

Rockwood council also agreed to sign the contract during a March 13 meeting.

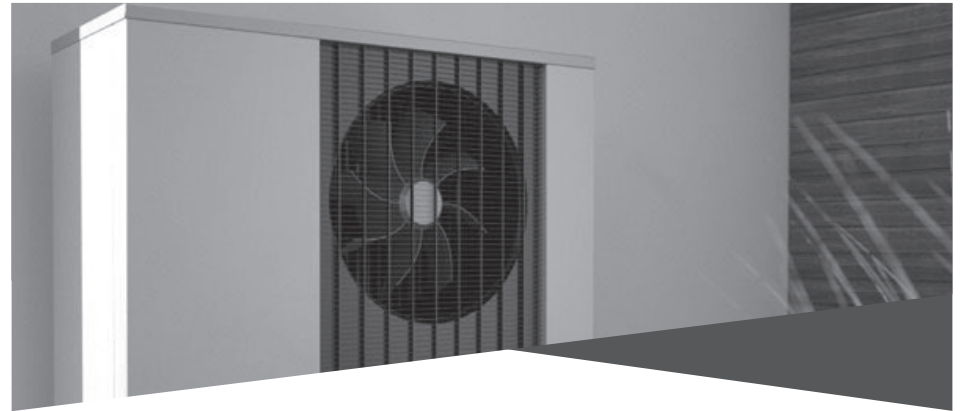
"Emphasizing the importance of early childhood education within our municipality isn't merely about allocating resources; it's about acknowledging its profound impact on shaping our community's identity and trajectory," said Curtis McClintock, the RM of Rockwood's deputy mayor. "Quality ECE programs nurture the intellectual development of our youngest citizens while fostering social cohesion, supporting families and ultimately enriching the overall well-being and prosperity of our collective region."

RRC Polytech will rent the old post office building in Stonewall through a short-term lease agreement for the duration of the program.

More information will be coming soon.

Typically at this time, roads become soft and are more susceptible to pot-holes and ruts. A restriction to 65 per cent of normal axle loads is in effect on Road 10E from Memorial Boulevard to Road 75N in Stony Mountain. In addition, in the RM of Rockwood,

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The loss of a voice

By Peter Cantelon

Starting a business is not for the faint of heart. Many people question if the stress and anxiety related to such an endeavour is even worth it.

But starting a newspaper in the 21st century? I mean, no one starts newspapers anymore. Newspapers are supposed to be shut down by big impersonal corporate entities after they've been sucked dry of every last possible cent of profit and the staff have been fired without so much as a thank-you. What kind of person would start something like a newspaper?

Well, Rick Reimer did.

Rick passed away March 9 after battling a long illness. Since learning of this, I have been dwelling on his impact in my life and the lives of people throughout the Pembina Valley and, more broadly, throughout Manitoba.

A long time ago in the impossibly distant past of 2010, in the land of Morden and Winkler, Rick, along with his business partners Lana Meier and Brett Mitchell, started the *Winkler Morden Voice* as part of a new community newspaper initiative in Manitoba that included the *Selkirk Record* and the *Stonewall Teulon Tribune*.

There were MANY who questioned the initiative. There were many who predicted the endeavour would not last the year. Well, here we are 14 years later and this small group of community newspapers has grown to include the *Express Weekly News*, the *Carman Dufferin Standard* and the *Altona Rhineland Voice*.

To be frank, the *Voice* was a lifeline to me back when I was going through an incredibly difficult time in my life. It started right in the middle of my "what the heck am I going to do now?" phase and became the critical foundation for rebuilding.

If not for Rick, there would be no *Voice*. If not for Rick, there would have been no editor in Ashleigh Viveiros to take a chance hiring a guy like me as a full-time reporter. A guy who didn't have an article in his portfolio newer than 1996.

I liked Rick. It was hard not to like Rick. You have to understand many journalists do not get along with their publishers. In fact, many have downright hostile relations with their publishers. This is mostly because a lot of publishers are meddlesome and so focused on revenue that they seem to have lost sight of the point of journalism in the first place.

Rick was not like this. If the dictionary had an entry for "Nice Guy" it would be Rick's picture next to it. He was open, friendly, supportive and had a near permanent enormous smile. He actually cared about people.

Don't get me wrong, Rick was human like the rest of us. He was also a good businessperson. I think part of his success was due to the fact that he was a genuinely likeable guy. He didn't ignore the need to drive sales and create revenue because he understood that without it, the newspaper vanishes. But he kept an appropriate distance from the content.

Without Rick, community journal-



Peter Cantelon

ism in Manitoba would be less. Without him, you would not have had to hear me whine and pontificate for the past 14 years (don't be too hard on him for that).

Rick helped to create opportunities for journalists and journalism in Manitoba. His efforts have contributed to creating and saving careers. He made a difference, and he did it mostly from the background, quietly working to ensure there was a community newspaper that connected people and kept them informed.

You may not have known Rick, but if you've read the *Voice* or any of its family of newspapers, he has had an impact on your life.

Rick made a difference. I'm sad that he is gone, but his *Voice* continues.

Peter Cantelon is a columnist for the Winkler Morden Voice.

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Town of Stonewall employees were busy last week breaking up the ice in the ditches, hoping to get the water flowing. Most of the snow had virtually melted with unseasonably warm temperatures ranging from 3 to 8 degrees C. 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

Stonewall RCMP charge male for grandparent scam

By Lana Meier

On the afternoon of Feb. 28, Stonewall RCMP was notified about a fraudulent incident around 3:35 p.m.

A 79-year-old female visited the detachment to report falling victim to the grandparent scam. She had received a call from someone claiming to be her grandson, who said he was in a car accident in Winnipeg and needed cash for bail. She was instructed to withdraw \$8,000 and wait for a courier to pick it up at her home.

Later, she received a call from someone posing as her grandson's lawyer, who confirmed the arrangement and warned her not to tell anyone. Shortly after, a man arrived at her home and collected the money.

The next day, the victim was once again contacted by the suspect who demanded an additional \$8,000 to cover fines and clear her grandson's name. The same pick-up procedure was repeated. A few days later, more calls were placed asking for a sizable amount of money. Upon visiting her bank, the victim's financial advisor warned her about the potential scam

and she promptly alerted the authorities at RCMP.

Later that day, the suspect was expected to visit her residence. However, RCMP intercepted and arrested him without any trouble. It was also discovered that he had a warrant for fraud in Alberta.

Nathaniel South, 32, has been charged with fraud over \$5,000. He was remanded into custody.

Manitoba RCMP are cautioning locals about a recent scam that has been on the rise. Since the beginning of 2024, there have been at least 13 cases reported in southern Manitoba, resulting in a total loss of around \$70,000. It is possible that there are additional victims who have not yet come forward. If you have fallen victim to this fraud, please contact your local police immediately.

Cpl. Julie Courchaine of the Manitoba RCMP urges Manitobans to protect themselves from this scam. She emphasizes the importance of discussing this issue with friends and family, as increased awareness can prevent others from falling victim and losing

large amounts of money.

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When it comes to fraud, email scams are very popular. To make sure the email is legit, double-check these things:

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When did you receive it? If the time you received the email is unusual — like 2 a.m. — this is a red flag.

What actions are you being asked to take? For example, if it asks you to click a link to avoid a negative consequence, that's a big warning sign. DO NOT action anything in unfamiliar emails!

Are there hyperlinks? If so, what does it say when you hover over it? If the link that displays when you hover over a hyperlink is a different address from the text itself, think again. Do not click unknown links.

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For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. John 10:17

In my previous article dated 02.01.24, I tried to highlight an issue of our times, loneliness. It seems that loneliness has an even more disastrous consequence than obesity in our present time on our mortality rate. Worse still, it has disastrous consequences making it more perilous than smoking 15 cigarettes a day. This column serves the purpose of "Worship". You would wonder how then an issue like loneliness can be a feature here. In the way we organize our lives, we are particular about how we demarcate secular from religious or faith issues. Sometimes, it is done for good reasons. However, faith finds itself at the crossroads along with culture, lifestyle, politics, sports and every spectre that casts its shadow on our lives. This intersectionality means that matters like loneliness means it can no longer be categorised in any special way because it involves the gamut called life. I signed off by saying that availability and active listening are ingredients towards wrestling with this problem. These ingredients are powerless without the instrument of human friendship. A survey made in 1998, by a family group in the US, said that people could think of 3 people they could call close friends. In 2004, when it was done again, one-fourth of the respondents said that they had no close friends. In that same time people suffering from depression, bipolar, etc., rose from 1 to 10. Whether we make the pace of life or, the influx of technology / social media, violence, strife etc., culprits, amongst other things, we are left with the prospect of a society stringed together with very fragile bonds. We have all been blessed with friends. Some have stood the test of time and some have not. The Christian scriptures open us to a friendship that we are called to foster with God(-self) and with others. None can replace the other. Each has its own place. Jesus called his disciples 'friends', which is a radical calling inscribed into a living. Nestled in this calling we shall see Him walk to his death. As I write this piece we are almost on the cusp of the Holy Week as the church remembers it. I shall finish this three-part series in my next column trying to see, then, what kind of friendship we are called to.

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Busy winter for Manitoba bear rehab centre

Black Bear Rescue Manitoba looking for volunteers

By Jennifer McFee

Manitoba's only bear rehabilitation centre experienced a busy winter with more cubs than usual at the Rockwood-area facility.

Judy and Roger Stearns run Black Bear Rescue Manitoba, which cares for orphaned bear cubs before returning them to the wild.

Normally, cubs arrive in the spring and stay with them until the fall when they're released. However, this year five cubs overwintered with them.

"This is not the norm for us. We rarely have bears over the winter," Judy Stearns said.

"We had five bears arrive late in the season and they couldn't be released, so they spent the winter with us. They're yearlings now — they're no longer cubs."

They'll likely be released in late June to early July, and the reason for that timing is threefold.

"There is more abundant natural food for bears by then, and we want to make sure that any backcountry areas or trails that we're going down are dry. Sometimes it's very remote rugged terrain and we have to go by quad," Stearns said.

"Also, we always have to wait until the spring bear hunt is over because we don't think it's fair to let them go during hunting season."

They name the cubs alphabetically, and they were at "Z" when two eight-month-old sister cubs arrived in the early fall. Named Zayla and Zsa Zsa, the duo was brought down from a tree by a conservation officer in the Gypsumville area. The fate of their mother is unknown, but they were unlikely to make it through the winter on their own.

Soon after, another cub arrived from the Falcon Lake area, where he was seen hiding in cottage yards with his mother nowhere in sight. He received the name Ace in honour of radio personality Ace Burpee, who is a volunteer and team member at the animal rescue.

The little cub had a fractured leg and underwent surgery at Transcona Vet Hospital. He also had a deep wound near the break that required ongoing monitoring and attention by the experts from Woodlands Vet Clinic.

In mid-October, a cub arrived from the Oakbank area where Natural Resources staff retrieved her from a culvert. The cub was named Blueberry in recognition of one of her favourite foods. At first, Blueberry was shaking and unable to stand.

"She was very weak and thin and she struggled even to eat," Stearns said. "We weren't sure if she was going to recover or not, but she's very slowly getting better all the time."

A fifth cub known as Chester arrived near the end of October from Minitonas, where he had probably been on his own for a while. Again, the fate of his mother is unknown, although human activity is the



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Zsa Zsa and Zayla headed into hibernation on Dec. 9 where they remain.



Chester arrived on Oct. 24 weighing 21 pounds and was 73 pounds before he denned on Jan. 2 for the remainder of the winter.



main cause of cubs being orphaned. In early December, Zayla and Zsa Zsa began hibernating for the winter in a wooden den house filled with straw. Soon after, Chester began hibernating in early January. The sisters are together in one den house while Chester is in his own den house, all within the same enclosure on the Stearns' property.

"They haven't budged. They're completely, fully hibernating. It's amazing. They don't eat or drink or poop. Their body just slows right down," Stearns said.

"In Manitoba, bears in the wild generally emerge from their dens in April, although it could be late March if it's warm or it could even be early May, especially if it's colder with more snow. It all depends every year

on weather and the snow." Meanwhile, Ace and Blueberry are neighbours who have been awake for the winter. Until January, they stayed in an indoor enclosure, which Stearns cleaned daily. Now that they've moved outside, their upkeep is less labour-intensive since they only need cleaning and to have their food and water refilled every three or four days. Every enclosure is monitored via security cameras.

In early summer, the five cubs will be released in a remote location far away from humans and busy roads.

"We take them as remote as we can," Stearns said. "We are licensed by and work in conjunction with the Province of Manitoba so they approve all the release locations. We keep it a very hidden secret where these bears are going."

At the same time, more young bear cubs could arrive at the facility in coming weeks.

"The norm for bear rehab starts in April after the mothers come out of the den with her cubs and she confronts some sort of danger and is killed. However, we're finding very often that den disturbances fright-

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Access Charity Golf Tournament to support Katie Cares and RMHC Manitoba

By Lana Meier

On Sept. 11, Access Credit Union will hold their 11th annual Charity Golf Tournament. For the third consecutive year, the event will consist of two tournaments hosted simultaneously at Minnewasta Golf & Country Club in Morden and at Bridges Golf Club in Starbuck.

This year's 2024 Access Charity Golf Tournament has chosen two beneficiaries: Katie Cares (KC) and Ronald McDonald House Charities Manitoba (RMHC).

Katie Cares (Katie's Cottage) is a non-profit organization that offers lodging and support for families with hospitalized loved ones at the Boundary Trails Hospital in southern Manitoba. The charity was founded by Kaitlyn Reimer, who was inspired to start it after being diagnosed with cancer. Her vision was for her family to continue her legacy through this organization, as she possessed

an incredible capacity for love and compassion. Through this charity, her love can live on.

"Katie Cares is pleased to have been selected by Access Credit Union to join Ronald McDonald House as one of the beneficiaries of the annual Access Charity Golf Tournament," expressed Ruth Reimer, CEO of Katie Cares. "It is exciting to be aligned as co-benefactors with RMHC for this golf event as Ronald McDonald House was the inspiration for Kaitlyn's dream and vision to build the home at Boundary Trails Hospital. A huge thank you to Access Credit Union for recognizing Katie Cares as an important part of the fabric of our province."

RMHC Manitoba is a charitable organization dedicated to keeping families together. Their goal is to enhance the well-being and support the medical care of children by offering vital services and a comforting home for their families.

"RMHC Manitoba is incredibly thankful to be selected alongside Katie Cares as Access Credit Union's charities of choice for the 2024 golf tournaments," said Wendy Galagan, CEO of RMHC Manitoba. "Annually across RMHC Manitoba's two core programs (Ronald McDonald House and Ronald McDonald Family Room), the health and well-being of over 1,000 families are supported with essential services and a home away from home when their ill or injured child receives medical care in Winnipeg. We are deeply grateful to Access Credit Union for recognizing and valuing our mission and for making RMHC Manitoba families stronger because of this generous partnership."

Both Katie Cares and RMHC Manitoba share a common goal: to support families by keeping them together and easing the added burden that often comes with having a loved one in

need of medical care.

"These two organizations provide a priceless service for families in our province during challenging times," noted Larry Davey, CEO of Access Credit Union. "We value the work that they do, the compassion they provide and the feeling of community they deliver to every family they serve. We are excited to work together, in turn helping Manitobans for years to come."

Access Credit Union is also excited to announce that Red River Group will return for the second consecutive year as the Title Sponsor (Big Heart Sponsor) of the 2024 tournaments.

Registration for golfers and sponsors will open later this spring and will be filled on a first-come, first-serve basis. Please follow Access Credit Union on Facebook and Instagram or visit the tournament website at accesscu.ca/charitygolf to stay informed.

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en the mother and she abandons her cubs, so we get them when they're still in the den prior to April," Stearns said.

"We could get a phone call today saying that very young orphaned cubs are coming in. We never know. It's a very hard thing to plan for."

It's also difficult to determine how many cubs will arrive, since the numbers aren't consistent year after year, ranging from three to 32 cubs annually since they opened in 2018.

"It's very unpredictable," she said. "We're the only bear rehab facility in Manitoba and we cover the entire province for any orphaned black bear cubs so they can come from anywhere."

Black Bear Rescue Manitoba is a registered charity that runs entirely on donations without government fund-

ing.

They gratefully accept monetary contributions, as well as donations of much-needed supplies such as paper towels, straw brooms, wheelbarrows, Beco brand pet bowls and plush non-knit baby blankets. They could also use plain oat or rice baby cereal as well as gift cards to buy perishables like yogurt for the cubs.

Also, if anyone has a reliable second-hand quad, Stearns said it would be useful for transporting the cubs on rough terrain.

The bear rescue is also in need of a few dedicated volunteers who live nearby.

"We would like to create a list of nearby volunteers who could be on standby if we get in some little ones that need to be bottle-fed around the clock. Animal-handling experience would be preferred but we would always train. You just have to have a steady hand and a good eye to do milk measurements," Stearns said.

"It would be a daily thing from now until early May if we get cubs in. They need to be fed every few hours around

the clock, so it's a lot of work. If someone lives nearby, they could just pop in every day for an hour or two and help with the bottle-feeding of little wee bears. They've got to be committed to come five or six days a week. It's a totally unique fun experience."

For more information about volunteering or making a donation, email Black Bear Rescue Manitoba at emailus@mts.net. To keep up to date on the bear cubs, and to view adorable photos, follow the organization on Facebook and Instagram.

Woodlands Museum Needs You!

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Location: Oak Park Estates, Common Room

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Please note: Woodlands Museum is a local museum that represents a large surrounding area. We encourage all interested in learning about the activities of the past year to attend. In addition, we are in need of new directors and would love to have some new people join our group.

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East Interlake Watershed District expecting 16,000 trees

By Becca Myskiw

This spring, the East Interlake Watershed District (EIWD) will be receiving more than 16,000 seedlings to be planted in the Interlake.

Through the federal government's 2 Billion Trees program, EIWD will be able to distribute the 16,000 seedlings to landowners, producers and communities that applied to be part of the watershed district's tree planting program.

EIWD's tree planting program is in partnership with the provincial and federal governments. The program aims to provide landowners and municipalities within the watershed

boundaries with multiple tree-planting opportunities. Individuals or groups can also apply to EIWD for assistance with plan design, seedlings, mulch, planting equipment or funding support to plant trees. Tree planting projects the watershed district supports are traditional shelterbelts, eco-buffer shelterbelts (also known as native, diverse, or dense, shelterbelts), reforestation, agroforestry, riparian enhancement/shoreline protection and urban tree planting projects in areas like parks, boulevards and public spaces. Currently, their tree planting programs are supported by the Government of Manitoba's Growing



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The East Interlake Watershed District will be planting 16,000 trees with landowners, producers and communities to support the watershed program.

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Outcomes in Watersheds program, the Manitoba Resilient Agricultural Landscape Program and the federal government's 2 Billion Trees program.

Zoe Bailey, EIWD project co-ordinator, said most of the 16,000 seedlings coming this May will be planted into eco-buffer shelterbelts on agricultural land with assistance from EIWD staff. This spring's plantings are focused between Stonewall and Arborg, but Bailey said anyone within the watershed's boundaries is welcome and encouraged to apply. All program participants' planting sites will be monitored by an EIWD staff member for five years, and the trees are ex-

pected to stay in place indefinitely.

EIWD is also working with the 2 Billion Trees program to provide municipalities within the boundaries with trees for public property plantings in boulevards, parks and other public spaces.

"Municipalities will be responsible to tend these trees for three years and maintain them until maturity," said Bailey.

Participating in the program is easy. Successful applicants will receive seedlings or funding for them, mulch and use of the tree planter in exchange

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Local patients share about their 'fabulous' new dentures

BY ELISHA VANDOR

We see a lot of patients who have been wearing dentures for their entire adult life and feel very honoured when we are entrusted to make them their next denture(s). After all, it's not a regular occurrence for denture replacement. On average, someone replaces their dentures every 5-25+ years, so when it's new denture day at Vandor Denture Centre, it can be exciting, emotional, and down right picture worthy.

In the month of February, some of our patients shared their experiences of their new dentures. Brenda writes, "my mouth has not felt this good since I lost my natural teeth. 5-stars for the staff being so genuine and professional, a process of both efficiency and pleasantness, and the Denturist Brock for his degree of expertise, attention to detail and sense of humour. But mostly for the collective attitude of caring and good manners shown by all - such a

lovely surprise. Grateful to have you all in our small community!"

- Brenda K. February 6, 2024

Here's a fresh perspective from new patient, Doris, who received a new denture from us. She says, "this was my first experience at Vandor Denture Centre. My experience was one of professionalism and caring by both Denturists Matthew and Brock. The partial was fixed and fit perfectly. The receptionists were very accommodating when I had to change my appointment and gave me a time slot that fit my busy schedule. I definitely am recommending this clinic for any denture needs you may need."

- Doris G. February 13, 2024

Don came to us never having worn a partial upper denture before. He says, "I am very happy with the service that they provide. They are very professional and very personable. Brock did a fabulous job on my partial upper plate. I am very satisfied. Love the friendly atmosphere."

- Don S. February 10, 2024

Sharon quickly became someone who instantly felt like family upon meeting her in January of this year! She says, "I had a tooth next to my front teeth removed as the cap failed. A replacement at the dentist was going to be over my budget. Brock was able to replace the tooth with a beautiful matching tooth at a very reasonable price. The turnaround time was a matter of a week and I was ready to be seen in public again. How fortunate to have such a successful business locally. Staff were wonderful to deal with as well. Will be very happy to recommend Vandor Denture Centre to my friends and family."

- Sharon E. February 29, 2024

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Healthy Together Now accepting funding opportunities for healthy goals

By Lana Meier

Healthy Together Now (HTN) is a community-led grassroots program that helps prevent chronic diseases in Manitoba. Community organizations are now able to seek funding for prevention activities related to physical activity, healthy eating, tobacco control and reduction, and mental wellness.

Through the Healthy Together Now program, Interlake-Eastern RHA offers funding opportunities for community organizations looking to reduce the prevalence of chronic disease in their communities.

"The Interlake-Eastern RHA is awarding funding to community groups addressing health and wellness issues in their communities. Applications are currently being accepted and grants will be awarded in late Spring. All programs are encouraged

to apply," says Shannon Montgomery, director health services, public health and wellness.

Interested individuals must submit an online application that outlines the proposed project, budget, partner organizations and target population. The grant will cover expenses directly associated with the program. Submissions will be evaluated by the Interlake-Eastern Healthy Together Now Steering Committee to ensure they meet the established criteria.

Community meetings are being conducted throughout the Interlake-Eastern region for groups seeking funding. These gatherings serve to evaluate potential projects and allow the community to suggest projects for consideration. Attendance at a community meeting is necessary in order to receive funding. Meeting dates have been set from March 13 to



22.

It is important for all applicants to have a conversation with their designated Interlake-Eastern RHA representative regarding potential projects.

For more information please visit: www.ierha.ca/programs-services/

life-style/healthy-together-now/ or email wellness@ierha.ca call 1-877-979-WELL(9355)

Healthy Together Now is co-ordinated by Interlake-Eastern RHA and supported by Manitoba Health, Seniors and Long-Term Care.

A high school musical



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Last week Collège Stonewall Collegiate students performed their rendition of Disney's High School Musical in front of a packed house for five shows. Students brought the characters to life in the very entertaining show.



Your FARM



Be mindful of margins heading into spring seeding

By Raegan Hedley

This past year, 2023, was the most expensive year ever for growers. Due to high input costs — especially fertilizer — and steadily rising equipment costs, a lot is riding on spring seeding going well.

The dry winter we're having complicates things even further. The Hydrologic Forecast Centre recently published the February Flood Outlook Report, showing a low-to-moderate risk of spring flooding across Manitoba, and soil moisture levels are normal to below normal. While some may be rejoicing that flood risk is low, a lack of snow cover on fields can be bad news for growers for several reasons.

Charles (Chuck) Fossay has been farming for 50 years and is currently a director with the Manitoba Canola Growers and the Canola Council of Canada. Fossay and his brothers grow grains and oil seeds north of Starbuck.

Fossay says that the arrival of late snow in March through April would help fill irrigation ponds and even recharge the soil but would likely not be enough to save winter wheat and fall rye.

"Talking to some of the local agronomists, they feel that those winter crops are probably not surviving this winter."

Fossay adds that he believes there's likely enough topsoil

moisture right now to seed and get crops off to a good start.

Instead of focusing on what could go wrong with the weather, Darren Bond, a farm management specialist with Manitoba Agriculture,

suggests focusing on positive news: The 2024 AgriInsurance Crop Dollar Values are currently above current grain market prices, which he says takes some risk off the table for producers.

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In his 50 years of farming in Manitoba, Charles Fossay has been both a grower and pork producer and has been involved with various organizations, including Manitoba Pool Elevators, Manitoba Pork and Keystone Agriculture Producers.



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MFGA Green Gold Program looking for hay or alfalfa producers

Program finds optimal alfalfa first-cut date with sampling results

By Becca Myskiw

Manitoba alfalfa producers can predict their optimum harvest date—and it costs them nothing.

The Manitoba Forage and Grassland Association (MFGA) has the longest-running producer-based program for Manitoba forage producers with their Green Gold Program. Running through May and June, the Green Gold Program calls for producers with hay fields that are mostly alfalfa, fairly new, and in good condition. Those producers will test their crops twice weekly (clipping alfalfa) throughout the May/June growing season until the first cut. MFGA will then send subscribed producers two weekly results for the entire sampling duration. The program provides growers with real-time information on the best time to cut the alfalfa stand.

Last year's Green Gold Program in-

involved 23 fields from Central, Eastern, and Western Manitoba. Alfalfa sampling started on May 18 at 10 inches and ended on May 31 when most of the fields were in the early bloom stage. Last spring saw warm conditions followed by intense heat and an early frost before sampling. MFGA found the optimum harvest date to be June 1 for the Central and Western regions and May 31 for the Eastern/Interlake region.

MFGA says that by clipping alfalfa samples from fields, testing results suggest that the first cut date has a higher relative feed value for the optimum livestock feed value.

The MFGA Green Gold Program aims to encourage growers to be strategic with their alfalfa crop harvest, making decisions based on the best first-cut date for specific feed and market needs and field observations. The program relies solely on Manito-



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MFGA is looking for producers to participate in their Green Gold Program, which predicts the optimal harvest date for alfalfa growers.

ba alfalfa producers to clip and send in alfalfa samples twice weekly. Because the sampling happens in real-time, the results accurately reflect current weather conditions. Results are sent to more than 300 MFGA Green Gold

subscribers and stakeholders.

To learn more about the MFGA Green Gold Program or to sign up for it, go to <https://mfga.net/green-gold>.

> SPRING SEEDING, FROM PG. 13

"It will be important this year to continually monitor one's costs of production, changing projected values into actual values as we move through the growing season. ... Having a realistic expectation on the 2024 crop's yield potential will be especially important."

Bond says fertilizer is the highest operating cost on a farm today, and considering the tight margins projected

for 2024, it's worthwhile for growers to review their fertilizing regime. He recommends adopting 4R Nutrient Stewardship practices like banding and moving fertilizer applications to spring, which can result in savings of \$20 to \$40 per acre without negatively impacting yield.

"The most important factor is to make sure you have the right rate to avoid missing out on potential reve-

nue. ... For example, under-fertilizing canola and losing three to five bushels per acre can result in a loss of \$40 to \$70 per acre," says Bond.

"Adjusting fertilizer application practices can be costly, so it is important to evaluate the savings with fertilizer cost to the cost of equipment upgrades. Some gains may be easy to obtain and implement, while other changes may be cost-prohibitive."

Fossay says it's easy to develop a habit where growers simply maximize all their inputs to increase yields. He said this is the year to really ask yourself if you need the second application of herbicides to control weeds if you have a good-looking crop and the disease risk is relatively low.

"I don't really need to spend another \$15 spraying for weeds because there's just not that much margin in the crop. If I spray a second time, I might get a couple extra bushels, but the cost of the herbicide is more than the bushels are worth."

Success this year seems like it's going to come down to managing costs of production. Manitoba Agriculture releases a Crop Costs of Production Guide every year, and this year the only profitable crops were projected to be pinto beans, white beans, black beans, soybeans, canola and oats.

Bond explains that the guide is just a reference, and growers should use their own numbers to determine the

cost of production.

"To make your costs of production even more accurate, compare them to previous years' actual costs. Some costs like fertilizer may vary greatly depending on market prices, while others like labour and repairs may not vary as much," says Bond. "Is there a large discrepancy between what is projected for 2024 compared to the last few years? Perhaps there's a valid reason for the difference, but if there isn't, the projection should be checked for accuracy."

Fossay says he does his own budget because the provincial guide is a good average indicator of costs, but everybody has drastically different costs. One of which may be debt for farm equipment.

"The good news is that equipment costs can be controlled by the producer with discipline and an objective analysis of the value an investment in a piece of equipment brings to the farm. Is there an increase in efficiency, an ability to decrease costs or the potential to increase yields on the farm?" says Bond. "While determining the costs of adding a piece of machinery to the farm is easy to quantify, determining the financial benefits can be much more difficult."

There's plenty to be optimistic about heading into spring — as long as you're prepared to pay close attention to profitability and risk.

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Steppin' Up program earns recreation award

By Jennifer McFee

South Interlake 55 Plus exercise instructors recently received a recreation award that's sure to put a spring in their step.

On March 15, Recreation Manitoba awarded the organization's Steppin' Up program with a 2024 Health and Wellbeing Award, with special recognition for instructors Lauren Briggs, Stephannie Motuz, Joie Van Dongen and Pam Moody.

Steppin' Up with Confidence is an active living peer-led exercise program developed by Active Aging in Manitoba. The local instructors received training through Active Aging in Manitoba and are instrumental in providing this program through South Interlake 55 Plus, a non-profit charitable organization.

The Steppin' Up program works on functional fitness to support daily living activities. With an emphasis on strength, mobility, flexibility and balance, the program's goal is to support fall prevention and continued independence.

This inclusive program can be done seated or standing, and it supports individuals at various levels of fitness and mobility. Although the program is geared for adults aged 55 and older, it can also be intergenerational.

Motuz describes Steppin' Up with Confidence as a community of like-minded older people who enjoy meeting up, making connections and moving their body to music.

"Each participant has their own motivation for joining in, setting their own challenge level and weekly schedule since we are available six times a week at 9 a.m.," Motuz said.

"The program is geared for older people who want to connect with others and move to feel better. No exercise experience is necessary. It is low impact with plenty of chair work and led over video six days a week — with one day a week option of in-person group class at the 55+ activity centre (Oddfellows Hall). For those participants who may not feel confident in a regular exercise class, remember you can move at home in your PJs connected by Zoom."

The program improves health and well-being in a multitude of ways.

"Participants might benefit in a variety of ways such as the social-emotional impact of seeing familiar faces and hearing familiar voices every morning. When we put our heart, lungs, muscles and joints to work in a fun way, we might feel an improvement in our memory, circulation and balance," Motuz said.

"As little as 10 minutes of 'puffing' can improve your body's use of dietary sugars. It is a fact that older adults lose muscle and bone mass and that lifting weights can slow this loss."

Motuz speaks from experience, since she joined the program during the pandemic lockdown period when she had a broken foot and frozen shoulder.

"As you can imagine, I was feeling pretty down. But with encouragement from my sister, this program picked me up and helped me recover," she said. "My intention is to pass on this gift to others."

She enjoyed receiving the award, and she encourages others to get involved.

"What a pleasure it is to have our fun recognized as important and awarded," she said.

"Hopefully someone reading this will be inspired to join in — and maybe this will encourage others to take up a role of leadership too. There is always room at the party."

Similarly, Briggs said the Steppin' Up exercise class helps keep older adults active, while maintaining mobility and bolstering social connections.

"The exercises help with the health and mobility issues that we all encounter as we grow older, and the camaraderie that is also part of our program is a lift to the spirits," Briggs said.

"Winning the award has let us know we are doing a good job with the program. Even being nominated was a wonderful feeling, but I have to admit that leading this program has pushed myself to keep healthy and active."

Likewise, Van Dongen believes that motion is the best medicine.

"We appreciate this award," she said, "as it recognizes our interest in health and well-being, gives



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Recreation Manitoba awarded South Interlake 55 Plus exercise Steppin' Up With Confidence instructors Lauren Briggs and Joie Van Dongen with a 2024 Health and Wellbeing Awards. Missing from the photo are instructors Stephannie Motuz and Pam Moody.

encouragement to continue the program and recruit new members."

To learn more about Steppin' Up or to join the program, contact South Interlake 55 Plus at si55plus@mymts.net or 204-467-2582. The program is free, but participants can purchase an annual membership for \$25 to help cover costs associated with the Zoom account.

The Recreation Manitoba awards aim to acknowledge individuals and programs that make an outstanding contribution of recreation, parks and leisure in the province.

Other 2024 award recipients include Tom Chwaliboga of Arborg Parks and Recreation Commission, who received the People and Community Award; Altona Community Action Network, which received the Nature Award; Wawanesa and District Recreation Centre, which received the Facility Award; Demetra Hajidiacos of Winnipeg, who won the Therapeutic Recreation Award of Excellence; and Chantel Todd of the Town of Niverville, who won the Prairie Crocus Award.

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for preparing the land, planting the seedlings and watering and weeding the plants until establishment. Successful applicants are determined based on the ecological goods the service will provide, eligibility, available funding, how the project aligns with the Integrated Watershed Management Plan goals and board approval.

"Planting trees is essential to creating a sustainable and resilient future," said Bailey. "Trees play a crucial role in climate change mitigation by sequestering carbon, regulating local temperatures and creating microclimates. Treed areas reduce runoff after rain events and spring runoff, which reduces flooding and also increases groundwater recharge. Additionally, trees reduce erosion, stabilize soils and provide important wildlife and pollinator habitat."

Bailey said it's never too late to apply for EIWD's tree planting program, as applications are always open. Currently, the watershed district is planning for fall planting projects, so applications received now would be for the 2025 spring plant. Continuous support of programs like this one allows EIWD to continue supporting local landowners, producers and municipalities in all their work.

"Planting trees increases biodiversity, which improves overall ecological function," said Bailey. "Outside of the environmental benefits of planting trees, there has also been a lot of research done around the importance of trees for human health and well-being. It is critical that we keep planting trees for the next generation."

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Stonewall Skating Club wraps up season with performances

By Jo-Anne Procter

The Stonewall Skating Club was buzzing with excitement this season, boasting a full roster of 40 children ready to hit the ice weekly.

Last Thursday the local skating club hosted their annual Performance Day at the Veterans Memorial Sports Complex to wrap up the season. Skaters showcased their skills to choreographed performances set to music.

Three awards were presented at the event to two deserving athletes.

Six-year-old Zoey Brook captured the title of CanSkater of the Year. In just three seasons with the club, she has impressed her coaches with her natural talent and unwavering persistence. Her dedication and positive attitude shines through as she continues to master new skills on the ice.

Thirteen-year-old Anna Hoff was presented with both the Stonewall Skating Club's Program Assistant (PA) of the Year Award as well as the club's STARSkater of Year Award.

Hoff started as a coach's helper and has become an invaluable PA and mentors' younger skaters. Taking on the role with charm and determination, Hoff introduced off-ice warm-ups that energizes CanSkaters before hitting the ice.

Her dedication is evident in her commitment to setting and achieving goals. From mastering various skills and dance assessments to landing jumps like axels, double loops and salchows, Hoff's progression has been truly impressive and is a testament to her hard work both on and off the ice.

For those seeking more information about the club's programs, events and registration details, a quick visit to their website at stonewallskatingclub.uplifterinc.com will provide all the necessary insights.

In April, the club is joining forces with the Stony Mountain Skating Club to host a special four-week spring skating session. This program will be running on Monday, Wednes-



Zoey Brook was named Stonewall Skating Club's CanSkater of the Year.



TRIBUNE PHOTOS BY JO-ANNE PROCTER
StarSkaters from left to right: Gaia Turner, Lacey Learning, Cameron Nesbitt and Anna Hoff skated to an '80s medley at the Stonewall Skating Club's annual Performance Day last Thursday.

day and Thursday evenings, offering a perfect opportunity to brush up on skating skills or to dive into the world of figure skating.

For more details and registration information about the spring skating session, the website is skatestony.ca.



Skating Coach Leigh Nesbitt, right, presented Anna Hoff with both the Program Assistant and the STARSkater of the Year Awards.

Locals play in WHSHL all-star games



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Interlake high school teams were well represented at WHSHL all-star games. Left photo, left to right: Warren Collegiate's Colton Bruce, Ethan Shymko, Owen Shymko and Dylan Riddell won their game 4-3 in a shootout. Right photo: Stonewall Collegiate's Evan Reimer, Gavin Holod, Adam Newcomb and Hunter Manning earned an 11-7 victory in their game.

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Interlake Phillies rebrand to Maroons in AA softball

By Jeremiah Knight

Double-A softball in the Interlake will take a different look and meaning to the diamond this season.

Select members of the Interlake Phillies' softball program will suit up as the AA Interlake Maroons this summer.

Talks of rebranding began last year as it became increasingly apparent that there was a legitimate appetite for AA softball in the area, said Jeff Kisiloski, director of the Interlake Maroons program.

"You've got a lot of A-ball clubs, you've got some AAA clubs, but now that we're gaining a lot of support and a lot of acceptance and a lot of interest at the AA level, we really wanted it to be more of a stand-alone team," Kisiloski said.

Double-A softball has seen some remarkable growth in a short time.

The Phillies introduced a AA team at the U13 level in 2022. After a successful debut, squads in U11 and U15 were added to the mix last year — which meant about 50 girls from the Interlake playing in total.

With another jump in registration



anticipated — and more than 70 players slated to attend tryouts — the AA Maroons could field squads in the U11, U13, U15 and U17 divisions this season.

About 75 attendees were accounted for over two developmental camps hosted by the Maroons this winter. The camp was exclusively for players who intend on trying out for the AA squad in May.

Maroons tryouts go May 4-5 and May 11-12 — schedules for each age group will be released at a later date.

"For years ... there really wasn't that intermediate group that gave A-ball players an opportunity to play at an elevated level throughout the year,"



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The AA Phillies program is rebranding to the Interlake Maroons AA softball program.

Kisiloski said.

"So when you add in the AA level now, you got a segment of girls that tryout for AAA but don't make it and you have a segment of girls who maybe don't want to play AAA but want more than what the A-ball season offers. This is a longer season, bit more

competitive ... it's an elevated level of competition that isn't the full commitment of a AAA program. I think that's a good part of the growth."

The rebrand has welcomed a change in the dugout, too, as each Maroons

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Men's bonspiel winners



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY BRETT MITCHELL

The Fort Distributors Men's bonspiel was held earlier this month with teams travelling from as far away as Winkler to enjoy one of the best attended men's event in years. Teams dressed up for a "Lumberjack" theme Friday, jersey day Saturday and Sunday "Recovery." Pictured: the winner of the B-event was Stonewall's Team Dunlop of Nate Wright, Shayne Meritt, Matt Dunlop and Thomas Dunlop. Petersfield's Team Boehmer, including Dave Boehmer, Dale Lott, Sean Braken and Ralph Boch, won the A-event.

Divisional basketball champs



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY MANDY OLIVER

The Grosse Isle Flyers are the 2023-24 Interlake Divisional Jr. High Basketball champions. The Flyers were undefeated throughout the season and beat the Stony Mountain Hawks 51-23 in the divisional final at Warren Collegiate on March 13. Pictured back row, left to right: Monica Baldwin (coach), Ashlyn Hoas, Madison Corbett, Mackenzie Boonstra, Ella Riddell, Emma Cassils, Everly Sherry, Kristy Braun (coach) and Jessica Olson (coach); front row: Elliot Oliver, Cooper Darragh and London Sherry. Missing from the photo is Lexi Schutz.

Local athlete wins two medals at Special Olympic nationals

By Jo-Anne Procter

Nicholas Gower from Argyle made his mark at the prestigious Special Olympics Games held in Calgary from Feb. 27 to March 2.

The 27-year-old displayed true grit and talent by clinching a gold medal in the 4 x 400m snowshoeing relay and a bronze medal in the individual 400-metre snowshoeing race.

His outstanding performance showcased his skills and highlighted his unwavering determination to succeed.

Gower's journey as a Special Olympics athlete began as a Grade 2 student. His dedication and passion for sports led him to train with the Blizzard, improving his skills year after year. Gower never gave up on his vision to represent Team 'Toba, and this year marked a significant milestone

for him as he finally achieved his goal of making it onto the provincial team.

Despite a lack of snow this winter, Gower trained alongside his team at Kildonan Park when Manitoba finally received snow, honing his snowshoeing skills and improving his speed.

When the weather failed to co-operate, Team 'Toba shifted their focus to track training at U of M and strength training sessions at Sport Manitoba in Winnipeg.

The Special Olympics Games held in Calgary hosted over 400 visitors: athletes, coaches, families and friends who all came together to cheer on competitors. These athletes with intellectual disabilities from across Canada showcased their skills and determination to achieve personal bests.

A team of 56 athletes represented Manitoba to compete in alpine skiing,

floor hockey, curling, speedskating, cross-country skiing, 5-pin bowling and snowshoeing. Team Toba placed fourth behind Ontario, B.C. and Alberta with 16 gold, 24 silver and 16 bronze medals. Other Interlake Athletics athletes Savannah Thompson (who trained with Sargent Park Racers) Nolan Penner and Alec Baldwin accounted for nine.

Gower shared with the *Tribune* his love for the thrill of racing to the finish line. But beyond the adrenaline and competition, forming new friendships stood out for him at the recent Special Olympics Games.

After his performance at the Games in Calgary, he wasted no time getting back into training and is already gearing up for upcoming track meets and a swim meet. Gower's dedication to his sports is truly inspiring.



TRIBUNE PHOTO SUBMITTED
Nicholas Gower proudly displays his Special Olympics Games gold medal he won in the 4 x 400 metre snowshoeing relay.

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team will include a current and/or ex-AAA Phillies player on the coaching staff.

Kisiloski said the idea was intended to show players the growth opportunities that exist within the program. Certainly, those who play the game at a high level will have no trouble relating to the AA players and their struggles throughout the season.

"It really just shows that there's a lot of synergies between the AAA program, the AA program and even the single-A program, too, that everybody is giving back to the community and giving back to players who are currently playing their experience that they've learned growing up within the (program)," he said.

"Parent volunteers drive it, no doubt, but when you can really leverage and get playing experience on your coaching staff, it just makes it so much more developmental and so much more professional for sure."

Kisiloski said the Maroons' self-explanatory team name has taken on a different meaning over the winter — it now goes beyond its colour scheme.

The team will practise and play under the slogan, "The few, the proud, the Maroons," which is a riff on the United States Marine Corps slogan, "The few, the proud, the Marines."

"It's a slogan to suggest that this isn't just something that you sign up for — this is something where you come to tryouts, you demonstrate your skills and your abilities and then you get selected to be a part of this team," Kisiloski said.

The Manitoba Premier AA Softball League will run from May to July, concluding with the provincial championship in Brandon.

Warren Wildcats reach varsity girls' provincial final



TRIBUNE PHOTOS SUBMITTED

The Warren Collegiate Wildcats were defeated 62-50 by Prairie Mountain in the MHSAA AA varsity girls' basketball final (Bryn-Lee Procter player of the game). Warren whooped Gab Roy 75-35 in the quarter-final (Colby Darragh was player of the game) and then Warren beat Souris 74-48 in the semifinal (Lauren Voth was player of the game).

Warren finished the season with an overall record of 26-4 and an AA record of 17-1. Provincial all stars were Warren's Colby Darragh and Bryn-Lee Procter. Pictured back: Candace Procter (coach), Sarah Gilmore, Bryn-Lee Procter, Mia Cassils, Mya Malcolm, Samie Boonstra, Colby Darragh, Reese Hnatuk and Jason Darragh (coach). Front row: Jadyn Baldwin, Rianna Cassils, Avery Langrell and Lauren Voth.

Mercs, Aces in SEMHL final

By Brian Bowman

It's only fitting that the top two teams during the SEMHL regular season battle it out in the championship final.

The Aces played their cards right in Game 1 of the best-of-seven series with an 8-1 home victory.

The Mercs' goal was scored by

Carson Ouellette while Caleb Paisley (two), Jordan DePape (two), Cody Fowlie, Ivan Pattyn, Braden Purtill and Matt Bailey replied for Ste. Anne.

Game 2 was played this past Monday (no score was available) and then Game 3 is set for Wednesday

in Ste. Anne.

Game 4 returns to Warren on Saturday.

If necessary, Game 5 is slated for Sunday, Game 6 on March 26 and Game 7 on March 28.

All games in the series will start at 8 p.m.

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Holod enjoyed a stellar season on the ice

By Brian Bowman

Gavin Holod had a fantastic season on the ice this year.

He also played with a lot of teammates.

Holod received a huge honour after he was recently named the No.1 Winnipeg Free Press player in their top 10 players' poll.

"I think Gavin's greatest asset is his speed," said Rams' co-coach Brent Leschyson in an email. "It wasn't uncommon to see him catch a defenceman off guard and go right past him. He's exciting to watch. He is excellent at capitalizing on turnovers and moving up ice quickly. He also has all the other elements too: great shot, good hockey IQ, etc. He's one of those guys who is really excited to play, and a joy to coach. He brings a lot of positivity to the rink."

Holod is a very good player with a great future. He is very quick to credit his teammates and coaches.

"I thought the season went really great," he said last week. "It was my first year in the A division. All of us knew it would be a challenge but we really adapted to it."

Holod really enjoyed his time playing high school

hockey with Stonewall.

"It was tons of fun and I would definitely recommend it to somebody else," he said.

The 16-year-old winger led the WSHL with 21 goals and 46 points. He dominated with his Stonewall linemate Adam Newcombe. Holod was also named an MVP at Miles Mac and Winkler tournaments.

Besides playing for the Ecole Stonewall Collegiate Rams, he also suited up for Manitoba Major Junior Hockey League's Stonewall Jets and the MJHL's Niverville Nighthawks.

With Stonewall, the Jets put him on a line with Karson King and Peyton Bateman. You couldn't ask for two more talented linemates.

"It was great (and the league) was more fast-paced with more hitting and physicality," said Holod, adding he would love to play college hockey in the United States. "It took me a little more (time) to get comfortable with."

The Nighthawks selected Holod in the first round (fifth overall) of the 2023 MJHL Draft and he has played two games this season. Niverville made the playoffs, edging out the Selkirk Steelers.



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Interlake's Gavin Holod was named No. 1 in the Winnipeg Free Press varsity boys' Top 10 coaches' poll earlier this month.

Interlake Minor Hockey league champions



TRIBUNE BY DEANNA BROWN

The Stony Mountain Flames won the U11A2 Interlake Minor Hockey Association Regional Champions banner after defeating the Warren Corbett team 3-0 in the Game 3 of the playoff series. The Flames won Game 1 7-1 but Warren battled back and won 2-1 in overtime. Pictured left to right: coaches Brad Schilke, Trent Johnson, Dayn Senkow, Dave Orsulak; back row: Emery Johnson, Jackson Oatway, Theoren Senkow, Rylan Keeley, Haelyn Cantwell, Andrew Orsulak, Matthieu McCall; front row: Marshall Stewart, Alex Comte, Jackson Kleven, Nixon Schilke and Alex Sawka.



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY ELISSA NORDIN

The Teulon Tigers won the Interlake Minor Hockey Regional U11 B1 banner on March 10 after defeating Stonewall in the best of 3 series, with scores of 4-1 and 5-3. The team had a number of wins this year including the Stonewall 'C' and Arborg 'C' tournaments. Pictured left to right, back row: Phillip Musser, Erik Hillyer, Easton Florence, Jonas Nordin, Matthew Buchkowski, Parker Tataryn, Gavin Pazdzierski, Brooke Powroznik, Hunter Bruce; front row: Laughlin Palsson, Leo Jonasson, Kade Lucier, Jonah Jiminez, Blaze Pike, Brynn Lee; coaches Elissa Nordin, Tyler Tataryn and Darryl Pike.

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Quotation packages including submission documents are available at the RM Office at 1094 Highway 17, Inwood Manitoba, and MERX

Sealed submission clearly marked "2024 Class A Quarried Limestone Hauling and Spreading" will be received at the RM Office up until 12:00 p.m., local time on Friday April 5, 2024. Late and incomplete submissions will not be accepted. Quotes will be opened Friday April 5, 2024, at 3:00pm at the RM office, members of the public may attend.

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2024 Financial Plan**

In accordance with Section 162(2) of the Municipal Act, the Town of Teulon shall hold a **PUBLIC HEARING** to present the 2024 Financial Plan on:

Tuesday, April 16, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.
Teulon Civic Centre
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The Town of Teulon 2024 Financial Plan consists of:

1. The 2024 Operating Budget
2. The 2024 Capital Budget
3. An Estimate of the Operating Revenue and Expenditures for the following fiscal year, and
4. A five (5) year Capital Expenditure Program

The purpose of this Public Hearing is to allow any interested person to make representation, ask questions or register an objection in respect to the Town of Teulon's 2024 Financial Plan.

Copies of the 2024 Financial Plan will be available for review as of April 2, 2024 on our Municipal Website at www.teulon.ca or by calling 204-886-2314, or emailing info@teulon.ca

The public is invited to interact, ask questions, and have the opportunity to speak for or against the proposed By-Law.

Dated this 15th day of March, 2024.

Chris Yuen
Chief Administrative Officer
Town of Teulon

THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF ARMSTRONG

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NOTICE OF DIRECTOR ELECTIONS ELECTRONIC VOTING AND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (the "AGM") MEMBERS OF ACCESS CREDIT UNION LIMITED (the "Credit Union")

TO: ALL MEMBERS OF THE CREDIT UNION

VOTING FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

TAKE NOTICE THAT voting for the Board of Directors is open to all members who have a share at any Credit Union branch. Voting will be done by electronic ballot and will be tallied electronically by a third party provider. Voting will be open from 9:00 am CDT on Monday, the 8th day of April, 2024 until 5:00 pm CDT on Friday, the 12th of April, 2024. Members of the Credit Union are invited to vote online at www.accessvotes.ca. Each member may vote on a personal electronic device or should any member prefer, devices for the purpose of voting will be available at all branches of the Credit Union during operating hours.

VOTING FOR BYLAW CHANGES

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT Voting will take place during the AGM held on the 16th day of April, 2024 to consider the approval of the amendment of the Credit Union's Bylaws. Instructions on registration, authentication, voting process, and technical support are available on our corporate website at www.accesscu.ca/AGM. Immediately preceding the meeting opening, and at the beginning of the meeting, members will be given instructions on how to ask questions during the meeting.

SUMMARY OF PROPOSED BYLAW CHANGES

The proposed Bylaw changes align the document with Credit Union Central of Manitoba's model and includes several amendments, a summary of which can be viewed at www.accesscu.ca/AGM. The proposed amended and restated by-laws are available on request.

At the meeting, a presentation will be made explaining the changes and their purpose. Members will have the opportunity to ask questions during the presentation, although not all questions may be answered if there is insufficient time. The Members will be asked to vote on the following motion: to approve the amended and restated by-laws as presented to the Members.

Each member may vote on a personal electronic device. Voting will end during the AGM and results will be shared.

RIGHT OF DISSENT

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT, under the provisions of Section 127 of The Credit Unions and Caisses Populaires Act, you have the right to dissent to the proposed amendment. If you wish to dissent, you must send a written objection to the amendment to the Credit Union at or before the meeting of Members referred to in this Notice.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The AGM of the members of the Credit Union will be held on Tuesday, April 16, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. CDT via virtual means, for the following purposes:

1. 2023 Audited Financial Statements and Auditor's Report
2. Board of Directors Report
3. Appointment of Auditors
4. Announcement of Member Rewards
5. Director Elections Voting Results
6. Bylaw Changes Voting and Results

All eligible members wishing to participate in the AGM are required to register online at www.accesscu.ca prior to April 16, 2024 at 4:00 P.M. CDT. Instructions for voting processes and how to ask questions will be displayed on the screen commencing at 6:45 p.m. CDT. These instructions will also be reviewed at the opening of the meeting. More information can be found at: www.accesscu.ca.

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THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF

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PUBLIC HEARING

2024 FINANCIAL PLAN

In accordance with Section 162(2) of The Municipal Act the Council of the Rural Municipality of Rosser will hold a **PUBLIC HEARING** to present the 2024 Financial Plan for the Municipality at:

7:00 P.M.

TUESDAY, APRIL 23, 2024
ROSSER MUNICIPAL OFFICE
0077E PR 221, Rosser

The Rural Municipality of Rosser 2024 Financial Plan consists of:

- 1) the 2024 Operating Budget,
- 2) the 2024 Capital Budget,
- 3) an estimate of the operating revenue and expenditure for the 2024 fiscal year, and
- 4) a five year Capital Expenditure Program (2025-2029).

At this time the Council will present the proposed 2024 financial plan for the Municipality. The presentation will provide an overview of the proposed financial plan followed by a forum for questions and comments from the public. The purpose of the hearing is to allow any interested person to make a representation, ask questions or register an objection.

Copies of the proposed financial plan are available upon request at the Municipal Office, 77 E PR 221 in Rosser, Manitoba during regular office hours Monday to Friday between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Larry Wandowich
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CARD OF THANKS

The family of Joy Brindley would like to thank everyone for their kindness and condolences at the time of Mom's passing. Special thanks to Heather Grobb and Shirley Williams for the meaningful services in Glenboro and Argyle. Much appreciation to the Courtesy Committee for the luncheon in Glenboro and to Donna Stewart and Ron Watson for all their help in Argyle. Finally thank you to all who attended the services, phoned, sent texts and cards and shared so many memories.

-Arlie, Moray, Shelley and families

BIRTHDAY



Happy 85th Birthday to the Best Mom, Grandma and Great-Grammy Pat Blair on March 20th! We love you!

CELEBRATE THE SPECIAL MOMENTS!

Don't forget to send your special wishes to your friends and family.



PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Notice is hereby given that the Rural Municipality of Woodlands inclusive of the L.U.D. of Warren intends to conduct the following Pesticide Control Programs during 2024:

1. To control noxious weeds and brush on public right-of-ways and on publicly owned property within the Municipality. The projected dates of application will be from May 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024. The herbicides to be used include:
-2,4-D Amine 600 - 2,4-D Choline - Dicamba - Glyphosate - Picloram - Triclopyr - Aminopyralid - Aminocyclopyrachlor - Metsulfuron Methyl - Chlorsulfuron - Mecoprop P - Acetic Acid - Diflufenzopyr - Iron HEDTA (FeHEDTA) - non-ionic surfactant - Methyl and ethyl ester - Mineral Oil - Flumioxazin - Saflufenacil - Florpyrauxifen
2. To control rodents at the waste disposal grounds, waste water lagoons and any municipal owned property at various times during the year using the rodenticide:
-Bromadiolone
3. To control the following insect pests including grasshoppers, mosquitoes, cankerworms, forest tent caterpillars etc., if and when necessary. The proposed dates of application will be from May 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024. The insecticides to be used include:
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The public may send written submissions or objections within 15 days of the publication of the notice to the department below. Persons who have objections to the issuance of this permit must register their objections annually.

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OBITUARY

Margaret Maureen (Moe) Johnson
August 6, 1952 – March 12, 2024

Peacefully with family by her side at home.
Born in Winnipeg, the youngest of four children to Jack and Margaret Fairlie.
Predeceased by her parents John and Margaret; son Neil; nephew Ryan and brother David.
Survived by daughter Tara (Dennis); son Kevin; sisters Janet (Blair) and Betty Ann; sister-in-law Barbara; granddaughter Brianna (Brodie); grandson Kyle (Ariel, Ava, Adeline; Freya); grandson Jami; best friend Trish Urquart; as well as many cousins, nieces and nephews and furry friend Taco. She also leaves behind many friends and neighbors.

Raised in Warren; graduating from Warren Collegiate in 1970, she attended Red River College for nursing and spent many years working in nursing homes, particularly Oakview Nursing home for 35 years. Tara, Kevin and Neil kept her busy as well with sports and activities. She moved to Winnipeg once they left home. She enjoyed spending time caring for her furry friends AJ and Taco and visiting with neighbors.

No service will be held as per her wishes.

A private burial will be done at a later date at the Warren Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, feel free to make a donation in Maureen's name to the Animal Service Agency.



OBITUARY

Joyce Anne Brindley (nee Rothwell)

Joyce Anne Brindley (nee Rothwell) of Glenboro, MB, formerly of Argyle, MB passed away in the Glenboro Personal Care Home on Monday, March 4, 2024 at the age of 92.

Joy was born on the farm in Argyle on September 1, 1931 to Tom and Liz Rothwell. She received her education at Brant Argyle School and upon graduating, worked in Winnipeg for a couple of years before marrying Richard "Dick" Brindley in 1952. Dick and Joy then lived in Warren and Woodlands for several years before purchasing the Morris Store in Argyle in 1964, changing the name to Brindley's General Store. The hospitality of Brindley's at the General, was a testament to the warmth and laughter that made all who crossed the threshold feel welcome.

After Dick passed away in 1996, she decided to move to Glenboro to be closer to Arlie, Shelley and their families. She then followed

her grandchildren's activities across the province, from hockey, volleyball and track and field to music festivals, drama productions and everything else the kids were into. She made friends everywhere she went and when she wasn't dancing, she did a bit of travelling.

Left to mourn her passing are her daughters Shelley Westwood and Arlie (Moray) Jamieson all of Glenboro; grandchildren Adam Ross, Liam Ross, Dayna (Shaun) Webster, Turner (Cassandra) Jamieson; great-grandchildren Alexa and Jaxen Ross, Tia, Nash and Rome Webster, Halee and Nixon Jamieson and many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

She was predeceased by her husband Dick in 1996, parents Tom and Liz Rothwell, in-laws Sam and Marion Brindley, brother Ben Rothwell, son-in-law Jim Westwood and sister and brother-in-law Ken and Anne Brindley.

Funeral Services was held in the Willmor Chapel, Glenboro, Manitoba on Friday, March 8, 2024 with interment taking place the following day on Saturday, March 9, 2024 at Brant Argyle Cemetery.


Friends that so wish, memorial donations can be made in Joy's memory to STARS Donations, 1441 Aviation Park NE, Box 570, Calgary, AB, T2E 8M7, or to the Argyle Cemetery Memorial Fund, Box 204, Argyle, MB, R0C 0B0.

Service was webcast and is available to view online at www.willmorchapel.com.

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OBITUARY



Linda Furness (Matheson)

Linda passed peacefully into her next life on March 13, 2024 at Rosewood Lodge in Stonewall. She was born on January 12, 1919 on the family farm at Grassmere to Arthur and Mysie Matheson.

Mom was the last of her generation of 18 Matheson cousins and at 105 years she had many wonderful and interesting memories of the last century. We feel truly blessed to have been able to share those extra years of her life. Her mind and recollection of history remained very strong.

Mom attended Tecumseh School and then went on to graduate from Stonewall Collegiate first in her class. She was called upon to nurse her Dad and then her Aunt Annie for a number of years and then she went to business college and worked for a few years before she married our Dad, Gordon Furness in 1948. She and Dad took over the family farm in 1954 which had been homesteaded by her grandfather Alexander Matheson in 1873. The family celebrated 150 years of continuous family farming on the homestead last summer and Mom was in attendance.

Mom was involved in her community. Grassmere United Church, Tecumseh School, Ladies Aid, United Church Women, Rockwood Horticultural Society, Stonewall Hospital Auxiliary, 4-H, all benefited from her volunteerism. She was also a member of The Lord Selkirk Association of Rupert's Land and was very knowledgeable about the rich family history and the family's Scottish roots. She was a dedicated visitor to those who might have been shut in or to her friends.

Mom and Dad enjoyed winters away in the south for a number of years. Gordon passed away in 1987 and after his passing Mom took a trip to England to visit his family who she had corresponded with for 40 years but whom she had never met. She moved to Lions Manor in Stonewall in 2004 and lived there independently until her 101st year when a fall left her with a broken neck that resulted in a lengthy hospital stay and her eventual move to Rosewood Personal Care in Stonewall. She bore this change with an amazing stoic resolve and never complained about her situation. She was grateful for her long, full life and she was sustained by her strong faith.

She was much loved by her three daughters, Phyllis (Doug Fraser), Patricia (Rod Harris) and Judy (Kevin Cosens) and their children, Aaron Lowe (Laura), Jordan Lowe (Angela), Josh Lowe, Jenna (Matt Molitowsky), Brett Harris (Kelly), Lauren (Chad Wiebe), Carmen (Chad Rempel) and Sloane Cosens and 14 great-grandchildren, Braden, Beckum, Brixty, Elliott, Callan, Levi, Lily, Penny, Sully, Rocco, Jack, Arie, Boston and Cohen.

Besides her husband she was predeceased by her parents Arthur and Mysie Matheson and her sister, Marion McCoy and brother-in-law Bob McCoy, and her brother-in-law, Walter Furness and his wife Lillian.

The family would like to thank the many wonderful staff who so kindly cared for her at Rosewood Personal Care and before that at Stonewall and Teulon Hospitals. Your kindness was very much appreciated, especially in the last few weeks.

Funeral will be held at Stonewall United Church on Saturday, March 23rd at 11:00 a.m. with a lunch to follow.

Flowers are gratefully declined. Those wishing to do so may wish to remember Linda through a charity of your choice.



OBITUARY

Richard Donald Reimer

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of our beloved husband and father Richard Donald Reimer, who passed away peacefully at home surrounded by his family, on the evening of March 9th, 2024 at the age of 71.

After a long and courageous battle with cancer, he was ready to go home to his Heavenly Father. Rick's faith remained unwavering as he faced the many struggles of his illness in the last years of his life. He was an inspiration to those who knew him.

Rick was born in Winnipeg in 1952. His childhood was spent in St. Vital, where he grew up with three siblings including a twin brother. He excelled at school and in sports, later going on to attend Wayland Baptist University in Texas on a scholarship for track and field.

After graduating university, he moved back to Winnipeg where he managed a fitness centre. This is where he met Colleen, who he married in 1988. Wonderful years followed as they raised their three children together, Sam (1993), Holly (1995), and Joelle (1997). Rick loved being a dad and he greatly enjoyed spending time with his family going hiking, tobogganing, on bike rides and family road trips. Also special for him were the trips to the Dominican with Colleen and their close friends, and many good times at the cottage in Victoria Beach. Rick had a passion for watching hockey and football, reading books, and bird watching in the backyard. He also loved a hot cup of tea, cookies, and extra cheese on everything!

Rick worked hard and always pursued excellence in everything he did. He started managing fitness centres and then went on to own his own gym. A career path change led him to become an advertising sales rep for the community newspapers in the Interlake. He later became publisher of the newspapers in southern Manitoba. Rick and his two business partners then went on to establish their own group of award-winning community newspapers.

Rick was a devoted husband and loving father. His family and friends will miss the many conversations with him in which he shared his insight, wit and wisdom. We will also miss the many laughs we had as he shared his fun-loving and goofy side, which was so endearing.

He will be forever cherished by his beloved wife of 35 years Colleen, and children Sam, Holly (Chris), and Joelle. He is predeceased by his father Stanley Reimer and brother-in-law Tim Jeffrey. He is survived by his mother Joan Reimer as well as his siblings Daryl (Ruth) Reimer, Dave (Marty) Reimer, and Corrine Jeffrey. He will also be remembered by his nieces and nephews, aunts and uncles, cousins, Colleen's side of the family, as well as many dear friends and colleagues.

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