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Young artists paint pumpkins during the first annual Pages & Pumpkins – Plaid Street Party in Stonewall last Friday. The lively evening family event on the south end of Main Street featured fall crafts, wagon rides, food trucks, vendors, live music and zumba that later shifted into a lively party and country night at The Rock Motor Inn.

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Local municipalities aim to reduce lung cancer from the ground up

By Jennifer McFee

Rockwood and Stonewall residents are invited to learn more about radon — including the levels right in their own homes.

Both municipalities are participating in the 100 Radon Test Kit Challenge funded by Health Canada — and 100 Rockwood residents will be eligible to receive a free radon test kit to test their own home. Through this challenge, Take Action on Radon is distributing 100 free radon test kits to raise awareness about the health risks associated with radon in the lead-up to National Radon Awareness Month in November.

Through the 100 Radon Test Kit Challenge, participants place the detectors in their homes for at least 91 days, although a longer duration is also fine. When the program wraps up in February, participants will return the detectors to a collection point in the community. After that, a community liaison will ship the entire box back to Take Action Radon so they can process the detectors.

After the kits are sent back, each resident receives a report indicating whether radon was detected and at what level. The municipalities will also receive a community report letting them know how many homes returned their kit and the percentage of homes that tested above Health Canada’s recommended guideline.

Radon is a radioactive gas released by the breakdown of uranium in the soil. It is odourless, tasteless and colourless, and it can enter buildings and enclosed spaces undetected. Since Canadian homes are sealed against the weather, radon can be-



Take Action on Radon is distributing 100 free radon test kits.

come trapped indoors and build up to dangerous levels. Long-term exposure to high levels of radon damages DNA in lung tissue and is currently leading to more than 3,000 Canadian deaths each year — more than the combined toll of car collisions, house fires, carbon monoxide poisoning and drowning.

Rockwood Reeve Wes Taplin said council wants to equip residents with opportunities to gain knowledge and tools that could help protect themselves and their families.

“Radon could have serious health impacts if left unchecked. That’s why the 100 Radon Test Kit Challenge is such a valuable opportunity for Rockwood — it gives households a chance to learn about radon, understand the risks and take action right at home,” Taplin said.

“We encourage residents to join in, take part in the information sessions and pick up a test kit so together we can make the homes in our municipality healthier and safer.”

Stonewall Coun. Kim Newman has also been championing the program in the community.



When was the last time you tested for radon?

Every home in Canada, regardless of age or size should be tested for radon.

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Rockwood and Stonewall are teaming up with Take Action on Radon for the 100 Radon Test Kit Challenge, an initiative funded by Health Canada that provides residents with free test kits to measure radon levels in their homes.

“After learning about this program, I thought it was a great opportunity to help families test their homes for radon,” she said. “It’s a simple but important step that families can take to protect themselves.”

Dr. Anne-Marie Nicol, a researcher from Simon Fraser University’s faculty of sciences, said that radon is well-established human carcinogen.

“Testing and reducing radon levels is an important method of lung cancer prevention,” Nicol said. “Residential radon is marked as Canadians’ primary exposure to radon. Preventing radon exposure will reduce the number of Canadians dying of lung cancer.”

Awareness is increasing in many areas across Canada, said Pam Warkentin, executive director of the Canadian Association of Radon Scientists and Technologists and project manager for Take Action on Radon.

“Many people know that testing for radon is an important action in looking after their health,” Warkentin said. “If you tested for radon years ago, it may be time to test again. Or if you haven’t gotten around to it, this is your chance to stop putting it off and get your radon test.”

Although Canadians are becoming more aware of radon and its link to lung cancer in non-smokers, Warkentin

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Woodlands council considers water project borrowing

By Jennifer McFee

Woodlands council gave first reading to a bylaw to borrow \$2.235 million to pay for the municipality's portion of the regional water project.

The first reading took place at the regular council meeting scheduled for Oct. 14, after press deadline.

In partnership with the Town of Stonewall, the RM of Woodlands plans to build a new reverse osmosis water treatment plant on 5th Street West in Stonewall. The project also includes new water supply reservoirs in Stonewall and in Warren, new supply wells in Stonewall and a water supply pipeline from Stonewall to Warren.

The total estimated cost of the project is \$33.3 million. Infrastructure Canada Improvement Program will provide \$21 million in funding and the Manitoba Water Services Board will provide \$2,279,113. The Town of Stonewall will contribute \$5,408,843. The RM of Woodlands would provide \$2,306,320 from the reserves and utility surplus, and another \$2.235 million would be funded by borrowing by the RM of Woodlands.

If approved, the borrowing would be repaid over a maximum of 25 years at a maximum interest rate of 6.25 per cent.

Including principal and interest, the annual repayment amount would be no more than \$180,000 to be levied on the water rates of the Warren utility as a debenture surcharge estimated to be \$3.91 per cubic metre, based on the estimated average yearly usage.

Copies of the proposal are available on the RM of Woodlands website at www.rmwoodlands.ca.

In other council news:

- Council approved an updated internal municipal equipment sharing agreement between the RM of Woodlands and Local Urban District of Warren to facilitate the use of vehicles, equipment and machinery.

"The equipment sharing agreement allows the municipality to share vehicles and equipment across different districts to improve efficiency while also ensuring that the related costs are charged to the appropriate area — either the rural area or the Local Urban District of Warren," said CAO Kaitlyn Griffith.

- Woodlands council gave second and third readings to a bylaw to create a reserve fund for personal care homes. Coun. Darryl Langrell was absent from the vote.

- Council will donate \$5,000 to

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Fifty-year celebration of Stonewall personal care home



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Rosewood Lodge Personal Care Home hosted a come-and-go tea on Friday to mark its 50th anniversary. More than a celebration, it served as a reunion for former staff and community members who have been part of the home's story. Former Stonewall mayor Alex Krawec — who was instrumental in having Rosewood Lodge built 50 years ago — was among those in attendance. Pictured, from left: former Stonewall mayor Alex Krawec and his wife, Shirley; current and former Rosewood Lodge staff; and guests looking through photo albums of past activities and events.

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Teulon council considers borrowing for new fire pumper truck

By Jennifer McFee

The Town of Teulon held a public hearing to consider a proposal to borrow \$600,000 towards a new fire pumper truck for the Teulon Rockwood Fire Department.

The hearing took place in the council chamber on Oct. 14.

"The Town of Teulon is seeking funding to purchase a new fire truck and modern pumping equipment to replace aging and unreliable units. The primary pumping unit currently in service is 26 years old. Replacing this unit is critical to ensuring the safety and reliability of our fire response system," said CAO Chris Yuen.

"This investment will strengthen firefighting capacity in both the town and surrounding rural areas; improve

emergency response times and reliability; provide firefighters with safer, more efficient equipment that meets modern standards; and enhance protection for residents, businesses and critical community infrastructure."

The total estimated cost of the fire pumper is \$1.5 million, with \$750,000 funded by the RM of Rockwood and \$750,000 from the Town of Teulon. In addition to the proposed \$600,000 borrowing, the Town of Teulon would pay for the remaining \$150,000 from the fire equipment replacement reserve fund.

The borrowing would be repaid over 20 years at a proposed rate of 7.5 per cent per year. The annual repayment amount would not be more than

\$58,855.31 to be levied by special mill rate annually.

First reading of the bylaw took place at the regular council meeting after the public hearing.

Copies of the proposal are available at the town office.

IN OTHER COUNCIL NEWS:

- Council will provide a letter of support to Madeline's Closet, which is an Inwood-based registered charity that serves the Interlake by providing new clothing at no cost. Yuen said council provided the letter to acknowledge the work they do for the communities and assist in grant opportunities.

- Council appointed Anna Padzierski as the citizen representative for the South Interlake Regional Library. The

previous citizen representative, June Leduchowski, resigned from the role.

- Council approved a \$265 quote from Interlake Electric to supply and install a dehumidistat to operate an exhaust fan at the Teulon Curling Rink.

- The Town of Teulon will buy a smart TV to replace the existing unit for the Teulon Rockwood Centennial Centre at a cost of up to \$1,000 before tax.

- Yard waste will be collected on Oct. 17, including leaves, grass clippings, garden vegetation and straw.

- The board of revision will take place on Wednesday, Nov. 12 at 5:30 p.m. in the council chambers.

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tin said there's still hesitancy before homeowners take steps to test and reduce their radon exposure.

"Reducing radon exposure saves lives," she said, "and the 100 Test Kit Challenge is a great way for a community to come together and take action on radon."

In Rockwood, a total of 100 free test kits are available to residents and they must sign up for the program at <https://form.jotform.com/252746459996277> to participate. For those who pre-registered, the free kits will be available for pick up at the Rockwood municipal administration office (285 Main St. in Stonewall) from Friday, Nov. 7 to Friday, Nov. 14 during office hours (Monday to Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.).

In Stonewall, 100 test kits are also

available to residents and they must sign up at <https://form.jotform.com/252684078178267> to participate. Participants can pick up their radon test kit at Stonewall's town hall (293 Main St.) from Friday, Nov. 7 to Friday, Nov. 14 during office hours (Monday to Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.).

Rockwood residents will have the chance to learn more at two upcoming radon information sessions. A virtual session will take place on Thursday, Nov. 6 at 7 p.m., and details will be sent to those who pre-register. And an in-person information session will be held on Friday, Nov. 7 from 7 to 8

p.m. at the Stony Mountain Community Centre (117 School Rd.).

For Stonewall residents, an online radon information session will take place on Thursday, Nov. 6 at 7 p.m. Information will be sent to those who pre-register.

To learn more about radon and how to test your

home, visit TakeActionOnRadon.ca.

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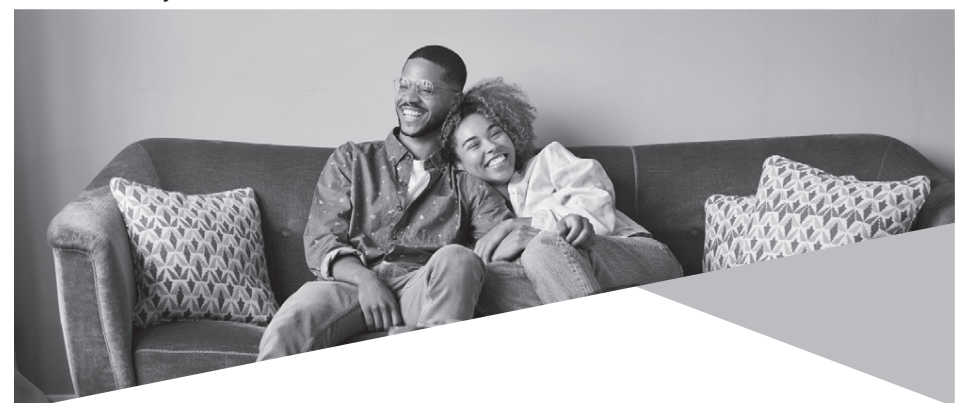
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Nominations open for Excellence in Education Awards

By Lana Meier

The Manitoba government is celebrating World Teachers' Day by opening nominations for the 2025-26 Excellence in Education Awards, which recognize outstanding teachers and school leaders across the province.

"Educators play a vital role in shaping the future of our children and our communities," said Education and Early Childhood Learning Minister Tracy Schmidt. "These awards honour the dedication, creativity and leadership of teachers and school leaders who go above and beyond to help students succeed."

The awards celebrate exceptional

contributions within Manitoba's education system and highlight the province's commitment to recognizing excellence in teaching and leadership. Nominations close Dec. 4, and recipients will be honoured at a ceremony in spring 2026.

Award categories include:

- Teaching Excellence Award
- Outstanding New Teacher Award
- Outstanding Team Collaboration Award
- Outstanding School Leader Award
- Premier's Award for Excellence in Education

The premier's award is chosen from nominees across the other four categories

and honours those whose work has made a remarkable and far-reaching impact on students and their school communities.

Eligible nominees must hold a valid, permanent Manitoba teaching certificate and work directly with kindergarten to Grade 12 students. School leaders must be principals or vice-principals. Nominations can be submitted by parents, guardians, students, school trustees, teachers or administrators.

World Teachers' Day, established by UNESCO and Education International, has been celebrated globally on Oct. 5 since 1994.

RCMP warn Manitobans as grandparent scam targets seniors

By Haley Cvar

The RCMP is urging Manitobans to stay vigilant as fraudsters continue to target seniors with a phone scam designed to exploit their concern for loved ones.

Known as the "grandparent scam," the scheme typically begins with a phone call from someone pretending to be a relative or a lawyer. The caller claims a family member has been arrested or is in legal trouble and urgently needs bail money. Victims are then instructed to send thousands of dollars — often by mail — to an address outside the province.

"These scams are designed to create panic and pressure people into acting quickly without thinking," said Staff Sgt. Kevin Cavanagh of the Manitoba RCMP Major Crime Services Cyber and Financial Crime Unit. "Fraudsters are constantly adapting their

stories to sound believable and generate a sense of urgency. Our message is simple: never send money and always verify before taking action."

Police say the scams are happening across the province and have recently surfaced in northern Manitoba, where four elderly residents in Flin Flon received calls over the past few months. In two cases, victims mailed thousands of dollars before realizing they had been scammed. A third transaction was intercepted and returned. Investigators have not confirmed whether the incidents are linked.

The RCMP is reminding Manitobans to take precautions when receiving unexpected calls asking for money:

Be suspicious of any call demanding immediate payment or bail money for a loved one.

If you receive such a call, hang up and contact the family member di-

rectly using a known phone number.

If the caller claims to be law enforcement and requests payment, hang up and call your local police detachment.

Be mindful of what you share online — scammers often gather personal details from social media to make their stories more convincing.

Use strong, unique passwords for all social media and email accounts.

Anyone with information about a scam is asked to contact their local RCMP detachment. Anonymous tips can be submitted through Manitoba Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or online at www.manitobacrimestoppers.com.

Victims of cybercrime or fraud can also contact the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre at 1-888-495-8501 or antifraud-centre-centreantifraude.ca.

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Seniors' toilet privileges taken away at Manitoba Housing's Inwood Seniors Lodge

By Patricia Barrett

Manitoba Housing staff at the Inwood Seniors' Lodge locked one of two public washrooms after an alleged incident involving a toilet, drawing complaints from residents who say the closure has left some seniors struggling.

The locked washroom, near the lounge and exterior door, is important for residents with mobility issues who rely on quick access when returning from errands or socializing in the community.

One resident, who asked not to be named for fear of repercussions, said the building has two public washrooms — one near the lounge and another by the laundry area — but both were locked in September after staff reported fecal matter on a toilet seat and floor. Notices were posted on Manitoba Housing letterhead warning that the bathrooms would remain locked if they weren't kept clean.

"The washroom is here for your convenience. Please help keep it clean by cleaning up after yourself after use. If there continues to be issues with cleanliness and sanitation, the bathroom will be kept locked at all times," the notice read.

Residents say they depend on the lounge washroom because of mobility challenges.

"All the people in here, we often use the [public] washrooms because we just can't make it back to our suites sometimes," said one resident. "Especially people with walkers."

After residents objected, staff reopened the washrooms but soon re-locked the one near the lounge. When Inter-lake-Gimli MLA Derek Johnson visited the lodge on Sept. 22, that washroom remained locked and the sign was posted.

"[The washroom by the lounge] has been locked since about last Wednesday or Thursday," said the resident. "It was locked, too, when Derek visited. This is the second time that washroom has been locked."

Residents said staff claimed the washroom was messy, but they believe the issue stemmed from a plumbing problem.

"That could have been the cause of the feces," the resident said. "But not a single resident here has ever seen this mess [staff] are talking about. Those bathrooms get used often enough that one of us would have seen it."

Staff later told residents the toilets weren't for public use but only for residents whose suite toilets malfunction. One resident was given a key, though others were unsure if that person is expected to unlock the door on request.

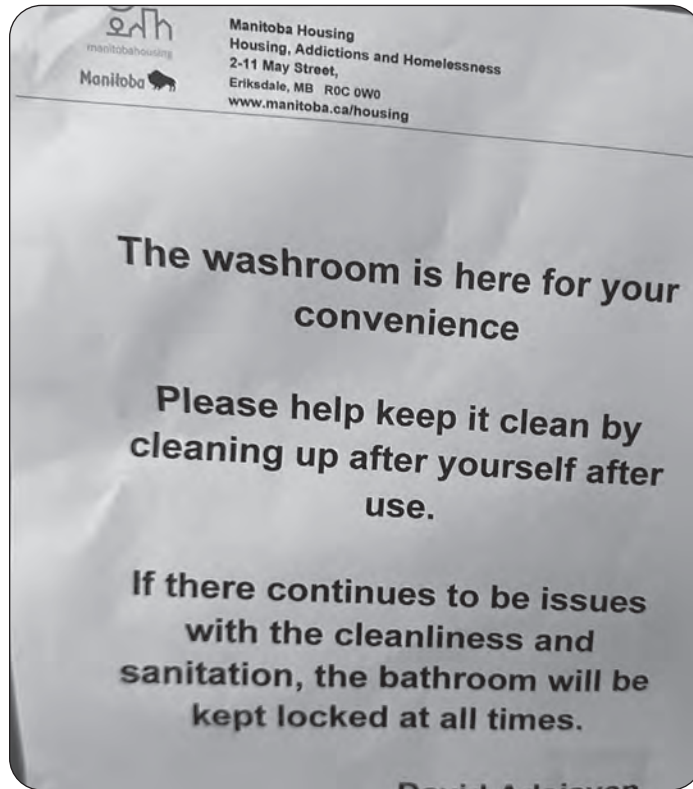
The Inwood Seniors' Lodge is a 22-suite rent-geared-to-income facility owned by Manitoba Housing, a Crown corporation under the Department of Housing, Addictions and Homelessness.

Residents also raised concerns about caretaking and maintenance. They said the property manager, based in Eriksdale, visits infrequently and rarely interacts with tenants.

"He'll come maybe once a week or once every couple of weeks," said the resident. "He doesn't let anybody know he's here. Of course, he's not had complaints from us because no one ever knows he was here."

Caretakers handle cleaning duties, but residents say they sometimes see inconsistent work, such as vacuuming only one side of the building at a time.

Another major concern is the high number of vacant



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Manitoba Housing staff posted this notice last month inside and outside two public washrooms at the Inwood Seniors' Lodge after an alleged incident with a toilet. At one point staff locked both washrooms before opening one and leaving the other locked — the one seniors say they rely on most because of its convenient proximity to an exterior door and their lounge.

suites — about 10 — despite people being told there's a year-long waiting list.

The resident fears Manitoba Housing could close the facility, similar to what happened in Komarno, where a small residence was shut down and later sold.

"One man had to move south. He was so upset because he really wanted to be in Inwood. People talk to each other and they'll talk about the long waiting list," said the resident. "It looks like they're going to pull a Komarno. Komarno had a small [Manitoba Housing] residence, I think it was four or six suites in it. And all of sudden there was no one moving into Komarno. Then it got closed and it went up for sale. We're wondering if someone's saying there's a waiting list [here] to try to sell it."

Vacancies may also be linked to delays in cleaning or repairing vacated suites.

"Three residents moved out — one about a year ago and two just recently," said the resident. "Nobody has gone in to clean those suites or get them ready to rent again."

The mounting concerns over washrooms, maintenance and vacancies prompted residents to contact their MLA.

Johnson called the situation "bordering on elder abuse."

"A short-term closure for maintenance is one thing," he said. "But to lock a washroom as retribution for an accident by someone who could be incontinent is disgusting. These are seniors who built our province. To take away their dignity by locking a washroom facility [they need] is

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Jesus said, "Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock. And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell, and great was the fall of it" (Matthew 7:24-27).

Do you feel unstable? Or restless? It seems like most of us are nowadays. Political instability, cultural upheaval, the breakdown of families, economic chaos, and various wars around the world are only the start of the reasons why many feel a desperate need for anything firm and stable to lean into. It only takes a little bit of observation to realize that the way our culture tries to establish stability does not work, and the postmodern commitment to a world without absolute truth only breeds more confusion.

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If you need something solid to build your life on, I promise you that you will find it nowhere else. Come and find a sure foundation with us as we root our life in the ancient, unchanging Christian faith.

Daniel Bredin

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Les cliniques de vaccination contre la grippe saisonnière débuteront le 15 octobre 2025.

Prenez votre rendez-vous en composant le 1 844 626-8222 entre 9 h et 17 h, du lundi au vendredi, ou en utilisant le système de rendez-vous en ligne (visitez le site www.manitoba.ca/respiratoryviruses/index.fr.html).

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	Dates (2025)	Heure(s)	Emplacement
St. Laurent	28 octobre	10h00 - 15h00	Légion de Saint-Laurent, Lot 487, RPGC 6
	1 novembre	10h00 - 14h00	Centre de santé de Saint-Laurent, 51, Parish Lane
	19 novembre	13h00 - 18h00	Centre de santé de Saint-Laurent, 51, Parish Lane
Stonewall	22 octobre	10h00 - 15h00	Légion de Stonewall, 459, rue Main
	12 novembre	10h00 - 15h00	Légion de Stonewall, 459, rue Main
	15 novembre	10h00 - 15h00	Légion de Stonewall, 459, rue Main
	19 novembre	10h00 - 15h00	Légion de Stonewall, 459, rue Main
Stony Mountain	29 octobre	13h30 - 18h00	Centre communautaire de Stony Mountain, 117, chemin School
Teulon	23 octobre	13h00 - 18h00	Centre du centenaire de Rockwood, 14, rue Main
	22 novembre	10h30 - 15h30	Église Luthérienne St Peter de Teulon, 47, Route 7 Nord
Warren	4 novembre	13h30 - 18h00	Poste de pompiers de Warren, 152, avenue McDonald
Woodlands	6 novembre	13h30 - 18h00	Salle Woodlands, 204, rue Argyle

Des cliniques de vaccination privées se tiendront dans des logements pour personnes âgées et d'autres logements communautaires. Consultez les tableaux d'affichage de votre immeuble pour consulter une affiche avec les détails.

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St. Laurent 204-646-2504 Stonewall 204-467-4400 Teulon 204-886-4068

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unacceptable.”

Johnson said Manitoba Housing, as the landlord, is responsible for ensuring plumbing systems work properly. “It’s the landlord that is responsible — and the landlord here is the Province of Manitoba,” he said.

He added that restricting access to essential facilities affects seniors’ ability to live independently.

“Part of that independence is living in the community they grew up in,” he said. “When you start closing washrooms, that has a huge effect on seniors’ independence.”

A Manitoba Housing spokesperson said senior staff will visit the Inwood Seniors’ Lodge this month to review maintenance procedures, public washroom use and other building concerns.

“Apartment buildings are not required to have a publicly accessible washroom,” the spokesperson said. “As this is a residential facility, residents would have access to a washroom in their own suites. However, there are two washrooms in public areas of the building, which will be reviewed by senior staff this month.”

When asked about the vacancy rate and the alleged waiting list, the spokesperson said the building will not be sold and that there is no current waitlist for suites.

“The department’s mandate is to protect social and affordable housing across the province, including at Inwood Manor [sic], which will not be sold,” they said.

They added that after the non-profit Inwood Manor Inc. ended its management agreement in 2022, Manitoba Housing’s Property Services branch assumed control. The department continues to process applications through its central intake system.

“All inquiries about tenancy are referred to Manitoba Housing’s application department,” the spokesperson said. “After completing an application, applicants are added to the waitlist and contacted when a unit is available. While all units are ready to be used, there is currently no waitlist for Inwood.”

Tenants can reach the property manager by phone or during weekly site visits. “All tenants have his business card with contact information, which is also posted in the building,” the spokesperson said.

For people interested in renting a suite at the Inwood Senior’s Lodge, Manitoba Housing recommends they call the corporation’s general inquiries line at 1-800-661-4663 and speak with a staff member who can guide them through the application process.



Seasonal Influenza Clinics will begin October 15, 2025

Book an appointment by calling 1-844-626-8222 between 9:00am and 5:00pm, Monday to Friday or by using the online booking system (visit www.ierha.ca and click "Annual Immunization Clinics" or visit www.manitoba.ca/vaccine).

Seasonal influenza, pneumococcal 20 and COVID-19 vaccine will be available for those eligible as per Manitoba Health guidelines. Immunization with the most updated COVID-19 vaccine is strongly recommended for previously vaccinated and unvaccinated individuals at increased risk of COVID-19 infection or severe disease.

Below is the listing for the region.

Please note:

- Some walk-in appointments available.
- Please practice good hand-washing.
- Do not come to your appointment if you are experiencing flu-like symptoms.
- Please come right at your appointment time to avoid congestion.
- Bring your Manitoba Health Card, and wear a short-sleeved shirt.

	Dates	Time(s)	Location(s)
St. Laurent	October 28	10:00 am - 3:00 pm	St. Laurent Legion, Lot 487, PTH 6
	November 1	10:00 am - 2:00 pm	St. Laurent Health Centre, 51 Parish Lane
	November 19	1:00 pm - 6:00 pm	St. Laurent Health Centre, 51 Parish Lane
Stonewall	October 22	10:00 am - 3:00 pm	Stonewall Legion, 459 Main St
	November 12	10:00 am - 3:00 pm	Stonewall Legion, 459 Main St
	November 15	10:00 am - 3:00 pm	Stonewall Legion, 459 Main St
	November 19	10:00 am - 3:00 pm	Stonewall Legion, 459 Main St
Stony Mountain	October 29	1:30 pm - 6:00 pm	Stony Mountain Community Centre, 117 School Road
Teulon	October 23	1:00 pm – 6:00 pm	Rockwood Centennial Centre, 14 Main St
	November 22	10:30 am - 3:30 pm	Teulon St. Peter's Lutheran Church, 47 Hwy 7 N
Warren	November 4	1:30 pm - 6:00 pm	Warren Fire Hall, 152 McDonald Ave
Woodlands	November 6	1:30 pm - 6:00 pm	Woodlands Hall, 204 Argyle St

Private immunization clinics will occur in senior and other community housing facilities. Check your building bulletin boards for a poster with details.

For more information, please contact your local community health office
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Creative Crossroads unites rural artists at 210 Gallery

By Lana Meier

Rural Manitoba artists are taking centre stage in Winnipeg this fall through a new group exhibition titled Creative Crossroads, now showing at 210 Gallery — an extension of the Manitoba Arts Network dedicated to showcasing rural and northern artists.

Located at 210 Princess St., the gallery offers free public access and features a wide range of works by members of the Green Acres Arts Collective (GAAC) based in Teulon. About 80 per cent of the paintings on display are available for purchase, and the gallery's gift shop sells smaller handmade items provided by the artists to help cover operating costs.

The exhibition runs until Oct. 25 and reflects the diverse perspectives and artistic journeys of its 12 participating artists, most of whom live in the Interlake region.

"Creative Crossroads came about because we're all at different stages in our lives and our art processes," explained Rozanne Nevakshonoff, one of the exhibiting artists. "Most galleries choose a single theme, but our work is so varied that these two words seemed to encapsulate the spirit of the show."

The participating Interlake artists are Heather Gushulak, Dione Murphy, Jim Duncan, Lisa Carter, Debbie Stewart, Christine Walls, Dawn Mitchell, Brenda Tarrant, Rozanne Nevakshonoff, Vera Fullard, Graham Clarke and Hermina Hildebrand.

The GAAC group meets week-



ly to share ideas, learn techniques, and support one another's creative growth. Two long-time members — Lisa Carter and Hermina Hildebrand — are credited as the driving forces behind the exhibition's organization, with other members contributing by offering public mini-demonstrations throughout the show.

"GAAC is really where we gather to learn, share and uplift each other," Nevakshonoff said. "This show wouldn't have happened without that sense of community."

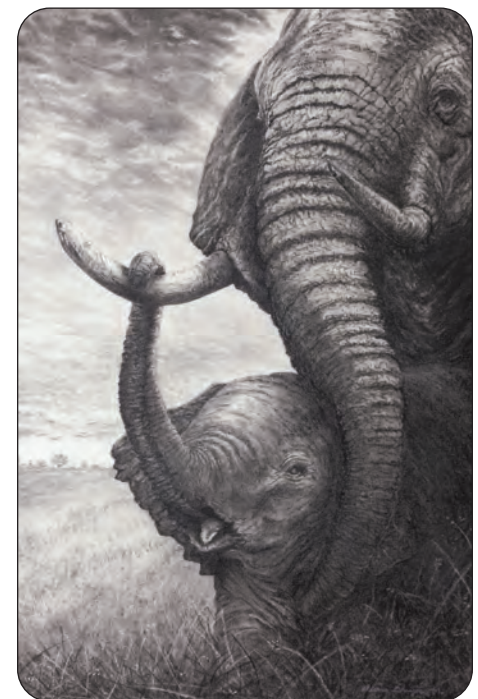
The artists were selected based on interest and readiness to exhibit their work. Each brings a distinct style and story, creating a collective snapshot of rural creativity and resilience.

The Creative Crossroads exhibition continues through Oct. 24 at 210 Gallery, 210 Princess St., open Tuesday to Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturdays from noon to 4 p.m.



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Interlake artists from the Green Acres Arts Collective (GAAC) are featured in Creative Crossroads, a new group exhibition at 210 Gallery in Winnipeg that celebrates rural Manitoba creativity. The show brings together 12 artists and runs until Oct. 25 at 210 Princess St.



Warren earns four blooms at provincial Communities in Bloom awards

By Lana Meier

The Warren Communities in Bloom committee is celebrating another successful year, earning a prestigious four-bloom rating at the 2025 Manitoba Communities in Bloom (MB CIB) conference held Oct. 4 in Gimli.

Now in its second year participating in the provincial program, the small but dedicated Warren committee has continued to grow community pride through beautification, environmental action, and collaboration.

"This year was a big one for us," said chair Murray Scott. "Our committee may be small, but the impact on our community has been tremendous — from flowers and trees to new trails and partnerships."

Throughout the summer, the committee continued its popular Yard of the Week program in July and August, recognizing residents who contribute to the community's curb appeal. New this year, a Business of the Month award was added to engage local businesses and highlight their efforts in enhancing community pride.

Warren was also selected as one of 45 communities across Canada to receive Miracle-Gro prizes and signage — a recognition that further encouraged residents to participate in beautifying the town.

Communities in Bloom goes beyond flowers, and Warren's committee proved it by securing 23 trees through the federal 2 Billion Trees Program. The trees were planted in Lions Park as part of a long-term effort to enhance green space and environmental sustainability.

In another major project, the committee successfully obtained a From the Ground Up grant in partnership with the LUD of Warren, the LUD Pedestrian Committee and the RM of Woodlands to build a new pedestrian trail extending

from Invicta Street.

Warren's four-bloom rating recognizes the committee's work in beautification, environmental stewardship, heritage preservation and community involvement.

The provincial conference in Gimli — which also honoured communities including Portage la Prairie, Southport, Niverville, St. Jean Baptiste, Baldur and Gimli — emphasized that Communities in Bloom is about much more than flowers. Presentations covered environmental mitigation, heritage conservation and initiatives such as the Lake Winnipeg Research Consortium and the Gimli Wetland Project.

Scott said the program has helped foster community collaboration and long-term planning.

"It's about creating a sustainable, green, and welcoming community for generations to come," he said. "We're very thankful for the support from both the LUD and the RM in helping us achieve these goals."

Since 1999, more than 70 Manitoba communities have participated in the MB CIB program, which encourages local governments, organizations and residents to work together toward creating clean, green and sustainable communities. Each community receives a detailed evaluation and bloom rating, recognizing achievements and offering constructive feedback.

This year's special mention for Warren highlighted the Green Space Island for the Warren sign and planting areas — a visible example of the



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Warren Communities in Bloom committee members Murray Scott (chair), Judy Olson and Sandy Scott accepted the community's four-bloom award from judge Cathy MacFarlane at the 2025 Manitoba Communities in Bloom Conference held in Gimli on Oct. 4. Missing from the photo are committee members Patricia Arbuckle and Alana Fehr.

community's ongoing commitment to beautification and environmental action.

Committee members include Murray Scott (chair), Judy Olson, Sandy Scott, Patricia Arbuckle and Alana Fehr.

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Newspaper carriers go the extra mile during National Newspaper Week

Despite Canada Post strike, local team keeps nearly 95% of papers on schedule

By Haley Cvar

As National Newspaper Week is celebrated across Canada from Oct. 6 to 12, local newspaper carriers of the *Selkirk Record*, *Winkler Morden Voice*, *Altona Rhineland Voice*, *Carman Dufferin Standard*, *Stonewall Teulon Tribune* and *Express Weekly News* are proving just how vital they are to keeping communities informed — especially during challenging times.

Amid an ongoing Canada Post strike, carriers across southern Manitoba and the Interlake have gone above and beyond to make sure readers continue to receive their weekly news. Despite delivery delays across the country, nearly 95 per cent of papers from our publications have still reached homes and businesses on schedule.

"This has been an incredible team effort," said newspaper publisher Lana Meier. "From office staff to volunteer drivers and local carriers, everyone has stepped up to make sure our readers stay informed."

Carriers have been going door to door in Arborg, Teulon, Stonewall, Warren, Woodlands, St. Andrews, St. Mountain, Selkirk, Winkler and Morden, working early mornings and late nights to keep deliveries on track.

"They're working day and night to get the papers out," Meier said. "It's a reminder that community news really depends on people — neighbours helping neighbours — to keep information flowing."

Carrier Appreciation Day, recognized on Saturday, Oct. 11, coincides with National Newspaper Week, a time to celebrate the essential role of trusted journalism in protecting the truth. This year's campaign by News Media Canada highlights the importance of supporting local newspapers that bring reliable, fact-checked information to every corner of the country.

"We are very fortunate to have the trust and advertising support from our local businesses to make sure that the community newspaper continues," Meier added. "It is their advertising and flyers that bring the news to our readers week in and week out. Be sure to shop local."

This week — and every week — is a celebration of the people and partnerships that make community journalism possible.

At the heart of that effort is the mission that drives every edition: Connecting people through stories to make stronger communities.



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Amid the Canada Post strike, Warren Collegiate students helped bag and deliver the *Stonewall Teulon Tribune*, while friends and family have been pitching in before and after school to bag, roll and deliver newspapers — including the *Selkirk Record*, *Winkler Morden Voice*, *Altona Rhineland Voice*, *Carman Dufferin Standard* and *Express Weekly News* — door to door.



One airlifted after Highway 67 head-on collision

By Jennifer McFee

STARS air ambulance transported one person to hospital following a collision last week on Highway 67.

On Oct. 7 at 9:15 p.m., Stonewall RCMP responded to a two-vehicle collision on Highway 67, at the intersection of Road 5E in the RM of Rockwood.

Officers arrived on scene and observed two vehicles facing south on

the south shoulder of Highway 67. One vehicle had been travelling west and the other one had been travelling east on Highway 67.

The eastbound vehicle was allegedly seen drifting into the westbound lane. The westbound vehicle attempted to avoid the vehicle but they collided head-on.

The driver of the westbound vehicle, a 19-year-old male from the RM



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STARS air ambulance transported one person to hospital following a collision Oct. 7 on Highway 67 near Road 5E in the RM of Rockwood.

of Rockwood, was not injured.

The driver of the eastbound vehicle, an 18-year-old female from the RM of Rockwood, was transported

to hospital via Stars with serious but non-life-threatening injuries.

Stonewall RCMP continue to investigate.

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Warren Collegiate Institute's parent advisory council for their track revival project. The funds will come from the recreation reserve fund.

- Transfer station attendant Bret Lacombe is authorized to attend the MARR Manitoba Community Recycling and Waste Reduction Forum in Winnipeg on Oct. 15 and 16.

- Coun. Lorna Broadfoot, Coun. Carl Fleury and Reeve Douglas Oliver are authorized to attend the Interlake Community Foundations 2025 grant celebration on Nov. 4 at Warren Memorial Hall.

- Council will purchase a ta-

ble at the South West District Palliative Care's annual gala dinner and dance at the legion hall in Stonewall on Nov. 22 at a cost of \$1,000 plus tax.

- Property taxes for 2025 are due on Oct. 31. The RM of Woodlands accepts cash, cheque, e-transfer or direct deposit, but it doesn't accept debit or credit card. For more information, contact the RM of Woodlands office at admin@rm-woodlands.ca or 204-383-5679.

- The RM of Woodlands board of revision took place in the council chambers on Oct. 14.

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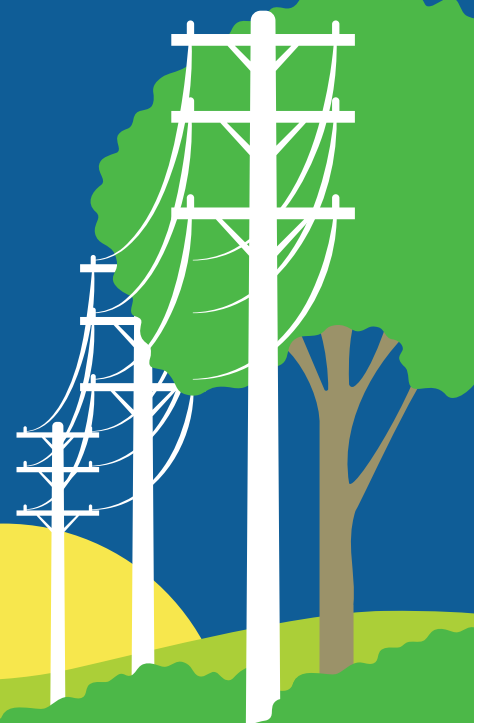
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Stonewall Centennial reveals new logo and nickname

By Jennifer McFee

Students were buzzing with excitement when École Stonewall Centennial School revealed a rebranding that also aims to boost school spirit.

On Wednesday, Oct. 8, staff and students gathered for a much-anticipated revealing of the school's new nickname and logo; however, the project began long before that.

"The big idea here was to generate excitement and school spirit among the school community. The previous nickname was Sentinels, which students and staff were mostly unaware of. The logo was outdated, and we saw an opportunity for a community-building process and to build excitement," said learning support teacher Zach Ward.

"We also have recently developed a set of updated school values and beliefs, which we wanted to be more accessible to students. Linking these values to our new nickname was a driving focus of this process."

Last June, students learned about the project and the reasons behind it.

"Classes were invited to submit names that connected to our town, our history and/or our school values," Ward said. "We received close to 20 unique responses and saw a lot of engagement from the student body."

Over the summer, those names were narrowed down to the Top 6 — Stingers, Sentinels, Storm, Eagles, Lakers and Miners — and presented to students at the school's opening assemblies in September.

"We made an effort to link each of the final names to our values and brought awareness to that through morning announcements," Ward

said. "Finally, a school-wide vote was conducted from Sept. 22 to 26. We received over 350 votes and had an overwhelming winner."

The new name, with almost 50 per cent of first places votes, is the École Stonewall Centennial School Stingers.

"This fits with our existing school colours of black and yellow. It fits with our school values by thinking about the school as our hive. A hive is made up of hexagons, and each of our six values — accessibility, diversity, collaboration, responsibility, differentiation and student voice — makes up one side of the hexagon," Ward explained.

"When we all come together as a learning community, we create our hive where individuals are valued for their contributions. We can work together in a respectful and accessible environment, and students have a voice in their learning and all our differences are respected and celebrated."

Keeping on the same theme, Stonewall Centennial's new logo features the school name with a bee or wasp in the middle.

"The background of the logo is made up of hexagons to form a hive," Ward said, "which symbolizes our values and how each person comes together to create a successful learning community."

Throughout the entire process, the school came together for a common purpose.

"Even though this wasn't everyone's first choice, we can celebrate what the new name and logo means for us as a school community," Ward said.

"As a staff, we identified that we



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Learning support teacher Zach Ward shares details about Stonewall Centennial's new school logo and nickname at an assembly last week.



Left to right: Students Kehinde Ajobiewe, Cruz Walton, Hiro Santos and Gracie Anderson showcase the new school logo.

had to bring our values and beliefs more to the centre of our work as a school. We will be continuing to educate staff and students about what it means to be a Stinger and will be displaying posters and materials throughout the school to keep those values in the forefront."

To extend the visibility of the new name and logo, the school is selling apparel such as hoodies, T-shirts and

hats.

"We are hoping that students can wear their Stingers gear with pride and with a fuller understanding of who we are as a school and what we stand for," Ward said.

"The online store will be open soon, and families will receive a link to the store. It is our goal to have all orders back and being worn in our hallways by winter break."

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RM of Gimli bikejoring team making strides, competing at world event, racing in Inwood

By Patricia Barrett

Bikejoring teammates from the RM of Gimli are way ahead of the pack, so to speak, having once again earned a spot on the Canadian national team for harness-dog sports.

Muriel Smith is scheduled to compete with her dog Jake at the upcoming International Federation of Sled Dog Sports' (IFSS) Dryland Mushing World Championship in Minocqua, Wis. After that race, Smith will be competing in a fun race in Inwood called the Sidewinder Dryland Race.

Smith, who's in her 60s, said she has a passion for having fun with her dog – and likely a passion for speed.

"The whole point of bikejoring and other harness-dog sports is to have fun with your dog," said Smith. "But if you want to race nationally or internationally, you have to adhere to IFSS standards, qualify for races and undergo anti-doping testing. Both humans and dogs fall under the World Anti-doping [Agency] rules, and they test you and your dog before — and after — races."

Bikejoring is a harness-dog sport that has a dog or dogs attached by a harness to a bike and running ahead of a cyclist. Related sports include canicross in which an athlete runs while attached to a dog and scooterjoring in which an athlete on a non-electric kick scooter is pulled by a few or more dogs. Dryland mushing training builds physical power and agility as race courses typically consist of inclines and falling slopes and turns.

"With bikejoring we're pedalling like crazy, but it's the quality of the dog, as well, that makes a difference; you work as a team," said Smith, who raced in Kenora a few weeks ago as part of a fundraiser for St. John's Ambulance. "[Dryland racing]

is a huge sport in Europe. We have athletes coming from Europe, [Oceania] and South America to compete at the world's."

This is the second time Smith has earned a spot on the Canadian national team to compete at the world championships. The event in Minocqua will feature six days of high speed races on dirt trails with over 350 competitors from dozens of countries around the world. The games include a medal ceremony and a banquet.

There are different divisions of athletes in harness-dog sports, said Smith. There is Junior class for 18 years and younger, Elites, Masters 40, Masters 50 and Masters 60. Smith and a bikejoring friend and fellow teammate Edie Fisher from Kenora are part of Masters 60 for women.

"Edie and I compete in the Masters 60 for women. I think she and I are the oldest competitors in bikejoring at 67 and 68 years old," said Smith. "My other teammates are from Quebec, Ontario, Alberta and B.C. If there aren't enough competitors for Masters 60, they'll bump us down to Masters 50 and we'd have to race against people in their fifties."

Smith is scheduled to race on Oct. 21 and 22.

After the world championships, she'll be heading home to prepare for the Inwood Sidewinder Dryland Race on Oct. 26. The non-IFSS race has been an annual event since 2017 and attracts people from all over Manitoba, including Plum Coulee, St. Anne's and Winnipeg, as well as from Ontario.

"The fellow who owns the property in Inwood maintains the trails," said Smith. "The Sidewinder is a community fun race. But this is the first year we've been adamant about meeting certain regulations."



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RM of Gimli resident Muriel Smith, in her team Canada uniform, with her dog Jake. The bikejoring team earned a spot on Canada's national harness-dog team for the second time in as many years. Smith is planning to attend the IFSS Dryland Mushing World Championship races in Wisconsin in a few weeks.

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Manitoba Beef Producers continues to advocate for new trade relationships, producer needs

By Patricia Barrett

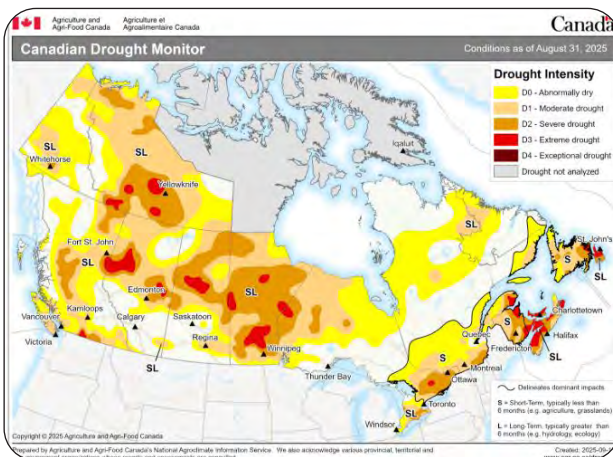
Although the beef sector in Manitoba is currently enjoying high prices for cattle and calves, producers are still experiencing challenges after drought conditions this season that affected, in particular, the Interlake, a continuing decline in herd numbers across Canada and the overall uncertainty of future trading relationships with the United States.

Manitoba Beef Producers (MBP) general manager Carson Callum said Canadian beef is covered under the Canada-U.S.-Mexico trade agreement (CUSMA), but the sector took a “multi-million-dollar hit” in April when confusion over U.S. president Donald Trump’s “tariffs on everything” resulted in a day and a half or so of tariffs on Canadian beef.

“Our Canadian beef industry is extremely integrated with the U.S.. There is a lot of live cattle and products that go back and forth across the border. So any sort of trade barriers that are put on — whether that’s tariffs or non-tariff trade barriers — will be detrimental to our sector,” said Callum. “We export about 50 per cent of what we produce in the cattle industry, and about 79 per cent of that goes to the U.S.. That’s huge and it’s really important for both sides of the border. The U.S. also relies on Canadian cattle. It’s really important that we maintain an open and free trade market with the U.S.”

Callum said MBP’s message to parliamentarians and others involved in trade negotiations with the U.S. administration is to preserve that open market system between the two countries.

And with regard to trade negotiations with the United Kingdom and Europe, Callum said Canadian beef producers have seen some non-tariff trade barriers that have “made it more difficult for us to access that market.”



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The Canadian Drought Monitor as of Aug. 31, 2025, shows almost all of Manitoba in varying degrees of drought, and much of the country suffering from abnormally dry conditions or drought.

MBP is encouraging the federal government and its European trade negotiators “to see if they can make [European] markets more accessible to Canadian beef,” said Callum. “We’re not quite there yet. It’s more the non-tariff trade barriers that are a challenge.”

Non-trade barriers as far as Europe is concerned can include quotas, licensing requirements and technical standards, according to Export Development Canada, a federal Crown corporation that helps Canadian companies do business. The European Union is Canada’s second-largest trading partner. Europe has about 511 million people and is a stable trading partner for Canada. Canada has four free trade agreements with Europe: one with the European Union (CETA), the United King-



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A cow and a calf in a drought-stricken field are shown near Inwood in August 2021. The provincial NDP government recently announced it is freezing rental rates on Crown land to help producers affected by drought this year.

dom (TCA), the European Free Trade Association (CEFTA) and with Ukraine (CUFTA). There are opportunities in Europe for sectors such as agriculture, energy, finance and technology.

On the Manitoba drought front, Callum said MBP appreciates the provincial government having frozen the rent on Crown land leases as that will help many producers who’ve experienced shortages of feed as the drought continued over much of this season.

“This is the third or fourth consecutive year that the province has [frozen rent]. As to the drought, we’ve seen conditions improve a bit as we got through August and September. But leading up to that, the conditions were quite dire, in

particular in the Interlake and sporadically throughout the province. We were happy to see the rain come,” said Callum. “That being said, guys are still short of feed and are looking for alternatives. They’re also looking at water resource development. The province announced a few weeks ago that it will offer a cost-share program for new wells or dugouts. That’s a positive step. The province also encouraged grain farmers to convert written-off crops [due to drought] into feed for livestock.”

Although the drought has stressed many producers, Callum said the cattle industry is buoyed by the high prices for their cattle.

“Prices are quite phenomenal. And that’s been a long time coming because we’ve seen years and years of producers really struggling to be profitable. It’s great to see,” he said. “That

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Farmers welcome extension of Crown land rent freeze

By E. Antonio

The Manitoba government has extended its current rent freeze of \$3.66 per animal unit month for Agricultural Crown Lands (ACL) forage leases through the 2026 growing season, Agriculture Minister Ron Kostyshyn announced on Oct. 8. The rate remains the lowest in Western Canada.

"Manitoba producers are the backbone of the provincial economy and our government is committed to keeping life affordable for the hard-working Manitobans who put food on our tables," said Kostyshyn. "Continuing this rent freeze provides financial stability for producers and reflects our commitment to affordability."

The ACL program supports approximately 1,750 leaseholders across Manitoba, including Fisher Branch cattle farmer Allan Lindal. He owns about 100 Simmentals and farms 1,000 acres of Crown land — just under half of his total property. Lindal said the extended rent freeze will provide financial relief for him and other Interlake producers.

"I was happy to see the government's commitment to doing it again, as it is very financially helpful to us farmers," he said. "It truly shows their commitment to people working within the agricultural sector and at the bottom line — when the agriculture industry thrives, so will the businesses. Because if cattle farmers have money to spend, we will spend it. If we don't, we'll definitely be cutting back on our purchases."

This past growing season has brought many challenges, both physical and financial. Farmers across the province have faced drought and feed shortages — two factors that have

strained Lindal's operation. He said that despite the shortages, he expects to have enough feed to last the winter, though it's not a situation he's comfortable with.

While he appreciates the rent freeze, Lindal said it represents only a temporary measure for a long-term issue. "They need to come up with something they can commit to long term. While the freezes are nice, it's just a short one-time fix that leads to uncertainty for the future years. A long-term plan is needed to help farmers sustain their operations."

Lindal also wants to see changes to the allocation system, which he said makes it difficult for young farmers to acquire land.

He explained that under the current 15-year lease bid system, the higher the bid, the greater the chance of securing the lease. Once awarded, the land is leased for only 15 years. The previous system was based on need, and farmers could hold land indefinitely.

"Young farmers who are purchasing their land always have to think into the future, and what their plans might be to purchase more land once their 15-year lease is up," Lindal said. "It should come back to — what I think was called — the legacy lease, so young farmers can know they are committed to their career and don't have to face that uncertainty."

Along with the rent freeze, the Manitoba government has launched the first phase of its public engagement process to help shape the future of the ACL program — something Lindal said he's pleased to see.

"I encourage all farmers to take part in the survey," he said. "It shows



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Allan Lindal and his son, Arik, of Fisher Branch will benefit from the Agricultural Crown Lands rent freeze in 2026.

that the government is committed to helping improve the program, and I'm hoping that with the inclusion of farmers' voices, it will give the government some ideas and the go-ahead to proceed with changes. It's good they want to get our opinions — now I hope they listen."

Manitobans can complete the survey at engagemb.ca until Nov. 24. Feed-

back will help inform decisions for the 2027 ACL program.

"Our minister of agriculture does understand the importance of the agriculture industry and Crown land to rural agricultural operations," Lindal added. "We'll work together to ensure the industry is sustainable in all communities within the Interlake."

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Rocklands threshing day revives Manitoba farm traditions



By Lana Meier

A glimpse into Manitoba's agricultural past came to life on Sept. 27 as the Rocklands Antique Club hosted a threshing demonstration at the South Interlake Ag Grounds.

The hands-on event drew spectators eager to see how grain was harvested in the early days before modern machinery transformed farming. Volunteers had cut the crop two weeks earlier, binding it into sheaves and stacking them into stooks — just as prairie farmers would have done

generations ago.

On demonstration day, two bale wagons of grain were threshed using vintage equipment. One load was powered by Roy Campbell's classic Rumley tractor, while the second was driven by Wally Ewonchuk's 1945 John Deere AR.

The event was both an educational showcase and a celebration of rural heritage, highlighting the hard work, ingenuity and community spirit that defined harvest time on the Prairies.



TRIBUNE PHOTOS BY LANA MEIER

Community flocks to annual Stony Mountain Goose Shoot fundraiser

By Lana Meier

Hunters, guides and volunteers came together Oct. 3 and 4 for the annual Stony Mountain Goose Shoot — a long-standing local tradition that combines sport, camaraderie and community fundraising.

The two-day event drew teams from across Manitoba, including several local competitors, all vying for top honours in both the youth and adult divisions. Proceeds from the shoot support four community organizations: the Stony Mountain Community Association, Stony Mountain Community Centre, Stony Mountain Minor Hockey and Skate Stony Mountain.

Chair Lisa Deprez said the Goose Shoot has become much more than a hunting competition.

"To me, the Stony Mountain Goose Shoot is all about community," she said. "It's a tradition that's brought people together for generations — friends, families, neighbours — all coming out to enjoy the weekend, share some laughs, and keep a great local event alive. It's more than a shoot; it's a celebration of who we are as a community and what makes Stony Mountain feel like home."

Deprez noted that the event's fundraising impact is felt long after the last bird is weighed.

"The money raised from the Goose Shoot goes right back into our community," she explained. "It helps support local groups like our community association, minor hockey, Skate Stony Mountain and the community centre — keeping programs affordable and facilities in great shape. It's amazing to see how one weekend of fun can have such a big impact all year long."

In the Angele Deprez Youth Division, first place went to Team E. Stewart of Stony Mountain, who harvested four birds weighing a combined 32.9 pounds. The team won a Winchester SXP 12-gauge Black Shadow. Their guide was Taylor Shymko, and Gerald Grandmont purchased the team in the Calcutta.

Second place was claimed by Team R. Dew of Stony Mountain, with one bird at 7.6 lbs, earning a Stony Mountain Goose Shoot shotgun case. Doug Bellingham served as guide and Randy Moody was the Calcutta buyer.

Third place went to Team Paupanekis from Cross Lake with one bird weighing 4.4 lbs, winning a 20-litre field bag. The team was guided by Corey Bruel and purchased by Tim Kostaniuk in the Calcutta.

In the Adult Division, top honours went to Team K. Byle of Stony Mountain, who harvested 12 birds weigh-



Team E. Stewart from Stony Mountain claimed first place in the Angele Deprez Youth Division at the Stony Mountain Goose Shoot with four birds weighing a total of 32.9 lbs. The team, Everett Stewart, Eli Grassinger, Connor DeLaroque, Duncan Grassinger, each received a Winchester SXP 12-gauge Black Shadow 3" 28 Barrel for their win. Guide: Taylor Shymko. Calcutta buyer: Gerald Grandmont.



Team Paupanekis from Cross Lake placed third in the Angele Deprez Youth Division at the Stony Mountain Goose Shoot with one bird weighing 4.4 lbs. The team, Kieran Monias, Jace Muswaggon, Joshua Ross and Jacob Blacksmith, each received a Stony Mountain Goose Shoot 20-litre field bag. Guide: Corey Bruel. Calcutta buyer: Tim Kostaniuk.



Team C. Thiessen from Stony Mountain secured second place in the Adult Division at the Stony Mountain Goose Shoot with 12 birds weighing a total of 116 lbs. The team, Colby Thiessen, Easton Ewanek, Blake McClintock, Max Roche, each received a Winchester SXP 12-gauge Hybrid Hunter 3 1/2" 28" barrel. Guide: Lisa Deprez. Calcutta buyer: Austen Ewanek.

ing 116.2 lbs, winning a Winchester SX4 12-gauge Hybrid Hunter. Shawn Bellin guided the team, and Neil VanDorp was the Calcutta buyer.

Team C. Thiessen, also of Stony Mountain, took second place with 12 birds at 116 lbs, winning a Winchester SXP 12-gauge Hybrid Hunter. Their guide was Lisa Deprez, and Austen

Ewanek was the Calcutta buyer.

Third place went to Team K. Roy of Stony Mountain with 12 birds weighing 115.3 lbs, taking home a Winchester SXP Black Shadow. Tessa Dew guided the team, and Greg Campbell was the Calcutta buyer.

In addition to competition prizes, a silent auction supported by doz-



Team R. Dew from Stony Mountain earned second place in the Angele Deprez Youth Division at the Stony Mountain Goose Shoot with one bird weighing 7.6 lbs. The team, Rayden Dew, Haven Douglas, Alex Lavalee, each received a Stony Mountain Goose Shoot shotgun case. Guide: Doug Bellingham. Calcutta buyer: Randy Moody.



Team K. Byle from Stony Mountain captured first place in the Adult Division at the Stony Mountain Goose Shoot with 12 birds weighing a total of 116.2 lbs. The team, Shawn Slatcher, Darren Thiessen, Kenton Byle, Kris Medwid, each received a Winchester SX4 12-gauge Hybrid Hunter 3 1/2" 28" barrel. Guide: Shawn Bellin. Calcutta buyer: Neil VanDorp.



Team K. Roy from Stony Mountain placed third in the Adult Division at the Stony Mountain Goose Shoot with 12 birds weighing a total of 115.3 lbs. The team, Keith Roy, Evan Roy, Wade Byle, Travis McKay, received a Winchester SXP 12-gauge Black Shadow 3 1/2" 28" barrel. Guide: Tessa Dew. Calcutta buyer: Greg Campbell.

ens of local businesses helped raise additional funds for community initiatives. Organizers extended their thanks to all donors for their generosity, including long-time supporters who contribute year after year.

Deprez said the success of this year's

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Stonewall Small Business Spotlight marks 16th year of community celebration

By Annaliese Meier

The Stonewall Small Business Spotlight is set to return for its 16th year, bringing together more than 35 vendors for a day of shopping, community connection and local pride.

The event takes place Saturday, Oct. 18 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Stonewall Legion and promises a mix of familiar faces and exciting newcomers.

“Visitors can look forward to a wide variety of vendors once again, with many of our popular favourites returning and some exciting new faces joining us for the first time,” said

organizer Tanya Swanson, who coordinates the event alongside Kerrie Holm.

This year’s lineup includes new vendors such as Adventures Away from Holm Travel, Prairie Skye, Scrappy Tote Bags and Made by Kidz, joining long-time local favourites that attendees have come to love.

“There’s something for everyone,” Swanson said. “Vendors will be showcasing travel and adventure experiences, Prairie Honey, Prairie Sun candles, local artisans, specialty foods, handmade goods and so much

more. It’s the perfect chance to shop locally and find unique holiday gifts.”

Attendees can also take part in special features and giveaways throughout the day. Many vendors will run their own draws and promotions, while the organizers will host a \$50 “market money” door prize, redeemable with any vendor. Motion 360 will also be on-site offering complimentary video experiences.

Admission is by donation, with 100 per cent of proceeds going to the Stonewall Christmas Cheer Board. A 50/50 draw will also be held, with

half of the funds supporting the Coffeehouse to End Cancer.

“Each year we choose a different local organization or cause to support,” Swanson said. “This year we felt strongly about contributing to cancer support initiatives, as it’s something that has touched many of our lives.”

The Stonewall Small Business Spotlight continues to shine as a beloved community tradition, offering residents a chance to support local entrepreneurs while giving back to causes close to home.

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being said, the other side of the coin is that when you have favourable prices, producers who are close to retirement see it as a good time to sell high and get out of the industry. Unfortunately, we are seeing that in the industry.”

On the other hand, Callum said high prices lead to optimism in the industry, especially among younger farmers looking to buy and grow their herds. That is good overall for the industry as both Canada and the U.S.’s cattle herds have been declining for a number of years while demand for beef by North American consumers

remains strong.

Part of the MBP’s mandate is education. To that end it undertook a pilot project (2020-2023) to look at ways producers can prevent or mitigate predator attacks on cattle. Those measures included having donkeys (female donkeys preferably as they don’t tend to fight bulls) or guardian dogs integrated within a herd or hiring a trapper to catch predators.

“There’s no real silver bullet, for lack of a better word, when you’re dealing with predators. There is non-lethal mitigation that does work well. But sometimes when you’ve got a wolf pack that’s moved into an area, it can be a challenge. What we learned from

the pilot project is that producers can and should be using mitigation measures for these losses. When you get a problem predator, the main answer is lethal removal,” said Callum. “We’re happy to see that the agriculture department has put more focus on funding for trapping and is working with the Manitoba Trappers Association to provide that expertise and support when needed.”

MBP held a meeting for District 10 producers in Arborg on Oct. 14, enabling producers to get an update on what’s going on in the industry, discuss topics of relevance to their operations, what MBP is working on in terms of advocacy and to mix and

mingle with their peers. The event included guest speaker Cindy Jack, livestock and forage extension specialist from the Manitoba agriculture department and a free meal of beef on a bun.

MBP will be holding upcoming district meetings (even-numbered districts) in Grunthal, Crystal City, Neepawa, Swan River and other locations. And in November MBP is inviting producers across all districts to attend a virtual meeting on Nov. 4 starting at 7 p.m.

For more information, call the MBP office at 1-800-772-0458.

RCMP Emergency Response Team deployed twice in Manitoba for firearm-related arrests

By Haley Cvar

The Manitoba RCMP’s Emergency Response Team (ERT) was deployed twice on Oct. 8 in separate incidents involv-

ing potential firearm threats in Portage la Prairie and Fisher River.

At approximately 6 p.m., Portage la Prairie RCMP obtained a warrant to enter a residence in the city to arrest a man wanted on two outstanding warrants. Because police believed the

suspect was armed, the ERT was called in to assist.

After deploying tear gas, ERT officers entered the home and located the suspect inside. He resisted arrest but was subdued using a conducted energy weapon (Taser) and taken into custody without further incident.

Aaron Penman, 47, remains in custody following a court appearance. He faces two existing arrest warrants along with new charges of resisting arrest and disobeying court orders.

Later that evening, around 10 p.m., Fisher Branch RCMP attempted to arrest another man wanted on multiple warrants in Fisher River. The suspect barricaded himself inside a residence and was believed to have a firearm.

An entry warrant was obtained, and ERT officers entered the property in the early morning hours of Oct. 9.

Tyson Amos, 31, was arrested without incident and has been remanded into custody. He faces three outstanding warrants and new charges of uttering threats and resisting arrest.

Both investigations remain ongoing, with Portage la Prairie and Fisher Branch RCMP continuing to assist.



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67's debut weekend features tough tests, promising sparks

By Lana Meier

The Warren 67's made their Hanover Tache Junior Hockey League debut at home this past weekend, facing a steep learning curve against two veteran clubs but showing signs of potential as the season unfolds.

In their inaugural outing Friday night, the 67's fell 9-3 to the visiting Red River Mudbugs at Access Credit Union Arena. Dylan Riddell opened the scoring for Warren in the second period, assisted by Evan Roy and Justin Braid, before Braid added another goal later in the frame. Ben McKenzie capped the night with a late third-period marker assisted by Ethan Shymko.

Goaltender Dallas Shaver faced heavy pressure throughout, turning aside 26 shots as the Mudbugs pulled away with six goals in the third period. Red River's Ty Tarnick scored twice and Ethan Clace collected three assists to lead the visitors.

On Saturday, Warren returned to home ice with a much sharper effort but came up just short in a 4-3 loss to the East St. Paul Gators.

Emry Bunting put the 67's on the board late in the first period from Gavin Winram, who went on to have a standout game with a goal and two assists. Alternate captain Owen Shymko struck early in the second and assisted on Winram's third-period tally, but East St. Paul responded with four unanswered goals midway through the contest, including a power-play goal by Carter Reid.

Goaltender Preston Laschyn was a bright spot for Warren, stopping 44 shots in his first start of the season.

The 67's will look to build on their strong offensive showing when they host the Springfield Xtreme on Oct. 17 at 8 p.m., before heading to East St. Paul for a rematch the following night.



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Owen Shymko scored for the Warren 67's and added an assist in his team's 4-3 loss to the East St. Paul Gators in Hanover Tache Junior Hockey League action in Warren on Oct. 11. Pictured, Shymko dekes out Gators goaltender Zacharie Grenier at 1:49 of the second period.

Merces set for SEMHL season start

By Haley Cvar

The Warren Merces are ready to lace up for another season in the South Eastern Manitoba Hockey League (SEMHL), as the 2025-26 campaign gets underway later this month.

Warren will open the season on the road Wednesday, Oct. 29, when they face the Notre Dame Hawks. The Merces will then return to home ice for their home opener on Sunday, Nov. 2 at 4:15 p.m., hosting the Île des

Chênes Northstars at Warren Arena.

This year's SEMHL features nine teams — Carman, Île des Chênes, Morden, Notre Dame, Portage, Red River, Springfield, Warren and Winkler — each playing an 18-game regular-season schedule (nine home and nine away). The league will again run through Feb. 7, followed by a full playoff bracket.

All teams will qualify for the post-season, beginning with an 8th-vs-

9th-place Survivor Series to decide who moves on to face the top seed. The playoffs will continue with best-of-five series in the first and second rounds, before concluding with a best-of-seven championship final.

"The competition gets stronger every year," said [coach/player name]. "We've got a solid group back this season and a few new faces who'll fit right in. Our fans always make Warren Arena an exciting place to play,

and we're ready to get going."

Local supporters will have plenty to cheer about this season as the Merces chase another deep playoff run in one of Manitoba's most competitive senior men's leagues.

NEXT GAMES:

Wed., Oct. 29 — Warren at Notre Dame, 8:00 p.m.

Sun., Nov. 2 — Île des Chênes at Warren, 4:15 p.m. (Home Opener)

Jets fall short of comeback against reigning champs

By Kieran Reimer

The Stonewall Jets came up short in their first matchup of the season against the defending Manitoba Major Junior Hockey League champion St. Boniface Riels on Thursday night.

The Jets, entering the contest 1-1 after a road loss to Transcona, found themselves under pressure early from the reigning champs. The Riels outshot Stonewall 23-9 in the opening

frame, building a 3-0 lead by the first intermission.

Determined to respond, the Jets turned the momentum in the second period. Peyton Bateman and Rylan Slatcher each found the back of the net, cutting the deficit to one while Stonewall outshot St. Boniface 16-10.

The Jets continued to press in the third, firing 14 shots to the Riels' eight to finish with 39 on the night. But a

pair of mid-period penalties gave St. Boniface a timely power play, and the Riels capitalized to go up 4-2 with under 10 minutes remaining. They added two more goals late — one into an empty net — to seal a 6-2 victory.

With the win, St. Boniface stayed undefeated, while Stonewall dropped to 1-2 on the season.

The Jets now prepare for a busy stretch with three games in four days,

including two at home.

Upcoming games:

Thursday, Oct. 16 — vs. St. James Jr. Canucks, 8 p.m. at Veterans Memorial Sports Complex

Friday, Oct. 17 — at Pembina Valley Twisters, 7:30 p.m. at Morris Multi-Plex

Sunday, Oct. 19 — vs. St. Vital Jr. Victorias, 2:30 p.m. at Veterans Memorial Sports Complex

Thunder return to the air for dominant sixth consecutive win

By Kieran Reimer

Another week, another win for the Varsity Interlake Thunder, as the Rural Manitoba Football League leaders rolled to their sixth straight victory.

The Thunder blanked the Virden Golden Bears 42-0 in their home regular-season finale Saturday afternoon in Stonewall, leaning on a sharp passing attack in milder conditions than a week earlier.

Starting quarterback Jessie Batenchuk led the way, throwing touchdown passes to AJ Nadon and Dylan Maclean and adding a rushing major of his own. Interlake also got impact plays on special teams and defence: Marlo La Pierre took a punt back for a touchdown, while Mark Stroppa returned an interception for a pick-six.

Up 35-0 by the second quarter, the Thunder worked in their non-starters, who managed the game the rest of the way en route to the lopsided final.

"Overall it was a good game," head coach Christof Hasselfield said. "A little bit of sloppiness towards the end there, but the thirds went in there and did their job and did it pretty efficiently, so coming away with the win, being 6-0, is a pretty good feeling going into the final week of the season for sure."

Saturday's result, combined with a Moosomin Generals loss the same day, clinched first place for Interlake. The Thunder will enter the playoffs as the No. 1 seed with home-field advantage throughout.

However, there's one piece of regular-season business left: a Week 7 showdown with Moosomin on Sunday — a measuring-stick game as Interlake chases a perfect campaign.

"It's going to take maybe some of the things that we were a bit sloppier



Interlake Thunder teammates AJ Nadon and Dylan Maclean celebrate a touchdown during the team's dominant 42-0 win over the Virden Golden Bears in Rural Manitoba Football League action Saturday afternoon in Stonewall.

with in the second half in this game that led to some stalled drives — obviously wouldn't want that," Hasselfield said. "It's that time of year, too, where it's starting to play a bit more of a mental game of getting those guys up and ready for playoff football, which is a different beast and a different mentality, and a little more intense."

Hasselfield added the roster is "pretty much back to full strength" heading into the matchup.

Kickoff Sunday is scheduled for 2 p.m. at Moosomin Armoury Hall in Moosomin, Sask.



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Interlake Thunder linemen Caleb Miyai (52), Ty Shachtay (50) and Jake Rogoski (62) prepare for the snap against the Virden Golden Bears during RMFL play Saturday in Stonewall.



Interlake Thunder linemen Jayden Buors (72), Gabriel Wood (78) and Kingston Sutherland (77) hold the line against Virden.

> GOOSE SHOOT, FROM PG. 19

shoot was a testament to the dedication of volunteers and the enthusiasm of participants.

"What stood out most this year was the incredible sense of community spirit," she said. "From the volunteers who dedicated countless hours to the participants who showed up with enthusiasm, it truly showcased what can be accomplished when everyone works together. The turnout and teamwork were outstanding, and the level of support we received reminded us why this event continues to thrive year after year."

Donations were also made on behalf of Ed Vande to the Christ Church Cemetery and the Stony Mountain Fire Department.

The 2025 Goose Shoot Committee includes Tony Hoess, Chris Sawka,



Dawne Smithson, Meigan Howes, Shannon Roy, Keith Roy, Lisa Deprez and Kenton Byle — each representing one of the benefiting community groups.

Organizers say they are already looking ahead to next year's event, set for Oct. 2 and 3, 2026. Teams can pre-register by emailing smgooseshoot@gmail.com or messaging



Members of the 2025 Stony Mountain Goose Shoot Committee include (left to right) Tony Hoess, Chris Sawka, Dawne Smithson, Meigan Howes, Shannon Roy, Keith Roy, Lisa Deprez and Kenton Byle. The annual fundraiser supports local community groups including minor hockey, Skate Stony Mountain, the community centre and community association.

the committee on Facebook.

"Every year, it's about more than just the hunt," Deprez added. "It's about neighbours coming together to give back."

Wildcats take silver at Vincent Massey volleyball tournament

By Lana Meier

The Warren Collegiate Institute varsity girls' volleyball team turned in an impressive performance at the Vincent Massey tournament in Brandon, finishing second overall.

The Wildcats advanced to the final against the host Vincent Massey Vikings — a AAAA-level team — where they fell 25-18 and 25-16 to take silver.

Earlier in the tournament, Warren earned wins over several strong opponents. They defeated Oak Park 25-10, dropped the second set 28-26, and bounced back to win 15-12. They also posted straight-set victories over Jeanne-Sauvé (25-22, 25-21), Carberry (25-7, 25-16), Stonewall (25-22, 25-14) and River East (26-24, 25-17).

Rams varsity volleyball action



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY JO-ANNE PROCTER

The Stonewall Rams varsity girls' volleyball team fell to the St. Mary's Flames three sets to one at Collège Stonewall Collegiate on Oct. 6, forcing a fourth set with a 25-22 win. The Rams will be back at home Oct. 22 to host the Shaftesbury Titans at 6 p.m., with the boys' varsity team playing earlier at 4:30 p.m. Pictured, Rams libero Morgan Walker digs the ball.

> BIKEJORING, FROM PG. 15

Smith and Fisher and a few other harness-dog athletes are in the process of developing a local not-for-profit chapter under the Canadian Association of Harness Dog Sports, which is affiliated with the IFSS. Manitoba doesn't have a chapter, but there are chapters in the Martimes, Quebec, central Ontario, Alberta and B.C.

By next year Smith said they plan to have a Mantario Harness Dogs Sports Association, which will cover Manitoba and north-western Ontario. The purpose of

having an IFSS chapter is to bring regulations and standards to the sport, hold local IFSS-compliant races and allow athletes to qualify for national and international events.

Smith said she has wonderful sponsors and other supporters behind her.

"I have good support in the community such as Bikes & Beyond and Perfectly Raw."

She joked that Perfectly Raw powers Jake.



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The Warren Collegiate Wildcats varsity girls' volleyball team captured second place at the Vincent Massey tournament in Brandon on the weekend. Pictured left to right, back row: Mackenzie Boonstra, Katie Atchison, Danika Shaver, Chyler Grenkow, Sara Knutson, Mya Richard and Jessica Church; Front row, Cadence Huard, Camryn Oliver, Julia Oliver, Tori Galbraith, Paige Seidel and Natalia Lavallee-Thang.

Teulon JV girls capture MacGregor title



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The Teulon Collegiate junior varsity girls (White) volleyball team captured first place at the MacGregor Tournament held Oct. 3-4, winning the championship match in a thrilling third set, 17-15, against Major Pratt. The 10-team tournament saw Teulon face MacGregor, WMCI, Carman and Major Pratt in round-robin play. The team advanced to the semifinals, where they defeated Prairie Mountain in two straight sets to earn a spot in the final. Strong serving, key blocks, and consistent setting helped Teulon stay composed as points traded back and forth in the deciding match. Coaches Mike R. and Derek C. praised their players' perseverance and focus in securing the win. The previous week, the Teulon JV girls finished sixth out of 20 teams at the Virden tournament, showing continued growth and determination early in the season. Pictured left to right, back row: coach Mike R., Ainsleigh H., Mya M., Lily M., Avery M., Annah C., Lilly S., Scarlett W., and coach Derek C. Front row: Zuri C., Kate R., Lanaya T., Olivia P. and Jaily N T.

Rams capture consolation crown on home turf

By Lana Meier

The Stonewall Collegiate Rams capped an exciting finish on home turf, winning the consolation championship 3-1 in overtime after Maddox Keeping broke the deadlock and Reese James added the insurance marker against the Minnedosa Chancellors.

The Rams had opened with a 4-0 loss to the W.C. Miller Aces but regrouped to beat the R.D. Parker Collegiate Trojans and earn a berth in the consolation final.

"We are so proud of our guys," said Rams head coach Jason Cassils. "They never give up and always stick with the game plan. Chico has also done a very good job at teaching them to be disciplined and structured well. They all had a role and performed the best they had all year. It was so nice to see it all come together at the right time."

Cassils said the team faced tough opposition from the start. "We had a very tough game in our opening match. W.C. Miller was quite strong and kept us under pressure the entire game."

He credited the team's veterans for setting the tone. "Our returning players were great leaders and helped the young guys. Our captains did a wonderful job of keeping the guys fired up and focused all year. Carson, Ashley, Owen and Dylan were great leaders and played huge minutes. Our young guys also played extremely well and our keeper Grayson was on his game all weekend too."

The home-field crowd also added to the moment. "The guys loved having



Maddox Keeping unloads the OT opener for the Rams, sparking a 3-1 victory.

all of their family and friends there to watch," said Cassils. "It made it a special weekend. Thank you to everyone that came out to support the boys."

"This year's team was fully committed from day one," he added. "We always had over 20 players at each practice and it showed this weekend. The future looks bright for our team moving into next year. A huge thanks to coach Chico for all the time he put into the program this year and in previous years."

The Stonewall girls went 0-2, losing 5-1 to Morden in the quarterfinal on Oct. 10, then fell 2-0 to Niverville in the consolation semifinal on Oct. 11.

Co-hosted by Collège Stonewall Collegiate and Morweena Christian School, the provincials drew strong crowds and praise for organization and hospitality.

"It's special to host provincials right here at home," said Cassils. "The support from fans, families and the



TRIBUNE PHOTOS BY LANA MEIER

The Collège Stonewall Collegiate Rams celebrate their consolation championship at the MHSAA A-AAA boys' provincials in Stonewall on Saturday after a 3-1 overtime win over the Minnedosa Chancellors. Players: Jonah Bencharski, Ashley Conrad, Daniel Dix, Scott Dove, Dylan Fox, Malcolm Grandmont, Nolan Grantham, Reese James, Maddox Keeping, Ashton Kozyra, Jace Lafournaise, Carson Learmond, Grayson Levesque, Bryden Long, Jamison Long, Zachary McIvor, Quinn Nugent, Aiden Peterson, Brady Precourt, Ryan Richen, Graeme Slatcher, Jayden Slatcher, Owen Steinke, Bryson Sullivan, Noah Tomchuk, Niam Wedel and Kade Williams.

community made it an unforgettable weekend for everyone involved."

The Morweena Christian School Raptors claimed bronze with a 2-1 win over the W.C. Miller Aces in the third-place game. Morweena opened with a 3-2 victory over Minnedosa, fell 10-0 to Garden Valley in the semifinal, then bounced back to secure the podium.

"It means a lot for our school and our community," said Raptors coach [insert name]. "The boys played with heart all weekend and represented Morweena really well."

Morweena standouts Jamin Penner and Ethan Kornelsen were named to the 2025 Boys Provincial A-AAA Soc-

cer High School All-Star Team.

PROVINCIAL PODIUMS — A-AAA SOCCER:

Boys: Gold — Garden Valley Zodiaks (3-2 vs. Niverville Panthers); Silver — Niverville Panthers; Bronze — Morweena Raptors (2-1 vs. W.C. Miller Aces).

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Girls: Gold — Morden Thunder (1-0 vs. W.C. Miller Aces); Silver — W.C. Miller Aces; Bronze — Garden Valley Zodiaks (3-0 vs. MacGregor/William Morton). Consolation: Hapnot Kopper Kweens def. Niverville Panthers 2-1.



Stonewall's Reese James is swarmed by Rams teammates after scoring in overtime to seal a 3-1 consolation-final win over the Minnedosa Chancellors at the MHSAA A-AAA provincials in Stonewall on Saturday.



The Rams captains Carson Learmond, Dylan Fox, Ashley Conrad and Owen Steinke accept the consolation championship plaque

Interlake junior high divisional cross-country champion

By Jo-Anne Procter

The 2025-26 Interlake School Division junior high divisional cross-country meet was held at Teulon Green Acres Park on Oct. 7.

A total of 224 student-athletes in grades 5 to 8 took to the trails to represent their respective schools.

École Stonewall Centennial School

Stingers captured the large-school banner, while the Grosse Isle Flyers claimed the small-school title.

Grade 5 and 6 students ran 1,500

metres in the primary category, while Grade 7 and 8 students competed over a 2,000-metre course in the junior and intermediate divisions.



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Pictured left to right: Primary girls — third place Zoey Dew (Warren, 5:58), second place Chloe Charison (Teulon, 5:54) and first place Peyton Tully (Woodlands, 5:52). Junior girls — third place Georgia Campbell (Grosse Isle, 8:21), first place Kylie Brunel (Stonewall Centennial, 8:03) and second place Jocelyn Hueging (Woodlands, 8:12). Intermediate girls — second place Grace Ward (Stonewall Centennial, 7:37), first place Kaylah James (Stonewall Centennial, 7:29) and third place London Sherry (Grosse Isle, 7:48).



Pictured left to right: Primary boys — first place Eli Tully (Woodlands, 4:49), second place Myers Hueging (Woodlands, 4:56) and third place Tucker Wutzke (Stonewall Centennial, 5:00). Junior boys — first place Copper Langrell (Warren, 7:59), second place Wyatt Walsh (Warren, 8:19) and third place Brayden Hueging (Grosse Isle, 8:27). Intermediate boys — first place Zach Schram (Stony Mountain, 7:00), second place Crew Corbett (Stonewall Centennial, 7:09) and third place Elliot Davidson (Stonewall Centennial School, 7:19).



Top photo, The Grosse Isle Flyers captured the 2025-26 small-school title at the Interlake Divisional Junior High Cross-Country Championships. Bottom photo: The Stonewall Centennial Stingers claimed the large-school banner.

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Roll Number	Description	Assessed Value	Amount of Arrears & Costs for Which Property May be Offered for Sale
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