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Hope in motion: Lefley family walks for ALS

Walk to End ALS
set for June 7 at
Assiniboine Park

By Jennifer McFee

A local woman is sharing her story in an effort to raise awareness about ALS.

ALS, or amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, is a disease that progressively paralyzes people because the brain is no longer able to communicate with the muscles of the body.

Over time, the brain's connection with the muscles of the body break down to the point that someone living with ALS will lose the ability to walk, talk, eat, swallow and eventually breathe.

In Canada, nearly 4,000 people live with ALS, also known as Lou Gehrig's Disease. Sandy Lefley of Grosse Isle is one of them.

"When I think back, it started in 2011 with just a minor breathing issue. I have exercised for many years and knew something was off. So over the years, I went through some tests and it was said I had acid reflux or anxiety. So I went with that," 66-year-old Lefley shared via email.

"Then in June of 2022, all of a sudden I started slurring my words. It was very minor and periodic at the time. Then I started having trouble swallowing and would sometimes choke when I ate or drank. I got in to see a neurologist and he came to the conclusion that it was stress or anxiety also or an adult stutter."

In May 2024, Lefley went to the Mayo Clinic in Minneapolis seeking more information.

"We spent a week there going through numerous tests. The hard part is ALS isn't diagnosed in CT scans or MRIs. It is a process of elimination. I was tested for many other things and everything came back negative," said Lefley, who led a healthy lifestyle with exercise and diet.

"And the breathing part I described was not my lungs or heart. It is the muscles around it that are not functioning properly. So in the end, that left ALS. Mine is predominately the bulbar ALS. My type of ALS is not genetic. I do have some minor symptoms in my body but nothing major yet."

Since 2022, Lefley's ability to speak has gradually declined.

"Now it is to the point where no one understands what I am saying, so I have an app which I can type in what I want to say and it says it out loud. Or I just type something in my phone and show them. As you can imagine, it is hard to get a word in edgewise," she said.

"If I am with a group of people, the conversation moves so fast — by the time I type something, it is too late. Being with one or two people, it is more manageable. And the swallowing part, I am now restricted to eating and drinking certain foods or using my feeding tube. It is very difficult to go out for supper or eat at someone else's house because of my restrictions."

Although Lefley is dealing with many changes and challenges, she



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Sandy Lefley, left, of Grosse Isle is surrounded by her family, Chris, Sarah, Chuck Wren and Kit, as they prepare to take part in the Walk to End ALS on June 7 at Assiniboine Park. "Sandy's Team" is raising awareness and funds for ALS research and support services.

remains grateful for all the resources available in Manitoba.

"We do have wonderful resources for people living with ALS. There is an ALS clinic at Deer Lodge that specifically monitors ALS patients. They really take good care of you and help you with what you need to do to live with this disease. You have a whole team at your side," she said.

"There is also the ALS Society, which

you can go to for things you might need free of charge. I also have a feeding tube and there is the Manitoba Home Nutrition Program that takes good care of your journey. You get all the supplies and formula you need from them for your feeding and delivered to your door at no extra cost."

At the same time, Lefley embraces some wise words shared with her

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Tax changes, fire hall debt and park plans in Teulon's 2025 budget

Town of Teulon 2025 financial plan

By Jennifer McFee

Property owners in Teulon could face increases or decreases to their municipal taxes this year, depending on their reassessment.

Properties with an increase of less than 17.7 per cent should see a municipal tax increase of less than 6.65 per cent, while properties with an assessment increase greater than 17.7 per cent will likely face a municipal property tax increase of greater than 6.65 per cent. The reassessment reflects how property values have changed since the last assessment in 2023.

In 2025, the bulk of operating expenses will go towards fiscal services (29%), general government services (19%), recreation and cultural services (17%) and protective services (15%). Other expenses will go to transportation services (10%), environmental health services (5%), reserves transfers (3%), environmental development services (1%), economic development services (1%) and public health and welfare services (0.1%).

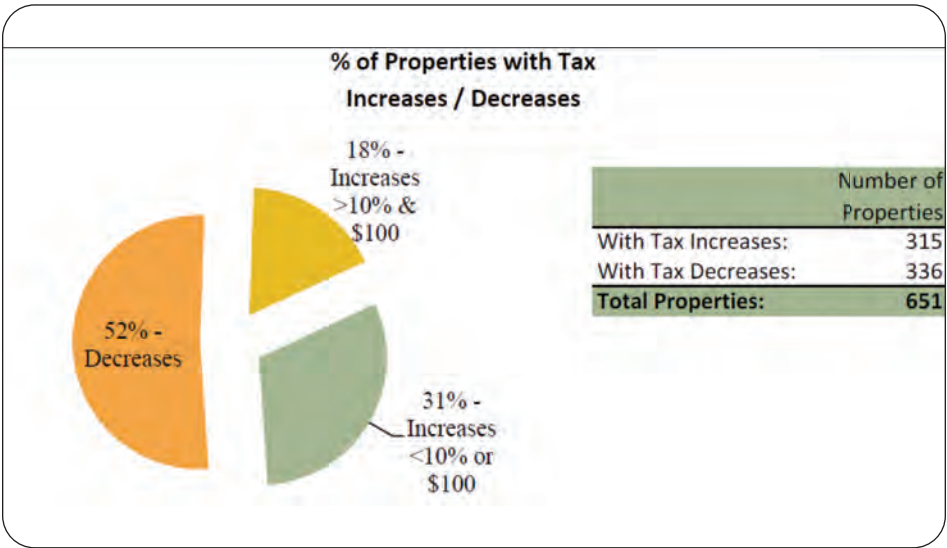
In 2025, the Town of Teulon will pay a debenture of \$44,265.83 towards the Teulon-Rockwood fire hall. The closing balance is \$500,371.14 with a maturity date of 2039.

Other 2025 budget highlights include a pumper and tanker for the fire department (\$225,000), hall wash-room upgrades (\$95,000), half-ton truck (\$40,000), cage and pallet forks (\$5,000), flail mower (\$18,000), arena upgrades (\$20,000), park and campground improvements (\$13,979) and baseball diamond and rodeo ground improvements (\$9,610).

Looking ahead, the town will continue to support the safer school pathway project, as well as signature community events and the food bank. In addition, in partnership with an anonymous donor, the town will expand the trails in Green Acres Park.

The Town of Teulon also signed a new three-year agreement with the curling club this year.

And starting in the fall, the Teulon Minor Hockey Association will install a hockey shooting corner in the Teulon Rockwood arena on the outside wall of the rink in memory of Wes Kilberry.



Some Teulon property owners will face an increase in municipal taxes while others will face a decrease.

In 2024, indemnities and other expenses totalled \$8,122.16 for Mayor Todd Campbell and \$8,615.47 for Deputy Mayor Robin Nishibata. Similarly, indemnities and expenses totalled \$7,076.07 for Coun. Michael Hepples, \$6,803.97 for Coun. Kirt Ansell and \$5,093.55 for Coun. Glenn Kletke.



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Six red fox pups explore a field south of Balmoral as they begin to venture farther from their den. Red fox kits typically emerge from the den around four weeks old and are fully weaned by eight to 10 weeks. On May 21, Balmoral experienced a high temperature of approximately 19 C and a low of around 7 C with about 3.8 mm of precipitation. Help the *Tribune* record the weather of the week and send in your photos of friends and or family enjoying the outdoors. Email: news@stonewallteulontribune.ca



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Planning to Build a Deck this Summer?

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- Has walls or a roof; or
- Is intended to support a structure such as a hot tub or pergola.



You do NOT need a permit for an unenclosed or detached deck less than two feet in height, or for landings of 50 ft² or less in floor area. However, please note that zoning setbacks shall be satisfied whether a permit is required or not.

Permits help ensure that buildings and structures meet the *Manitoba Building Code*, which makes things safer for everyone!

If you are unsure whether your project requires a permit, or if you have any questions, please contact the SIPD office at 204-467-5587 and we'd be happy to assist you! More information is also available on our website: www.sipd.ca



5 springtime safety tips for pets

Below, we've outlined five key tips to help you identify potential pet concerns as you spring into the new season.

1. Use pet-friendly cleaning supplies

To thwart troubles before they start, opt for pet-safe cleaning supplies wherever possible, and store unsafe chemicals out of paws' reach. As a rule of thumb, keep your pet away from where you're cleaning, and wait for all surfaces to dry thoroughly before letting them back into the space.

2. Play it safe with plants

One of the first steps of ensuring spring safety for pets is knowing which plants are pet friendly. Most pet owners know certain plants are poisonous to pets but even your pet-safe blossoms can be troublesome if ingested by dogs and cats. Large leaves and stems (especially those with thorns!) can lead to choking and damage along the intestinal tract.

3. Secure your window screens

As you open windows, make sure your furry friends aren't at risk of sneaking out or falling. Install sturdy screens with a snug fit and supervise your pets around any open windows.

4. Avoid newly fertilized grass (for at least 24 hours)

Keep your furry friend off the grass and away from any treated areas for at least 24 hours or opt for pet-safe products. Be cautious of organic fertilizer too — its captivating scent might tempt your dog to make a meal out of manure..

5. Schedule a veterinary dental cleaning

Spring safety for pets also involves dental health, and spring is a good time to get your dog or cat's teeth cleaned. Periodontal disease is the most common disorder that affects cats and dogs. Dental disease can cause much more than just bad breath for your pet; it can cause tooth, bone, and gum loss and lead to heart disease.

Fortunately, there are multiple things you can do to prioritize your pet's oral health beyond just scheduling a vet visit. Just as your own dentist may tell you, dental care starts at home.



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Access Credit Union representative Leonard McKnight presents a \$2,500 cheque to the Stonewall Children's Centre in support of its 7th annual Touch-a-Truck fundraiser. The event will take place June 14 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the South Interlake Agricultural Society grounds south of Stonewall. More than 60 vehicles will be on site for children to explore, along with free games and prizes, face painting, train rides, bouncy castles and more.

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RCMP confirm homicide after human remains found in RM of Rockwood

By Lana Meier

Manitoba RCMP have confirmed the death of a 75-year-old man as a homicide, months after his remains were discovered at a property in the RM of Rockwood.

Dimitar Rachev was identified as the victim after human remains were found near a residence off Highway 7 on Nov. 21, 2024. Investigators now say he was killed.

On May 15, 2025, RCMP Major Crime Services, assisted by a forensic anthropology team, conducted a secondary ground search at the Rockwood property as part of the ongoing investigation.

Police are asking to speak with anyone who had contact with Rachev after Nov. 1, 2024. They are also seeking the public's help in identifying a man shown in surveillance images who

may have information about the case.

The investigation began last fall when Stonewall RCMP responded to a report of found human remains and secured the scene. A search of the property was carried out in the days that followed by multiple RCMP units, including Forensic Identification Services and Search and Rescue.

As part of the investigation, officers sought a grey 2007 Saturn Ion with Manitoba licence plate HGL 773 believed to have been removed from the property. The vehicle was later located in Winnipeg on Nov. 26 following a tip from the public.

Anyone with information is asked to contact the Stonewall RCMP at 204-467-5591 or call Crime Stoppers anonymously at 1-800-222-8477. Tips can also be submitted securely online at www.manitobacrimestoppers.com.



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RCMP released surveillance images of a man they believe may have information related to the homicide of 75-year-old Dimitar Rachev. Investigators are asking anyone who can identify him to contact police.

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more than once: Just live your life.

With that in mind, she will be participating in the Walk to End ALS with friends and family on Saturday, June 7 at Assiniboine Park in Winnipeg.

"I had been thinking about going in the walk but never did anything about it. But my daughter Sarah brought it up to me. She said she was putting in a team. She got the ball rolling. It's like anything — until it affects you, you don't pay much attention to it. I'm so glad she decided to," she said.

"I am on a medication to slow the disease down but, of course, I would like to see more money go towards research so that maybe the next generation can have a cure."

Her daughter Sarah also participated in the ALS Ice Bucket Challenge, which involves pouring a bucket of ice water over a person's head to raise awareness and support.

"It has gone through countless friends and relatives over the last couple of weeks and is still going strong. I am so humbled by the participation — it is very overwhelm-

ing. I am so lucky to have so many friends and relatives I know I can count on with this path that was chosen for me," she said.

"And, of course, my husband Chuck, my daughter Sarah, her husband Chris and my two grandchildren Kit and Wren have all been a huge support for me."

"Sandy's Team" is currently collecting online pledges for the Walk to End ALS at <https://alscanadawalktoendals.als.ca/manitoba2025/sandys-team>. Cheques are also accepted.

And all are welcome to join Lefley and her team for the Walk to End ALS, which takes place on Saturday, June 7 at Assiniboine Park, 55 Pavilion Cres. Registration is at 8:30 a.m. and the five-kilometre walk starts at 10 a.m. There is plenty of parking on site, washrooms are available and snacks will be provided for participants.

Looking ahead, the ALS Society will hold another fundraiser on Thursday, June 19 at a Goldeyes game in Blue Cross Park.

Learn more about the Walk to End ALS and An Evening with the Goldeyes events at <https://alsmb.ca>.



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Governments boost wages for Manitoba early childhood educators

Federal and provincial funding to support recruitment, expand child-care access

By Lana Meier

Early childhood educators across Manitoba are getting a significant wage increase, the largest in provincial history, through funding from the Canada-Manitoba Early Learning and Child Care Agreement.

Federal Minister of Employment, Workforce Development and Official Languages Patty Hajdu and Manitoba Education Minister Tracy Schmidt announced the increase Friday, saying it aims to strengthen the child-care workforce and help expand access for families.

"In order to provide families in Canada with high-quality, affordable child care, we need to support the early childhood education workforce with better compensation," said Ha-

jdu. "Development that happens in early childhood plays a big role in future learning, so it's important to keep highly trained, qualified people in this field and also attract future educators."

The new provincial wage grid, retroactive to April 1, boosts hourly pay by up to \$5 depending on certification level and centre size. This year's update targets frontline educators.

"Early childhood educators are the foundation of a humming and productive economy," said Schmidt. "Because of their work, parents across Manitoba can go to school or build careers that power our province. With this historic wage increase we are valuing the role ECEs play in our province."

The federal and provincial governments will provide \$60.4 million to licensed and funded child-care facilities to support wage increases — \$56.2 million from Ottawa and \$4.2 million from Manitoba. A two per cent boost to base operating grants, totalling \$4.55 million, is also included.

"This is both a historic and monumental day for ECEs across the province," said Jodie Kehl, executive director of the Manitoba Child Care Association. "ECEs are the essential foundation on which we will develop a high quality ELCC system for Manitoba children and families."

The five-year Canada-Manitoba agreement, signed in 2021, directs \$1.2 billion in federal funds toward building a \$10-a-day child-care system and expanding access for children under seven. A February extension added \$1.9 billion in funding through 2031.

More information and the full wage grid are available at gov.mb.ca.

Classrooms can 'tackle finances' with Bomber-led workshops

By Annaliese Meier

Manitoba classrooms have a chance to score a touchdown in financial literacy, thanks to a returning partnership between Access Credit Union and the Winnipeg Blue Bombers.

Schools across the province are invited to apply for the "Tackle Your Finances like a Pro" workshop — an engaging 60-minute session co-led by an Access Credit Union financial literacy trainer and a Winnipeg Blue Bombers player.

Back for the 2025-26 school year, the workshop uses interactive activities to help students build practical mon-

ey management skills. Exciting giveaways and prizes are also part of the experience.

"These workshops were introduced last year to great success. We found students were very engaged, asked thoughtful questions and showed genuine interest in learning how to take control of their financial future," said Emily Suderman, financial literacy specialist at Access Credit Union.

Last year, Blue Bombers receiver Nic Demski attended every workshop — a highlight for many of the participating students.

"We are excited with all the interest

from the local schools for the Financial Literacy Program and look forward to building on last year's success," said Wade Miller, president and CEO of the Winnipeg Football Club. "We are thrilled to be in partnership with Access Credit Union on this important community initiative."

Schools interested in applying can visit accesscu.ca/bombers. The application deadline is June 30.

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Manitoba and Ontario agree to knock down interprovincial trade barriers

By Annaliese Meier

The Manitoba government has signed an agreement with the Ontario government to boost the flow of goods, services, investment and workers between the provinces, Premier Wab Kinew and Ontario Premier Doug Ford announced last week.

"We're facing a tariff war on two fronts and now is the time to build up this country we love so much," said Kinew. "Through this agreement with Ontario, we will unlock more economic opportunities for people in both provinces. As premiers, we are all working toward the common goal of powering our Canadian economy toward the future."

The premiers signed a memorandum of understanding at Queen's Park to signal their intention to reduce interprovincial trade barriers, including direct-to-consumer alcohol sales and improved labour mobility between Manitoba and Ontario.

"Working together with provinces and territories across Canada, we are building a stronger, more competitive and more resilient economy that will protect our workers and communities and tie our country together," said Ford.

"Today's MOU is just the latest step we are taking to unlock the enormous potential of true free trade within Canada, which will lower costs for

families and add up to \$200 billion to our national gross domestic product. I'm grateful to Premier Kinew for his partnership and leadership in getting this MOU done, and I look forward to signing additional MOUs with other provinces as we move forward."

The premiers said the agreement would see the provinces rely on both existing legislation and upcoming legislation in Manitoba to help grow Canada's economy. They also encouraged other provinces to remove internal trade barriers, including through reciprocal mutual recognition.

In 2021, the value of interprovincial trade between Ontario and Manitoba totalled \$19.5 billion.

Manitoba boosts veterinary training with \$8.3M investment

Renewed agreement with Western College of Veterinary Medicine ensures seats for Manitoba students

By Annaliese Meier

The Manitoba government is renewing its partnership with the University of Saskatchewan's Western College of Veterinary Medicine (WCVM) and increasing its financial commitment to ensure more Manitobans can access veterinary training.

Advanced Education and Training Minister Renée Cable and Agriculture Minister Ron Kostyshyn announced the updated agreement last week, which includes a \$8.3-million investment for 2025-26.

"By renewing this agreement, our government is stepping up with additional investments to train more Man-

itobans at the Western College of Veterinary Medicine," said Cable. "We're working with other provinces to support animal health so that our agriculture sector can continue to grow and thrive."

The multi-party agreement includes the governments of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and British Columbia, along with the University of Saskatchewan.

"Farmers navigating animal health issues such as avian influenza rely on the expertise of veterinarians as a necessary part of ensuring the health of livestock," said Kostyshyn. "High standards of health in veterinary medicine are key not just for the safety of animals but for our economy as well."

The WCVM, based in Saskatoon, is the only veterinary college in Canada that guarantees dedicated seats for Manitoba students. As the premier centre for veterinary education and research in Western Canada, it plays a critical role in training future veterinarians with expertise in both animal

and public health.

"There is strong demand for veterinarians across the province," said Cable. "This partnership agreement to support training Manitobans is helping meet this need."

Saskatchewan's Minister of Advanced Education Ken Cheveldayoff also praised the college and its interprovincial role.

"We are proud of the Western College of Veterinary Medicine and the exceptional education opportunities it provides to veterinary students from across Western Canada," he said.

"We are grateful to have this internationally recognized college right here in Saskatchewan and are fully confident in USask's ability to produce highly skilled veterinarians to care for both our livestock and companion animals."

The renewed agreement aims to bolster veterinary capacity across the region and support the growing demands of agriculture, animal care and rural communities.

Interlake School Division news in brief

By Jennifer McFee

More than 500 students are enrolled in French immersion this school year at Ecole RW Bobby Bend School, Ecole Stonewall Collegiate School and Collège Stonewall Collegiate.

These totals include 436 students from within the catchment plus 92 students from out of the catchment.

IN OTHER SCHOOL DIVISION NEWS:

- The school board approved the 2025 special levy. After the tax incentive grant and property tax offset grant will be \$26,376,772. The mill rate will remain at 11.067 mills. The school board approved the 2025-26 fiscal year budget in the amount of \$51 million.

- A total of 880 students are enrolled in Interlake School Division's high schools this year, with 547 at Collège Stonewall Collegiate, 145 at

Teulon Collegiate Institute and 188 at Warren Collegiate Institute. The average class size is 19.38 students.

- The school board approved trips to Brandon, Dauphin, Flin Flon, Assensippi, Portage la Prairie, Camp Manitou in Headingley, Fort Whyte Alive, Pan Am Pool, the Hive Climbing and Fitness Centre in Winnipeg and Camp Haliburton in Ontario.

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Recently I spent time in my front garden pulling out quack grass. If you've ever tried battling quack grass (or any other weed for that matter) you'll quickly understand my frustration with the never-ending job; and one we don't easily win. From a distance, our gardens can look fine but if we get on our hands and knees and look closely enough, we can find the dreaded and hardy quack grass roots thriving under the soil. While these running root systems are keeping the plants alive and multiplying, it's a frustrating and never-ending job keeping them under control and out of our gardens. As I was working away I found myself thinking about how similar this is to sin in our lives. Sometimes it's not seen from a distance but when we look closer, we might find well-established root systems flourishing in the damp, dark places of our lives. As Followers of Jesus, we need to be diligent and keep a short rein on those areas of our lives where sin can abound. Romans 5:20 says, "God's law was given so that all people could see how sinful they were. But as people sinned more and more, God's wonderful grace became more abundant." I am so thankful that God's grace is available for all people. Just like quack grass and our never-ending battle with weeds in our gardens, sin needs to be quickly confessed and dealt with in our lives. Satan is sneaky and he tries to convince us that our sin really isn't that bad and really doesn't affect anyone else. We need to remember Jesus died on a cruel, painful cross because of our sins. 1 John 1:9 says, "If we confess our sins to God, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness." If any of us haven't already repented of our sins to Jesus, consider doing that today. He will forgive and cleanse us from all our sins.

Pastor Jo-Ann Porterfield
Alive Family Church
Stonewall, MB
alivefamilychurch.ca

Federal Liberal government to provide income tax cut to help with cost of living

By Patricia Barrett

The federal Liberal government announced last week that it will bring in legislation to provide a tax cut for nearly 22 million Canadians. Finance and national revenue minister Francois-Philippe Champagne announced the tax relief measure last Wednesday, saying Canadians expected to see a plan for change to address the high cost of living when they voted for a Liberal government, and that the government is now delivering that change. The tax cut aims to provide relief to middle-class workers. Those with incomes in the two lowest tax brackets — those with taxable income under

\$114,750 in 2025 and those with taxable income of \$57,375 and below in 2025 — will receive the bulk of the tax relief measure. “With today’s middle-class tax cut, we are setting the stage for economic growth by helping hard-working Canadians keep more of their paycheques to spend on the priorities that matter most to them. Every Canadian should be able to afford necessities, feel secure and get ahead financially — and this tax cut will help them do just that,” said Champagne in a May 14 news release. “As Canadians continue to feel the impact of ongoing challenges including trade and tariff uncertainties, they should be able to

keep more of what they earn to help build a stronger future and a more resilient Canada.” Once legislated, the lowest marginal personal income tax rate will be reduced from 15 per cent to 14 per cent effective July 1, states the news release. The tax cut is expected to deliver over \$27 billion in tax savings to Canadians over five years, starting in 2025-26. Two-income families are expected to save up to \$840 a year in 2026. To reflect a one-percentage-point cut in the lowest tax rate coming into effect halfway through the year, the full-year tax rate for 2025 will be 14.5

per cent and the full-year rate for 2026 and future tax years will be 14 per cent, states the release. The Canada Revenue Agency will update its source deduction tables for the July to December 2025 period so that pay administrators are able to reduce tax withholdings as of July 1. This means that, effective July 1, individuals with employment income and other income subject to source deductions could have tax withheld at 14 per cent. Otherwise, individuals will realize this tax relief when they file their 2025 tax returns in spring 2026.

Province commits \$120M for Prairie Innovation Centre at Assiniboine College

Prairie Innovation Centre Will Create Jobs, Meet Growing Labour Demands

By Annaliese Meier

The Manitoba government is investing \$120 million in a major post-secondary project aimed at boosting agriculture training and job creation in the province’s Westman region. Premier Wab Kinew announced

Thursday the province will provide \$60 million in capital funding and an additional \$60 million in bridge financing to support construction of the Prairie Innovation Centre for Sustainable Agriculture at Assiniboine Community College’s North Hill Campus in Brandon. “Manitoba’s agriculture sector is critical to our province’s economy and to staying resilient against Trump’s tariffs,” said Kinew. “The Prairie Innovation Centre will house new and expanded training, so Manitobans can learn the skills they need to get good, in-demand ag jobs here in Westman and across the province.”

Of the capital funding, \$40 million will go toward construction of the innovation centre and \$20 million will support the development of a new 216-seat child-care facility within the project. The province has also approved bridge financing to allow work to begin immediately. Assiniboine College president Mark Frison said the commitment allows the project to move forward without delay. “We are pleased the province is providing the financing for the Prairie Innovation Centre,” said Frison. “It is an important project that will help to

improve value-added processing and export development capacity in the agriculture sector.” Frison said the college will continue working with the province to secure federal support for the project. The new centre is expected to add hundreds of training seats in agriculture and related industries, expanding the region’s capacity to meet growing labour demands. It will also serve as a hub for research and collaboration with industry partners. In addition to long-term workforce development, Kinew said the centre’s construction is expected to create nearly 1,000 jobs.

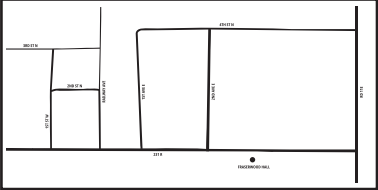
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The meeting will be held on **Wednesday, June 4, 2025 at the Fraserwood Hall**. For more information please visit the public registry project page at gov.mb.ca/sd/eal/registries/6193/

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Nominations open for Manitoba Good Roads Awards Woodlands municipality

Submission deadline is June 12 in three different categories for the annual competition

By Jennifer McFee

Is there a beautiful yard in the community that deserves to be recognized?

The Manitoba Good Roads Association is back with their annual competition. As a member of the association, the RM of Woodlands is on the lookout for nominees for the next Manitoba Good Roads Association awards in three categories: best farm home grounds, best non-farm rural home grounds and best home grounds in an urban centre.

Submissions can be sent to pwclerk@rmwoodlands.ca — and be sure to include the category, property owner and physical address. The RM of Woodlands will contact the homeowners for consent before entering them in the contest.

The submission deadline is June 12. After that, council will choose one submission per category to represent the RM of Woodlands in the contest. Judging is set to take place this summer.

Regional water project update

Woodlands council will submit a request to the Public Utilities Board to use a debenture surcharge to repay borrowing for a regional water project. This project involves constructing a reverse osmosis water treatment plant, new water supply reservoirs in Stonewall and Warren, new supply wells and a water supply pipeline from Stonewall to Warren.

The RM proposes to repay the debenture by a surcharge on the Warren utility bills, which requires approval from the Public Utilities Board.

Council gave first reading to a general borrowing bylaw at a special meeting on April 10 to pay for the project.

More information about the water project is available on the RM of Woodlands website at <https://rmwoodlands.ca/p/water-project>.

IN OTHER COUNCIL NEWS:

- Council gave first and second readings to a bylaw to regulate and control firearms within townsites and designated areas.
- Council gave second and third readings to establish and incorporate Park 150. The RM is working with Scatliff + Miller + Murray to design a public park to commemorate the municipality's 150th anniversary of incorporation. Council approved the preliminary park design and engaged with the public to finalize the park design. As part of the project, up to 20 trees will be planted each year recognizing individuals, groups and organizations. Over five years, 100 trees will be planted. Nominations will be accepted until June 15 on the RM of Woodlands website at rmwoodlands.ca.
- The South Interlake ATV Club has closed the Interlake Pioneer Trail to off-road ve-

hicles until further notice due to dry conditions and risk of fire.

- Council accepted a \$4,035.05 quote from Site Docs for an annual subscription and standard implementation.
- Reeve Douglas Oliver, Coun. Valerie Stelck and Coun. Darryl Langrell were authorized to attend the West Interlake Youth Leadership Retreat in Eriksdale on May 28.
- Brooklyn Lauwerysen is hired for the position of office administrator for the RM of Woodlands.
- Council extended a deadline to May 30 for owners to remove an unsightly building from a property. No further extensions will be granted.
- Council issued a cheque for \$3,339 to repair a private driveway on Road 8W that was damaged by a loaded water truck that was parked there while firefighters responded to a grass fire on Road 85N.
- Council conditionally approved a variance application and conditional use application to allow property owners to use a shipping container to store construction materials or equipment on a property on Twin Lake Beach Road.
- Council authorized the fire department to sell a 1981 Chevy bush truck through Associated Auto Auction. Proceeds from the sale will go to fire department equipment reserve.
- Council authorized the purchase of a 2016 Caterpillar wheeled excavator for \$205,000 plus tax from Machineries Export Inc. For the purchase, \$200,000 will be funded through the equipment replacement reserve and the rest will come from the general operating fund. In addition, council accepted a \$5,950 quote from Searcy Trucking Ltd. to transport the 2016 Caterpillar from Quebec to Woodlands. The expense will be paid for through the general operating fund.
- Council approved renting two Case IH Maxxum-Puma 150 tractors from Leo's Sales and Service for roadside mowing at a cost of \$3,850 per month each.
- Council accepted a \$7,987 quote from Enns Brothers Ltd. for a John Deere zero-turn mower.
- The RM of Woodlands authorized a \$1,125 payment to Donnly Wiebe to trap 15 beavers in 2025, and council authorized Donnly to trap an additional 10 beavers this year.
- Council adopted the service plan submitted by the Local Urban District of Warren.
- Council gave second and third reading to levy taxes for 2025. Coun. Lorna Broadfoot was absent from the vote and Coun. Bryan Myskiw voted against the resolution.
- Council conditionally approved an application to vary the minimum front yard setback on Road 75N to accommodate a storage shed and grain bin.
- Council conditionally approved a request to vary the minimum side yard setback and minimum property size for a lot on Invicta Street in Warren.
- Council conditionally approved a request to vary the minimum side yard setback to accommodate an old barn at a property on

Road 16W.

- Council conditionally approved an application for a home-based car-detailing business on Poplarwood Drive in Warren.
- Council conditionally approved an application for religious facility for a primary use on a property on Rocky Ridge Road.
- Council conditionally approved a request for an automotive hail repair business as an accessory to the main residential use at a property on Road 80N.
- The RM of Woodlands will purchase a \$650 corporate package for the 20th Annual Ralph Eichler Golf Tournament on June 13. In addition, council authorized four municipal representatives to participate in the tournament.
- The RM of Woodlands will award \$2,500 in funding to Warren Tiny Tots for recreation programming. The RM had received a return of its 2023 contribution to the Rosser-Woodlands Recreation Commission and council wanted to spend the funds on recreation program so they invited proposals from the community.
- Council will support the Northern Lites Snowmobile Club's application for funding from Manitoba Trails to repair ruts at the Boy Scouts warm-up shack located off Road 80N west of Provincial Rod 248.
- The RM of Woodlands will grant a \$500 scholarship to a student graduating in 2025 from Warren Collegiate Institute.
- Council appointed Scott Atchison as deputy fire chief – operations.
- Lafarge Canada will supply limestone aggregate at a rate of \$14.75 per tonne.
- Council authorized the RM of Woodlands' 2025 membership fee to the Red River Basin Commission for \$1,037.09.
- Council accepted a quote for mowing and maintenance from Doug's Mowing for St. Luke's Carin and Wayne Streeter Lawn Maintenance for other municipal locations.



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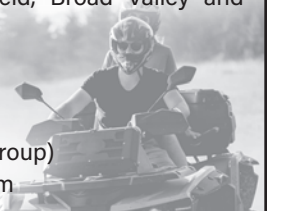
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Nominate a business for new chamber awards

By Jennifer McFee

Local businesses will shine in the spotlight thanks to a new awards program launched by the Stonewall and District Chamber of Commerce.

Robert Price-Lewis, president of the Stonewall and District Chamber of Commerce, said this new initiative is a meaningful way to support and promote the local business community. Nominations are open to businesses located in Stonewall, Stony Mountain, Rosser, Warren, Woodlands, Argyle, Balmoral, Grosse Isle, Marquette and Gunton.

"Our local businesses are the backbone of the community. They create jobs, support local causes and provide the services and products we all rely on," he said.

"Recognizing their efforts helps boost morale, encourages continued excellence and reinforces the strong connection between businesses and the people they serve. Acknowledging their achievements publicly reminds everyone of the value they bring to Stonewall and the surrounding districts."

The awards will focus on eight categories: customer service, community spirit, new business of the year, community volunteer, employer of the year, farm of the year, first impression and business of the year.

"These awards were created as a

way to shine a spotlight on the hard-working businesses in our area and give their customers — the people who know them best — a chance to recognize them," Price-Lewis said.

"It's a celebration of the dedication, innovation and service that make our local businesses so important to our community."

Anyone can submit a nomination through the chamber's website at stonewallchamber.com or scan the QR code that's included in promotional materials. Paper forms are also available at key locations including the offices for the Stonewall Teulon Tribune, the Town of Stonewall and the RMs of Rockwood, Woodlands and Rosser.

"Nominations are open from now until July 15. The process is designed to be simple and community-driven. Nominations are open to everyone, and businesses do not need to be chamber members to be nominated," Price-Lewis said.

"Nominations are anonymous, and all it takes is identifying the business, selecting one of the eight award categories and briefly explaining why they deserve to win."

A selection committee will then review all eligible nominations and evaluate them based on the strength and sincerity of the submissions.

"Community members have the

unique insight that only comes from lived experience — whether it's the contractor who goes above and beyond, the server who already knows your order before you've even sat down or the business owner who consistently supports local fundraisers," he said.

"By sharing their nominations, community members become part of the celebration and have a direct hand in uplifting the businesses they believe in. It's also a great way to say thank you in a lasting and meaningful way."

Looking ahead, the Stonewall and District Chamber of Commerce will host a celebratory awards night on Oct. 25 at Quarry Park Heritage Arts Centre.

"We're planning a fun and elegant evening that will bring the business community together in a celebratory atmosphere. The event will include an awards ceremony, entertainment and opportunities for networking in a more relaxed, social setting," Price-Lewis said.

"It's not just about the awards — it's about coming together to celebrate success, build relationships and have a great time. More details on the date, venue and tickets will be shared through our website and social media channels once the nomination process has been completed. Again, nominations close on July 15."



Scan the QR code to nominate a local business for one of eight Stonewall and District Chamber of Commerce awards. Nominations are open until July 15.

Price-Lewis encourages everyone to get involved — whether it's by submitting a nomination, attending the event or simply helping to spread the word.

"This is a community initiative, and the more voices we hear from, the more meaningful the awards become," he said.

"And for those businesses who aren't yet chamber members, we'd love for you to see what we're all about and consider joining our growing network. Together, we're stronger."

Balmoral 4-H Club hitting the ditch for annual highway cleanup

By Lana Meier

Members of the Balmoral 4-H Club will be donning safety vests and hitting the ditches next Saturday, May 31 as part of Manitoba 4-H's Annual Highway Clean Up Campaign.

The initiative, supported by Manitoba Transportation and Infrastruc-

ture (MTI), sees 4-H clubs across the province take part in a spring cleanup along Manitoba's highways to promote community pride and environmental responsibility.

"We're really looking forward to participating," said Jennifer Greigson, head leader of the Balmoral 4-H

Club. "Many of our club parents, including myself, remember doing this as kids — it's an experience that definitely sticks with you."

Volunteers will meet at 9 a.m. at Balmoral Hall to receive safety vests and review the day's plan and safety protocols. The club has reached out to local RCMP and MTI representatives to make them aware of the event.

Once the cleanup is complete, collected garbage bags will be taken to

the Winfield Road Waste Station for disposal. The club has requested that the RM consider waiving disposal fees for the occasion.

The annual campaign gives youth and their families a chance to give back to the community while learning about environmental stewardship. Participants are encouraged to wear weather-appropriate clothing and bring water for the day.

"It's about doing something good for our community," said Greigson. "We're proud to be part of this effort and hope it inspires others to keep our roadsides clean."

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Donated buddy benches brighten Rockwood parks and playgrounds

By Jennifer McFee

The memory of two young girls lives on through bright and colourful benches that are being installed in parks and playground spaces.

A total of 10 rainbow-hued “buddy benches” are being installed around the RM of Rockwood, thanks to a thoughtful donation from Danica and Abby’s Village. The organization honours local girls Danica deLaroque and Abby Margetts, whose young lives were lost in separate accidents.

The buddy benches can act as a signal that there is a child looking for a playmate. If other children see someone sitting on a buddy bench, they know the child would like an invitation to play.

“Buddy benches are bright rainbow coloured benches found in our communities to encourage kindness and friendship. Danica and Abby embodied kindness and friendship in their short times here,” said Toni deLaroque, Danica’s mom.

“They made so many friends both earthside and now even beyond. I’ve had many little kids tell me how the girls have helped them make friends at a park while sitting on the bench.”

The organization received its first shipment last year and they’re now ready to get the benches into community parks.

“Rockwood is one of the communities our girls lived and played in,” deLaroque said. “We have more going into other communities. If anyone has an idea on where one belongs in our communities, contact us and we will see what we can do.”

Rockwood Reeve Wes Taplin said the municipality is honoured to receive the generous donation from Danica and Abby’s Village.

“These buddy benches reflect the values we hold dear — kindness, connection and community,” he said.

“In a time when mental wellness



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One of 10 new buddy benches donated by Danica and Abby’s Village is set to be installed in the RM of Rockwood. The benches honour the memory of Danica deLaroque and Abby Margetts, encouraging kindness and friendship in the communities where the girls once lived and played.

and inclusion are especially important than ever, these benches will serve as a visible and meaningful way for children to reach out and support one another.”

The buddy benches will be installed in community spaces, particularly in parks and recreation areas where families and children gather regularly.

“These locations see frequent use and are ideal for encouraging interaction, empathy and friendship among youth,” Taplin said.

“The benches are a welcome addition to our public spaces and will complement the safe, welcoming environments we strive to provide in our parks.”

Parks staff will begin to install the benches soon, and installation of all

10 benches will likely be complete in the early summer.

“As our parks see increasing use throughout the warmer months, the timing couldn’t be better,” Taplin said.

“With June being Parks and Recreation Month, the installation of these buddy benches is a timely and meaningful addition to our community spaces.”

At the same time, deLaroque expressed appreciation for the community connections.

“We are so blessed to have the support of our communities to keep our girls’ memories alive,” she said.

“They say it takes a village to raise a child, but it also takes a loving village to honour our angels.”

Coming up on Aug. 16 and 17 in Stonewall, the fourth annual slo-pitch tournament will raise funds for Danica and Abby’s Village. To register, contact Richard Klap at danicaandabbysvillage@gmail.com or 431-339-1676.

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Interlake Community Foundation hands out grants at AGM

By Jo-Anne Procter

The Annual General Meeting of the Interlake Community Foundation (ICF) was held at the Stony Mountain Community Centre last Wednesday evening.

The board was pleased to introduce executive director Tracy Holod and newest staff member, Joanne Sinclair. Currently, the ICF board consists of nine dedicated members, including Lorna Broadfoot, Bob Beck, Michael Hepples, Perry van der Zweep, Murray Slagerman, Cheryle McClure and Dawn Smithson. However, two director positions are still open for those passionate about making a difference in their communities. Interested individuals can reach out directly to board chair Bob Beck via email at bob.beck@interlakefoundation.ca.

Following the approval of the minutes from the previous meeting, the spotlight turned toward financial transparency with an overview of the 2024 audited financial statements.

The ICF, a not-for-profit organization, was established to strive to make the communities of the South Interlake region a better place to live. They provide the citizens of Rockwood, Rosser, Stonewall, Teulon and

Woodlands with the opportunity to invest in the future of their community and region forever. Creating a fund with ICF is an opportunity to make a meaningful impact in your community. With a minimum donation of \$5,000, donors have the flexibility to spread their payments over five years, making giving accessible and sustainable.

For information regarding upcoming events and to view the financial statements see the website interlakefoundation.ca.

The following grants totalling \$339,234 were handed out following the AGM: Badger Daylighting Fund – The Association for Community Living Interlake Branch (\$398), Donna Jensen- CLI Fund - The Association for Community Living Interlake Branch (\$1,223), L & L Wenzoski Family Fund - The Association for Community Living Interlake Branch (\$207), Bryan Lefley Memorial Fund – South West District Palliative Care (\$1,046), Standard Limestone Quarries Fund - South West District Palliative Care (\$945), Maureen and Glenn Kletke Fund – South Interlake Regional Library Teulon Branch (\$1,191), Jennifer Jensen Memorial Fund-Dialysis Support



TRIBUNE PHOTOS BY JO-ANNE PROCTER

Lloyd Jensen made a number of presentations of grants through funds he and his family have created. The Interlake Food Bank received a cheque for \$1,029 through the Nutrition Support Fund. Pictured from left: Lloyd Jensen, Mike Chaboyer and Lorna Broadfoot.

– Interlake Eastern Health Authority, Dialysis Unit Selkirk (\$701), Jennifer Jensen Memorial Fund-Education Support -Interlake School Division for Library at Ecole RW Bobby Bend School (\$691), Jennifer Jensen Memorial Fund-Library Support- South Interlake Regional Library, Stonewall Branch (\$763), Nutrition Support

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South Interlake Planning District Development Plan Update

Public Open House

The South Interlake Planning District (SIPD) is a partnership between the Rural Municipalities of Rockwood and Rosser, and the Towns of Stonewall and Teulon. The SIPD provides planning and building development services for the District, including administration and enforcement of the SIPD Development Plan.

The Development Plan is being updated and SIPD, in conjunction with planning consulting firm WSP, is hosting an open house to provide information about the process and present proposed changes.



Join us on
Thursday, June 5
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A Development Plan
is a policy document
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and development
throughout the
District.

Date: Thursday, June 5, 2025

Time: 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Location: Heritage Arts Centre, 166 Main Street, Stonewall

Format: Drop-in (come and go)





The 2025 Interlake Community Foundation board of directors. Back row: Lorna Broadfoot, Bob Beck, Michael Hepples, Perry van der Zweep and Murray Slagerman. Front: Cheryle McClure, Tracy Holod, Joanne Sinclair and Dawn Smithson.



The Stonewall & District Health Centre Foundation, Health Centre and Rosewood Fund donated \$32,963 to the Interlake-Eastern Health Foundation for projects at the Stonewall & District Health Centre and Rosewood Lodge. Pictured left to right: Candace Blahey, Audra Nesbit Hume, Carmen Baker, Michael Hepples and Averill Stephenson.

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mock Marsh Fund - Ducks Unlimited Canada, Oak Hammock Marsh (\$292,122), Teulon & District Museum Fund - Teulon & District Museum and Historical Society (\$250), Teulon

Healthcare Foundation Fund - Teulon Healthcare Foundation (\$1,981), Jack Moore Memorial Fund, Falcon Lake - Southeast Whiteshell Fire Department Inc. (\$325), ICF Operating Fund - ICF for operations (\$348), Woodlands Museum Fund - Wood-

lands Museum Inc. (\$561), George & Val Willis and Chad & Jess Willis Fund - Town of Stonewall for the Personal Care Home Project (\$600), Stonewall & District Health Centre Foundation, Health Centre and

Rosewood Fund - Interlake- Eastern Regional Foundation for projects at Stonewall & District Health Centre and Rosewood Lodge (\$32,963) and Ethan Boyer Memorial Fund - Tin for the Critter Bin (\$626).

Bezan sworn in for eighth term, reappointed to defence role in Conservative Shadow Cabinet

By Lana Meier

James Bezan has officially returned to Ottawa for an eighth term as the Member of Parliament for Selkirk-Interlake-Eastman and will continue to serve as the Conservative Shadow Minister for National Defence.

The longtime MP was sworn in this week and said he remains honoured to represent his constituents.

"This role is not one I take for granted," Bezan said in a statement Friday. "With the trust of our constituents, I humbly return to Parliament to continue standing up for, and serving, the great people of our riding."

Bezan was reappointed to the opposition defence portfolio by Conservative Leader Pierre Poilievre. He said supporting Canada's military and their families remains a top priority.

"It is a privilege to fight for those brave Canadians who proudly don the uniform to fight for all of us," he said. "Our Conservative team will always put the safety, defence and security of Canada first."

Two other Manitoba MPs were named to new positions in the Shadow Cabinet: Kildonan-St. Paul MP Raquel Dancho will serve as Shadow Minister for Industry, and Dauphin-Swan River-Neepawa MP Dan Mazier takes on the health file.

"Our entire Conservative Shadow Cabinet is



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James Bezan being sworn in as the Member of Parliament for Selkirk-Interlake-Eastman.

ready to push for the government to boost Canadians' buying power through lower taxes and less inflation, unleash resources to bring home paycheques and production, secure our streets by locking up criminals, get immigration under control and unite our people under our proud flag," Bezan said.



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Manitoba Coin Club shares rich currency history with rural Manitoba

By Lana Meier

The Manitoba Coin Club is heading back on the road with a renewed mission to promote numismatics in communities across rural Manitoba.

Numismatics — the study and collection of currency, including coins, tokens, paper money and medals — is one of the world's oldest hobbies. Since 1954, the Manitoba Coin Club has brought collectors together to share in that passion. Over its 70-year history, the club has hosted two national conventions and remains a hub for currency collectors across the province.

"We're always working to expand interest and awareness, especially outside Winnipeg," said Larry Dalman of the Manitoba Coin Club. "Bringing our spring coin shows to rural communities has really helped us connect with a wider audience."

That rural outreach began in 2023, when the club hosted its first-ever Spring Coin Show outside the city — at the Red Barn in the RM of Rockwood. With strong local promotion, including stories in the *Stonewall Teulon Tribune*, the event drew hundreds of visitors from the Interlake and southern Manitoba.

"People came who had never heard of the club but were already collectors in their own way," Dalman said. "They brought coins and bills to learn more about them, to get appraisals,

and to buy pieces to build their collections."

Encouraged by the turnout, the club brought its 2024 Spring Show to Steinbach, again reaching new hobbyists through local media and community interest.

A popular highlight at each show is the Royal Canadian Mint's coin exchange booth, where attendees can trade cash for five newly minted commemorative coins at face value. Visitors also receive two free passes for a tour of the mint's Winnipeg facility.

"Having the mint attend our shows adds a huge draw," Dalman said. "People get a chance to collect brand new coins and see where they're made."

This year's spring coin show will take place in Morden on Saturday, May 31 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Morden Access Event Centre (111-D Gilmour St.). The Royal Canadian Mint will be on site for the full event, offering its coin exchange and sharing insight into Canada's coin-making process.

The outreach comes as the club prepares for a major milestone — hosting the Royal Canadian Numismatic Association's 2026 Convention and Numismatic Show from July 14 to 19 at the Fairmont Hotel in Winnipeg. That same year, the Winnipeg mint will celebrate its 50th anniversary.

"The mint is a global leader in coin

production, making currency for around 80 countries, not just Canada," said Dalman. "It's fitting that Winnipeg will host the national show during such a major anniversary."

Dalman noted that numismatics is more than just collecting — it's a window into the past.

"Coins and currency tell stories," he said. "They've been used for trade, for propaganda, even as emergency money in wartime."

In 17th-century New France, for instance, a shortage of coins led officials to issue playing cards marked with monetary values as temporary promissory notes. During the Second World War, resistance forces in Norway smuggled currency plates out of the country so allies could print banknotes to support underground movements. And during the fur trade era, beaver pelts were exchanged for goods, with token systems used by companies like the Hudson's Bay Company.

"People don't realize how much history is sitting in their pockets or tucked into a drawer at home," Dalman said. "Numismatics helps bring that history to life."

The Manitoba Coin Club continues to welcome new members of all ages. Monthly meetings, educational sessions and public shows offer opportunities to learn, trade and build collections.

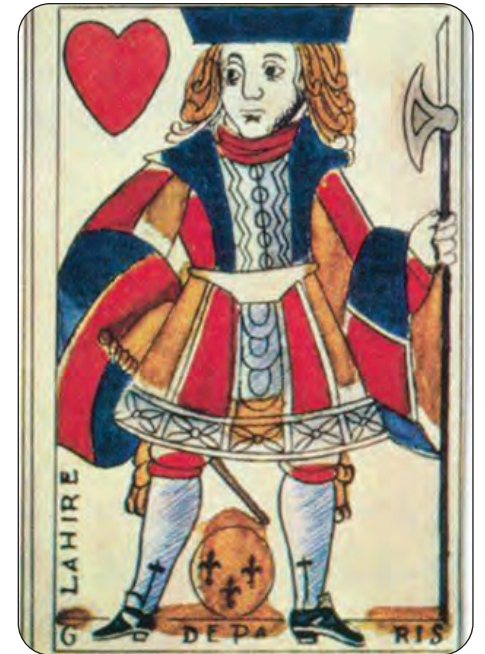


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In 1685, playing cards were used as emergency currency in New France due to a coin shortage — each marked with a denomination and used as a promissory note until more coins arrived from France. These cards and other older coins are still in existence and being sold at Coin Shops and Auction houses in Canada.

"We invite anyone with an interest in coins or currency to stop by the show in Morden," Dalman said. "It's a great way to get started or to connect with others who share the same passion."

Advances in technology are making for overall better dentures

By Elisha Vondor

About 6-months ago, if you would have asked me the better way to make dentures, I would have said analog (hand-made) is still the best way to go simply because of the artisan work involved in creating a custom unique smile that's non-replicable. Overall, that information was based on my naive knowledge of denture fabrication and the advancements in technology. Yes, hand-made dentures can still be the best dentures you've ever had, but there's something to say about digital (milled) dentures these days. After attending the largest dental and denture convention in North American back in February, purchasing digital denture equipment and software prior to that and using it for over 6-months now to fabricate dentures, well, I have noticed that the advancements in the technology and materials used for digital dentures is quickly becoming better all the time.

So, if you're wondering, what is a digital denture? Digital simply means using computer software and equipment to scan the mouth and build the denture from the scan. The ongoing advancements in technology to improve the digital denture process had me saying 'wow' when I saw the Denturist using strokes of the computer mouse to shape and mould the gums of a patient's denture to perfection. The software really does mimic the way one would create the denture by hand.

Both Brigitte and her mom Bella (featured in the photo) received new digitally made dentures from Vondor Denture Centre and actually Bridette is wearing an upper denture for the first time! She said, "I can actually smile big now without being self-conscious of the missing teeth and it fits like a glove. I'm very comfortable with it. I got the white teeth that I wanted." For Bella, it had been 20 years since she last re-

placed her dentures. She explained that her mouth was caved in, but now the dentures fill her lips. They even took a few wrinkles away and are very natural-looking. A few other benefits of digital dentures are:

- A better fit.
- Stain-resistant.
- Stronger, more durable material with a 3-year warranty against breakage.
- If you lose a denture or the dog eats it, both scenarios I've heard this week, then a replacement is half the cost because the digital scans are already in our computer software.

A digital denture is still a denture, so it is accepted by all insurance plans including the Canadian Dental Care Plan. Both Bridette and Bella used their Canadian Dental Care Plan insurance towards their new digitally made dentures. We look forward to seeing you soon for your free denture consultation.



Bella and Bridette pose with Denturist Brock (from left to right) at Vondor Denture Centre after receiving their new digital dentures.

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Wildfire danger high in parts of Manitoba, evacuation orders remain

By Annaliese Meier

While wildfires in Nopiming and Whiteshell provincial parks remain active and out of control, Manitoba Parks says firefighting progress has allowed one more area in the northern Whiteshell to reopen.

As of 9 a.m. on Sunday, May 25, permanent residents, cottagers, commercial operators and daytime visitors are permitted to return to the Pointe du Bois area. Provincial Road 313, which leads into the community, is also reopening.

The province is warning that despite this limited reopening, wildfire activity remains high across eastern Manitoba, and those returning to the area must be ready to evacuate with little notice. Officials recommend preparing an emergency go kit in case of a sudden evacuation. More information is available online at www.gov.mb.ca/emo/guide/individuals.

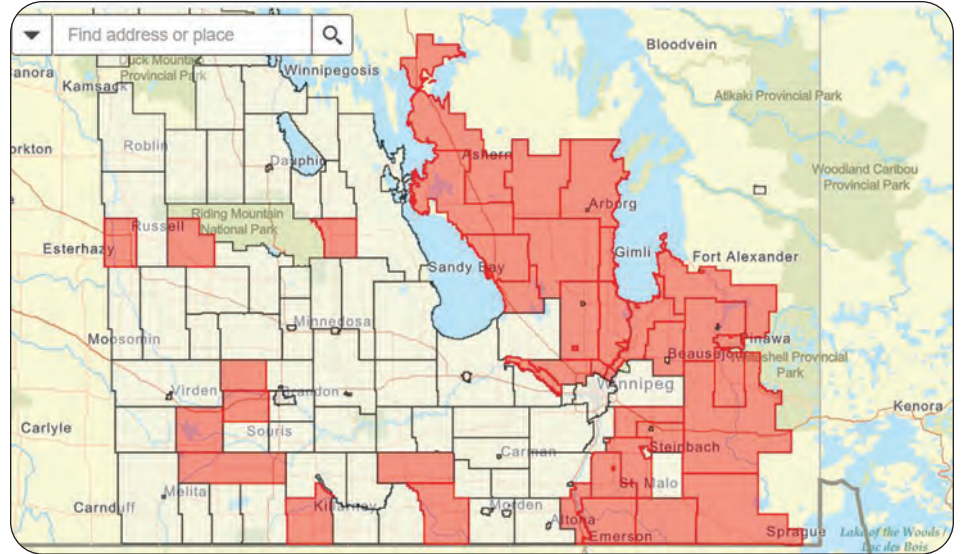
A state of local emergency remains in place for Nopiming, Wallace Lake, South Atikaki and Manigotagan River provincial parks, all of which remain fully closed to the public. That includes all cottage subdivisions, commercial areas, campgrounds, trails, beaches and backcountry canoe routes.



TRIBUNE PHOTO COURTESY OF RCMP
A fire is shown burning in the RM of Lac du Bonnet where two residents died a few weeks ago after becoming trapped by flames.

A state of local emergency also continues for Whiteshell Provincial Park, where only limited areas are accessible. Manitoba Parks says decisions to reopen additional areas will be based on daily assessments of wildfire behaviour, fire suppression efforts, weather conditions and expert judgment from wildfire officials.

Two of the largest and most complex fires currently burning in the province are Fire E061 in the Nopiming area and Fire E063 in the Whiteshell. Both are expected to remain active due to hot, dry weather conditions and no significant precipitation in the



TRIBUNE PHOTO COURTESY OF PROVINCE OF MANITOBA
The province's Municipal Burning Restrictions Map shows municipalities that have burn bans in effect.

forecast.

Manitoba Parks and the Manitoba Wildfire Service are jointly evaluating ongoing threats and response efforts across multiple eastern parks, including Pinawa Dam and Whitemouth.

All campgrounds in Whiteshell Provincial Park remain closed, both to minimize traffic in case further evacuations are needed and to allow campground staff to assist in emergency operations. This includes all seasonal

and nightly campsites. The province has cancelled all reservations through May 29 and is contacting affected campers via email. The closure may be extended depending on how the wildfire situation evolves.

All hiking trails and water routes in the Whiteshell remain closed, and all forms of backcountry travel are currently prohibited.

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Sugimoto commits to University of Jamestown women's hockey program

By Kieran Reimer

Interlake Lightning Female U18 AAA goaltender Jane Sugimoto is heading south to continue both her academic and athletic journey.

The Grade 12 student from Stonewall has committed to the University of Jamestown in North Dakota, where she'll suit up for the Jimmies women's hockey team in their inaugural season in the American Collegiate Hockey Association Division II.

"What I hope to bring is a good final stop on the ice," Sugimoto said Monday. "If they get through all the players, hopefully I'll stop the puck when I need to — reliable."

Reliability was indeed a hallmark of Sugimoto's game this past season. She appeared in 26 games for the Interlake Lightning and provided a steady presence between the pipes with a .902 save percentage.

Sugimoto signed her commitment papers with the Jimmies a few weeks ago following a campus visit and team skate.

"They're not too far away — it's only five hours — so during the holidays I can easily drive back home. And my family could easily drive down and visit me," she said. "It's also a pretty small town, so I'm not going to get lost in



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Stonewall's Jane Sugimoto signs her commitment to join the University of Jamestown Jimmies women's hockey team for their inaugural ACHA Division II season.

this new city. The campus is very beautiful. You can walk everywhere, and it's smaller, right. So it's a lot safer. It's a very safe place."

Sugimoto plans to study mechanical engineering at Jamestown, combining her passion for math and science with her love of hockey.

She said she's looking forward to balancing both pursuits in the next chapter of her life.

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In addition, a full fire ban is in effect for all provincial parks in Manitoba. No open fires of any kind are permitted, including those in approved fire pits, at any time of day. The use of charcoal briquettes is also banned. Gas appliances such as propane barbecues and stoves are allowed. Fireworks and sky lanterns are prohibited across all parks.

Manitoba Parks says it understands many people are eager to return to cottages and recreational areas, especially as summer approaches, but public safety remains the highest priority. Officials urge all Manitobans to respect closures and restrictions to ensure the safety of residents, emergency crews and visitors.

Park users and travellers are encouraged to monitor conditions regularly. Details about fire restrictions, park access, closures and updates can be found at www.manitobaparks.com.

For park-specific fire bans and closures, updates are available at www.manitobaparks.com and https://www.gov.mb.ca/sd/parks/fire_restriction.html.

FIRE CONCERNS ARE NOT LIMITED TO PARKLAND

By Patricia Barrett

The provincial government continues to put restrictions on fires and motorized back-country travel as wildfire danger levels and ongoing human-caused wildfires continue to threaten parts of Manitoba.

The province offers an interactive fire map showing which areas are under a burn ban. It also offers specific burn ban information by individual municipality.

People living in the Interlake are advised to check with their respective municipalities to see what restrictions are in place regarding bonfires, burn barrels, fireworks and motorized travel (e.g., ATVs and other recreational vehicles) in back-country areas.

According to the province's Municipal Burning Restrictions Map, Interlake municipalities have burn bans in effect. Some RMs have instituted a total fire and motorized-vehicle ban while others have partial restrictions (map and corresponding information viewed late Sunday afternoon, May 25).

Visit the Municipal Burning Restrictions Map via Manitoba Conservation's website, and click on a municipality for detailed information: https://www.gov.mb.ca/conservation_fire/Restrictions/index.html

For information about burn bans in parks visit https://www.gov.mb.ca/sd/parks/fire_restriction.html

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Passing of the torch: WCI track record stays in the family

By Kieran Reimer

For 28 years, the Corbett name topped the 3000-metre leaderboard at Warren Collegiate — and it still does, thanks to a remarkable family moment on the track.

Last Thursday at the Zone V Track and Field Championships in Stonewall, Grade 12 student Ethan Corbett broke the school's long-standing record in the 3000m — a mark set in 1997 by his father, Scott Corbett, who was there to witness the torch pass to the next generation.

In 1997, Warren Wildcats' Scott Corbett set the school record of 9:42.21 in the 3000 metre.

Fast forward to last Thursday's Zone 5 Track and Field Meet at Collège Stonewall Collegiate, Scott Corbett was in attendance when his record finally fell at the hands of Grade 12 student Ethan Corbett, Scott's very own son.

"It was awesome," said Ethan Corbett. "My whole high school career of running track I've been trying to break that record and it's taken me four years and a lot of runs to get there but, yeah, it was an awesome feeling finally breaking it and he really wanted me to beat it too. He was motivating me. He says, 'replace me on that, you replace me on that board.'"

Ethan officially ran a 9:37.08, which beat out his dad by over five seconds.

Following the run, the two shared a passing of the torch moment together.

"My record was going to be broke at some point," said Scott Corbett. "I heard years ago that you should try to raise the next generation to be better than yourself so I was glad to see it broke and have Ethan be the one to do it. The 3000m is a tough race. Nice to see Ethan could achieve his goal on setting a new record as he has put hard work in at practic-

es and meets for cross-country and track over the years to do so."

"Breaking the record was one thing but having it be my dad, that was just the best thing especially now to keep it in the family name and pass it along," said Ethan Corbett. "It was a great moment to share with him and, yeah, Stonewall too. I like that track. I've been running there since Grade 5, and he'd come and watch me a couple times throughout then so that was the spot to do it."

Also in attendance to congratulate Ethan was Scott's former track coach, Rene Comeault, who is currently a substitute teacher at WCI and was helping run the meet and had also helped out with coaching the team this year.

Knowing that this year was the last chance to break the record, Ethan knew he needed to do a little extra.

He said he trained the same amount but had also grown taller since coming within 10 seconds of beating the record last year.

With great running conditions on Thursday, Ethan was able to put forth the record setting performance. He also gave props to his WCI track and field coach.

"I wouldn't have been able to break that without the help of my coach, Fallon Campbell," he said.

Ethan not only won the 3000m event but also took first place in the 1500m, 800m and a relay — all events he also won last year.

His finishes contributed to Warren Collegiate Institute winning the AA-AAA banner for most team points in their category.

Next, Ethan will turn his focus to the 2025 Manitoba High Schools Athletic Association Provincial Track and Field Championships, where he placed sixth in the 3000m a year ago.



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Ethan Corbett shares a proud moment with his father, Scott Corbett, after breaking Scott's 28-year-old 3000-metre record at the Zone V Track and Field Championships in Stonewall. Ethan, a Grade 12 student at Warren Collegiate, ran a time of 9:37.08 to surpass the long-standing school record of 9:42.21.

This year's provincial championships will run June 5-7 at University Stadium at the University of Manitoba in Winnipeg.

Soccer registration numbers continue to rise



TRIBUNE PHOTOS BY JO-ANNE PROCTER

Young soccer players fill the fields at Stonewall's Cooke's Fields across from the Veterans Memorial Sports Complex each evening as part of a record-setting season for Stonewall Youth Soccer Association. Registration is up more than 10 per cent from last year with 493 players now enrolled. On Mondays and Wednesdays, 242 Timbits mini soccer players take over the smaller pitches, while U15 girls and boys play league games on regulation-size fields. On Tuesdays and Thursdays, U10, U12 and U18 travel teams compete against teams from East Selkirk, Selkirk, St. Andrews and Petersfield in the Red River Recreational Soccer League. The travel team season wraps up with a year-end jamboree tournament in Selkirk.

Zone V track athletes ready for provincials



TRIBUNE PHOTOS BY JO-ANNE PROCTER



Interlake athletes competed at the 2024-2025 Manitoba High Schools Athletic Association Zone V Track & Field Championships in Stonewall last week. Warren Collegiate captured the "AA" banner with a combined score of 335. Collège Stonewall Collegiate collected 270 points and Gimli High School collected 214 points. WCI was ranked first in junior varsity female and varsity female, while CSC ranked first in junior varsity male and Fisher Branch in varsity male. The top three athletes in each event and athletes that met standard will compete in the Dairy Farmers of Manitoba Provincial Track & Field Championships at the U of M Bison Stadium June 5-7. Pictured clockwise from top left: Stonewall's Blake Farthing finished first in the varsity boys 200m with a time of 25.92 with teammates Noah Rodrique and Dallas Slater finishing second and third. WCI's Ethan Corbett finished first in the varsity boys 1500m with a time of 4:33.02. WCI's Tyson Kroeker met standard by jumping 1.07m in boys varsity high jump. WCI's Track & Field team.

Pauls living out childhood dream as youngest member of Team Canada NextGen

By Kieran Reimer

Liam Pauls is getting ready to live out his childhood dream later this summer.

Fresh off a U SPORTS national championship with the Brandon University Bobcats, the Balmoral native earned a coveted spot on Team Canada's NextGen men's volleyball roster, which will compete at the 2025 Pan Am Cup in Mexico from Aug. 24 to Sept. 1.

Pauls, born in 2004, was one of 32 athletes invited to try out for the national program. After a successful camp, the outside hitter secured a spot on the final roster and will wear the Maple Leaf for the first time in his career.

"It means a lot and I know a younger version of myself would be really happy that I made it here," said Pauls, who is currently training in Gatineau, Que., the summer base for Team Canada.

Although he's the youngest player on the team, Pauls will have a familiar connection in fellow Manitoba athlete J.J. Love of Dauphin, who also cracked the roster. The two played key roles in Brandon's historic national title run earlier this year, when the Bobcats defeated the University of Alberta Golden Bears

to claim the program's first U SPORTS championship.

Now, Pauls and Love are stepping into a new level of competition, surrounded by teammates with professional volleyball experience.

"It's cool having guys to learn from and guys that have pro experience under their belts," said Pauls. "It's a lot different from the university atmosphere where I could be a bit more like a go-to guy but now I got to take the role of learning and just being a student of the game a bit more."

Team Canada's summer training schedule is rigorous, with daily sessions leading up to the Pan Am Cup. Pauls said the team treats training like a full-time job.

"You'll clock in for those six hours of practicing, including a lift or so, so there's a lot of things we are doing to get better from that practising standpoint and it being pretty intense," he said. "Then there's also nutrition and making sure you're sleeping right, recovering, and all of these little intricacies that we're trying to get better with too."



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Liam Pauls, left, and JJ Love of Bobcat men's volleyball have cracked the roster for Canada's NextGen Team. The Brandon University duo and the rest of the Canadian squad will take part in the Pan Am Cup from Aug. 24 to Sept. 1 in Mexico.

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Interlake Orioles focus on development in early season

By Kieran Reimer

The 13U AAA Interlake Orioles crossed home plate 20 times in their home-opening doubleheader at Stonewall's Quarry Park on Sunday afternoon.

The Orioles settled for a split with Midwest, dropping the first game 11-10 before taking the second 10-5.

The weekend games brought the Orioles to a 1-2 start in the Baseball Manitoba AAA League regular season. The squad is starting to settle in — for 10 players, this is their first season at the AAA level.

Head coach Scott McFadyen said it's been a good start for the club, which has been competitive in all three games so far.

He said his focus remains on player development, which he believes will ultimately lead to wins.

"With only two remaining players from last year, it's a whole new team, right?" said McFadyen, who coached at the 13U AA level with the Orioles last season.

"Last year at AA, we didn't have a ton of success, so for me, really focusing on player development is key. As the players do develop, the wins will come. Going deep into playoffs, we can alter our goals, but I do believe that having kids develop first and bond as a team will create that opportunity."

McFadyen highlighted the team's pitching depth as one of its early strengths.

Right now, the coaching staff is emphasizing attention to small details — things the players already know but sometimes need reminders on.

"The pitchers that we've had start games have gone deep and done well, so that's a real advantage in saving pitching depth for later," he said. "Things we need to work on are the small details — proper footwork, where to line up, making good throws — just fewer errors."

The Orioles will continue building experience with an exhibition game Wednesday in Winkler.

With no weekend games, they return to regular season play on Tuesday, June 3 at Charleswood Place against the Winnipeg South Wolves. First pitch is set for 6:30 p.m.

15U AAA Interlake Orioles

The 15U AAA Interlake Orioles played three games over the weekend, all at Atree Field.

Despite putting up runs in each contest, they were unable to secure a win.

On Friday, the Orioles dropped a 17-6 decision to the Bonivital Black Sox. On Sunday, they fell 11-5 and 17-12 in a doubleheader against the West Winnipeg A's.

The Orioles will look for their first win of the regular season on Sunday when they host the Red River Valley Pioneers at 6:30 p.m. at Atree Field.

18U AAA Interlake Orioles



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY JO-ANNE PROCTER

Interlake Orioles' Madden Dalglish slides safely into first base during 15U AAA action in Grosse Isle. The Orioles dropped all three games over the weekend, including a 17-6 loss to the Bonivital Black Sox on Friday and a doubleheader sweep by West Winnipeg on Sunday.

The 18U AAA Interlake Orioles were in tournament action over the weekend at Winnipeg's Optimist Park, playing four games across Saturday and Sunday.

They opened with a 5-4 win over the West Winnipeg A's, avenging a recent regular season loss.

Later that day, they dropped a tight 4-3 decision to the Bonivital Black Sox, bringing their record to 1-1 heading into Sunday's matchups.

On Sunday, the Orioles fell 12-1 to the North Winnipeg Pirates and 12-0 to the Elmwood Giants, finishing the tournament with a 1-3 record.

They now shift their focus back to the regular season, resuming play Tuesday, May 27 against Bonivital at 7 p.m. at Whittier Park. They'll then travel to Glenboro for a Sunday doubleheader against Pembina Hills, with games scheduled for 1 p.m. and 4 p.m.

New-look Jays snapping into action in WSBL

By Kieran Reimer

The Stonewall Senior Blue Jays are back for another season in the Winnipeg Senior Baseball League after reaching the semifinals in 2024.

Now two years removed from their 2022 championship, the Jays return with a younger, refreshed roster that will take the field across Manitoba this summer — especially at their home diamond in Stonewall's Quarry Park.

Eric Swanson has stepped into the role of player/head coach, taking over from James Stolar. However, Swanson said Stolar is expected to remain involved with the team in some capacity.

"It's definitely a bit of a committee. It's not like it's just me kind of say-

ing what's going," said Swanson on Monday. "More so on my end it's just making sure we're organized — paying umpires, that sort of thing. As far as the actual game decisions, there's a core group of three or four guys who all put in their two cents."

On the field, the Jays have brought in new talent, shifting toward a younger roster aiming to gain experience at the senior level.

"This year we've got a lot more younger guys out, which is good in terms of replenishing players," Swanson said. "In senior sports, as guys get older, they start quitting, which is fair. So getting a lot of young guys this

year is good. We haven't had that for a few years. It's about getting everyone an out, and getting them used to playing senior baseball."

Although the roster may lack experience, Swanson believes they'll bring a new dimension to the game.

"With the younger roster, we should have a bit more speed in the run game," he said.

Defence has also been a highlight early in the season, as the Jays are still getting into rhythm at the plate. Through their first two games, Stonewall started 0-2 after matchups against 2024 contenders Carillon and Elmwood.



"It's kind of nice to see that right off the start — not easing into it," Swanson said. "We're seeing good arms right away, which is good. Early on, we don't have much time before the season starts with the weather and all that, so the first couple games are about getting out there, getting some swings in, playing catch, and getting ready for the season."

The Jays played their third game Monday night against the St. Boniface Brewers. Due to press deadlines, the score was unavailable at the time.

Stonewall is back in action Wednesday, May 28, when they visit the South Winnipeg Longhorns at 7:30 p.m. at CHW Park 1.

Interlake Volleyball Club Tyler claims first national title

By Kieran Reimer

For the first time ever, Interlake Volleyball Club is a national champion.

Interlake Volleyball Club Tyler defeated the Oceanside Volleyball Club Eagles in straight sets (25-16, 25-19) to win the Tier 10 championship of the 14U Girls Volleyball Canada Youth Nationals on May 11 at the RBC Convention Centre in Winnipeg.

The victory marks the first national title in program history for Interlake Volleyball Club, which is currently in its third season.

Made up mostly of 13U players, Interlake Tyler put together a dominant playoff run on the final day of competition, going undefeated en route to capturing gold.

"It was such a confidence builder for them," said head coach Tyler Oliver. "We had a bit of a rocky provincial outing and didn't quite reach the goal they were hoping for, but they definitely put it all together at nationals. They played so well — the games we played were all close. They were so excited to get a gold medal."

All three 14U Interlake Volleyball Club teams competed at nationals, but it was Interlake Tyler that stole the spotlight with its final-day performance.

After going 3-3 in pool play from May 9-10, Interlake Tyler entered the May 11 playoff round facing the 4-2

Winnipeg Volleyball Academy Blazers Heat in the quarterfinals.

Following a narrow first-set win, Interlake Tyler pulled away in the second set to take the match 2-0 (25-21, 25-16).

They then met fellow clubmates Interlake Volleyball Club Erin in an all-Interlake semifinal.

With a spot in the Tier 10 national final on the line, both teams battled through a close opening set, which Interlake Tyler took 25-21. In the second, they pulled away decisively with a 25-11 win to advance to the championship game.

In the final, Interlake Tyler faced Oceanside Volleyball Club from British Columbia and delivered another straight-sets victory to claim gold.

Oliver credited the team's focus on first contact throughout the season — specifically serving and passing — as a key to their success.

"First contact being your serve, and first pass coming back at you, because that sets up all your options," said Oliver. "The girls were passing, they were serving so well. Honestly, that's the main reason why we beat those teams in two straight. They just put it together at the right time and, yeah, it was fabulous. It was the right time to peak."

Meanwhile, Interlake Volleyball



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Interlake Volleyball Club Tyler won gold in the Tier 10 championship of the 14U Girls Volleyball Canada Youth Nationals in Winnipeg on May 11. It marks the first national title in program history. Pictured left to right, back row: Brielle Baraschuk, Hunter Dwyer, Kardyn Reimer, Edie Garton, Gemma Garton, London Sherry; front row: Lilly Skinner, Elliot Oliver, Brooklyn Chetyrbok, Kaylah James, Oliva Potter. Missing from the photo is Kahlie Minnie.

Club Chelsea competed in Tier 11, where their run ended in the quarterfinals on May 11. They were eliminated in three sets (25-22, 20-25, 12-15) by

Mountain View Volleyball Ltd. MVP #1, who would go on to win the Tier 11 national title.

Team Manitoba sweeps gold at 2025 National Aboriginal Hockey Championships

By Annaliese Meier

Manitoba's top Indigenous hockey talent made a statement on the national stage this month, bringing home double gold from the 2025 National Aboriginal Hockey Championships (NAHC). Held May 5-10 in Kamloops, B.C., the tournament saw both the male and female U18 teams from Manitoba top the podium — an achievement that highlights the strength of the province's hockey development and the spirit of its young athletes.

In the male division final, Team Manitoba edged out Team Alberta 4-2 in a fast-paced gold medal match-up. Goals came from Trace Langan, Mikey Thomas and Carter Haney. Earlier in the week, the team posted key wins over Saskatchewan (5-3), British Columbia (4-2) and Eastern Door and the North (8-1), while tying Ontario (1-1) and dropping a round-robin match to Alberta (3-0). In the semi-finals, they punched their ticket to the final with a nail-biting 5-4 win over Saskatchewan.

The male roster included goaltenders Dawson Groen and Urijah

Moosetail; defencemen Hubert Clarke (assistant captain), Ayden Collins (assistant captain), Sandro Dell'Acqua (assistant captain), Cade McCallum, Gage Sutherland and Madden Tymchak; and forwards Wyatt Dyck, Julian Fedora, Maxx Hamelin, Carter Haney (assistant captain), Tyden Lafournaise, Trace Langan, Chantyn Michell-Thompson, Noah Oughton, Gavin Quennelle, Shea Rollason, Mikey Thomas and team captain Hank Thompson. The team was led by head coach Josh Tripp, with assistant coaches Ryan Person and Hayden Yaremko.

On the female side, Team Manitoba capped off a dominant tournament with a 2-0 shutout win over Team British Columbia in the championship game. Their performance throughout the week was nothing short of impressive, showcasing depth, skill and composure.

The female roster featured goaltenders Bailey Grunewald, Isabelle Labossiere and Casey Morand; defencemen Keandra Broughton, Lana Cipriano, Brooklyn Collins, Kai Hyatt, Linnea Misner and Attica Sobering;



PHOTO BY LUCAS ROTONDO

Team Manitoba captured gold in the male division at the National Aboriginal Hockey Championships in Kamloops, B.C., beating Team Alberta 4-2, in the gold medal game. Pictured: Mikey Thomas (WAY), Maxx Hamelin (VIR), Ayden Collins (SEL), Noah Oughton (WAY), Gage Sutherland (WAY), Sandro Dell'Acqua (WPM), Julian Fedora (WPM), Trace Langan (SVS), Wyatt Dyck (WPB), HC Josh Tripp (SVS), AC Hayden Yaremko and AC Ryan Person (Blizzard Alumni) and GM Kevin Monkman (director of player personnel, WAY).

and forwards Liberty Aime, Jessica Anderson, Kirby Gray, Braya Kapusta, Cali Lavallee, Callie Paull, Jade Pelland, Rio Pierre, Gabrielle Robbins, Reese Schutte, Cheyenne Scott-Cooke, Bre-Ann Windross and Selene

Wozney. The team was coached by Dale Bear and Kaitlyn Bassett.

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Phillies U13 go 4-0 with dominant weekend sweep

By Annaliese Meier

The Interlake Phillies U13 softball team delivered a dominant performance over the weekend, winning four straight games in back-to-back doubleheaders against Westman Magic and the Manitoba Angels.

Interlake opened Saturday with a 9-0 shutout of Westman Magic, breaking the game open with a six-run fourth inning. Brooklyn Chetyrbok tripled to bring in two runs, while Krystal Campton added an RBI single. Kardyn Reimer and Devynn VanHussen drove in the team's first two runs in the opening frame. Reimer earned the win in the circle, striking out seven and allowing just one hit over three scoreless innings. Campton tossed two clean innings in relief, striking out two. Chetyrbok and Campton each collected two hits, while Kahlie Minnie walked twice, stole two bases and recorded a game-high seven defensive plays. The Phillies drew seven walks and did not commit an error.

They followed up with a 4-2 victory in Game 2. Campton and Reimer knocked in runs in the first inning, while Eden Baker singled in the go-ahead run in the second. Reimer struck out eight over three innings before Campton came on in relief to pitch three hitless innings and pick up the win.

On Sunday, the Phillies continued their roll with a 9-0 win over the Manitoba Angels. Peyton Ballantyne went 3-for-3 with an RBI and two runs scored. Adree Williams drove in two runs with a first-inning single, while Minnie doubled in another in the third. Campton earned the win with two hitless innings, and Reimer and Chetyrbok each threw scoreless frames to complete the shutout. Minnie and Ballantyne both finished with three hits, and Campton added two more.

The weekend wrapped up with an 11-4 win, led by Minnie's four-RBI performance. She hit a triple in the first and followed it with an inside-the-park home run in the third that scored three. Williams added two RBIs in the third as the Phillies pulled away. Reimer picked up the win, allowing just one hit and striking out seven over three shutout innings. Campton closed the game with another scoreless inning of relief. At the plate, Campton went 3-for-3, and Williams was 2-for-2 with two stolen bases. Interlake collected 11 hits and again played error-free defence.

The Phillies U13 are back at home next Sunday to take on the Eastman Wildcats.

Interlake Phillies overpower Manitoba Angels in U17 matchup

The Interlake Phillies U17 softball team opened their week with a solid 12-5 win over the Manitoba Angels 17U, but couldn't carry that momentum into the weekend, dropping both games of a Saturday doubleheader to Central Energy U17.

In Wednesday's win over the Angels, the Phillies broke open a tight game with a five-run third inning, highlighted by a three-run home run from Avery Deprez. The teams had traded runs early, including RBIs from Peyton Rinn and Jenna Germain in the first, and a steal of home by Addy Whitely that tied the game at 4-4 in the top of the third.

Kassie Siwak's RBI single gave Interlake the lead, and Deprez followed with a blast to centre field to make it 8-4. The Phillies added four more runs across the fourth and fifth innings to put the game out of reach.

Rinn started in the circle, allowing four runs on seven hits over three innings. Siwak took over in the fourth. Interlake collected 11 hits, led by



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The U17 Phillies' Avery Deprez hit a three-run home run against the Manitoba Angels to win 12-5 last Wednesday.

Deprez's 3-for-4 performance. The team also showed patience at the plate, drawing eight walks. Germain and Taylor Henderson each walked twice.

Brooklyn Milloy had two hits for the Angels, while Whitely stole two bases and scored once.

The Phillies returned to the diamond Saturday but were outpaced by Central Energy U17, falling 7-2 in the first game and 6-3 in the second.

In Game 1, Interlake struck first on an RBI single from Germain, but Central responded with a three-run third inning, including a two-run homer from Brooklyn Friesen. Kennedy Funk added a solo shot in the fifth to widen the gap.

Henderson connected for a solo home run in the sixth, but it wasn't enough. Riley Swanson went 4-for-4 with two stolen bases to lead the Phillies' offence, while Olivia Hagan pitched a complete game, allowing 12 hits and seven runs — five earned.

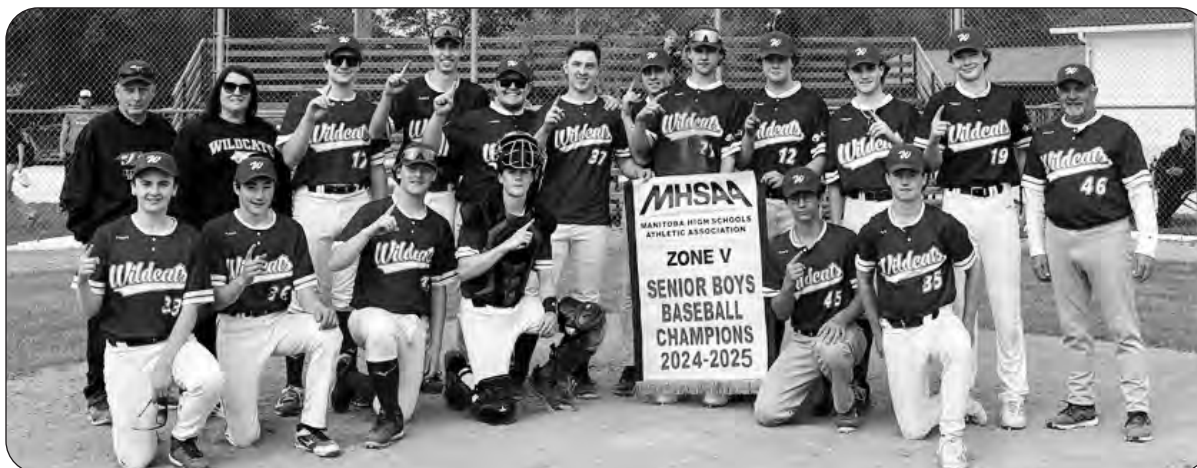
Friesen and Taryn Toews both had three hits for Central, and Kara Buhler added three RBIs.

In Game 2, Abi Minnie provided a spark from the lead-off spot, going 3-for-4 with a solo home run and two singles. Interlake built a 3-1 lead in the first, helped by a Siwak RBI and a Central error.

Central tied the game in the third and pulled ahead with another home run from Friesen in the fifth. Siwak pitched all seven innings, striking out nine while allowing six runs — five earned — on 10 hits. Swanson added two more hits, while the Phillies turned two double plays defensively.

Interlake will visit the Winnipeg Lightning U17 on Sunday before hosting Central Energy for a rematch next weekend.

Wildcats heading to provincials



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The Warren Collegiate Wildcats made history this week, capturing their first Manitoba High Schools Athletic Association (MHSAA) Zone V Senior Boys Baseball Championship banner. The Wildcats earned the title with a 7-3 victory over the Stonewall Rams in the final, held May 21 in Grosse Isle. Earlier in the day, Warren advanced to the championship game after defeating Ashern/Lundar 11-5 in the semifinal. The Wildcats now look ahead to competing at the MHSAA Provincial Baseball Championships scheduled to take place from May 29 to 31 in Stonewall hosted by Collège Stonewall Collegiate. Pictured left to right, back row: Jim Findlay, Michelle Riddell, Quinn McKnight, Connor Grenkow, Teagan Pederson, Talon Hogg, Sam Corbett, Ty Olson, Rhet King, Colton Bruce, Benett Berghthorson, Larry Thiessen; front row: Sawyer Park, Ethan Corbett, Lee Hearn, Thoren Corbett, Adam Ball and Ashton Baldwin. Missing from the photo is Liam Ivany and Noah Wolfe.

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Kamloops, the NAHC is Canada's premier stage for Indigenous (First Nations, Métis, Inuit) U18 hockey players. More than just a competition, the event celebrates cultural pride, unity, and excellence through sport.

Manitoba's historic sweep is a testament to the dedication of its athletes, the guidance of their coaches, and the support of families and communities across the province. These young players did more than win gold — they made Manitoba proud.

Cowan reflects on standout season after WHL finals loss

By Kieran Reimer

Tigers defeat Chiefs for franchise's sixth WHL title, will play for Memorial Cup

An incredible playoff run has come to an end for the Spokane Chiefs and goaltender Dawson Cowan.

On May 16, the Chiefs played what would become their final game of the season, falling 4-2 to the Medicine Hat Tigers in Game 5 of the Western Hockey League Championship.

Cowan, of Warren, got the start at Spokane Veterans Memorial Arena with the Chiefs trailing three games to one in the best-of-seven series.

Neither team found the net until Tigers defenceman Niilopekka Muhonen opened the scoring in the second period with a wrister from the point that beat Cowan glove side for his first of the playoffs.

Seventeen-year-old Gavin McKenna extended the Tigers' lead early in the third with his ninth goal of the postseason, followed shortly after by Hunter St. Martin to make it 3-0.

Just under a minute later, the Chiefs responded on the power play with Andrew Cristall's playoff-leading 21st goal. Spokane then pulled within one off a marker from Assanali Sarkenov, making it 3-2 with just over half a period to play.

Scoring was quiet until the final minutes, when Tigers defenceman Bryce Pickford sealed the win with an empty-net goal, securing the sixth Ed Chynoweth Cup in franchise history.

The Tigers have since advanced to the 2025 Memorial Cup, which runs from May 22 to June 1 in Rimouski,

Que.

As for the Chiefs, their season and remarkable playoff run have come to an end.

"We had a really close group of guys," said Cowan. "It was a special team to be part of, and it was pretty fun to come to the rink every day and go to work. It was sad how it ended, but there's a lot to be proud of, and just extremely grateful for the time that we had together and a lot of memories were made."

Cowan, 19, made 32 saves in Game 5, bringing his postseason total to 495 over 19 games.

His 2024-25 campaign saw him elevate his game to new heights, establishing himself as one of the league's top netminders. He finished the playoffs second in goaltender wins, after leading the WHL with 34 victories in the regular season. He was also named a finalist for the Del Wilson Memorial Trophy as WHL Goaltender of the Year.

"I learned a lot this year playing a lot of games but it's just the process," said Cowan. "Just continue to learn to grow and trying to get better every day, but yeah, it was a good year and I was grateful to be part of the group that we had there in Spoke."

Looking ahead, Cowan will focus on a productive off-season as he prepares for next year. He is eligible for the 2025 NHL Entry Draft in late June after being passed over in 2024.

His strong showing this season has certainly caught the attention of NHL scouts.



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Warren's Dawson Cowan made 32 saves in his final game of the season as the Spokane Chiefs fell 4-2 to the Medicine Hat Tigers in Game 5 of the WHL Championship on May 16. Cowan's standout playoff performance capped a strong 2024-25 campaign that saw him named a finalist for WHL Goaltender of the Year and finish second in postseason wins.

"It would be a special moment but whatever happens I'm just going to continue to work and it'll come in time," he said.

Cowan is also eligible to return to the WHL for one more season under the league's overage rules. With the NCAA now allowing former WHL players, college hockey in the U.S. could be an option, along with U

SPORTS in Canada or going professional.

For now, his focus remains clear.

"I just want to get better. I just want to focus on hockey and all that stuff just happens for a reason and with time so just trust the process and it will all work itself out."

Stonewall United suffers first loss of season

By Kieran Reimer

After opening the season with back-to-back shutouts and a share of first place, Stonewall United saw its perfect start halted in a 2-1 loss to Dunvegan Castle on Tuesday at Buhler Recreation Park.

United were in position to push for a third straight win after Chris Hunter scored to level the match 1-1. But a rare defensive lapse shortly after allowed Dunvegan to regain the lead — and that's where the score stayed.

"Tough case of shooting ourselves in the foot and it costing us and uncharacteristic mistakes that we haven't had yet and it ended up costing us," said United's Matt Olnick.

The loss also ended goalkeeper Steffan Hillock's shutout streak after two strong performances to open the

Manitoba Major Soccer League Division 3A season.

Hillock was perfect again through most of the first half until Dunvegan became the first team this season to beat him.

"He definitely had to put on his work pants and make some saves for us and I mean it could have been a lot worse," said Olnick. "He kept us in it, but unfortunately, we couldn't repay him the favour and get a goal or two for him."

The result leaves United 2-1 on the year, still in strong early-season position but with plenty to clean up ahead of a busy stretch that includes three of their next five games on home field at Stonewall Veterans Memorial Sports Complex.

Before that, they'll hit the road again

for their fourth straight away game Thursday night against YFC FC. Kick-off is set for 7 p.m. at Buhler.

Then, United will host their long-awaited home opener Friday, June 6 against 313FC.

"We want to bounce back and get this taste out of our mouth and get back to the winning ways," said Olnick. "We can show we can be a very

dominant and strong team in this league, and this division, and we want to keep it that way, so I think it's unfortunate, you know, you're not going to win them all, but yeah definitely want to get right back out there and play the way that Stonewall knows how to play."

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1. Bring up
7. Child
10. Formal written defense
12. Bangladeshi currency
13. Burial site
14. In the lead
15. Large recesses in a church
16. Count on
17. Defunct phone company
18. Golf scores
19. Afflicts
21. Defensive nuclear weapon
22. Prominence
27. "The Great Lakes State"
28. SoCal ballplayer
33. Location of White House
34. Magnificence
36. Hip hop songstress
37. Capital of Yemen
38. ___ Blyton, children's author
39. Bomb
40. Pancake made of buckwheat flour
41. Pinkish-violet color
44. A way to make right
45. Monument to one buried elsewhere
48. Region south of Dead Sea
49. Acts out against
50. Harsh cry of a crow
51. Formal title for a woman

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9. Small amount
10. Tree types
11. Small protuberances
12. Equivalent of 100K BTU
14. Type of horse
17. More (Spanish)
18. Argentinian province
20. A bad act
23. Moving in a circular way
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25. Atomic #58
26. Popular breakfast food
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35. Cool!
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**6:30 p.m.
Thursday, June 5, 2025
RM of Rockwood Administrative Office
285 Main Street
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The Rural Municipality of Rockwood 2025 Financial Plan consists of:

1. The 2025 Operating Budget;
2. The 2025 Capital Budget;
3. An estimate of the operating revenue and expenditures for the following fiscal year; and
4. A five (5) year Capital Expenditure Program.

The purpose of the **PUBLIC HEARING** is to allow any interested person to make representation, ask questions, or register an objection in respect of the Rural Municipality of Rockwood 2025 Financial Plan.

Any person who wishes to make a Presentation, Ask a Question, or Send a Letter to Council must provide a copy of the presentation and/or documentation no later than 4:00 p.m. on May 30, 2025.

Copies of the 2025 Financial Plan are available for review after May 22, 2025 at the Municipal Office, Monday to Friday between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

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We also extend sincere thanks to the fire departments of our neighbouring municipalities, who stepped up to support us; to the many community members and local businesses who generously volunteered their time, equipment, and expertise during critical moments; and to those who donated fuel, meals, and supplies when needed.

Your efforts exemplify the strength and spirit of our community.

Finally, we are grateful to all residents who respected the fire ban and actively engaged in fire prevention practices. Your cooperation made a real difference in helping reduce risk during a particularly dry and dangerous season.

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Tuesday, June 24, 2025
1:00 P.M.

Armstrong Municipal Office
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Property owners are being notified in order to give them the opportunity to speak in support of or objection to the proposed variation order.

VARIATION ORDER: # 01/2025

ROLL NO: 0088998.000
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APPLICANT: Clinton Graham
AREA AFFECTED: Legal Description: Lot 1 Block 40584, 110098 Road 14E
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SUBJECT: Vary the building site area from 1,000 sq. ft. to 1,500 sq. ft.
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OBITUARY



Darlene Margorie Bricklin (nee Appleyard)
October 2, 1949 – May 16, 2025
It is with deep sadness that we announce the passing of Darlene Margorie Bricklin. Darlene passed away peacefully at Health Sciences Centre on May 16, 2025, with her family by her side.
She will be greatly missed by her son James (Cindy); daughter Sandra (John); grandchildren Kimberly (John), Quentin and Conway; great-grandchildren Cheyanne, Oliver, Owen and John. She will also be deeply missed by her mother Grace; sisters Dianne (Les), Audrey (Wayne), Betty and Gail; brothers Bob, Lennie (Bernice), Gary (Colleen); sister-in-law Janice, as well as many nieces, nephews and cousins.
Darlene is predeceased by her father Harvey and brother Brian.
Darlene was born in Harperville, MB on October 2, 1949 to Harvey and Grace Appleyard and would be the eldest of nine children.
Darlene moved with her parents to Oakner, MB where she resided until 1961 when they moved to Oak Point.
Darlene worked at the Oak Point Chalet for many years. When she wasn't working, she would be spending time with family, gardening, canning, in the bush looking for berries, crafting and attending the old time dances where she was a member of the Oak Point Community Club.
A Celebration of Life will be held at the Oak Point Hall on Saturday, May 31, 2025 at 1:00 p.m. A private family burial to follow in the Oak Point East Cemetery. Then Luncheon to follow.
In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Oak Point Community Club.

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David Glen Beaulieu
It is with profound sadness that we announce the sudden passing of David Glen Beaulieu on May 12, 2025 at his home in Carman, MB, at the age of 57.
David will always be remembered by his loving wife of 28 years, Shelley; his mother, Sandra Wadge (Don); his mother-in-law, Gloria Conger; and his "sister"-in-law and "brother"-in-law, Monica and Donny Morrison. He was a cherished uncle (Unkie) to Chloé and Kaiden. David will also be fondly remembered by numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends.
David was predeceased by his father, Dave; his sister, Tracie; and his cousin, Christopher Wowryk.
David found great joy in spending time with his Ghost River family at his cabin in Ontario and enjoying winters in his retirement with Darrell, Tena, and others in Teacapan, Mexico. He and Shelley embraced life fully—sharing a love of travel, making lasting friendships around the world, and enjoying the outdoors together. David especially loved boating, beach time, and embarking on moose retrievals deep in the wilderness with Donny.
David's loving, kind, and humorous spirit will always be remembered - especially the time he spent with his beloved niece, Chloé (Coco), and nephew, Kaiden (Nick). We will miss you deeply and love you always.
A private family viewing was held on May 21, 2025 at Doyle's Funeral Home in Carman, MB. A private family interment will take place at a later date.
In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to a local animal shelter or the humane society. David will be profoundly missed by all who knew him.
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