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Balmoral Bird Count celebrates 62-year milestone

By Annaliese Meier

Every December, the community of Balmoral comes alive with a cherished tradition that brings friends and neighbors together: the Christmas Bird Count.

The tradition of counting birds with the help of friends and neighbours is part of a growing network of Bird Counts that started in North America in 1900. Humans and birds alike enjoyed a relatively warmer but overcast and windy day during this year's count, which occurred on Dec. 21.

An impressive 42 volunteers helped including Ayomide and Charlene Berkvens, Pauline Bloom, Tim Byers, Dave and Emmy Byle, Laura Cliff, Sue Cosens, Jim and Patsy Duncan, Pat Jeffery, Anne Kroeker, Gary Lacoste, Diane and Donnie Larson, Al and Cindy Louer, Bob and Terry Makowski, Kim Meyers, Carol and John Morgan, Doyle, Quinn, and Shawna Nugent, Geoff and Jannell Plouffe, Gerry and Maureen Recksiedler, Andrew Robert, Jim and Johanna Roger, Don Sexton, Merlin Shoosmith, Stuart Slattery, Helen Slavuta, Emily Thoroski, Hilary and Luc Versavel, Glen and Sherry Weaver, and Allan Webb.

A total of 1,347 individual birds (27 species) were counted including 369 Snow Buntings, 178 Black-capped Chickadees, 153 Common Ravens, 92 House Sparrows, 89 Blue Jays, 72 Gray Partridge, 63 Rock Pigeons, 59 Sharp-tailed Grouse, 35 House Finches, 34 White-breasted Nuthatches, 30 Dark-eyed Juncos, 30 Purple Finches, 28 Downy Woodpeckers, 21 Hairy Woodpeckers, 18 Black-billed Magpies, 18 American Crows, 16 Common Redpolls, 11 Pine Grosbeaks, 5

Pileated Woodpeckers, 5 Ruffed Grouse, 5 Red-breasted Nuthatches, 4 unidentified Corvids, 3 Bald Eagles, 3 Horned Larks, 2 European Starlings, 2 Collared Doves, 1 Snowy Owl, and 1 Great Horned Owl. During the count week, an American Robin was also spotted.

One of the benefits of long-term monitoring is the ability to detect changes in bird numbers and distribution over the years, which may be affected by climate change. The Blue Jay is a regularly detected bird, especially at bird feeders throughout the count, adding a splash of blue to our red and green holiday colours. Blue Jay family groups often overwinter in our yards where they nest, but some of them migrate south to avoid winter. The data from our count suggests that while the wintering population fluctuates yearly, the long-term trend is stable and may even increase slightly.

Fun facts about Blue Jays from naturecanada.ca:

- They rub ants on their feathers to get rid of the ant's acid, which makes the ants taste better (do not try this at home).
- The pigment found in their feathers is brown – they appear blue due to the scattering of light due to refraction.
- They mimic the sounds of hawks to scare other birds away from their food.
- They are intelligent and have complex social systems with tight family bonds.
- They like to eat acorns and are thought to have helped spread oak trees after the last glacial period.

You can learn more about the bird count at <https://www.birdscanada.org/bird-science/christmas-bird-count>.

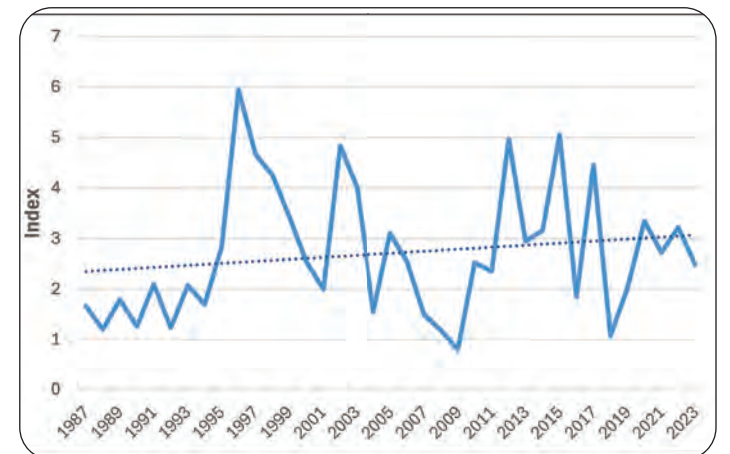


Patsy Duncan photographed a Blue Jay perched near a bird feeder in the 2024 Christmas Bird Count.



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Ayomide Berkvens helped his mom Charlene count birds in the Christmas Bird Count around Balmoral on Dec. 21.



Blue Jay populations have changed over time in the Balmoral Christmas Bird Count.

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Rosser Reeve Ken Mulligan shares new year reflections

By Jennifer McFee

The RM of Rosser can celebrate many achievements and advancements that took place in 2024 to bring pride to the community, with plenty more coming up in the new year.

For Rosser Reeve Ken Mulligan, 2024 passed by quickly. The RM has been extremely busy over the past year with the construction of a new building that opened in CentrePort in mid-December for the public works department and the fire department, as well as a new staff space in CentrePort.

In another new addition, an A&W will soon open in Rosser, located on Highway 7 with new potable water brought to the area by Abas Esso.

In addition, the RM finalized four-year funding agreements with Grosse Isle Recreation Centre, Rosser Community Club, Meadows Community Club, Marquette Curling Club and the Grosse Isle Heritage Site.

Mulligan outlined several other initiatives that took place in the municipality in 2024.

"The RM is helping with a project going on in Grosse Isle that includes reboarding the skating rink and replacing the skate change room this spring and summer," he said.

"After a wet spring, our public works crew worked hard to keep our roads in good condition. We are proud to have such well-maintained roads. In addition, public works staff were busy last summer planting 1,000 trees around the entire RM."

The municipality also recently opened the Rosser Cemetery after it had been closed for many years.

"We have continued to have professionals study our watershed areas and provide council recommendations with the goal of creating long-term solutions to mitigate overland flooding," he added.

"With this, we are constantly work-



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY HALEY CVAR

A&W will open soon on Highway 7, located next to Abas Esso.

ing on issues that affect the city protection drain as well as other areas within the RM of Rosser."

As well, the Rosser area of CentrePort was recently featured at a Winnipeg Chamber of Commerce luncheon celebrating the 15th anniversary of CentrePort.

"The presentation focused on how well we are doing with the success and buildout of CentrePort Rosser while also exploring the exciting times that lies ahead," Mulligan said.

"FastFrate, the first building in the new rail park, recently opened its 114,000-square-foot facility. Also, a new development called Keystone is working on infrastructure and I look forward to seeing buildings progress there."

And another project is underway that is close to Mulligan's heart.

"It has been my passion for many years to be involved with trying to find facilities within our area for the aging," he said.

"I am very pleased to say that five information sessions have recently been held to discuss the construction of a new personal care home in Stonewall. We have been part of the committee made up of surrounding RMs and are excited to see this project moving forward."

When it comes to the challenges that

Rosser is facing, Mulligan points to the ongoing issue of crime.

"Rural crime continues to be at an all-time high, and our area is no different. Thanks to the citizens participating in crime watches and using an app to communicate, we have good reporting of suspicious activity," he said.

"We ask people to stay vigilant and report suspicious activity to the RCMP. Remember, don't take things into your own hands — report it and let the police handle it."

Looking ahead, the RM is considering the possibility of having a daycare in the municipality. At the same time, Mulligan said they're currently looking at the best way to include more housing in the Rosser area.

"I believe that regional planning is very important for the future. Without planning, things go off the rails very quickly," he added.

"I look forward to working with the Winnipeg Metro Region on how best we work with the province to move forward on the legislation."

The municipality is also working with South Interlake Planning District to enhance the development plan for the area.

For the year ahead, Mulligan shared some plans and goals for the commu-



Rosser Reeve Ken Mulligan

nity.

"We are going through the community consultation process and conditional use hearing for the expansion of the successful Lilyfield Quarry. The RM is looking at how we might be able to help expand the walking trails in Grosse Isle, working with the Grosse Isle Recreation Centre board," he said.

"We will continue to help develop CentrePort to support good services for the businesses and developers. We will help grow public safety systems in the entire rural municipality including fire and bylaw services, which are of the utmost importance."

And the Rosser reeve offered his well wishes for the community now that the new year is here.

"Hoping everyone had a safe and happy holiday season," he said. "Wishing you all the best in 2025."

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Wishing you a wonderful 2025! From the Reeve and Councillors

Happy New Year from the Town of Teulon

By Jennifer McFee

The Town of Teulon is ringing in 2025 with much to look forward to in the year ahead.

Mayor Todd Campbell outlined some of the town's successes of 2024 while also reflecting on the year that has just begun.

In 2024, at a cost of about \$120,000, the town repaved Second Street SE, which was badly in need of repairs.

There was \$185,000 worth of kitchen renovations at the Teulon Rockwood Centennial Centre, including improvements to the commercial ovens, flooring, countertops and re-painting the outside north-facing wall. The renovation was funded by MPI after a vehicle accident caused damage to the building.

In addition, work continues on the

washroom accessibility plans at the hall at an estimated cost of \$15,000.

Another purchase was a Bobcat utility vehicle with a \$25,000 price tag. Work is also complete on the arena plant conversion of R22 to R449 refrigerant with Berg.

Connectivity and communication has also improved across the Teulon area.

"Valley Fiber's internet service in town has improved the speed and reliability of internet connectivity. Improvements has benefited residential, commercial and industrial customers," Campbell said.

"And the upcoming installation of speed radar signs on Beach Road will be used to encourage motorists to reduce the speed in the school zone and reduce the likelihood of future mis-



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Mayor of Teulon Todd Campbell

video of council meetings.

As for the challenges, Campbell points to the potential closure of TD Bank and the loss of two businesses due to fire.

Looking ahead, the town is planning potential trail upgrades in 2025 with more details to come.

Equipment upgrades are also on the town's to-do list.

"The asset management plan indicates a significant need to upgrade our equipment. We are making plans in 2025 to address the most immediate concerns and develop a plan going forward," Campbell added.

"The Town of Teulon and RM of Rockwood are looking to replace the main pumper unit in 2025. The existing pumper has outlived its useful life."

Looking ahead, Campbell shared a few goals for the community for 2025: to improve the trail system, to assess infrastructure and develop plans for repair and replacement, and to continue to apply for grants as they become available.

He also shared a few messages for community members as they launch the new year.

"The prosperity of our community's businesses relies on local support — continue to buy local. Continue to be diligent, lock your possessions and watch out for your neighbours. Although we don't have an RCMP detachment, continue to inform the RCMP of suspicious activities," he said.

"The fabric of our community relies on community groups. Join a group — you can make a difference."



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The Town of Stonewall shut off water on Main St. from Centre Ave. to 3rd Ave. South on Dec. 30 due to two water line leaks that needed to be repaired. The interruption to the water supply lead to the loss of water pressure in a portion of the distribution system on Main Street. Distribution depressurization can compromise the safety of the water supply. All affected water users were asked to follow boil water advisory precautions. Ground Level Hydro Vac and Taplin Earthworks ensured necessary repairs and clean-up was completed the next day.

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4-H members recognized

By Jo-Anne Procter

The South Interlake 4-H Area Council celebrated the achievements and dedication of its members this past September. During the re-organizational meeting held in Teulon, key milestones were recognized, showcasing not only individual accomplishments but also the strong community spirit that defines 4-H. From long-serving leaders to exceptional youth making their mark, 4-H proves to be an invaluable program for young people in our region.

Balmoral's Teresa Melnychuk received a prestigious 20-year leader pin, honouring her commitment and dedication of 4-H leadership that has inspired countless young members.

The spotlight also shone on two senior members: Kristen Greigson from the Balmoral 4-H Club and Sarah Seniuk from the East Selkirk 4-H Club. Both recipients were awarded the esteemed Gold Watch Award for their exceptional involvement in various aspects of the program.

These awards serve as a testament to the hard work and passion exhibited by members throughout their time in 4-H. With representatives from clubs like Minerva, Argyle, Selkirk Silver Spurs, and more, this council fosters growth and connection within our community.

For more information on 4-H Clubs for the coming year can be found at: <https://4h.mb.ca>



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South Interlake 4-H members were recognized for achievements in September. Pictured left to right, Teresa Melnychuk, Sarah Seniuk, Kristen Greigson and Karen Olafson (4-H Manitoba Club Support Coordinator Karen Olafson).

letter to the editor

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Personal Care Home bed shortages affect everyone in the Interlake

Governments have recognized the need to build more personal care home beds in the province for decades. There's definitely a need to replace decaying facilities, but an aging population is the greater concern.

We have had decades to budget and prepare for the aging demographics.

In 2016, the provincial government promised to build 1,200 beds by 2024. They built 506 beds and closed 303, resulting in a net increase of just 203 beds. In 2023, another 678 beds were promised, with a mere 95 beds currently under construction.

Regionally, the Interlake has had facilities promised for the past 12 years, but none have been built. The promises to build were based on the knowledge that baby boomers would be aging into care and would put incredible pressure on the entire healthcare system. The baby boomer tsunami has begun and will exponentially impact the demand for per-

sonal care home beds, hospital beds and emergency rooms for the next decade or two.

In the Interlake region, hospitals are all full, with no excess bed capacity. Patients who should be in a personal care home are tying up hospital beds while waiting for placement. This limits the ability to admit patients from emergency rooms, which then leads to long wait times in emergency rooms or diversions to other facilities. Meanwhile, the patient living in a hospital bed while waiting to get into a care home does not receive the appropriate care and support they would receive in a personal care home, such as recreation and congregate meals.

This trend will only increase. People who require long-term care may need to move away from their home community and, in some cases, to other regions. We saw this in the Interlake during COVID due to the lack of personal care home beds. But it was already a problem before the pandemic - and now it's getting worse.

The Interlake is the most underserved region for personal care home beds in the province, with 35% fewer beds per capita than the provincial average.

In terms of a hard number, the Interlake is short more than 400 beds,

and that number could double in the next decade.

In 2023, the government addressed the shortage in the Interlake with a promise to build four new facilities with a total of 395 beds (Lac du Bonnet 95, Arborg 60, Oakbank 96 and Stonewall 144), addressing today's shortage but not the need over the next decade.

The announcement of new beds in Lac du Bonnet was particularly interesting. The project was first announced in 2012, then cancelled in 2017 and re-announced in 2023. The good news is that the Lac du Bonnet project finally began construction last month, 12 long years after the first announcement.

The time has come to build more personal care homes in the Interlake. The need is significant across the region, not just in one community, making prioritizing difficult.

We need all the beds that were announced, and we need them now.

We can't wait another 12 years.

Today's long-term care facilities are more modern, moving away from

the traditional "institutional" environment to a design based around a "physical village model." This model purposefully incorporates social interaction, functionality, and inter-generational contact while considering affordability and safety.

Residents can thrive with dignity, stimulation, and companionship. This model of care is new to Interlake but can be found in several of the newer facilities across the province.

Interlake residents deserve bed capacity similar to that of the other regions in the province and the opportunity to access a more modern style of care closer to home.

I encourage you to phone and email the Minister of Health, the Premier, and your local MLA to express your concern. Tell them about your experiences, how you feel about the lack of personal care home bed capacity, and your support for accelerating the construction of personal care home projects in Stonewall, Arborg, and Oakbank.

- David Oakley, Interlake Health-care Sustainability Committee chair

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Reflections and predictions

By Cam Dahl, General Manager, Manitoba Pork

The name January is derived from the Roman god Janus. Janus was said to have two faces, one looking forward and one looking back. This is an appropriate metaphor for the month, as we can look back at the year that was and anticipate the year to come.

If there is such a thing as a good disease year in the hog sector, 2024 was it. Given historical patterns, we expected to see new cases of porcine epidemic diarrhea (PED) this past spring. That did not materialize. While we did not make it though 2024 PED free, the first case did not show up until December. This is not an accident. Manitoba's hog farmers, our government, veterinarians, and processors came together to develop a comprehensive plan to eradicate PED. The "Manitoba model" is a 2024 success story - one that is being considered throughout North America and is a testament to what can be done through collaboration.

On the economic front, 2024 was a year of relief for hog farmers in Manitoba, with margins coming back to where they should be. I do see the positive financial situation extending well into 2025, but that prediction comes with a lot of global uncertainty and unpredictability.

So, what will farmers face in 2025? One cannot look ahead without mentioning the new administration in the U.S. Most farmers in Manitoba depend upon international markets. Take the hog industry as an example - 90 percent of Manitoba's annual production is directed into international markets, with the U.S. being the number one destination. Both major U.S. political parties advocate for "America First" policies and are moving away from supporting free and open

trade. Examples of protectionist policies that threaten our exports include the revival of country-of-origin labelling and individual state legislation that is fragmenting the North American market (e.g., Proposition 12 in California).

"America First" was brought into sharper focus after the November election in the U.S. when President-elect Trump called for massive tariffs on Canadian and Mexican exports. In the past, he has threatened to rip up the Canada - U.S. - Mexico Agreement (CUSMA). Not since the original Canada - U.S. trade agreement have we seen political goals tied to U.S. market access. For example, increased defence spending by Canada is likely going to be a condition of ongoing American support for CUSMA. I do believe that Canadian agriculture exports are going to be a target for U.S. negotiators. How is Canada going to respond?

It is not just trade with the U.S. that will be unpredictable in 2025. China, which is both the world's largest food producer as well as the world's largest food consumer, is also signaling that agriculture and food trade will be tied to outside policy issues. The threat to impose tariffs on Canadian canola exports in response to tariffs on electric vehicles is just one example of this. What happens if a new trade war erupts between the U.S. and China? Will Canadian farmers be caught in the middle? How Canada responds could very well determine if 2025 will be profitable or show a mess of red ink on farmers' income statements. Governments and industry need to be planning for all eventualities on Chinese trade before any of these potential problems arise. I am concerned that this is not happening.



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Add to this the ongoing uncertainty caused by the war in Ukraine, the threat of foreign animal diseases like African Swine Fever, production risks, etc. and a picture of a volatile 2025 emerges. Farmers can offset some uncertainty through tools like currency hedging, forward contracting, and other risk mitigation approaches, but farmers cannot control instability caused by global policies. This is the area where we need the support of our federal and provincial governments.

It is my prediction that protectionism, trade barriers, and global uncertainty will be the top topics next January when we look back at 2025. We will also likely be talking about the outcome of a federal election, which may happen sooner rather than later. Elections are the time when politicians are most attentive to concerns raised by constituents. Farmers, of all stripes, need to be asking the candidates who show up on their doorstep about their party's plan to deal with global volatility and trade uncertainty.

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Snow much winter fun to close out 2024



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A group of hockey players gathered at the outdoor rink in Stonewall on Dec. 22 to enjoy an evening scrimmage. The temperature got to a high of -7 degrees C, and a low of -10 degrees. Help the Tribune record the weather of the week and send in your photos of friends and family enjoying the outdoors. Email: news@stonewallteulontribune.ca



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This group of ladies, Christina Bruce, Ashley Petrachek, Judy Smith, Brooke Allard, Sara Dilazzaro and Lisa Chapman, were enjoying the above average temperatures sledding at Jimm's Hill on Christmas Eve. Temperatures were recorded at a high of -1 degrees C. with a low of -9 degrees. Help the Tribune record the weather of the week and send in your photos of friends and family enjoying the outdoors. Email: news@stonewallteulontribune.ca

Manitoba introduces permanent cut to provincial fuel tax

By Annaliese Meier

Manitoba Premier Wab Kinew announced that the provincial fuel tax in Manitoba will have a permanent reduction of 10 per cent.

"Our government keeps our word. We said we'd cut the fuel tax and we did," said Kinew. "We said it would last 12 months and it did."

According to Kinew, the Manitoba government is committed to fulfilling

its promises. This includes following through on their pledge to reduce the fuel tax, which has already been in effect for 12 months.

"Now we're going further by bringing in a permanent cut to the fuel tax to make it one of the lowest in Canada," said Kinew.

The cut to the fuel tax represents a 10 per cent reduction to the fuel tax rate that was in place previously, not

ed the premier. The 12.5 cent per litre fuel tax rate will be applied to gasoline and diesel across the province beginning on Jan. 1, 2025.

The fuel tax holiday has helped slow inflation in Manitoba, the premier noted. Manitoba maintained the lowest gas prices in Canada for the entire year of 2024.

Manitoba Farmer Wellness Program achieves charitable status

By Lana Meier

The Manitoba Farmer Wellness Program (MFWP) is thrilled to announce its recent approval for charitable status from the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA). This significant achievement will enable the organization to further its mission of promoting mental wellness among farm families and employees in Manitoba.

Chairperson Marcel Hacault of MFWP expresses his enthusiasm for the organization's attainment of charitable status. This advancement not only reinforces accountability, but

also broadens the potential to generate funds and improve support for Manitoba's farming community. The team is eager to embrace these fresh prospects and sincerely thankful for the ongoing backing from our community.

As a result of our new status, MFWP is able to provide tax receipts for qualifying donations. This allows sponsors to support the welfare of Manitoba farmers and receive tax deductions. Additionally, it opens doors for MFWP to apply for grants and

funding opportunities that require a registered charity designation.

The MFWP provides confidential counselling services to farm families and employees, with a maximum of nine sessions per year. These sessions are conducted by counsellors who have a strong understanding of the agriculture industry.

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Going forward in 2025

Recently, I came across "The New Year's Prayer": "Dear Lord, so far this year I've done well. I haven't gossiped; I haven't lost my temper; I haven't been greedy, grumpy, nasty, selfish, or overindulgent. I'm very thankful for that. But it's January 1st, and in a few minutes, Lord, I'm going to get out of bed and from then on, I'm probably going to need a lot more help. Amen."

Well, here we are in a brand new year and if you're like me, we all need a lot of help as we face a very uncertain year ahead of us.

Tim Wallenda of the Flying Wallendas tells how his grandfather, Karl Wallenda, taught him to be a high wire walker. He said he showed him how to hold his body so that it remained stiff and rigid, how to place his feet on the wire and how to hold the pole as he walked on the wire high above ground.

"But," he said, "the most important thing my grandfather taught me was that I needed to focus my attention on a point on the other end of the wire, a point that was unmoving and wouldn't shift. That is how we maintain our balance on the wire. I need a point to concentrate on to keep me balanced."

I think Tim Wallenda's advice applies perfectly to us as we enter a new year: to keep our balance in the perilous situations of life, we all need a focus point as well.

For me, over half a century ago, I made what I now consider to be the best decision a young man can make and that was to focus on God and His purposes for my life. And since then, that is exactly what I have done (I am entering my 55th year of serving as a pastor this year...)

There is a wonderful verse in the Bible that encourages us: "Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the Author and Perfector of our faith."

May that be your goal in 2025; it's mine.

Henry Ozirney

Starting Blocks 50/50 fundraiser to support essential projects

By Annaliese Meier

The Starting Blocks child care centre plays a pivotal role in the Stonewall community, providing essential childcare services to 198 children across its four locations. With a commitment to offering quality care for infants, preschoolers, and school-aged children year-round, Starting Blocks is now focusing on two crucial projects that require immediate attention.

The need for transportation repairs has become urgent as the school's bus sits idle due to mechanical issues. The estimated cost of \$25,000 for a new motor reflects how vital this service is to families relying on safe travel options. Additionally, the rubberized hill at one of their sites needs resurfacing at an estimated cost of \$30,000. This project not only ensures safety but also enhances play areas for kids.

By participating in the upcoming 50/50 fundraiser set for Jan. 31, 2025 — where

half of the pot goes directly toward these necessary improvements — you can make a tangible difference in your community. Tickets are affordable and priced starting at just \$5. Every ticket purchased helps bring these important initiatives closer to reality.

Sharing this opportunity with family and friends amplifies our collective impact on children's lives in Stonewall and surrounding areas. Remember that tickets are available exclusively to Manitoba residents aged 18 or older.

Your support will help maintain safe and reliable services at Starting Blocks while fostering an enriching environment where children can thrive.

Tickets can be purchased on line: <https://fundingchange.ca/startingblocks>

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Manitoba deficit balloons to \$1.3 billion

Submitted by Manitoba government

The NDP government's increased deficit spending this year will drive the provincial debt to over \$23,000 per Manitoban, hitting the bottom line of families already struggling to make ends meet, Official Opposition Leader Wayne Ewasko and Midland

MLA Lauren Stone, PC Critic for Finance, said late last month.

The province's 2024-25 second quarter financial update this week shows that the NDP government posted a \$1.3-billion deficit at the end of September, which is \$513 million higher than what was forecast in the spring budget released in April. Manitoba's net debt is forecast to increase to \$34.5 billion this year, with debt servicing costs up \$69 million from budget to an estimated \$2.3 billion.

"The NDP inherited the third-fastest growing economy in Canada, a \$373-million surplus, and a clear path to sustainable balanced budgets," Ewasko said. "In just one year, they've squandered Manitoba's progress with a dismal financial performance that has put us on an unsustainable path

toward credit downgrades and tax increases."

The second quarter report also shows Manitoba's economic growth has slumped to seventh among all provinces. Unemployment has jumped nearly two full percentage points to 5.8 percent since January, with 7,600 more Manitobans out of work compared to this time last year. Business insolvencies, meanwhile, have skyrocketed 32 percent while consumer insolvencies have risen by 6 percent.

At the same time, Statistics Canada inflation data released on Tuesday shows that Manitoba is once again leading the country in runaway grocery prices, including fresh meat (+8.8 percent) and veggies (+8.3 percent), while rents are up 7.9 percent.

Despite receiving more than \$900 million in additional revenues from the federal government this year, the NDP are still spending beyond their means, Stone said. As the provincial deficit grows, the province will be forced to borrow more money and pay even more interest, which Manitobans cannot afford.

"Manitobans are struggling to make ends meet and they deserve real answers as to why the finance minister has missed his own financial targets by over half a billion dollars in just six months," said Stone. "The NDP's inability to control spending and manage the province's finances as the threat of new U.S. tariffs approaches shows Manitobans how little they can trust this government to protect their future."

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Meets every Monday 7-8 PM

Teulon AA
Christian Education Building
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Contact: (204) 461-0155
Meets every Tuesday 8-9 PM

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As 2024 drew to a close, Jimm's Hill at Quarry Park in Stonewall came alive with families and friends gathering to enjoy the Town of Stonewall's fireworks display on Dec. 31. New Year's Eve serves as a moment for reflection on the past year while also ushering in the promise of the new one. The day featured a cozy bonfire where attendees could warm up with hot chocolate, along with snowshoeing, cross-country skiing, tobogganing, and skating on the pond.

Happy New Year and Denture insurance renewal date

By Elisha Vandor

For us at Vandor Denture Centre, the most wonderful time of the year (besides Christmas) starts on New Year's Day, January 1, 2025. It's a time when we start submitting and receiving new pre-approvals for denture coverage. It's a joyous occasion for you, with dental insurance too, because your full yearly maximum is available once again and you're able to call us and schedule your denture appointment knowing you're saving the most money with your full benefits in tow. The real question is how much coverage does your specific plan cover towards new partial dentures, full dentures, relining, dental implant procedures...etc? Well, you can leave all the heavy insurance lifting to us, after all, we find enjoyment in discovering how much your plan covers and want to be the first to share your benefit results with you, but don't worry, you'll also receive your results by mail or online too.

Some insurance companies provide us an instant response when submitting electronically, while others take some processing time before a pre-approval response is provided. All insurance plans are different, so a predetermination of benefits is necessary for an accurate price quote.

If you have coverage through the government program (Canadian Dental Care Plan) with Sun Life, we have been receiving approvals for partial dentures and are happy to start the pre-approval process for you too. Starting in 2025, those aged 65 and younger will be able to apply for the Canadian Dental Care Plan insurance benefit, although the date has not been announced yet, we are gearing up and excited for you to receive your benefit coverage. It's the closest to the best denture insurance coverage we have seen by any insurance plan. We were one of the first providers to accept the

government insurance plan when it started back in May of 2024 and have worked alongside the head case managers at Sun Life and their subordinates to provide a seamless pre-approval and coverage process. If you have received your CDCP card and are ready to use your benefits, then don't hesitate to call.

Dentures can be replaced every 5+ years through your private insurance. So, if you received your denture(s) in 2020, then you'll be eligible for new. By simply sending in a pre-approval, the information provides your coverage specifics towards the designated treatment and is accurate for 3-6 months if no other dental insurance has been used for another treatment, like extractions. Each insurance plan is different, so it's important to call us and ask for a free consultation appointment to find out the exact treatment and predetermine your coverage so you can have your best dentures yet in 2025.



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Infectious festive spirit at Balmoral's "Help an Elf" campaign

By Annaliese Meier

The holiday spirit shone brightly at Balmoral Elementary School, thanks to the success of the "Help an Elf" campaign. With enthusiastic participation from students and families alike, this event truly showcased community support and generosity.

Grade 4/5 school counsellor Daria Rody emphasized how engaging it was for everyone involved.

It was all about raising funds and collecting non-perishable food items

to spread joy during the festive season.

"Our awesome grade eight leadership team set up donation boxes for five teachers, allowing students to choose a teacher to donate food items to. For those families who preferred to send in money, students were able to request that it go to a specific teacher," said Rody.

As a little twist, the teacher with the least amount of donations at the end of two weeks had to take on a silly

Festive celebration



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Goodwin Lodge residents and staff wanted to share about a special visitor they had for Christmas. Santa took a quick break from preparing for Christmas. Pictured, Goodwin residents Anne Berry, Inga Fortin, and Rose Kiel are joined by some of the very merry staff, who wish everyone a wonderful holiday season!



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Balmoral Elementary leadership students, left to right: Allison Mushaluk, Macey McRae, Sawyer Fox, Zoey Patton, Ava Dodd and Hayden Young.



Back row, left to right: Carter McLean, Hannah Tuckett, Daria Rody, Mark Lawson, Ashly Hyde; front row, Zoey Patton, Macey McRae, Coral Billings, Sawyer Fox, Hayden Young, Addison MacLean- Calder, Rhiannon James and Allison Mushaluk.

Christmas challenge on the last day of school.

Each day, the grade eight leaders kept track of the donations with a secret tally, which made it all the more exciting.

In the end, there were two "elves" who tied for the least amount donated, and their fun task was to answer random holiday questions from the students.

"We're thrilled to share that Balmoral Elementary School raised \$50 for the Christmas Cheer Board and collected an amazing 266 non-perishable food items for the Interlake Food Bank," said Rody.

Families' generosity played a significant role in this heartwarming endeavor, creating lasting memories during this festive season.

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Nomination pages are open to support Kraft Hockeyville

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The time has come for Stonewall to rally together and put the town on the map. The Kraft Hockeyville 2025 nomination polls are officially open, and organizers are calling on the community to help the Veterans Memorial Sports Complex (VMSC) secure a spot in the Top 4.

The VMSC is more than just a rink; it is the heart of the town, where hockey brings the community together in a way few things can. It's a place where friendships are forged, families connect, and everyone feels a sense of belonging.

Together, the Stonewall Minor Hockey Association, Stonewall Jets, Collège Stonewall Collegiate High School Rams Hockey Team, The Town of Stonewall, RM of Rockwood, Outdoor Hockey Club and Community

Living Interlake have joined forces collectively to nominate the VMSC for a much-needed renovation project that has tremendous ripple benefits for all communities across Canada in our story.

Winning this competition would mean much-needed renovations for our beloved arena—a place that unites us all and serves as a hub for inclusion, connection, and community pride. Together, we can make this dream a reality, but everyone's participation is crucial.

Here's how you can help Stonewall earn Rally Points:

Submit a written or video statement: Share your personal stories about why Stonewall deserves this honour. Answer the provided questions with passion!



Upload photos: Highlight the spirit of our hockey community with snapshots of games, celebrations, and special moments at the arena.

Submit short notes: Every heartfelt message adds to our point total. Keep them coming.

Share on Facebook: Amplify your

submissions by sharing them on social media to earn even more Rally Points.

How to Get Started:

Visit the Veterans Memorial Sports Complex's Kraft Hockeyville page.

Follow the instructions to submit your entries.

Let's show Canada what makes Stonewall extraordinary.

Nominations are open until March.

Small Town, All In.

Together, we can bring the spotlight to Stonewall and secure the future of our community arena.

For more information, contact:

Megan Humeniuk- megan15hume-niuk@gmail.com or Brett Meilleur- brett@11thvision.com, co-chairs, Kraft Hockeyville Stonewall Nomination Local Committee

Outdoor Hockey Club series coming soon to TV

By Jennifer McFee

A local filmmaker took a shot and scored an opportunity to show his series about outdoor hockey on TV across multiple provinces.

Randy Frykas pitched his series called Outdoor Hockey Club: The Manitoba Chapter to Bell Fibe TV1

and it will soon be going into production.

The homegrown series will feature five episodes filmed in different locations around the province.

"After taking Outdoor Hockey Club around Canada two winters ago, I felt it was time to bring the idea home and feature outdoor hockey stories from around the province," Frykas said.

Kim Bell, Fibe TV1 producer with Bell MTS, also shared excitement about the project.

"We are very pleased and excited to partner with Randy on his proven winner, Outdoor Hockey Club," Bell said. "It is a natural fit for our community TV platform, Fibe TV1, where our mandate is to help independent producers create top quality local programming."

Earlier this year, Frykas won an Outside Award in the "Purpose" category plus a US\$5,000 prize through Outside Magazine for his five-minute film entitled Outdoor Hockey Club. He also won the inaugural People's Choice Award in the same competition.

The upcoming TV series will be a

bit different from what people would have seen on the OHC YouTube Channel. The various stories will play out over all five episodes, instead of one episode per story. Frykas has been researching stories from the Interlake, so viewers can expect to see one or two stories from the area.

"After these five episodes premiere on Bell Fibe TV1 later this winter, I'll begin work on a longer Outdoor Hockey Club film that will be released in late 2025," he said.

"Then I plan to capture more stories in other provinces and potentially the U.S. next winter."

For Frykas, it feels good to reflect and focus on the essence of hockey.

"There's obviously a lot of focus out there on the NHL, so I felt it was about time to put the spotlight on those who play the game purely for the love of it and do it outdoors," he said.

"There will be a ton of updates as the winter plays out, with various appearances and events all leading up to the series premiere."



Frykas is always looking for outdoor hockey stories, and he encourages people to reach out to him through the OHC website (<https://outdoor-hockey.club/>), Instagram (<https://www.instagram.com/outdoorhockeyclub/>) or email (info@outdoor-hockey.club).

Outdoor Hockey Club: The Manitoba Chapter will premiere in late February or early March on Bell Fibe TV1. The program will be available to view on demand 24/7, free of charge to all Bell Fibe TV subscribers after its premiere.

Superstars



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Gaia Turner, right, and Lacey Leaning of the Stonewall Skating Club competed in the Virden FunSkate Competition from Jan. 3-5. Both girls had successful skates. Lacey Leaning: STAR 3 Freeskate - silver; STAR 3 Elements - silver; Creative Improv 2 - silver. Gaia Turner: STAR 5 U13 Free Skate - 4th; STAR 5 Elements - 2nd; Creative Improv 2 - silver.

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Lightning Report: U18s heating up, U15s not giving up

By Kieran Reimer

The U18 AAA Interlake Lightning bolted into the new year with a 5-4 overtime comeback victory over the Norman Northstars on Friday that kicked off a weekend of three games in three nights.

Will Van Norman, Cole Swanson, Ryder Kirk, and Talon Hogg all scored in regulation while Blake Farthing scored the winner in overtime to propel the Lightning past the 11th place Northstars.

Shots were all but even with the Lightning taking 49 shots and Northstars taking 50 shots as Seth Schaeffer stopped 45 in net for the win.

The Lightning then hit the road on Saturday where they opened up a two game split against the Kenora Thistles at Moncrief Construction Sports Centre.

The Thistles took the opener by a score of 6-1 with the Lightning's lone goal coming from Talon Hogg in the second period.

The following evening, the Lightning quickly learned ways to break down the Thistles defence as they went on to score twice in the opening period.

Blake Farthing and Ryder Kirk each scored two apiece which gave the Lightning a three goal cushion in the third.

After the Thistles responded with a pair of their own, Drew Russell put the game away for the Lightning with an empty netter as they went on to win 5-4.

Seth Schaeffer again faced some high action stopping 31 of the 35 shots sent his way.

The win helped the Lightning close

out one of their busiest weekends of the season as they picked up four of a possible six points throughout three straight nights of games.

"Friday was a very good character, comeback win for us and the team was feeling good," said Lightning head coach Aaron Kaatz. "Saturday in Kenora was a bit of a slow start and Kenora came out much more on their toes and scored a few goals and we had some chances that we were unable to burry. We kind of learned to be on our toes early the next day and we got a 3-0 lead early and were able to control it. Kenora pushed back but we got the empty netter to secure it."

The win on Sunday moved the Lightning back alongside the Winnipeg Thrashers and Parkland Rangers for a share of sixth place in the Manitoba U18 AAA Hockey League.

The three clubs along with the fifth place Eastman Selects have recently formed a four team logjam in the middle of the league standings.

With the Lightning holding games in hand on three of the four clubs, they will need to take full advantage of their next couple games.

"We know that right now we're in the thick of it with the blockade of three or four teams so we know a win keeps us in it and a loss maybe separates, but we also know that with some games in hand it sets us up well to the end," said Kaatz. "We still have to win those when they do come so that's what we're building towards. If we can move the stakes forward every game, we're quite happy."

Next up for the Lightning is a rematch of their Nov. 6 shoot out loss to the Winnipeg Wild.



Talon Hogg, left, and Blake Farthing were both recognized for their 100 games played with the Interlake Lightning.



TRIBUNE PHOTOS BY TANYA SWANSON

The third place Wild enter Wednesday's game at Teulon-Rockwood Arena as the league's best defensive team having only given up 63 goals in 29 games this season.

The Lightning however know they can find ways to score on the Wild, having put up three on them in their November meeting.

Ahead of the match, Kaatz is preaching to his team to play fast and physical, the same way they played them last season when they met in the playoffs.

"It's quick breaks against a team like that because they will be able to protect the middle of the ice," said Kaatz. "Every time we play them, and we played them in the playoffs last year, we were able to get goals on them by having quick breaks so having speed to our game but being hard on pucks towards the net because there may be rebounds there that we have to get to the dirty areas and be willing to take some hits to get pucks deep and to

the net. It's going to be a very north, south hockey game but if we maximize the chances with secondary opportunities that's where we'll be able to find some goals."

Puck drop Wednesday goes at 7 p.m. at Teulon-Rockwood Arena. The Lightning will also host the Parkland Rangers on Sunday afternoon in Teulon with puck drop going at 2 p.m. in that one.

The U15 AAA Interlake Lightning are finding ways to stay positive in what's been a rocky, yet somewhat expected season.

Currently the Lightning sit fifth in the Central Division with a 4-18 record and have just one win in their last five games.

The good news though is every team makes the playoffs, and for this particular Lightning squad, playing meaningful games is what's going to help them gain important experience for the future.

This year the Lightning have seven underagers born in the 2011 age group while the remainder of the roster is filled out by 2010 born players who will age out at the end of the year.

For the U15 level, seven underagers is a lot, especially in comparison to some of the league's top squads who are built almost entirely of 2010 born players with size and experience on teams like the Lightning.

For head coach Troy Slater, who has coached U18s in the past, this year with the U15s is certainly one of developing his squad and ensuring they keep a positive mindset so they can continue to stay motivated throughout a lengthy regular season.

"Them coming into a dominance of 2010 born players, it's tough for them to keep up with those older bodies when some kids have maybe matured a little more," said Slater on Monday. "We come in with a bit of a younger

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WCI Wildcats raise funds for hockey program

By Jo-Anne Procter

Hockey fans gathered at the Access Credit Union Arena in Warren anticipating an entertaining evening of competition on Dec. 28. The Warren Collegiate Institute (WCI) hockey teams hosted an exciting series of Alumni games that brought together players from past seasons and current Wildcats alike.

Families and fans filled the stands supporting their beloved alums and today's talented athletes. It was more than just a game; it was a celebration of community, memories, and the enduring spirit of hockey that unites generations.

The girls' game kicked off first, with the Wildcats facing off with a spirited Alumni team made up of former WCI students from various graduating years. These players had honed their skills through minor hockey and continued to lace up skates well beyond high school.

Despite the heart and hustle of the current squad, the Alumni showcased impressive teamwork, securing a 5-2 victory. Ella Riddell found the net for WCI alongside coach Sam Strassburger, who donned her skates to join in on the action.

Tessa Stewart scored twice for the Alumni, while Stephanie Martens (Beauchamp), Stefanie Lasiuk, and Sarah Hamill (Griffin) also contributed to the win.

The boys' game was a showcase of talent and spirited competition. The Wildcats grabbed an early lead, scoring three times in the first period, setting the tone for their performance.

Quinn McKnight netted a hat trick, Owen Shymko scored twice, and Colton Bruce and Ethan Corbett each scored one goal.



Alumni Kyla Corbett (Riddell), left, faces off with Wildcats' captain Bre Windross. Former Warren girls minor hockey coach Tom Riddell makes the ceremonial puck drop.



TRIBUNE PHOTOS BY JO-ANNE PROCTER

Five-year-old guest of honour Paige Crockatt made the ceremonial puck drop in memory of her late father Colin Crockatt who was the 2001-2002 Wildcats team manager. Pictured left to right, Alumni captain Ryan Tully, Pam Crockatt, Paige Crockatt, Barb Crockatt and Wildcats captain Ethan Corbett.

On the Alumni side, Lane Van Kemenade scored his team's first goal in the second period. Joel Prystupa followed suit, scoring twice, and Tyler Beachell scored another goal to celebrate their shared history in WCI hockey.

The alum games were not just about the thrill of competition; they also served a greater purpose—funds raised through gate admission, 50/50, and chuck-a-puck provided vital support for the Wildcats hockey program.

Every dollar collected will help enhance player experiences and cover expenses such as new jerseys this season. This investment is crucial in fostering talent and spirit within the teams.

Strong community support fuels enthusiasm on and off the ice and ensures that high school hockey remains vibrant for years to come.

The boys' hockey team will play at home at 3:15 p.m. vs Niverville on Jan. 14 while the girls next home game is at 3:15 vs VMC on Feb. 10.



Wildcats and their moms, left to right, Michelle Riddell, Ella Riddell, Colleen Riddell, Maria Riddell, Mackenzie Boonstra, Kristy Braun, Samantha Boonstra, Letisha Harris, Everly Sherry, Brooke Darragh and Blake Darragh.



The WCI Wildcats girls team, Alumni, coaching staff and referees (Geoff, Crew and Chase Corbett).



The 2024-2025 Wildcats boys team with the 2001-2002 Wildcats Alumni team.

Record high Calcutta for the Argyle Men's bonspiel



TRIBUNE PHOTOS BY TREVOR BUCHANAN

Argyle Curling Club hosted their 86th annual men's bonspiel last weekend. The rink was extra busy with 28 teams competing, with more on a waiting list for the popular event. The Calcutta went for a new record high of \$8,200. The Calcutta was split between three winners leaving the club \$2,640 that will be used for general operating expenses. Left photo, left to right: First event winners, Andrew Hunt, Mitch MacMillan, Daniel Hunt and Neil Kitching; middle photo, the second event was won by Bryan Novak, Kyle Grandmont, Travis Lawrence and Ian Jones. Meanwhile, Blake Good, Trevor Good, Lyle Loehmer and John Good won the third event.

King's hat trick leads Jets to victory over River East

By Kieran Reimer

The Stonewall Jets picked up a split in their return to Manitoba Major League Junior Hockey League action over the weekend.

The weekend started positively on Friday, as the Jets' offence scored five goals in their 5-1 home-ice victory over the ninth-place River East Royal Knights.

Karson King starred in the victory with a hat trick of goals, with one in each period of play.

Cole Emberly and Steven Courtis scored the other two, while Spencer Hunman was near perfect in net, stopping 27 of 28 on the night.

On Sunday, the Jets' offence continued to find success, but keeping the puck out of their own net proved to be their downfall, as the Raiders found the net seven times in a 7-4 victory at Seven Oaks Arena.

Dylan Leclair stopped 20 of 27 while Brody Stovin, Alex Kaczorowski, Fin-

ley Titterson, and Kale Chipman had the goals with Chipman's being the first of his junior career.

The loss is a slight setback for the Jets who had been chasing the St. James Jr. Canucks for sixth in the MMJHL.

They now sit four points back of the Canucks, while the Raiders also now sit just a point back of the Jets, in part by their recent three-game wins streak.

The Jets now get ready to host the

league-best Transcona Railer Express on Thursday night before heading to St. Boniface on Sunday to take on the fourth-place Riels.

UPCOMING GAMES:

Thursday, Jan. 9 vs Transcona Railer Express, 8 p.m. at Veterans Memorial Sports Complex

Sunday, Jan. 12 at St. Boniface Riels, 3 p.m. at Southdale Community Centre

> LIGHTNING, FROM PG. 12

team but overall they've stayed positive. We've tried to keep it as positive as we can understanding we are younger and trying to focus on the positives each game and maintaining that we're here to develop and coach them as well. The dressing room's been good, it's a good group of kids, and the leadership group has been awesome. They kind of pull them along even through some of the low points in the season."

And one of the low points this season came in November when one of their star forwards, Carson Kirk, went down with injury.

At the time, Kirk was scoring at a near goal per game pace on the Lightning's top line and making their powerplay a force to be reckoned with.

With Kirk still out with injury, the Lightning have looked to other options to provide scoring and though it's been a challenge at times, they have seen multiple different players step up on different nights to keep them in games.

They are also learning to not back down to bigger and stronger opponents despite being one of the smallest teams in the league.

"We're a team that's going to be gritty, we're going to push you and be physical even though we're smaller, focusing on defence and creating turnovers that way," said Slater. "Our powerplay has been very good this year at just under 20 per cent so that's where we generate most of our offence. If we add Kirk back into that powerplay we'll have to really strong powerplay units that will keep us in games when we get the opportunity."

Next up for the Lightning is a two game slate against the Winnipeg Wild Green who the Lightning lost 10-1 to last Saturday in Warren.

Though the final score wasn't pretty, the Lightning are putting last weekend's loss in the rear view to get ready for what they expect to be a much different set of games.

They will also have their captain Thoren Corbett injected back into the lineup who missed the game last week.

"When we played them it was close for two periods then we ran out of gas and we were missing our captain, Thoren Corbett who is a huge part of what drives the game for us," said Slater. "Having him back will definitely change the tempo of the game

and the boys will have their leader back to help them prepare for the game."

UPCOMING GAMES:

Wednesday, Jan. 5 at Winnipeg Wild Green, 6:15 p.m. at Hockey For All Centre

Sunday, Jan. 12 vs Winnipeg Wild Green, 7 p.m. at Veterans Memorial Sports Complex

The **U13 AA Female Interlake Lightning** lost 3-2 to the St. Vital Victorias on Friday at St. Vital Centennial Arena. They currently sit eighth with a 4-10-0-1 record.

Next game: Wednesday, Jan. 8 at Saints, 6:30 p.m. at East End Arena

The **U13 AA Male Interlake Lightning** lost 5-1 to the Winnipeg Hawks West on Sunday afternoon at Access Credit Union Arena. They currently sit 13th with an 8-9-0-1 record.

Next game: Sunday, Jan. 12 vs Winnipeg Wild Green, 5:15 p.m. at Veterans Memorial Sports Complex

The **U15 AA Male Interlake Lightning** won 3-2 over the Brandon Wheat Kings in their final game before the Christmas break. They currently sit

fourth with an 8-5-4-2 record.

Next game: Friday, Jan. 10 vs Winnipeg Thrashers Grey, 6 p.m. at Veterans Memorial Sports Complex

The **U15 AAA Female Interlake Lightning** split their weekend with a 6-2 loss to the Westman Wildcats on Saturday and a 4-1 win over the Norman Wild on Sunday. They currently sit seventh with a 2-12 record.

Next game: Friday, Jan. 10 at Brandon Wheat Kings, 7:45 p.m. at Brandon J & G Homes Arena

The **U17 AAA Male Interlake Lightning** picked up a 2-1 and a 1-1 tie over the weekend against the Eastman Selects and the Ice Bandits. They currently sit seventh with a 4-15-4-0 record.

Next game: Friday, Jan. 10 vs Winnipeg Thrashers, 7:30 p.m. at Lunder Arena

The **U18 AAA Female Interlake Lightning** dropped a trio of games over the weekend against the Brandon Wheat Kings, Winnipeg Avros, and Yellowhead Chiefs. They currently sit ninth with a 2-19-0-0-3 record.

Next game: Wednesday, Jan. 8 at Winnipeg Ice, 7:15 p.m. at Hockey For All Centre

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Quotes will be received on or before 12 noon on Wednesday, February 5, 2025 via email info@teulon.ca or by mail to

PO Box 69, Teulon, Manitoba, R0C 3B0 or via fax (204-886-3918) For Further Information please contact the office at 204-886-2314



TOWN OF STONEWALL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

REGARDING SPECIAL SERVICE PROPOSAL- BY-LAW NO. 01-25 FOR THE RESIDENTIAL WASTE AND RECYCLABLE CURBSIDE COLLECTION, REMOVAL AND DISPOSAL SERVICE WITHIN THE TOWN OF STONEWALL

The council of the Town of Stonewall has scheduled a public hearing at Town Hall, 293 Main Street, Stonewall on the **22nd day of January, 2025 at 6:30 PM** to present the **special service proposal** which can be viewed on the Town of Stonewall website at www.stonewall.ca

A written objection may be filed with the Chief Administrative Officer, at the Town Office via email to info@stonewall.ca prior to the commencement of the hearing. At the hearing, Council will hear any potential taxpayer who wishes to make a presentation, ask questions or register an objection to the special service proposal.

All objections, written or verbal, must be filed prior to the adjournment of the hearing and must include the name, address and property description of the person filing the objection and the grounds of their objection.

Dated at the Town of Stonewall this 19th day of December A.D. 2024 and issued pursuant to Section 318 of The Municipal Act.

Wally R. Melnyk
Chief Administrative Officer
Town of Stonewall
204-467-7979 | wmelnyk@stonewall.ca



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JOIN MEETING



Lilyfield Quarry Inc. has submitted an application for a quarry permit for the extension of the existing quarry as per **RM of Rosser Quarry Operation By-Law 8-15**. You are invited to a Community Consultation Meeting (CCM).

AGENDA: Presentation by LQI and MRA on the proposed extension of the Quarry, recap of the Community Consultation Process, followed by a Q & A session. Anyone present can share comments, concerns and/or suggestions they have. Please note this meeting will be recorded.
DATE: February 11, 2025
LOCATION: Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88033406249?pwd=rg3ZOEBZHbJdWGECor4gaLoljzpkES.1>
MEETING ID: 880 3340 6249
PASSCODE: Lilyfield
TIME: 6:00PM CST

Note: Prior to the CCM all interested Persons are invited, no less than 20 days prior to the CCM, to provide in writing to the Quarry Operator any comments, recommendations, suggestions, and/or concerns that arise from a review of the Quarry Operator's Application The entire Application may be reviewed at the Municipal Office, on the Municipality's website, or on electronic copy may be requested from the Quarry Operator

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FARM LAND FOR SALE BY TENDER

In the RM Of Woodlands

Sealed bids for the purchase of the following parcels of land, currently owned by Rodney Brad, Craig Brad and Keith Brad, will be received up to 4:00 pm on January 31, 2025 at the offices of: **Grantham Law Offices, Box 1400, Stonewall MB., R0C 2Z0 Attn: Jane @ (204) 467-5527**

Parcel 1: THE WEST HALVES OF LEGAL SUBDIVISIONS 12 AND 13 OF SECTION 19-14-2 WPM EXC ROAD PLAN 8184 WLTO SUBJECT TO THE RESERVATIONS RESPECTING MINES AND MINERALS AND OTHER MATTERS AS MORE FULLY SET FORTH IN TRANSFER NO. A69745 WLTO

-36.91 acres

Parcel 2: THE WEST HALVES OF THE EAST HALVES OF LEGAL SUBDIVISIONS 12 AND 13 OF SECTION 19-14-2 WPM EXC ALL MINES AND MINERALS VESTED IN THE CROWN (MANITOBA) BY THE REAL PROPERTY ACT

-20.00 acres

Parcel 3: THE EAST HALVES OF THE EAST HALVES OF LEGAL SUBDIVISIONS 12 AND 13, ALL OF LEGAL SUBDIVISIONS 11 AND 14 AND THE WEST HALVES OF LEGAL SUBDIVISIONS 10 AND 15 OF SECTION 19-14-2 WPM EXC OUT OF SAID W 1/2 OF LEGAL SUBDIVISION 10: ALL THAT PORTION TAKEN FOR THE RIGHT-OF-WAY OF A SPUR TRACK PLAN 2350 WLTO

-139.75 acres

Parcel 4: THE SW 1/4 OF SECTION 20-14-2 WPM EXC THE ELY 650 FEET OF THE SLY 435 FEET SUBJECT TO THE RESERVATIONS AND PROVISOS CONTAINED IN THE GRANT FROM THE CROWN

-153.11 acres

Parcel 5: NW 1/4 4-14-2 WPM EXC ALL MINES AND MINERALS VESTED IN THE CROWN (MANITOBA) BY THE REAL PROPERTY ACT

-160.00 acres

Parcel 6: THE NE 1/4 OF SECTION 18-14-2 WPM EXC ALL THAT PORTION LYING NORTH OF A LINE DRAWN WLY AT RIGHT ANGLES TO THE EASTERN LIMIT OF SAID NE 1/4 DISTANT SLY THEREON 780 FEET FROM THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID NE 1/4 WHICH LIES EAST OF A LINE DRAWN SLY AT RIGHT ANGLES TO THE NORTHERN LIMIT OF SAID NE 1/4 DISTANT WLY THEREON 860 FEET FROM THE SAID NORTHEAST CORNER

-144.60 acres

All Parcels are cultivated with the exception of headland and separation between quarters.

Parcels will be sold free and clear of all liens and charges except Manitoba Telephone System Caveat No. 234789/1 on Parcels 1, 2, and 3, and No. 2450417/1 on Parcel 4. Manitoba Hydro Easement No. 4845815/1 on Parcel 3 and MTS Inc. Easement No. 4416533/1 on Parcel 6.

Parcels 1, 2 and 3 must be sold together, other Parcels as one large package or each sold separately.

The following will apply to all tenders:

Subject to the above rules, if a purchaser submits a bid for more than one property, but is prepared to purchase any individual parcel, please indicate same as well as price for each individual parcel. Alternatively, if the purchaser requires that their bid can only be accepted if one or more parcels are sold to them, then the bid should clearly identify which parcels must be sold together. Alternatively, if the purchaser doesn't care whether one or any combination of the parcels are sold to them, then the bid should indicate that as well. The vendors reserve the right to reject any or all bids and the highest bid or tender may not necessarily be the successful bid. Taxes will be paid by the Vendors to December 31, 2024 and the taxes will be adjusted as of the possession date.

All offers are to be submitted in sealed envelopes accompanied by a certified cheque or bank draft payable to "Grantham Law Offices in Trust" for 5% of the tendered amount. Cheques will be returned in respect to tenders that are not accepted.

All bidders will be advised within two working days of January 31, 2025 if their bid was successful. Successful bidders will be asked to enter into a formal Purchase agreement with a possession date of the parcels of February 28, 2025, or sooner by mutual consent. Offers on any one parcel shall not be contingent on the successful purchase of another unit.

Tenders will be held in confidence and not be released to the public.

If any purchaser has any questions concerning the bidding process, please contact Grantham Law Offices.

Any questions regarding details or history of these parcels can be directed to Craig Brad at 204-383-0057.

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The preferred applicant must be detail oriented, will have exceptional communication and problemsolving skills, have multi-tasking, prioritization, planning and projection management skills, a background in community outreach, non-profit organizations, public relations or economic development, as well as strong leadership, supervisory and administrative skills. A University degree in Community Development, Economic Development or related field is preferred. A background in project management, strategic planning, or municipal/government experience would be an asset.

A detailed job description can be obtained by email at ashleym@stonewall.ca.

Procedure for Applying:

Qualified Applicants are invited to submit a cover letter summarizing relevant experience, a resume, plus three (3) references to:

Town of Stonewall
Attention: Wally Melnyk
293 Main Street, Box 250
Stonewall, Manitoba
Email: ashleym@stonewall.ca

The Town reserves the right to request from an applicant proof of completion of secondary education and/or a transcript from any identified post-secondary education or training.

Deadline for applications: 4:00 PM on Thursday,
January 31st, 2025

Start date: as soon as possible

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IN THE MATTER OF:
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The Land will be sold free and clear of all liens and charges except Manitoba Hydro Easement 5486297/1 and RM of Rosser Caveat 5486298/1.

Please note:

The highest or any bid may not necessarily be accepted. Property taxes will be paid by the Vendor up to the date of closing.

All offers are to be submitted in sealed envelopes accompanied by a certified cheque or bank draft payable to "Grantham Law Offices in Trust" for 10% of the tendered amount. Cheques accompanying unsuccessful bids will be returned. Tenders will be held in confidence.

All bidders will be advised within two working days of January 31, 2025, if their bid was successful. Successful bidders will be asked to enter into a formal Purchase Agreement with the possession date of the Land to be determined by mutual consent. The purchaser(s) shall be responsible for payment of GST or shall self-assess for GST.

If there are any questions concerning the bidding process, please contact Karen at Grantham Law Offices, (204) 467-5527.

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BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT



Marsch (nee Johnson)

She has arrived! 41 weeks and 5 days later, we are over the moon (Sailor that is) for everyone to meet her!

Mabel Winry Marsch was fashionably late and everyone was anime over her debut! Mabel has become the 3rd crystal to Jasmyne and Andrew with big sister Guardians Isla (6) and Vaeda (3.5).

Born on Sunday, November 10th at 12.21 p.m. tipping the scales at 8 lbs. 6.7 oz. and 20 3/4" long.

One more little orb to love, proud Grandma Vickie and Afi Raymond Johnson (Riverton), Lang Amma Joan Johnson (Hnausa), Grandma Connie and Papa Vance Marsch (Balmoral), great-grandparents Ronald and Carol Walker (Winnipeg) and a whole clan of aunts, uncles and cousins!

Thank you to all who shared in our excitement and brought treats, food and gifts to welcome our precious sweetheart. Your kindness was much appreciated. Thank you to the Dr. Ambrose and staff at the St. Boniface Hospital, to everyone who lent a hand, especially Daddy for his love and always being there for us.

IN MEMORIAM



Leslie Nicole Goresky (Mann) July 25, 1960 – January 10, 2024

To lose someone so special,
Has filled us with such grief;
The kind of pain and heartache,
That only time can relieve.
There's still a sun up in the sky,
Life goes on day by day;
But the world lost something precious,
When you passed away.
Life sometimes feels hopeless,
The world often feels blue;
But what gives us strength and hope,
Are our treasured memories of you.
We are missing you dearly,
You were loved so very much
And that's how you'll remain always,
Forever in our hearts.

-Gord, Pamela, Nicholas and family

*Your memory will live forever
Engraved within our hearts.*

TOWN OF STONEWALL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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REGARDING SPECIAL SERVICE PROPOSAL- BY-LAW NO. 02-25 TO IDENTIFY URBAN SERVICES OUTSIDE OF THE GENERAL MILL RATE TO BE LEVIED AGAINST A SET OF SPECIFIC ROLL NUMBERS WITHIN THE NINE ORIGINAL QUARTER SECTIONS OF THE TOWN OF STONEWALL

The council of the Town of Stonewall has scheduled a public hearing at Town Hall, 293 Main Street, Stonewall on the **22nd day of January 2025 at 6:40 PM** to present the **special service proposal** which can be viewed on the Town of Stonewall website at www.stonewall.ca

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Government -> Career Opportunities

**Deadline for Applications:
Will begin the hiring process January 17th, 2025.**

Applications may be submitted to info@teulon.ca to the attention of Chris Yuen, CAO.

This position is to commence as soon as possible. We thank all who apply, however only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

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IN MEMORIAM



Kevin Mandzuik
January 7, 1969 - January 7, 2020

In loving memory of
our beloved son, brother, and uncle
Hard to believe it's been five years since you
left us.

And though your smile is gone forever,
And your hand we cannot touch,
We still have many memories
Of the one we love so much.

-Forever loved and deeply missed
Dad, Mom, Terri and Devon

IN MEMORIAM

Albert Fleury
December 12, 2005

To us he was someone special,
Someone set apart;
His memory will live forever,
Engraved within our hearts.

-Carl Fleury and family

IN MEMORIAM

**In Loving Memory of
Our dear wee Abby**

Your life was a blessing,
Your memory a treasure;
You are loved beyond words,
And missed beyond measure.

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Uncle Derek and Aunt Jaime
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Abby Lee Anne Margetts
December 2, 2015 -
January 3, 2019

We love you
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Love Mommy, Daddy,
Andrew, and Daniel

Overaway in our hearts

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Oliver Good
December 31, 1947 - January 8, 2000
Husband and Dad

-Forever remembered
Sadly missed,
Linda, Carla and Joel

IN MEMORIAM



Lindal (Lindi) Reagan Kjeli Erickson
August 11, 1985 - January 9, 2024
In loving memory of
our father, son, brother, and uncle,
who left us all far too soon.

Though your time on earth was brief,
your love, laughter, and spirit lives on forever
in our hearts.

In your memory, we find comfort, and through
your love, we find peace.

-Always loved and remembered
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CARD OF THANKS

Recently we contacted our MLA, Trevor King,
Lakeside, regarding a personal situation.
We were able to meet with Trevor immediately
and he provided us with the information we
needed and helped us make a plan moving
forward.

We were also able to meet with Trevor as a
follow up.
Thank you Trevor.

-From Larry and Carrol Brown

OBITUARY



Robert Barry Snell (Bob)

With great sadness, we announce
the passing of Robert Barry Snell
(Bob), December 30, 2024.

Bob was born on January 17, 1949,
the first of six children of Lloyd and
Marion Snell (deceased). He was also
predeceased by a sister, Linda and
brother, Russ.

Left to mourn his passing are his
brother Ken (Francine), sister-in-law
Laura, and sisters Tracy (Todd) and
Bev (Ken) as well as many nieces,
nephews, great nieces and nephews,
and friends.

Bob was born in Manitoba, lived for a time as a youth in Puntzi, B.C. and then with his
grandparents, William and Myrtle Napper, in Stonewall during his high school years. As a young
adult, Bob worked for Manitoba Hydro in Gillam and Long Spruce. He soon moved to Alberta
and worked at Esso for many years, and later other companies that performed plant shutdowns.
Bob was also proud to have worked on the world's largest offshore oil platform, the Hibernia oil
rig near the end of his career.

Our brother exemplified many family characteristics. He was intelligent, witty, stubborn, and
skilled in ways that enabled him to take care of things that needed attending. Oh, and he was a
bit of a trickster! Shared memories include those where Bob snuck out the second floor window
of the Napper's in order to go uptown in Stonewall to buy smokes and hang out; deflating tires to
allow a car to take Bob and friends on a railroad joy ride, and also pretending to be asleep as the
rest of the family left for holiday get-togethers, only to arrive there before everyone else! He was
very giving, often treating the family to dinner at the Round Table for Mom's Boxing Day birthday.

He really did like to surprise people. Sometimes he would meet up with travelers at the train
station, show up to surprise his parents at a special anniversary, or call you up just to sing a
friendly 'Happy Birthday.' Ken recalls Bob travelling to Prince George to see the drag races as he
put the Falcon through its paces. Bob liked fast cars too! He had an MG that came to an end just
north of Winnipeg (long story) as well as a pretty fancy (and fast) Mazda. One time, Bob was on
the receiving end of a not so happy surprise when he had a too close encounter with a moose.
He was a lucky man to have escaped that with just a few bruises, not so, the moose!

Bob was adventurous. Tracy remembers the excitement of going to the airport to pick up Bob
when he arrived home from some locale. He seemed like an exotic world traveler, even though he
may have been returning from Manitoba's north. He did become a world traveler, going to Hawaii,
and later exploring all that Portugal had to offer and more. He enjoyed camping in Canada and
the United States and checking in on snowbird friends in Arizona and Texas, usually with his
friend, Ron. One time, Bob even rented a Harley and rode down the coast of California.

Speaking of being adventurous, when Bob lived in Alberta, he wanted to build a house and live
off-grid. With a little help from Dad and Russ the house went up and Bob managed pretty well
with coal/wood stove, solar panels, and windmill. He even managed to bake shortbread cookies
on one of his stoves!

Bob enjoyed skiing. This may have begun while being pulled behind a snowmobile up and
down the lane, but then extended to cross country and downhill excursions. Bob once treated
Bev to a winter vacation and opportunity to try skiing at Lake Louise and Sunshine mountains.

With Russ, Bob attended a major airshow in Oshkosh, Wisconsin. Both had their private pilots'
licenses, so they found a common interest at the airshow. This was another way they both got
to 'go fast!'.

After the passing of our dad, Bob moved back to Manitoba to help with Mom's care. He seemed
to enjoy that quiet life. In addition to taking care of Mom and her dog Pal, he would pick up the
daily paper to work on his puzzles and engage in a bit of gossip with Jack at the store or ride
his bicycle in Argyle. (We suspect he liked to chat up some of the lady walkers there too!). Bob
would take Mom on outings such as supper at the Rock or the Hitch N' Post, attend community
teas, view historical buildings or anything else he thought might interest her. Mom loved to play
the piano by ear, and Bob showed some musical ability too, playing 'In the Mood' and singing
'King of the Road.'

After Mom's passing, Bob returned to life as a bachelor, this time in Stonewall, Manitoba. He
continued to pick up the paper daily, perhaps stop by Sigs or Chicken Chef for a coffee as he
worked a puzzle and later making his way for supper, again to The Rock.

Bob was quiet, and sometimes boisterous. He lived life his way and as
he often said, things were, "ticky boo!".

Cremation has taken place, and a private family gathering will occur in
the spring.

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OBITUARY



Tove Vibeke Mann
June 4, 1940 - December 21, 2024

It is with deep sadness that we announce the peaceful passing of our mom, Tove Mann, on December 21, 2024 after a brief illness. She is survived by daughter Dawn (Steve) and son Grant (David) and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She was predeceased by husband of 65 years George and daughters Leslie and Pamela.

Mom was born in Inwood, Manitoba and lived her life with Dad in Stonewall, Winnipeg and B.C.

At Mom's request no service will be held. The family would like to thank the staff at Oakview Place in Winnipeg for the love and support shown to Mom in her final months with us.

Rest in peace Mom.

We will miss you forever and we will search the stars above for your continuing light and guidance. Your beauty, your warmth and your enduring love for us all will be remembered always.



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OBITUARY



Elsie Margaret Werzak

Peacefully, after a brief illness, Elsie Margaret Werzak passed away on January 2, 2025 at the Percy E. Moore Hospital, Hodgson, at the age of 82 years.

She will be lovingly remembered by her daughter Shelly (Glen) Nawroski; granddaughter Brittany Nawroski (Jordan Timmerman); partner Einar Johansson; and brother Paul Bobrowich.

She was predeceased by her parents Joseph and Mary Bobrowich; her husband Walter Werzak; sisters Jean Demedash, Anne Hykawy; and brother Tony Bobrowich.

As per Elsie's wishes a private family service will be held. The family would like to thank the Percy E. Moore Hospital for the care and compassion they showed to Elsie during her stay.

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OBITUARY



Mervin Leroy Campbell
November 2, 1939 - December 22, 2024

It is with heavy hearts that we announce that Merv passed away peacefully at Goodwin Lodge, Teulon, Manitoba at the age of 85.

He is predeceased by his wife of 52 years, Lyle, in 2013.

He will be lovingly remembered by his children Todd (Crystal), Terri (Dale) and Brent (Joanne); along with his grandchildren Derek, Niki, Robyn, Devin, Kelsey; and great-grandchildren Jayce, Amy, Owen, Karsyn and Isaac.

He is survived by his sister Eileen Wonnick, sister-in-law Myrna (Ross) Malcolm, sister-in-law Eileen Campbell in addition to many nieces and nephews.

Merv was born and raised in Teulon, where he met Lyle. They were married on October 7, 1961. He was employed as a welder in his early years with Joy Manufacturing until they moved back to the farm where he was raised as a child. He continued to farm for many years to come.

We will always remember Dad tinkering with something, fixing almost anything, and building or creating things he wanted. Growing up on the farm created so many wonderful memories for us that we will always cherish.

Dad loved getting together with friends when he could; fishing and camping. Every weekend it seemed he had someone at the farm visiting; the door was always open.

Cremation has taken place and a private family ceremony will take place in the spring.

The family would like to thank the staff of Goodwin Lodge for their care, kindness and love for Dad.

"Call me by the old familiar name. Speak of me in the easy way which you always used. Put no difference in your tone. Wear no forced air of solemnity or sorrow. Laugh as we always laughed at the little jokes we enjoyed together. Play, smile, think of me, pray for me. Let my name be the household word that it always was".



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OBITUARY



Ladislav (Laddie) Capuska
September 22, 1931 - December 14, 2024

Peacefully on Saturday, December 14, 2024, Laddie passed away at the age of 93.

Left to cherish Laddie's memory are his sons Lyall (Kym) and Greg (Melori); grandchildren Lyall Jr (Liz), Tyson, Katrina (Evan), and Winston (Brooklyn); and great-grandchildren Kenna, Eleanor and Carter; his companion Toni Courchaine; his brother Nelson and his nieces and nephews.

Laddie was predeceased by his wife Margaret of 52 years; his parents Ludwik and Julia; his brothers Rudy, Cliffard, and Mike and sisters Helen and Thelma.

Laddie was born in Czechoslovakia and immigrated to Canada in 1937 with his parents and baby brother Rudy. The family lived in Winnipeg for a short while until they purchased a farm in Gunton.

Laddie called Gunton home until he married the love of his life Margaret in 1954 at which time they moved to Teulon. In 1968 Laddie and Margaret purchased a farm near Winnipeg Beach. The farm is where Laddie fulfilled his dream of farming and raising his family.

Before farming Laddie worked in the mines in Red Lake, Ontario, the Railway, the Winnipeg Sewers, and the Teulon Hosiery Mill. Laddie volunteered in building the Teulon Golf Course and coached boy's baseball.

Laddie had a passion for tinkering and repairing small engines. There weren't many he couldn't fix. In his later years Laddie enjoyed visiting with anyone who stopped by to have a visit on the stools outside the workshop.

Laddie loved to hunt, curl and golf and he loved to play crib and wore out many decks of cards playing games with family, friends, and neighbours. The grandkids had to learn to count their points fast as Grandpa was quick to gather the cards and deal out the next hand.

As per Laddie's wishes, cremation has taken place and a small family gathering will be at a later date.

The family would like to thank the doctors, nurses and staff at the Selkirk Regional Health Centre for their comfort and support to our dad, grandpa, and great-grandpa.

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