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Students and staff from École R.W. Bobby Bend School hosted a Remembrance Day service on Nov. 7. Students took part in reciting poems, singing together and displaying beautiful artwork. At the conclusion of the service students placed wreaths they created at the front of the gymnasium. Pictured left to right, back row: Harriet Deayton., Declan McLean, Melaniia Shevchenko and Jacob Stetch. Kneeling, Mya Yurick and Oaklyn Faskerti.

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Bobby Bend students honour veterans at Remembrance Day service



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Students participated in the Peace Pledge, spelling out the message "Peace begins with me" during the school's Remembrance Day assembly.

By Jo-Anne Procter

Students and staff at École R.W. Bobby Bend School gathered in the gymnasium on Friday, Nov. 7 for a thoughtful and heartfelt Remembrance Day service honouring the sacrifices of Canadian veterans and active service members.

The ceremony featured special guest sergeant-at-arms Howard Hilstrom and guest speaker Megan Van Heyst, an educational assistant at the school who also serves as an infantry soldier with the Royal Winnipeg Rifles in the Canadian Army Reserve. Van Heyst spoke to students about her training, including a recent cold-weather exercise in the Yukon where soldiers worked alongside members of the Canadian Rangers, and emphasized the importance of remembering those who have served.

"Every November, we take time to remember the people who have served and sacrificed for Canada," Van Heyst told the students. "That's what Veterans' Week and Remembrance Day are all about. We remember those who served long ago, like during both world wars and in other



Sergeant-at-arms Howard Hilstrom (right) and guest speaker Megan Van Heyst, an educational assistant at École R.W. Bobby Bend School and an infantry soldier with the Royal Winnipeg Rifles.

countries around the world. Today, millions of people wear a poppy over their heart to show respect. We also honour those who are serving today." Van Heyst encouraged students to



Grade 3 students Austin Olson, Nora Williams and Maren Van Hussen take turns reading during École R.W. Bobby Bend School's Remembrance Day service.

think about courage, empathy and service in their own lives.

"When we say the words 'Lest We Forget,' we are making a special promise," she said. "It's our promise to remember them and to never forget what they sacrificed so that all of us can live in safety and freedom."

Grade 3 students played a central role in the program, delivering readings, songs and short presentations in both English and French. They spoke about the significance of the poppy, explaining that the symbol represents remembrance and respect for those who served. Their participation reflected weeks of preparation in the classroom, where teachers guided discussions on peace, gratitude and the meaning of service.

The school community observed a moment of silence as the Last Post

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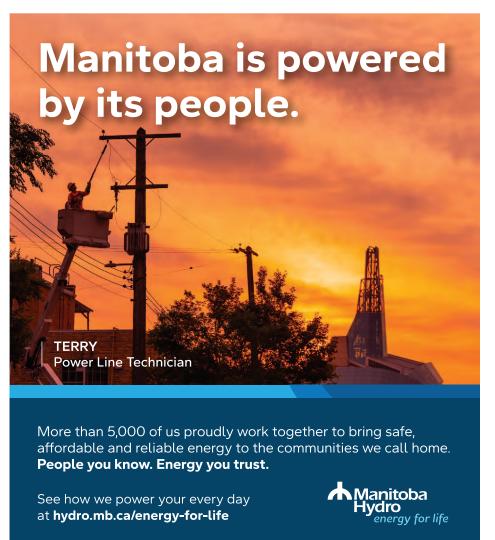
Coffeehouse raises \$30K



Founder Paige Procter presents a cheque for \$30,653.91 to the CancerCare Manitoba Foundation on Oct. 28 following the 15th annual Coffeehouse to End Cancer. The event, held in Grosse Isle on Sept. 5 and supported by local musicians, artists, volunteers and sponsors, raises funds to support cancer research and to improve comfort and care for Manitobans undergoing treatment. This year's total brings the Coffeehouse's cumulative fundraising to \$352,712.66 since the event began, reflecting strong ongoing community support for CancerCare services in the province.







Warren students celebrate publishing project

By Jennifer McFee

A local elementary school embarked on a novel project to promote a love of literacy and foster teamwork among its students.

Last year, Warren Elementary's Grade 1 class embarked on a project to write, illustrate and publish their own book called *Animals of the Alphabet* — and the school recently received published copies of their creation.

Teacher Amanda Margetts got the idea from a teacher in Saskatchewan who shared an Instagram post about publishing student work through Student Treasures, a company that offers a class book publishing package.

"I have always loved creating class alphabet books in the past. I would make a single coil-bound copy for our classroom library," she said.

"This time, I wanted to take it a step further so students could experience the excitement of seeing their own writing and illustrations in a professionally published book, available in both our classroom and school libraries"

Under the guidance Margetts, the class focused on one letter of the alphabet each week.

"Students brainstormed which animal should represent that letter, and I narrowed it down to two options for a class vote. After choosing the animal, we discussed what action it would be doing and voted again. Together, we completed a shared writing activity to create our sentence, stretching and spelling the words as a group," she explained.

"I photographed our draft sentences

You have options.

to reference later for the final copies. Student Treasures provided special paper for students to neatly print their sentence and draw their illustration. The project took several months, as we worked through each letter one week at a time."

This project closely aligned with the ELA curriculum by supporting purposeful communication and the development of writing skills.

"Students wrote for a clear purpose to inform and entertain while practising sentence structure, conventions and idea development. The activity also helped students begin to understand audience and purpose in their writing, laying the foundation for more complex writing tasks as they grow," Margetts said.

"One unique feature of this book is its handwritten format. Each student carefully printed their sentence and illustrated it with an original drawing."

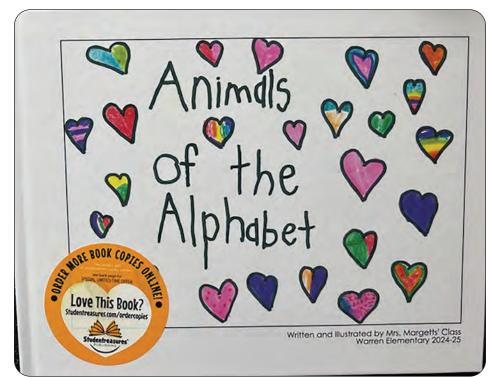
In August, Margetts received the published copy of *Animals of the Alphabet*. She ordered a few extra copies for the school's early years classrooms, and a copy will be available for students to sign out from the school library to share their work with their families. Students also had the option to purchase a book.

Now in Grade 2, the students were excited to see the culmination of their hard work.

"The students were thrilled to see their work in print. Their faces lit up with pride and excitement as I read through the pages. Watching their

> reactions made every step of the process worthwhile," Margetts said.

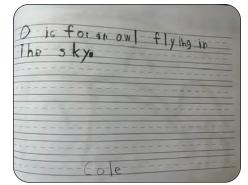
> "The best part was holding the finished, published book in my hands and sharing it with the students. Seeing their joy and pride in their

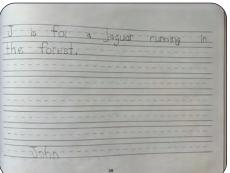


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Published copies of *Animals of the Alphabet*, a class book created by Warren Elementary students, showcase the young authors' writing and illustrations.







hard work was incredibly rewarding. It was a special moment for all of us." Looking ahead, Margetts plans to work with Student Treasures again this year on a class publishing project.

"I haven't decided whether it will be another alphabet book or a new theme," she said "but I'm excited to create another memorable publishing experience for my students."





Manitoba Hydro, Fisher River Cree Nation sign collaboration agreement

Manitoba Hydro and Fisher River Cree Nation have signed a new collaboration agreement aimed at advancing energy self-sufficiency and supporting long-term economic development in the community.

The agreement, titled "mâmawi-atoskêtân" — meaning "working together" — establishes a framework for the two parties to jointly explore and evaluate energy projects that reduce consumption, increase local energy generation and create sustainable economic opportunities. The arrangement will see both groups meet regularly to identify priorities and carry out feasibility studies on proposed initiatives.

"Manitoba Hydro is committed to strengthening and improving our relationships with Indigenous communities," said Allan Danroth, Manitoba Hydro president and CEO. "Through the mâmawi-atoskêtân agreement, we are charting a new path toward understanding the evolving energy needs of Fisher River and providing the service to support those needs as part of our commitment to economic reconciliation."

Chief David Crate said the agreement aligns with the community's vision for long-term growth.

"Our community is looking to the future and the mâmawi-atoskêtân agreement lays the groundwork for greater energy self-sufficiency and economic growth," Crate said. "We're looking forward to collaborating with Manitoba Hydro to build a brighter future for our people."

Under the agreement, discussions will centre on projects that could support community needs and economic expansion, including district or individual ground-source heating systems, energy efficiency upgrades for older commercial buildings, and analysis of Hydro equipment currently serving the community to determine whether system improvements are required.

A key area of interest is the potential expansion of Fisher River's existing solar farm, which is currently the largest in Manitoba. The parties will also explore the feasibility of connecting the community to the natural gas distribution network, as well as opportunities to pilot emerging renewable technologies such as communi-



TRIBUNE PHOTO SUBMITTED

Manitoba Hydro president and CEO Allan Danroth and Fisher River Cree Nation Chief David Crate sign the mâmawi-atoskêtân (Working Together) collaboration agreement in Fisher River Cree Nation. The five-year agreement will explore opportunities for energy self-sufficiency and community economic development.

ty-scale wind power.

The mâmawi-atoskêtân agreement

is in effect for five years. Each party is responsible for its own participation



Student Lily Catteeuw lays a wreath during the ceremony.

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played and a slideshow featuring veterans and current serving members connected to ERWBB staff and students was shown, offering a personal reflection on service and sacrifice.

The service concluded with former music teacher Mr. Enns leading the school in a closing song emphasizing unity and caring for one another, followed by words of thanks to the special guests and the Grade 3 students who helped organize and host the service. The morning served as a reminder of the ongoing importance of remembrance and the role young people play in carrying those lessons



Servings: 4

13/4 cups milk

1 cup unsalted butter

1 teaspoon salt

12/3 cups flour

1 cup, plus 1 tablespoon, grated Grana Padano PDO cheese, divided

6 medium eggs

black pepper, to taste

nutmeg, to taste

canola oil, for frying

In pan, boil milk, butter and salt until butter is dissolved.

Grana Padano and Nutmeg Cheese Puffs

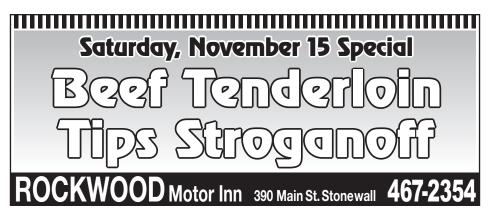
Add flour and stir using wooden spoon over low heat until mixture doesn't stick to bottom of pan. Add 1 cup cheese and stir 1 minute. Remove from heat.

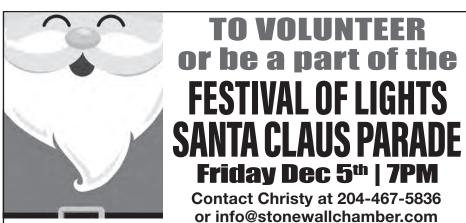
Put mixture in mixing bowl and add eggs one by one until mixture is smooth. Add black pepper and nutmeg, to taste.

Let mixture cool and form dough into small, round parcels.

Fry parcels in hot canola oil, about 325 F, until golden.

Dust with remaining cheese and





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Labour and immigration: not so simple

By Cam Dahl, general manager, Manitoba **Pork Council**

Immigration is a hot-button political issue. High unemployment for young Canadians, housing shortages and rising rents have many politicians

calling for dramatic changes to Canada's immigration policies. Some are even calling for an end to critical programs like the Temporary Foreign Worker Program and for sharply reducing the number of new permanent residents.

From 2015 to 2023, federal policy was one of wideopen doors, with Canada admitting a record number of newcomers. But facing

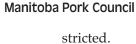
housing shortages, rising rents and high unemployment among youth and some immigrant populations, the Government of Canada has made a 180-degree pivot. Immigration targets were cut sharply — with planned admissions for 2025 nearly 20 per cent below 2024 levels and further reductions expected. The initial allocation for the Provincial Nominee Program was cut in half. These broad reversals do not serve the Canadian economy, nor new Canadians.

The drivers behind the shift are real. Canada's large cities are experiencing a housing crisis. Young Canadians are struggling to find work. Some regions have seen increased pressure on social services and health care. Too many newcomers have been admitted without a clear link to employment opportunities. But a nationwide onesize-fits-all approach to immigration and labour is not the right answer.

What is needed in Toronto, Vancouver or Montreal is not the same as what is needed in other regions. The pressures facing rural parts of Canada differ significantly from those in big cities — and new Canadians are a critical part of the Manitoba labour force in places like Notre Dame de Lourdes,

> Neepawa, and Winnipeg. Provinces are best positioned to understand and manage labour needs in their regions.

Labour shortages are already affecting hog producers. Some farmers have had to shutter barn sites due to a lack of workers — a trend that will worsen if immigration is further re-



Cam Dahl

To ensure sustainable hog production and pork processing, Manitoba producers and processors rely on programs like the Provincial Nominee Program. The sector hires foreign workers and supports them on a pathway to permanent residency to fill vacant, full-time positions.

This model works. Retention rates are high. Workers receive training, build careers and put down roots in the communities where they settle. Neepawa is a clear example — one of the fastest-growing towns in the country, with new infrastructure and a strengthened local economy supported by hog-sector investment and the newcomers who make that industry possible.

Labour shortages also have implications beyond productivity. The hog sector has invested heavily in biosecurity and disease management, including preventing and responding to Porcine Epidemic Diarrhea (PED), Porcine Reproductive and Respiratory Syndrome (PRRS) and foreign animal diseases such as African Swine Fever (ASF) and Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD). Without sufficient labour, these efforts become more difficult, increasing risks to herd health and animal care.

These risks are not hypothetical. The PED outbreak in Manitoba from late 2021 through spring 2023 is estimated to have cost the industry more than \$100 million. In the United States, PRRS is estimated to cost \$1.65 billion annually.

Hog production and processing in Manitoba can grow — but only if barriers like labour shortages are addressed. New barns and processing investment support not only rural employment but also help sustain communities by growing population, school enrollment, local business opportunities and community services.

Budget 2025 included positive commitments to prioritize immigration for rural, remote and tariff-impacted sectors, and to increase the number of newcomers arriving to fill specific job needs. However, more action is needed. Canada must move away from blanket national targets and adopt policies tailored to regional needs. The Provincial Nominee Program has proven successful in doing exactly that — and should be strengthened, not reduced.

Second, policy emphasis should shift from the sheer number of arrivals to the alignment between newcomers' skills and labour market needs - including those in Manitoba's hog sec-

Immigration and labour realities vary widely across Canada. Rather than short social-media-ready soundbites, governments should focus on thoughtful policies that respond to regional and sector-specific needs.

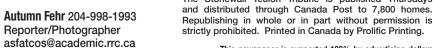
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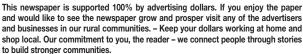
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Phoney 'Manitoba Justice' texts demand payment for bogus fines

By Lana Meier

An Interlake woman is warning others to be cautious after nearly falling victim to a convincing text-message scam claiming to be from Manitoba Justice.

Paulette Leduchowski said she received a message on Nov. 3 that appeared to be an official "final notice" about an outstanding traffic fine linked to her vehicle. The text urged her to "review and complete payment as soon as possible to avoid further administrative action" and included what looked like a legitimate provincial link.

The text read:

+1 (250) 466-2370 >

Manitoba Justice - Final Notice

Our records indicate an outstanding traffic fine linked to your vehicle.

Please review and complete payment as soon as possible to avoid further administrative action.

https://manitobajustice.com/Pay

Leduchowski clicked the link, which asked her to confirm her driver's licence number. Because she didn't recall the number off the top of her head, she asked her husband, Gordie, to help her look it up and enter it. After submitting the information, she began to feel uneasy.

"It just didn't sit right," she said. "If they already had my name and phone number on file, why would they need my licence number? And if they have your licence number, they have your photo too. That's when I knew something was off."

She immediately phoned Manitoba Justice directly to verify. A representative confirmed that no fine existed and that the message was a scam.

Leduchowski did not cancel her licence, but she promptly contacted friends and family to warn them.

"I just want people to be aware," she said. "It looked so real. It could happen to anyone."

The couple has encountered scams before. Three years ago, Gordie nearly fell victim to the "Grandparent Ścam," where fraudsters pretend to be a family member in distress.

"They called him and said, 'Grandpa, I need help," Leduchowski said. "But no one in our family calls him Grandpa — he's Gigi."

Suspicious, he asked the caller to confirm his grandson's birthdate. The scammer couldn't answer and hung

"That's what saved him," she said. "Sometimes one small detail can stop everything."

Manitoba Justice confirms it does not send text messages to collect fines. Legitimate fines are mailed and can be verified For more information, call 204-945-3156 in Winnipeg or toll-free 1-800-282-8069 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday to Friday, not including

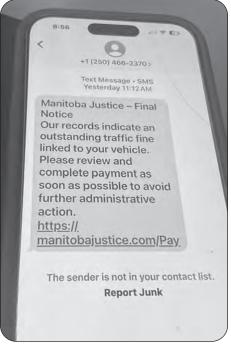


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A fraudulent text claiming to be from Manitoba Justice urged Paulette Leduchowski to pay an alleged traffic fine. The message is part of an ongoing

holidays.

RCMP remind residents not to click on links or provide personal information in unsolicited messages. Suspected scams can be reported to the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre at 1-888-495-8501.

Men's Sheds MB talks 'The Shed Effect'

By Ashleigh Viveiros

In honour of International Men's Day Nov. 19, Men's Sheds Manitoba is working to get the word out about the profound impact their groups can have in reducing social isolation, improving mental health and strengthening community.

A Men's Shed is a group of men who get together on a regular basis to connect, be it through shared activities (woodworking, gardening or card games, say), educational guest speakers or simply a cup of coffee.

There are 14 Sheds currently operating across the province, half in Winnipeg and half in rural Manitoba communities such as Beausejour, Selkirk and Minnedosa.

They're hoping to grow that number

significantly across the province, says Vic Thiessen, Men's Sheds Manitoba secretary.

"I've been with it since 2019, and I've just found it personally to be so beneficial," he shares. "It's such a good way for men to connect and support one another."

Provincial organizers are aiming to raise more awareness about what they're calling The Shed Effect.

"It's about making people aware of how Men's Sheds are impacting society, how it's impacting individual mens' lives," explains Thiessen. "They're places where you can find community, where you can find men of like mind and do things together."

Camaraderie is a big part of Men's Sheds but so too is getting involved in the community at large.

"One of the big things that we like to do is get involved in giving back to the community — meaningful projects either put forth by a community centre or another organization that would benefit the community," Thiessen says, explaining each Shed decides for itself how its members will pour back into the place they call home.

There are Men's Sheds across Canada, and on Nov. 19 they'll be coming together to host a national webinar that is open to all.

The day will feature guest speaker presentations on the importance of

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Called to Remember, Pray, and Love

"I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live."

– John 11:25

In this month of November, we celebrate All Souls' Day — a sacred time to remember and honor our loved ones who have gone before us into eternity.

"The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and no torment shall touch them."

- Wisdom 3:1

Have you remembered your dear ones - those who loved you and have gone before us from this earthly life? None of us are perfect, but as children of God, we are called to forgive, to love, and to pray. Life moves quickly, and sometimes we become too busy and forget. But love true love — never forgets. Prayer is love, and it continues even beyond death. Let us pray for the dead not only today but every day, and throughout each day. As we pray, some of our departed brothers and sisters may be entering heaven, and through their prayers, we too receive

"Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy."

— Matthew 5:7

Though we can no longer give our loved ones gifts, food, or money, we can offer something far more precious — our time, our memories, and our prayers filled with love. If we do not pray for our departed family members, friends, and the souls in purgatory, who will pray for us when our own time on earth ends? Let us teach our children to have faith in Jesus Christ, who died for us and rose again. Those who believe in Him never truly die but live forever in His kingdom. By sharing our faith, our children and friends will learn to pray for us out of love when we are gone.

In my family, I have learned to hold a strong faith in Jesus and to honor those who have passed through my daily prayers. I feel their presence in my heart and soul, and I am not afraid to die, for they live on within me.

"Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you."

- Ephesians 4:32

Let us strive to live peacefully with everyone, so that when our earthly life ends, we too may rest joyfully in God's

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.

And may their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Rev. Nepolian Suvakin

Parochial Administrator of Christ the King, Stonewall; St. Joseph's, Stony Mountain; and

St. John Vianney, Teulon

Ethan Boyer's love of all critters lives on through donations

By Jo-Anne Procter

An annual donation drive called Tin for the Critter Bin in Memory of Ethan Boyer has been collecting food for animals at Manitoba rescues for the past six years.

Ethan Boyer, a Balmoral teen who died on Oct. 25, 2019, in a collision at the Perimeter Highway and Brady Road, was known for his love of animals. His family continues to honour that passion by collecting pet food and supplies for rescues across the province.

This past October marked the fifth year the Boyer family partnered with Nicole Nagy, owner of Quarry Pets in Stonewall, to raise funds, collect pet food and spread awareness for the cause. Staff gathered donations from customers and pet food representatives, and sold Tin for the Critter Bin T-shirts at the store. They also held a "Kong Draw" throughout the month, which raised an additional \$475 used to purchase more pet food. Quarry Pets customer Jen Rohl was this year's draw winner.

Donations collected at Quarry Pets, along with contributions from a few Winnipeg pet stores, have played a vital role in helping local rescues provide care and nourishment to animals in need. It is an effort that reflects Ethan's enduring love for all creatures.

Although October is the designated annual donation month, pet food con-

tributions are welcome year-round. T-shirts remain available at Quarry Pets, through the Tin for the Critter Bin Facebook page or by contacting Ethan's father, Dana Boyer, at 204-461-1514.

"This helps us put our pain into purpose and deal with the tragic passing of our critter-loving Ethan," Dana said

Monetary donations are also welcomed throughout the year and may be directed to the Interlake Community Foundation for the legacy fund established by the Boyer family. The Ethan Boyer Memorial Fund — Tin for the Critter Bin will provide an annual grant to one or more pet charities chosen by the family. Tax-receipted gifts can be made at: https://interlakefoundation.ca/cause/ways-to-give/.

In addition to supporting rescues, the Boyer family has become an advocate for safer roads. The intersection where Ethan lost his life has become central to that mission.

Today, instead of accessing the Brady landfill from a high-speed roadway, drivers enter through what

is now known as Ethan Boyer Way
— a change meant to prevent future tragedy and serve as a lasting tribute to Ethan's memory.



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Dana Boyer and his son Reid Boyer stand with Quarry Pets owner Nicole Nagy and her Labrador retrievers, Riggs and Levi, alongside donations collected for the annual Tin for the Critter Bin in Memory of Ethan campaign at the Stonewall pet store.

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volunteerism and new research on the social value of Men's Sheds. There will also be panel discussions on the topic and the debut of a video highlighting volunteer projects from Sheds across the country.

You can register to take part in the webinar at mensshedscanada.ca/the-shed-effect-2025/.

Next week will also see open houses at a few of the Manitoba Sheds, including the Woodhaven Shed Nov. 18 and the Park City Shed the following week.

If you'd like to learn more, head to mensshedsmanitoba.ca or connect with Thiessen via email to menshedmanitoba@gmail.com or by calling 204-396-2123.

INTERLAKE SCHOOL DIVISION

Preparing Today's Learner for Tomorrow

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

November 17 - November 28, 2025

INTERLAKE SCHOOL DIVISION requests that all parents/ guardians of children eligible to attend Kindergarten in the 2026/2027 school year register their child with their local school between November 17 – November 28, 2025.

Kindergarten enrollment information is essential for divisional planning for the upcoming school year. If you have an eligible student for the Kindergarten class of 2026/2027 it is important that you register with your local school during this registration period.

Please visit our website for school contact and registration information. www.interlakesd.ca

Kindergarten programs are offered at Teulon, Balmoral, Stony Mountain, Rosser, Argyle, Warren, Woodlands, and École R.W. Bobby Bend School in Stonewall.

Brant-Argyle School offers multi-level learning programming with all-day Kindergarten every day.

École R.W. Bobby Bend School offers French Immersion programming.

Children who will reach their fifth birthday by December 31st, 2026 are eligible to attend Kindergarten in the 2026/2027 school year. Proof of age and address are required.

Al-Anon and AA Meetings Information

Balmoral Al-Anon Family Group

Balmoral Community Hall basement 6003 E MB-236, Balmoral, MB Contact: (204) 470-8972 Meets every Wednesday 7-8 PM Everyone welcome

> Selkirk Red River Al-Anon Family Group

Christ Church Anglican 227 McLean St., Selkirk, MB Contact: (204) 482-6287 Meets every Monday 7-8 PM

Teulon AA

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Endow Manitoba Giving Challenge runs to Nov. 16

By Jennifer McFee

The Endow Manitoba Giving Challenge runs from Nov. 10 to 16, giving Manitobans the chance to stretch their generosity even further.

The province-wide campaign encourages donors to give to their local community foundation's unrestricted or community funds, which helps to grow endowments that provide annual grants to local charities, schools and community groups.

This week, The Winnipeg Foundation and the provincial government stretch contributions made during the Endow Manitoba Giving Challenge up to a combined maximum of \$4,000 per foundation.

"The Interlake Community Foundation is hoping that you will consider making a gift to one of our undesignated funds this week," said executive director Tracy Holod.

"If we reach \$10,000 in donations to our All Communities Fund or one of our other unrestricted funds, we are eligible in \$4,000 in matching gifts from Endow Manitoba and the Manitoba government. Our unrestricted funds are a huge source of income for our Community Granting Program."

There are several ways to make a gift during the challenge:

- Visit www.interlakefoundation.ca and click "DONATE NOW" to donate securely with a credit card. Online donations will be processed and receipted by The Winnipeg Foundation.
- Make your donation in person by cash, cheque or credit card at the Interlake Community Foundation office on the top floor of the town hall at 293 Main St. in Stonewall from 9:15 a.m. to 3:15 p.m.
- E-transfer your donation to

info@interlakefoundation.ca. Please include your mailing address, email address and phone number.

- Call Interlake Community Foundation at 204-467-5634 to arrange for them to pick up your dona-
- Donors also had the chance to attend ICF's open house on Nov. 12 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 293 Main St. The event included coffee and dain-

These are Interlake Community Foundation's unrestricted funds:

- All Communities Fund
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- Bel Acres Community Fund
- Nestor Myska Memorial Fund
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- Stephanie Oland Duncan Memorial Fund
- Stonewall Family Foods Fund
- Nell Smith Memorial Fund
- McClure Family Fund
- Lynn and Wally MacMartin Fund
- Jack Moore Memorial Community Fund
- Community Builder Club-Undesignated
- Richard and June Grayson in Memory of Rose Grayson Fund

Full house bingo



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY CRAIG LAMM

The Balmoral Community Hall was packed for the second annual Turkey and Ham Bingo on Nov. 3, with the sold-out event raising funds for ongoing hall renovations. The hall board thanks all attendees and silent auction donors for their support.



Honour in silence



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY JO-ANNE PROCTER

A Canada flag stands watch over veterans' headstones at Stonewall Cemetery on Nov. 10, as hoarfrost provided a perfect backdrop in −12 C wind-chill conditions. To help record this week's weather, readers are invited to send photos of friends and family enjoying the outdoors to news@stonewallteulontribune.ca.

Manitoba maker unleashes creativity with her small business

When Winnipeg seamstress Veronica Abaunza couldn't find a collar that fit her beagle Duke just right, she decided to make one herself — and ended up tailoring a business instead.

What began as a single handmade collar for her tri-coloured companion has grown into Duke's Dashing Designs — a small-batch pet accessory line featuring custom collars, leashes, poop bag holders, keychains and lip balm holders. Abaunza sews every product by hand and plans to expand her line in 2026 to include stylish bandanas and accessories

"I wanted to start making my dog custom products because he was in between sizes and I wanted him to have something fun," she explained.

Although Duke's Dashing Designs only recently launched, Abaunza has been experimenting with her sewing machine for about two years. Unlike many who learn sewing from family members or in school, she taught herself from scratch — fitting her creative practice into rare spare moments outside her full-time job.

Her hobby soon turned into something more when a friend noticed her natural skill.

"My friend was simply amazed at what I created and told me I could make a business out of this — so I gave it a whirl and now I do it all," she said. "I pick the fabric, sit, cut and sew, and do the packaging for the finished product. I put love and dedication into everything I make because if I don't, then it's just an ordinary product — people can't love what I make if I don't put my own love into it."

Abaunza offers a wide variety of fabric choices, from playful prints to seasonal designs, allowing customers to show off their pets' personalities.



A custom collar crafted by Abaunza designed with both style and safety in mind.

"There are so many different patterns out there," she said. "I have pet patterns, Halloween designs, Christmas fabrics and even licensed characters like Spider-Man, Snoopy and Captain America — just to name a few."

Beyond looks, Abaunza prioritizes practicality and safety. Her design philosophy was shaped by a nerve-racking encounter with Duke at a dog park. When another dog bit him, she realized she didn't have a leash within reach to quickly separate them. Duke wasn't seriously hurt, but the experience stuck with them both — and changed the way she designs her products.

"There are reasons why I create my products the way I do, and that's because I want to make sure everyone stays safe and that my products remain safe," she said.

All her leashes now feature a D-ring clip, allowing owners to easily attach the leash to themselves for hands-free convenience — keeping both dogs and handlers prepared and in control.



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Veronica Abaunza, owner of Duke's Dashing Designs. and her dog Duke show off one of her handmade collars and leashes. Abaunza creates custom pet accessories from her Winnipeg home, blending creativity, craftsmanship and care for fellow pet

Stony Mountain students honour veterans





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Stony Mountain school had its Remembrance Day service on Nov. 6 at 11:30 a.m. The students created and presented wreaths during the service. They also had visitors from the Métis Federation join them and they posted a wreath. Danika and Eden led the service.

Customization is another hallmark of Duke's Dashing Designs. Abaunza knows not every dog fits neatly into small, medium or large size categories, so she gladly accommodates special sizing requests. She also welcomes fabric requests and will search for specific prints to meet her customers' visions.

Those looking for a custom-made product can contact her at 204-619-3571, email dukesdashingdesigns@ gmail.com or visit @DukesDashing-Designs on Instagram to start the planning process.

As her business grows, Abaunza looks forward to connecting with more pet lovers at community mar-



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Students reflect on sacrifice at school remembrance ceremonies

École Stonewall Centennial School was transformed into a place of reflection and gratitude on Nov. 7 as students in grades 5 through 8 gathered for two Remembrance Day services honouring those who have served Canada. The ceremonies, held separately for grades 5 and 6 and grades 7 and 8, brought together music, storytelling and personal testimony that resonated deeply across the school community.

Each service opened with O Canada performed by the Grade 8 band under the direction of Chelsey Novakowski. Students led the audience through remarks on the importance of remembrance and Canada's role in global peacekeeping efforts. They also shared Erika's Story — the true account of a Jewish infant thrown from a Holocaust transport train in 1944, rescued by strangers and later raised to learn of her heritage and build a family of her own.

The school welcomed special guest Capt. Yves Pruneau, father of Grade 5 teacher Mme. Pruneau, who spoke about his four decades of service with the Canadian Armed Forces. Students listened closely as he described the meaning of military duty and the personal sacrifices made by those who serve.

"Nov. 11 is Remembrance Day. We celebrate this day as it was the declaration of the end of the First World War — the 11th day of the 11th month at the 11th hour," Capt. Pruneau said.

Pruneau joined the military at age 22 after earning his commercial pilot certification in Quebec. Drawn to the Air Force for the opportunity to fly daily, he completed basic training in Chilliwack, B.C., an experience he described as both physically demanding and mentally testing.

"We were up at five in the morning every day, followed by 45 continuous minutes of physical training," he said. "Your room was inspected at seven, everything needed to be properly put away and neat. For the rest of the day, you had classes such as first aid, how to create an ambush, how to tie knots, how to build a bridge. After a full day of learning, we were studying until midnight. The goal is for your mind to stay sharp."

He later moved to Winnipeg in 1988 to become a navigator — the crew member responsible for planning and directing flying missions. Over the course



teacher Novakowski played the Last Guyader read the land



Chelsey Grade 5 student Olivier acknowledgment.

of 40 years, he logged more than 5,000 flying hours and served in locations across Canada and the United States. Twenty years into his career, he returned to Winnipeg as a navigation instructor to train the next generation of Air Force personnel.

Pruneau now serves with Winnipeg's 435 Transport and Rescue Squadron as duty operations officer. He emphasized that the role of the Canadian Armed Forces extends far beyond combat.

"Some may think joining the military means going to war, and it is possible," he said. "However, we don't join the military to go to war. We join the military to defend our country. Defending your country means helping where you are needed."

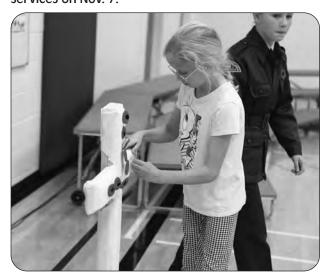
He noted that military members support communities during floods, wildfires and emergency evacuations, transporting supplies and assisting with rescue efforts.

"On this day and every day, we want to remember the thousands of Canadians who gave their lives so that we can live free," he said. "Don't be afraid to say thank you. Thank them for being brave and strong. Thank them for making the world a better place for all of us.'

The Grade 7 and 8 choral classes, conducted by Ms. Moldowan, performed We Remember followed by the symbolic pinning of poppies on a cross. The Last Post was performed by Novakowski, and the Grade 8 band closed the service with God Save the



TRIBUNE PHOTOS BY JO-ANNE PROCTER Capt. Yves Pruneau was a special guest at École Stonewall Centennial School's Remembrance Day services on Nov. 7.



Grade 5 student Alyson Shields places a poppy on the





Vanya Dubreuil, a cadet with the 301 Alan McLeod V.C. Royal Canadian Air The Grade 7 and 8 choral class, conducted by Ms. Moldowan, performs We Remember. Cadet Squadron, performs with the Grade 8 band, which played O Canada and God Save the King during the school's Remembrance Day service.

Stonewall Library set to launch 16th annual Festival of Wreaths

By Lana Meier

A familiar holiday tradition will return to the South Interlake Regional Library Stonewall branch this month, bringing festive creativity and community support together under one roof.

The 16th annual Festival of Wreaths will see displays be-







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The Stonewall Library's 16th annual Festival of Wreaths is now underway, with artificial wreaths created by local classrooms, organizations, families and businesses on display through Dec. 19. Votes may be cast by donation, with all proceeds supporting the Stonewall and District Christmas Cheer Board.

gin as soon as creations arrive — starting Nov. 12 — with public voting running Dec. 1–19. Organizers encourage entrants to drop off wreaths by Nov. 28 to secure a prime display spot, though late arrivals won't be turned away.

"Anyone and everyone are welcome to submit a wreath — the more the merrier," said organizer Tara Glaspey. "This festive fundraiser is free and the only stipulation is that wreaths be artificial."

Wreaths can be delivered to the Stonewall library during open hours, or alternate arrangements can be made by contacting Glaspey at tara@sirlibrary.com or 204-467-8415.

The fundraiser benefits the Stonewall and District Christmas Cheer Board.

"Our goal is to always beat last year's numbers," Glaspey said. "We're aiming for more than 31 wreaths and would love to hit \$1,500 after raising \$1,437 last year."

How voting works: Each wreath will be identified by name and number. Voters fill out a ballot with the wreath number and the number of votes they wish to cast for that wreath, then place the ballot with their donation in the ballot box. Votes are \$1 each, payable by cash or cheque, and people may vote as many times as they wish.

"Groups that submit a wreath often pop in to vote for themselves," Glaspey said. "It's not unheard of to see a single ballot with 250 votes for one wreath."

Certificates for the top three vote-getters and all proceeds will be presented to a Cheer Board representative at the library on Friday, Dec. 19 at 2 p.m.

"We welcome everyone to join us — we do love a good cheering squad," Glaspey added.

Funds raised this year will support Cheer Board hampers.

Alongside the wreath display, the library will host its Mitten Tree and Sock Stocking collection. Donations of new mittens, hats, gloves, scarves, socks and slippers — handmade or store-bought — will be accepted Nov. 12 through December and delivered to the Cheer Board at the Dec. 19 presentation. The Cheer Board has identified priority needs including socks for ages 4–6, "Stay Dry" mittens and warm toques for all ages.

The library is also serving as a collection point for the Cheer Board's "Most Needed Items for 2025," including:

- Teen gifts (13–17): gift cards (clothing/tech/fast food), wallets/crossbody or belt bags, backpacks, water bottles
- Teen toiletries: shampoo/conditioner, body wash, shaving items, lotion, hairbrushes/combs
- Clothing: pyjamas (teen girls M–XL; teen boys sizes 12–18 & XL), hoodies and sweatpants (sizes 12–XXL)
- Toys and activities: infant/toddler toys (0–3), board games and crafts for all ages, school supplies (thick Crayola markers, pencils, erasers)
- Also accepted: new unwrapped toys, clothing, toiletries and grocery gift cards.

Glaspey credited the Stonewall Chamber of Commerce for spreading the word. Businesses, classrooms, daycares, families and community groups are again invited to participate, and entrants are encouraged to incorporate logos or names into their design.

"Each year is distinct — we rarely see the same wreath twice," she said. "For the 16th, we hope to see bigger,



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Progressive Conservatives refresh brand, choose new leader

The Progressive Conservative Party of Manitoba unveiled a new logo and elected a new party president during its annual general meeting on Saturday, signalling what party officials described as a "new era" for the PCs.

The redesigned logo incorporates a stylized "P" formed within the negative space of a "C," which the party says represents progressive values within a conservative framework. The "C" features a gradient of classic blue to sky blue to reflect movement between tradition and renewal, while a red charging bison is centred between the letters to symbolize forward momentum and Manitoba identity.

"When the logo was unveiled, the room erupted in cheers. It gave me chills," said Obby Khan, leader of the



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Manitoba Progressive Conservatives revealed a redesigned logo.

PC Party of Manitoba. "Delegates, guests, supporters and their friends and families could see elements of the old logos carried over into the new design. Everyone really appreciated the blending of tradition and a bold new look for a bold new era of the PC Party."

Delegates also elected a new party president. Peter Smith, a Navy veteran and business and community leader, will take over from outgoing president Brent Pooles.

"I'm absolutely thrilled that my fellow Progressive Conservatives have put their trust in me," said Smith. "We have to be ready for the next election and I look forward to shifting the PC Party to an election-ready footing."

Members elected additional board and regional representatives, including James Teitsma, first vice-president; Sean Kopytko, second vice-president; Katya Labelle, secretary; and Kai Jassal, youth representative.

"Progressive Conservatives are united going forward," Khan said. "This weekend, PCs demonstrated that we are a big tent party ready for the future. We have the passion, energy and momentum going forward. The new era of the PC Party is here."

> WREATHS, FROM PG. 12

er submissions."

on the night of the the collection matters. Stonewall Santa Parade, inviting residents to warm up indoors, watch from the windows — and cast a wreath vote while they're there.

"The Festival of Wreaths brings the community together," Glaspey "It fosters said. creativity, supports local families and keeps the holi-

brighter and bold- day spirit shining in Stonewall."

While organizers don't always see the direct impact, The library will Glaspey said they hear heart-warming stories from the extend its hours Cheer Board about how last winter's donations helped from 6:30 to 8 p.m. brighten the season for local families — a reminder of why



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Senior and multifamily housing proposed for Warren

By Jennifer McFee

More housing options might soon be available for seniors and families in Warren.

Silver Bridge Land Development is proposing to develop senior and multifamily housing on two sites owned by the South Interlake Rec Centre (SIRC).

"Warren doesn't have any senior or multifamily housing whatsoever. I was actually approached by some members of the public, a councillor from Woodlands and SIRC. It was a team effort to put this all together and come up with a concept," said Darren Minaker, owner of Silver Bridge Land Development, which has been developing in Warren since 2014.

"Both sites have lots of activities and amenities that would be fantastic for the seniors to use. The goal here is to have these sites be very desirable for seniors who are interested in active senior living. Silver Bridge Land Development will submit a subdivision application and is hoping to develop these buildings, both senior and multifamily, next summer."

Site 1 of the project, which is known as MacDonald, would encompass about 1.6 acres of residential development in Phase 1. It spans 12.58 acres and includes two four-plexes, two eight-plexes, 15 duplexes and one 31-unit two-storey seniors' building with an elevator. In total, this site would provide 84 housing opportunities.

Amenities at this site may include an assisted living complex, two baseball diamonds, pickleball courts, curling rink and playgrounds. Residents would also be able to enjoy walking and biking paths, raised garden beds and a seniors' wellness centre.

"The MacDonald site is using an existing older property that was designed for rec. Now it needs to be up-

dated. The old diamonds will be replaced by new diamonds. The arena will be removed and then replaced by housing because there's a new arena on the newer site closer to Highway 6. The curling rink will stay as an amenity for the seniors with an upgraded entry. We really want to drive for seniors' wellness in the project to improve quality of living and longevity," Minaker said.

"There are walking paths throughout that are designed so the part of the roadway can be the walking path, which would make it easy to be accessible all winter long. So when they clean the snow on the streets, they could clean the walking paths and biking paths at the same time."

Site 2, known as Railway, would encompass about 1.9 acres of residential development in Phase 1. It spans 37.38 acres and includes 17 five-plexes and two 31-unit two-storey seniors' buildings with an elevator. In total, there would be 147 housing opportunities.

Existing amenities at the Railway site include the hockey arena, dog park and soccer pitch. Plans are also in the works for six ball diamonds, playground, walking and biking paths, a community centre addition, commercial kitchen and canteens.

"The Railway site is a newer site close to the industrial park in Warren where the new arena is. The plan is for it to share senior multifamily housing with sports and rec. The concept is to have amenities there for seniors to be close to and within walking distance to a future community centre, to sports fields, to grand-children playing baseball and soccer," Minaker said.

"The concept is to have the senior multifamily housing right close to the sports facilities on both sites. We're hoping to start construction in the



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A proposed development in Warren would add senior and multifamily housing on land owned by the South Interlake Rec Centre. Silver Bridge Land Development is working with community partners to bring new living options and recreation upgrades to the community.

spring of 2026."

Minaker plans to host an open house soon to share details about floor plans, pricing, timelines and availability.

"There have been multiple meetings with SIRC and all the different sports entities in Warren. Everybody is at the table and everybody is giving input. This is basically a very inclusive team of people to put this together. In meeting with the RM of Woodlands council, they are very supportive," Minaker said.

"This is a way to get sports and housing to progress in Warren. We're looking to make some good progress, and the benefits to the community are huge."

Over the past few years, the South Interlake Rec Centre board began to consider how its land holdings might be used to leverage the enhancement

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and renewal of sports facilities for the area.

"Twenty years ago, we were fortunate for strong community support to build the Access Credit Union Arena, which has served the community, Warren Minor Hockey and regional ice sports groups very well. It almost didn't happen, though, on account of escalating costs," said Craig Riddell of the South Interlake Rec Centre board.

"Thankfully, the building committee persevered in getting the arena built but, in the process, required a significant mortgage we are finally nearing the end of servicing some 20 years later. Only through continuous fundraising have we been able to keep up the mortgage payments and maintain and improve the building to make

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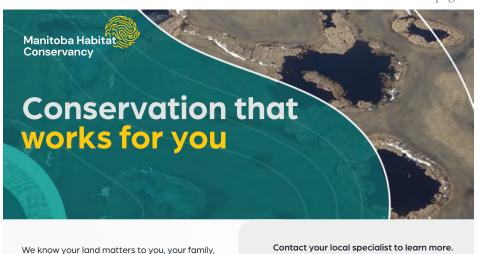
-Come to our **open house on Wednesday, November 12**th. We will be on the main level in the Town of Stonewall Hall from 10AM to 4:00PM. We will have cookies and coffee for everyone who drops by!

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The MacDonald site concept includes duplexes, four-plexes Plans for the Railway site feature two seniors' buildings, and a 31-unit seniors' building, along with upgraded recreation 17 five-plexes and close proximity to Warren's arena, ball amenities such as new ball diamonds, walking paths and garden diamonds and future community centre amenities.

MULTIFAMILY, FROM PG. 14

sure it remains a long-term asset to the community."

With the escalating costs of building or renovating sports facilities and their experience with funding challenges for the arena, Riddell said they set out to explore the option of leveraging SIRC's urban land holdings to provide enough funds to make sports facility enhancement a possibility.

"Several things have come together to suggest this is the right time to explore this opportunity. Warren's curling and baseball clubs have expressed a desire to renew their infrastructure, the municipality and LUD of Warren have expressed a desire to see urban growth, and area residents have expressed an interest in this type of development, specifically a need for seniors focused housing," Riddell said.

"Our plan is to continue consulting the user groups to determine how funds from development of SIRC land could best serve their clubs and to present the idea to the community with a long-term vision of how a mix of urban development and renewed community spaces could serve the area."

However, Riddell noted that the South Interlake Rec Centre board will be cautious in their approach.

"This is a big step for volunteer led community groups to take. While SIRC has considerable land holdings, we hope to eventually leverage for both housing growth and funding of new or renovated community spaces the first phase will focus on a smaller footprint of land to be proof of concept if this long-term vision can play out," he said.

"As a not-for-profit community group, the SIRC intends to have the needs of the sports user groups and general community determine what is best for the future of the grounds and facilities. We hope to see as many people as possible come out to any public consultations."

From a municipal standpoint, Woodlands Reeve Douglas Oliver said the RM is excited about the potential this proposal brings to Warren.

"Council knows that we need housing and recreation development in the community, and we are eager to work with the developer and the landowner to iron out the details and bring this vision to life," he said.

"As growing Warren responsibly re-

The Stonewall Teulon Tribune Thursday, November 13, 2025 **15** quires an upgrade to our water reservoir, we look forward to moving our water project ahead to support developments like this."

Silver Bridge Land Development will host a public open house on Monday, Dec. 1 from 7 to 10 p.m. at the Warren Community Hall. If anyone has any questions, please contact Darren Minaker at 204-223-4558.



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hot honey

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Spoon ricotta onto each toast evenly. Drizzle each with hot honey, as desired. Top each with two slices prosciutto.

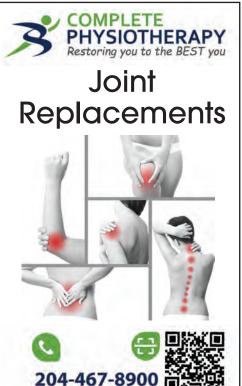




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We will remember with poppy art

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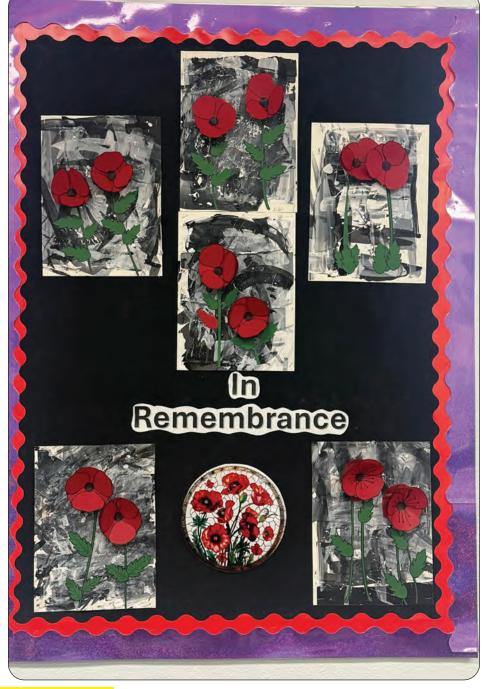


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Collège Stonewall Collegiate hosts French improv tournament

Collège Stonewall Collegiate is making history by hosting the first tournament for the 2025-26 season for a newly formed French improv league for high school students.

On Thursday, Oct. 30, the local school welcomed participants involved in FLIIP (Fabuleuse Ligue d'Improvisation Immersive et Passionnante) from Collège Lorette Collegiate and Collège Béliveau. French immersion students from Stonewall Centennial formed the audience for the improvisational theatre tournament, which took place in the high school gym.

The newly created improv league offers French immersion students from Winnipeg and surrounding areas the chance to use their additional language in an engaging and entertaining way.

"While DSFM (Division scolaire franco-manitobaine) schools have had their own improv league for decades, last year, some French immersion teachers got together to start a league of their own so that immersion students can have the same opportunities as Franco-Manitoban students, while having their own identity," said CSC teacher Jesse Hourie, who coaches the team along with Mr. Bellec.

"There are several goals of doing improv in French: to have students com-



A referee reads out the theme for the next scene. Teams respond to prompts on the spot to create unscripted performances in French.

municate more confidently in French, have fun in French, use their French outside of a classroom environment, learn and enhance collaboration skills and meet other Immersion students. The benefits are pretty much the same, with the addition of the great feeling of making an audience and each other laugh.

Students in grades 9 to 12 have the option to participate in FLIIP. CSC

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Members of the Collège Stonewall Collegiate French improv team perform during the Oct. 30 FLIIP tournament in the school gym. The improvisational league offers French immersion students an opportunity to practise their language skills in a creative and collaborative setting.



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Local Arborg shepherd and his sheep bring poetry to Holiday Alley

Holiday Alley brings four days of creativity, culture and community to downtown Selkirk

By Lana Meier

One of the most popular attractions at the Interlake's largest cultural festival owes its success to a sheep farmer from Arborg.

Three years ago, organizers of Holiday Alley in Selkirk approached Arik Lindal, Interlake director of the Manitoba Sheep Association, to help launch a new art project called Sheep Poetry. Since then, it has grown into one of the festival's signature activities. Holiday Alley runs Nov. 19 to 22 in downtown Selkirk.

Lindal transports eight sheep from his farm, provides the pen and helps fasten bibs around each of the animals. Each bib features a festive word. Visitors of all ages are encouraged to write poems inspired by the words on the sheep as they wander the enclosure. The poems are then displayed on the pen fence as public art, with this year's installation led by artist Claire Boning.

Lindal says he didn't expect to enjoy the role as much as he does.

"Originally I was just going to bring the sheep down and stand back, but I now spend a lot of time answering questions from children and adults about sheep farming," said Lindal, who comes from a long line of cattle farmers.

The event blends culture, creativity and agriculture — a hallmark of Holiday Alley.

"The enchanting thing about Holiday Alley is the fine balance it creates between dreaming up new and creative ideas every year and bringing



Sheep in festive bibs mingle during the Sheep Poetry installation at Holiday Alley in Selkirk, where visitors write poems inspired by the words on each animal.

back fan favourites," said Lois Wales, president of Red River North Tourism. "The team gets a bit wacky — like who would think 200 people every year would write poems based on words on sheep — but it works and is a visitor favourite."

She noted that Travel Manitoba named Holiday Alley the Best Event in Manitoba in 2023.

New programming this year reflects contributions from youth, community members and newcomers across the region.

Eight newcomers from Ukraine, Nigeria and India have collaborated on the Newcomers' Storytelling Café, taking place Saturday, Nov. 22 at 10 a.m. at Knox Presbyterian Church on McLean Avenue in Selkirk.

A new culinary workshop hosted by Nobüz Market will explore the art of crafting non-alcoholic cocktails on Saturday, Nov. 22 at 5 p.m. and 6:30



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Sheep Poetry on Holiday Alley is made possible by Arborg farmer Arik Lindal and his handsome sheep.

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Students and educators are introducing three new art pieces exploring reconciliation through lanterns, hand drums and ceramic tiles. An Indigenous ribbon skirt fashion show will take place on the outdoor stage Saturday, Nov. 22 at 1 p.m.

For visitors seeking a slower pace, Glow Fitness will host a sound bath on Friday, Nov. 21 at 8 p.m.

Holiday Alley will also feature two choral performances at the United Church on McLean on Thursday, Nov. 20 at 7 p.m. and Saturday, Nov. 22 at 4 p.m.

Fire on the Red III returns to the Selkirk waterfront Saturday, Nov. 22 at 7 p.m., where two giant straw sculptures created in collaboration with local students will be set ablaze. It remains the only public straw-burning art installation of its kind in Manitoba.

Back by popular demand, Easel Wars will run Saturday, Nov. 22 from noon to 3 p.m. at the Gwen Fox Gallery, where friends and family compete to complete paintings in rapid-fire rounds. Spots fill quickly.

Santa will also make multiple appearances, including selfies on the street Friday evening and Breakfast with Santa at the Mighty Kiwi in the Riverside Grill on Saturday, Nov. 22 from 9 to 11 a.m.

The full Holiday Alley schedule is available at holidayalley.ca.

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currently has eight students who are interested, and most of them are in Grade 10. The team meets Mondays at lunch to practise different improvisational skills. Hourie hopes the tournament will encourage Stonewall Centennial students to considered joining the CSC team when they get to high school.

"As for student reaction, it's been a healthy mix of anxiety and enthusiasm. In improv, you really need to put yourself out there, which can be a leap for high school students, but we have some great leaders on our team who are really encouraging of the newbies," he said.

"It is so cool to see students enjoying this way of participating in French. The connections they are making with each other and with their audiences are very special. They are a really talented group of students."

For Grade 10 student Sophia Walton, FLIIP is proving to be an entertaining adventure.

"I really enjoy it when we do well at it. When we were practising at school and learning improv, it was really fun when we had a good match and had good ideas," she said.

"It helps to get the team working together because you have to go in front of a huge crowd and do incredibly embarrassing things — but people laugh so it's fun."

She explained that FLIIP is inspired by hockey so they improvise in a rinklike structure.

"There are penalties and refs and we get points for scoring. There are two

separate teams, and they tell us if it's compared or mixed. Compared is just your team and mixed is both teams going at the same time and you have to combine ideas," Sophia said.

"We're given a theme and a time limit, which could be anywhere from 30 seconds to a few minutes. They also give us a category, which is how you present your story."

The category could be a musical comedy or a photo finish, in which the participants need to pose for a photo at the end of the timer. In another category, one participant pretends to be a puppet while another one speaks for them.

"You have to be able to think on the spot," Sophia said. "It's a very niche thing to do."

At the same time, the participants are finding that FLIIP helps them to

improve their French language skills.

"It helps with French 100 per cent," said Grade 10 student Deshawn Peever. "I really enjoy how you can literally be anyone in the world. You can be made-up characters. It's amazing. You don't have to be who you are, which is interesting."

For Deshawn, his favourite category is musical comedy.

"It's just like a regular musical with talking and singing. I just love it so much because when the ref blows the whistle and says we have to sing, it's so random. Then he'll blow it again and we can talk again," he said. "It's really interesting and lots of fun."

Their hard work is paying off since Collège Stonewall Collegiate won the Oct. 30 tournament. Their next tournament will take place on Dec. 11 at Collège Béliveau.

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JV Saints move one step closer to provincial glory

The Teulon Saints have crossed a major item off their season checklist.

The Saints' junior varsity girls volleyball team went undefeated at the JV A/AA Provincial Round 1 qualifier last Saturday at Grandview School, winning the tournament in front of a strong travelling fan base. The performance continues a season-long trend for Teulon, who have been dominant nearly every time they've taken the court.

They now set their sights on the A/ AA provincial championship from Nov. 20 to 22 at Birtle Collegiate — the final goal on what coaches describe as a years-long development plan.

"It just kind of comes together with a bunch of dedicated athletes," said head coach Mike Rawlings. "Luckily there's enough of them to make a team — a good group of them that are all into it, all hardworking, all really supportive of each other as well.

"That's a big part of this year's success — how good friends they are, how supportive they are. There's no attitudes to deal with, no drama. They're dedicated to playing the

game and being good teammates and good people."

Rawlings and fellow coach Derek Cook have guided most of the group for the past four years, dating back to when the current Grade 10 core first picked up the sport in Grade 7. Teacher representative Lori Wutke has also supported the program over

Their growth has been dramatic. Last season, Teulon iced a Grade 9 team that routinely challenged and occasionally defeated JV squads at tournaments. Half of that lineup now forms the nucleus of this year's roster, with eight of the 12 players also competing in club volleyball.

"When they started, they didn't even know what a bump and a set was," Cook said. "Now, if you watch them, it's amazing. It's like watching college."

At Grandview, the Saints did not drop a single set, winning all six by at least four points. Their closest match came against the host Grandview Spartans, a straight-sets victory of 25-15 and 25-21.



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The Teulon Saints junior varsity girls volleyball team won the JV A/AA Provincial Round 1 qualifier in Grandview last weekend. The Saints went undefeated and will compete for the provincial title Nov. 20-22 in Birtle.

"We have this tendency to come out sort of flat when we start, but in zones and in this qualifier, they came out just ramped up and played amazing right from the first minute," said Cook. "There wasn't much doubt they were going to do well."

Provincial pools and match sched-

ules have yet to be released, but Teulon will enter as one of two Zone 5 representatives. Other qualifiers include Killarney (Zone 9), Grandview and Gilbert Plains (Zone 8), Birtle (host), Miami (Zone 4), Lac du Bonnet (Zone 13), Hapnot (Zone 11), Gabrielle-Roy (Zone 13) and Warren (Zone 5).

North Winnipeg Falcons rally through B-side to win U15 box lacrosse championship

By Lana Meier

The North Winnipeg Falcons U15 box lacrosse team battled their way to a league championship title on June 25, completing an impressive playoff comeback run.

After dropping their first playoff game, the Falcons were forced to work their way through the B-side bracket. They responded with six straight wins, ultimately defeating the A-side winner twice to secure the gold medal.

The roster featured a strong Interlake presence, including players from Stonewall, Stony Mountain and Teulon who played key roles throughout the run.

Coaches credited the group's determination and unity for the late-season surge, noting the team continued to build confidence with every elimination game.



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The Interlake contingent on the championship-winning North Winnipeg Falcons U15 roster. Back row, left to right: Ryder McClintock (Stonewall), Cooper VanDeSype (Stony Mountain), Greg Panchuk (Stony Mountain), Dreydon Greig-Mills (Stony Mountain), Bradon Brennan (Stony Mountain), Olivia Balzar (Stonewall) and Ryatt Drohomereski (Teulon). Front row: Carson Balzar (Stonewall). Missing from the photo: Layne Vandersteen.

WCI sweeps Zone V senior volleyball championship

By Jo-Anne Procter

The Warren Wildcats made a clean sweep on home court last week, capturing both the senior girls' and senior boys' championship banners at the Manitoba High School Athletics Association Zone V volleyball championships held Nov. 4 and 5 at Warren Collegiate.

Both Wildcats squads went unde-

feated in tournament play.

In the senior girls' final, Warren defeated the Gimli Lakers in straight sets, 25-10 and 25-17. The Wildcats advanced to the championship match after downing the Ashern Cobras 25-10 and 25-9 in the semifinal. Earlier in the round robin, Warren posted wins over the Lake St. Martin Golden Eagles (25-14, 25-16), the Lundar



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY BRYN-LEE PROCTER

The Warren Wildcats senior boys also went undefeated to claim the Zone V championship title at Warren Collegiate. Pictured left to right, back row: assistant coach Candace Procter, Chase Hnatuk, Connor Grenkow, Daniel Koss, Sylar Unger, Layne Noren, Ashton Chartrand and coach Jodie Chartrand; front row: Espen Sund and Ryder Clare.



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The Warren Wildcats senior girls captured the Zone V championship banner, going undefeated at the tournament held Nov. 4–5 at Warren Collegiate. Pictured left to right, back row: Paige Seidel, Mackenzie Boonstra, Chyler Grenkow, Danika Shaver, Katie Atchison, Mya Richard and Cadie Huard; front row: coach Tyler Oliver, Kiera Schutz, Jessica Chrusch, Julia Oliver, Torie Galbraith and Camryn Oliver. Missing: Natalia Lavallee-Thang and assistant coach Candace Procter.

Kodiaks (25-10, 25-9) and the Peguis Wolverines (25-10, 25-14).

The senior boys' team mirrored that success, defeating the Gimli Lakers 25-13 and 25-23 in the championship final. Warren earned its berth in the final with a 25-17 and 25-17 semifinal victory over the Teulon Saints. In round-robin play, the Wildcats

recorded wins over Lake St. Martin (25-12, 25-16), Peguis (25-6, 25-11) and Ashern (25-14, 25-15).

Both Warren teams will now advance to regional play on Nov. 15. Results there will determine who moves on to the MHSAA AA provincial championships.

Balmoral Judo Club competes well at first tournament

By Jo-Anne Procter

The Balmoral Judo Club made a strong impression on the tatami at the 4th annual Manitoba Open Circuit tournament, held Nov. 1 and 2 at the Dakota Fieldhouse in Winnipeg.

More than 275 judoka from across Canada competed over the two-day shiai, marking the first major test of the season and a chance for athletes to put their grip work, throws and groundwork to the test.

Balmoral athletes demonstrated strong technical execution and competitive spirit throughout the event.

Britni and Emily Trombo earned gold in the Nage-no-Kata division, a formal paired demonstration of throws where teams are judged on timing, control, balance and precision. Their performance highlighted clean kuzushi (off-balancing) and smooth transitions.

In individual shiai results, Chase Wakeham captured gold in senior male novice -81 kg, showing effective tachi-waza (standing techniques) and patience in match management. Reaghan Wakeham took gold in U14 novice female -44 kg, while Momchil Jongstra dominated his draw to win gold in U12 male Group 3.

Bronze medals went to Avery Wakeham in U16 male advanced -50 kg, Maverick Paton in U12 male Group 3, Leo Paton in U12 male Group 2, and Ryker Rutledge in U12 male Group 1. Several of the club's judoka secured wins by waza-ari and showed strong ne-waza (groundwork) control throughout the weekend.

The club will now shift focus to training and randori sessions in preparation for the St. Boniface Open and Provincial Championship, taking place Nov. 22 in Winnipeg.



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The Balmoral Judo Club competed at the Manitoba Open Circuit tournament on Nov. 1 and 2. Pictured left to right, back row: Nathan Panchuk (junior coach), Trevor Panchuk (coach) and Jason Rogowsky (coach); middle row: Britni Trombo, Emily Trombo, Avery Wakeham, Reaghan Wakeham and Chase Wakeham; front row: Maverick Paton, Phoenix Wakeham, Leo Paton, Momchil Jongstra, Austin MacDonald and Ryker Rutledge.

Wildcats fall in back-toback overtime battles

The Warren Wildcats came out on the wrong side of back-to-back overtime decisions in Manitoba Women's High School Hockey League play this week, despite two strong defensive efforts on home ice.

On Tuesday, the Wildcats pushed the Oak Park Raiders to extra time before falling 2-1 at Access Credit Union Arena. After Oak Park opened the scoring in the second period, Warren answered in the third when Brook Waldbauer tied the game at 5:04, finishing a setup from Nicole Hutchinson and Katie Atchison. The Raiders scored the winner in overtime. Shots were even at 17-17, with goaltender Emma Cassils turning aside 15 in the

Two days later, Warren found themselves in another tight matchup against the Sanford Sabres, again

forcing overtime before dropping a 2–1 decision.

Sanford opened the scoring midway through the second period, but the Wildcats responded early in the third when Jersey MacMillan converted a pass from Maria Riddell, with assists also to Lilly Skinner, to tie the game. Neither side found the winner in regulation, and the Sabres secured the overtime point.

Cassils was sharp again in net Thursday, stopping 20 of 21 shots as Warren was outshot 21-16.

The Wildcats did not have a power-play opportunity in Thursday's game, while Sanford was 0-for-1 with the advantage.

Warren (0-2-2-0) continues its homestand next week when the Wildcats host the Churchill Bulldogs on Thursday, Nov. 13 at 3:15 p.m. at Access Credit Union Arena.



Warren Wildcats defender Annika Reesink battles for the puck behind her own net during Thursday's game against the Sanford Sabres at Access Credit Union

Blues' Hofer blanks Sabres for first shutout of the season

St. Louis Blues goaltender Joel Hofer turned in a standout performance Thursday night, recording his first shutout of the NHL season in a 3-0 win over the Buffalo Sabres.

Hofer stopped all 28 shots he faced at KeyBank Center in Buffalo, outdueling Sabres netminder Ukko-Pekka Luukkonen, who surrendered two goals on 16 shots before Buffalo allowed an empty-net marker late. The

25-year-old, who has ties to both New Haven Colony and Keystone Colony, now has three career NHL shutouts after earning one in each of the last two seasons.

Mathieu Joseph and Nick Bjugstad supplied the offence for St. Louis, while Justin Faulk sealed the victory with an empty-netter. The win marked the Blues' fifth of the campaign and halted Buffalo's seven-game point a 4.08 goals-against average and an .864 save percentage. Since making his NHL debut in 2021-22, the young

Hofer improved his season totals to netminder has collected 37 wins across 76 appearances as he continues to work his way into a larger role in the Blues' crease.

Wildcats putting points on the board early in season

By Kieran Reimer

The Warren Wildcats boys' hockey team is off to another strong start in the Winnipeg High School Hockey League. The reigning Price Division finalists improved to 4-0 last week with wins over the Windsor Park Royals and Pinawa Panthers.

On Monday, Warren downed the Royals 4-1, building a twogoal lead in the first period that held the rest of the way. Kaelen Ivany opened the scoring before Rhet King netted what would

stand as the game-winner. After the Royals cut the lead to one, Ty Olson restored the two-goal cushion, and Ivany added his second of the night on the power play.

Goaltender Mason Klassen earned his third win of the season with 27 saves on 28 shots.

The Wildcats then travelled to Pinawa on Friday and handed the Panthers a 10-1 loss. Pinawa scored the game's first goal be-

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St. Louis Blues netminder Joel Hofer earned his first shutout of the season Thursday in Buffalo, stopping all 28 shots he faced in a 3-0 win over the Sabres.

U17 Lightning looking to 'keep it simple'

By Kieran Reimer

The U17 AAA Interlake Lightning are still working to establish their identity in the early part of the season.

Interlake came close to victory twice on the weekend but ultimately fell 6-5 to the league-leading Winnipeg Bruins on Saturday and 6-5 in overtime to the Ice Bandits on Sunday — a club the Lightning defeated just one week earlier.

The Lightning held leads in both games and, offensively, enjoyed one of their strongest weekends of the year. However, they collected only a single point when coaching staff felt four were within reach.

"We fell asleep for four minutes, and what good teams do is they take advantage of it," said head coach Jamie Leach, recalling Saturday's loss to Winnipeg. "They scored four goals and all of a sudden it's 4-1."

Leach, a former Stanley Cup champion, has emphasized the need for a consistent, full 60-minute effort in his first season behind the Lightning bench. He and assistants Liam Schioler and Reed Langlois currently have the club sitting eighth in the 10-team

Winnipeg AAA U17 League with a 2-9-0-2 record.

"We're chipping away, One of the main things is, if you show up to a game and you think you're not going to win, you're not going to win. It's definitely been a challenge that way," said Leach.

"We have a group of kids that work really hard in practice. They have no problem putting the work in and trying to get better. We are seeing improvements in skill development, but thinking the game and hockey IQ have definitely created a challenge and we're continuing to work on it."

Interlake now turns its attention to a single-game weekend, hosting the Winnipeg Wild on Sunday afternoon in Lundar. The Wild defeated the Lightning 8-2 in their lone meeting back in October at Hockey For All Centre.

Sunday's matchup will provide a measuring stick for how far the Lightning have progressed. The club will be hunting its third win of the season.

Puck drop is set for noon at Lundar



Ryder Jacobson finishes a feed from Carson Kirk and Tavyn Sigurdson to cut into the deficit in the third period for the U17 Lightning in Warren on Nov. 8. Interlake scored three unanswered in the final frame before falling 6–5.



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Interlake's Declan Sanders moves the puck up ice during U17 AAA action in Warren on Nov. 8. Sanders assisted on two third-period goals as the Lightning mounted a late comeback before falling 6–5 to the Bruins.

Warren held off the scoresheet in back-to-back HTJHL losses

By Annaliese Meier

The Warren 67's endured a tough weekend in Hanover Tache Junior Hockey League play, dropping a pair of road games while being shut out in both.

On Friday in Grunthal, the Red Wings scored three goals in the opening frame and didn't look back in a 6–0 decision at Access Credit Union Arena. Owen Penner led the scoring with two goals, while Jeremiah Martens recorded a goal and three assists. Grunthal finished the night 1-for-6 on the power play, while Warren went 0-for-3.

Despite the final score, goaltender Preston Laschyn kept the 67's within reach for stretches of the game, stopping 44 shots. The game became physical late, with several roughing minors and misconduct penalties assessed to both teams in the third period

The following night in Niverville, the Clippers came out flying and built a 3–0 lead in the first period before adding four more in the second and seven in the third on the way to a 14–0 win. Niverville's Emry Gonzaga scored four times, while Mason Hooper recorded a hat trick and Josh Smeltz added two goals and two assists

Warren had four power-play opportunities in the game but couldn't find a way past Niverville goaltender Nigel Taylor, who finished with a 22-save shutout. Laschyn made 27 saves through 43 minutes before Josh Tristram came in for relief.

Warren continues a stretch of road games this week, travelling to St. Jean on Wednesday, Nov. 19, before visiting Landmark on Saturday, Nov. 22. The 67's then head to Steinbach on Sunday, Nov. 23 for a 3 p.m. matchup.

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fore Warren responded with 10 unanswered.

Lexon Hogg and Braeden Ivany each scored twice, while Sawyer Park, King, Ashton Baldwin, Benett Bergthorson, Kaelen Ivany and Lee Hearn rounded out the scoring. Netminder Josh Tristam picked up his first win of the season with 19 saves.

The undefeated Wildcats currently sit fourth in the Price Division, which still features two other teams without a loss. Warren visits the Edward Schreyer Barons on Wednesday at 3:30 p.m. at the Garson Arena.

Jets show promise against MMJHL top dogs

By Kieran Reime

The Stonewall Jets drew the short straw with having to play the top two teams in the Manitoba Major Junior Hockey League this past weekend.

They ultimately dropped both to the St. Boniface Riels and Transcona Railer Express.

They did, however, piece together respectable performances, showing they can hang with the league's best.

On Thursday it was a 6-4 loss to the Railers in Stonewall that was won by a four-goal third from the road team.

Evan Deprez and Rylan Slatcher scored Stonewall goals which had things knotted up at two through 40 minutes.

Cohen Cheung and Karson King also scored for the Jets but the big third by Transcona made for a deficit too large to overcome.

On Sunday the Jets headed south to Winnipeg where they played through nearly two periods without a goal.

The Riels were the ones who broke the ice late in the second frame which is how things remained all the way through.

The Jets fell 1-0 the final despite outshooting the Riels 36-33.

Losing both games last week drops their record to 6-6, however they remain tied for fifth in the MMJHL now through 12 games.

UPCOMING GAMES:

Thursday, Nov. 13 vs Pembina Valley Twisters, 8 p.m. at Veterans Memorial Sports Complex

Friday, Nov. 14 at St. James Jr. Canucks, 7:30 p.m. at Ab McDonald Arena



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY LANA MEIER

Stonewall Jets forward Rylan Slatcher scores during Thursday's matchup against the Transcona Railer Express at Veterans Memorial Sports Complex.

Waite's tally leads Mercs to quality win over Springfield

By Kieran Reimer

The Warren Mercs are building a name for themselves with their latest win over a South Eastern Manitoba Hockey League powerhouse.

Last Saturday, the Mercs handed the reigning SEMHL finalist Springfield Winterhawks their first regulation loss of the season by a score of 3-2 from ONE Insurance Arena in Oak-

bank.

It's the second week in a row the Mercs have been victors in a one-goal game.

Saturday's in particular was a group effort from a 35-save performance from Evan Baty and a two-point night from Mason Waite, who scored the game winner.

They led 2-0 through 20 minutes off

goals from Brenden Luschinski and Drake Lindsay.

After Springfield knotted it up in the second, Waite netted the winner early on in the third.

Baty made the stops the team needed from there as they nabbed their second win of the second.

Now 2-1, the Mercs have one of the best win percentages in the SEMHL

and are tied with the fewest games played.

They will be tested again on Saturday, Nov. 15 when they return home to take on the Morden Bombers (3-2) from Access Credit Union Arena.

Puck drop is scheduled for 8 p.m.

Rams finding footing with latest set of wins

By Kieran Reimer

The Stonewall Rams appear to be settling into form.

After opening their Winnipeg High School Hockey League Winnipeg Free Press Division season below the .500 mark, the Rams boys' squad strung together back-to-back wins last week to improve to 3-3-0-1-0.

Stonewall's week began with a setback — a 9-1 loss to Springfield on Tuesday — but the Rams quickly rebounded. They downed Gabrielle-Roy 4-2 at home Wednesday before mounting a dramatic 6-4 comeback victory over St. John's-Ravenscourt on Friday.

The Rams wasted no time asserting themselves Wednesday, scoring the first four goals of the game to secure the win. Ethan Zagrodnik, Jakek Grantham, Presten Grandmont and

Daniel Halleux supplied the offence, while goaltender Tyler Loehmer turned aside 28 shots for his second win of the season.

On Friday at Dutton Arena, Stone-wall found itself trailing 4-0 midway through the contest before storming back with five unanswered goals in the third period. Nate McIvor sparked the rally with a late second-period marker, then added another early in

the third to cut the deficit in half.

From there, the offence came in waves. Banx Chartrand, Alec Harrisko, Mason Bernier and Brody Slatcher each scored as Stonewall surged ahead and held on for the win.

The Rams will look to stay level when they travel to face the Sanford Sabres on Thursday. Puck drop is set for 4 p.m. at Sanford Recreation Centre.

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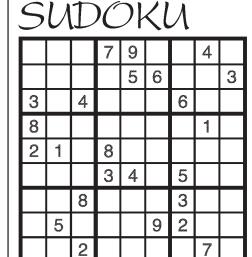
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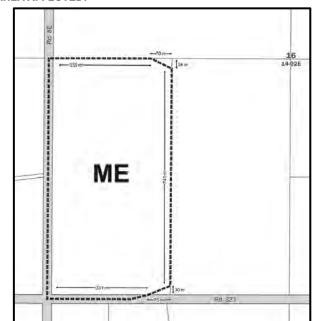
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285 Main Street, Stonewall, MB

DATE & TIME: Wednesday, December 10, 2025, at 10:30 AM

GENERAL INTENT: To re-zone the Pt. W ½ of the SW ¼ 16-14-2

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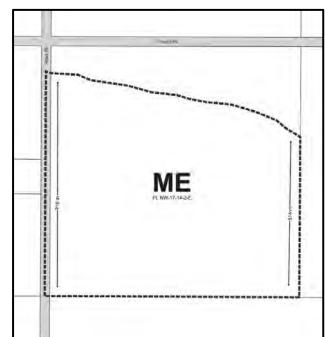
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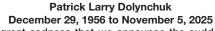
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OBITUARY



It is with great sadness that we announce the sudden passing of Patrick Larry Dolynchuk on November 5, 2025 at the young age of 68.

Patrick was a loving father to Nathaniel and Sarah (Mike) and a devoted stepfather to Jennifer (Ryan) and Lisa (Clint), he was a proud grandfather to Corey, Kailee, Parker, Iver and Greyson, who brought endless joy to his life. Patrick will be deeply missed by his beloved wife Teresa, his father Larry and his brother Dale.

He was predeceased by his mother Doreen, whom he loved dearly.

Born and raised in Winnipeg, Patrick later found his happy place in Stonewall, a community he fondly called Mayberry. Known for his easygoing nature and his sense of humor Patrick loved the

simple pleasures of life, good food, friends and time spent outdoors. His passion for barbecue was unmatched. He took great pride in perfecting his brisket often rising at 5 a.m. to ensure that it was smoked to perfection before family arrived. Patrick also cherished his weekends watching the CFL with Teresa and especially his lifelong buddies for over 50 years. Classic rock, bonfires and the great outdoors were the soundtracks and settings for so many happy moments. Patrick's warmth, generosity, love for family and friends will forever be remembered. His legacy lives on in the laughter, love and countless memories he shared with those who were lucky enough to know him.

A celebration of Patrick's life will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, the family asked that you raise a glass, share a story and remember him with a smile just as he would have wanted.

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TRIBUTE

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Royce Edwin Anderson December 25, 1937 – November 02, 2025

Our dad, Eddie or T-bone as many people would fondly call him, went to be with his Creator peacefully in his home surrounded with so much love. We are all certain that he was greeted in heaven with the loving arms of his mother and father, Gertrude and Royce Anderson, along with his brother Bill and wife Anne.

He leaves to grieve, miss and celebrate him: Arlene his beloved wife and best friend; his daughters, Shannon, Paula (Chris), Wendy, Pamela (Mitch), his son Kyle (Louise); his grandchildren, Chelsea (Bern), Shelby (Mike), Taylor (Tyler), Amy (Connor), Josh, Kylie (Dave), Sara, Hunter, Jacenta, Thalissa, Natalia and Camron and his great-grandchildren, Liam, Scottie, Levi, Anders, Harper, Axell, Ivy, Georgia and Mia as well as Joan Nelson, the mother of his children, his sister Shirley (Rolly) and beloved nieces, nephew

and countless friends.

How do we sum up the wisdom and life of this amazing man that graced this world for 88 years? Our dad Eddie was born, raised and lived his entire life on the farm south of Grosse Isle. It was his parents' homestead that was handed down to him. He took his first and last breath on that land.

He raised his five children there, held his grandchildren and great-grandchildren on that land. Five generations inside that treeline makes it a special place. This is where our dad's legacy began

Dad loved the simple things in life. He was able to look up at the same starlit sky every night of his life, he appreciated a good sunrise, he loved the smell after the rain, he listened to the quiet and the stillness of the country and it became a part of who he was. Simple things, that we often take for granted. He pondered the wonder of it all and he inspired us all.

Dad loved every little critter that found themselves on his property, he befriended every barn cat, feral or not, and built little insulated homes for them inside the barn so they were not cold. He cared and eventually gained the trust of every one of them.

Eddie was a farmer for many years of his life. He farmed with pride, plowed his fields with dedication, at times with a child or two in tow. Dad also worked as a plumber for 35 years for Mikkelsen-Coward & Co. to provide for his ever-growing family.

Having four girls before getting his one and only son, Dad taught his kids all how to work hard, how to use a hammer and how to do the job right the first-time round, all with the patience of a saint. Living in a small community, neighbours became friends, friends become family and that was

It was a simple life as we knew it, his children wore rubber boots to play in the fields, climbed trees, built forts and he was always close by with a smile on his face.

It was Dad who taught us to drive on gravel roads often telling us to "speed up, step on the gas and handle it", that alone showed he had the patience of a saint.

He loved to tease and make us laugh. He was never quick to anger, often taking the quiet approach. If he asked you to do something more than once, before we knew it, he was up to doing the task; we would jump up and say "No Dad, I was going to do it", he would not yell or get mad, he would go on to say, "if you have a job to do, do it start to finish"; he taught without words - you felt in your soul, a lesson was learned.

In the early 80's Dad sat us all down and told us that he was setting aside farming and plumbing as he was going to move on to his next adventure. He was going to build a banquet hall and outdoor wedding venue. We all thought he was crazy, however once we had to start doing more chores, we knew he was serious.

He built onto the old machine shed that his father had built many years prior and started crafting his dream. Us kids would be up on the rafters scraping them clean so they could be freshly painted. Slowly it started to come together, every nail hammered with the labour of his love, every antique he found and displayed, every little detail, he poured his whole soul into this dream he had. He had many friends that helped him along the way and he was forever grateful. In 1984 the doors of The Hitch 'n Post opened and it was brought to life. Our dad was 47 years old at this time.

The Hitch was never just a reflection of his hard work; it also resonated all the people that loved him and helped to make it a success. It took the belief of people and a community to make something incredible.

Dad created a space for people to gather, forming relationships that lasted a lifetime. Eddie/T-bone was the heart of the Hitch; however, it was the laughs, the love and the lessons that he truly valued. He would say that your business is only as good as your staff so treat people with kindness, respect and love. Dad did just that, he treated every person that walked through those doors like they were his own family, that's what made it so special.

Three to four generations of people/families had their own space in that building with our dad, many of them saying that it was Eddie that helped shape a part of the person they are today. Thousands of people, from all over the world ate Hitch roast beef, beans and delicious apple crisp and celebrated special occasions at the Hitch 'n Post, all while being privileged to walk under those same stars Dad saw every night. Eddie lived out his dream.

What was it that Eddie Anderson offered people, young and old, that touched their hearts so tenderly? It was just him, being Eddie, a quiet simple man that did not ask much out of life. A man that pondered the stars, wind and rain. A man that learned wisdom and knowledge from his own parents that worked the land to bestow it to future generations. It was him with his kind eyes, his friendly hello, the hug you needed, the private conversations, it was simply him!

Our beloved dad, was an inspiring role model to so many without even knowing it. An angel in disguise.

Although the Hitch played a significant role in his life, together with all the friendships he made along the way, his truest treasure was his family.

Eddie raised his five children with the most loving arms and we are forever grateful for Mama AK who was by his side through it all. He was graced with 12 beautiful grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren that will carry out all he taught us.

There are so many people cherishing their own memories with our dad. He would want everyone to listen to that wind, sit in silence, become friends with a feral barn cat with patience, tenacity and love and start with pure intent and go from there. Be kind, forgive, love, laugh and most importantly look up. Dad will forever be the light that guides our way.

One of his last messages was "we are only here on this Earth for such a short amount of time, you may as well be a good person."

Dad, you accomplished so much in your life, you have left your footprint on countless hearts. We are all better humans because of you. Fly high, be at peace and know just how loved you are.

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William "Bill" Keith Stewart

It is with profound sadness that the family of William "Bill" Keith Stewart announce his sudden passing on November 3, 2025 at the

The celebration of life will be held on November 12, 2025 from 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. at Canad Inns Destination Centre Garden City located at 2100 McPhillips St, Winnipeg.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to the Winnipeg Police Service Veterans PTSD Peer Support Group via e-transfer to pamsteciuk@ amail.com.



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Marianne Rowbotham "Mam" June 4, 1947 - November 3, 2025

Marianne passed away peacefully, while sleeping, after a long and brave battle with cancer.

She is survived by her beloved husband Brian; children Craig (Lisa), Peter (Laurie), and Robin (Francine); grandchildren Naomi and Maxwell; sister Margot; brother Sandy; and many nieces and nephews.

Marianne had a truly unique and adventurous spirit, and she made a huge impression on everyone she met. She was always kind, giving, and full of energy.

She will be missed dearly.

To Tina, to her devoted home care nurses, to the staff and volunteers of Stonewall Hospital, SAMS and the SIRSC, to her congregation and all her other friends, we send our sincerest

thanks on her behalf. She was blessed to spend her last years in such a loving community. A celebration of her life will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, November 15, at the Church of the Ascension.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Church or to a charity of your choice.

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OBITUARY

Royce Eddie Anderson (Tbone)

Royce Eddie Anderson, beloved husband, father, grandfather, and friend, passed away peacefully at his home on the family homestead in Grosse Isle, Manitoba, on November 2, 2025, just shy of his 88th birthday. Born on Christmas Day, December 25, 1937, Royce, better known to all as Tbone, lived a life defined by hard work, ingenuity, and boundless devotion to his family.

Thone was blessed to spend his entire life on the family homestead, and the family is comforted knowing he had his final wish to pass away in the place he loved most.

In his early years, Thone briefly left the farm, working up north in places like Coal Harbour and Churchill. He returned home and embarked on a long and successful career as a journeyman plumber, working for Mikkelson-Coward for over 35 years.

In 1984, Thone and his beloved wife, Arlene, embarked on an

extraordinary venture, transforming the family farm into one of Manitoba's premier banquet facilities, Hitch 'n Post Country BBQ Inc. As an entrepreneur and host, Tbone welcomed countless guests, hosting weddings, business events, and national and international conventions. One of his proudest moments was hosting a convention in the early 90s for over 1000 people. His countless friends and inspirational spirit made "The Hitch" a cherished landmark.

Thone officially retired in 2002 but always stayed busy, enjoying "puttering" around the farm and befriending all the stray cats that found their way to the barn. He was an inspiration and a true patriarch who taught his children and grandchildren the importance of integrity and hard work.

The family expresses their profound gratitude for the love and dedication Tbone showed every day. "Thank you, Dad, you meant so much to us, taught us right, and raised an amazing family. Fly high now and be in peace. We love you."

Thone is lovingly remembered by his devoted wife of over 40 years, Arlene Kaiser, and their children: Shannon, Paula (Chris), Wendy, Pam (Mitch), and Kyle (Louise). He was a proud grandfather to 12 grandchildren: Chelsea (Bern), Shelby (Mike), Taylor (Tyler), Amy (Connor), Josh, Jacenta, Thalissa, Natalia, Camron, Kylie (Dave), Sara, and Hunter; and 9 great-grandchildren: Liam, Scottie, Levi, Anders, Ivy, Georgia, Mia, Harper, and Axell. He is also survived by his sister,

wishes, no formal service will be held.

OBITUARY

Mervin Stewart McDonald August 28, 1955 - November 2, 2025

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Mervin Stewart McDonald, loving husband, dad, and Papa.

He leaves to mourn his loving wife, Linda; children Evan (Brooke), Londa (Joseph), Kody, Kacy, and grandchildren Kayleigh, Logan, Kole, Kaydin, Ondray. He is also survived by siblings Gordan, Maureen, Rick, Bob (Marlaine), Brenda (Chris), and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Mervin was predeceased by his parents Morgan and Violet McDonald, his sisters-in-law Lynn and Bernice, and brother-in-law

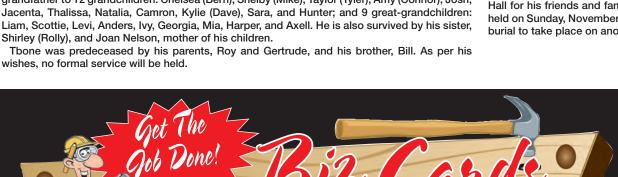
Mervin was born and raised in Gunton which is where he married Linda in 1976 and raised their four children together. Mervin worked on the family farm until changing careers into metal fabrication.

He had a great love for the outdoors, including camping, hunting, and fishing. In the later years he enjoyed ice fishing with everyone and deer hunting on the land near to where he began hunting.

A celebration of life will be held at Gunton Greenwood Community Hall for his friends and family to gather and share memories. It will be held on Sunday, November 16, 2025 from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. with a private burial to take place on another date.



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