





# Sigfusson Northern joins wildfire relief efforts in Cross Lake and Lynn Lake

By E. Antonio

Wildfires across Manitoba continue to displace communities and threaten infrastructure, prompting relief efforts from local businesses — including Lunder’s Sigfusson Northern.

The construction company, which has offices in Lunder and Winnipeg, has mobilized teams to support evacuees and firefighting operations in the north. Through its joint ventures — JNR Construction with Norway House Cree Nation and 311Sig with Mathias Colomb Cree Nation — Sigfusson Northern is providing shelters, supplies and firebreaks to help contain the blazes.

JNR Construction, which has long been active in Norway House, maintains a 62-bed camp for its staff. When Cross Lake residents were evacuated on May 28 due to a road closure on Provincial Road 373, they were redirected to Norway House.

Originally expecting about 1,000 evacuees at the multiplex, the community saw more than 3,000 register that evening. In response, JNR opened its camp to assist.

“When we learned about the evacuation, our team immediately stepped in to provide food, shelter and basic necessities,” said Andrew Burdett,

operations manager with Sigfusson Northern.

Led by Sigfusson project manager Jaden McGonigal, the JNR team brought in cooks, cleaners and support staff, assisting more than 100 evacuees each night.

“Everyone was happy to help and stepped up to make sure all the displaced individuals felt comfortable and safe,” he said.

Sigfusson Northern also flew in 2,000 pounds of groceries to the camp while it remained operational. Evacuees were later transported by the Canadian Armed Forces to Winnipeg or Thompson.

Burdett said the Province of Manitoba has since asked whether Sigfusson Northern can provide similar camps at other locations. While no final decisions have been made, he said the team is ready to help when called upon.

In Lynn Lake, Sigfusson Northern’s joint venture 311Sig has taken a more tactical role. The company is helping to cut firebreaks and protect critical infrastructure, with five employees still on the ground while others were evacuated alongside local residents.

“Working closely with provincial emergency response, 311Sig has rapidly deployed a fleet of heavy equipment and experienced personnel to help contain the wildfire and protect critical infrastructure,” said Burdett.

Using D6 dozers, water trucks and other support vehicles, crews have been stripping land of trees and vegetation to block the fire from advancing toward homes, the hospital and the local school. Firefighters are working 12- to 18-hour shifts daily.

“Our guys enjoy the challenge. It



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Sigfusson Northern construction teams, along with JNR Construction and 311Sig,, are supporting wildfire relief efforts in Cross Lake and Lynn Lake by providing shelter for evacuees and firefighter, and using heavy equipment to create firebreaks.

can be exciting but daunting as well,” Burdett said. “It’s not every day they work under these conditions — relying on direction from fire officials.”

Much of that direction comes from the Province of Manitoba’s Natural Resources and Northern Development-Wildfire Service Division. However, smoke conditions have occasionally grounded helicopters, making it harder for crews to assess

and act.

Despite the challenges, Burdett said 311Sig will continue supporting relief efforts as long as needed.

“311Sig will continue to coordinate closely with the Province of Manitoba and all response partners, contributing all available personnel, equipment and resources in a united effort to protect the community and support its long-term recovery,” he said.

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# Read Around the World with Stonewall library

By Jennifer McFee

Wherever you plan to spend your summer holidays, you'll have the chance to embark on worldwide adventures simply by opening a book.

Starting July 1, the Stonewall library is launching its summer reading program with the theme of "Read Around the World."

"It is an adventure you will not want to miss," said Stonewall branch librarian Joan Ransom.

"Step into the library and marvel at our whimsical trip around the world — you will be globe-trotting in no time."

Parents and guardians should register their young travellers for the program as soon as possible. Anyone who registered before July 1 was automatically be entered to win a Kinsmen Lake beach pass.

"Over the summer, you will earn \$10 library dollars for every hour you read or are read to — every minute counts on this epic expedition. One log sheet is five hours, which equals \$50 that you can spend in our store," Ransom explained.

"For every log sheet you turn in, you will receive one grand prize ballot — so the more you read, the closer you travel towards winning one of our five grand prizes, which are world class. Readers can also earn extra bal-

lots by completing activities in their summer reading booklet in the registration package."

Throughout the summer, staff will keep track of all the reading hours. Last year, registrants read 5,535 hours, and the library team hopes that number will soar in 2025.

Adding to the excitement, two contests will run through out the summer. For the first contest, readers can try to guess the number of "worlds" — or gumballs — in a container to win the gum as well as a book prize. For the second contest, adult readers can also enter to win a book prize package.

Ransom shared gratitude to the community partners and program sponsors who are helping to make this adventure initiative take off.

"Special shout outs to the SIRL Friends of the Library, Jim and Hazel Ridley, Tracey Malone from Inview Insurance and Ryan Madla from the Coop Food Store for their financial contributions and to The Kiln for their generous donation of treat coupons," she said.

"Together, we are helping kids reach new worlds — because this summer, every minute read is a boarding pass to a reading journey that will take them places."

For more information about the



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Library clerk Stella McAuley shared information about the Stonewall library's summer reading program with a Grade 4 class from Ecole RW Bobby Bend School.

Stonewall library's summer activities — including Storytime in the Park and Beach Storytime — drop in to the branch, check out [www.sirlibrary.com](http://www.sirlibrary.com) or call 204-467-8415.



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# Oak Point Music Festival to celebrate Red River fiddle tradition July 12

By Lana Meier

The Oak Point Music Festival will strike a heartfelt chord this summer as it honours the region's rich fiddling tradition and the educators who helped it thrive.

Taking place Saturday, July 12 from 11:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Oak Point Sports Grounds, this year's festival will include A Tribute to the Fiddle, Red River Style — a special nod to the St. Laurent School music program and the legacy of its founder, Hugh Sigurdson, and longtime instructor Mark Morriseau.

The program began in 1999 after Cameron Dyck, a teacher with the Frontier School Division, contacted Sigurdson, then principal of St. Laurent School, to propose launching a fiddle program. Sigurdson secured

funding to get it off the ground, with Dyck teaching its first year.

The following year, with support from parents and local musicians, Morriseau stepped in to lead the program. Over the next 24 years, he taught more than 200 students and helped nurture a vibrant local tradition. Morriseau retired in June 2024, and the program is now led by one of his former students, Jason Appleyard.


Several graduates of the program — including Appleyard, the Gaudry Boys, Cameron Ducharme, and Donald and Emma Futros — are featured in the festival's music lineup.

Hosted beneath the towering oak trees of the Oak Point Sports Grounds, where events have been held since 1935, the festival invites guests to tap their feet and take a spin on the outdoor dance floor as the sounds of the fiddle fill the summer air.



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Get ready to dance — the Oak Point Music Festival returns Saturday, July 12 with live music, local performers and a special tribute to the Red River fiddle tradition.




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# Stony Mountain students reflect on what makes Canada strong

By Jennifer McFee

Stony Mountain students shared their creative flair in a design project that also imparted an important message.

Grade 5 and 6 students worked together to create a colourful Canadian-themed jacket for Laine Wilson to wear on an upcoming trip to Ottawa. Wilson, community relations director for the RM of Rockwood, will be on Parliament Hill this fall through her role with the Canadian Parks and Recreation Association.

The eye-catching apparel focuses on a patriotic theme: "What makes Canada strong?"

Guided by their teachers Chelsea Dutkiewich and Jodie Stewart, the students embraced roles as researchers, designers and painters — resulting in an impressive piece of wearable art.

As for Wilson, she is looking forward to donning the unique jacket on her journey to the nation's capital.

"I am insanely impressed by the talented students who designed and completed a one-of-a-kind jacket for me to wear on my upcoming trip to Parliament Hill this fall and the work their teachers did to facilitate this project," she said.

"Their work captures the spirit, diversity and pride of what it means to be Canadian and what makes us strong. I am incredibly proud to wear this unique piece of art — hand-drawn and colourfully brought to life by young creatives in our community."

At the same time, the vibrant coat embodies the spirit of collaborative



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effort.

"This project is a beautiful example of what happens when schools and communities come together in partnership," Wilson said.

"It's more than just a jacket — it's a powerful symbol of collaboration, creativity and representation. I am grateful to them for helping me carry our shared story with pride."

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## Nominate your favourite yard for Stonewall's Yard of the Week

### Staff

Stonewall Communities in Bloom is bringing back its popular Yard of the Week program, with judging set to begin the week of July 7 and continuing for eight consecutive weeks.

Residents are encouraged to nominate beautifully maintained front yards for recognition. Ballot boxes were available starting June 28 at Stonewall Home Hardware and the Stonewall Library.

Only front yards will be considered for judging.

Thank you for supporting Communities in Bloom and helping celebrate the efforts of local green thumbs.

## Province launches affordable home energy program

### By Lana Meier

The Manitoba government has launched a new program aimed at helping homeowners lower their energy bills by upgrading to energy-efficient heat pumps, Environment and Climate Change minister Mike Moyes announced last month.

The Affordable Home Energy Program, delivered through Efficiency Manitoba, is a central part of the province's Affordable Energy Plan. It supports families in making energy-saving home upgrades, reduces greenhouse gas emissions and creates jobs in the clean energy sector, said Moyes.

"This is a big step toward a greener, more sustainable province that is building a low-carbon future by harnessing renewable energy, while making life more affordable for Mani-

toba families," he said.

Eligible homeowners who heat their homes with electricity could see their energy bills drop by up to 30 per cent — approximately \$1,000 in the first year — by switching to a ground-source heat pump.

Efficiency Manitoba CEO Colleen Kuruluk said the program offers a comprehensive efficiency-first approach, guiding homeowners through energy evaluations, insulation upgrades and installation of the right heat pump system.

"We're proud to be part of this important initiative to help Manitobans make smart energy efficiency upgrades that deliver lasting savings and comfort," said Kuruluk.

The program includes flexible participation options, including a no-up-front-cost model that allows families

to begin saving immediately. It also supports retrofits in both single-family homes and multi-unit residential buildings.

Clarence Jonker, president of the Manitoba Geothermal Energy Alliance, said collaboration with industry partners will help ensure the province can meet growing demand with a skilled local workforce.

"Bringing together industry partners to support the Affordable Home Energy Program will help ensure Manitoba is prepared to meet growing demand with a skilled local clean-energy workforce to support reliable and affordable geothermal energy," Jonker said.

More information on eligibility and available incentives is available at [efficiencymb.ca/affordable-home-energy](http://efficiencymb.ca/affordable-home-energy).

## MPI files rate hike application for 2026-27 insurance year

### By Haley Cvar

Manitoba Public Insurance is seeking a 2.07 per cent increase to basic auto insurance rates for the 2026-27 insurance year, according to a general rate application filed Tuesday with the Public Utilities Board.

If approved, the increase would add about \$21 to the average annual premium for a private passenger vehicle, or roughly \$1.75 per month. The new rates would take effect April 1, 2026.

MPI says rising claim costs — driv-

en by increasingly complex and expensive vehicle technology — are impacting auto insurers across North America.

"While the market remains volatile and the cost of claims continues to rise, this rate request truly emphasizes MPI's commitment to keep auto insurance affordable for all Manitobans," said Satvir Jatana, MPI's president and CEO.

The proposal also includes a change to the Basic deductible, increasing it

from \$750 to \$1,000. MPI plans to introduce a new \$750 deductible option under its Extension line of business, which also offers \$200, \$300 and \$500 deductibles.

A two per cent increase to Extension product pricing — covering items like rental vehicle insurance and added third-party liability — is also proposed. Jatana said the changes give customers more flexibility to manage costs while maintaining access to lower-deductible options if they choose.

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## GIFF prepares for milestone 25th anniversary with bold programming

By Lana Meier

The Gimli International Film Festival (GIFF) is rolling out the red carpet for its 25th anniversary from July 23 to 27 with expanded programming, major prizes and a slate of acclaimed films from around the world.

This year's RBC Emerging Filmmaker Pitch Competition will award a record \$15,000 to the winning filmmaker — up from the previous \$10,000 — along with in-kind support from industry partners. Finalists will pitch their film ideas live to a panel of judges for a shot at the top prize.

In celebration of its milestone year, GIFF will also draw a grand prize package worth more than \$6,000 through the Explore Manitoba 25th anniversary raffle. The travel package, donated by top Manitoba tourism businesses, supports GIFF's outreach initiatives. Anyone can enter.

The 2025 festival lineup features a wide range of award-winning features, documentaries, animations and shorts. Among the highlights:

- *Touch* – An international romance and winner of eight Edda Awards, including Best Screenplay, Best Cinematography and Best Actor. The story is based on a bestselling novel.
- *Agatha's Almanac* – A Western Canada premiere following 90-year-old Agatha Bock as she fights to pre-

serve her family farm in southern Manitoba.

- *The Teacher* – A Palestinian schoolteacher must reconcile his political convictions with his emotional ties to a student and a new volunteer.
  - *U Are the Universe* – A Ukrainian-French science fiction epic about a space trucker who may be the last person alive after Earth explodes.
  - *Endless Cookie* – An animated feature tracing the lives of two half-brothers — one Indigenous, one white — as they journey from Toronto to Shamattawa.
  - *How To Live* – A vibrant look at Nairobi's LGBTQIA+ youth creating their own ballroom culture, celebrating joy, resistance and identity.
  - *Tight Lines* – A conservation documentary following four young women who become Iceland's first female fishing guides.
  - *When We Became Folk Fest* – The story of the Winnipeg Folk Festival's growth, told through restored archival footage.
- These and dozens of other films will be showcased across curated streams, including the Icelandic Film Series, Circumpolar Film Series, Made in Manitoba, Social Justice, Indigenous, Environmental, LGBTQ2SIA+, Future is Ours and IBPOC Film Series.
- "For a quarter century, the Gimli International Film Festival has been

bringing a truly incredible cinematic experience to the shores of Lake Winnipeg," said GIFF executive director Teya Zuzek. "Our team is proud to continually champion regional, national and international cinema from emerging and established filmmakers."

GIFF is also strengthening national partnerships with leading film organizations, further enhancing the festival's reach and supporting its mission to foster collaboration across Canada's film industry.

Back by popular demand, the free RBC Sunset Screenings will return nightly on Gimli Beach. Festivalgoers can kick back with a blanket or lawn chair and enjoy open-air showings of *Best in Show*, *Stop Making Sense*, *Space Jam*, *Almost Famous* and *The Thing*.

A daily GIFF shuttle service will run from two locations in Winnipeg, providing affordable, low-carbon transportation to and from the festival — a convenient option for attendees who want to relax or enjoy a drink.

Festivalgoers with Super Passes or Industry Passes will also gain access to exclusive events such as the opening reception, the GIFF Global Industry Summit and the awards reception.

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# Jays pick up win over Braves, fall to Sultans and A's

By Kieran Reimer

The Stonewall Blue Jays took one of three games last week in Winnipeg Senior Baseball League play.

On Monday, the Jays downed the Springfield Sr. Braves 11-7 on home field at Quarry Park — marking their second win over the Braves this season.

Stonewall held a 4-2 lead through three innings before the Braves surged ahead with four runs in the fourth to go up 6-4. The Jays responded in the fifth with five runs of their own, then added two more in the sixth to complete the comeback.

That set up a Tuesday night road

game in Steinbach against the Carillon Sultans. The Sultans, who beat the Jays in their season opener, once again came out on top, earning a 7-3 victory.

The Jays returned home Thursday evening to face the West Winnipeg A's, a team that's had their number this season. The A's handed Stonewall a 5-0 shutout loss at Quarry Park.

Stonewall enters July with a 5-7 record, sitting seventh in the WSBL standings.

The Jays are set for a busy week, beginning Tuesday with a Canada Day matchup against the Elmwood Giants at 7:30 p.m. at Koskie Field.

They'll then host the Carillon Sultans on Wednesday at 7 p.m., followed by the St. Boniface Brewers on Thursday at 7:30 p.m., both at Quarry Park.



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Stonewall Blue Jays pitcher Scott Harris tags out a Springfield Braves runner at home plate during an 11-7 win on home turf June 23.

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## Student shares artistic talent



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At Grosse Isle School, creativity has found a vibrant new home in the library. A stunning mural now graces the wall, thanks to one dedicated Grade 7 student, Theo Hill. He transformed an ordinary space into an extraordinary canvas filled with colour and imagination. The mural is more than decoration — it's a reflection of his creativity, imagination and passion for art that will inspire others for years to come.



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# Congratulations to the St. Laurent School class of 2025!

By Emma McGill

After 12 years of hard work, perseverance and adventures in learning, the St. Laurent School graduating class of 2025 crossed the stage on the afternoon of Friday, June 27.

During the procession of the 11 graduates, each paused for a photo under a balloon arch before making their way down the aisle to the stage in the school gymnasium.

Jean Gurr, representing the Prairie Rose School Division Board of Trustees, addressed the graduates with an analogy about growing in a garden and choosing to be your own kind of plant. Michelle Levesque, from the division’s senior administration team, also brought greetings and encouragement.

Before more words of praise were shared, the valedictorians took the stage to speak on behalf of their classmates. The first to speak was Maciej Adamski.

“It’s an honour to be here today. I’m happy to be part of this class and to represent it here, because despite any challenges my fellow graduates and I have faced, we still made it through,” said Adamski. “It’s been an amazing experience getting to grow up alongside the people of this school and this community—maybe not for all of my life, but for most of it.”

Adamski acknowledged how most of the class had spent their entire school careers at St. Laurent, growing and learning together in a close-knit environment.

“Even for students who haven’t always been at St. Laurent, it’s always nice to see how quickly people in this community get to know each other and become connected,” he said.

“It was a privilege to be part of this class—



2478: The St. Laurent School class of 2025, of which there were 11 graduates this year, sat and waited patiently for their turn to accept their diplomas.

with talents in sports, music, academics, and so much more. I sincerely hope that as we go off to build our own lives, we all get to achieve our goals and keep moving upward from here.”

Next to speak was Shanaya Young, who also served as valedictorian.

“I’m proud to stand here today as a graduate of St. Laurent School,” she said. “The road hasn’t always been easy. But we made it—together. We’ve had a lot of moments: some funny, some challenging, and some we’ll never forget. We learned how to support each other. We found ways to make each day count. And even when things got tough, we kept going.”

Young expressed gratitude to the staff, teachers and families who supported the graduates along the way.

“You believed in us, even when we had doubts. You helped us grow, and you never



Graduate Rylee Pistun received the prestigious Governor General's award for the highest average in her grade 11 and 12 years.

gave up on us. To my classmates—you made this journey special. We’ve come a long way. Now it’s time to take the next step. Let’s celebrate this day. We earned it.”

Following the valedictory speeches, vice-principal Shane Buck took the podium. After two years at St. Laurent School, Buck will be moving on to a new role at Carman Elementary in the fall.

“If you don’t like the road you’re walking, take a new one,” said Buck.

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## St. Laurent Grad Bursaries for 2025

Rylee Pistun/Jewel Jolicoeur	RM of St.Laurent Yvon D	Essay/Post 2nd
Kenyon Boudreau	RM of St.Laurent Yvon D	Sports
Rylee Pistun	Governor General	Average gr.11&12 courses
	ECAL	Citizenship
	Interlake Packers	Highest average
Tatyanna/Shanaya	Flo's Septic	perseverance
Keshawn	Legion	music
Kenyon	Big Interlake	Athletics
Ethan / Jewel / Rylee	Lakeview	Highest Average
Shanaya	Dumont Bros	perseverance
Kenyon Isaac	St.Laurent Rec Center	Sportmanship
Rylee Pistun	Loretta Sigurdson	Memory Hugh Sigurdson
Rylee/Jewel	PRTA	Academic Achievement
Maciej	Derek Johnson	volunteer,leadership,post 2nd,finan need
Ethan / Keshawn	PRSD	Excellence
Ayden	PRSD	Dilengence
Kenyon	Hawk	School Spirit







Vice-principal Shane Buck, who will be moving on to a new chapter of his career, addressed the graduates.



Principal Bobby Ellis made sure to thank the teachers, friends, family, coaches, and bus drivers who have guided the students along their way to graduation.



Valedictorians Maciej Adamski, left, and Shanaya Young proudly addressed their fellow graduates and wished them all well in their future endeavors.



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"As you step forward, continue to pave your own path with courage and passion. Stay true to who you are, and always try to make a positive impact on the world around you."

Principal Bobby Ellis then addressed the graduates and the crowd.

"I want to begin by thanking everyone who made the time to be here today—families, staff, community members and friends—to celebrate this important milestone with our graduates," Ellis said.

"To the graduates: whether you're feeling excited, nervous, or somewhere in between, you made it. You've earned your 30 credits, but more importantly, you've grown into young adults ready to take on the next part of your journey."

He emphasized that graduation isn't just about academics.

"You didn't just pass courses—you navigated challenges, showed up when it was hard, and leaned on the people around you when you needed support. That's what real success looks

like. Every parent, guardian, teacher, coach and friend who walked beside you is part of this moment, and I hope you carry their encouragement with you moving forward."

"Graduation isn't the end of your story—it's just a new chapter," he added. "Education is more than academics. It's about developing character, purpose and a sense of responsibility—not just for your own life, but for the communities you're part of. And based on what I've seen from each of you, I believe you are more than ready."

Finally, the graduates received their diplomas, along with awards, transcripts and tokens of appreciation from the school staff. As each student posed with Principal Ellis for a photo, Vice-Principal Buck announced their individual awards and future plans.

Graduate Rylee Pistun received the Governor General's Academic Medal, awarded to the student with the highest average over their Grade 11 and 12 years. She was also honoured with the Hugh Sigurdson Memorial Award.

Other graduates received awards from local businesses, as well as recognition for sports-

manship, academic achievement, improvement and school spirit.

At the conclusion of the ceremony, the 11 graduates stood together, turned their tassels from right to left, and tossed their caps into the air—celebrating the end of one chapter and the beginning of the next.

## Voici les finissants et les bourses de 2025 de L'École communautaire Aurèle-Lemoine.

### Noah Oughton

#### Bourses:

Médaille académique du Gouverneur Général du Canada 2025  
Chown Centennial Entrance Scholarship  
Guertin Centennial Entrance Scholarship  
DSFM : Maintien d'une haute moyenne  
Caisse Populaire : Haute moyenne en mathématiques  
Le comité culturel de Saint-Laurent : Bénévolat communautaire  
Derek Johnson Citizenship Award : Citoyenneté  
La Municipalité de St-Laurent : Engagement dans la communauté  
J-DEK Construction Ltd : Fierté franco-métisse

### Eugène Rioux

#### Bourses:

Comité scolaire de l'ÉCAL : Excellence en technologie  
St. Laurent Métis Legion #250 : Engagement  
Big Interlake Mechanical : Athlétisme  
Belle Image : Valeurs de l'école  
Interlake Métis Association : Bourse culturelle  
Le comité culturel de Saint-Laurent : Bénévolat communautaire

### Mattea Hart

#### Bourses:

St. Laurent School : Indépendance  
Dumont Brothers Contracting Ltd : Fréquentation scolaire  
Le comité culturel de Saint-Laurent : Bénévolat communautaire  
Interlake Packers Ltd : Maintenir une haute moyenne  
Flo's Septic Service : Créativité  
Le Centre récréatif de St. Laurent : Engagement dans les arts  
Lakeview Garden : Maintenir une haute moyenne  
Les Petits Dorés : Persévérance & créativité



Graduate Jewel Jolicoeur celebrated shared achievements with her niece, Isabella.

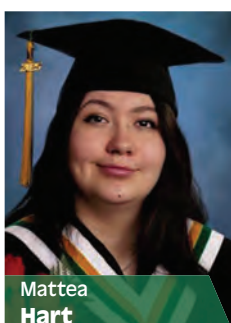


Graduate Ayden Munro was eager to celebrate with his best friend, Jul



Mrs. Jean Gurr shared some words of wisdom with the class of 2025 on behalf of the Prairie Rose School Division Board of Trustees.

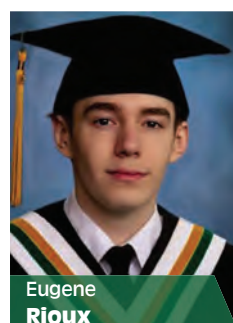
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# Stonewall celebrates accomplishments of 2025 grads

By Jennifer McFee

The much-anticipated moment has finally arrived for Collège Stonewall Collegiate's Class of 2025.

On Tuesday, June 24, a crowd gathered at Veterans Memorial Sports Complex to celebrate the school's 114th graduating class, made up of 124 students ready to tackle the world.

After the school band performed the procession and O Canada, principal Jason Cassils acknowledged the grads for their accomplishments.

"We gather not just to recognize academic achievement but to honour the journey that brought you here — the challenges you've overcome, the friendships you've built and the growth you've experienced along the way," he said.

"To our graduates: this is a milestone. You've shown resilience, creativity and courage. You've adapted, persevered and grown in ways that will serve you for a lifetime. We are so proud of the people you've become."

At the same time, he acknowledged the school staff who remained committed to shaping these young minds throughout their education journey.

"As you step into the next chapter — whether it's university, college, the workforce or a path uniquely your own — remember this: the future isn't something that just happens. It's something you create. With every decision, every challenge and every act of kindness, you are shaping the world around you," Cassils said.

"So dream boldly. Lead with integrity. And never forget — you have everything it takes to make a difference."

On behalf of the Interlake School Division, trustee Alan Campbell brought greetings and a congratulatory message.

"As graduates of Collège Stonewall



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A total of 17 graduates received an excellence medal for achieving an academic average of 90 per cent or higher in their Grade 12 year.

Collegiate, you leave here to work, to continue your learning, to travel, to have a family, to do all of these things or perhaps something else entirely, assured in the knowledge that you too have done your part because you've worked hard to get here," he said. "And you deserve every bit of the gratification and pride that you feel."

Attendees at the event enjoyed a performance by the school's talented choir before the grads took the spotlight, crossing the stage to collect their diploma and, in some cases, various scholarships, bursaries and other awards. In total, 17 graduates received an excellence medal for achieving an academic average of 90 per cent or higher in their Grade 12 year.

Then charismatic valedictorians Keenan Abraham, Ashlyn Delaine and Quinn Dewar reflected on their time together while also sharing hopes and apprehensions for the fu-



Elia Grosselle received the Governor-General's medal for achieving the highest academic average in Grade 11 and 12 courses.

ture. After that, everyone enjoyed a poignant sign-off video of the graduating class, created by Elia Grosselle, Mikayla Breton and Daisy Uhres-



Shannon Bodnarus received the Interlake School Division's general proficiency award.

Todd.

In another highlight, Elia Grosselle received this year's Governor-Gener-

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al's medal, which goes to the student with the highest academic average of all Grade 11 and 12 courses. Elia achieved a remarkable overall combined average of 97.75 per cent, and she plans to continue her studies in the faculty of science at the Université de Saint-Boniface.

The \$1,000 Interlake School Division's general proficiency award aims to acknowledge a student who stands

out in a variety of areas, including academics, character, leadership and community spirit. This year's award went to Shannon Bodnarus, who was described as "a joy to teach, always ready to lend a helping hand, a friend to everyone and a true role model." Shannon plans to enter the faculty of science at Providence University College.

In parting, Cassils shared observa-



Trustee Alan Campbell shared a message on behalf of the school board.



Principal Jason Cassils shared reflections on the past and hopes for the future.



Keenan Abraham, Ashlyn Delaine and Quinn Dewar delivered a riveting valedictory address.

tions and encouragement with the grads.

"As you move forward — whether to university, college, apprenticeships, work, travel or new adventures — know this: you are ready. You have the tools, the strength and the courage to take on whatever comes next. Keep learning, keep growing and keep being true to who you are," Cassils said.

"Thank you for everything you've brought to our school. We'll miss you, but we're excited to see what you do next. Go out there and shine — and remember you'll always be part of our school family."

The graduation celebrations continued on Thursday, June 26 with a banquet at the Victoria Inn in Winnipeg.

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The grads were ready to receive their diplomas.



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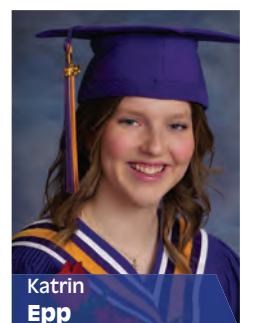
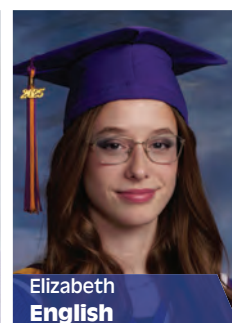
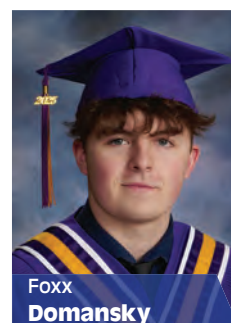
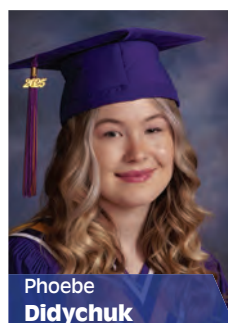
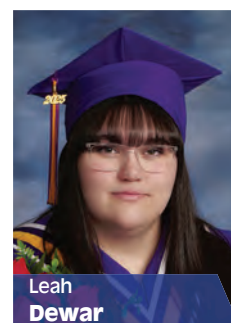
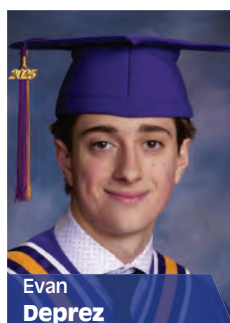
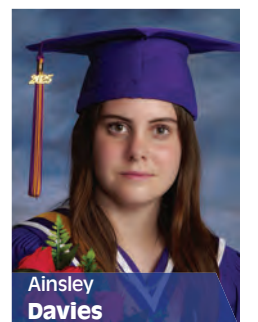
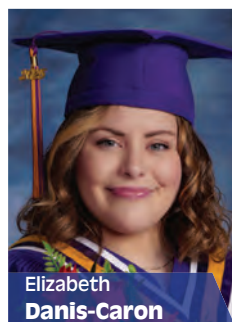
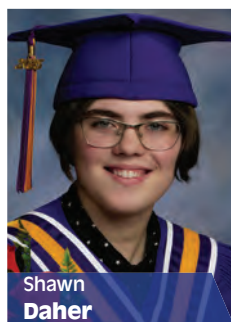
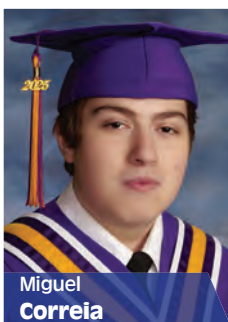
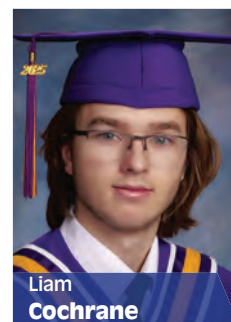
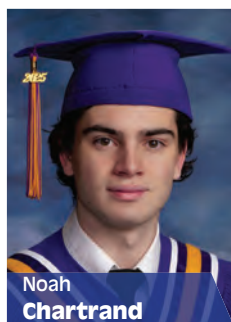
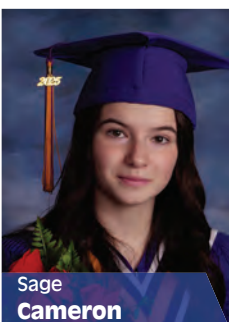
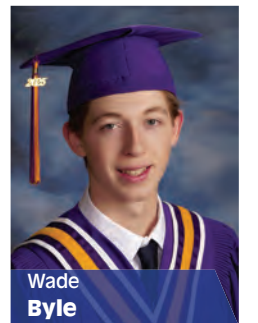
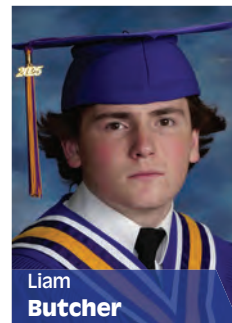
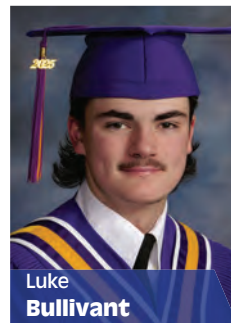
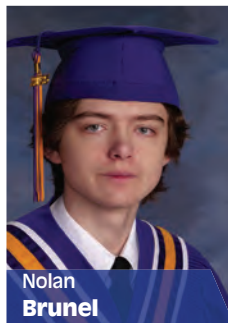
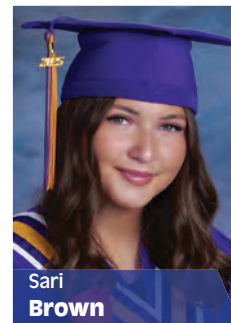
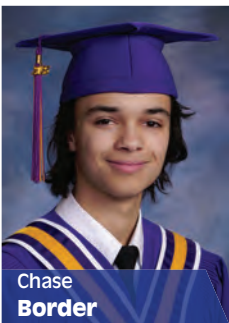
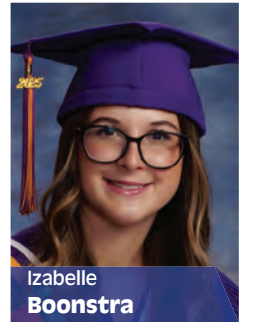
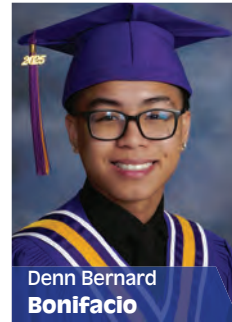
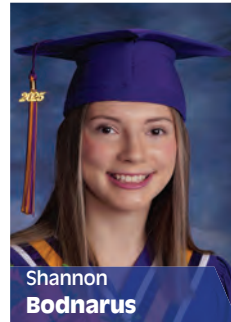
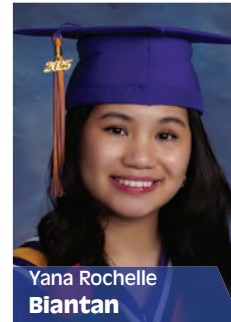
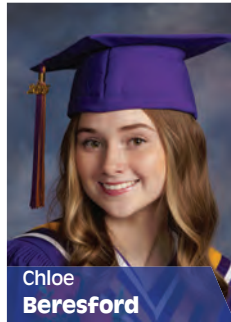


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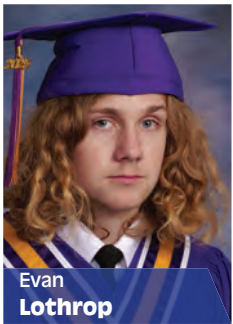
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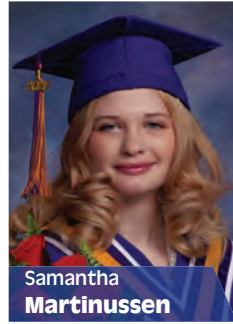
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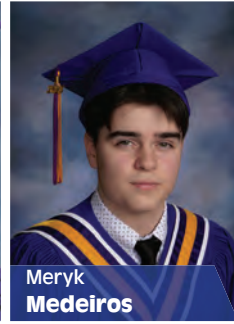
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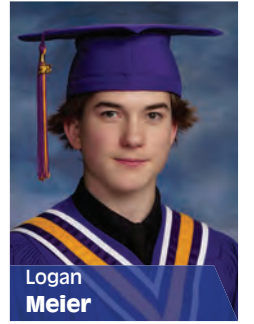
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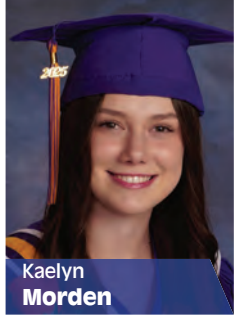
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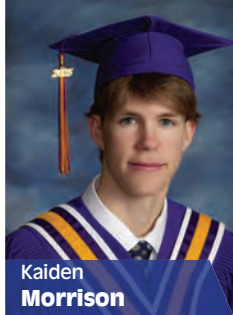
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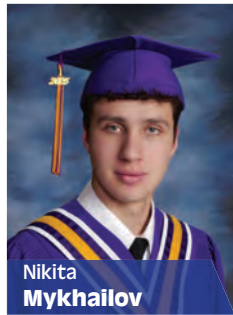
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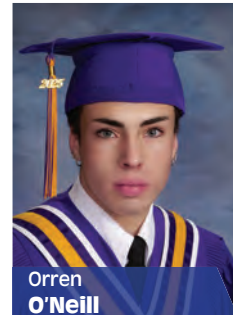
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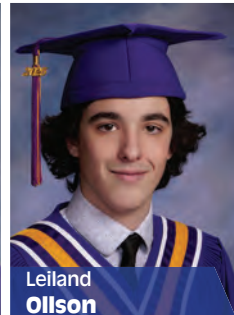
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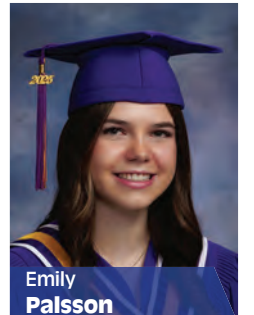
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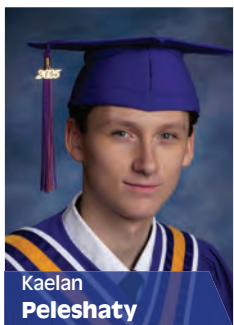
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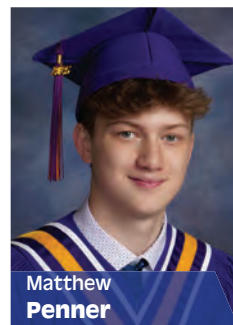
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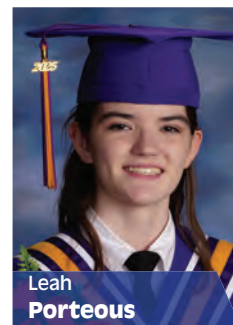
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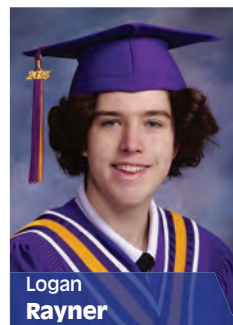
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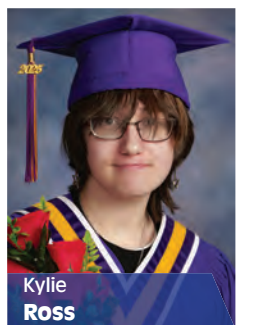
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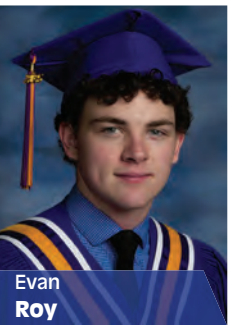
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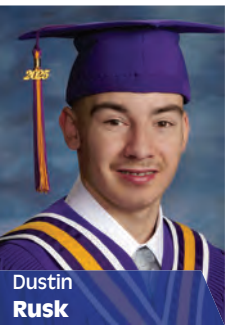
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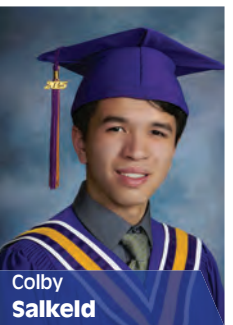
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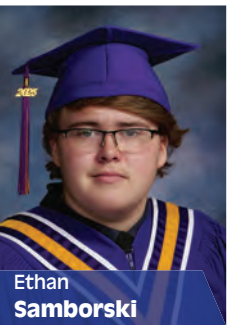
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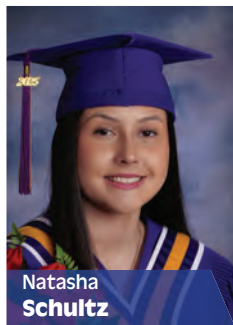
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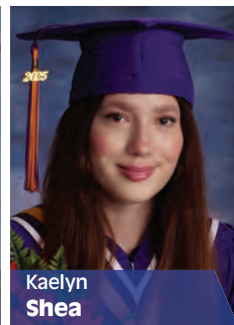
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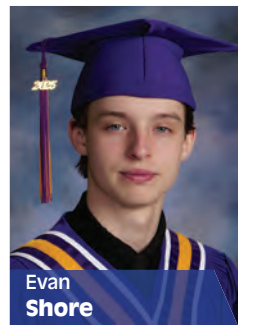
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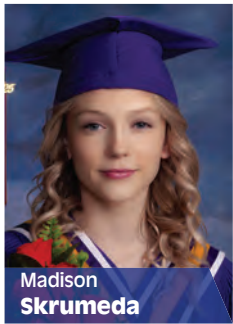
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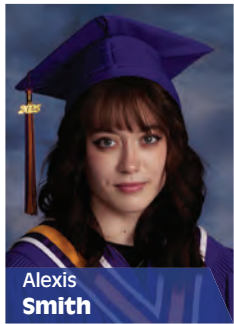
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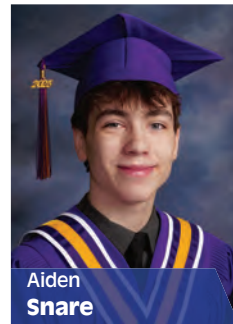
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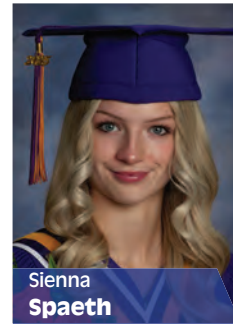
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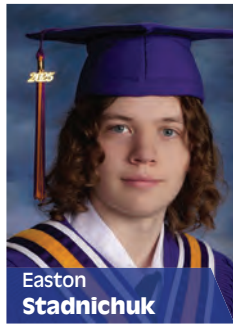
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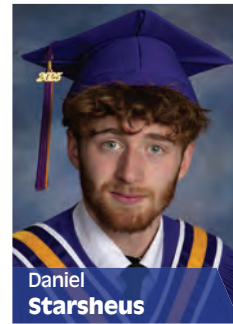
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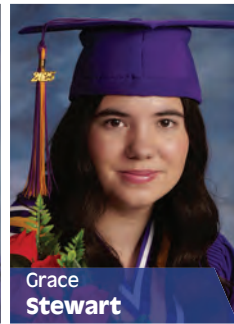
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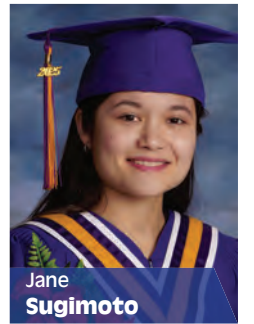
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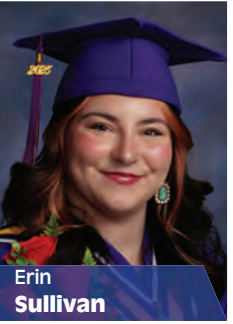
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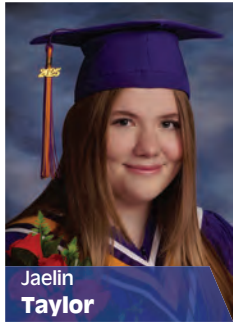
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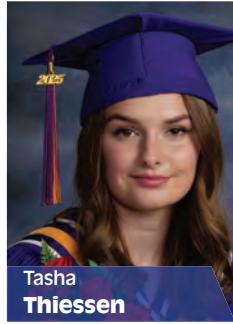
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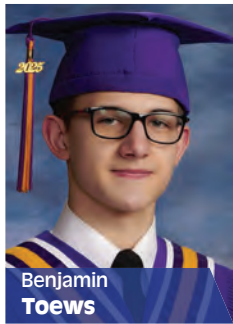
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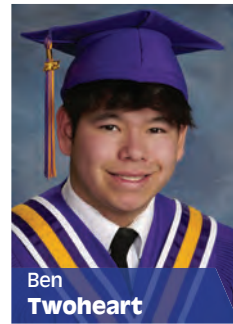
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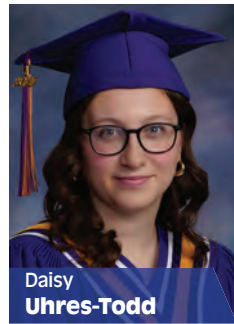
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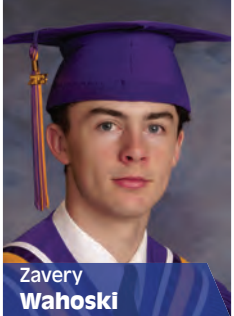
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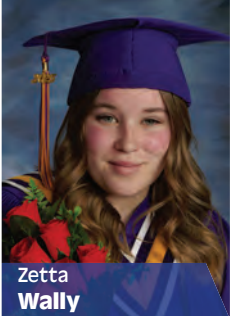
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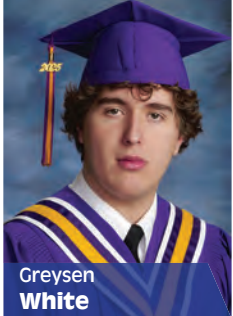
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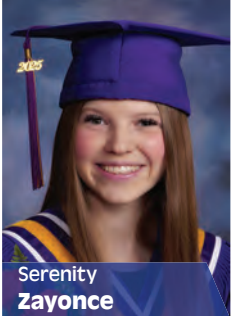
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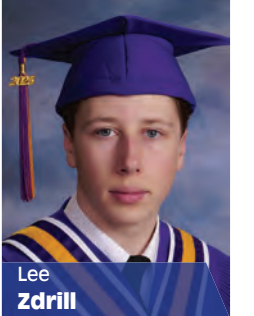
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# Warren's Class of 2025 celebrates achievements and community spirit

By Jo-Anne Procter

Warren Collegiate's Class of 2025 celebrated their high school accomplishments with family and friends at the Access Credit Union Arena in Warren on June 23. The momentous occasion wasn't just about caps and gowns; it was a testament to years of hard work, dedication and community spirit.

Fifty-four proud graduates paraded confidently down the aisle as Green Day's "Good Riddance" played in the background, setting a reflective tone for this bittersweet farewell to high school life.

Principal Tyler Oliver commended the class for their academic and extracurricular success, including national recognition in the Ethics Bowl and championship titles in both zone and provincial athletics.

"These graduates have shown not just skill but also heart," said Oliver. "Let's take a moment to be proud—not just of the diplomas that will be handed out, but of the people these students have become."

Vice-principal Jason Darragh joined Oliver in presenting diplomas, while Fallon Campbell read the names of the graduates.

Among the 54 graduates, 17 students received Medals of Excellence for maintaining an average of 90 per cent or higher in six credits throughout the school year. Sadie Walsh (90%), Reese Hnatuk (90.66%), Lauren Voth (91.33%), Colton Bruce (91.60%), River O'Dell (91.67%), Mia Cassils (91.70%), Samantha Boonstra (92%), Izzy Toews (92.70%), Rylan Thibedeau (93%), Jady Baldwin (93%), Gabby Noren (93.33%), Bre-Ann Lucier (93.50%), Ethan Corbett (94.40%), Colby Darragh (96.83%), Seth Stepaniuk (95.17%), Jesse Perrett (95.60%) and Charlize Huard (96.50%).

Huard also received the Interlake School Division's General Proficiency Award, along with a \$1,000 cheque. Staff described her as a well-rounded student, respected for her academic commitment, kindness and citizenship.

The Governor General's Academic Medal went to Colby Darragh, whose combined Grade 11 and 12 average of 98.25 per cent placed her at the top of



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Warren Collegiate's Class of 2025 celebrate the end of their high school era at a graduation ceremony on June 23.



Lorna Broadfoot, left, presented Gabrielle Noren and Abigail Mair the WCI Outstanding Service Award for their dedication and commitment to making WCI a better place.



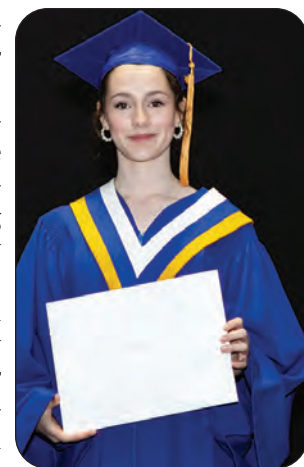
Governor General recipient Colby Darragh, left, and Valedictorian Ethan Corbett were both named Varsity Athletes of the Year.

McLean praised Corbett's positive character and athletic versatility, including a record-breaking performance in the 3000-metre event—beating a long-standing school record previously held by his father.

Corbett also captained the school's hockey team, was selected for the WSHL Price Division All-Star Game, and earned the Travis Price and Sportsmanship awards for his leadership on and off the ice.

The WCI Outstanding Service Award was presented to Gabby Noren and Abigail Mair by retiring staff member Lorna Broadfoot, who credited the pair for their initiative and dedication in fostering school spirit through events and leadership.

Valedictorians Gabrielle Noren and Ethan Corbett shared memories



Charlize Huard was the recipient of the ISD General Proficiency Award.

CONGRATS  
to the Class of  
2025

*We wish you all the best!*



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her class. Amanda Dion presented the award, praising Darragh's perseverance and drive.

Darragh was also awarded the MHSAA 2025 Scholar Athlete of the Year award and was named WCI's Varsity Female Athlete of the Year. Coach Andrea Schutz described her as a natural leader and standout athlete in volleyball, badminton, track (pentathlon record holder) and especially basketball, where she earned provincial MVP honours and was recognized as Basketball Manitoba's Varsity Girls AA Player of the Year.

"What makes our recipient Athlete of the Year is not just the medals or accolades," said Schutz. "It's the early mornings, the bounce-backs after tough losses, and the way she uplifts teammates and carries herself with integrity."

The Varsity Male Athlete of the Year was Ethan Corbett, a multi-sport athlete and academic leader. Teacher and coach Lachlan



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Recipients of the ISD Award of Excellence medals were presented to 17 WCI students for maintaining an over 90 per cent average in their Grade 12 year.



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and gratitude in their joint address, reflecting on four years of friendship, growth and shared experiences.

"Over the years we've built relationships and developed friendships that will last long after high school," said Corbett.

Noren spoke of the support from friends, family and teachers who helped shape their journey. "With so many different perspectives and goals, our class is destined to have bright futures," she said.

"We hope your future endeavors are as great as it has been growing up with you all." This sentiment captured the essence of what it means to grow together while supporting one another through life's challenges and triumphs.

"Even if there isn't a plan set in place yet, this is when to follow your heart. In 30 years, you may look back on this day and realize that this was when your life truly began."

Regardless of career path, Corbett

urges fellow grads to strive to be contributing members of society. "Local clubs and organizations will count on our generation to keep our communities thriving and make them great places to live for years to come," he said. "Not everything in life is about personal gain. Giving your time and making a difference can be rewarding in so many ways when you do so without expecting anything in return."

The pair acknowledged the extra efforts of teachers Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. Schutz, Mrs. Dion and Mrs. Riddell, and encouraged peers to give back to their communities in the years ahead.

Vice-principal Darragh, delivering the closing remarks, noted the personal significance of watching the Class of 2025 grow—including his daughter Colby.

"Whether it's college, work, travel or the unknown, carry with you the resilience, curiosity and kindness that brought you here," he said. "You worked hard. Be proud."

## 2025 Warren Collegiate Grade 12 Scholarships

### Graduates - Scholarship/Bursary/Award

Abigail Alexander -Prairie Roots- Employee Bursary

Odin Arksey - Warren United Church Bursary

Jadyn Baldwin - Bryan Lefley Scholarship, Caisse Financial Group Bursary, Interlake Teachers' Association Scholarship, WCI Alumni Scholarship, Woodlands Legion #248 Kaylee-Atchison Heaps Citizenship Award, Warren & District Lions Club Scholarship, Red River Exhibition Foundation Agriculture and Agri-Food Industry Manitoba Farm Women's Conference Scholarship, UM Guertin Centennial Entrance Scholarship, Hockey Manitoba Ralph Borger Memorial Scholarship

Natalie Bergthorson - Ben and Marjorie King Memorial Bursary

Samantha Boonstra - Quarry inMotion Physiotherapy Scholarship, William M.A Campbell Memorial Scholarship, UM Guertin Centennial Entrance Scholarship

Colton Bruce - Michael A. Lindell Automotive Memorial Scholarship, U of M IBEW Local 2034 Scholarship

Mia Cassils -Grosse Isle Heritage Site Scholarship, IANTE Scholarship, Warren & District Lions Club Scholarship, UM Guertin Centennial Entrance Scholarship

Ethan Corbett - Prairie Roots Co-op Bursary, Warren & District Lions Club Scholarship, WSHL Travis Price Hockey Bursary, WSHL Marni Miles Sportsmanship Award, Red River Exhibition Foundation Agriculture and Agri-Food Industry Farm Family of the Year Scholarship, UM Queen Elizabeth II Entrance Scholarship, Male Athlete of the Year

Colby Darragh - Bryan Lefley Scholarship, Grosse Isle Women's Institute Award, Warren & District Lions Club Scholarship, One Insurance Community Engagement Award, Providence University Entrance Scholarship, Basketball Manitoba Ron Meyers Leadership Award, Access Credit Union Tell Us Your Story Scholarship, Female Athlete of the Year, Governor General

Reese Hnatuk - Abby Margetts Memorial Arts Scholarship

Charlize Huard - Ben and Marjorie King Memorial Bursary, U of W Entrance Scholarship, General Proficiency

Bre-Ann Lucier - Maryville University Academic Scholarship

Abigail Mair - Ben and Marjorie King Memorial Bursary, Interlake Community Foundation Leadership Award, Starting Blocks Bursary, Trevor King Citizenship Scholarship, Walter Malazdrewich Memorial Award, School Service Award

Ryan Manweiller - James Family Scholarship, UM Hogg Centennial Entrance Scholarship Gabrielle Noren - Interlake Community Foundation Leadership Award, Lifetouch Canada Award, RM of Woodlands Scholarship, William and Franics Dutka Memorial Scholarship, School Service Award

Jesse Perrett - Bradley Jackson Memorial Scholarship, Lake Manitoba Narrow Game & Fish Bursary

Dylan Riddell - Manitoba Pool Sub-District 802 Memorial Bursary, Prairie Roots Co-op Bursary

Zachary Smith - Meadow Lea Community Center Bursary, Meadow Lea United Church Bursary

Seth Stepaniuk - Chown Centennial Entrance Scholarship, Walter Malazdrewich Memorial Award, UM Guertin Centennial Entrance Scholarship

Rylan Thibodeau - WCI Work Experience Bursary

Izabel Toews - UM Guertin Centennial Entrance Scholarship

Dylan Upgang -Lake Francis Community Center Volunteer Award, Prairie Roots Co-op Bursary

Lauren Voth - Interlake Bus Drivers' Association Award, Woodlands Hall Board Award,

Providence Entrance Scholarship, Selkirk-Interlake-Eastman Conservative Association

Memorial Scholarship, Providence University College High School Leadership Scholarship

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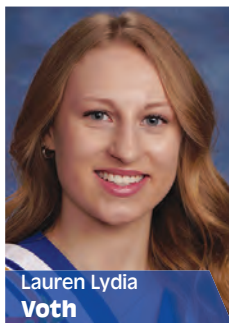
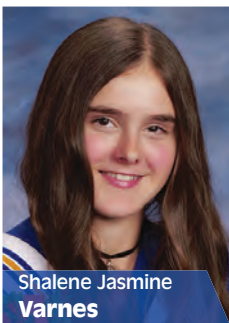
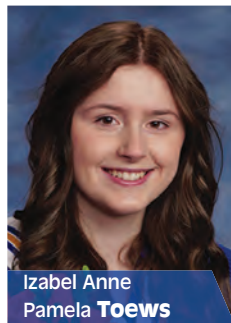
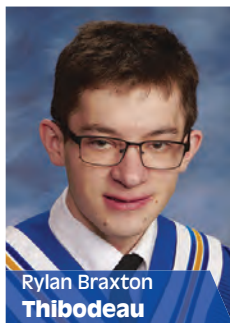
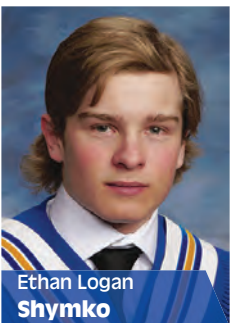
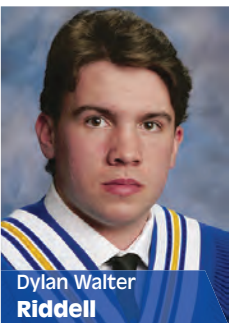
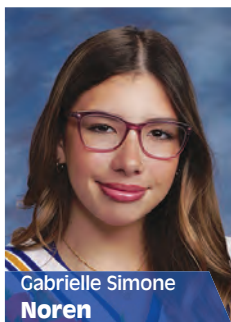
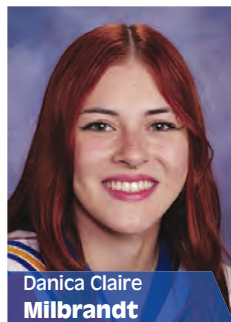
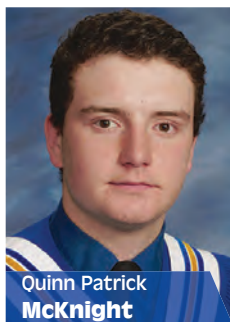
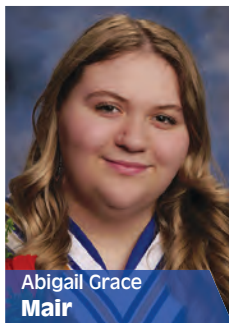
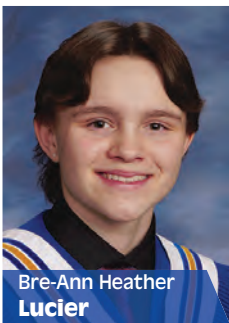
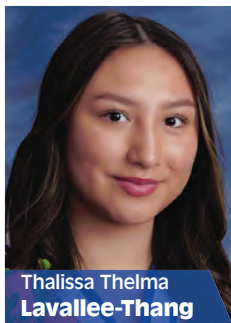
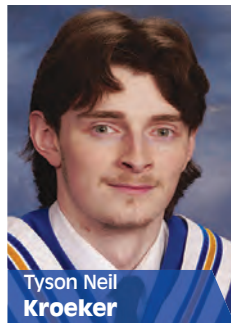
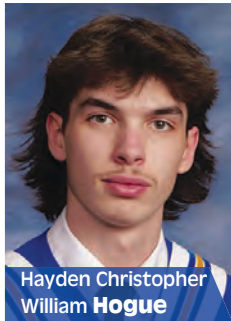
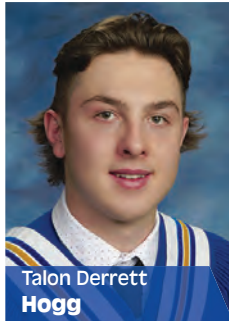
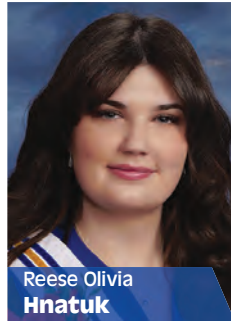
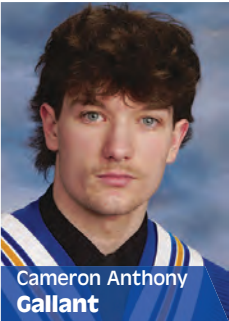
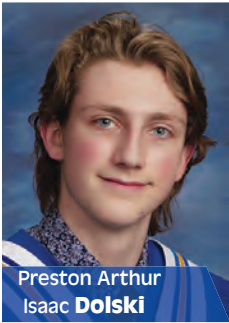
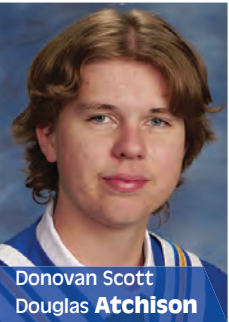
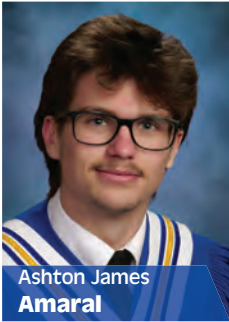
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# Teulon Collegiate grads reflect, celebrate and look ahead

By Emma McGill

On Friday, June 20, the Teulon Collegiate class of 2025 said goodbye to years of memories and learning, while looking ahead to the next chapter.

Dressed in their finest suits and gowns, the 29 graduates crossed the stage to the applause of friends, family, honoured guests and teachers, celebrating a milestone years in the making.

"It is truly an honour to welcome you to this year's graduation ceremony, a celebration of growth, perseverance, and the exciting journey that lies ahead," said principal Kristin Smith following the procession and the national anthem.

"Today marks a significant milestone, not only for graduates, but also for the families, caregivers and staff who have supported them every step of the way. In a small rural school like ours, we don't just know students by name — we know their stories," she said. "They faced challenges with determination, found their voice, and lifted one another up in ways that speak to the strength of our close-knit community."

Smith then welcomed vice-principal and emcee Chelsea Meier, who introduced graduating student Sarah Tyluk to lead the annual rose ceremony. During the tradition, each graduate stepped into the crowd to present roses to their loved ones. Tyluk expressed her thanks on behalf of the class to parents, guardians, grandparents and teachers who supported them along the way.

During the presentation of graduates, Meier announced each student's



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The TCI graduating class of 2025 waited patiently for each of their turns to walk the stage and say goodbye to their high school years.

academic standing, credit total, post-graduation plans, and awards or scholarships received. Each graduate also shared personal messages or memories, and several community members joined the stage to present awards.

Rory Cook and Kyle Willis presented the first annual Clair Bond Agricultural Memorial Award to Avery Reed. "He lived for agriculture and his passion was contagious," said Cook in tribute to the award's namesake.

Rod Ledochowski, a phys-ed teacher at TCI, took the stage to present a slideshow of athletic highlights before announcing this year's student athletic honours. Sarah Taylor and Jesse Johnson received Student Coach of the Year, while the Sports Leadership Award went to Sarah Tyluk. Athlete of the Year was awarded to Rylan Mott for the male category, and joint-



Natalie McGill accepted the Governor General's Award from superintendent Margaret Ward.



Sarah Taylor was awarded the ISD General Proficiency Award.

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## Teulon Collegiate Scholarships, Awards and Bursaries

**Avery Reed**

Interlake Community Foundation Leadership Award

**Brooklyn Zeller**

Clair Bond Agricultural Memorial Award

**Kaedyn Harasymko-Ledarney**

Walter Malazdrewich Memorial Bursary

Doug MacDonnell Memorial Bursary

Teulon Local Metis Association Scholarship

Micheal Ferley Scholarship

Interlake Association of Non-Teaching Employees Scholarship

Teulon Chamber of Commerce

**Natalie McGill**

Vidir Hero Scholarship

**Ralph Feliciano**

Hunter Cummings Scholarship

Dr. Goodwin Memorial Scholarship

Quarry Physiotherapy, part of the InMotion Network Scholarship

Interlake Teachers Association Scholarship

U of Manitoba

**Rylan Mott**

Vidir Grow our own Scholarship Winner

Chown Centennial Scholarship

Royal Canadian Legion Branch #52 Award

U of Manitoba

**Sarah Taylor**  
**Sarah Tyluk**

TCI Principals Scholarship

Town of Teulon Award #2

Teulon Healthcare Foundation Award

2025 Trevor King Citizenship Scholarship

Janet Kuchma Leadership Award #2

Interlake Bus Drivers Association Award #1

Lorne Ferley Scholarship

Grade 12 Proficiency

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Interlake Community Foundation Leadership Award #1

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TCI Alumni Scholarship

Town of Teulon Award #1

One Insurance Wawanesa Community Engagement Bursary

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Janet Kuchma Leadership Award #1

**Sheridan Osnach**

**Teagan Price**





### Congratulations to Vidir's Scholarship Winners

Vidir Solutions is a fully integrated tech and manufacturing company that provides automated material handling solutions in every industry and in over 45 countries around the world. Operating out of Manitoba's Interlake region, Vidir believes strongly that education elevates excellence and that community creates meaning, and therefore are proud to provide scholarships to local students going into a variety of fields. This year, Rylan Mott is the recipient of the Vidir Grow Our Own Scholarship of \$1,000 for his pursuit of engineering in University. Natalie McGill and William Caldeira are each recipient of the Vidir HEROs scholarship and have received \$1,000 each towards their pursuit of graphic design and engineering respectively. Congratulations Rylan, Natalie, and William!



Graduate Sarah Tyluk led her classmates in the rose ceremony, in which the graduates made their way into the audience to present roses to their loved ones.

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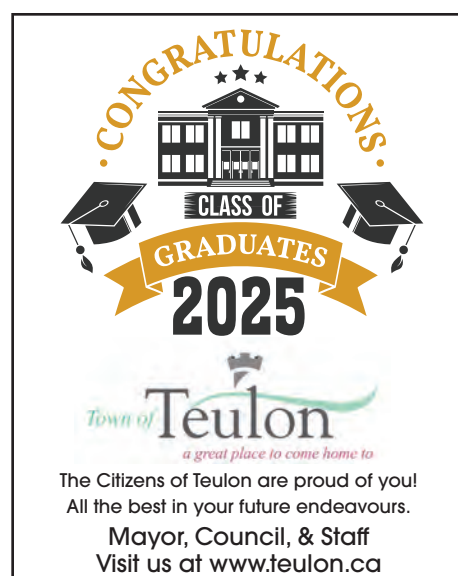
ly to Avery Reed and Shiloh Nault for the female category.

Graduates who earned honours — an average of 80 to 89.99 per cent — and honours with distinction — an average of 90 to 100 per cent — were invited back to the stage to receive plaques. Margaret Ward, superintendent of the Interlake School Division, presented medals of excellence to students who achieved 90 per cent or higher in all three years of high school.

Ward later returned to present the Governor General's Academic Medal to Natalie McGill for having the highest average across Grades 11 and 12.

On behalf of the Interlake School Division board, Alan Campbell and Sally Cook also joined the stage to present the ISD General Proficiency Award to Sarah Taylor.

"For trustees like Sally and I, just like the rest of the community, graduations are a time for joy, and for hope, and for love," Campbell said.



Rod Ledochowski presented the Student Coach of the Year award to Sarah Taylor and Jesse Johnson.

"And that love is sometimes love of the fact that you're not coming back here — but mostly it's love from family, friends and community for what you've accomplished."

Valedictorians Shiloh Nault and Rylan Mott took to the stage with a mix of gratitude, humour and reflection.

"We did it, guys," said Nault. "Today marks not just the end of our high school years, but the beginning of new adventures."

Together, they looked back on childhood games, inside jokes and lessons learned — both in and outside the classroom.

"We've all had our fair share of bumps and bruises from the things we thought were smart at the time," Mott said with a smile. "But we grew, and we learned — mostly from each other."

Nault closed with a message about embracing the unknown: "We may not know exactly where we're going next, but that's OK. Don't rush life. Go explore, meet new people, follow your dreams, and make a difference. Most of all, just enjoy the moment

— like this one right now." Before the grads headed outside to take photos and prepare for their SAFE grad celebrations, Meier recognized departing staff: English and band teacher Erin Fenske, Grade 7 teacher Michelle Macsymic, guidance counsellor Amanda Okeke, and educational assistants Alanna Spence and Mrs. Allen.

To close the ceremony, Principal Smith left the graduates with a final message of encouragement.

"Today marks the end of one chapter, and more importantly, the beginning of the next," she said. "Whether you're heading to university, entering the workforce, travelling the world, or still figuring it out, please remember the learning you've done."

"One of the greatest strengths of growing up in a small town is a sense of belonging you carry with you. You know the value of hard work, of lending a hand, and of standing together when it counts," Smith continued. "As you walk out of these doors today, I hope you carry both pride for how much you accomplished and courage to step into what comes next ... Go forward with confidence, dream boldly, and never forget where you came from. Because no matter how far you go, this place, these people, and this moment will always be part of your story."



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Rory Cook and Kyle Willis presented the first annual Clair Bond Agricultural Memorial Award to graduate Avery Reed.



Valedictorians Rylan Mott and Shiloh Nault gave a speech that prompted both tears and laughter in the audience.



Shiloh Nault and Sarah Tyluk celebrated together after the ceremony.

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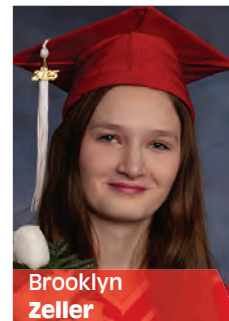
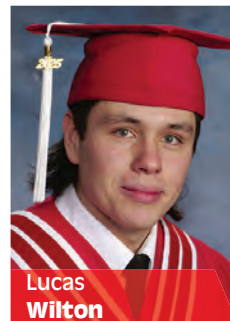
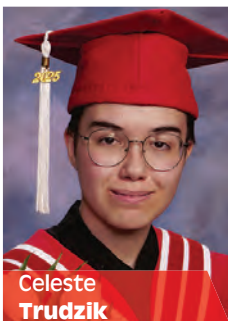
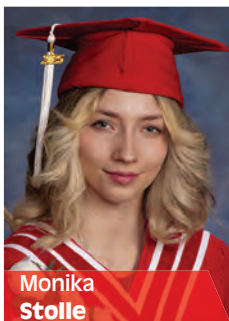
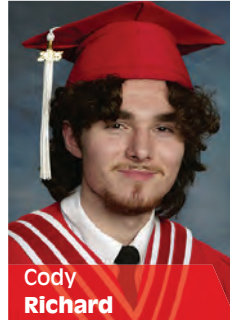
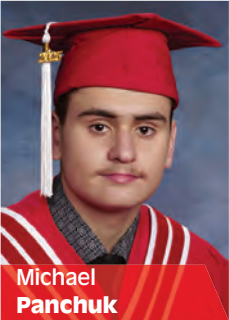
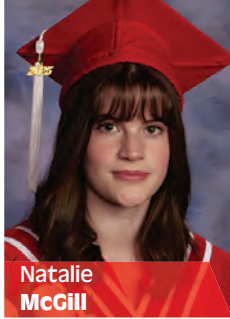
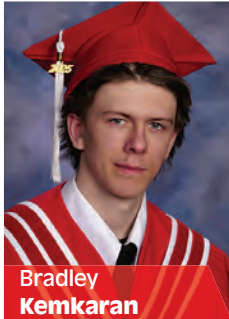
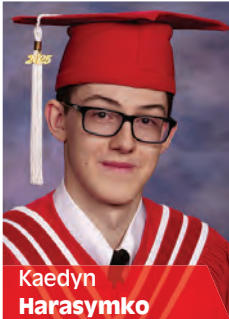
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# New memorial award honours young farmer's legacy, supports future in ag

Award created in memory of Clair Bond will support ag students for the next 25 years

By Emma McGill

A new memorial award is helping keep the legacy of a young farmer alive while supporting the next generation of agriculture professionals in rural Manitoba.

The Clair Bond Agricultural Memorial Award, worth \$5,000, was created in honour of Clair Bond, who died in a tragic car accident in his early 20s. Remembered for his passion for farming and deep ties to his rural community, Bond's friends and family have come together to launch the award in his name.

"I had been juggling the idea around for close to a year now," said Rory Cook, one of Bond's close friends. "Then I got together with a friend, Kyle Willis, and he mentioned it. He said he had thought about doing a scholarship for Clair. It's an opportunity to honour Clair's name."

Cook reached out to Teulon Collegiate guidance counsellor Amanda Okeke to learn how to set up a scholarship from scratch. After several months of discussion, Okeke presented a number of options, and they ultimately decided that Cook, Willis, and a small group of Bond's friends and family would select the recipient each year.

Those involved in both the funding and selection process include Bruce and Donna Bond, Bruce and Leslie Cockerill, the Skinner brothers, Sherry and Mike Persoage, Kevin Bond, Aaron Charison, Charison's Turkey Hatchery, and Glenn and Maureen Kletke.

The award is open to students pursuing post-secondary education in any agriculture-related field, including farming, ag tech, agribusiness and animal sciences. While a single \$5,000 award was presented this year, the fund may be split among multiple recipients in the future. The group has already developed a plan to sustain the award for at least 25 years.

Avery Reed, a graduating student from Teulon Collegiate, was selected as the inaugural recipient of the Clair Bond Agricultural Memorial Award.

"I think it's important to have a post-secondary



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Clair Bond is remembered as a passionate young farmer and dedicated community member. A new \$5,000 memorial award created in his name will support students pursuing post-secondary education in agriculture.

education in agriculture," said Cook. "I hope that the award gets people involved more in agriculture that may not have seen ag in their future, and also to support kids that grew up on a farm that didn't really see a future in ag. This might be their chance to be a part of the ag industry."

Bond's family says they are extremely grateful to see the award come to life in support of agricultural studies and in memory of Clair. Cook hopes it will also inspire others in rural Manitoba to start similar initiatives.



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY JUDI CARROLL

Teulon Collegiate graduate Avery Reed received the Clair Bond Agricultural Memorial Award from Kyle Willis and Rory Cook.

MALLARD SCHOOL

GRADUATION 2025

## Mallard School



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Interlake School Division graduates of Mallard School were celebrated at the Keystone Colony on June 2. Pictured left to right, Lorna Hofer (Class of 2025), Destiny Hofer (Class of 2025), Lyndon Hofer (Class of 2024) and Sophie Waldner (Class of 2025).

Copies of this Graduation Keepsake Edition can be picked up at the Tribune office at 74 patterson Drive, Stonewall

Best Wishes to the Class of 2025

LIGHTLY GRADUATION 2025



Tianna Wollmann



# PRSD hosts inaugural Indigenous graduation ceremony

Powwow and jamboree honour culture, community and student success

By Jo-Anne Procter

For the first time, Prairie Rose School Division (PRSD) held an Indigenous graduation celebration on June 6, honouring students from across the division with a day filled with culture, community and pride.

The 2025 Celebration Pow Wow & Jamboree, hosted at St. Laurent School, brought together Indigenous, Métis and First Nations graduates for a ceremony that blended traditional teachings, performances and heartfelt words of encouragement.

Master of ceremonies Ray “Coco” Stevenson opened the event by introducing members who performed a pipe ceremony — a sacred practice used by many Indigenous cultures to connect with the Creator, spirit world and nature. It is often used to seek blessings, mark intentions or ask for guidance.

Coco encouraged attendees to live by circle teachings and treat others with respect.

“Never turn your backs on anybody and never leave anyone in the background,” he said. “Be respectful to others and to Mother Earth and the spirits that protect the land.”

He reminded graduates of the importance of using their voices with intention.

“Choose your words right,” he said. “Speak from the heart and don’t take that gift for granted.”



Official flag bearers led dignitaries and graduates in to the gymnasium for the grand entry.

Music by the St. Laurent Fiddlers and dancing by the Little Bitty Steppers and Interlake Steppers followed, leading into a ceremonial grand entry. Graduates were led in by flag bearers St. Laurent Reeve Richard Chartrand and Interlake-Gimli MLA Derek Johnson, dignitaries and PRSD members with drumming by Sons of the Drum and Walking Wolf.

Throughout the event, speakers emphasized both the personal and collective meaning of the milestone — celebrating individual accomplishments while advancing reconciliation and Indigenous visibility in education.

“Life is too precious and personal to follow someone else’s path — you must take the lead to find what success looks like for you,” said PRSD board chair Ashley Lachance. “Not a



TRIBUNE PHOTOS BY JO-ANNE PROCTER

The 2025 Prairie Rose School Division Indigenous graduates were honoured at a powwow and jamboree in St. Laurent on June 6.

single person here has travelled the same path to get to this moment. You all come with different circumstances, experiences, aptitudes and passions — and when you leave here today, you will all take different paths again. You will have the joy of making this life uniquely yours.”

MLA Derek Johnson urged graduates to embrace the power of their voice, vote and values.

“Success isn’t just about your school achievement; it is about lifting others as we rise,” he said. “Your future is unwritten, but your potential is limitless.”

He also acknowledged the families and educators who supported the graduates along their journeys.

“It is their celebration as well,” he added.

Manitoba’s Education and Early Childhood Learning Minister Tracy Schmidt brought greetings on behalf of the provincial government. She encouraged students to take pride in the moment and remember the community behind them.

“None of us gets to where we are in life on our own,” she said. “We get there with our family, with our community, with our educators — the people that love and care about us. Take that into your future and think about how you can use all the gifts you have been given in your life and how you can create community and opportunity for other people as you go on into your journey of life.”

Schmidt also acknowledged the broader context, noting the ongoing wildfire evacuations and environmental challenges facing many First

Nations and rural communities across the province.

Each graduate was introduced and presented with a certificate and special gift. For many, the ceremony marked more than the end of high school — it was a public affirmation of identity and belonging.

Coco closed the celebration with a final reflection on growth and purpose.

“Sometimes we walk back; sometimes we stand still — but the important thing is that we walk together, with intention and grace.”

As the final honour song echoed through the gym, families and community members lined up to congratulate each graduate. The energy in the room was one of hope, pride and possibility.

Plans are already underway to make the Indigenous grad celebration an annual event. Organizers say they hope to build on the success of this year’s gathering and continue creating space for Indigenous students to be seen, supported and celebrated.

## GRADUATES INCLUDED:

From St. Laurent School: Maciej Adamski, Breyden Allard, Kenyon Boudreau, Isaac Chartrand, Jewel Jolicoeur, Ayden Munro, Rylee Pistun, Tatyanna Shoenemann-Harding, Ethan Sigurdon, Keshawn Tacan and Shanaya Young.

From Carman Collegiate: Jessica Anderson, Ella Benner and Cherish Williams.

From Miami School: Kiana Leith.

From Institut collégial St. Paul’s Collegiate: Marlee Morisseau.



The Interlake Steppers.



# sports & recreation

INSIDE > OUTSIDE > UPSIDE DOWN

## Stonewall boxer stays undefeated with unanimous decision win

By Annaliese Meier

Stonewall's Tyler Oleksiuk kept his perfect record intact with a unanimous decision victory over Wrenn Peters on June 14, earning a clean sweep on the judges' scorecards at a boxing event in Beausejour.

The 18-year-old amateur fighter, who trains out of United Boxing Club in Winnipeg, said the three-round bout was his toughest yet.

"Right from the opening bell I realized he was the first left-handed fighter on my resume," said Oleksiuk. "I had to switch the game plan and adjust to his style throughout the entire fight."

Peters entered the ring with twice the number of bouts on his record, making him the most experienced opponent Oleksiuk has faced so far.

"I already had plenty of respect for Wrenn Peters going into the fight," he said. "He gave a great fight for the fans and I'm happy I got to share the ring with him."

To prepare, Oleksiuk extended his training camp and sparred with heavier opponents to simulate size and power mismatches.

"That helped my confidence and strength grow," he said.

The June win was Oleksiuk's second fight in three weeks, part of an active schedule aimed at building experience.

"When I fight it's not only for me, but everybody who's rooting for me," he said. "Having the support from the people closest to me is what gives me the extra push. I believe that's the reason I'm still undefeated to this day."

Oleksiuk said hearing his name announced as the winner brought a wave of "happiness and relief."

"I was confident I had gotten the win, but there's no better feeling than getting your hand raised."

Representing his hometown of Stonewall is something he takes pride in.

"I grew up here and to come back to Stonewall after every fight — it's truly a blessing," he said. "Everything I've achieved in my boxing career I owe to United Boxing Club. From our manager, my coaches and all of my teammates — they're truly the best."

Oleksiuk, who's been boxing for three years, credits the sport with teaching him discipline, perseverance and resilience — both physical and mental.

He's eyeing a return to the ring in September and has long-term ambitions of turning professional.

"My goals in boxing for now is just to keep competing and gaining experience," he said. "I can't wait to see where boxing takes me as I further my career in both amateur and eventually professional boxing."



TRIBUNE PHOTOS BY DARRYL GERSHMAN

Tyler Oleksiuk of Stonewall, right, lands a punch on Wrenn Peters during their bout.

## Shorthanded United scrape out draw to extend point streak

By Kieran Reimer

Long weekend festivities left Stonewall United shorthanded in their bid to extend a two-game win streak Sunday afternoon at Veterans Memorial Sports Complex.

With multiple players away — likely enjoying Canada Day weekend on a beach somewhere — United fielded only 11 players for their Manitoba Major Soccer League Division 3A match against 313FC.

Despite the thin roster, Stonewall struck first with a goal from Chris Thompson to take a 1-0 lead. Amar Manning added another to put United ahead 2-0.

But the often-dangerous two-goal

advantage proved fragile, as 313FC stormed back with two goals of their own to level the match.

The score held at 2-2 through the final whistle, earning both teams a point.

Though the result ends Stonewall's win streak, it extends their point streak to four matches, with two wins and two draws. United now sit at 4-2-2 through eight games, holding onto fifth place in the division.

Next up for Stonewall is a home matchup against struggling No Touch FC on Friday evening at Veterans Memorial Sports Complex. Kickoff is set for 7:30 p.m.



Oleksiuk of the United Boxing Club earned a unanimous decision victory over Wrenn Peters at Fight Night III in Beausejour on June 14.



# sports & recreation

INSIDE > OUTSIDE > UPSIDE DOWN

## Stonewall Heterodontosaurus Hoopers go out on top

By Kieran Reimer

Ending a youth basketball career with a Winnipeg Minor Basketball Association (WMBA) championship was the perfect send-off for many members of the Stonewall Heterodontosaurus Hoopers 16-18 boys' team.

The Hoopers claimed the WMBA Spring Season White Division title earlier this month with a commanding 65-35 victory over LWCC-2 in the final, held June 15 at Mennonite Brethren Collegiate Institute.

For several Grade 12 players, it marked a final hurrah before aging out of youth leagues and moving into senior men's basketball.

Many of the athletes also played for the Stonewall Rams varsity boys' basketball team, which had a strong high school season but fell short of capturing a Manitoba High Schools Athletic Association provincial championship.

Winning the WMBA title helped ease that disappointment.

"It's really important because most of these guys, they're in Grade 12, right? So it's their last year, and it's obviously devastating when you don't win the championship in your final year," said Hoopers head coach

Keira Willey. "They had a super good regular season for the Rams, and then whatever happened, they just couldn't make it. So I think they were really pumped to win this championship."

Willey credited team chemistry and camaraderie as key to their success.

Since the players all attended the same collegiate, there was no adjustment period — they already knew each other's style on the court. After dropping their first game of the regular season, the Hoopers went on a seven-game win streak to finish 7-1, then ran the table in the playoffs.

"It's actually really helpful, because in the past, I've had teams where, you know, some people don't get along," Willey said. "There's always something, right? But with the boys this year, there was nothing. It made my life super easy because everyone knew what to expect, and nobody had complaints or anything. We just went out there and played."

Time will tell whether this group reunites at the senior men's level. For now, the Hoopers are happy to bask in their championship moment.



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The Stonewall Heterodontosaurus Hoopers 16-18 boys team hooped their way to a WMBA Spring Season White Division title earlier in June, claiming a 65-35 victory over LWCC-2 in the championship game on June 15 at Mennonite Brethren Collegiate Institute. The Hoopers went 7-1 in the regular season and undefeated in the playoffs. Pictured, left to right, back row: Adam Newcombe (assistant coach), Denn Bonifacio, Wyatt Mitchell (alternate), Jackson Vandersteen, Foxx Domansky, Kaiden Morrison, Bohdan Hradowy, Logan Wilson (assistant coach); front row: Cole Swanson, Logan Meier, Dylan Fournier, Reis Meier. Missing from the photo is Keira Willey (head coach).

## Jr. Jays escape rocky June, eye home-field rebound in July

By Keieran Reimer

It was a tough month of June for the Interlake Junior Blue Jays.

After closing May with a promising 3-2 record in the Manitoba Junior Baseball League, the Jays hit a rough patch, dropping nine of their next 11 games.

Three of those losses came last week during a difficult three-game stretch from Wednesday to Friday.

On Wednesday, the Jays hosted the Pembina Valley Orioles at Quarry Park in a high-scoring contest that ended in an 11-9 victory for the visitors.

The following night, the Jays' bats fell quiet in Charleswood, where the Winnipeg South Wolves defeated them 10-2.

Friday's game in Stonewall saw a stronger defensive showing from the Jays, but they still came up short in a close 5-3 loss to the St. Boniface Legionnaires — marking their fourth straight defeat.

As of Sunday, the Jays held a 5-11 re-

cord, sitting in sixth place in the MJBL standings — a position the team isn't accustomed to.

The good news is that Interlake has plenty of games ahead to climb back into playoff contention, starting with a packed early-July schedule.

The Jays are slated to play seven games between July 3 and July 9, most of them at home at Quarry Park. A few wins could propel them back into the middle of the standings, putting them in a stronger position heading into the postseason.

### UPCOMING SCHEDULE:

Monday, June 30 vs. Elmwood Giants, 7:30 p.m. at Quarry Park (score unavailable at press time)

Thursday, July 3 at Carillon Sultans, 7 p.m. at A.D. Penner Park

Saturday, July 5 vs. Winnipeg South Wolves, 1 and 4 p.m. at Quarry Park (doubleheader)

Sunday, July 6 vs. Altona Bisons, 1 and 4 p.m. at Quarry Park (double-



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY LANA MEIER

Interlake Blue Jays' Gilbert O'Connor slides in safe under the tag of Pembina Valley Orioles' JT Martine during MJBL action in Stonewall on June 25. The Orioles edged the Blue Jays 11-9.

header)

Monday, July 7 vs. St. Boniface Le-

gionnaires, 7:30 p.m. at Quarry Park



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Tuesday July 22, 2025  
1:00pm.

Armstrong Municipal Office  
Civic # 1094 Lot 55 PTH 17, Inwood MB R0C 1P0

Property owners are being notified in order to give them the opportunity to speak in support of or objection to the proposed conditional use and/or variation order.

CONDITIONAL USE: # 3/2025

ROLL NO: 0075400.000

OWNER: CHASSI-LEA ENGBAEK

APPLICANT: CHASSI-LEA ENGBAEK

AREA AFFECTED: Legal Description: 7-16246  
Civic Address: 10109 PR 231 RD 111  
FRASERWOOD, MANITOBA

ZONE: General Development Zoning District

SUBJECT: R.M. of Armstrong Zoning By-Law No. 6/04 Part 9.3.57 Modular Home Dwelling

**Modular Home Dwelling:** means a building assembly or system of building sup-assemblies manufactured in its entirety, or in substantial part, off-site and transported to the point of use for installation on-site, with or without other specified components, as finished building or as part of a finished building in accordance with CSA building regulations. Modular homes need not have electrical, plumbing heating, ventilation, insulation or other service systems, but when such systems are installed at the off-site manufacture or assembly point, they shall be deemed a part of such building or system of building assemblies. Modular homes do not include open frame construction which can be completely inspected on-site

CONDITIONAL USE REQUESTED: To allow for a 76'x 16' modular home as a permanent residence.

WE REQUIRE ANYONE ATTENDING THE PUBLIC HEARING TO PRE-REGISTER BY NO LATER THAN 4:30 pm THURSDAY July 17, 2025, by calling or emailing the below email and/or number.

For further information, please contact:

Colleen Mayer -CAO Phone: 1 (204) 278-3377  
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## OBITUARY



**Margaret Medwid (nee Packer)**  
December 1, 1946 – June 19, 2025

It with deep sorrow and heavy hearts that we announce the passing of our mother, Margaret on June 19, 2025, peacefully at home.

Lovingly remembered by daughter Karmelle, son Kristopher (Kelly), sisters Kathleen Biloki and Valerie McHale (Ian). Mom is also survived by many nieces and nephews of whom she was very fond.

Margaret was predeceased by her father Alfred Maxwell in 1973, mother Emily in 1980, husband Jim in 2018, brother-in-law Merlyn in 2020, and her sister Irene in 2023.

Mom was born in Northwich, Cheshire England on December 1, 1946. She came to Canada with her family in June 1949. They settled on a farm west of Gunton. She attended Gunton

Elementary School and Teulon Collegiate Institute. After leaving high school, she acquired a job as a telephone operator with the Manitoba Telephone System in Winnipeg from 1964 to 1967.

In June of 1967 she married Jim Medwid and moved to the Medwid farm south of Balmoral where she lived until her passing. In 1972 she was blessed with daughter Karmelle and in 1976, son Kristopher.

In 1968 she acquired a position as receptionist for Drs. Beryl and Maurice Bishop at Hunter Memorial Hospital where she worked until 1976. In 1978 she decided to pursue a career in nursing. At that time Karmelle was five and Kristopher two. During her training she had the support of her family who had to sacrifice a lot for her to succeed and she graduated from the Grace General Hospital in Winnipeg in June of 1980.

Mom acquired a job as a general duty RN at the Teulon Hunter Memorial Hospital, a small but very active rural hospital at that time. She gained valuable experience in the ER, OR, L&D, and pediatrics. From 1980-1989 she worked day and night rotation as she wanted to attend all of our baseball, hockey and ringette games in the evenings.

In 1989 she obtained her Nursing Administration in the Health Care System from the University of Manitoba.

From 1989-1991 she filled two term positions as case coordinator for home care, covering the Teulon and Fisher Branch areas followed by the Stonewall, St. Laurent and Lundar areas. During this time, she identified the need for a Teulon Handivan and in 1991, with the help of councillor Bill Docking and Teulon Hospital Foundation the first Teulon Handivan was purchased.

In 1991, she returned to Hunter Memorial Hospital as head nurse, later moving into the Director of Nursing position. From 1991-1997 Mom taught the Teulon Volunteer Ambulance crew in the evening once a week.

In 1998 regionalization took place, the end of the era of Director of Nursing in one facility. She became the Clinical Team Manager over Teulon and Stonewall Hospitals until her retirement in 2016.

Community, family and friends were very important to Mom. She was a member of the Balmoral Rec Centre Board, the Teulon & District Handivan Committee and the Southwest Palliative Care Committee.

Mom loved having friends over for lunch and afternoon tea. She also looked forward to hosting traditional family gatherings. Family and friends were extremely important to her. They were all so very supportive.

Mom also had a very strong faith all her life. In later years she was a member of the Stonewall Anglican Church. She belonged to the choir and was a member of vestry.

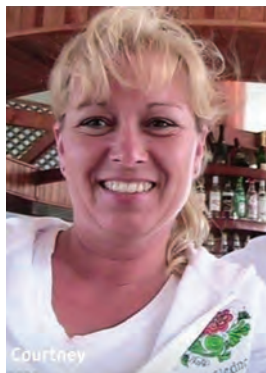
The family would like to thank Michelle, Michaela, Jennifer and Elissa. Also thanks to Janet Haley and Maureen Tully for all their support when Mom's health started to fail.

Funeral service will be held on, Monday, July 7, at 11:00 a.m. in the Anglican Church of Ascension, Stonewall. Lunch to follow at the Stonewall Legion, followed by a private interment at Stonewall Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, if friends so desire, donations may be made to Teulon & District Handivan or the Southwest Palliative Care Committee.

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## OBITUARY



**Shelly Marie Ann Courtney**

Passed away at home peacefully after a courageous battle.

She leaves behind her family who she loved fiercely. Her husband Rod, children Kyle (Jolene), Kevin (Kelsey), Kolten (Daryl), grandchildren Madison, Carter, Jacob, Deegan, Landyn, Alexis, Quinn and Meredith. She also leaves behind her mother Joyce, her siblings Glen (Shelly) Kathy (Paul) Jean (Gayle) Jim (Kat) Ken (Lisa) and numerous nieces and nephews and other loved ones.

She was predeceased by her father

Fred and her mother Darlene.

She grew up with a love for horses, which with stuck with her her whole life. She spent countless hours riding and caring for horses. She also enjoyed crafting. Her even bigger and number one passion was spending quality time with her family and friends whether it would be sitting on the deck visiting, at the lake, golfing, camping, or just having a good time. There was nothing she wouldn't do for her family.

Celebration of life will be held at the Gunton Memorial Hall on July 5 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, if friend so desire, a donation to CancerCare would be appreciated.

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## OBITUARY



**W.J. (Bill) Ridgeway**

It is with deep sadness and heavy hearts we announce the unexpected passing of W. J. (Bill) Ridgeway, aged 82, of Grosse Isle, MB. on the evening of June 18, 2025. Bill was born on July 7, 1942, growing up and spending his entire life in the community he loved.

Bill was a dedicated educator, farmer, businessman and respected member of the community, after graduating he took his Industrial Arts teacher training at the Manitoba Institute of Technology. He furthered his education at Bradley University in Illinois and the University of Northern Colorado, focusing on Industrial Technical Education and Psychology. Bill continued to expand his knowledge with numerous courses in agriculture and agribusiness, and he enhanced his professional skills through training with the Insurance Brokers Association of Manitoba.

Throughout his career, Bill made significant contributions to the workplaces and communities he served. He was President of the Manitoba Government Employees Association and the founding president of the National Union of Provincial Government Employees, an instructor at Red River Community College, served as an advisor to Members of Parliament, was a substitute teacher with the Interlake School Division, and proudly carried on the family farming tradition while operating Ridgeway Insurance Agency.

Bill was predeceased by his infant son Richard, as well as his parents, Frances and John, and his in-laws, Mary and George Laing as well as many cherished relatives and lifelong friends.

He is survived by his beloved wife, of 59 years, Norma, and their children: Tracy (Dick) Proctor, Kelly (Chantel), Beth (Daniel) Mason, and Robert. Bill was a proud grandfather to Bailey (Ashley), Kayla, Christopher and Maria.

An active member of his community, Bill was involved in numerous clubs and organizations, including the Grosse Isle Recreation Club, Vintage Locomotive Society, Manitoba Pool Elevators, AG in the Classroom, St. Michael's Anglican Church, the Royal Canadian Legion, Rosser Agribusiness, Rockwood Agricultural Society, Canadian Seed Growers Association, Warren and District Chamber of Commerce, Manitoba Canola Growers Association, Manitoba Straw Producers Co-op, Royal Winnipeg Rifles Reserve and Cadet Corps, Khartum Shriners, Regional Health Authority Committees, Stonewall and District Lions Club and Lions Manor. His political experience was extensive, serving as a long-standing member and volunteer of the Liberal Party. No matter your political leaning Bill was always ready for a spirited discussion.

Bill enjoyed sports, cheering on the Jets, Bombers, and going to Goldeyes games, as well as supporting his children and grandchildren in their endeavours. Family was at the heart of Bill's life, and he took immense pride in their accomplishments.

A Funeral Service will be held on Saturday, July 5, at 1:00 p.m. at the Grosse Isle Recreation Club in Grosse Isle MB.

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