



# Local veterinary clinics accepting donations for a ‘Season FUR Everyone’

By Autumn Fehr

Furry friends need our help this Christmas.

This December, 16 clinics across Manitoba will come together for another year of the Manitoba Veterinary Medical Association’s (MVMA) “Season FUR Everyone” campaign, including Stonewall Veterinary Clinic and Equi-Tech Veterinary.

The annual campaign empowers clinics to decide where their contributions are most needed so specific needs are met within the clinic’s communities. Donations of pet food, supplies and monetary donations are collected and then distributed by the participating clinics to local families, shelters, rescues and food banks.

This year, throughout December,



clinics across Manitoba have chosen to support 15 organizations, an effort by veterinary clinics across the province to support pets and families in need during the holiday season.

This reflects the diversity of needs



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Stonewall Veterinary Hospital is accepting donations for D’Arcys ARC (Animal Rescue Centre) until Dec. 22. Pictured: Stonewall Veterinary manager Kim Shaw, left, and her five-month-old Chihuahua Daphne and veterinary technician Sydney Woelk.

and incredible work being done by groups dedicated to animal welfare, said Michelle Kusano, communications and event coordinator at the MVMA.

Equi-Tech Veterinary (northeast of Stonewall) will accept donations for Before the Bridge Senior K9 Rescue from Dec. 4 to 29. Donations will be accepted Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. For more information, contact 204-467-2083.

The shelter has a special place in the clinic’s heart, as they have been pro-

viding vet care to the rescue animals since 2016.

“The dogs that are in this rescue come to the rescue needing lots of medical, dental and surgical care, and the rescue goes above and beyond to make sure that that care is done before they are adopted out to their new family. So we’ve done our best throughout the years to support the rescue because we believe in their work,” said Dr. Valerie Millette from Equi-Tech Veterinary.

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# Something Beautiful hosts cookie decorating with Mrs. Claus



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Mrs. Claus spent last Sunday afternoon in Stonewall at Something Beautiful decorating cookies with special guests. Pictured from left, Andrew Margetts decorates a star, while children enjoyed listening to Mrs. Claus read Christmas stories. Sisters Olivia and Ava Stangby enjoyed a visit with Mrs. Claus.

## RCMP news in brief

By Jennifer McFee

### Drive safely near horses

Stonewall RCMP would like to remind drivers to be mindful of horses in their travels.

On Wednesday, Nov. 29, Stonewall RCMP received a complaint about a truck almost hitting a horse on the shoulder of a local road. A five-year-old was on the horse at the time for a private lesson.

Cpl. Mike Garton said the truck was speeding and came dangerously close to the horse.

"Motorists are reminded to slow down and give horses sufficient space," he said.

"A horse can get spooked easily from sudden movements or loud noises. Slow down and move to the other lane, if safe to do so."

### Possession of property obtained by crime

On Saturday, Oct. 28, Stonewall RCMP received a complaint about a suspicious person at 175 Main St. in Stonewall.

Police attended the scene and located a man in possession of a stolen truck.

"The male, identified as 30-year-old Brendon Osbak, was observed trying to remove the decals and serial number from the vehicle," Garton said.

"Community members are reminded it is illegal to remove the VIN (serial number) from a motor vehicle, as

per Section 353 of the Criminal Code of Canada."

Osbak was charged with possession of property obtained by crime over \$5,000 under Section 354 of the Criminal Code and was remanded into custody. He was already facing property crime charges from August 2023 and was on a variety of court-ordered conditions.

### Protect your property

Stonewall RCMP reminds community members to not leave their keys

in their vehicle and to not leave their vehicle idling while running errands.

In addition, community members should lock any keys for ATVs, boats and RVs in a high-quality safe when they're parked long-term at their residence.

"Invest in a home security system," Garton added.

"There are many options online on Amazon like surveillance cameras and bright lights to help deter criminal activity on your property."



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# Massage therapist seeks to solve pain, inflammation

By Autumn Fehr

Angelica Kerbrat has been a massage therapist for the last 20 years.

Within the two decades, she has always owned her own business, practising massage therapy in different buildings. At one point, she owned San Piper Fitness Centre and Warren Wellness, taking advantage of her certification in fitness and nutrition.

“And now I’ve just evolved. I’ve taken all the knowledge over the past 20 years and decided to open up in Stonewall,” said Kerbrat.

Over the last 20 years, Kerbrat has taken many courses in British Columbia and Mexico to continue educating herself, learning skills like acupuncture, reflexology and cupping.

Her massage therapy clinic — 310 Wellness On Main in Stonewall, which opened in October of this year — offers different types of massage therapy with a variety of bodywork. In addition to all the services mentioned, she also provides the sauna, wolfe non-surgical deep-tissue therapy and ion footbath detoxes, which help eliminate heavy metals and an accumulation of toxins and chemicals in the body.

Even though her title is massage therapist, she has evolved more into detox and coaching as she tries to re-



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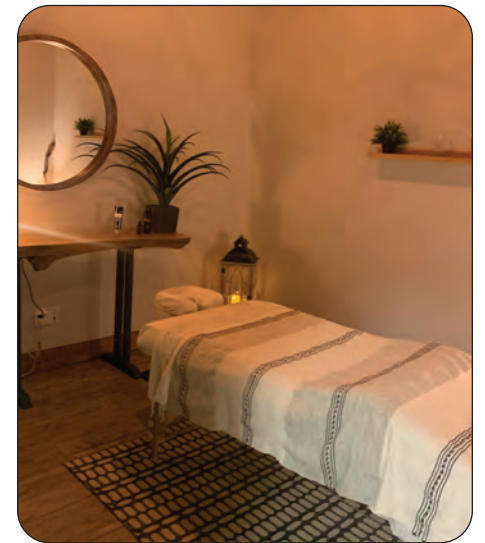
Angelica Kerbrat, owner of 310 Wellness On Main, is a local massage therapist with two decades of experience in massage, acupuncture, reflexology and cupping.

spond to the needs of her community.

“I’ve just noticed over the last couple of years a lot of my customers have become extremely ill with inflammation. The only thing that I can think of to help bring people’s inflammation down is to find out what exactly caused that damage to their body and to stop it immediately. At the same time, in order for the body to heal, the person needs to eliminate whatever is hurting them,” she said.

“Inflammation creates pain; pain creates discomfort and depression and anxiety. We are living in a society of an inflammation nation — everybody is inflamed.”

With her clinic now in a more centralized location, Kerbrat hopes to be better reachable to those who need to ac-



Massage therapists assess soft tissues and joints of the body for treatment and prevention of injury, pain and physical disorders.

cess her services.

“If I can help one person out of 100 — like truly help that person — help that (person) understand that there is more to healing than we can see. Where the mind goes, the body follows,” she said.

Adding fitness and wellness into her massage therapy practice, Kerbrat calls herself a “whole life” coach practitioner, offering a more holistic approach. In addition to all her massage therapy practices, she will also offer health consultations, which she hopes will help get to the root of her patients’ inflammation problems.

“For me, my favourite part about my practice is helping people. I put my whole heart and whole soul into it. To listen to people and help them — this is what I’m here for. We learn from each other,” she said.

With a new space in a new town, Kerbrat hopes to share her experience and expertise with the community to get to the root causes of people’s suffering and trauma to cure and reverse inflammation.

“The people that come see me have been seeing me for years and years, and they can’t wait. They are suffering. People don’t come to see me just for a massage. They come for help,”

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# Woodlands Wildlife Association hosts head scoring event

By Jo-Anne Procter

The Woodlands Wildlife Association has recently been revived and the first order of operation for the club was to bring back the once-popular Hunters Ball after a 12-year hiatus.

With the help of volunteers, the club hosted a very successful head scoring event and a social at Meadow Lea Hall last Saturday.

There were 41 entries in six categories. Colton, Trey and Karson King were awarded first place for a moose they harvested with a score of 144 4/8 and Darcy Heuging received second place for his moose that scored 104 3/8.

In the youth whitetail category, Owen Shymko's buck scored 123 6/8 and second place went to Cody Rasmussen for his 98 1/8 buck.

In women's typical, Hailey Hueging received first place for her 147 1/8 buck and Robin Yanke got second for her 135 3/8 buck.

Men's symmetrical (minimum score

of 120 typical) first place was awarded to Colton Green's buck that measured 141 7/8 and second to Corey Pasichnyk for a score of 126 6/8.

Men's non-typical went to Will Dalrymple for his 153 6/8 buck.

Men's typical first place was awarded to Brian Riddell for his buck that scored 161 3/8, which made the Manitoba Big Game Record Book, and second place went to Riley Hay for his buck that scored 147 4/8.

In October, a new executive for the club was voted in. President Darrell Hueging, vice-president Dylan Hildebrandt and secretary-treasurer Bentley Wickens look forward to bringing the club back to life. The annual spring banquet is planned for March and the youth goose shoot for the fall. The club has other events in the works and always promotes safe and respectful hunting.

For more information and dates of events, follow their Facebook page Woodlands Wildlife Association.



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Woodlands Wildlife newly elected vice-president Dylan Hildebrandt, left, and president Darrell Hueging presented Karson, Colton and Trey King the first place trophy for their moose that scored 144 4/8.



Women's typical, left to right, Dylan Hildebrandt, Robin Yanke, Hailey Hueging and Darrell Hueging.



Youth whitetail, left to right, Dylan Hildebrandt, Cody Rasmussen, Owen Shymko and Darrell Hueging.



Men's symmetrical, left to right, Dylan Hildebrandt, Colton Green, Corey Pasichnyk and Darrell Hueging.



Men's non-typical, left to right, Dylan Hildebrandt, Will Dalrymple and Darrell Hueging.

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## The best managers measure

**W**hen I was a kid, I absolutely HATED report card day. Use your imagination to figure out why.

I didn't want to know (because I secretly suspected), and what you don't know can't hurt you, right? Certainly what your mum doesn't know can't hurt you.

Thankfully, I grew up and began to understand how ridiculous the idea was. My career in the IT sector helped with this SIGNIFICANTLY.

I started work at an asset management software company where I was taught through trial-by-fire the ins and outs of why every last cent — tangible and intangible — needed to be captured and measured when it came to networked IT infrastructure.

Then, when you were done, guess what? You did it all over again. Why? Because a data set of information is relatively useless if you have nothing to compare it to. Data over time? That's where valuable intelligence comes your way.

Eventually, I went to work for an IT research and consulting company called Gartner as a senior research analyst focused on total cost of ownership (TCO). Gartner had a mantra I am going to put here in all caps because I believe in it so strongly:

**YOU CANNOT MANAGE WHAT YOU DO NOT MEASURE.**



**By Peter Cantelon**

This is particularly useful in finance but also in infrastructure, home budgeting, in the gym, dieting, school (report cards) and much, much more.

The point of measurement is simple: how am I doing? Where am I doing well? Where could I improve?

If you are responsible for anything, you should be measuring various aspects of that thing at multiple points over time so that you can gain a sense for how you've been doing, where you are at and what needs to be done in the future to get better.

This is why I have been a huge cheerleader for the Community Foundations of Canada's initiative Vital Signs.

Vital Signs is essentially a community report card. The initiative collects measurable, actionable real data from a community and provides an in-depth report back about all of the critical elements that are working and what perhaps needs improvement.

The report presents info on key attributes of the community like health and wellness, income, work and economy, belonging, housing, standard of living, safety, arts, culture and recreation and much more.

The data is packaged in an incredibly well laid out, illustrative and easy-to-understand report for the whole community to read.

Of the communities in our region, only Winkler has participated, in 2012 and 2018 (it's time for another one, Winkler). Morden and Altona have never participated.

Such a tool is invaluable in the hands of a city council and its administration. It is one of the few things I can honestly say the cost of not doing it is much larger than the cost of doing it.

I get it: nobody likes being graded. It feels threatening and scary, like you're being judged. But, frankly, the value of knowing where you are in comparison to where you've been is critical in successfully developing a roadmap to where you want to go (unless you like stumbling about in the dark).

With two new councillors and a new mayor soon to join Morden council, I would urge the city to consider seeking out Vital Signs. I say the same to Altona and I will repeat: **YOU CANNOT MANAGE WHAT YOU DO NOT MEASURE.**

Don't give me any of that "we measure ourselves all the time" because if I wrote my own report cards back in elementary school, it would be A+ across the board, with an A- for the sake of humility.

As incredibly diverse, fast-growing communities, this is an initiative that should be a no brainer ... let's make it happen.

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Last Monday, the rime ice made a beautiful backdrop for photos around Inwood. The recorded temperature for Inwood on Dec. 4 was -6 degrees C. Help the Tribune record the weather of the week and send in your photos of friends or family enjoying the outdoors. Email: news@stonewallteulontribune.ca.

## Don't be mad but I bought you Prairies and Parklands

**Submitted**

As the holiday season approaches, the Nature Conservancy of Canada (NCC) is offering a meaningful solution to gift-giving woes with the gift of nature. By symbolically adopting a species or landscape, the 28th annual green gifts program is an opportunity to give back to nature across Canada, while bypassing the stress of holiday shopping.

For over 60 years, NCC has leveraged its expertise to protect and conserve the plants, animals and over 15 million hectares of natural landscapes that need it most.

Through the symbolic adoption of a species or landscape, people are supporting NCC to conserve critical hab-

itats and ensure a future for species at risk. Funds will also build healthier, more resilient ecosystems that provide important services to people and communities, like water filtration, flood mitigation and carbon storage, while countering the effects of climate change and biodiversity loss.

People can select from nine species, some of which are designated as threatened or endangered like swift fox, monarch butterfly or Blanding's turtle. Eight diverse habitats are also on offer, which include grasslands, the most endangered yet least protected habitat on the planet. Over 80 per

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### letter to the editor

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It has recently come to my attention that the Winfield Road transfer station will no longer be accepting cash as payment for services and will switch to debit card only, as of Jan. 1, 2024. The reason given for this plan is that it will be a more convenient and streamlined way to conduct business there. (Convenient for who?)

It is one thing for a private business to decide on eliminating cash payments for transactions, quite another for a government edifice that is there to serve the people.

Are we ready to transform to a totally cashless society? Certainly another topic for another day.

I understand the administrators also came up with an awkward solution where stickers could be purchased at the RM office, with cash, to place on waste bags. This is a non-workable solution — again, at whose convenience? Certainly not the citizens of Rockwood.

I would request that the RM continue to accept cash as payment, as well as the debit card option, as this would best serve all the residents of Rockwood and not just the administrators of this ill-conceived plan.

- Tim Gordienko  
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*Violence*

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# Winnipeg Police Service and RCMP launch holiday Checkstop program

By Lana Meier

The 2023 holiday Checkstop program was launched in Headingley by a joint effort between the Winnipeg Police Service and the Manitoba RCMP. While police focus on road safety year-round, the influx of travelers during this season highlights the need for enforcement methods such as checkstops.

In 2023, the number of fatalities on Manitoba roads has been distressingly high. According to both the RCMP and WPS, there have been a total of 109 deaths in collision incidents. The most prevalent factor in these fatal collisions is impaired driving. Looking at the past five years within RCMP jurisdiction alone, there have been a total of 143 fatal collisions related to impairment.

We will now discuss the recurring issue of dangerous driving habits — specifically impaired driving, speeding, failure to use seatbelts, and distracted driving — that have resulted in numerous fatalities and severe injuries on our roads. This has been an ongoing concern for quite some time. Additionally, we are actively taking measures to combat these behaviours through methods like checkstops and mandatory alcohol screening.

According to Insp. Michael Gagliardi, officer in charge of RCMP traffic services, avoidable deaths and life-al-

tering injuries are being witnessed on the roadways. The solution is simply a matter of choice. By choosing to not drive impaired, speed or neglect safety measures like buckling up and paying attention, lives can be spared. To aid in this effort, officers will be carrying out checkstops.

In addition to impaired driving, checkstops also aim to prevent other illegal behaviour and high-risk driving habits in order to promote safety for all on the road.

According to Insp. Marc Philippot of the WPS Central Traffic Division, ensuring road safety involves more than just enforcement. It is a collective effort that begins with individuals making the proactive decision to always have a safe ride home. Let's all do our part this holiday season.

Minister of Justice Matt Wiebe reminded the public that zero drinks is the only sure way to stay safe while driving. He urged everyone to make responsible decisions this holiday season and find alternative ways of getting home without driving impaired. Options include calling a cab or Operation Red Nose, taking the bus or staying the night. Let's work together to ensure the safety of Manitobans on our roads.

Trevor Ens, president of MADD Manitoba, affirms the organization's



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The Winnipeg Police Service and the Manitoba RCMP joined forces to launch the 2023 holiday Checkstop program in Headingley.

support for police checkstop programs as effective means of quickly stopping impaired drivers. These efforts are vital in preserving life and promoting safer roads, especially during the holiday season.

MPI has been working closely with police agencies to address the increasing issue of impaired driving. Annually, there are tragic fatalities and numerous severe injuries among Manitobans due to the reckless decisions of individuals who choose to

drive while impaired.

According to Satvir Jatana, chief customer officer at MPI, their message is clear: never drink and drive, as even one or two drinks are too many. They urge all Manitobans to arrange a safe ride home during this festive season.

The checkstop initiative will be in effect for the entire month of December, and the respective law enforcement departments will release their final findings upon completion of the program.

# Film work underway in Stonewall

By Jennifer McFee

The holiday spirit is alive and well in Stonewall — even in the cinematic realm.

Filming is underway in town for Lionsgate and Kingdom Story Company's *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever*, based on the bestselling novel by Barbara Robinson.

This inspirational comedy follows the rowdy Herdman siblings, who lie, steal, bully — and even hijack the town's Christmas pageant by forcing themselves into the lead roles. Yet, throughout all their mischief, they might just be

the ones to share the true meaning of Christmas.

Dallas Jenkins (director of *The Chosen*) is directing the film.

The film is produced by Kingdom Story's Kevin Downes, Daryl Lefever, Andrew Erwin and Jon Erwin, along with Darin McDaniel and Chet Thomas. Jenkins will also executive produce alongside Gerald R. Molen, Mark Kendell and Tony Young.

In Stonewall, filming will take place on Main Street between Centre Avenue and 1st Avenue South. Other film locations include a house on 1st Street East, a house on 2nd Avenue North and at Ecole Bobby Bend School.

Some filming already took place in Stonewall on Dec. 12 and 13. On Dec. 14 and 15, film work will take place around Main Street and Centre Avenue.

As a result, there will be parking removal and street closures on Main Street from Westside Plaza and 1st Avenue South as well as on Centre Avenue from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 14 and from 1 to 11 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 15. Pedestrians will still be able to access all buildings through a stop-and-go basis. Vehicle access will be available to the parking lots at CIBC and Access Credit Union via Centre Avenue.

In Winnipeg, filming is set for a few houses in River Heights, as well as at the University of Manitoba, St. Aidan's Church, St. Luke's Church and Earl Grey School.

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# Teulon Gymnastics Club emerges from pandemic with slate of winter classes

## Membership totals half of pre-pandemic levels

By Becca Myskiw

For the first time since the COVID-19 pandemic, gymnastics is back in Teulon.

The Teulon Gymnastics Club wrapped up its fall season this Saturday and welcomed the beginning of winter classes. The fall season marked the first classes the organization has held since the pandemic cancelled its last season, and coach Dayna Toth is excited to be back.

"It's nice to see people returning and saying, 'You've taught my kids so much. We were waiting for you to come back,'" she said. "It's kind of like a family. Once you start with them, and you're with them every year, you get to grow with the kids."

Teulon Gymnastics Club had around 70 gymnasts registered this fall, compared to its pre-pandemic numbers of 150. Having half of that back is better than what Toth was expecting, and she's looking forward to continuing to grow.

Starting Jan. 13, the gymnastics club will offer winter classes, which will go until the start of the baseball season. The club accepts gymnasts from ages as young as two, starting them in a parent and tots class, where they'll learn the beginning of proper movement with their parents.

After that is the kinder gym class, which typically has gymnasts from four to six years old. In this class, the children learn more specific movements and start getting into more gymnastics. Then they'll level up to the Rec 1 and Rec 2 classes.

In Rec 1, the gymnasts will learn cartwheels, handstands, how to properly move their body in gymnastics and how to properly run. Toth said

running the right way is extremely important and often overlooked. In Rec 2, the children will work on perfecting their skills from Rec 1.

"It gets them active, and it teaches the fundamentals of good sportsmanship," said Toth. "It's just keeping them off their tablets and really teaching them about body awareness and how to do things properly to control your muscles."

Because the Teulon Gymnastics Club hasn't run for a couple years, the students are starting fresh this winter.

"We have to relearn everything," said Toth. "We're learning completely new routines."

Because of that, the club won't compete in any competitions this year but will aim to do so when the 2024 fall season starts.

Though registration for the 2024 winter season has already begun, parents have until Jan. 13 to register their child. They can do so by emailing [teulongymnastics@gmail.com](mailto:teulongymnastics@gmail.com) for more



information or by going to a class on Jan. 13 to sign them up in person.

Right now, the club practises every Saturday. Toth said members will work their way back up to practising three days a week as the club gets more gymnasts registered and more competing.

This year, it has seven coaches, some of which used to be competitive club members. Toth said they were the most excited about starting gymnastics in Teulon again.

## > LOCAL VETERINARY, FROM PG. 2

It's a way we can give back to the community and support the rescue, she said.

Judy Smith, founder and executive director of the rescue, is touched by the support she continues to receive from community partners like Equi-Tech Veterinary, which has been supporting her rescue through this initiative for the last two years.

"Everything we receive we are very grateful for, and we use it all. ... It's a huge help to receive these gifts for our little sick dogs," she said.

Stonewall Veterinary Clinic has participated in the annual campaign for five-plus years, collecting food, pet supplies and monetary donations.

The clinic has supported D'Arcy's ARC (Animal Rescue Centre) for the last two years. Previously, they supported Tin for the Critter Bin, a drive held annually in memory of Ethan Boyer, a 19-year-old from Balmoral who died in a vehicle accident in 2019.

The Stonewall Veterinary Clinic has been collecting donations on behalf of D'Arcy's ARC since Dec. 1 and will continue to collect until close at 6 p.m. on Dec. 22. Donations can be dropped off any time during regular business hours, Monday to Friday from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, contact 204-467-2481.

Kim Shaw, the manager at the clinic, said they work closely with a veterinarian at the rescue.

The clinic also sends a number of feral cats to D'Arcy's ARC when they don't have the means to care for them

at the clinic.

"If they're willing to take them, then they do," said Shaw.

D'Arcy Johnston, the founder of D'Arcy's ARC, has been running the animal rescue centre for 23 years.

Johnston said they typically take in 50 to 60 adoptions a month and house 150 cats and dogs regularly, and there's no end in sight to that.

D'Arcy's ARC is a registered charity that does not receive government or city funding to run its facility, so any donations, big or small, go a long way and are greatly appreciated.

"The cost of living has gotten so high this year, and it's just making it more difficult to make ends meet, so we really do appreciate all these extra donations of everything — it's a huge bonus for us," said Johnston.

As many of us know, the holiday season can increase stress and financial strain, but it can be particularly challenging for families with pets. Unfortunately, tight finances can affect the lives of our furry friends.

Kusano said the initiative aims to alleviate these additional challenges and ensure pets receive the care and nutrition they need and deserve.

Through financial hardships during the holiday season, an initiative like this could be the one thing standing between families having to surrender their beloved pets and keeping them past the tough season. It also helps avoid adding additional strain to the already struggling rescues in Manitoba.

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"We believe that every contribution, no matter its size, plays a vital part in making a positive difference in the lives of pets and their families during the winter season," said Kusano.

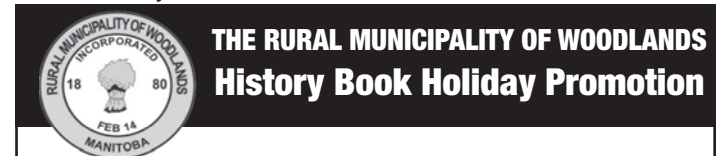
"We see 'Season FUR Everyone' not just as a campaign to collect donations but as a movement that fosters a sense of community and raises awareness about animal welfare," she said.

After hearing from the founders of D'Arcy's ARC and Before the Bridge Senior K9 Rescue, just two out of the 15 shelters supported through this year's initiative, it's evident that these donations make a significant impact.

Not only are they making a difference one donation at a time to keep the welfare of the animals in the community healthy and happy this winter, but they're also supporting the shelters that care for the welfare of animals in the community, keeping them going.

For more information about the "Season FUR Everyone" campaign, including a list of participating clinics across Manitoba, please visit <https://www.mvma.ca/season-fur-everyone-2023>?

Let's give back to our furry friends this Christmas and ensure every animal has the necessities to thrive.



### THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF WOODLANDS History Book Holiday Promotion

The Rural Municipality of Woodlands is having a holiday promotion on our history book "Where We Are". The book contains history of the RM of Woodlands throughout the years 1980 to 2020, including family histories, government, agriculture, business and commerce, sports, tax rolls, and more. It also contains 600 pages in full colour, a hardcover and is printed on 80lb paper.

The cost of each book during the promotion is \$65.00 including tax and can be purchased at the Municipal Office at 57 Railway Avenue in Woodlands while supplies last. Also available for purchase is the "Yesteryears" history book for \$5 plus tax.

Promotion ends December 22, 2023, after which the book will return to the original price of \$85.00 including tax.

Please note that the Municipal Office only accepts cash, cheque or e-transfer payments.

# Stonewall council news in brief

By Jennifer McFee

Council passed a policy to develop guidelines for annual adjustments to indemnity payments for council members. Indemnities are reviewed annually and may be adjusted at the first meeting of December for the next calendar year.

The cost of living allowance is calculated by the Consumer Price Index for Manitoba on Oct. 31. As of Oct. 31, 2023, the Consumer Price Index was 1.9 per cent.

For 2024, the mayor's annual indemnity will be \$23,740, up from \$23,290 in 2023. The deputy mayor's annual indemnity will increase to \$21,080 in 2024 from \$20,680 in 2023. Councilors' annual indemnity will increase to \$17,450 in 2024 from \$17,120 in 2023. The daily per diem will increase slightly to \$210 in 2024 from \$200 in 2023, and the half-day per diem will increase to \$105 from \$100.

The citizen members' hourly rate will also increase to \$26.25 in 2024 from \$25 in 2023.

## IN OTHER COUNCIL NEWS:

- The Town of Stonewall is establishing a capital fund through the Interlake Community Foundation to receive donations for the Stonewall and district personal care home project.
- The Town of Stonewall is con-

ducting a 72-hour pumping test this week at the water treatment facility. This process will affect 5th Street West from 3rd Avenue North to 2nd Avenue North as well as 2nd Avenue North from 5th Street West to 12th Street West. Residents can expect to see water flowing down roads and ditches, but there will be no impact on water and sewer systems. For more information, contact the town office at 204-467-7979.

- The deadline to apply to participate in the FoodCycler pilot project has been extended by one week. More information is posted on the Town of Stonewall website at [www.stonewall.ca](http://www.stonewall.ca).

- The Town of Stonewall hosted an open house to provide more information about the next steps in the annexation process. More information is available on the Town of Stonewall website.

- Council passed second and third readings to establish new water and wastewater rates and to regulate fees and licensing for septic haulers for the town's utility.

- Council passed second and third readings of a bylaw to regulate the proceedings and conduct of Stonewall council and committees.

- Several local organizations received grant disbursements this year from the Town of Stonewall's



Town of Stonewall Deputy Mayor Peter Bullivant and Coun. Kim Newman attended the AMM meetings in Brandon last week.

unrestricted fund with the Interlake Community Foundation. South West District Palliative Care received \$631 as part of a larger grant for its NAV-Care program. The South Interlake Regional Library's Stonewall branch received \$1,122 for storage shelves and the Bookmobile received \$1,310 as part of a larger grant for books. Starting Blocks Inc. received \$1,000 to buy a play kitchen, and Stonewall Children's Centre received \$509 as part of a larger grant to buy a play carpet. Another \$600 went towards

ICF Leadership Awards for students at College Stonewall Collegiate.

- Council accepted a \$9,525 quote from ProTELEC Systems for the supply and installation of IP cameras into the existing analog camera system at Quarry Park Heritage Arts Centre.

## > DON'T BE MAD, FROM PG. 7

cent of Canada's native Prairie grasslands in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta have been lost to conversion and human activity.

Gift recipients will receive a full-colour certificate, a 2024 NCC calendar filled with stunning photos of NCC-protected species and properties, and a 10-page booklet about the chosen species or landscape. Paperless gift options include a digital full-colour certificate, a digital landscape or species booklet and an informational video. Charitable tax receipts will be issued for all green gifts program purchases.

Over the last 28 years, more than \$3 million has been raised through this holiday program in support of NCC's critical conservation work across the country.

"This type of gift extends way beyond the holiday season. It's an investment in our collective well-being and future and celebrates the myriad benefits that nature provides year-round, now and for generations to come," says Catherine Grenier, NCC president and CEO.

The green gifts program information, including the full list of species and landscapes, can be found at [giving.natureconservancy.ca](http://giving.natureconservancy.ca).

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# St. Laurent fisherman laments stolen catch, damaged nets

By Becca Myskiw

A St. Laurent commercial fisherman recently had two nets' worth of wall-eye stolen.

Merrill Bruce has been commercial fishing since he was young, his dad showing him and his brothers the family trade. He relates commercial fishing to farming — it's in the blood. Since he was 21, Bruce has had his own outfit, and he doesn't plan on changing that any time soon.

Every morning, Bruce wakes up at 5:30 a.m. He brews a pot of coffee while he makes his lunch for the day, loads up his truck and sets out to be on the ice before 7:30 a.m. Then, for the rest of the day, Bruce sets and lifts his nets, having 75 in the water at any given time. When the fishing is good, Bruce is on the water seven days a week.

Right now, Bruce and his crew are setting nets closer to shore. They've only been out there for a couple weeks, having got a late start due to a slow freeze of the lake. Depending on how many fish he's catching, he'll go out further and further until his season ends in March, likely being 20 miles out on the lake by then.

During the warmer months, Bruce has worked in the oil and gas industry all across the country — he can only fish during the ice fishing season. That means he can only work from November to March every year, and commercial fishing is his family's main source of income right now. So, when he went to check his nets last

weekend and found two ripped apart and empty of fish, Bruce was worried.

Setting a net isn't easy work. You start by chopping a series of holes into the ice, each lined up perpendicular to the water's current so the river will flow through it and allow the nets to intercept the fish. Then you tie a long cord to a wooden pole. One person will push the pole with the cord through the first hole into the water and feed it through to the next hole, where their partner will grab it and pull it through — like a needle and thread.

You then detach the cord from the pole and attach it to the net as one person feeds the net through the last hole, completely stretching it under the ice. On both ends, the top and bottom of the net are tied to vertical poles that get driven into the bottom of the water.

Bruce sets his nets in gangs of four, meaning if you don't pull one out correctly, you'll end up pulling them all. That's exactly what happened when whoever took his fish pulled his nets up. They pulled two out of the water and left the other two in, but the damage had been done. The two on top of the ice froze to it and ripped apart from the two in the water. Now, two of Bruce's nets are garbage, each one costing him around \$180. And he had to spend a good part of a day just trying to get the other two nets out of the water.

Bruce guesses this will cost him



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St. Laurent fisherman Merrill Bruce had two fishing nets' worth of walleye stolen.

\$1,000. That includes the nets and the stolen fish but not his time. And now that those two nets aren't usable, this will cost him in the long run because those nets aren't catching him fish.

"I don't think they realize what kind of damage they can do," said Bruce. "The work you put in and then to have this happen."

This is the first time Bruce has had his fish stolen and nets destroyed, but he's heard of it happening to other commercial fisherman in the area. He guesses anglers fished where his nets were and pulled them up, but he has no answers and likely never will.

"It's our livelihood," said Bruce.

"Our season is from Nov. 1 to the end of March. We respect [anglers] so I'd like the same courtesies."

When passing anglers on the ice, Bruce will help them out or throw them a fish or two if they're having a slow day.

As Bruce starts setting nets further away from shore, the threat from anglers will diminish, but that won't be until the lake freezes more and more. For now, he's giving his number out to anyone he sees on the ice, spreading awareness of what happened and asking anyone to call him if they see some suspicious or new anglers who may not know to be aware.

# Boyer family moved to tears by generous donation

By Lana Meier

The parents of a young Balmoral man killed in a tragic car accident were left in tears after a local softball made a generous and heartwarming donation to a charity they created in honour of their son.

Ethan Boyer was only 19-years-old in 2019 when he was killed in a crash near Brady Road. In honour of his love for animals, his parents, Sue and Dana Boyer, along with brother Reid, started the Ethan Boyer Memorial Fund — Tin for the Critter Bin.

Each year, the fund aims to provide an annual grant to one or more pet charities chosen by the Boyer family.

Recently, Stonewall resident Melanie Kisiloski contacted the family on behalf of the AA Interlake Phillies team. She stated they were having a softball camp Dec. 6 and Jeff Kisiloski, the camp director, had asked the athletes to bring donations for a holiday pet food drive. They had picked Tin for the Critter Bin to donate to.

"Honestly, the whole experience made Sue and I tear up. This was a paw-some Christmas present from a local team that has more than warmed our hearts. This means so much to our family. Every little gesture or donation keeps Ethan's love of critter's alive — therefore, he is alive in our hearts," Dana wrote in an email to the Tribune.

The camp was being held at Collège Stonewall Collegiate, Ethan's former high school. When it was all said and done, the athletes had contributed a large donation of goods.

What the family did not know was that Jeff Kisiloski has promised his team he would also contribute a cash donation to accompany the pet food. The Boyers were stunned when he presented them with a \$100 cheque for their son's memorial fund, Dana said.

"We wanted to make sure Melanie, Jeff and the AA Phillies team know how much their donation means to



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The AA Interlake Phillies softball team took it upon themselves to organize a pet food drive to collect donations in support of the Ethan Boyer Memorial Fund — Tin for the Critter Bin.

the little rescued critters and to us as well," Dana said. "The girls did themselves proud."

To find out how to donate to the Ethan Boyer Memorial Fund — Tin for the Critter Bin in memory of Ethan,

visit the Interlake Community Foundation page at <https://interlake-foundation.ca/cause/ways-to-give/>. Donations over \$20 will receive a tax receipt.

# Woodlands Elementary School Christmas traditions celebrated



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY JO-ANNE PROCTER

Students and staff of Woodlands Elementary School carried on a long-standing tradition of their Holly Jolly Jog with Santa Claus last Friday. Students and staff set off on a three-kilometre jog around the community. Following their jog, all students were treated to hot chocolate and Rice Krispie squares in celebration of their accomplishment. Students also collected non-perishable food items for the Interlake Food Bank and \$125 for the Stonewall & District Cheerboard. Right photo: Owen Chambers, Charlie Elskamp, Cash Ross, Laila Bittner, Jase Campbell and Hendrix Horn.

# Lunch with Santa in Lake Francis a cherished tradition

By Jo-Anne Procter

Lake Francis Community Centre held its annual lunch with Santa Claus and about 100 of his closest friends on Dec. 3.

Santa's luncheon is a tradition in the community that has been carried on for over 50 years.

Many families return with their children and grandchildren for an afternoon of fun for all ages.

Children had an opportunity to visit with Santa and make Christmas cards and ornaments. Colleen, Arlene, Loni and Jamie sang Christmas carols.

The success of the ongoing event can be credited to the many volunteers that take pride in their community and local businesses that help out financially.



TRIBUNE PHOTOS BY VIVIAN RIDING

Santa Claus spent the afternoon getting cuddles, sharing a few laughs and even received a special gift at his Lake Francis luncheon on Dec. 3. Pictured left to right, Chloe was happy to share a cuddle with Santa while a few of the ladies in the community sang Christmas carols. Nora Porteous made a special gift for Santa.

# Lighting up the night



Morgan Wilson was happy to see Santa Claus.

By Jo-Anne Procter

A vision and a whole lot of lights brought so much joy and happiness to many families last Saturday evening.

Mark Shurek and Jacquie Derewianchuk opened up their yard on Winfield Road, east of Stonewall, for all to enjoy, while raising over \$9,000 for Community Living Interlake.

Entrance was by donation and over 430 people attended the inaugural event. Thanks to sponsors Tim Hortons, Bituminex, Access Credit Union, Home Hardware, Peterbuilt, More Lite Electric and Biffs, guests were able to enjoy complimentary coffee, hot chocolate and mini donuts. There were bonfire stations, Christmas mu-



Claire and Gordon MacMillan spent some quality time visiting Santa.

## > SOLVE PAIN, FROM PG. 4

said Kerbrat.

She acknowledges that treatments and healing are different for everyone, but she wants to take the baby steps with her clients to reach the end goal: comfort.

Although 310 Wellness On Main opened in October, Kerbrat hadn't fully opened it to the public. By Dec. 1, she hoped to open fully.

Later in December, Kerbrat will be hosting an open house at her new lo-

cation, where her goal is to involve all the townspeople in Stonewall so they can see the space and what it has to offer. She intends to release further details on the open house in the future.

For now, all who wish to book Kerbrat for one of her many services can contact her via email at angelicakerbrat@gmail.com or 204-861-2114.



TRIBUNE PHOTOS BY JO-ANNE PROCTER

Neighbours, friends and family stepped up to volunteer at the "Very Merry Winfield Christmas" drive-through winter wonderland hosted by Mark Shurek and Jacquie Derewianchuk last Saturday evening.

and are already planning for next year. It is a "Very Merry Winfield Christmas."

Shurek and Derewianchuk are very grateful for the generosity of people

and are already planning for next year. It is a "Very Merry Winfield Christmas."

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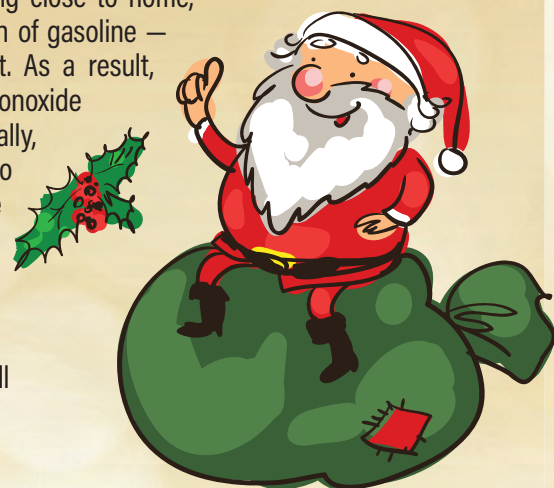
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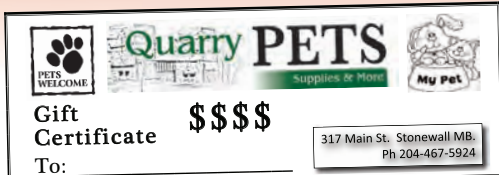
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By Jennifer McFee

A heartfelt holiday tradition will continue this weekend in Stony Mountain.

On Friday, Dec. 15, the Stony Mountain Rockwood Fire Department will host Rob's Ride in honour of Rob Broadfoot, a volunteer firefighter for 15 years who lost his battle with cancer in February 2021.

"In December of 2020, we started our Christmas ride in Stony Mountain. Rob not well, fighting his fight with multiple myeloma, but he attended the ride. It was important to Rob that he attend," said Capt. Kristina Knapp.

"Sadly, this was our brother's last call of duty with our crew. We honour our brother Rob every Christmas with what we have called Rob's Christmas Ride. With so much love and respect for Rob and his family, we carry on this annual tradition with Rob's family on the ride."

The ride starts at 7 p.m. at the fire hall in Stony Mountain and ends in the same place. The fire department decorates their emergency vehicles with festive lights. They pull a trailer playing holiday music and carrying special guests Santa and Mrs. Claus.

"One word could describe our brother — family," said Fire Chief Marcel McIvor. "It was who Rob was and what meant the most to him."

The fire department encourages everyone to line their route, which is posted on the Stony Mountain Rockwood Fire Department's Facebook page.

"Together, let's celebrate the festive season. For those that were close to Rob and his family, let's see your colourful signs for Rob's family," McIvor said.

"From our entire family at the Stony Mountain Rockwood Fire Department, we wish you all a safe and wonderful holiday season."



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 Right (West on Quarry rd)  
 Right (North on Darse Cres)  
 Left (South on Gulay st)  
 Left (East on Quarry rd)  
 Right (South on Old #7)  
 Left (East on school rd)  
 End Point - 89 School rd (Fire Hall)

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The Stony Mountain Rockwood Fire Department is hosting Rob's Ride in honour of Rob Broadfoot this Friday starting at 7 p.m.



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# CSC and friends passed on a lot of good cheer



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 Passing on the Cheer, a charity volleyball tournament hosted by the Leadership group at Collège Stonewall Collegiate was a huge success and a whole lot of fun. In total, 150 participants, including some SCI alumni, teachers and other schools, hit the floor to play in the tournament at the Collegiate last Friday. The big winners of the tournament were the Stonewall & District Christmas Cheer board, which received a cheque for \$2,000, and the Interlake Food Bank, which received over 1,000 non-perishable food items that filled a truck bed.



# Congrats to MGRA winners!

By Jennifer McFee

Beautiful Interlake communities are garnering attention through a provincial competition.

Manitoba Good Roads Association announced the 2023 winners of its beautification competition, including several local individuals and organizations.

In the Best Maintained System of Rural Municipal Roads, the RM of Rosser won for District 1 against other municipalities in this district. In total, there are five different districts across Manitoba.

"The judges travel random municipal roads and score the RMs. The highest mark is the winner in the district," explained Terra Van Deynze, executive director of Manitoba Good Roads Association.

"There will be a provincial winner announced at the banquet for this category. The highest mark of the five district



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Rockwood resident Merle Balsillie won Best Country Non-Farm Home Grounds in District 1. Balsillie's yard is ever-changing with the seasons. Pictured: the Tiger Eyes Sumac in her front yard is a bright eye-catching shrub that grows up to six feet tall and as much across. In the spring, the leaves are a chartreuse green, bright yellow in the summer and orange and scarlet in the fall.

winners will be awarded the Provincial Cup."

For Most Improved Municipal Roads, the RM of Bifrost-Riverton won for District 1.

"The RM of Bifrost-Riverton had the most positive increase in score between this year and last year of all the member RMs in the district," Van Deynze said.

For Best Country Non-Farm Home Grounds, Merle Balsillie in the RM of Rockwood won for District 1.

"The Best Country Home Grounds winner had the best score in the district," Van Deynze said, "and a provincial winner will be announced at

the banquet."

The banquet will take place on April 9, 2024, at the Clarion Hotel and Suites in Brandon.

Formed in 1909, Manitoba Good Roads Association promotes the development of better roads in Manitoba. The organization's annual awards recognize achievement in road construction and maintenance, as well as beautification of communities and individual home grounds.

In addition, the organization provides an educational program for public works employees, supervisors, councillors and reeves.

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# New book shares stories of rural life in Manitoba

By Lorne Stelmach

Bill Redekop returns to his *Winnipeg Free Press* roots in mining the high-ways and byways of rural Manitoba for the stories that make up his new book.

*Don't Fence Me In: True Stories about Rural Manitoba* chronicles stories of rural life, and they are all original and written specifically for this book.

In many ways, *Don't Fence Me In* is a tribute album to the scores of people who have welcomed Redekop into their homes during his years travelling the province for the *Free Press* and again for this book.

It's a heartfelt journey that he hopes will bring readers a sense of the rural

life and landscape, as there is a lot of urban ignorance about rural Manitoba.

"I always felt, in my role, that I was kind of a bridge between urban and rural. ... I like to think that this is a continuation of that," said Redekop.

"It was largely a labour of love for me because this was kind of my territory at the *Free Press* ... to travel the province and meet people and find interesting stories, of which there is no shortage," he continued. "When you leave a newspaper ... you have this whole storehouse of information of the subject that you've been covering for a long time. ... I had a lot of story ideas still that I wanted to pur-

sue, and so I thought the book would be a way."

The Winnipeg-based writer spent 31 years at the *Free Press*, where he was the rural reporter for 14 years. He has been a freelance writer since 2019.

He is the author of five previous books, the last of which, *Lake Agassiz:*

*The Rise and Demise of the World's Greatest Lake*, was the top-selling Manitoba non-fiction work in 2017 and the third best selling release of 2018.

Redekop has also recently penned *The Life and Legacy of Commodore D.A.*

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## Notice of Intermittent Road Closures for filming in Stonewall

Christmas Pageant Canada Inc. will be filming a number of scenes for the feature film "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever" at Main Street and Centre Avenue in Stonewall on Thursday, Dec. 14 and Friday, Dec. 15.

In support of this filming we will be removing parking and intermittently closing Main Street BETWEEN Westside plaza and 1st Ave S and closing Centre Ave. during the following timeframes:

**Thursday, Dec. 14  
from 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.**

**Friday, Dec. 15  
from 1 p.m. - 11 p.m.**

Pedestrian access to all businesses will be maintained throughout filming on a stop and go basis.

Vehicle access will be maintained to the parking lots at CIBC and Access Credit Union via Centre Avenue.

Please plan your travel accordingly and thank you to all the residents and businesses of Stonewall for their patience on these filming dates.

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**Thurs. Dec. 14** Kelsey School Holiday Concert Sturgeon Creek Colony Evening 6:30pm

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**Sun. Dec 17** Stonewall United Church Christmas Cantata Matinee 2:30pm Evening 7:00pm

**Mon. Dec. 18** Warren Elementary School Holiday Concert Matinee 2:00pm Evening 7:00pm

**Mon. Dec. 18** RW Bobby Bend – Grade 2 Holiday Concert Matinee 2:00pm

**Tues. Dec. 19** RW Bobby Bend – Grade 2 Matinee 2:00pm Evening 7:00pm

**Tues. Dec. 19** Grosse Isle School-Holiday Concert Matinee 1:30pm Grosse Isle Hall Evening 7:00pm

**Wed. Dec. 20** Balmoral Elementary School Holiday Concert Matinee 2:15pm Evening 7:00pm

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**Wed. Dec. 20** Rosser Elementary-Holiday Concert Matinee 1:30pm Grosse Isle Hall Evening 7:00pm

**Wed. Dec 20** Teulon Elementary-Holiday Concert Matinee 1:00pm Rockwood Centennial Ctr. Evening 7:00pm



# She rocks: all-female cover band debuted in 2022

By David Sanderson

She will, She will rock you. It's Friday night at the Assiniboine Inn on the Park — the Big A, as its known to a host of regulars — where the all-female band She has already lured a half-dozen people onto the barroom dance floor, two songs into the first of three planned sets of up-tempo pop music.

As those bobbing and weaving in front of them sing along to a charged version of Martha and the Muffins' Echo Beach, guitarist Tracy Young-Dodds, dressed resplendently in a hot pink jacket, white shirt and dark slacks, shoots a wide grin at singer Shannon David and bass player Treasure Peterson, as if to say "will you get a load of this."

Moments later, as keyboardist Allyson Krawec, who graduated from Stonewall Collegiate in 1983, takes over on lead vocals to offer up her rendition of a mid-'80s Bangles classic, more audience members vacate their seats to walk, err, dance like an Egyptian.

At the conclusion of the set, which also boasted equally well-received covers of the Go-Gos' We Got the Beat, Quarterflash's Harden My Heart and the Pretenders' Middle of the Road, drummer Barb Smith agrees it's un-

likely a reporter would be lobbing questions at the quintet if She were a He.

"Mind you, I was in another all-girl band, the Welfare Starlets, back in the '90s," Smith says, taking a well-deserved sip of water.

"Yeah, but the big difference is you guys weren't all in your 50s and 60s," chimes in Krawec, ex- of the Lemons, Chocolate Bunnies from Hell and Swannage, the latter a unit wholly devoted to recreating tunes from the Phantom of the Paradise movie soundtrack. "This is definitely a unique project and, I have to say, one of the best times I've had in a band, ever."

Peterson, whose brother Garry, a drummer, was a founding member of the Guess Who, can't agree more.

"Not only can everybody sing, these women can flat-out rock," says Peterson, a cancer survivor who, owing to a nasty fall that resulted in a torn knee meniscus, requires crutches to reach the stage, and plays and sings while seated on a chair.

"What we've got going on here is magic. That's the only word to describe it."

A week later, all five members of She have hooked up at a Portage Avenue coffee shop, blocks away from Smith's



PHOTO BY MIKAELA MACKENZIE/WINNIPEG FREE PRESS

From left: Allyson Krawec, Shannon David, Treasure Peterson, Tracy Young-Dodds and Barb Smith make up the all-female rock band She.

Conway Street home, their usual rehearsal space. They collectively shudder when a server reminds them the spot closes in an hour's time, at 8 p.m.

"We might have to speak with the manager," Krawec says with a wink, "because that's never going to be enough time to tell our story."

Young-Dodds taps herself on the chest, when they are asked who came

up with the bright idea for She.

For years, Young-Dodds, whose late father Art Young was once a top draw on Manitoba's country music circuit, handled bass duties for bands led by her guitarist-brother Chris Young.

Chris died unexpectedly in Alberta in 2019. She travelled west with her

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## MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL ... AND TO ONE A NEW DENTURE!

Brock Vandor  
Denturist

It was 2010, I was a fresh denture school graduate and had suddenly taken over my dad's denture clinic due to health reasons. My only employee was my mom, who I convinced to come out of retirement (but, of course, if you ask her, it was her idea to come and be with her son).

Christmas was coming and Dennis, the local newspaper salesman came into the office and said, "Brock, your dad always liked to put some sort of Merry Christmas wish in the paper. Would you like to do that too?" "Of course, I would love to put something in the newspaper, but let me think about what", I replied, wanting my very first newspaper Christmas wish to be great.

Dennis, my mom, and I thought about it for a few minutes; and I couldn't help but think, 'I am a Denturist, I now own a denture clinic, wouldn't the best Christmas gift we could give be a denture?' "I want to make someone smile for Christmas," I said. "We could do a Merry Christmas denture



giveaway!"

"I love it, it's like the song 'All I want for Christmas is my two front teeth', Dennis laughed. So my mom and I posed for a picture, and Dennis' team edited some garland and bows around us, and the annual denture contest was born!

We used a Christmas story trivia question as the ballot, put all the entries into a box and when we picked the winner, it was a lady named Jean. When we called her to say she had won, she was in tears. She not only wanted (and needed) teeth for Christmas, but for many years. I still remember when she came in. She had a brilliant white coat that I had no idea how she kept it so white! We made her a beautiful

white smile to match.

For going on 14 years now, even though the days of just my mom and I as the only employees are long gone, we continue the Christmas contest. What is amazing is that every year we have such an amazing winner. Spending time with them, sharing stories, giving gifts - it's what Christmas is all about! It's like we expand our families just a little bit more. We could never pick a winner, so we do a draw to make it fair. There are no strings attached, just a gift in honour of the greatest gift of all, Jesus. Which brings us to this year's trivia question: see ballot.

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# Farm Women's Conference sought to 'educate, encourage and empower'

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Days Inn Conference Centre in Winkler welcomed women from across Manitoba to town last week for the Manitoba Farm Women's Conference.

Organizing committee vice-chair Doris Doelger says they had nearly 140 ladies signed up to take part in the three-day event, which kicked off with registration and trivia Tuesday night followed by two days of educational sessions and guest speakers.

"It is reduced from the size we were 37 years ago, but our numbers are coming up again, which is nice to see," she said, noting it's been a few years since they've been able to hold a normal multi-day conference. Last year's event, the first in-person gathering for the group since the pandemic, had a one-day program.

What hasn't changed is the conference's mission: to educate, encourage and empower women in agriculture.

Along those lines, the conference featured guest speakers on topics ranging from farm safety to mental health to transition planning. Attendees also got the chance to venture out for a combine clinic at Green Valley Equipment and a tour of Vanderveen Greenhouse.

"We try to cover a little bit of everything," Doelger said, noting they have big plans for the future. "We are working on getting into more different parts of the ag industry ... in the coming years we're going to broaden our scope."

As always, the event's attendees come from all over, said Doelger, who is herself from Beausejour, where she's involved on her family's farm.

For her, the conference is a great opportunity to meet other women in agriculture.

"I love the networking. Meeting women in the same industry, not only farmers but also the agribusiness side of things," she said. "Yes, we're named the Farm Women's Conference, but if you are an agronomist, if you are an agricultural banker, you're welcome. We're trying to get to all parts of the industry with any connection to agriculture."

Doelger says the organizing committee is made up of a varied group of farm women, and they're always looking for new members eager to pitch in to plan the next conference.

"We have monthly meetings, and most of them are on Zoom," she said, noting the time commitment beyond that varies depending on what aspect of the conference you're involved in organizing.

If you'd like to learn more or con-



Manitoba Women's Farm Conference organizing committee vice-chair Doris Doelger says the event is all about connecting and educating women involved in the agriculture industry.

nect with the group, check them out online at [mfwc.ca](http://mfwc.ca).

## PROMOTING AGRICULTURE

Wednesday afternoon's keynote speaker was Cheryl Jolly-Nagel.

Jolly-Nagel is an agricultural advocate who farms with her family in Saskatchewan and spends the off-season touring as a speaker on agricultural-related topics.

Her presentation last week urged attendees to work to "promote rather than defend" agriculture, taking a proactive approach to public education.

Through her years working on farm policy, Jolly-Nagel said she's come to see just how important public advocacy is to the industry.

She didn't always hold that view, she shared.

"I thought, why would I waste my precious time talking to the public? I took more of a 'none-of-your-business' attitude as it related to non-farmers weighing in on how things were done on the farm.

"I realize now that was a mistake on my part, and that of all the policy issues, this could be the most important," Jolly-Nagel continued. "I grossly underestimated the importance of building relationships with the public and showing them how much farmers truly care about the land and the environment and the safety of our food system."

Public trust is integral to the continued growth of agriculture in Canada, she stressed.

"For years, on the survey of who the public trust the most, farmers were



PHOTO BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS

Women from across Manitoba gathered in Winkler last week for the Manitoba Farm Women's Conference. Wednesday's keynote speaker was farm advocate Cheryl Jolly-Nagel.

always near the top of that list. And so we took for granted that we were always going to have their trust. And then we just walked out of the tractor one day and went, 'Why doesn't anybody trust us?' We didn't realize that we needed to be building a relationship with the public."

Many people have an antiquated view of farming in their heads, when the truth is that modern agriculture is among the most scientifically advanced industries in the world.

"But the way the public views agriculture and views farmers is from 50 years ago," Jolly-Nagel said.

It's up to today's farmers to engage with the public to help foster updated views of agriculture and to impress upon people the shared values that fuel the industry.

"Public trust is granted when our actions align with the values and expectations of society," Jolly-Nagel said in discussing the responsible use of things like genetically modified crops or pesticides. "I have the privilege of farming with minimal rules because I make good decisions. That's a privilege ... and if you want to hold onto those privileges, you have to work really hard at it."

It's not necessarily a matter of throwing facts and data at people, Jolly-Nagel noted, "which is what we did when we first started defending the industry. 'You don't like glyphosate? Here's a 400-page study. It's sure to convince you.'

"What we have learned since then is that sharing your values is three to five times more effective with building trust than sharing scientific facts and expertise."

Knowing the science behind deci-

sions being made on the farm is still important, Jolly-Nagel stressed, but when it comes to engaging the public, it's more important to inform people as to why these decisions are being made and let them know the decision-makers share their values when it comes to food safety and environmental stewardship.

"No one cares how much you know until they know how much you care," Jolly-Nagel said, quoting U.S. President Theodore Roosevelt.

"It doesn't matter if you've memorized all of that science so that you can reply to somebody on Facebook. It matters why you do what you do, and that's the value behind it."

Jolly-Nagel encouraged her fellow farm women to get out into their communities.

"If you're wondering how you can contribute, one of my favourite ways to start promoting agriculture has to be going into the schools. If we had more educated kids graduating from high school about how their food was grown, wouldn't that be fantastic? Wouldn't we have a society that had a better base level of knowledge?"

"If you haven't done this already, it's such a fantastic way to get out there and start sharing some really real stories about life on the farm.

"I also think it's really important to talk to adults about this. ... I spend the majority of my off-farm hours speaking to an urban audience and sharing with them the good news stories about life on the farm and being a mother on the farm and all those different value systems. And I encourage you guys to do the same ... take every opportunity you can."

# New St. Laurent childcare centre focusing on Métis culture

By Becca Myskiw

A new childcare centre has opened in St. Laurent.

Nov. 30 marked the opening of Li Pchi Pwayson, a 40-space childcare centre focused on Métis culture and the history of the Red River Métis.

The centre has been a topic of discussion for years now in the town, with the space coming to fruition after the National Government of the Red River Métis conducted a needs assessment and found it necessary.

Ninety per cent of St. Laurent's population is Métis, making it one of the largest Métis communities in Canada.

Mona Buors, a St. Laurent resident and minister of Métis Child & Family Services, said a culturally focused daycare is needed in the community, and she's excited to see this one open.

"There's a lot of culture and heritage there," she said. "I don't see it as childcare enabling parents to work; I see it as education and teaching."

Li Pchi Pwayson will serve infants and preschool-aged children, allowing the town's other daycare to continue serving school-aged children

before and after school.

Together, the daycares will provide a total of 70 culturally focused childcare spaces in St. Laurent and employ up to 25 people at any given time.

"St. Laurent is a place where our heritage, history and language have been preserved for generations," said Frances Chartrand, MMF minister of Early Learning and Childcare and Health. "To have our children learn about their language, history and culture in their homes as well as from their childcare providers can only reaffirm the pride they feel in their identity. Quality childcare matters and providing quality childcare that connects children to who they are is the most important groundwork of our nation."

Buors named the new daycare Li Pchi Pwayson, meaning little fish, to complement the town's fishing industry. It also goes along the theme of St. Eustache's new daycare name, too, which means little dear.

"To me, education begins at home," said Buors. "With this daycare, we



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St. Laurent's new childcare centre officially opened on Nov. 30.

now have the next piece."

Li Pchi Pwayson will bring the children together to learn about their culture, to learn the Métis language and to get a start on their learning lives. Buors said the daycare will offer more than the fundamental building blocks of life.

The new building sits near Highway 6 and also features a greenhouse

where children will learn to grow fruits and vegetables.

"The MMF continues to invest in the towns and villages where our families live, work and play," said David Chartrand, president of MMF.

"We know these investments create benefit for more than just our own people — they benefit everyone in the surrounding area."

## > SHE ROCKS, FROM PG. 20

two sisters shortly thereafter to sort through his belongings. While there, they came upon a Gibson SG guitar that appeared to be so new, they were unsure if their brother ever had the opportunity to play it in front of a live audience.

"Even though I'd never played lead guitar like him, both of my sisters were like, take (the guitar) and enjoy it," Young-Dodds says.

During the long drive home, Young-Dodds announced that not only would she teach herself how to play Chris's guitar, she would form a new band — one that would be entirely female — and that her brother's axe would be the "star of the show."

The first person she contacted was Smith, who, in addition to the Welfare Starlets, had also played drums for Wayne Walker, Harvey Henry and American rocker Buddy Knox. The pair enlisted a few others but when that early iteration of She failed to pan out, it was back to the drawing board ... a process that was subsequently interrupted in March 2020 by a certain worldwide pandemic.

Young-Dodds and Smith decided to give it a second go, in the spring of 2022. Both of them were familiar with David, a longtime member of the popular country unit, Hearts on Fire. They gave her a call, and were overjoyed to hear she was interested.

Young-Dodds is also a Chocolate Bunnies From Hell alumnus, so she

reached out to Krawec next, to enlist her services.

The last piece of the puzzle was securing a person to play bass. Young-Dodds was well aware of Peterson's talent from clips of her she'd seen on Youtube, and got in touch with her, through a friend. One problem: Peterson, who recalls learning Led Zeppelin's Stairway to Heaven "start to finish" the month it came out, 52 years ago, had only ever played guitar; bass was completely foreign to her.

"Except after talking to Tracy, and getting excited over what she was telling me, I headed straight to Long & McQuade to grab a bass, only to fall in love with it the second I got it home," says Peterson, whose father Ferdinand Peterson was a jazz drummer and whose other brother Randy regularly sat in with Neil Young in the 1960s, "before Neil took off."

The group had its initial rehearsal at Smith's abode in March 2022. Among the 12 tunes they tore through that evening were Mickey, originally recorded by Toni Basil, Heaven is a Place on Earth by Belinda Carlisle and Pat Benatar's Heartbreaker.

Krawec feels she can speak for the others when she says the first thing that ran through their minds upon reaching the end of the final number was "holy s-t, what just happened here?"

"And it wasn't just the playing that was super tight," David contends.

"Our harmonies were so spot on, you would have sworn we'd been singing together for years."

The group made its official debut in April 2022, at a curling social held at an army, navy and air force veterans' club on Ellice Avenue. Following that, they embarked on what they jokingly refer to as the "legion tour," by appearing at Royal Canadian Legions in and around Winnipeg over the course of the next year. (If you're thinking She only performs songs originally done by female artists, think again; the group's current 60-song repertoire also counts tunes made famous by the Beatles, the Hollies, John Mellencamp and Michael Jackson.)

"We usually play twice a month, which is the number everybody agreed on when we started," Young-Dodds says, noting only one of the five is a retiree, and three of them continue to play in other bands around parental duties. "To date we've played in St. Malo, Victoria Beach, Winnipeg Beach. ... We did the (Red River Exhibition) this year and that was so much fun, we can't even tell you."

Regrettably, even though the calendar reads 2023, some people who've never witnessed She before are flabbergasted when they glance up from their beverage and eye five women on stage, rocking out like nobody's business.

"It's not like they're surprised there's a gal on vocals; that's pretty commonplace," says Peterson, who never fails

to bring down the house when she breaks into Sass Jordan's Make You a Believer, during which she sounds like the second coming of Janis Joplin. "It's more like they expect her to be backed by four or five guys, instead of more women."

"That or they'll say something stupid like we're pretty good ... for a bunch of girls," Smith pipes in, pursing her lips. "I've been drumming since I was 10 years old and, to me, there's still the sense that, as women, we have to be better than the guys to make a favourable impression."

"Yeah, well, that's never going to be a problem," cracks Krawec, drawing guffaws from her counterparts.

If you want to be the judge yourself, She will be appearing at the McPhillips Station Casino in mid-December, and is also booked for a New Year's Eve gig in Petersfield.

As for the Dec. 31 date, all five chuckle again, asserting a nap will definitely be in order that day if the plan is to still be wielding their instruments at the stroke of midnight.

"Back in the day, first set didn't start till 10 (p.m.)," Krawec says. "When we told the manager at the Big A a couple of weeks ago that we'd be going on at 8:30 (p.m.) he said, isn't that a bit early? We were like, uh, not at our age."

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> RURAL LIFE, FROM PG. 19

*Ritchie*, due out this fall, and *The Princess Auto Story*, due in spring of 2024.

With books like *Don't Fence Me In*, Redekop suggests a genre name for it could be the Remainers: people who have resisted urban migration, stayed on the land and opted for a rural lifestyle.

Then there are those who have moved back to a rural setting like commuters or organic farmers. They are the Returners, as in returning to the land or their rural roots. This is the post-rural era we live in, Redekop maintained, where these two people intersect.

The book's format is also unique: non-fiction short stories. Short non-fiction books, where they exist, will typically have a unifying theme such as rural renewal or rural architecture or the future of a rural region. The short stories in Redekop's book are linked only by their rural genre while crossing many different themes.

The stories range from a community cemetery where volunteers hand dig graves for family members to tales of Jesse James in Manitoba, quicksand in the Carberry desert, Canada's northernmost drive-in movie theatre in Flin Flon and Our Lady of Seven Sorrows Catholic Church in Camperville, where there was a recent dig for unmarked graves at a former residential school.

The book also profiles friendship through the experience of two Morden women. Longtime friends Ruth Isaac and Cheryl Link have had a friendship for 35 years and go out to lunch every week.

"They make a point to maintain their friendship. They commit to that friendship. ... they make it a priority," said Redekop. "We often



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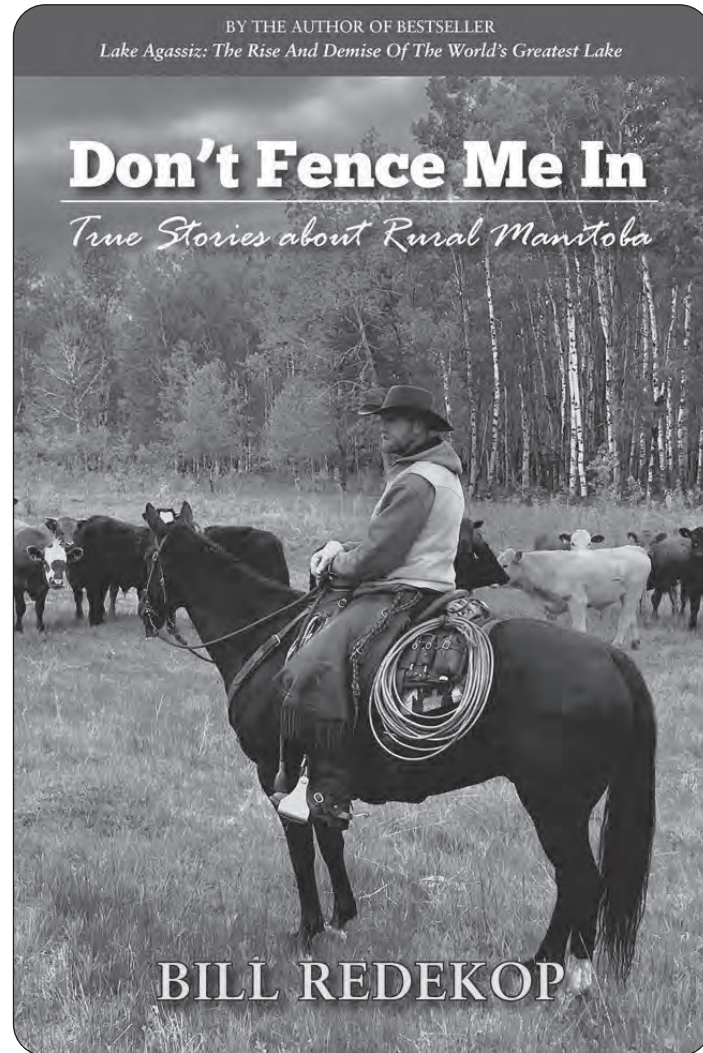
Author and former Winnipeg Free Press reporter Bill Redekop has released his sixth book this fall: *Don't Fence Me In: True Stories about Rural Manitoba*.

don't treat friendships that way. It was a great opportunity to look into the nature of friendship."

Then there is *The Burning Mountain* set in the Pembina Valley escarpment and which reveals the natural gas reservoirs. Redekop spoke to Normand Bosc, who showed how "he can stick a pipe into the ground and light the other end, and a huge flame will go shooting out like a blow torch. ... he gave me a demonstration, and it was absolutely fantastic."

The book covers a lot of the province, but Redekop didn't set out to hit every possible region of Manitoba.

"I didn't go out of my way to cover every area



because I couldn't; as it is, the book was getting kind of long. You can't get everything, and there was too much material," he said. "I went with stories I knew about that really interested me. ... I cover a pretty good spread of the province."

*Don't Fence Me In: True Stories about Rural Manitoba* went on sale Oct. 1.

# sports & recreation

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## U18 AAA male Lightning sweep the Chiefs

By Brian Bowman

The Interlake Lightning continue to play some very good hockey.

Interlake swept the Yellowhead Chiefs in Manitoba U18 AAA Hockey League action last weekend in Shoal Lake.

Interlake defeated Yellowhead 4-1 on Sunday afternoon.

Ian Buors and Blake Farthing scored for the Lightning in the first period and then Farthing and Jake Keryluk tallied for the Lightning in the third.

Farthing and Buors each had three points in the game.

The Chiefs' Bo Tibbetts scored for the Chiefs in the middle frame.

Interlake netminder Alex Myers was solid in goal, making 34 saves.

On Saturday, the Lightning doubled the Chiefs 4-2.

Interlake snapped a third-period tie with power-play goals from Drew Russell and Talon Hogg.

Cole Swanson scored for the Lightning in the first period and then Buors tallied in the second.

Farthing finished the game with two assists.

Cole Hunter scored twice for Yellowhead as Dylan McFadyen stopped 32 Chiefs' shots for the win.

Last Wednesday, Interlake dumped the Eastman Selects 5-2 in Beausejour.

Morgan Waddell had a great game for the Lightning with a hat trick while Farthing and Swanson also tallied.

Job Peters and Calyb Moore replied for Eastman.

Myers made 35 saves for the win.

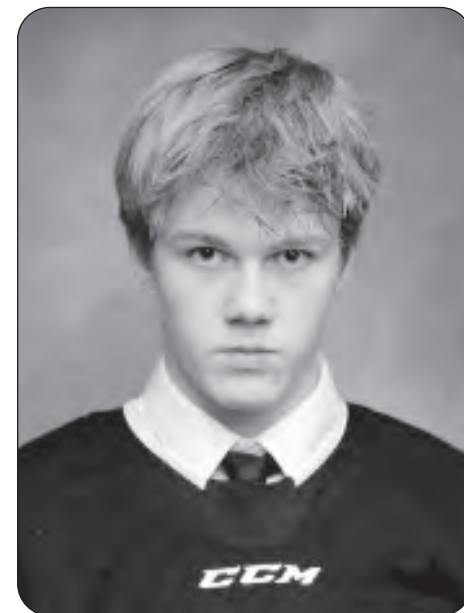
Meanwhile, Russell was named the CCM Hockey Player of the Week for the period ending Nov. 26.

In two games, Russell had two goals and two assists.

The Grade 11 student, in his first year of U18 AAA with the Lightning, is a prospect for the Selkirk Steelers of the Manitoba Junior Hockey League.

Interlake has had a fantastic start to the season with a wicked 14-7-1 record to sit in third place in the 12-team league and will host the Winnipeg Bruins this Saturday (7:30 p.m.), the Brandon Wheat Kings Sunday (1:30 p.m.), and then Eastman on Dec. 20 (7:30 p.m.).

All three games will be played in Teulon. People should come out and support the team. They're really good.



Drew Russell

# Viterra and Scotties regional berths awarded over the weekend

By Ty Dilello

The Viterra Championship and Scotties Tournament of Hearts regional playdowns were played this past weekend across the province.

At the Interlake Viterra regionals in Gimli, Emerson Klimpke of Stonewall was a 9-3 victor over Justin Richter of Beausejour to earn a berth, while Justin Reynolds of Winnipeg Beach won 7-2 over Wayne Ewasko of Beausejour to claim another Interlake berth to provincials.

Joey Witherspoon (Assiniboine Memorial), Daniel Birchard (Pembina), Thomas McGillivray (St. Vital), Steen Sigurdson (Deer Lodge), Hayden Forrester (Fort Rouge), Darren Perche (Charleswood) and Devon Wiebe (Charleswood) won the seven Winnipeg Viterra Berths that were avail-

able.

Jeremy Sundell (Holland) won the first of the available berths in the Central zone in Clearwater. Sundell will go on to skip the first provincial entry from Holland in many years after a win over Dean North (Carman) in an A-Side berth final.

Other Viterra berths over the weekend were awarded to Steve Irwin (Brandon), Cale Dunbar (Brandon), Jace Freeman (Virden), Glenn Toews (Dauphin), Grant Brown (Thompson), Greg Todoruk (Dauphin), Justin Richter (Beausejour) beat Wayne Ewasko (Beausejour), Dean North (Carman), Jesse Janz (Baldur), Mark Lowdon (La Salle) and Jeff Stewart (Gladstone).

The berth winners from this past



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Stonewall's Emerson Klimpke has earned a berth to the 2024 Viterra Championships after winning an Interlake zone spot over the weekend in Gimli. From left to right: Logan Ede, Reece Hamm, Emerson Klimpke, Ryan Zapotochny.

weekend have now advanced to compete at the 2024 Viterra Championships, which will be held in Stonewall from Feb. 6 to 11.

In Scotties' regional action, Carman's Shaela Hayward won a berth to provincials after winning both games of a best-of-three showdown with Manitou's Rhonda Varnes in the central zone.

Other Scotties berths awarded over the weekend went to Tiffany Armstrong (Dauphin), Zoey Terrick (Heather), Rachel Kaatz (Assiniboine Memorial), Emily Cherwinski (Assiniboine Memorial) and Emma Jensen (Heather).

The Manitoba Scotties Tournament of Hearts will be held from Jan. 23 to 28 in Morden.

## Volunteers, sponsorship for Viterra Championship still needed

By Brian Bowman

Everyone is thinking about the upcoming holidays but ... the 2024 Viterra Men's Provincial Curling Championship is right around the corner.

Wow, it's going to be a great stretch of curling.

The host committee is organizing the event, which will be held at the Veterans Memorial Sports Complex from Feb. 6-11, on behalf of Stonewall.

Full-event passes are on sale now at early-bird prices until Dec. 31. The regular price is \$150 but the early-bird price is just \$125.

That's a really good price for a ton of quality entertainment — and it would be a pretty cool Christmas gift.

"We're trying to get the word out and all of the information and the link to buy is on the website," said Stu Brown, a co-chair for the event along with Fran Frederickson.

The link is [viterra2024stonewall.com](http://viterra2024stonewall.com).

As for volunteers, the goal is to have about 200 individuals step forward.

"We're getting close to about 150 so we're pretty pretty confident and hopefully can get people signed up as quickly as possible," Brown said. "We would like to hit the mark as soon as possible so we can figure out what each volunteer is doing on their shift and all that type of stuff."

It is the first time that Stonewall has hosted the men's provincial bonspiel. The whole province is going to have their attention on Stonewall for this premiere event. Brown said the centre sheet will be live-streamed so people



can watch from home.

As for local business support, that is also very greatly needed.

In the past, Stonewall businesses have done a phenomenal job supporting tournaments and major events in various sports.

More help makes this event even greater.

"Businesses have basically stepped up but the more that get involved the better," Brown said. "It's been a great response from businesses but we want more and more."

Meanwhile, as of this week, locals that have now qualified include the Emerson Klimpke team out of the Stonewall Curling Club (with Reese Hamm, Logan Edie and Ryan Zapotochny), Thomas Dunlop of Stonewall (with the Devon Wiebe team from Winnipeg), Rodney Legault of Stony Mountain (with the Sean Grassie team from Winnipeg), the Justin Reynolds' team out of Winnipeg Beach and Steen Sigurdson of Gimli with his team out of Winnipeg.

## Tournament champs



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY AMANDA GEMMILL

The Stonewall Jr. Jets U13 AA team travelled to Morden this past weekend and won gold in the 'A' division. The Jets beat Niverville 5-0 in the semifinal game and then defeated Morden 4-2 in the final. Pictured back row, left to right: Rhys van Kemenade, Liam Meier, Charles Tucker, Blake Meier, Beck van Kemenade, Wyatt Sydenham, Crew Corbett, Brody Ivany, Emmitt Farebrother and Shaun Dalgliesh. Middle row, left to right: Declan McClintock, Jake Nychuk, Chase Murray, Maddyn Dalgliesh and Maddox Rinn. Goaltenders are Connor Lemieux and Cole Kuzyk. Missing from the photo is Mason McCallum.



# sports & recreation

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## Jets stun first-place Canucks in MMJHL action

By Brian Bowman

The Stonewall Jets picked up a huge win over the first-place St. James Jr. Canucks at the Veterans Memorial Sportsplex on Sunday evening.

Cole Emberly was fantastic, recording a hat trick (one on the power play) to lead the good guys to a very impressive 5-4 win.

Alex Kaczorowski and Peyton Bateman added shorthanded goals for the Jets.

St. James' goals were scored by Caden Ostermann (shorthanded), Magnum Grindle, Kai Smith and Brady Whately (power play).

Liam Johnson made 31 saves for the win.

Last Friday, Stonewall was blanked 4-0 by the St. Boniface Riels on home ice.

Raf Padua and Nate Hinds scored for the Riels in the first period and then Aidan Hyra tallied twice in the second.



Jets' captain Cole Emberly scored a hat-trick against the first-place St. James Canucks.

The Jets (8-9-3-1) will play at the Pembina Valley Twisters on Friday (8 p.m.) and then host the St. Vital Jr. Victorias (6:30 p.m.) Sunday.



TRIBUNE PHOTOS BY LANA MEIER

Jets' Peyton Bateman scored the game winner against the first-place St. James Canucks during MMJHL action last Sunday. Stonewall won 5-4.



The Stonewall Blues U11 team were excited to help with the Stonewall Jets Teddy Bear Toss last Friday. The Bear Toss collected 116 stuffed animals for the Cheer Board.



Stonewall Blues U18 female teams helped with the Teddy Bear Toss, Chuck a Puck and raffles in support of the Stonewall & District Cheer Board.



### Stonewall Jets Player Profile

# #21 Landen Sitarz

*Come out to support the Jets*



### UPCOMING GAMES

- Friday, Dec. 15  
Stonewall Jets at Pembina Valley Twisters  
8 p.m. at Morris Multiplex
- Sunday, Dec. 17  
St. Vital Jr. Victorias at Stonewall Jets  
6:30 p.m. Stonewall VMSC
- Tuesday, Dec. 19  
Stonewall Jets at Charleswood Hawks  
8 p.m. at Eric Coy Arena

# Rams double Steinbach Regional Sabres in hockey

By Brian Bowman

The College Stonewall Collegiate Rams downed the Steinbach Regional Sabres 4-2 in WSHL Platinum Promotions Division play at the Veterans Memorial Sports Complex on Friday.

Evan Reimer and Matthew Hawryluk scored to stake Stonewall to a 2-0 first-period lead and then the Rams' Adam Newcombe and Evan Deprez tallied in the third.

Deprez and Gavin Holod each had three points in the game.

Steinbach goals were scored by Ryder Chabot and Carson Funk.

Jackson Vandersteen earned the win in goal.

Last Wednesday, the Rams downed the Oak Park Raiders 4-1 on home ice.

Stonewall, which built period leads of 1-0 and 3-0, received goals from Noah Chartrand, Foxx Domansky, Hawryluk and Holod.

The Rams' Wade Byle had two assists in the game.

Oak Park's Luc Turcotte was the only player to put the puck past Rams' goaltender Hunter Manning.

Stonewall, now 6-8, took on the St.

Paul's Crusaders this past Tuesday and then will host the Dakota Lancers on Wednesday and the Sturgeon Heights Huskies Friday. Both home games start at 4 p.m.

In WSHL Price Division action, the Warren Collegiate Wildcats lost 8-3 to the Louis-Riel Voyageurs last Friday.

Owen Shymko led the Wildcats with two goals and an assist while Colton Bruce added a goal and an assist.

Quinn McKnight chipped in with a pair of helpers.

Voyageurs' goals were scored by Luka Tetrault (four), Jonah Al-lard-Bradley, Nicholas Lamontagne Badiou, Nicolas Krindle and Cory Tremblay.

On Dec. 5, the Wildcats were doubled 8-4 by the Lorette Scorpions.

The third period was a wild one as the teams combined for eight goals.

Dylan Riddell paced Warren with two goals and an assist while Bruce and Ty Olson also tallied.

Warren's Owen Shymko had a pair of assists.

Lorette goals were scored by Keagan Lanouette (two), Grayson Car-



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY JO-ANNE PROCTER

The Rams' Gavin Holod scored a nice goal in Collège Stonewall Collegiate's solid 4-1 home win over the Oak Park Raiders last Wednesday.

riere (two), Noah Lanouette, Jaxon Beauchemin, Tyson Gratton and Connor Hudson.

Collegiate Marauders this past Monday and then will host Lorette on Friday at 4 p.m.

Warren (4-9) played at the Maples

## Merces down Hawks in a shootout

By Brian Bowman

The Warren Merces overcame a 3-1 third-period deficit to defeat the Notre Dame Hawks 5-4 in a shootout on home ice Saturday evening.

In regulation time, Dexter Kuczek, Eric Swanson, Brett Brooks and Chase Faulkner scored for Warren.

Kuczek, Patrick D'Amico and Brooks each finished the game with two points.

Notre Dame's Nico Vigier and Connor Hamonic each scored twice.

Mitch Adamyk made 35 saves for the win.

The Merces, now 7-1 and in second place, are busy this weekend on the road with games on Wednesday at Winkler (7:30 p.m.), Ile de Chenes Friday (8 p.m.) and Morden Sunday (2 p.m.).

## Wildcats place second at basketball tourney



Colby Darragh and Lauren Voth were named tournament all stars.



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The Warren Collegiate Wildcats varsity girls' basketball team had a great start to their season, finishing second at the Crocus Plains Early Bird tournament. Warren played Crocus Plains Thursday night in an exhibition game and won in 55-53 in overtime. Tournament action saw Warren defeat Vincent Massey Brandon 53-36 and Neelin 90-24 before they lost 61-45 to Crocus Plains in the final while playing with a shortened bench. Pictured back row: Reese Hnatuk, Molly Phillips, Mya Malcolm, Samie Boonstra, Mia Cassils and coach Jason Darragh. Front row: Jadyn Baldwin, Avery Langrell, Sarah Gilmore, Colby Darragh and Lauren Voth. Missing from the photo is coach Candace Procter, Bryn-Lee Procter and Rianna Cassils.

# Local health workers recognized with Chair's Awards

By Jennifer McFee

Four health-care workers earned accolades for their commitment to the community.

Michele Polinuk, board chair for Interlake-Eastern Regional Health Authority, presented four Chair's Awards for Customer Service during the health authority's recent annual general meeting.

Val Kozyra, administrative assistant at Rosewood Lodge, received a nomination from clinical team manager Margarete Moulden. Kozyra was recognized for embodying IERHA's mission and values in her interactions with the public and coworkers in Stonewall. She is known for being positive, helpful and calm.

Glenn Shymko, regional manager of facilities management and capital planning, earned recognition for being reliable and capable in his behind-the-scenes work.

Clinical team manager Clayton Fisher received nominations from five colleagues at Lac du Bonnet's personal care home, who describe him as supportive and caring towards residents and staff.

Allison Maki is a proponent of finding out what residents in the personal



Board chair Michele Polinuk with chair's award winner Val Kozyra and nominator Margarete Moulden.



Board chair Michele Polinuk with Glenn Shymko. **TRIBUNE PHOTOS SUBMITTED**

care home love to do and then providing opportunities to enjoy those activities. She started out as a health-care aide and enrolled in a licensed practical nursing program to come back to work as a nurse at Lac du Bonnet's personal care home.

CEO Marion Ellis also presented the CEO Award for Community Lead-

ership to Suzanne Nicolas, dean of the school of nursing at Assiniboine Community College, to recognize her commitment to providing locally accessible education opportunities. Assiniboine offers more than 60 certificate, diploma and post-graduate programs. The college also delivers apprenticeship programming in a

range of skilled trades disciplines. The college welcomed more than 3,700 full-time and 6,000 part-time students last year.

A recording of the AGM is posted online at [www.ierha.ca](http://www.ierha.ca) under "About us" and "Annual General Meeting."

# Local hunters have game scored at deer head competition

By Jo-Anne Procter

The Gunton Greenwood Memorial Hall was filled with wildlife enthusiasts and hunters for the 69th annual Deer Head Competition last Saturday evening.

There were 47 heads judged, measured and scored by the Manitoba Big Game Trophy Association's Jerry Hayduk, Rick Kirkpatrick, Larry Strauman, Doug Swidinsky, Logan Cote and Kurt Karish.

In the Open Class - first place winners: Youth typical Fraserwood's Zach Farrell (135 2/8); Youth non-typical East Selkirk's Ben Krochenski (139 2/8); Adult typical Fraserwood's Keenan Karish (158 1/8); Adult non-typical Arborg's Rick Johnston (190 1/8); Adult most uniform, Stony Mountain's Tristan Peterson (147 4/8).

In the Teulon Game and Fish Class, which is for members only, Youth winner was Erinview's Noah Long (133 7/8), second place Stony Mountain's Evan Roy (122 2/8); Adult typical Gunton's Jenn Harrison (145 7/8) and second place, Balmoral's Kris Medwid; Adult non-typical Teulon's Tony Poroznick (162 5/8).



Picture left: Open Class - first place adult typical Keenan Karish. Middle: first place adult non-typical Rick Johnston. Right: first place adult most uniform Tristan Peterson. **TRIBUNE PHOTOS BY TONY BALIANT**



Picture left: Open Class - first place youth typical Zach Farrell. Middle: Teulon Game and Fish Class first place adult non-typical Tony Poroznick. Right: first place youth typical Noah Long. **TRIBUNE PHOTOS BY TONY BALIANT**

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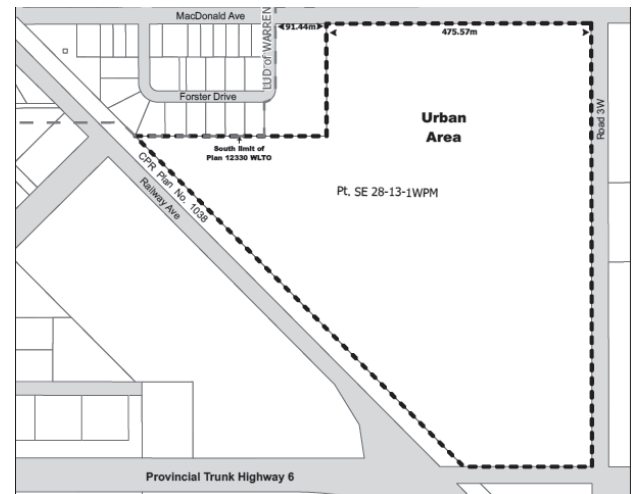
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-Love Mom, Dad and Tracey

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Mollard, Trevor John February 6, 1967 - December 17, 2019 As the day goes by, my heart is filled with sorrow, If we could share just one more day If there was one more tomorrow I'd hold you close within my arms and never let you go. I love and miss you so much, more than these words could ever show You were my world, my rock, my best friend. A love so strong and true.  
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## OBITUARY



### Edythe Hooper Floate

It is with great sadness that the family of Edythe Hooper Floate (nee Chanin) announce her passing on November 23, 2023 in Lake Country, BC.

Edythe was born to Samuel Heard Chanin and Gladys Eloise Chanin (nee Elliott) on May 1, 1922 in Stonewall, MB. She was the eldest of five children, followed by the births of her siblings – Herb, Al, Keith, and Alice.

Edythe attended primary and secondary schools in Stonewall and

later went to Normal School in Winnipeg. She taught at various schools in Manitoba and taught for three years at the San Antonio School District in Bissett, Manitoba, where Edythe met her future husband, Norman Floate.

Edythe and Norm lived in many communities during their 53-year marriage, including Winnipeg and Dauphin, MB, Saskatoon and Weyburn, SK, Calgary, AB, and Prince George, BC, ultimately settling in Kindersley, SK in 1977. Norm predeceased Edythe in 2002. At the age of 100 Edythe moved from Kindersley to Lake Country, BC to be closer to family.

Edythe was a very caring and open-minded mother to her five children. She was also an epic "Nana" to her five grandchildren. Memories of buckets of boiled raisin, oatmeal date, ginger, and other cookies, Nanaimo bars, and hamburger soup will last for generations. Also lasting will be memories of Edythe's kindness, caring, optimism, and wicked sense of humour.

Edythe managed the household logistics and finances so capably that she could have written a bestseller on how to do it. She loved to garden and passed that love onto her children. Edythe also worked with Norm in his store in Kindersley and as a personal care attendant after Norm retired. She found the time to be an active volunteer in the communities where she lived, including the United Church Women's group, the Brownies, the Kindersley Horticultural Society, and the Kindersley Retired Teachers' Organization.

Surviving Edythe are her children: Dennis, Terry (Heather), Maureen (Matt), Shannon, and Kevin (Rose); four granddaughters, one grandson and one great-grandson; and Edythe's brothers Herb and Al.

Edythe lost her sight at age 86. While this significantly affected her later years, she continued to knit squares to be made into afghans for charities. The family is grateful for the love and support that she received from her friends and staff at Caleb Village in Kindersley and by the kind and caring staff at Lake Country Lodge in Winfield, BC.

Edythe had a life well lived full of love and friendship.

Interment of Edythe's ashes will take place at the cemetery in MacGregor, MB at a date to be determined.

For those who wish, the family asks that memorial donations be made to the charity of your choice.

## OBITUARY



### Irene Goldsbrough (nee Packer) July 7, 1938 – November 24, 2023

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Irene Goldsbrough at Fred Douglas Lodge Personal Care Home in Winnipeg, Manitoba.

She leaves to mourn, daughters Dawn Marie Woytowich (Drew) and Diana Lea Ledochowski (Rodney) and grandchildren Carson and Shay Woytowich and Jade Bonham (Garrett), Jake and Jacey Ledochowski. Mom also leaves her dear sisters Kathleen Biloki, Margaret

Medwid, Val McHale (Ian) and their families as well as her nephew Paul Bourgeault (Denise) and girls. Mom had a very close network of lifelong friends including Carole and Ken Young, Lucie and Bruce Hewitt, Darlene Dufily, Barbara Lindquist, Roxane Pawluk and Sandra Warren. Thank you so much for the visits, phone calls and care packages.

Mom was born on July 7, 1938 at 93 Middlewich Road in Northwich, Cheshire, England to Alfred Maxwell Packer and Emily Packer (nee Tideswell).

In 1949, along with her parents and sisters, Kathleen and Margaret, Mom boarded the HMS Franconia II in Liverpool and sailed to Canada. They sailed down the St. Lawrence Seaway and eventually boarded a train to Winnipeg. The Packers settled in Gunton, Manitoba. A third sister for Mom (Valerie) arrived a few years later and the four of them were known as the Packer sisters.

Mom received her early years of education at Gunton School and in 1956-57 she went to Normal School. Mom always said this was one of the best times of her life with hot meals, running water and flush toilets. She made lifelong friends with roommates Olga and Machiko. She began teaching in a one room school at Stacpoole (east of Teulon, MB) from 1957-59. Mom then taught at Navin School from 1959-60 and lived in the attached teacherage. She continued her teaching career in Winnipeg at Strathmillan and Bannatyne Schools where she made so many friends. In 1964 her first daughter, Dawn Marie was born. Mom continued to teach for a few more years until her second daughter Diana Lea was born in 1968.

Mom stayed home raising her children and in 1976 the family moved back to Gunton where they bought and operated the general store and post office. After selling the grocery store and post office in 1983, Mom decided to pursue a new career path and at age 45, she went to Psychiatric Nursing School at the Selkirk Mental Health Centre. She graduated at age 47 and was selected as class valedictorian by her much younger peers. Mom spent two years at John Dafeo School with Dr. Shelia Cantor teaching children with Autism. Eventually Mom accepted a position at the Grace Hospital in the Extended Treatment Unit. She worked at the Grace until her retirement at 75. Mom truly loved her job.

Mom led a very independent life enjoying her trips to Hawaii, Arizona, Disney World with her grandkids, Palm Springs and Halifax to watch baseball. She loved tennis and golf and putting around the garden in the summers. Mom was a Girl Guide leader and had an artsy side and could make/sew anything. She enjoyed her many dinner groups.

Mom really was the matriarch of our family and she will be missed deeply.

Her grandchildren were the light of her life. She spent her retirement watching hockey, baseball, basketball and softball games. Mom was their number one fan always cheering them on. She was very much looking forward to the birth of her first great-grandchild in January 2024.

Cremation has taken place. A private gathering will be held at a later date.

We'd like to thank the staff at Fred Douglas Lodge for the wonderful care they provided in the short time she was there.

## OBITUARY

### Jerry Fowler

It is with great sadness we announce the passing of Jerry Fowler on November 14, 2023 after a brief but courageous battle with cancer.

Precious are the last moments shared with him and heartbroken by the loss are his wife Linda; daughters Desirée (Pierre), Cassandra (Paul); and beautiful granddaughter Oaklynn. Also leaving to mourn are his brother Lawrence (Joanne) and sister Patricia; as well as many nieces, nephews and dear friends.

Jerry was predeceased by his father Jack, mother Edna and sister Rita.

As per his wishes, a celebration of life will be held at a later date.

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