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# Remembrance of war: The Netherlands entered World War II on May 10, 1940

By Jennifer McFee

Although it's been more than 80 years, wartime memories are still fresh for 90-year-old Neil Tuerlings.

Now a nonagenarian, the Stonewall man was a young boy when his parents sheltered a Jewish family during the Second World War.

Kees Tuerlings — who later changed his name to Neil when he moved to Canada — was born in 1933 in the southern Holland city of Tilburg, located in the province of North Brabant. He lived in a three-storey home with his parents along with two brothers and five sisters.

In 1939, his dad opened a business on the lower level of the home to sell bicycles and electric items like vacuums, stoves, TVs and radios.

Then on May 10, 1940, German forces invaded the Netherlands and everything changed.

"I was playing with a friend of mine in the street and all of a sudden a bomb fell. Another one fell and he got scared and said 'I want to go home.' I said 'It fell already. There's no point in going home.' That's the way I was. But he insisted on it, so he went," Neil recalled.

"Right across from his house there was a grocery store that was down; it



Neil Tuerlings of Stonewall shared wartime memories. The Netherlands entered the Second World War on May 10, 1940, when invading German forces quickly overran the country.

was bombed. Across the street was a nice store also down. That was what we saw from the opening up of the war."

The gravity of the situation began to sink in when Neil noticed his father's response to the bombs.

"I saw my dad, who had a car at that



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Staff from the Canadian Museum for Human Rights recorded an interview with Neil Tuerlings in his Stonewall home.

time, picking up people who were bleeding all over the place and taking them to the hospital. Then I saw how serious this thing actually was, the war. I couldn't figure that one out. My dad was carrying people in his new car to the hospital, come back and pick up other people," he said.

"I saw a man in the street — I still see him in front of me — he stood in front of our store crying. He was, I would say, 45 years old, crying and I couldn't figure out why until I really looked at him. He was bleeding all over the place from that bomb, so then my dad picked him up and took him to the hospital. That's how we started the war."

The ripple effect of war began to impact the family business, which resulted in tumultuous times for the Tuerlings family.

"Things started getting bad. All of a sudden, there was no business anymore because we were not allowed to have TVs and radios. We were not allowed to have anything," he recalled.

"We sold statues and little things that quite frankly meant nothing, but we survived somehow. I don't know how we did it, but we survived."

While his father ran the shop, his mother took care of the large family with meagre resources and little food.



These goggles belonged to Neil's older brother, who volunteered with some other youth to help clean up after the bombs. The goggles helped to protect his eyes from dust and debris.

One day, a doctor visited the home because a sister was ill. Neil overheard the doctor telling his distraught mother that there was no hope for the girl's survival unless they could get her some butter to consume.

"So I got on my bike and brought my dog with me. I went out of town until I found a farm where I thought I could get it. I knocked on the door and said 'I have a dog here. Would you trade this dog for butter?' He said 'Don't you come back now for the dog' and he gave me three pounds of butter," said Neil with tears in his eyes.

"I put it in my jacket and I went home and I gave it to my mother. She never asked me any question. She knew what I had done because I came home without a dog — and that dog was my friend."

He missed the companionship of his much-loved German shepherd named Hector, but his sister survived the childhood malady and lived until her nineties.

"We never talked about things. We just went along, did things and kept quiet," Neil said. "You do what you think you should do."

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# Prestigious Lions Club Award presented at TRFD ball

Melvin Jones Fellowship received by Curtis Charison

By Emma McGill

In 1917, Melvin Jones, a salesman from Chicago, created the Lions Club International, an organization with the goal of building stronger communities through volunteer and humanitarian services.

In honour of Jones' dreams and legacy the Melvin Jones Fellowship was created, a worldwide honour presented to those who have shown great and consistent care for their community and its members, as well as generosity and compassion.



A grand welcome to Charisons Turkey Hatchery.

At this year's Teulon Rockwood Firefighter's Annual Ball, an event that brings a vast amount of the community together, this award was presented to Curtis Charison. Charison has lived in the Gunton area all of his life, right where he runs Charison's Turkey Hatchery, a staple in Teulon and Gunton communities when it comes to providing jobs and support to surrounding areas. The hatchery has been running since 1952, and Charison has donated smoked turkeys to the ball every year for many years and supports many local projects and events, including Pumpkinfest, the Teulon Tractor Pulls, the Children's Wish Ride, the Christmas Cheer Board and many more.

"Being local and getting honoured with this, it's a great feeling," said Charison. "Teulon, Gunton, the Interlake ... means everything to us."

The original plan had been for Teulon and Area Lions Club president David Leduchowski to present the



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Pictured left to right: Wray Whitmore, Cameron Charison, Curtis Charison and David Leduchowski proudly standing with the international award.

award to Charison along with current president Wray Whitmore at the ball on April 22; however, there was a slight change of plans when they realized one thing: that Charison wasn't in attendance at the ball. Though his track record for attendance from over two decades is consistent and reliable, he was enjoying a Winnipeg Jets game that ended up going into double overtime and was quite unaware of the honours awaiting him back in Teulon.

"The Fireman's Ball has been close to our heart, always," said Charison. He is grateful to the TRFD for the comfort and service they bring to the commu-

nity and to the Charisons themselves; for instance, quick response from the department during a barn fire many years ago. "It's been a pleasure and an honour being able to donate."

With Charison immersed in the hockey game, the award was accepted on his behalf by his son, Cameron, a third-generation Charison's turkey farmer.

The Melvin Jones Fellowship is meant for those who have shown exceptional humanitarian benevolence and charity to everyone around them, and it is very safe to say that the award has been presented to its rightful recipient.



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> WORLD WAR II, FROM PG. 2

That philosophy is perhaps what prompted his father to take action to help shield others from the horrors of war.

"One day, my dad came home with a father and mother, Jewish people, and nobody said a word. We were trained somehow to keep your mouth shut — don't talk," said Neil, who never found out how his father knew the Jewish family.

"They came and I had to get out of my bedroom because it would be their room. It had a big window so they could look out and not feel locked in."

The couple's sons, Isje and Jaap, were hidden in two other households.

Each weekend, Neil walked with his dad with an empty suitcase to the train station where his dad boarded the train to Rotterdam to pick up some belongings of the Jewish couple bit by bit.

"That's what went on every weekend. He had a nerve to do that because eventually you get caught — but he wasn't caught," Neil said.

"He had guts, and I think I got most of it from him. We did things without talking. It was done without even asking. We looked at each other and we knew what to do. I was the only one from the whole eight kids who understood that."

With nerves of steel, Neil's father would display the Jewish family's items in the shop window as a way to hide these treasures in plain sight.

"He was clever," he said. "He went his way and did it his way."

Young Neil became close with the Jewish couple and referred to them as his Auntie Ann and Uncle Tom van Messel. Each evening after the shop closed, his parents would join them in their second-floor living quarters to play a card game called Joker. They continued with this familiar routine for more than two years while they all lived together in the home.

"This is a little bit dangerous. We did it too often and got used to it, and I think that's how everything fell apart," Neil said.

"One day I was in bed and the following day I heard that they were gone. My dad was picked up and Auntie Ann and Uncle Tom were picked up. I felt it was my fault."

Young Neil had been responsible for locking up the house and that particular night, he had forgotten to lock the balcony door. The German forces came to the house, climbed to the second floor and entered the home.

"They opened the door because it wasn't locked. That was the only door that wasn't locked. I locked everything and that I forgot. I have never forgiven myself for that," he said, pausing to sob.

"Because of that, they were put in a car and so was my dad."

Although logically he knows the German forces wouldn't have hesitated to break the glass to enter the home, he still feels guilt over the unlocked door.

"They were in the living room, mom and dad and them playing cards. All of a sudden, they see two Germans in the living room and it scares the hell out of them," said Neil, who doesn't know how they discovered the Jewish couple was there.

"That's what bothers me and will always bother me till I die because it was my fault."

An honest Dutch police officer told his dad that he could leave the station temporarily but warned he would be picked up again at 3 a.m. He urged Neil's dad to find a place to hide, so that's what he did.

But first, his dad walked eight blocks to the house where Auntie Ann and Uncle Tom's son Isje was sheltered and brought him back to live in their family's home. He felt the German forces wouldn't think he was foolish enough to harbour Jews for a second time. It was a risky move to be out in the streets past curfew, walking past two schools that had been taken over by German forces, but they made it safely home.

"My mother, as pale as could be, said 'What have you done?' He said 'I cannot leave that boy by himself.' He had to sleep in my bed because, in case they break in again, then you could tell we were two brothers. That's what my dad wanted," Neil said.

"My mother had no problems with the boy because I looked after him. I went on the street even with him as a friend, as a brother. That seemed to work, according to my mother, so she let me play the boss."

Isje remained in the home for the rest of the war, and Neil felt less lonely with a constant companion by his side.

Following the police officer's advice, his dad found a farmer that allowed him to pay for a place to stay and work on the property. His father spent 19 months hiding on that farm while his mother took care of the shop and eight children.

When the war ended, his dad returned home with a grand entrance aboard a Canadian tank.

Neil said Uncle Tom and Auntie Ann were taken to Germany, but only Auntie Ann made it back alive.

"When she came back to us after the war to let us know what happened, she said Tom never made it. He couldn't make it," Neil said.

"He died in prison because he didn't think he could hack it anymore."

Auntie Ann was determined to survive because she knew her boys needed their mother. Eventually, they were reunited.

Nobody spoke about what had happened because the danger was ingrained in them.

"We kept it a secret. The whole war, we kept everything a secret. We didn't talk to each other about anything," he said.

"Our life was different. We kept quiet because something might break loose and then we're in trouble, so you keep your mouth shut."

Years later, Isje moved to Canada while Auntie Ann remained in Holland. Neil also made the decision to immigrate to Canada.

"I kept thinking maybe it's the best

way if I go to Canada. Those are the people that freed us from the war," he said. "I have to go there, not to the States, so I made a decision."

Auntie Ann made arrangements from afar to ensure Neil would be welcomed in Canada through some of her connections.

Soon after he arrived in Canada, he was waiting in Winnipeg aboard a train bound for Edmonton. All of a sudden, Isje appeared in front of him.

"I said, 'What are you doing here?' it was unbelievable. You don't see the people anymore and then all of a sudden there they are," he said incredulously.

"He said let's go for coffee. So we went for coffee and I should have asked his address but I wasn't thinking enough. That is my problem today. I can't find him. Maybe he passed away because, let's face it, I'm 90."

Over the decades, since that chance encounter on the train, he has tried to find Isje but to no avail. If he ever does see him again, he knows exactly what he'd do.

"I don't think I would say anything," he said. "I would just hug him."

Looking back, Neil would risk his life again to help Isje and his family.

"As I see it now, I would do the same thing today," he said. "Honest to God, if that's the right thing to do, then you do it."

When people hear his story, Neil hopes they will understand the importance of living peacefully.

"We are funny people, aren't we?" he asked. "We could live so nicely together and we refuse to do it. Just get along with each other."

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## Taxpayers get soaked by Volkswagen giveaway

By Franco Terrazzano, Canadian Taxpayers Federation

More than \$4 million per job. That's how much Prime Minister Justin Trudeau has committed taxpayers to spending in his sweetheart deal with a German auto giant.

In St. Thomas, Ont., flanked by Premier Doug Ford, Trudeau announced that taxpayers are set to give Volkswagen up to \$13 billion in exchange for a \$7-billion electric car battery plant.

The plant is costing taxpayers \$13 billion and is set to employ 3,000 workers.

Divide the total cost by the number of workers and you get \$4.3 million per job.

Not to be left out, Ford also committed Ontario taxpayers to chipping in half-a-billion.

Step back for a moment and think about the larger implications of this agreement. What does it say about the competitiveness of the Canadian economy that the government felt it had to put this much money on the table just to attract a plant and 3,000 jobs?

Federal Industry Minister Francois-Philippe Champagne can talk about "seizing generational opportunities." But there's no downplaying the fact it took \$13 billion to get Volkswagen to come here.

And what happens if Toyota is looking to build a new plant and wants its own multi-billion-dollar handout? What about Honda? Ferrari?

It's quite possible that the government set a dangerous precedent

that will result in every automaker demanding billions of dollars from taxpayers before agreeing to come to Canada.

Think of what else could have been done with \$13 billion.

Canada could have built more than a dozen new hospitals or hired 16,000 new nurses for a decade or paid off the entire debt of Prince Edward Island five times over.

Keep in mind that Volkswagen's profits were over \$33 billion last year. That's a huge amount of money. Volkswagen's profits are bigger than the individual provincial budgets of Saskatchewan, Manitoba, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island or Newfoundland and Labrador.

Corporate welfare has real consequences. For every dollar politicians hand over to wealthy corporations, that's one dollar less that can fund programs, lower tax bills or reduce government debt.

A key consequence of corporate welfare is that it's addictive. Remember good old Bombardier? A one-time corporate giveaway has turned into decades of government handouts. Corporate welfare is easy to start, but the dependency is difficult to end.

Even worse, the money the feds are handing over to Volkswagen is borrowed.

The Trudeau government is running a \$40-billion deficit with no plan to ever balance the budget. It's already spending nearly \$44 billion on debt interest charges this year alone.

Then there's the whole idea of trying to outbid the Americans. The feds are telling taxpayers that the government had to make the deal because the Biden administration's subsidies effectively put a similar American offer on the table.

But the U.S. economy is 10 times the size of Canada's, and the Americans have much more money to work with. Surely outbidding our neighbours to the south isn't a sensible long-term strategy.

Instead of raising carbon taxes, payroll taxes and alcohol taxes then giving a bag of cash to a hand-picked business, Trudeau should cut taxes across the board and cut out corporate welfare.

Finally, where is the political opposition? New Democratic Leader Jagmeet Singh loves to bash grocery store CEOs, so why hasn't he grabbed the pitchfork after Volkswagen raided the public purse? If the Conservatives want to be the party of fiscal responsibility, then why aren't they up in arms over this corporate welfare?

Volkswagen's sweetheart deal is bad news for taxpayers. Trudeau is taking money out of the pockets of struggling taxpayers and stashing it into the bank account of a profitable multinational corporation. Politicians of all stripes should oppose this kind of corporate giveaway.

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## letter to the editor

### Save Lake Winnipeg

A narrowed approach to upgrades at Winnipeg's largest sewage treatment plant could save hundreds of millions of dollars and reach targets to reduce its pollution years earlier, according to supporters (*Winnipeg Free Press*, April 27, 2023).

This type of stalling has been ongoing for nearly two decades. Stop playing Russian roulette with Lake Winnipeg!

Fertilizer reduction efforts to Lake Winnipeg must also include nitrogen.

May is the operative word because less nitrogen favours only those particular blue-green algae that can fix

nitrogen from the air, and this ability is enhanced when oxygen is low.

However, many other blue-green algae do not have this ability, nor do all of the other eucaryote (non-blue-green) algae. (There are blooms that survive taking nitrates from the air, and there are blooms in water that need soluble nitrates to survive.)

Studies have determined discharge of nitrogen into bodies of water has been linked to eutrophication. Treatment plants that only reduce phosphorus from sewage will give an advantage to all the algae that need nitrogen as well as phosphorus, and there will still be blooms.

Therefore, it is imperative that both phosphorus and nitrogen be addressed and removed if Lake Win-

nipeg is to have any expectation of being saved.

Yes, the financial stakes are high, but how much is the value of those irreplaceable waters?

If nitrogen is irrelevant, as some have claimed it to be, then why is nitrogen added to fertilizers if it does not stimulate plant growth? Algae are plants too.

Politics aside, we cannot afford to wait another generation, or more, to see if a "phosphorus first" approach works.

Lake Winnipeg is at a crisis stage and needs all the help that we can provide.

Lake Winnipeg cannot be replaced.

- John Fefchak, Virden

### When is it too expensive to complete the kiln restoration project?

Dear Editor:

I am writing to offer my opinion of some importance regarding the restoration of the "kilns."

My family chose Stonewall and we have lived here for nine years. The town of Stonewall is a wonderful place to call home.

The park, sports facilities are second

to none. The members of the community are friendly.

The downtown shops offer just about everything a person may want or need.

The schools and the many community groups are excellent, as is the

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## A statement from Anita R. Neville, lieutenant-governor of Manitoba

On behalf of all Manitobans, it is my honour and privilege to extend congratulations to His Royal Highness King Charles III and Queen Camilla on this Coronation day — a historical milestone for the British monarchy, the Commonwealth and, indeed, world history.

This monumental day ushers in a new era of leadership as His Majesty formally assumes his considerable royal responsibilities and the commitment to service that was so capably and wonderfully demonstrated throughout the remarkable reign of his mother, Her Late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

While King Charles III became King of Canada upon the passing of his beloved mother, holding all legal, constitutional and symbolic authorities as Canada's head of state, the Coronation provides a celebratory occasion to mark the new reign and focus on the opportunities ahead.

As the heir to the throne, His Majesty has already experienced extraordinary mentorship and training for his new role. With the support of Queen Camilla, he is bound to establish his own unique legacy



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY JO-ANNE PROCTER

Woodlands Reeve Doug Oliver, long-time resident Eleanor Proctor, Woodlands Legion president Joel McDonald and Trevor King planted a maple tree in Woodlands.

through his service ethic, intelligence, compassion and ongoing dedication to important topics in the fields of art, technology, architecture and environmentalism.

Earlier this week King Charles III met with First Nations, Inuit and Métis representatives together. I share in the spirit of optimism that surrounds this new chapter in the relationship between the Crown and Indigenous peoples.



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY BRYAN MYSKIW

Left to right: Doug Oliver, Warren & District Lions representatives Pat Arbuckle and Linda MacMillan and Trevor King planted a maple tree at Warren's Lion Park in honour of His Royal Highness King Charles III. Maple trees were planted in Warren, Woodlands, Erinview, Lake Francis and Marquette.

I hope all Manitobans will join me in recognizing and reflecting on the significance of this ceremonial day and join me in extending hearty congratulations and loyalty to His Royal Highness King Charles III.

Long live the King.

# Woodlands council presents 2023 financial budget

By Autumn Fehr

Manitoba Municipal Government Assessment Services provided Woodlands council with their reassessment numbers for the 2023 tax year. This reassessment reflects how property values have changed, which can be attributed to changes in supply and demand for real estate, new construction, and improvement to existing properties.

Woodlands ratepayers will see an increase in their taxes in 2023, as well as an increase in the LUD (for residents of the LUD of Warren) and rural (those that do not fall within the LUD) mill rates. However, ratepayers

will see a decrease in the "at-large" mill rate from 7.04 per cent to 5.71 per cent, which is charged to all residents.

For 2023, taxes will go up in the RM of Woodlands by 5.3 per cent, while the at-large mill rate will decrease to 4.28, down from 5.66 in 2022. The LUD mill rate will increase to 5.60, up from 5.31, and the rural mill rate will also increase to 5.76, up from 4.62.

Main expenses in 2023 include transportation services (\$1,903,600 or 27 per cent), fiscal services (\$1,626,044 or 23 per cent), transfer to reserves (\$920,600 or 23 per cent), general government services (\$817,900 or 11 per cent), environmental health services

(\$281,000 or four per cent), protective services (\$354,100 or five per cent), recreation and cultural services (\$309,000 or four per cent), economic development services (\$101,800 or one per cent), public health and welfare services (\$73,800 or one per cent), and environmental development services (\$66,400 or one per cent).

Woodlands is expected to receive over \$200,000 in provincial and federal grants this year: \$6,860 from Green Team youth employment, \$200,600 from the federal gas tax (CCBF) program and \$1,000 from the survey outline monument restoration program. They will also receive \$1,000 from the RM of Rockwood, \$16,000 from the RM of Rosser and \$454,500 from the provincial unconditional grant.

Highlights of the 2023 financial plan include widening and reconstructing a portion of Road 82 west of PTH 6, a capital expenditure for the RM that will cost them \$350,000. The funds for this high-level project will come from three areas: \$117,000 from the general operating fund, \$50,000 from the general reserve and \$183,000 from the federal gas tax fund.

In addition, a complete conversion of the Woodlands landfill site to a Transfer Station is in the budget. The designing and building of the transfer station will cost \$150,000 out of the general reserve fund.

The budget also includes the purchase of columbariums for the Warren and Meadow Lea cemeteries for \$80,000. Funding for this project will come out of the general reserve fund.

An engineering study for a potential regional water treatment plant for the area will cost an estimated \$84,000. This project will be done in collaboration with Stonewall. Funding for the capital project will come from various reserves. Half of the engineering study, looking into the water supply from Stonewall, will cost the RM \$35,000 from the Warren utility reserve fund. The other half of the engineering study for \$35,000 and a survey of the state of the water lines for \$14,000 will be covered by funding from Woodlands utility reserve fund.

Also included in the budget is the purchase of a new motor grader for the public works department via trade-in. The new machinery will take up the RM's entire machinery replacement reserve for \$350,000.

The fire department will receive \$57,000 from the general operating fund for assorted small capital projects.

The RM is also allocating \$353,000 for the reconstruction and paving of Porteous Avenue between Proctor and Parker streets in Woodlands.

## *The Liliane Baron, South Interlake Breast Cancer Support Group*

Contact: Claudette 204 886-2393 Eileen 204 861-8107



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- Melissa Etheridge*

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# Government drops mask requirement in most health-care facilities

By Patricia Barrett

COVID infections and hospitalizations decreased during the last week of April, according to the provincial government's respiratory surveillance report for the period April 23-29 (reporting Week 17).

There were 96 new cases detected by PCR testing in Week 17. There were 123 new cases reported the previous week. Provincial COVID case data are underestimates of the true number of infections as the government restricts access to PCR testing. Rapid antigen tests aren't tracked.

Thirty-nine people were hospitalized in Week 17 with two people requiring intervention in the intensive care unit. There were 57 new hospitalizations the previous week with six ICU admissions.

The province reported six deaths from COVID in Week 17. There were 10 COVID deaths the previous week and 13 deaths the week before that.

Numbers are calculated using comparisons of total outcome data between the current and the previous week's report.

Manitoba's COVID death toll now stands at 2,493 according to the federal government's COVID webpage as of April 22. Canada's death toll has reached 52,037.

Wastewater surveillance data for Winnipeg and Brandon up to April 25 show sustained COVID activity.

The provincial government no longer lists in its surveillance reports the names of hospitals and personal care homes with COVID outbreaks.

There were two new cases of influenza A and five new cases of influenza B reported in Week 17 and no hospitalizations and deaths. There were six and three new cases, respectively, reported the previous week, along with six new hospitalizations and zero deaths.

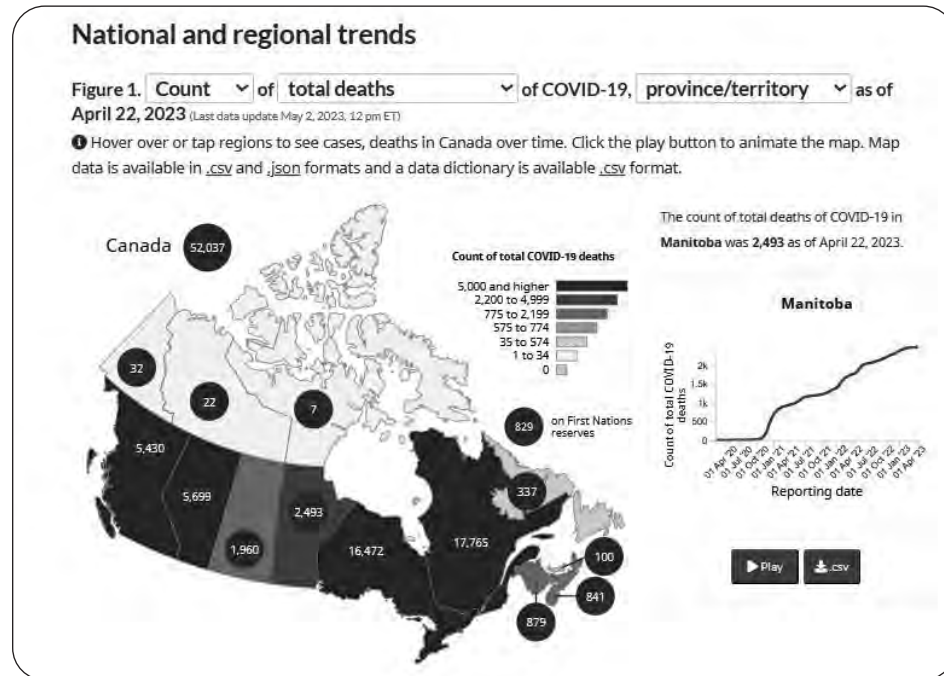
There were 15 new cases of respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) in Week 17. There were 10 new cases reported the week before.

## Other health news:

- The Interlake-Eastern Regional Health Authority reported COVID outbreaks at two personal care homes and a hospital in Selkirk after weeks of no reported outbreaks (according to its outbreak webpage).

The outbreak at Selkirk's Tudor House Personal Care Home was declared on April 28 and the outbreak at Selkirk's Red River Place Personal Care Home was declared on May 1.

A COVID outbreak has also occurred at the Selkirk Mental Health Centre's Tyndall Building where patients from Red River Place PCH are currently residing after experiencing flooding.



## GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

Total COVID deaths across Canada as of April 22. Manitoba has had 2,493 deaths from COVID. Canada has had 52,037 deaths.

"Red River Place Personal Care Home residents who are currently residing in the Tyndall Building at Selkirk Mental Health Centre are also experiencing a COVID-19 outbreak. These residents are temporarily relocated as a result of flood damage repair currently underway at Red River Place," said an IERHA spokesperson. "The staff at Red River Place have communicated the outbreak to residents' friends and family and outbreak protocols are in place at both facilities. All residents continue to be monitored for symptoms."

- Manitoba's Shared Health organization announced last week that it's dropping the requirement for wearing masks in most health-care settings, including long-term care facilities.

Patients and visitors will no longer have to wear masks starting May 10.

"The changes in masking requirements are based on advice given by infection prevention and control experts and reflect the changes we've seen with virus transmission in our province over the past year," said Monika Warren, Shared Health's chief operating officer of provincially co-ordinated health services and chief nursing officer, in a May 3 news release. "Care settings across the province will continue to be mask-friendly. Masks will be available to those who wish to wear them."

Warren added that masks are an "effective way of limiting virus transmission."

Masks will still be required in settings with cancer patients or transplant recipients as they are "particularly vulnerable populations."

- In response to the province's an-

nouncement on dropping the requirement to wear masks in health-care settings, Doctors Manitoba said in a May 4 news release that mask policies will vary among health clinics and advises people to check with a clinic and follow its recommendations on masking.

"Patients may ask their physician or other staff in the clinic to wear a mask," states the organization.

- Globally, there have been almost 2.8 million new COVID cases and over 17,000 new deaths from the virus reported over the period April 3-30, 2023, according to the World Health Organization's epidemiological update published May 4.

"Reported COVID-19 cases are underestimated as shown by prevalence surveys," states the WHO. "This is partly due to the reductions in testing and delays in reporting in many countries."

Over 8,100 people died from COVID in the Americas region alone (North, Central and South America) over that 28-day period.

The United States continues to lead the world's countries with the highest numbers of new COVID infections and new deaths from the virus. From April 3 to 30, the U.S. reported 392,480 new cases or 118.6 new cases per 100,000 and 5,263 new COVID deaths or 1.6 new deaths per 100,000.

Canada reported 562 new deaths or 1.5 deaths per 100,000 over that same period. That puts Canada in third place among countries in the Americas (U.S. and Brazil ranked first and second place, respectively) with the highest number of new COVID deaths.

As of May 3, there were 6.9 million COVID deaths reported globally.

The WHO downgraded COVID's international alert status last week, saying the virus is no longer a global public health "emergency" (the highest level of alarm). The WHO declared COVID an emergency on Jan. 30, 2020.

The WHO's declared end of the emergency phase of COVID was, however, tempered by warnings of COVID's continuing ability to kill and cause long-term disabilities. COVID is still a "global health threat" and the organization is uncertain as to the virus's future evolution.

"Last week, COVID-19 claimed a life every three minutes — and that's just the deaths we know about. As we speak, thousands of people around the world are fighting for their lives in intensive care units. And millions more continue to live with the debilitating effects of post-COVID-19 condition," said WHO director general Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus in a May 5 statement. "This virus is here to stay. It is still killing, and it's still changing. The risk remains of new variants emerging that cause new surges in cases and deaths."

The worst thing countries can now do, he added, is to use this declaration to let down their guard or say that COVID is nothing to worry about.

"Almost 7 million deaths have been reported to WHO, but we know the toll is several times higher — at least 20 million," said Ghebreyesus. "Health systems have been severely disrupted, with millions of people missing out on essential health services, including lifesaving vaccinations for children. But COVID-19 has been so much more than a health crisis. It has caused severe economic upheaval, erasing trillions from GDP, disrupting travel and trade, shuttering businesses, and plunging millions into poverty."

- The NDP released figures highlighting funding cuts to rural health-care by the Manitoba Conservatives over seven years. Using sources such as the Manitoba Budget, regional health authority funding letters, freedom of information requests and annual health plans, the NDP outlined cuts in each health region, as well as overall rural health-care cuts that included a \$4.2-million program to recruit doctors to work in rural communities and the underspending of \$160 million (for capital projects) in 2021.

In the IERHA, the NDP says the Conservative government cut 19 po-

# Funding announced for young entrepreneurs through Futurpreneur

## Submitted by Manitoba government

The Manitoba government is providing \$1.2 million over four years to Futurpreneur to support the Startup Program, delivering mentorship programming and financing for young entrepreneurs across the province, Economic Development, Industry and Trade Minister Jeff Wharton announced on May 2.

"Young entrepreneurs drive innovation and help to keep our province competitive in today's global market," said Wharton. "The support our government is announcing today is an investment in Manitoba's future."

Futurpreneur is a non-profit organization that provides inclusive financing, mentoring, and support tools to help aspiring business owners aged 18 to 39 start and succeed. Its mentoring program matches diverse young entrepreneurs with business experts from a network of more than 2,400 volunteer mentors. The organization's Startup Program provides financing, mentorship and resources to help young entrepreneurs plan,

launch and grow their businesses.

"With the Manitoba government's renewed investment in Futurpreneur's programming, we are poised to make a significant impact on the lives of diverse, young entrepreneurs across the province," said Karen Greve Young, CEO, Futurpreneur. "This partnership will provide the necessary support for these young entrepreneurs to turn their ideas into reality, build thriving businesses, and contribute to the economic growth and prosperity of their communities throughout the province. We are incredibly grateful to the Manitoba government for its unwavering commitment to the success of the province's young business owners, and we look forward to creating a brighter future together."

Futurpreneur expects to support the creation of up to 50 businesses each year, the minister noted.

The Manitoba government entered into a three-year funding agreement with Futurpreneur in 2020 to provide \$250,000 per year to fund operating

expenses and support the Startup Program for Manitoba small businesses.

"It takes a community to raise a startup and, in Manitoba, Futurpreneur is at the centre of it. Creating something from nothing requires money, advice, direction and a slew of resources. Futurpreneur provides it all," said Luc Bohunicky, founder and CEO of Avid Golf. "As a Manitoban, Métis entrepreneur, two-time Futurpreneur programming recipient and a former member of Canada's G20 Young Entrepreneurs' Alliance, I'm grateful for the opportunities Futurpreneur has provided me and my colleagues. I'm thrilled to see the Manitoba government's continued support and am driven to be one of many examples to aspiring entrepreneurs of what's possible."

The minister noted the agreement has resulted in the distribution of more than \$1.6 million of collateral-free loan capital to 91 businesses and \$2 million in financing from the Business Development Bank of Canada in the first two years. In addition,

Futurpreneur provided over \$550,000 in cash-flow relief to Manitoba clients through its COVID-19 response measures, ensuring young entrepreneurs were supported through business challenges brought on by the pandemic.

A total of \$4.1 million has been invested provincially to date through current partnerships.

Additionally, Futurpreneur has spent more than \$1.2 million on programs, operations and administration support in Manitoba, for a combined investment of \$5.4 million that resulted in a nearly 10-to-1 return on investment on the initial \$500,000 investment over the first two fiscal years, the minister said.

For more information on economic development in Manitoba including programs and incentives for businesses, visit [www.manitoba.ca/jec](http://www.manitoba.ca/jec).

For more information on Futurpreneur, visit [www.futurpreneur.ca](http://www.futurpreneur.ca).

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health-care personnel and facilities.

The town council is careful in considering issues that come before them.

My concern is with the proposed restoring of the kilns. The restoration cost is now approaching \$5 million to

\$6 million dollars. This is a great deal of money to be asking government, community foundations, community groups and individuals to spend. I think we need to step back and reassess our decision to restore the kilns.

The question to be asked is "when is it too expensive to complete an outside

historical artifact?" What are the other options available to us for telling the story of the kilns?

Whenever our tax dollars, as well as our donation dollars, are being spent, we need to consider what other projects need our attention.

In my mind, we are in need of low-

cost housing, assisted living facilities, an additional personal care facility, as well as a swimming pool and an additional hotel/motel, just to name a few.

I trust the restoration of the kilns will be reconsidered by all involved.

- Walter W. Jess  
Stonewall

## > COVID, FROM PG. 9

sitions in 2017-2018. And before the pandemic, the government cut \$1.2

million for staff-to-patient ratios. In 2021-2022, the government cut from the IERHA budget (for hospitals) \$516,000 for "streamlining and effi-

ciencies."


The government also closed 23 rural EMS stations across Manitoba that included the Riverton EMS station. The

government cut 75 nursing seats at Red River College then spent \$7 million on agency nurses for the IERHA in 2021-2022. The nurse (LPN) vacancy rate in the IERHA in August 2022 was 23 per cent.

In response to the government saying last week that it had recruited 900 health-care workers over the past six months, the NDP issued a statement calling that announcement a distraction.

"You can't believe the PCs when it comes to health care. They've proven time and again they will say anything to distract from years of Brian Pallister and Heather Stefanson's health-care cuts," said an NDP caucus spokesperson.

The government's recruitment announcement was also criticized by the Manitoba Association of Health Care Professionals, which represents rural paramedics and other health-care workers, for a lack of detail as to where the recruited allied health professionals are working and what kind of positions (i.e., casual, part time, etc.) they hold.



**Happy Mother's Day**  
Sunday, May 14, 2023

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**Saturday 2-close Darts at 7**  
**All are welcome - Support your local legion!**

# Celebrating National Nursing Week May 8 to 14

By Jennifer McFee

Our nurses. Our future.

That's the theme of this year's National Nursing Week, which runs from May 8 to 14 to coincide with Florence Nightingale's birthday on May 12.

The year's theme, developed by the Canadian Nurses Association, highlights the multitude of roles that nurses play throughout a patient's entire health-care journey.

Tanya Cheetham, Interlake-Eastern Regional Health Authority's chief nursing officer, shared appreciation for nurses' breadth of practice.

"Nurses lead and work in a variety of acute and community settings, which include urban, rural and remote locations," she said.

"Nursing is a career that offers many opportunities to help others in a meaningful way, to advocate and provide care to individuals and families during some of their most vulnerable and unexpected moments."

For the past five years, Sarah Gillon has worked as a nurse in the Interlake. She completed her senior practicum at the Selkirk Regional Health Centre in endoscopy, the operating room and the post-anesthesia care unit. After she graduated, Gillon accepted a position in the same department and has

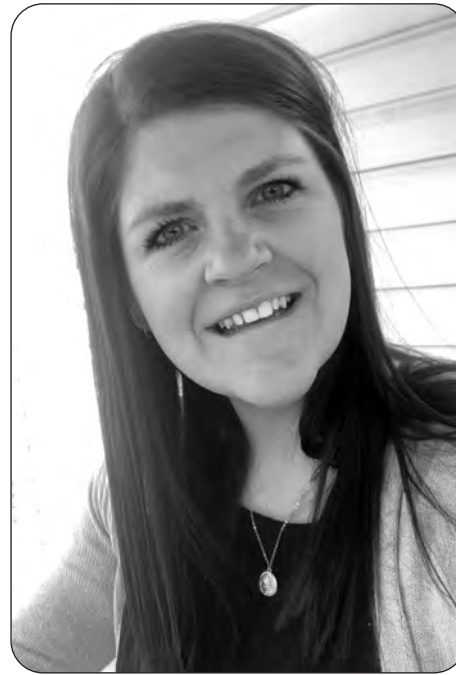
been there ever since. In August 2022, she became the interim clinical team manager.

"As nurses, we have this unique opportunity to advocate for and empower patients and their families during what can be confusing or difficult times. This is why I chose nursing," she said.

"I love that perioperative nursing is a community coming together to help one patient at a time, supporting them to make those scary, uncomfortable moments just a little bit easier. I love the team dynamic of the OR and I am so fortunate to work with and be mentored by so many strong, compassionate nurses."

Undergraduate nurse employee Jordyn Dilk is also working at the Selkirk Regional Health Centre. She recently completed her third year in the bachelor of nursing program at the University of Manitoba.

"I decided to pursue a career in nursing because I wanted to help people through difficult times and make a positive difference in their lives. I also love learning about medicine and different diseases and illnesses and how we can treat them. I am very excited for the experience I will gain through



Sarah Gillon



Jordyn Dilk

this opportunity as an undergraduate nurse employee," she said.

"I am looking forward to trying new things and continuing to learn through my experiences as a nurse. I also look forward to seeing the difference I can make by being there and advocating for my patients. There are so many opportunities and specialties to pursue."

The Association of Regulated Nurses of Manitoba has joined together with other nursing associations from across Canada to launch the #HeyNurse social media campaign, which allows everyone to tell nurses how much they appreciate them. To participate, all you have to do is post a message, photo or video to social media using the hashtag #HeyNurse.

## Canada-Manitoba Job Grant 2023-24 applications open

By Autumn Fehr

Are you a business looking to hire new employees but need a little help to cover training costs or need to train existing employees to meet business needs?

Funding from the Canada-Manitoba Job Grant can help cover those costs.

The grant is a cost-shared funding program, giving employers help in covering training costs for new and existing employees to meet business needs, support development in the workforce, boost economic growth

and increase employment opportunities in Manitoba.

Training funded through the grant must be delivered through an external third party. Employers decide which employees need training, the training they need, and other details such as when and who will deliver it.

This program offers \$10 million to support training and workforce development for new and existing employees. Employees are eligible to receive a maximum of \$10,000 per

employee and \$100,000 per training project.

Small businesses with fewer than 100 employees can apply for up to 75 per cent of eligible training costs, and larger employers up to 50 per cent.

Applications will be accepted until the funding is fully allocated or all eligible applications have been received, whichever comes first. Funding is dispersed by the order in which the applications are received.

Employers for federal and provin-

cial Crown corporations and agencies, federal, provincial and territorial governments, and K-12 schools funded by provincial/federal sources are ineligible to apply.

Funding is not guaranteed.

Don't miss out on the opportunity and submit your application for a chance to receive funding to train your employees.

For more information and to apply, head to <https://www.gov.mb.ca/jec/busdev/financial/cmjg/index.html>.

## Christmas Cheer Board selected as FedEx Cares Employee Community Fund

By Lana Meier

It's the most wonderful time of the year, and what better way to spread Christmas cheer than by giving back to your community?

Last week the Stonewall & District Christmas Cheer Board got an early Christmas gift of US\$1,000 from FedEx.

The Stonewall & District Christmas Cheer Board was selected as a recipient of the FedEx Cares Employee

Community Fund.

Cheerboard chair Kari Willey was particularly touched to learn that their charity was nominated by Tracey Kiselbach, a dedicated FedEx employee based right here in Stonewall.

Willey said the money will be used to spread some cheer this holiday season.

"This donation will undoubtedly make a difference to many families

during what can be a difficult time of year for some. The funds could go towards providing food hampers or gifts for children and families who may not have received anything otherwise," said Willey.

Through the FedEx Cares Employee Community Fund, FedEx donates US\$50,000 a year among registered Canadian charities that their team members choose.

"Giving back is such an important part of life, and we thank you for the generous work that you do to benefit others, said Stephen Anderson, senior communications specialist with FedEx Express Canada.

To learn more about the work FedEx does in the community and the organizations it supports, please visit [fedexcares.ca](https://fedexcares.ca) or follow on Facebook @FedExCanada.

# Stonewall council sets aside an additional \$1 million for kiln restoration

## Stonewall council news in brief

By Jennifer McFee

The kiln restoration project continues to forge forward.

At a special meeting on April 26, Stonewall council passed a resolution to provide another contribution of up to \$1 million since matching grant programs might be available. The town will only provide the additional \$1 million in funding if current and future corporate fundraising efforts don't raise the money needed to complete Phase 2 of the Save the Kilns project.

The town has already donated \$1 million towards the cause. The Save the Kilns committee approached council for another contribution due to increased construction costs and to enable them to apply for the matching grant opportunities.

### In other council news:

- Council accepted a proposal submitted by WSP Canada Inc. for professional engineering services for development of the site identified for a new personal care home in Stonewall. In addition, the Town Stonewall, along with the RMs of Rosser, St. Laurent and Woodlands, is seeking to engage an experienced fundraising consultant or consulting firm to create and implement a strategic fundraising plan for the upcoming personal care home project that will be located in Stonewall. The proposal deadline is May 26 and more information is available on the Town of Stonewall website at [www.stonewall.ca](http://www.stonewall.ca).

- At the May 3 meeting, council hosted a public hearing related to a request to vary the minimum site width and area for a proposed lot associated with a subdivision on 4th Avenue North. The 15,000-square-foot site is a bareland condominium consisting of six condo lots and common areas.

So far, three of the six lots have been developed into three-storey townhomes that are serviced by municipal sewer and water. The rest of the land

is not developed yet.

In January, council conditionally approved a subdivision application that would result in four lots, including the three existing townhomes plus one vacant lot for a future single-family dwelling.

One of the conditions is to obtain approval to reduce the minimum site width to 19.99 feet from the required 25 feet and to vary the minimum site area to 1,435 square feet from the required 2,500 square feet.

South Interlake Planning District had no concerns with the request, and council granted conditional approval.

- Interlake Salvage and Recycling requested variance approvals for a proposed 16,280-square-foot mixed metals baling facility on its 4.53-acre property in Stonewall's industrial park.

The company requested to vary the minimum side and rear yard setbacks to five feet from the required 15 feet. They also asked to reduce the minimum off-street parking requirements to three spaces from the required 32 spaces. To address the parking requirement, the company proposes to provide another 30 parking spaces on its adjacent 26-acre site within 100 feet of the proposed facility.

The business currently sorts, processes and recycles mixed metals. Over the years, Interlake Salvage and Recycling has grown and now exceeds its physical space, so the business is renting space on nearby properties for parking and storage of trucks and recycling bins.

The business is now proposing to develop a detached mixed metals baling facility and possibly a blue box baling facility in the northeast corner of the property.

"The development is expected to provide a more efficient and effective location to collect, bale, load and ship recyclables," said Eric Shaw, general manager of the South Interlake Planning District.

"In addition, the applicant expects that the new facility will assist in reducing environmental impacts by lessening opportunities for leaching,

wind impacts, noise and reducing the operation's carbon footprint. Further, the proponent indicates that once the proposed development is in full production, the facility will provide opportunities to reduce temporary storage of unprocessed materials outside, which would improve the exterior appearance of the business."

As long as several conditions are met, South Interlake Planning District doesn't believe the proposed variance would negatively affect other properties or potential development in a significant way. The recommended conditions include the submission of a drainage plan for the town to review and approve.

Council conditionally approved the application.

"I'm excited to see the new buildings go up. I think it's great that you're expanding and are able to get some of the stuff out in the yard under cover. Esthetically, it's going to look great," Mayor Sandra Smith said.

"You're a valuable business owner in town and we really appreciate the fact that you're staying in town."

- RCMP Staff. Sgt. Jason Vrooman provided a quarterly report to council at last week's meeting.

"Property crime is a roller coaster. It's up and down. January was the worst of them all, February was OK and then March was back to normal based on the numbers," he said.

"Unfortunately, we did a lot of work in January and February. ... It's better now but it was bad for a couple months just because specific people were out and now they're not."

Vrooman noted that many community members were reporting incidents, which helped the RCMP gather more information to issue search warrants.

"That was good, I thought," he said. "That's what we welcome."

There were 32 reports for mischief for the quarter compared to 12 last year, he added.

In response to a question from council, Vrooman added that he would work with the *Tribune* to share RCMP news more regularly.

- Council gave first reading to a by-law to provide administrative and procedural requirements for the application and enforcement of new buildings, occupancy, change of existing buildings and requirements for unsafe buildings.

- Council approved a grant request from Manitoba Community Mobilization and Safety Network to use the meeting space at the Heritage Arts Centre on June 5. The organization acts as a mechanism for continuous learning and service improvement. Youth, families and other individuals who come into conflict with the law are often engaged with multiple service providers or face barriers in accessing support.

Community mobilization brings together these agencies' resources to help people in crisis in an effort to improve their ability to address issues that contribute to their criminal behaviour and to support the overall well-being of the community. The organization hosts meetings twice per year, and the next one will take place in Stonewall.

- Council approved a sponsorship package for the 2024 Viterra Men's Provincial Curling Championship, which will be held in Stonewall in 2024.

- Council proclaimed May 21 to 27 as National Public Works Week. They ask everyone to pay tribute to public works professionals, engineers, managers and employees and to recognize the substantial contributions they make to protect health, safety and quality of life.

- The Town of Stonewall is working with Scatliff + Miller + Murray to update its five-year strategic plan, which will identify key priority areas and specific actions for Stonewall to address to advance the town's vision. To assist with the process, community members are invited to share their opinions about life in Stonewall through an online community survey that is posted on the town's website at [www.stonewall.ca](http://www.stonewall.ca). The survey is available until May 15.

- Unlimited spring yard waste will be picked up from the curb until May 31. Yard waste must be in orange, clear or plastic bags. Only leaves, grass clippings, garden and flowerbed vegetation and straw are allowed. Branches must be tied in three-foot-long bundles. After May 31, only three bags of yard waste will be picked up each week for each residential property.



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# Hiking for a cause hosted in Teulon



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On Saturday, May 6, South West District Palliative Care hosted Teulon's Hike for Hospice at St. Cyprian's Anglican Church. This branch of Palliative Care works hard to bring support and end-of-life care to clients and their loved ones. Saturday's hike around town brought together 12 hikers, three of which were joining virtually and two of which were biking. They raised approximately \$2,000 for hospice care. Pictured here are the church and the hikers ready to go, alongside Lakeside MLA Ralph Eichler.

## Félicitations



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Lucy Roy, a Grade 4 French immersion student at Ecole RW Bobby Bend School, won the school's and divisional Concours d'art oratoire in April. She went on to compete on Saturday, May 6 in the provincial Concours d'art oratoire, hosted by the Canadian Parents for French at the Université de Saint-Boniface. She won third place provincially with a French speech about protecting the planet.

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# Sweet partnership exceeds all expectations

Submitted by Amanda Clarke

We did it! 11,131 cookies.

Debra Adamik and I went into a meeting with Jamie Pope and she said, "I'd love to see you guys sell over 10,000 smile cookies." We immediately got excited, jumped on board and gave it our full attention!

We got the text Sunday night at the end of the Smile Cookie campaign saying we exceeded our goal and sold over 10,000 cookies, Debra and I jumped for joy with this amazing news!

I will truly be forever grateful for Jamie Pope and her staff at Stonewall Tim Hortons. Thank you so much for this unforgettable experience and for helping us with our inclusive design playground project. I will never stop thanking you all and will never forget where you got us to in this fundraiser.

I have a newfound respect for the team at Stonewall Tim Hortons. They were fully on board to support my team of volunteers with whatever we needed. If we wanted to volunteer in the drive-thru, bring in many helpers, make Smile Cookies, anything, Jamie and her team were on board to make this experience as fun and unforgettable as possible — and it was!

A very special thank you to Laine Wilson and all the volunteers who came throughout the week from Stonewall council, which was Mayor Sandra Smith, Walter Badger, Kim Newman, Ron Maryniuk and the honourable Mr. Ralph Eichler. Thank you so much for coming down and making this experience so much fun!

I'd like to thank my Parent Advisory Council at Ecole RW Bobby Bend School, principal Patricia Crockatt and vice-principal Celine Doll for their never-ending support and help throughout this fundraiser. Also to all the parents who came out to lend a helping hand.

A huge thank you to Debra Adamik, who was my right-hand girl in this project. Debra was there every day to help out with bringing down a new group of 10-12 kids from Bobby Bend, to all the bulk orders, delivering and endless cookie decorating!!! I couldn't have done this without you!!

To the community and surrounding areas of Stonewall, this one goes out to YOU! We did this with your support and I thank you from my whole heart and can say so do all the children in our community!! Thank you all so much!



TRIBUNE PHOTOS BY AMANDA CLARKE

Ecole RW Bobby Bend School students, staff, PAC members, Town of Stonewall council members and Tim Hortons staff worked together all week making and decorating thousands of Smile Cookies.



# Woodlands couple win Manitoba Good Roads Association award

By Autumn Fehr

Since 1988, Brian and Valerie Noren have been living on 120 beautiful acres three miles outside Woodlands.

The couple has always put in the time and effort needed to keep their land in tip-top shape, whether mowing their yard, cleaning up the flower beds or planting fresh produce in their garden.

So, when the couple was notified in November 2022 that they were nominated for the category of “best farm home grounds – District 1” for the Manitoba Good Roads Association (MGRA) awards, it was fitting.

Although the nomination may not have surprised the folks around them, seeing the labour of love they put into their property, Valerie Noren said they were surprised when they found out.

“It was quite an honour to be nominated. We have a nice yard, but I wasn’t expecting to be nominated, that’s for sure,” said Valerie Noren.

The MGRA was founded in 1909 to promote the development of roads in Manitoba. To keep to its purpose, set over a century ago, the organization recognizes achievement in road construction and maintenance and com-



munity and individual home grounds beautification with awards. The province is split into five districts for the MGRA’S judging purposes. Each district has two judges that judge the district over a two- to three-day span.

The Norens were awarded the Lewis Instruments Shield for the best farm home grounds in District 1.

“It’s an ongoing process. We are always doing something to improve something on our land,” said Valerie Noren.

On April 3, 2023, the couple attended the MGRA annual banquet, held this year at the Delta Hotel in Winnipeg. Annually, municipalities, cities, towns,



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY SOPHIE MOQUIN

From left to right: Brian and Valerie Noren of Woodlands received the Lewis Instruments Shield for the best farm home grounds in District 1 from Ram Munikar of Lewis Instruments.

villages and individuals in Manitoba are recognized with an awards banquet. The banquet honours the municipalities with the best maintained and most improved roads in the province. Other award categories include community beautification and best home grounds.

“A lot of work went into it. We spent last summer either weeding, picking weeds and cutting grass, just making sure everything was in tip-top shape,” said Valerie Noren.

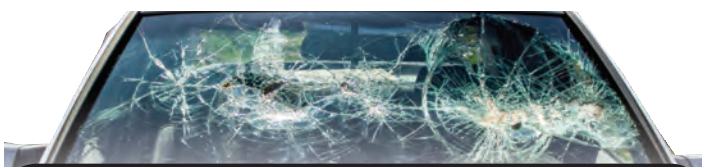


## Pizza Hut Express comes to town



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY JO-ANNE PROCTER

Pizza Hut Express will be coming soon to Stonewall at Unit 2-493 4th St. E. The business has recently obtained all required permits from South Interlake Planning District. “It’s always nice to see new services and investment in the community,” said SIPD general manager Eric Shaw.



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2. They extend the life of your fabrics. Professional cleaners know how to treat various materials, including cotton, silk and linen, to achieve the best results. Expert care can prevent you from damaging your upholstery with an inappropriate cleaning

tool or product, such as a stain remover that's too harsh.

3. They remove stubborn stains. Expert cleaners use specially designed equipment and techniques to remove even the most stubborn stains to ensure your furniture and carpets look new.

4. They remove bad smells. Over time, carpets and couches can trap unpleasant smells from pets, smoke and cooking. A thorough cleaning ensures your fabrics have a pleasant and neutral scent.

Many carpet and upholstery cleaning companies also offer stain protection treatments. Find out more about this service to keep your belongings clean for longer.



## Guidelines for creating a visual impact in your garden

Want to make your flowerbeds the talk of the town? Here are a few tips to make the outside of your home visually stunning.

- Pick a focal point. Draw the eye and create a lasting impression. You can use a small fountain, statue or bench as a focal point or simply a cluster of eye-catching flowers or shrubs.

- Vary the height of your plants. Combine plants of varying sizes to add dimension to your flowerbed. For example, tall, ornamental grasses near the back of your border will give your garden visual balance and texture.

- Define boundaries. Create distinct borders to demarcate the perimeter of your garden. For example, poured concrete, wooden trellises



and hedges are great features.

- Make paths. Paths and walkways can drastically alter the look of your garden and invite people in. You can use woodchips, pallets, decorative stone or poured concrete to attain the desired visual effect. Mulch around the paths to give your flowerbeds a clean, crisp look.

Finally, make sure you plant a wide variety of flowers, shrubs, bulbs and other plants that complement each other for the most striking appeal.



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# Stonewall's Run for Ronald organized for May 28

By John Bruce

Hayden Turner and fellow students from Collège Stonewall Collegiate are organizing the inaugural Run for Ronald fundraiser this May. The 5-km walk and run will support the Ronald McDonald House Charities (RMHC), which helps provide families with sick or injured children a place to stay when undergoing treatment.

It's a cause that's close to their hearts in more ways than one.

Last year, Turner, 18, had to receive treatment for a heart condition. Because there were no pediatric cardiac surgeons available in Manitoba, she had to travel over 1,500 kilometres away with her mother and brother to get the procedure.

"It was a very stressful situation for me and my family and something that we didn't really expect," said Turner. "And when we had to go to Vancouver, staying at Ronald McDonald House made everything so much easier."

Not only does RMHC relieve families of the burden of finding lodging by providing a clean, spacious, calm and comfortable place to stay, it's also designed to help them get their minds off the hardships they're facing.



Lexi Anderson-Schmidt, right, is helping organize Run for Ronald, a fundraiser for Ronald McDonald House, along with her friend Hayden Turner, who stayed there after a procedure in 2022.

From a slide that spans multiple floors to a game room furnished with the latest gaming consoles, the Vancouver location had plenty of opportunities for the Turner family to alleviate their nerves before Hayden's treatment.

"We got to stay in a really nice suite, with a kitchen and laundry in the same wing," said Turner. "It was just beautiful and awesome."

After the procedure was completed

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TRIBUNE PHOTOS SUBMITTED

The Manitoba Ronald McDonald House is located close the Children's hospital in Winnipeg, providing families with children undergoing treatment a place to stay and play. Courtesy of RMHC Manitoba.



The Turner family stayed in the Ronald McDonald House BC Yukon where it included a two-storey slide and play area, among many other amenities designed to provide families with a fun and comfortable lodging.



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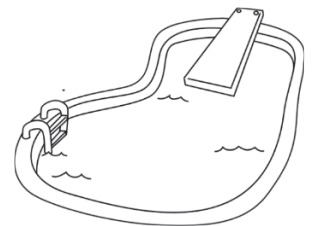
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# Dreams take Flight brings local teen to Disney World

Giving children with challenges an adventure to remember

By Autumn Fehr with files by Katelyn Boulanger

Dreams Take Flight soared from Winnipeg to Orlando with 108 youth for a magical day at Disney World last month.

The Dreams Take Flight program, a non-profit organization, provides a trip-of-a-lifetime experience to disadvantaged children from a variety of backgrounds.

Thanks to the numerous Air Canada employee volunteers, support of the Air Canada Foundation and the work by the Dreams Take Flight organization, eight flights operate annually, providing over 1,000 children each year with an unforgettable day at a theme park in Florida or California.

"The Air Canada flight crew were so in-tune with ramping up the dynamic of this experience. They really reach high to find ways of making this more than just a plane ride to Disney World," said Brett Mitchell, official photographer for the day, and co-owner of Big and Colourful Printing and Publishing

The flight from Winnipeg left at 3 a.m. and transported the youth to Orlando, accompanied by a crew of current and retired Air Canada employee volunteers focused on creating the most magical experience possible.

"Even before we were on the plane, the pilots were letting the kids wear their captain hats, posing with them for pictures. There were big smiles everywhere. Children were invited into the cockpit to see all of the lights, buttons, gauges, toggles — and when they questioned why there was no steering wheel, the captain showed them the \$50,000 joystick that steers the plane," said Mitchell.

Even when the plane was taxiing out



to the runway, Captain Steve came on the PA system and told the children that they would need to help him get the plane off the runway.

"When I give you the go ahead, I want you all to stamp your feet as hard as you can to help lift this big plane off the runway. Once we start to lift off, you know what Buzz Light-year says?"

When the nose of the plane left the ground, the captain shouted through the microphone "to infinity" and the entire plane shouted back enthusiastically "and beyond!"

The cabin flight crew were dressed in costumes while serving refreshments and singing songs. Once the plane was at cruising altitude, they started a pillow fight with all of the passengers said Mitchell.

By generously donating their time, pilots, flight attendants, maintenance engineers and numerous other employees on the ground and behind the scenes offer children facing mental, physical or social adversity the chance to take a break from their everyday to make memories and see new possibilities.

"Dreams Take Flight enables children to go for a one-day trip to a theme park in either Florida or Los Angeles, depending on where you are in the country. We've been around for 34 years now and we have chapters across Canada that take these trips," said Bev Watson, the president of the Winnipeg chapter and national president for Dreams Take Flight Canada. Watson has been part of Dreams Take Flight from the very beginning when Air Canada asked its employees if they wanted to be involved. She volunteered and has continued to take part.



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY BRETT MITCHELL

A number of Interlake kids took part in the Dreams Take Flight trip.

"[The kids] went on rides. They ate. They had lots of fun. Just even walking around Star Wars in Hollywood studios or just walking through the Magic Kingdom, everybody goes crazy," said Watson.

The kids who take part have jam-packed days starting with a 3 a.m. start at the airport. From there, they get to Orlando, Fla., at about 9:40 a.m. and travel to Disney World. They break into smaller groups and then are able to explore the park, eat and have fun before making their way back home at the end of the day.

Watson says that she continues to volunteer year after year because of the difference that it makes in the children.

"You have children that are very meek and mild in the beginning and sort of stay to themselves. And then, during the day, you see how they blossom and their eyes brighten up and they're just so happy and excited. They build friendships during the day. Just to see the smiles on their faces when they see a ride for the first time and they come off and it's just

amazing," she said.

It also allows these kids to be with other kids with similar conditions to their own, giving them time to connect with people their age that understand what it feels like to be a kid facing challenges.

Joe Thompson, who has three children — Alyna Huntinghawk, Kayla Huntinghawk, Alexis Daniels — from our area who took part in the program said the experience was wonderful.

"They were just blown away by everything. They would certainly do it again in a heartbeat. They had a wonderful time. It was the experience of a lifetime. I don't know if I'll ever get a chance to experience that again," he said.

Watson says the kids enjoy the rides every year but her favourite part is being able to be part of their happiness.

"Just the smiles and just seeing how much they enjoy themselves, and have a good time and forget about their cares and their worries," she said.

# Interlake-Eastern Regional Health Authority hosts expo

By Jo-Anne Procter

The Interlake-Eastern Regional Health Authority (Interlake-Eastern RHA) hosted an innovative expo where visitors could step inside and explore the world of health care last Thursday at the Royal Canadian Legion in Stonewall.

This event was a unique opportunity for anyone interested in pursuing a career in health care to learn more about different job types, education and training programs.

Through interactive booths at the expo, attendees were able to experience what it is like to work in various medical settings including hospitals, community health offices, personal care homes, EMS stations or labs. The Interlake Eastern RHA provided hands-on experiences that allowed visitors to visualize themselves working in diverse health-care careers.

The event was not only informative

but also inspirational for high school students who are thinking about their future careers. They can get valuable insights by talking with professionals already working in these fields while learning about available education and training programs.

At [healthcareersmanitoba.ca](http://healthcareersmanitoba.ca), you can browse through a variety of job descriptions and learn about the qualifications required for each position. You'll also find information on educational programs, internships, job shadowing opportunities and much more.

This program not only benefits the students but also helps fill gaps in rural health care by introducing more individuals to the field.

For more information on how you can participate in this opportunity, contact Lori Buors at [lbuors@ierha.ca](mailto:lbuors@ierha.ca).



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY JO-ANNE PROCTER

Left to right: CSC students Keenan Abraham, Maze Debreuil and Leah Porteous learn about the careers of paramedics Alyssa Jaculak and Amanda Dacosta.

# Country Girls Market to help with Mother's Day gift ideas

Sixty-five unique vendors under one roof this Saturday

By Emma McGill

Mother's Day is just around the corner, and if you're still struggling to find the perfect gift, look no further than Country Girls Market!

This Saturday, May 13, head over to Stonewall Curling Rink for a day of fun, food trucks and supporting local vendors.

Not only will \$2 admission go towards new playground equipment for Woodlands Elementary School,

but with 65 small businesses in attendance, you're sure to find something unique and handmade that your mom will love.

Country Girls Market organizers Jennifer Good, Laura Kaner-Isaak and Stacy Stephens have been thoughtfully planning this event so it may benefit as much of the community as possible and have been working hard to pull everything together.

The market will be a one-stop-shop

for all your Mother's Day needs. With over 65 small businesses and 85 per cent of these offering handmade products, there is something for everyone.

These vendors will include young entrepreneurs like A Dogz World, Cloudy Cases Official, Old Oak Jewelry and Carly's Cake Pops.

Other vendors will feature photography, baking, sewing, creative arts, crafts and direct sales. Attendees can expect to see Fae and Folk Design and Quarry Stitch Creations, both of which are local to Stonewall and will be making their craft market debuts.

To attend this market and witness

the impressive array of vendors and food trucks, visit the Stonewall Curling Rink (500 Main St.) any time from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Bring cash and cards, as well as the \$2 admission that will be donated to the non-profit table for Woodlands Elementary School, which will also be selling \$20 potted roses for this cause, going towards new playground equipment.

Don't settle for another generic gift when you can make Mom feel extra special with something one-of-a-kind from Country Girls Market.

# Rosser Rural Crime Watch group hosts meeting

By Jennifer McFee

Rosser residents continue to keep an eye on crime in their community.

The Rosser Rural Crime Watch group hosted a meeting on May 3 at Rosser's community club to discuss members' observations.

Bruce Galbraith, Rosser Rural Crime Watch co-ordinator, explained that the RM of Rosser and the Stonewall RCMP organized a Rural Crime Watch group in 1988.

"The Rural Crime Watch program is a proactive project of the RCMP. It is a community-based effort aimed at reducing crime in all municipalities

policed by the RCMP," he said.

"The program involves the RCMP working with local residents in an attempt to increase the number of eyes and ears to reduce crime in the rural areas."

The program aims to improve community awareness for crime prevention, while also helping to prevent crime by sharing observations about questionable activity in the neighbourhood.

"The municipality is divided into 21 zones. In these zones, captains are selected and asked to contact members in their zone. Phone and cell and

emails are collected to get out info on activities in the area. Members can call their captain, and the info is relayed to the RCMP and other captains," Galbraith said.

"At the meetings, discussion is held on what members have seen from the past and present. RCMP usually come to tell us what has been seen on their end."

At last week's meeting, they discussed safety in your yard, on the internet and while driving in the city. They also talked about observing activity where they live, as well as suspicious vehicles and people.

Since Rosser is close to the city, members are concerned about break-ins, large or small thefts, trespassing and suspicious vehicles.

"The best protection is good neighbours," Galbraith said.

"Keep an eye out for each other's property. If you see a suspicious person or vehicles on your neighbour's property, report it to the RCMP."

To learn more about the Rosser Rural Crime Watch group, contact Bruce Galbraith at [bcgalbraith5@hotmail.com](mailto:bcgalbraith5@hotmail.com).

# get inspired

> MEAL IDEAS



## Chipotle Chicken Flatbreads

2 tablespoons cilantro leaves, chopped  
Preheat oven to 375 F.

Place parchment paper on baking sheet and add flatbreads. Sprinkle cheese on flatbreads. Top with garlic, chicken and tomatoes. Season with salt and pepper, to taste. Bake 16 minutes until cheese is melted.

In small bowl, mix ranch and chipotle seasoning.

Drizzle ranch dressing on flatbreads and sprinkle with cilantro leaves.

Recipe adapted from [butteryourbiscuit.com](http://butteryourbiscuit.com)

- 2 flatbreads
- 2 cups shredded mozzarella cheese
- 1 clove garlic, diced
- 4 chicken tenders, cooked and cubed
- 1 pint cherry tomatoes, quartered
- salt, to taste
- pepper, to taste
- 1/2 cup ranch dressing
- 1 1/2 teaspoons chipotle seasoning



## Chicken Shawarma Sliders

- 1 package (12) slider buns
- 1 container (17 ounces) Fresh Cravings Honey Jalapeno Hummus
- 1 package (8 ounces) shredded lettuce
- 1/2 small red onion, sliced

In zip-top plastic bag, use meat mallet or heel of hand to pound chicken to even thickness. Cut into 2-inch pieces and place in large bowl. Add oil, garlic, paprika, cumin, coriander, salt and cayenne; toss.

Cover chicken and chill 8 hours, or up to 2 days.

Preheat grill or grill pan to medium-high heat. Grill chicken 4-5 minutes per side, or until done.

Serve chicken on buns with hummus, lettuce and onion.

Recipe courtesy of eMeals Registered Dietitian Rachel West

- Prep time: 25 minutes
- Cook time: 10 minutes
- 2 pounds boneless, skinless chicken breasts
- 3 tablespoons olive oil
- 4 cloves garlic, minced
- 1/2 tablespoon smoked paprika
- 1/2 tablespoon ground cumin
- 1/2 tablespoon ground coriander
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon cayenne pepper



## Lemon Cheesecake with Fruit

- Servings: 6-8
- 1 1/4 cups graham cracker crumbs
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 1/4 cup butter, melted
- 2 packages (8 ounces each) cream cheese, softened
- 1 can (14 ounces) sweetened condensed milk
- 3 eggs
- 1/4 cup fresh lemon juice
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 orange, peeled

# Spring health reboot

By Health Expert Julie Germaine Coram

Spring is finally upon us! Not only are we leaving the winter weather behind, but many Manitobans are travelling again to warm, sunny destinations. Time to break bad habits and embrace active living again, especially by getting yourself outdoors.

We have all felt the additional stress of the last few years, and it has certainly impacted our health. Here are 3 simple steps to reverse the negative impacts of the isolation we have experienced together, which may have left you with anxiety surrounding social gatherings. Eating right and taking the right small steps is going to have a huge positive impact on your physical and mental health within a few short weeks.

1. Increase your protein intake. I recommend eating approximately 1 gram of protein for each pound of body weight, more if you are very active. This can easily be accomplished by incorporating protein into every meal, including snacks. Obvious choices are eggs, chicken, fish, and lean beef, however you can also up your protein intake by eating almonds, broccoli, Greek yogurt, lentils, Ezekiel bread, pumpkin seeds, and even brussels sprouts.

2. Make a fitness schedule that is realistic that is realistic and stick to it. Check out the Resources section on my website (<https://www.juliegermaine.com/jgfit/resources/>) to download free daily, weekly, and monthly calendars. It is optimal to exercise at least 3 times per week, for a minimum of 30 minutes. If you have been struggling with motivation, try splitting up your workouts into two 15 minute sessions more frequently during the week. After all, you can force yourself to do ANYTHING for just 15 minutes.

3. Make your goal developing and improving on your good habits.



Health and Wellness  
Fitness expert  
Julie Germaine Coram

Start today as Day 1 that you will make an effort to eat better, perhaps by cutting out the cookies or wine that you usually have in the evening. Work to build upon your good choices and create new goals as you succeed. Remember, keeping things positive and manageable will keep this healthy journey an enjoyable one.

4. “Keep your face to the sunshine and you cannot see the shadows.” Remember to literally get some natural vitamin D by allowing the sun to touch your skin every day!

Though beautiful Grand Beach days are a few weeks away, we can stay positive and shake off the winter blues by taking some important steps to improve our mental and physical health.

Coach Julie Germaine Coram; NASM Certified Nutrition Coach, NFLC Registered Personal Trainer, 2x International Pro Fitness Champion. She has helped tens of thousands of men and women improve their health since 2005. Improve your health with coach Julie: [juliegermaine.com](http://juliegermaine.com) or book a FREE DIET CONSULT: [www.calendly.com/juliegermaine](http://www.calendly.com/juliegermaine)

and separated  
8 raspberries

- 3 mint leaves, for garnish
- Preheat oven to 350 F.

In medium bowl, combine graham cracker crumbs, sugar and melted butter. Press firmly into 9-inch springform pan.

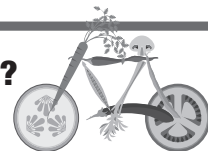
In large bowl, beat cream cheese until fluffy. Gradually beat in sweetened condensed milk until smooth. Add eggs,

fresh lemon juice and vanilla extract; mix until combined.

Pour into pan. Bake 50-55 minutes, or until center springs back when lightly pressed.

Chill in refrigerator until completely cooled. Arrange orange slices around border of cake and place raspberries in middle. Top with mint leaves.

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# Fundraising for palliative care through annual Hike for Hospice



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The annual South West District Palliative Care's (SWDPC) Hike for Hospice was held in Stonewall last Sunday. Just over \$10,000 was raised through pledges and donations to participants that laced up to walk or run or hop on their bicycles to pedal for five kilometres. The Stonewall and District Lions Club hosted a pancake breakfast in support of the SWDPC and raised another \$1,306.38. Monies raised through the SWDPC is used for end-of-life care and grief support for our community. Pictured left, left to right: hikers MP James Bezan, Merle Tomyk, Blake Good with his spaniel King Charles and Cathy Goresky. Middle left: bikers Jennifer, Martin, Lance, Lianne and Graeme Beirnes. Middle right: Lions member Norma Ridgeway presents Doris Hunter with the lottery basket she won. Right members of the Lions and SWDPC volunteers.

## > RUN FOR RONALD, FROM PG. 18

without any complications, Turner came to the realization that many of the children and teenagers staying at RMHC were facing even more difficult situations than hers. One patient close to Turner's age shared her hopes

## sports & recreation

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# U13 Phillies hit KC



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY KARLI REIMER

Five members of the U13 'AAA' Interlake Phillies represented Manitoba softball in Kansas City, Mo., at the end of April on the first 12U travel team organized by Softball Canada's Regional Skills Development Academy (RSDA) program. The Phillies' players competed in five games at the U.S.A. Softball Invitational tournament against some stiff competition but collectively had a great experience and some early-season action that helped prepare them for their season opener this past weekend. Approximately 15 Interlake athletes took advantage of the RSDA - Manitoba softball program this winter, travelling to Winnipeg to practise weekly with players from across the province. Pictured, left to right: Karyn Reimer (Balmoral), Olivia Wirgau (Stony Mountain), Jersey MacMillan (Marquette), Katie Braid (Stony Mountain) and Lily Hammond (Stony Mountain).

of getting through cancer treatment in time to attend her graduation.

"That really impacted me because I personally didn't feel like I was that sick compared to some other kids and I kind of felt almost out of place," said Turner. "It hit me in the heart a little bit."

Witnessing the resilience of those patients instilled in Turner a deep sense of gratitude for the support and care she received and a strong desire to pay it forward.

This inspired her to enlist her friends' help to raise funds for the organization, including fellow College Stonewall Collegiate student Lexi Anderson-Schmidt.

For Anderson-Schmidt, the run has the added benefits of promoting social connection and healthy lifestyle habits in her community.

"I think bringing people together and having social interactions is so important," said Anderson-Schmidt, 17. "I personally want to get as many people as possible involved in whatever part of the process they're interested in."

She said that while it's promoted as a run or walk, participants are welcome to rollerblade, bike or anything in between. It's just important to get out there, connect, and be active.

"I think living an active lifestyle really contributes positively to your mental and physical health," said Anderson-Schmidt.

They want members of the community to be involved in whatever area they're interested in. Students from the local elementary school will decorate a portion of the route with chalk, and the event also includes a market, food and silent auction as part of the event.

It's also an exciting opportunity for

young people to feel like they're making an impact.

"Allowing young adults like myself and the other members of the student leadership team at Stonewall Collegiate to organize these things will help encourage us to do what we can to make the world a better place," said Anderson-Schmidt. "I definitely feel like we're making a dent in this community and doing something for the better."

But at the end of the day, it's all about doing their part to make sure the service provided by Ronald McDonald House is available to other children in need.

"I wanted to contribute in some way to make sure that other kids that are more sick than me can have access because it was super helpful," said Turner. "You never know when yourself or somebody close to you might need to use Ronald McDonald House."

The support is appreciated by the Manitoba Ronald McDonald House. Their facility is located close to the Children's Hospital on the Health Sciences Centre campus in Winnipeg.

"Every dollar raised from this event will make a real difference in the lives of families facing childhood illness," said Wendy Galagan, CEO of RMHC Manitoba. "We thank Hayden and the entire community for their support."

If you're interested in signing up, donating, volunteering or contributing in any way, you can contact Lexi Anderson-Schmidt at [lexiandersonschmidt@gmail.com](mailto:lexiandersonschmidt@gmail.com) or 431-374-6126.

The Run for Ronald takes place Sunday, May 28 at 10 a.m., starting at College Stonewall Collegiate. It's \$30 to participate and shirts are available for \$20 each.

# sports & recreation

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## Pavlic wins bronze at Abu Dhabi Combat Club Jiu Jitsu tournament

By Brian Bowman

Stonewall's Talia Pavlić is making many people take notice in the world of Brazilian Jiu Jitsu.

The talented 13-year-old, who attends Ecole Stonewall Centennial School, won a bronze medal at the ADCC (Abu Dhabi Combat Club) Jiu Jitsu tournament on April 23. This was ADCC's first visit to Canada, and it was hosted in Ottawa.

ADCC is the most prestigious and competitive Brazilian Jiu Jitsu grappling tournament in the world.

"It was fun," said Pavlić. "It was pretty big competition. There were about 750 people that entered all together. It was a lot of pressure because you want to do well with so many people watching and it was such a good tournament."

Pavlić competed above her skill level as an intermediate facing tough competition, securing a bronze medal in her weight class of (55kg).

Pavlić really enjoys the sport and trains at WAMMA (Winnipeg Academy of Mixed Martial Arts) in Winnipeg under head coach Brazilian Jiu Jitsu Black belt Dominic Blais, and her father, Andrija, who is an assistant coach Brazilian Jiu Jitsu black belt

Pavlić has been training in Brazilian Jiu Jitsu for approximately 18 months. She was promoted to the rank of grey belt in February of this year, and she has competed in several tournaments regionally.

She has won three gold, two silver and two bronze medals and has competed above her own skill level in every single tournament she has entered.

Her fastest submission victory was when she competed in the boys' division in Morden, where she won by kimura in 36 seconds.

Pavlić will be headed to Fargo, N.D., this September for a competition.



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Stonewall's Talia Pavlić, far right, won a bronze medal at the ADCC (Abu Dhabi Combat Club) Jiu Jitsu tournament on April 23 in Ottawa.

## U18 AAA Orioles split pair of games

By Brian Bowman

The Interlake Orioles U18 AAA baseball team opened its season with a pair of games last week and had contrasting results.

Interlake played great in its home opener last Thursday, blasting the St. James A's 15-5.

Sunday evening was a different story, however, in a 20-7 loss to the Bonivital Black Sox at Whittier Park.

"We just didn't play very good, to be honest. It was Sunday night and we just didn't play very good like we did on Thursday and we had a much better result," said Orioles' head coach Eric Swanson. "It just wasn't our night, I guess — a lot of mistakes."

But Interlake was very, very good in the win over St. James.

"It was two different games Thursday and Sunday," Swanson said. "It was the first game of the year so I guess the guys were excited or what-not. We put our best foot forward on Thursday and Sunday was a little dif-

ferent. It was a good start to the year, for sure."

Hayden Faragher had a tremendous game against St. James, throwing four solid innings on the mound. At the plate, he was even better, going 4-for-4 with a walk. He belted a pair of grand slam home runs and added a double.

The Orioles have plenty of talent this season with Faragher and catcher Rylan Slatcher, both members of Team Manitoba last season, on this year's squad. They will be two of the best players in the league.

"This year should be better than last year," Swanson predicted. "In the last three, four years, this will be the best team that we've had. "I'm expecting our team to be a lot better this year."

Interlake will host Bonivital this Thursday (6:30 p.m.) at Atree Field in Grosse Isle and then visit South Central in Altona on Sunday for a double-header. Games will start at 1 p.m. and 4 p.m.



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY LANA MEIER

The Interlake Orioles' Alex Myers made the out at second base against the St. James A's last Thursday during U18 AAA action. Interlake won the game 15-5.



# Winnipeg Triathlon Club presents May Duathlon Series in May

By Lana Meier

The Winnipeg Triathlon Club is proud to present the May Duathlon Series, an annual event that has become a staple of the triathlon community in Manitoba. This year's event promises to be bigger and better than ever before, with three races taking place on May 9, 16 and 23 at Bird Hill Park.

The series offers something for everyone, with races designed for kids of all ages as well as adults. Whether you're a seasoned veteran or just starting out in the world of duathlons, there's a race that will challenge you and provide an unforgettable experience.

One thing that sets the May Duathlon Series apart from other events is its affordable, friendly and welcoming atmosphere.

With three races now included in the annual event, there's something for everyone regardless of their fitness level or age. Whether you're an experienced athlete or just starting out on your fitness journey, this race series provides a perfect opportunity to test your limits and push yourself to new heights.

The first race in the series took place on May 9 challenging athletes' stamina. The second and third events occur on May 16 and May 23.

Participants can choose from three different races that cater to their age group and skill level or fitness goals.

The Kids of Steel Short race, children ages 6-11 can participate in a 200-metre run, 2-km bike ride, and another 400m run. Start time is 6:45 p.m. and is \$10.

And if you are looking for something for your 12- to 15-year-old, the Kids of Steel Long race will provide more of a challenge. This event will push participants a little harder with a 400-metre run, followed by a 13-km bike ride and topped off with another 2-km run starting at 7:07 p.m., also for \$10.

The Adult Short (16+), consists of a 2-km run, followed by a 13-km bike ride, ending with another 2-km run.

Starting at 7:05 p.m., participants will take on this exciting challenge with fellow athletes in a fun and friendly atmosphere provided by Bird Hill Park. The registration fee for this event is \$20.

So if you are looking for a fun and challenging way to spend your May weekends, the May Duathlon Series is definitely worth checking out. With three races and plenty of opportunities for both adults and kids to participate, this event has become an annual tradition for many in Winnipeg. Not only will you get to experience the thrill of competition but also enjoy the beautiful surroundings of Bird Hill Park.

Remember that registration is online only at [birdshillduathlon.com](http://birdshillduathlon.com) so make sure to sign up.

# 2023 National Aboriginal Hockey Championships begin

Submitted by Hockey Manitoba

Seven players who represented Manitoba at the 2023 Canada Winter Games in Prince Edward Island are playing for Team Manitoba at the 2023 National Aboriginal Hockey Championships in Winnipeg.

The tournament began last Sunday and runs until this Saturday at Seven Oaks Arena.

**Here is the list of players:**

Rachel Halldorson (Goaltender, Lundar, Manitoba) – Halldorson is coming off an impressive showing at the 2023 Canada Winter Games. She is an athletic goaltender who continues to show steady improvements in her game. She posted an impressive .921 save percentage with the U18 AAA Interlake Lightning this past season. Halldorson will return to the Interlake Lightning next season and is expected to play a key role for Team Manitoba at the 2023 National Women's U18 Championship this November.

Ella Stewner (Defence, East St. Paul, Manitoba) – Stewner is an excellent puck moving defender with a high hockey IQ. She has also won various academic awards as a student at Balmoral Hall. She is coming off a solid 2023 Canada Winter Games, where she posted a goal and two assists in six games. Stewner, who has committed to the University of Alberta next season, had a great year with the Balmoral Hall Blazers in the Junior Women's

Hockey League and is expected to anchor Team Manitoba's back end at the 2023 NAHC.

Anya Misner (Forward, Cooks Creek, Manitoba) – Misner is a skilled forward who plays both centre and wing. Like Stewner, she was part of Team Manitoba's gold medal winning team at the 2022 NAHC and she is looking to repeat in her home province. She had a strong 2022-23 season with the Balmoral Hall Blazers and then recorded three assists in six games for Team Manitoba at the 2023 Canada Winter Games. In addition to being a gifted hockey player, Misner is an excellent student and has committed to play for Carleton University next season.

Ayden Collins (Defenceman, Winnipeg, Manitoba) – Collins played this past season for the RINK Hockey Academy U16 team in the Canadian Sport School Hockey League (CSSHL), posting one goal and 11 assists in 24 games. He also played three games for the RINK Hockey Academy's U18 team. He's a smart, two-way defenceman who plays a solid all-around game and played well for U16 Team Manitoba at the 2023 Canada Winter Games. Collins was selected by the Winnipeg ICE in the eighth round of the 2022 Western Hockey League Draft.

Hayden Paupanekis (Forward, Win-

nipeg, Manitoba) – Paupanekis is a right winger who played this past season for the RINK Hockey Academy U18 team in the CSSHL, posting 23 goals and 16 assists in 29 games. He also played one game for the Western Hockey League's Spokane Chiefs, who selected him in the third round of the 2022 WHL Draft. This will be the first time that the 6-foot-3 Paupanekis has represented Team Manitoba at the National Aboriginal Hockey Championship and he is expected to provide a significant amount of offense for his team. He was one of Team Manitoba's best forwards at the 2023 Canada Winter Games.

Jett Lajoie (Forward, Winnipeg, Manitoba) – Lajoie played this past season for the U18 AAA Winnipeg Bruins, posting an impressive 23 goals and 28 assists in 39 regular season games, adding 9 points in 10 playoff games. Lajoie was selected by the Prince George Cougars in the second round of the 2022 WHL Draft

(28th overall) and is considered a top prospect in their organization. A dynamic player who likes to shoot the puck, he had a goal and an assist in five games at the 2023 Canada Winter Games. Lajoie is expected to be a big part of the offence for Team Manitoba at the 2023 NAHC.

Maxx Hamelin (Forward, Winnipeg, Manitoba) – Hamelin was Lajoie's teammate on the U18 AAA Winnipeg Bruins this past season, posting 16 goals and 27 assists in 43 regular season games. He followed that up by registering nine points in 10 playoff games for the Bruins. Hamelin is a talented offensive player who has great vision and a high hockey IQ. He was selected by Saskatoon in the fourth round of the 2022 WHL Draft and had one assist in five games at the 2023 Canada Winter Games, displaying a high compete level and great poise with the puck. Like Lajoie, Hamelin will be counted on for offense at the 2023 NAHC.

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# Lussier, Morin win bronze at MHSAA badminton provincials

By Brian Bowman

The MHSAA badminton provincials attracted a lot of teams last weekend in Winnipeg.

In fact, there were 32 teams in the junior varsity boys' doubles division.

And the talented duo of Tate Lussier and Logan Morin from Teulon Collegiate won bronze.

"I was just hoping to make it into the top three," said Lussier on Monday afternoon. "I was pretty happy and my partner was, too. After the tournament was over, it kind of hit me that we placed third out of 32 teams at provincials."

Teulon defeated Carman Collegiate 2-1 in the bronze-medal match. After losing the first game 21-16, Lussier and Morin stormed back and played extremely well to win 21-15 and 21-16.

"After the first loss, I was really focused after that because I just didn't want to lose," Lussier said. "I gave my partner a little pep talk to get hyped for it and stuff. I told him just because we lost doesn't mean that we're out. We can still come back and win."

Both Lussier and Morin are in Grade 10 and will move up to varsity badminton next season.



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Teulon Collegiate's Tate Lussier, left, and Logan Morin won a bronze medal in junior varsity boys' doubles at the MHSAA badminton provincials.

# Bell named a CJHL MVP finalist

Submitted by CJHL

The Canadian Junior Hockey League (CJHL) announced last Friday the names of the five finalists for its Most Valuable Player Award for the 2022-23 season.

Battleford North Stars' forward Kian Bell was one of those finalists.

It has been an unforgettable season for Bell, formerly from Stonewall.

The 2003-born Fall River, N.S., product played a major role in the Stars not just being the first-place team in the SJH, but one of the top teams in the country.

Bell surpassed the 50-goal plateau before hitting the 50 games played mark. ... He finished the regular season with 54 goals and 48 assists, totalling 102 points in 51 games played. Averaging two points per game, his 11 game-winning goals also topped the 12-team SJHL.

Bell was named SJHL Player of

the Week five times this season, and SJHL Player of the month on two occasions.

The other finalists are Aiden Fink, (F) Brooks Bandits (AJHL), Alexandre Marchand, (G) Cobras de Terrebonne (LHJAAAQ), Tyler Fukakusa, (F) Toronto Jr. Canadiens (OJHL) and Lucas Brennan (F) Selkirk Steelers (MJHL):

Brennan, a second-year forward from Winnipeg, who was born in 2004, enjoyed a breakout season with Selkirk, recording 41 goals and adding 43 assists to lead the league in scoring with a 1.58 points-per-game average.

This achievement earned him the Mike Ridley Trophy as the MJHL's Top Scorer in 2022-23.

In November, Brennan announced his commitment to play NCAA Division I Hockey for the Bemidji State University Beavers.

This season, Brennan was also named the MJHL's Most Valuable Player, First Team All-Star and

was an MJHL star of the week three times and MJHL player of the month once.

He was named to both the MJHL Top Prospects Showcase in November and was selected to play for Team MJHL at the MJHL-SJHL Showcase in January.

Each of the nominees were determined through a voting process completed by the CJHL's nine-member leagues, for their respective efforts during the course of the regular season.

Collecting honourable mention recognition for CJHL MVP were the following:

Sean James, (F) Smiths Falls Bears (CCHL); Olivier Columbe, (F) Edmundston Blizzard (MHL); Nicolas Pigeon (F), Timmins Rock (NOJHL); and Ryder McMillen, (F) Wisconsin Lumberjacks (SIJHL).

# Stonewall to host 2024 Viterra Championship

By Ty Dillelo

For the first time ever, Stonewall will host the 2024 Viterra men's curling championship.

The curling community learned of this announcement last fall.

On behalf of the host committee along with co-chair Fran Frederickson and in partnership with the town, the Stonewall Curling Club would like to publicly announce to the local community some exciting news.

The Viterra Men's Curling Provincial Championship is going to be held in the Stonewall VMSC from Feb. 6 to 11. The event committee and the Town of Stonewall are thrilled that we have been chosen to host this annual competition, which is the largest and premier stop of the Curl Manitoba season each year.

"It is a curling bonspiel. However, we want to put

on so much more than just a sporting event, as we want it to be a celebration that the whole greater community can get involved with," said co-chair Stu Brown. "Planning has already begun, but we would like to get the word out that we are still in need of some more individuals to assist with organizing this endeavour."

The host committee is looking to fill some positions, including banquet/catering, ceremonies, 50/50, tickets/printing and decorating. Let them know ASAP if you would like to join their planning team. Then next fall they will be starting a larger drive to amass an army of volunteers that will be needed to help out during the event itself.

It will take people and businesses from the entire surrounding area to make this a successful event to be proud of.

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Let the host committee know as soon as possible at [info@stonewallcurling.com](mailto:info@stonewallcurling.com) if you would like to join its planning team.

The 2024 Viterra Championships is sure to be a star power curling event, with some of the top Canadian rinks competing to wear the Manitoba buffalo at the next Tim Hortons Brier, including Matt Dunstone, Reid Carruthers and Ryan Wiebe.

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## THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF WOODLANDS 2023 DUST CONTROL PROGRAM

The Rural Municipality of Woodlands will accept requests for the application of dust control, on a **PRE-PAYMENT BASIS**, on municipal roads in front of residences within the Municipality. The Municipality cannot guarantee the effectiveness of the dust control suppressant. Once a dust control suppressant has been applied no refunds will be made. The use of a dust control suppressant is meant to control dust on the roadway, not to eliminate it completely.

Application forms are available at the Municipal Office or our website [www.rmwoodlands.ca](http://www.rmwoodlands.ca). The application will consist of a 16' x 300' strip at a cost \$330.00 plus GST (\$346.50).

It is the homeowners' responsibility to flag the site for application.

Deadline to submit application forms is **Friday, May 19, 2023.**

In the event of insufficient requests, payments will be refunded.

NOTE: Any property owners undertaking Dust Control privately **must** provide Public Works with 5 days notice prior to commencement of any works and road prepping will only be undertaken during the same time frame when the Municipality is undertaking its dust control.

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## RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF ARMSTRONG EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

### Youth Employment

The Council of the Rural Municipality of Armstrong invites applications for the following positions:

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Further information may be obtained by contacting the Office at 204-278-3377.

Written applications to be submitted by 4:30 p.m., Friday May 22, 2023 to:

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Bids must include all materials, labour, permits, signage and protection as may be required by the authority having jurisdiction and Manitoba Workplace Safety and Health.

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Interested parties may schedule a site visit for **Tuesday, May 16, 2023.**

Tenders to be received no later than 4:30 pm on **Monday, May 22, 2023.**

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**Mail:** Box 433, St. Laurent, MB R0C 2S0;

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### THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF ROCKWOOD

## 2023 DUST CONTROL PROGRAM

When requesting application of dust control, the Applicant acknowledges and accepts the following:

1. The product to be used for dust control purposes is Magnesium Chloride. The Municipality does not guarantee any dust control product.
2. For safety purposes, the maintenance of roads by the Municipality takes priority over anyone's application of dust control.
3. The Municipality shall not be responsible to replace anyone's application of dust control.

The Rural Municipality of Rockwood will accept requests for the application of dust control, on a **PRE-PAYMENT BASIS ONLY**, on municipal roads in front of residences in the Rural Municipality of Rockwood. **This includes residences in the Rural Residential Zones.**

**If receiving Private Dust Control, please notify the office prior to Dust Control being applied.**

Ratepayers may obtain dust control on the basis of **\$500.00** per application. **Orders and pre-payments** for same to be made to the Rural Municipality of Rockwood Administration Office by **Friday, May 19, 2023**. The application will consist of actual width of road x 100 metre strip. The area to be serviced must be staked out prior to application. Dust Control will be applied during the early part of June, **weather permitting**.

In the event of there not being sufficient requests for a truckload, payments will be refunded.

Application forms are available on our website at [www.rockwood.ca](http://www.rockwood.ca)

**The Rural Municipality of Rockwood**



## Permit Coordinator (Permanent / Full Time) Stonewall Office

The South Interlake Planning District (SIPD) is accepting resumes for the position **Permit Coordinator (Permanent / Full Time)**. Under the direction of the Manager of Finance & Administrative Services, this position is responsible for coordinating permit files, systems and processes for the SIPD.

Specifically, the Permit Coordinator is responsible for providing guidance to applicants on application requirements and procedures, receiving and processing permit applications (e.g., Development Permits, Building Permits, Occupancy Permits, etc.), and preparing draft permit documents for issuance. The position requires a high degree of multi-tasking, including the ability to interpret and communicate technical requirements in response to inquiries.

The Permit Coordinator is also responsible for providing excellent customer service at the counter, answering telephone calls, responding to emails, processing payments, and completing other administrative duties as assigned.

A detailed job description for this position is available here: <http://www.sipd.ca/p/employment-opportunities>.

### MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

- High School Diploma, GED, or equivalent is required
- Five (5) years of work experience in a related field (e.g., office administration, construction management, code compliance, planning, architecture, etc.)
- Excellent customer service skills
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills
- Detail-oriented individual with the ability to multi-task and meet deadlines with frequent interruptions
- Ability to interpret maps, zoning regulations, and building plans
- Proven ability working with computers and office related software (e.g., MS Office Suite), and other office related equipment (e.g., printer/copier, fax machine, etc.)
- Valid motor vehicle license

### IDEAL CANDIDATE:

- Post-secondary education from an accredited college or university, with major course work in office administration, construction management, code compliance, planning, architecture, or other related field
- Experience with development and building permit review and approval processes
- Experience working for or with a Planning District or Municipal government
- Familiarity with the Manitoba Building Code is considered an asset
- Experience with mapping systems and software (e.g., GIS, etc.)
- Experience with general website management

**WORK LOCATION:** This position will operate from the SIPD's secondary office location at 285 Main Street in Stonewall, Manitoba. Job training will be required during the first 4-6 weeks of employment. This job training may be conducted at SIPD's primary office location at 5-15 Davis Way in the R.M. of Rosser (CentrePort).

**HOURS OF WORK:** Monday to Friday, 8:30AM to 4:30PM, with one hour for lunch.

**COMPENSATION:** \$47,000 - \$54,000 annually (35 hours per week), plus an attractive benefits program. Compensation shall be commensurate with qualifications and experience.

If you are interested in applying for this position, please send or email your cover letter, resume, and three references (a minimum of two references must be work-related) to the General Manager of **SIPD by Wednesday, May 24, 2023, at 4:30PM CST:**

Eric Shaw, General Manager  
South Interlake Planning District  
Box 1219, Stonewall, MB, R0C 2Z0  
Email address: [eric.shaw@sipd.ca](mailto:eric.shaw@sipd.ca)

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## THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF ROCKWOOD EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

### SEASONAL PUBLIC WORKS MAINTENANCE / EQUIPMENT OPERATOR EMPLOYEE

The Rural Municipality of Rockwood invites applications for the position of Public Works Maintenance / Equipment Operator Employee (Seasonal).

Under the direction of the Manager of Public Works, the position will be required to assist the Public Works Department and perform general municipal related work. The majority of the work will be cutting grass in ditches and drains with a large tractor and 15' pull behind mower.

#### QUALIFICATIONS - Transportation Maintenance / Equipment Operator Employee (Seasonal):

1. Valid Province of Manitoba Driver's Class (5) Licence (Class 3 preferred)
2. Experience in a Public Works related field would be an asset
3. Good interpersonal skills to deal with the public
4. Knowledge in the operation and maintenance of different equipment (tractor/mower, grader, tandem, loader)
5. Mechanically inclined
6. Ability to work under minimal supervision
7. Available from June - November (Length of term is weather dependant)
8. Salary Range \$20.66 - \$21.95/Hr - dependent on qualifications

Applications should be marked "**Application for Public Works Employment**" and must contain a cover letter and full resume with three references.

Forward applications to the undersigned no later than **1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 17, 2023.**

Attention: Ian Tesarski - Director of Operations  
Rural Municipality of Rockwood  
Box 902, 285 Main Street, Stonewall MB R0C 2Z0  
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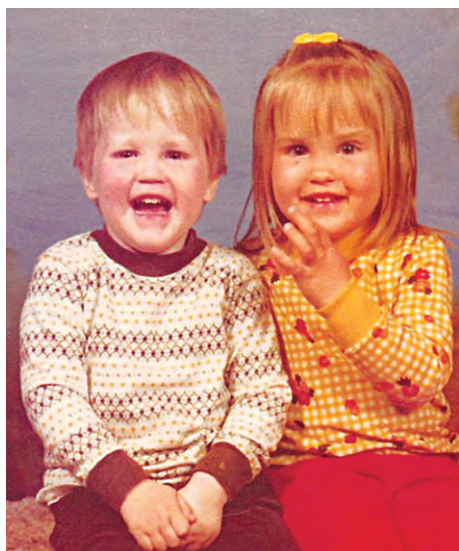
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**OBITUARY**



**Brad Wayne Kennedy**

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Brad Wayne Kennedy on Tuesday, May 2, 2023 at the age of 69 years. Brad will be lovingly missed by his wife Debbie of 51 years; children Mitch (Terri), Karry (Phaedra), Aaron (Lisa); 11 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren and his fur baby Tripper. We will love you forever, miss you always Grandpa. Cremation has taken place and a private family gathering to celebrate his life will take place on a later date.

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**OBITUARY**



**Victoria Johnson (Fedoruk)**  
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It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of our beloved mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, Vickie. Vickie is predeceased by her life partner Steve in 2014 and her son Larry in 2017. Vickie is survived by her children Debra (Stuart), Steven (Michele), Allan (Helen), and Brenda and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Vickie loved the outdoors, when the weather was nice you could find her in her garden or tending to her flowers. Her passion was picking weeds, if not in her garden, then in her daughter's garden. As per Mom's wishes, cremation has taken place and there will be no funeral. Thank you to the nurses and doctors at the Selkirk Hospital who took care of our Mom.

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**Dietlinde (Ditta) Cripps (nee Simonis)**  
1944 - 2023

Our cheerful and loving mother, grandmother, sister, aunt and friend, Ditta Cripps, closed her eyes for the last time at Concordia Hospital in Winnipeg on Thursday, May 4, 2023 at 79 years of age. We will miss her smile and ever present willingness to help others.

Ditta was born in Heldsdorf/Halchiu, a village in Romania. She was proud of her Siebenbuerger Sachsen origins and Transylvanian Saxon heritage, even though she was young when they left home to join their father in Germany in 1951. She was a quiet, sickly child, ever under the watchful eyes of her grandmother, mother or sister Christel. The reunited family made their home in Moers am Rhein until her father's sister, Sarah Schaeztle, sponsored the family for immigration to Canada. They landed in Quebec City on August 18, 1952. The move changed Ditta into an energetic,

gregarious person. The family settled in Winnipeg, where she attended a string of north end schools graduating from St. John's High in 1963. She was active in sports and student council, the youth group at Immanuel Lutheran Church and the dance group of the German Society of Winnipeg.

Her family increased to five with the birth of a brother. Ditta became his main caregiver outside of school hours and years later his bone marrow donor, when Mike was stricken with leukemia.

Her chief aim in life became to earn money to buy her own car, which she did with a job with the Manitoba Telephone System. This was followed by earning a teaching certificate and the move to Churchill, Manitoba. There, Ditta married Arthur Cripps in 1969. They moved to Gillam where the true joys of her life were born, Sean followed shortly by Shane. She worked as a teacher in the northern Manitoba towns where they lived before relocating in 1980 to Art's family property just south of Stonewall, MB. She and Art dreamed of raising their boys while hobby farming and market gardening. Their energy, ingenuity and sociability turned the dream into a challenging but gratifying lifestyle. They made many friends in the community. Ditta continued substitute teaching throughout the South Interlake School Division. She loved hanging out with the Rockwood Ladies Gardening Club. Ditta was extremely proud of her farming life and enjoyed hosting many Christmas and family events - the biggest by far was the wedding of Shane and Li. Through the years her five grandsons became sources of continuing delight as their visits to the farm provided many opportunities to explore its variety of animals and plants.

After Art passed in 2002, Ditta stayed with the farm until 2009. She sold it and moved to Thompson to join Shane's family. Here she found a new passion in helping out at Riverview, their family run restaurant. Ditta's friendliness endeared her to staff and customers, creating a new circle of friends and a busy life well into her 70's.

In her final few years Ditta relocated to Winnipeg and official retirement. She sold her beloved vehicle, renewed her love affair with movies and romance novels, and allowed her family to help with her care.

Ditta retained a positive attitude to life despite many premature losses: mother Christine (1977), father George (1998), husband Art (2002), brother Mike (2005), son Shane (2017), grandson Dylan (2017), step-mother Rosina (2020). She is survived by son Sean (Teresa); daughter-in-law Li; grandsons Keenan (Sydney), James, Austin, Ethan; sister Christine Dewar, nephew Richard Dewar; and extended family in Canada, U.S.A., Germany and Romania.

Funeral service will be held on Monday, May 15, 2023 at 1:30 p.m. at MacKenzie Funeral Home, 433 Main Street, Stonewall, MB. Interment to follow at a later date.

Donations in her name may be made to CancerCare Manitoba, 675 McDermot Ave, Winnipeg, MB R3E 9Z9 or Alzheimer Society of Manitoba, 10-120 Donald St, Winnipeg, MB R3C 9Z9

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## OBITUARY



**Wes Killbery**

On Thursday, April 27, 2023, the world lost an amazing man... Wes transcended from his six month battle with cancer, never once giving up his hope of living.

Remaining to carry on his unwavering beliefs for life's journey, are his soulmate J'aime, who he loved like no other, and their two beautiful children, Easton and Tamsen. With broken hearts, he leaves his parents, Carol and Tom (Bud) Killbery, and his sister Jill Demianiw (Kevin), and niece Whitney. He will be missed and lovingly remembered by his Nanny Ann Killbery, and Grandpa Gordon McDonnell. Also deeply saddened are his in-laws, Bev and Cam Ballantyne, more affectionately known as Mom "B" and Dad "B", and their children Colin (Deana), Brad (Kerry), Jocelyn (Sean), and Nicole. Mourning also are many nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

Wes was predeceased by his Grandpa Wayne Killbery, his Grandma Gladys McDonnell, and uncles Doug McDonnell and Russ Killbery.

Wes was larger than life since birth. Born and raised in Teulon, Manitoba. Wes played every sport, and became a vibrant part of his community life in every way, whether it was school events, peers, sports, neighbours, reffing or coaching. Wes's working career began at Canadian Tire, moving later to Oak Hammock Marsh where he became an expert on all birds, a knowledge which he insisted on sharing! He spent enjoyable time working respite, within the community which he thoroughly enjoyed. These invaluable relationships led him to begin working at Balmoral School and Stonewall Collegiate, where he made many friends and lasting impressions with the students. The past 15 years Wes had settled in to a happy career with Manitoba Hydro where he made many friends.

Wes's passion was his love of sports. Throughout his school years he won many athletic awards, and carried on his competitive passion for the game of hockey into his adolescence becoming well known for his "golden gloves" as a leading goal scorer. He was branded by a local radio station out of Thompson, Manitoba a "killerbee", a name which Wes has carried throughout his life, regardless of the sport! This name has now jumped a generation, and his son Easton proudly answers to this nickname in his own sports! He began his coaching career with his Dad, at the young age of 16, and continuing throughout the years, until he had the ultimate pleasure of coaching his own kids.

Wes initially met J'aime at the Stonewall Arena, and was able to coax her into a first date at Boston Pizza. They have spent an amazing 16 years together ever since.

Wes was a man totally devoted to family and community. He volunteered on multiple boards, always giving back to his community. The amount of volunteer hours he dedicated is too many to count.

Wes treated everyone with respect and kindness, always offering a smile at every encounter. He had an infectious laugh, which he shared very willingly, always putting others before himself. He was an honourable man with a loving soul, with so much more to give.

To celebrate Wes's life, there will be a gathering at the Stonewall Veterans Memorial Sports Complex on Thursday, May 18th at 2:00 p.m. Everyone is encouraged to wear their favorite team jersey, and carry along their favorite Yeti, in honour of Wes's love of sport.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Lung Cancer Research Foundation.

In closing, the family would like to thank many people. First and foremost, Dr. Banerji and his team from HSC for providing Wes amazing care, as well as the wonderful nursing staff, especially Wes's favorite, Nurse May. We are beyond grateful for the support over the last six months from community, family, and friends. This includes the many meals, rides, visits, phone calls, and donations. A special thanks to the Stonewall and Teulon Minor Hockey Boards and organizers for the fundraisers in Wes's honour. Thank you to the many people who attended and donated. We are forever grateful.

We would like to share Wes's favourite quote in life...  
"Good things happen to good people"  
...something we can all strive for....



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