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After learning all about the letter 'I' at the South Interlake Regional Library Stonewall branch preschool story time last Friday, Cole Nunn, left, and his brother Jack constructed paper ice cream cones for their craft.

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Family-friendly winter programming returns to Stonewall Library

By E Antonio

Three family-gearred programs for children and youth are returning to the South Interlake Regional Library (SIRL)—Stonewall Branch this winter, starting Jan. 7 and running until March 28.

Kelsey Dingwall, a staff member at the Stonewall Library, has been conducting the family-friendly literary program for eight years and is thrilled to see it resume for the new year.

“These sessions are a part of a very well-established program that I run here every week,” said Dingwall.

She hosts three weekly programs in the multipurpose room. They are geared towards different age groups to allow for multi-age literary benefits.

“Our main goal here is to start the development of a life-long love of the library.”

Babies, toddlers, and their caregivers can join Miss Kelsey (Dingwall) for Baby Story time every Tuesday from 10:15 to 10:45 a.m. or 11- 11:30 a.m.

“We will sing songs, read stories and sing rhymes at Baby Story Time. Then, at the end, there is a little bit of time for free play.”

Baby Storytime debuted at the Stonewall library last year after Dingwall noticed minimal literacy programs geared towards younger children. The program was developed after the library obtained funding through the Winnipeg Foundation’s Literacy for Life grant, a program emphasizing the importance of intergenerational literacy learning.

“I saw the need for something more in our community, and I thought it

(Baby Storytime) would be a great addition to our regular weekly programming.”

The newly introduced program was a huge hit among the young library patrons, and Dingwall is excited to see the session take place again this winter.

Preschoolers and their caregivers can visit Miss Kelsey on Friday mornings from 10:15-10:45 or 11-11:30 for a story time session of their own.

Similar to Baby Story time, you and your tiny tot can expect a full 30 minutes of stories, songs, rhyme time, and crafts.

School-aged children are welcome to attend Library Club every second Thursday after school until 4:45 p.m.

Students in Grades 1, 2 and 3 will be in Group A of Library Club can attend every second Thursday beginning Jan. 9 . Students in Grades 4, 5 and 6 will be in Group B of Library Club, and can attend every second Thursday beginning Jan. 16.

“At Library Club, we try to alternate between literary activities and library skills activities. This includes topics such as fiction vs. non-fiction, the Dewey Decimal System, exploring different book genres... We are introducing some of these topics to the kids in a fun way to help grow their literacy and library skills.”

Of course, you will also be able to read and check out books of your own at Library Club, helping prepare you for your next two weeks of reading.

Dingwall invites everyone to register for one of her weekly sessions. They are completely free to attend for all community members; you just



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY JO-ANNE PROCTER

The South Interlake Regional Library Stonewall Branch is offering family-friendly literary programming this winter. On Friday mornings there are two preschool story times that include songs, rhymes, stories and more. Pictured left to right, Jessica Nunn, Cole Nunn, Jack Nunn, Zoey Porteous, Miss Kelsey, Sadie Taplin and Holly Taplin.

need to register with the library in advance so they have your contact information in the event of a program cancellation.

To register, you can phone the Stonewall Library directly at (204) 467-8415, or you can drop-by the library in person to speak with one of the staff members.

You are welcome to register for Dingwall’s winter programming at

any point throughout the session’s durations, and staff members will also be able to answer any questions you may have about their weekly programs when you register.

The SIRL- Stonewall Branch is located 419 Main St. and is open from Tuesday through Saturday. A full list of their operating hours can be found on their webpage at www.sirlibrary.com.

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Kin Canada \$1,000 bursaries available for post-secondary education

By Lana Meier

The Stonewall Kinettes are a local service organization made up of volunteers who serve the community's greatest need.

Their commitment to serving those in need is commendable, and their support for post-secondary education through the Kin Canada Bursaries Fund highlights their dedication to fostering future leaders.

Each year they award a number of \$1,000 bursaries. Kin Canada Bursary applications for the 2025-2026 school year are open until Feb. 1, 2025. Bursaries are awarded to successful Canadian applicants who are pursuing post-secondary education at a recognized university, community college, technical institute and other schools for advanced education.

You do not have to be a Kin member or affiliate with a club to apply. Applicants must be a full-time student in the process of graduating from high school or currently studying or registered at a post-secondary institution.

The Stonewall Kinettes review the submitted application forms for our area and select one to be endorsed and forwarded to Kin Canada who then selects a number of applicants across Canada to receive a bursary. Successful recipients are notified by June 30th. Online applications can be found at kincanada.ca/apply. If you have questions or would like more information you can contact the Kin Canada office at bursary@kincanada.ca or 1-800-742-5546.

If you're interested in joining the Stonewall Kinettes, we meet the third Thursday of every month and guests are always welcome!

For more information contact Bonnie Hollingshead by email at Bonnie.Kinettes@gmail.com or Pat Moldowan moldowan@mymts.net.



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Oak Hammock Marsh CBC records higher-than-average numbers

By E Antonio

Oak Hammock Marsh held their Audubon Christmas Bird Count (CBC) Dec. 14, 2024. The CBC is an international holiday birding tradition in which birders track and count the number of birds they see within a 24-kilometre radius of a geographical area.

Paula Grief, Resident Naturalist at the Harry J. Enns Wetland Discovery Centre (Oak Hammock Marsh), was the lead compiler for their CBC, and it was an outstanding day.

"We had quite the count," said Grief. "With the mild weather and less snow than usual, we had above average counts for species and number of birds."

Eleven teams covered Oak Hammock Marsh's 24-kilometre radius and saw more birds than ever before.

"We had a huge variety of birds this year. There were lots of birds who don't normally spend the winter here that we were able to count."

One notable species spotted was the Meadowlark.

"There were so many birds here who stayed later than they normally do."

Grief further explained that several patches of grass were still visible, which made it easier for the birds to find seeds on the ground. She noted that in her 25 years of participating in the CBC, she has never experienced a count quite like this.

On average, Oak Hammock Marsh typically sees approximately 29 bird species and about 2900 birds in total.

"This year we counted 35 different species and about 4000 birds."

Two highlights for the counters were spotting a big flock of Snow Buntings



A Snowy owl on a pole was spotted by Chris Benson.

and another massive flock of Snowy Owls.

Grief thanks all 30 of her volunteers who spent the day collecting data for the CBC and everyone who participated as a feeder watcher.



Carole Piche photographed this Horned Lark.



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Oak Hammock Marsh held their annual Audubon Christmas Bird Count on Dec. 17 reporting 4,000 different birds and 35 different species.

Strummers entertain at Oakville Active Living Christmas dinner

By Annaliese Meier

Meredith Krzysztofik found herself at a loss for words at the Oakville Active Living Christmas dinner.

The Oakville club was buzzing with festive spirit, as seniors gathered to

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The Stonewall Strummers travelled to Oakville to entertain at their Active Living Christmas dinner.

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Interlake School Division shares goals for the new year

By Jennifer McFee

The school year is off to a great start in Interlake School Division, with much more to look forward to in 2025.

Supt. Margaret Ward said the 2024 calendar year offered plenty of opportunities to strive for continuous improvement for all.

"The voice of students, staff and community, along with student achievement results, have shaped our plan for continuous improvement," she said, pointing to successes outlined on ISD's website at www.interlakesd.ca.

"The 2023-2024 school year was the first year of the ISD's renewed continuous improvement plan, which provided the opportunity for a focus on high-quality learning opportunities that are accessible, equitable and responsive."

At the same time, the school division continues to deal with the ongoing challenge in the education sector to fully staff the system.

"As is the case in all Manitoba school divisions, ISD is always looking to add to our team," she said.

"Community members are encour-

aged to join us in the very important work of preparing today's students for tomorrow."

Looking ahead, a new initiative for the 2024-2025 school year is the provincially supported nutrition program in all Manitoba schools, which aims to make nutritional foods accessible to all students.

"As we navigate the first year of the new nutrition program, we are encouraged by the positive feedback from students and staff and we look forward to refining this program as we enter 2025," Ward said.

"A wonderful byproduct of this program is the mutually beneficial collaborative partnership we have entered into with our colleagues and friends at Community Living Interlake and Community Living Teulon."

For the year ahead, Ward shares some goals for the school community.

"ISD goals for 2024-2025 and beyond include providing high-quality learning opportunities for all students that are accessible, equitable and responsive," she said.

"We continue to strive for continuous improvement with students, staff

> STRUMMERS, FROM PG. 4

enjoy a sumptuous feast that included the beloved figgy pudding.

"Thank you to Monica who feeds the Oakville seniors three times a week. Now I know why they keep coming back!" said Krzysztolik.

The Stonewall Strummers, also brought joy through their music. The surprise and delight from audience members highlighted just how talented these ukulele players are. Their performance didn't just entertain but created an atmosphere of celebration and togetherness.

"I received a text after, stating that the Stonewall Strummers were not what people expected, and that her and her helpers were dancing in the kitchen and singing to all songs," said Krzysztolik.

"So thank you again for the crew who braved "country roads" to give people enjoyment."

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and families.

She also shared a message of optimism for the year ahead.

"Three thousand students come to us every day, and we are privileged to help them grow in spaces that are

diverse, inclusive and safe," she said.

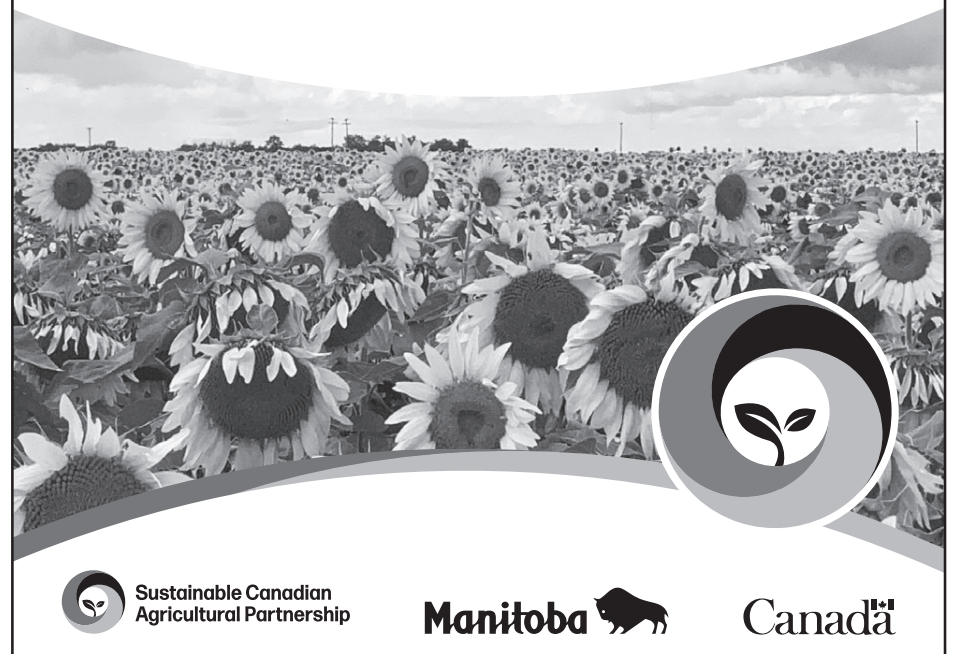
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Capital Campaign underway - Keeping our loved ones close to home

I'm honoured to chair a fundraising campaign to ensure that a new personal care home being built for our communities will include the special elements we want for our family members.

We just finished a series of open houses in the partner communities—the RMs of St. Laurent, Rosser, and Woodlands and the Towns of Stonewall and Teulon—to update people on plans for the PCH and hear what the community had to say. All I can say is, “wow!” Thank you to everyone who came out.

In every session, people gave great feedback to Jerald Peters, the architect from ft3. He'll consider it all as the project moves forward and plans are fine-tuned.

You asked important questions about the design, how residents will be selected and what we can do to speed up the construction given the deficit of PCH beds in our region.

The Interlake-Eastern Regional Health Authority region has the lowest number of PCH beds per capita in Manitoba. Every one of us has a story about the impact of this shortage, either within our own family or for someone we know and care about.

Some of you shared personal stories of transferring your parents from one home or hospital to another and seeing them lose a bit more of their health with every transfer. You shared that you felt helpless and frustrated with two and three-hour drives for visits. You shared stories of your parents having to live far apart after 50+ years of marriage. Your stories are very powerful, and I cannot thank you enough for trusting us with them.

We were all excited in 2023 when the Government of Manitoba approved

plans for a new PCH in Stonewall, to be built and operated by the IERHA for the whole region. The Town of Stonewall set aside the land and all we need to get started is the government's go-ahead. As a new government does, the province is reassessing all previously approved PCH projects to prioritize buildings where the need is greatest. From the numbers, that's us. Our health region is currently short 400 beds. This number will double in the next decade. We also have the highest percentage of folks who are 65+. All this together equals a tsunami of need coming our way.

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Ralph Eichler

comfortable sharing it, consider adding a personal story about how the current situation has affected your family.

We have a lot of fundraising to do and a lot of people to talk to about the project. If you'd like to help, please call me. We want to ensure everyone in the region has the opportunity to be part of this important legacy project.

Throughout the sessions, one of the most common questions was, “How soon can my family member move in?”

By working together, the answer can be “soon”.

If you'd like to learn more about the planned PCH, please call me at 204-886-7892 or email me at rocklakeside@gmail.com. I'd be happy to hear from you. You can also visit ourpch.ca for more information.

- Ralph Eichler, Interlake Community Foundation Stonewall & District PCH fundraising chair

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New year's reflections from your member of Parliament

By Jennifer McFee

The area's member of Parliament sends new year's greetings to his constituents.

James Bezan, member of Parliament for Selkirk-Interlake-Eastman, offered his reflections on 2024 as the calendar changes over to 2025.

"As shadow minister for National Defence, I've been working closely with our leader Pierre Poilievre on a Conservative plan to rebuild the Canadian Armed Forces to ensure our national security. I'm working to bring forward policies that will support our brave men and women who serve and keep Canada safe," he said.

"I'm happy to see a high level of community engagement from people in the riding. Speaking to constituents at events and town halls and hearing their feedback helps me do my job as their representative in Ottawa."

Some of the biggest challenges continue to be the cost-of-living and housing crises, he added.

"Life is getting more unaffordable," he said, noting that rural Manitobans continue to pay more for necessities like groceries and gas.

Looking ahead, the wheels are already turning for a busy 2025 since it's an election year.

"I'll be asking voters for the trust and confidence to continue representing them in Parliament," Bezan said.

"The new year will be an opportunity for a Conservative government to axe the tax, build the homes, fix the budget and stop the crime. We'll treat job creators and farmers fairly, and make sure people in Selkirk-Interlake-Eastman keep more of their pensions and pay cheques."

For the community, he shared a few hopes for 2025.

"I want investments from the federal government more equitably distributed across Canada, especially to rural communities," he said. "This hasn't been happening under this Liberal government, and rural Manitoba communities are struggling to get the investments they need. Our rural municipalities and towns should be treated fairly by Ottawa."

He also wishes his constituents a very happy new year.

"I wish peace, prosperity and good health to everyone in the riding as we



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Selkirk-Interlake-Eastman Member of Parliament James Bezan reflects on 2024.

head into 2025," he said.

"This will be a year of change. I hope I can once again count on the support of the great people of Selkirk-Inter-

lake-Eastman. I look forward to seeing everyone around the riding."

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Snowmobilers were out enjoying the weather Sunday afternoon after a fresh snowfall over the weekend. The temperature got to a high of -14 degrees C., which is 2 degrees above the average for a daily high, and reached a low of -27 degrees C. 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

Library wreath winners



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The South Interlake Regional Library Stonewall branch announced the winners of the 15th annual 2024 Festival of Wreath winners on Dec. 20. Voting took place from Dec. 1-20 for a \$1 donation towards the purchase of books for Cheer Board hampers. A total of \$1,437 was raised and over 475 mittens, hats, scarves, socks and slippers were collected for the Stonewall and District Christmas Cheer Board. First place was awarded to the Stonewall Kinettes, second to the RM of Rosser and third to the Stonewall & District Lions. Pictured left to right, Jacquie Derewianchuk (Christmas Cheer Board), Tara Glaspey (SIRL Stonewall), Pat Moldowan (Stonewall Kinettes), Susan Manchulenko (RM of Rosser), Alice Cain (Stonewall & District Lions Club) and Brenda Gagnon (Stonewall Kinettes).

Reflecting on 2024 and looking ahead to 2025 with Trevor King

By Jennifer McFee

When Lakeside MLA Trevor King reflects on 2024, he sees plenty of successes to celebrate.

He's most proud of helping local residents and business owners to navigate government challenges to find the right supports.

"Although being in opposition can limit the power we have, my team and I have always made it a priority to point people in the right direction and connect them with the resources they need," King said.

"While we can't always provide the solutions, it's incredibly rewarding when we can make a difference."

As an example, King recalls that local business Move Mobility reached out to his office for help during the summer.

"They were struggling to get in touch with anyone from the province to keep their business in CentrePort. With the help of my office and the CentrePort Canada team, we arranged a meeting with the minister," he said.

"Thanks to that, the province stepped in with the support they needed, and Move Mobility was able to keep their operations and jobs in Manitoba. It's great to see companies like Move Mobility — who manufacture accessibility vehicles and want to build Type 2 ambulances right here in our province — succeed."

He noted that some of the biggest challenges in 2024 stem from holding the new government accountable, particularly when it's about cuts to community and municipal programs.

"The Green Team funding was slashed by \$4 million, and the Building Sustainable Communities fund was reduced by \$12.5 million. Other important programs like Arts, Culture, Sport and community funds were cut all together. These cuts place a heavy strain on community organizations and municipalities trying to stay sustainable," he said.

"We've been advocating hard, and because of our efforts, we were able to get additional funding for Green Team, which provides summer jobs for youth in our communities. We'll continue to push the government to keep these important programs in place."

Since being elected, King has also been raising the issue of the planned upgrades to Provincial Road 227, which were announced in the 2023 Multi-year Infrastructure Investment Strategy.



Lakeside MLA Trevor King

"Unfortunately, we've just learned that the new government has eliminated the project. When complete, the upgrades would have improved the road connecting the Yellowhead Highway through the RM of Portage La Prairie and the RM of Woodlands to Highway 6, offering an alternative route to the Trans-Canada Highway," he said.

"It would have made Highway 1 safer, especially in situations like the recent train derailment near Portage. We've started a petition and will keep fighting for this project to move forward."

Looking ahead in 2025, King said health care remains a top priority, along with predictable funding for municipalities.

"Despite the new government's claims of making improvements, we're hearing from Manitobans that health care is actually getting worse. We'll continue to hold the Kinew government accountable for their election promises to improve health care for all Manitobans. What we've seen so far is simply unacceptable, and we'll keep pushing for better services," he said.

"As the critic for Municipal Relations, I'll keep advocating for a better, more predictable funding structure for

municipalities. With our population growing, it's important that municipalities benefit from the economic activity in the province so they can provide the infrastructure needed to support this growth."

Now that we've welcomed the new year, King shares a few community goals for the year ahead.

"After the wet spring in 2024, we saw firsthand how many provincial roads, especially in Lakeside, were neglected and almost impassable. I've brought these issues to the attention of the relevant departments, and some of them have been addressed. Going forward, I'll keep holding the government accountable for maintaining our provincial roads to a safer, more reliable standard," he said.

"Another goal of mine for the new year is to advocate for better services from MPI when it comes to young driver education. It's been a frustrating experience for parents trying to get their children registered for driver's ed in Manitoba. MPI needs to recruit and retain more driving instructors and find a more efficient way to get young drivers the training they need. Without proper education, young drivers miss out on critical skills and may not be ready to safely challenge their licence at age 16."

King also reminds Lakeside residents that Progressive Conservative Party of Manitoba is going into the new year with a leadership race. The leadership vote will be held on April 26. The candidates are Fort Whyte MLA Obby Khan and Churchill business owner Wally Daudrich. Anyone who wants to participate in choosing the new leader will need to purchase a PC membership by Feb. 29, which can be done on the PC Manitoba website.

"I have chosen to support candidate Obby Khan as our leader," King added.

"Obby has the energy, character, business sense and leadership qualities to lead our party and province into the future."

And for the Lakeside community, King reminds everyone that his door is always open.

"It's incredibly fulfilling to help people who don't know where to turn for help or who to contact. We might not be able to solve every problem, but we're definitely here to assist in any way we can," he said.

"I look forward to spending the next few months in the constituency and encourage anyone to come meet with me — whether in my office, at your kitchen table or even on your tailgate."

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St. Laurent rings in the new year

By Jennifer McFee

It's been a busy year in St. Laurent, and plenty of plans are already in the works for 2025.

Reeve Richard Chartrand took some time to reflect on some of the municipality's success, challenges and ongoing projects.

"The RM continues to provide replacement equipment and upgrades to the fire department and public works. For the fire department, this includes the purchase of a new side-by-side quad, the purchase of new turnout gear and self-contained breathing apparatus," he said.

"There was also extensive remodelling of the fire hall as well as the purchase of 20 racks for the storing of turnout gear. This, in turn, has improved the morale of the fire department, and we now have a full complement of 20 fire fighters. Public works now has a new lease on a new tractor as well as the purchase of a new Schulte mower."

In addition, the RM continues to clean out drainage ditches and repair or replace culverts as a proactive approach to flood mitigation.

"The RM was also able to install culverts, repair ditches and finally finish

four sections of roads that now makes it accessible for ratepayers to place structures at Lake Manitoba Estates," he said.

As well, the municipality received funding from the provincial government for road repairs and they were able to repave a road and repair a road that had been in disrepair for years.

Work is also ongoing to review, update and amend bylaws and policies to ensure that they're up to date.

In addition to making progress on municipal matters, St. Laurent had some exciting events to celebrate.

"The RM also had the good fortune of hosting CBC French as well as CBC English radio to visit and interview locals over the course of several weeks during spring and summer. Métis Days are back in St. Laurent and it was a fun-filled three-day event, which also included a parade that had numerous floats and attended by many individuals," Chartrand said.

"The RM also was pleased to be invited to the grand opening of the Lake Manitoba Resort to officially open the golf course as well as the clubhouse. The municipality also decided to host an open house so that ratepayers could come out and see what future



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St. Laurent Reeve Richard Chartrand reflects on 2024 and plans for 2025.

projects the RM is working on as well as the opportunity for them to provide feedback and their thoughts and concerns. This was well attended and we look forward to hosting another one next year."

As for the challenges and future projects, Chartrand notes that they're tied together.

"As a small municipality, there is limited cash flow available and we are dependent on funding and grant applications. We are in the process of applying for funding of a new fire truck, a major upgrade in our current lagoon capacity, the expansion of our current ALC, as well as the current IERHA clinic," he said.

"We are also applying for funding to have a Métis heritage site as well as expansion of the current welcome centre."

Chartrand noted that council is now in its third year of serving the municipality.

"It is an ongoing process but we strive to listen to concerns and proceed in a clear, transparent manner. Some problems take time to address and will be fixed in a timely manner," he said.

"There is now a new and updated website that is easier to navigate and residents can now bring forth their comments and concerns."

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RM of Armstrong's new council, new CAO on track for the new year ahead

By Patricia Barrett

With a new council, a new chief administrative officer and a new year ahead of them, the RM of Armstrong is on track to meeting ratepayers' needs and council is planning to prepare its first budget.

The new council is just over four months old and has undertaken a number of initiatives to get the RM's "house in order" and restore stability to the municipality after last year's council resignations.

Reeve Garry Wasylowski said "nothing was ready to go" last August when he and five new council members – including some who had previously served on council – were sworn in after a byelection for every council seat. Their first order of business was to hire a new CAO to manage the overall operations of the RM. Then they had to quickly restore public works services such as road maintenance.

"It was a matter of getting our municipality operating again because from April until July, nothing happened. It was a critical time. We had to get graders back on the road, get the roads gravelled and get public works back in operation because winter was coming and it didn't care if Armstrong was ready or not," said Wasylowski. "I consider it a success that we moved forward and got a lot of these things done."

The municipality underwent some upheaval last year when four councillors (Pat Stein, Ted Sumka, Paul Humeny and Brent Dziadek) resigned during council's regular meeting on April 9. The resignations came almost half way through their four-year term of service. The reeve at the time, Kate Basford, and councillor Allen Pfrimmer did not resign, but they were unable to exercise council duties because of a loss of quorum. The provincial department of municipal and northern relations stepped in and appointed an administrator to oversee Armstrong's day-to-day operation, and there were no council meetings between April 23 to July 23 inclusive.

Councillor Paul Humeny, Guy Rohne, Allen Evanchyshin, Glenn Barkman, David Tyndale and Garry Wasylowski were acclaimed / elected after a byelection was held on July 31, and council meetings resumed on Aug. 13. The present council will serve until October 2026.

Council hired Colleen Mayer as the RM's new chief administrative officer in October. She's come to the municipality with lots of previous governing experience. She formerly served as MLA for the riding of St. Vital (2016 to 2019) under the government of then



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Councillors Paul Humeny, Guy Rohne, Allen Evanchyshin, Glenn Barkman and David Tyndale with Reeve Garry Wasylowski (far right).

premier Brian Pallister. She served on treasury board and handled a number of ministerial portfolios.

Wasylowski said creating a strong administration is important and hiring a new CAO was a priority for them.

"One of our biggest achievements was getting a CAO and getting everything going in the right direction" he said. "That might not sound like a major accomplishment, but a CAO is the backbone of what makes a municipality work."

Another success council has seen is that everyone is working well together as a team.

"I want to thank the people of the RM of Armstrong for the council they elected. I think we've got a great group. We're working together well," said the reeve.

When the new council took over, Wasylowski said they weren't "delivering our own budget" as they had to work with what the province and its administrator had put in place after the resignations. Having caught up with things that required council's immediate attention, they're ready to start talking about the budget and put a plan together.

"Basically, for two years our books were not done and our finances were not in order," said Wasylowski. "It sounds simple but we're just starting to get on track to getting our finances back in order. The 2022 audit has not been done but we're working on that, and 2023 has not been done but we're hoping by the end of 2024 we'll have the financial statements ready so that we can move in to 2025 with proper bookkeeping and proper financial statements. The biggest challenge right now is to get our house in order and I think we're getting really close to that."

He said he hasn't yet discussed timelines with council, but thinks they could present a budget in the spring and have a meeting to discuss the feedback they got from ratepayers during the byelection and what the priorities are going forward.

"We're going to get on track with presenting budgets at

the proper time and giving ratepayers an opportunity for feedback if there's something in the budget they don't like and want to change," said the reeve.

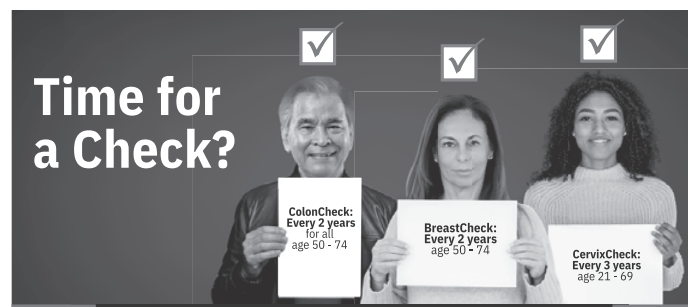
As a municipality, Armstrong has a number of strengths including its agricultural industry with "some of the best cattle country anywhere," said Wasylowski. And council will be looking at ways to enhance the sector.

"We have to make sure we enhance and work with the agricultural sector and make sure the roads are good and people are able to move around," he said. "But we also have tourist attractions such as the Narcisse Snake Dens and the large monuments in Inwood (snakes), Meleb (mushrooms) and Komarno (mosquito) that people love to see. One strength many people don't even think about is we've got an RTAC highway (Highway 7, which allows maximum trucking weight) for the movement of goods."

The RM will be working with the [Crystal Spring] Hutterite Colony to "make sure the voices of the residents are heard" [regarding environmental protection], he said.

"The economic development the colony will bring to our region will be a big plus for the RM of Armstrong," he said. "We're working with the colony, municipalities around us and the [East Interlake] watershed district to see what the best options are to deal with [protecting the environment]. It's going to be good for the area. We just have to make sure everybody's working in the same direction and the information is out there so that everyone knows what's going on."

The first council meeting of 2025 is scheduled for Jan. 28, according to the RM's website.



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Inclusion night



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Community Living Interlake (CLI) and the Stonewall Jets Hockey Club came together, transforming a typical game night into a heartwarming celebration of inclusion last Thursday. CLI members eagerly worked the gate, welcoming everyone with smiles while they sold 50/50 tickets. CLI served food from the canteen and sold Kraft Hockeyville beer by Good Neighbours Brewing Co. and sold chuck-a-puck as the Jets took on the Transcona Railer Express. Every detail contributed to something significant: nominating VMSC for essential renovations through Kraft Hockeyville 2025. Pictured clockwise, Jamie Yeo and Lisa Highmoor sang the national anthem; David Kapchinsky with Gary Stutsky who dropped the ceremonial puck for Railer Express' Michael Todoruk and Jets' captain Cole Emberly; Laine Wilson, Sandra Smith and Peter Bullivant enjoyed a Kraft Hockeyville beer by Good Neighbour Brewing Co. served by Marissa Hibbitt;



Collection of teddy bears for local cheerboard



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The annual Christmas tradition of the Teddy Bear Toss in Stonewall continues to unite fans and hockey players for a good cause while celebrating hockey's connection with the community. For the past six years, teddy bears have been tossed during a Stonewall hockey game, which are donated to the Stonewall & District Cheerboard. This year, 89 bears were collected by the U13B Stonewall Blues hockey team at the Stonewall Rams' game against the Sturgeon Heights Huskies on Dec. 18. Although the Rams faced a tough battle against the Huskies and ultimately fell short in score, it didn't overshadow what mattered that game. The true victory lay with the Stonewall & District Cheerboard.



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Lightning Report: Coach Dalgliesh receives Jets Community Hero Award

By Kieran Reimer

The U13 AA Interlake Lightning's head coach, Shaun Dalgliesh, was named the recipient of the Winnipeg Jets Community Hero Award at the Jets vs Los Angeles Kings game at Canada Life Centre on Friday.

Dalgliesh spends countless hours year-round coaching hockey and baseball while holding local hockey training camps on Sundays.

He is also Stonewall Minor Ball's president, the MMJHL Stonewall Jets treasurer, and the referee-in-chief of the Stonewall Minor Hockey Association.

"It was nice to see him get recognized for the hundreds of hours he puts in each year. A lot of the work goes unnoticed, so it was nice seeing him appreciated," said Chris Arbez, who nominated Dalgliesh in October.

Arbez, whose kids Dalgliesh had coached over the past five years, kept the nomination a secret until mid-December when the Jets announced Dalgliesh was receiving the award.

Arbez, Dalgliesh, and their wives received free Jets tickets and got to go on Friday when they received a shoutout on the scoreboard.

"It's always nice to be recognized; it means a lot to me," said Dalgliesh. "I think I've thanked Chris a hundred times already for taking the time to recognize me because it's pretty easy to complain about things that are going on and not as often people take the time to recognize them. It's meant a lot and a lot of people I haven't talked to in a long time reached out and said how well deserved it was, just making me feel it's not going unnoticed. You look back on what I had as a kid it was mostly due to people giving

back and giving us that opportunity. Over the years my dad coached and had been involved in multiple different things so when I look back on it I feel it's needed for our community to thrive so that's my primary reason to give back."

Dalgliesh is a father of two and coaches the U13 Lightning despite not having a kid on this year's team.

The Lightning are in the home stretch of their regular season schedule and are fighting for their playoff lives.

They enter the week in 14th place with a 9-10-0-1 record and fresh off a 7-5 win over the Winnipeg Wild Green on Sunday, keeping them in the multi-team logjam jousting for spots in the a-side playoffs.

"Ideally we want to get above five hundred, that's the goal, and try to push ourselves into the a-side for the playoffs," said Dalgliesh. "We can compete so it's trying to get the guys to buy in and make sure we're all pulling in the same direction and looking to accomplish something that they may not have felt they could at the beginning of the year. We want to bring that playoff intensity to our game as well and stay with the top teams in the league."

The Lightning's next game goes on Saturday in Brandon against the Wheat Kings Black at 3:15 p.m. from Westoba Place.

It's one of just eight games remaining for the club as they continue their exciting push for the playoffs.

The U13 AA Female Interlake Lightning lost 5-4 to the Twins on Friday night in St. Norbert. They currently sit seventh with a 5-12-0-1 record.

Next game: Friday, Jan. 17 at Titans, 7:15 p.m. at Allard Arena

The U15 AA Male Interlake Lightning lost 4-3 and 5-2 to the Winnipeg Thrashers Grey and the Winnipeg Wild Green on Friday and Saturday. They currently sit sixth with an 8-7-4-2 record.

Next game: Saturday, Jan. 18 at Winnipeg Wild Gold, 8 p.m. at Eric Coy Arena

The U15 AAA Female Interlake Lightning split their weekend with a 4-0 loss to the Brandon Wheat Kings on Friday and a 4-0 win over the Norman Wild on Saturday. They currently sit seventh with a 3-13 record.

Next game: Saturday, Jan. 18 at Yellowhead Chiefs, 1 p.m. at Shoal Lake Communiplex

The U15 AAA Male Interlake Lightning lost 8-2 to the Winnipeg Wild Green on Wednesday and 7-0 to the Wild Green in their rematch on Sunday. They currently sit fifth in the Central Division with a 4-20 record.

Next game: Friday, Jan. 17 at Pembina Valley Hawks, 6:45 p.m. at Hockey For All Centre

The U17 AAA Male Interlake Lightning lost 6-3 to the Winnipeg Thrashers on Friday and won 3-1 over the Eastman Selects on Saturday. They currently sit seventh with a 5-16-4 record.

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

The U18 AAA Male Interlake Lightning lost 8-2 to the Winnipeg Wild on



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Stonewall's Shaun Dalgliesh recently received a Winnipeg Jets Community Hero Award at the Jets vs Los Angeles Kings game last Friday.

Wednesday and 3-2 to the Parkland Rangers in overtime on Sunday. They currently sit eighth with a 15-12-2-1-3-1 record.

Next game: Saturday, Jan. 18 at Brandon Wheat Kings, 7:30 p.m. at J&G Homes Arena

The U18 AAA Female Interlake Lightning went 2-1 over the weekend with a 2-0 win over the Central Plains Capitals, a 4-3 win over the Westman Wildcats, and a 5-3 loss to the Brandon Wheat Kings. They currently sit ninth with a 4-21-0-0-3 record.

Next game: Saturday, Jan. 18 at Brandon Wheat Kings, 1 p.m. at J&G Homes Arena

Hunnam brilliant despite Jets offensive struggles

By Kieran Reimer

The Stonewall Jets couldn't buy a win in a pair of close contests with the league-best Transcona Railer Express and the fourth-place St. Boniface Riels over the weekend.

On Thursday night, the Railer Express won 5-3 over the Jets after the Jets gave up their 3-2 lead in the third.

The Railer Express powerplay tied it up in the third before they scored the game-winner short after and added an empty netter in the dying seconds.

The Jets had a few unsung heroes: Gavin Holod, who scored his first of the season, and Spencer Hunnam, in net, who stopped 57 of 61 Railer Express shots.

Alex Kaczorowski and Wylie Garchinski had the other two for the Jets as the team dropped their second straight.

On Sunday in St. Boniface, the Jets got another outstanding performance from Hunnam, who stopped 42 of 45

in the Jets' 3-1 loss.

Rylan Slatcher gave the Jets a 1-0 lead in the first before the Riels scored three unanswered for the win.

The Jets have now dropped three straight and sit eighth in the Manitoba Major Junior Hockey League with a 12-16-2 record after being leapfrogged by the Raiders Jr. Hockey Club in the standings last week.

Next week, Stonewall will travel to St. James and Morris for two road

games on Friday and Sunday.

UPCOMING GAMES:

Friday, Jan. 17 at St. James Jr. Canucks, 7:30 p.m. at Ab McDonald Arena

Sunday, Jan. 19 at Pembina Valley Twisters, 7 p.m. at Morris MultiPlex

Wildcats roaring atop Price Division after win streak hits eight

By Kieran Reimer

The Warren Wildcats boys hockey team is showing no signs of slowing down after their incredible first few months of the season.

After sitting second in the Winnipeg High School Hockey League's Price Division for a majority of their 2024 portion of the schedule, the Wildcats were finally able to hurdle the Louis-Riel Voyageurs for first place, in part by an 8-6 win over the Voyageurs on Dec. 17.

Since then, the Wildcats have yet to lose a game; in fact, they haven't lost a game since mid-November and currently ride an eight-game winning streak.

"There is lots of positivity, which is always a good thing. Guys are showing up and looking forward to hockey, which is a big benefit," said head coach Lachlan Maclean in his first season as the Wildcats head coach. "It improves overall gameplay when they are looking forward to it and a lot of friendship building."

Their most recent example came Thursday when they downed the Glenlawn Lions 8-3 on the road at St. Vital Centennial Arena.

Colton Bruce had a hat trick, Kaelen Ivany had two goals, and Owen Shymko, Dylan Riddell, and Conaly Chrusch rounded out the scoring for the Wildcats while Dallas Shaver stopped 19 of 22 in the crease.

The win brings the Wildcats to an outstanding 14-1-1 record, which gives them a five-point cushion in first place.

With a win seemingly the only outcome for the Wildcats these days, Maclean has credited his entire team for continuing to buy into the team's game plan, even with a jumbled line-up due to a few recent injuries.

"Throughout the course of the season I've seen lots of chemistry building so more familiarity of how each other play and what works and doesn't," said Maclean. "That's a big part of it to, guys are learning how to play well with each other and buying into the system we've got setup to. It seems to be working, so we've been sticking to what we know, and fortunately, it's been working out quite well."

Maclean said he's confident in the team's ability to have anyone out on the ice and still have success.

This year's squad not only has one of the best top lines in the league in Owen Shymko, Quinn McKnight, and Colton Bruce but also one of the best second lines. Not to mention their stingy defensive core and their starter, Dallas Shaver, who leads the league in goals against average and was named Price Division Star of the Week.

His 1.87 goals against average, .908 save percentage, and 9-0 record in net has helped the Wildcats continue to have the lowest goals against in the league while their offence currently ranks second in goals for heading into the final eight games of the season.

Down the stretch, Maclean is confident they can continue to find ways to elevate their game as they prepare to



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Wildcats' goaltender Dallas Shaver was named one of Winnipeg High School Hockey Price Division Stars of the Week.

hopefully play their best hockey come playoff time.

Next up for them are games this Tuesday and Friday against sixth-place Niverville and seventh-place Pinawa.

UPCOMING GAMES:

Tuesday, Jan. 14 vs Niverville, 3:15 p.m. at Access Credit Union Arena

Friday, Jan. 17 at Pinawa Panthers, 5 p.m. at Pinawa Orville Acres Arena

Rams edged out by Hawks in bronze medal game

By Kieran Reimer

The Stonewall Rams Varsity Girls basketball team came a win short of medalling at their tournament over the weekend.

Hosting the annual Rams Varsity Girls Basketball Tournament, the Rams put together a 1-2 record throughout Friday and Saturday.

They started strongly with a 42-27 win over the Linden Christian Wings in Pool 1.

But fell short 50-32 to the Westwood Warriors to round out Pool 1 in second place and earning them a spot in the bronze medal game.

In the bronze, they took on a fel-

low 1-1 club, the Mennonite Brethren Hawks, but they were unable to find an answer for the Hawks' offence.

The Hawks won 50-26 to earn the bronze, while the Rams took fourth. Meanwhile, the Warriors and Sanford Sabres clashed in the gold medal game, with the Warriors edging the Sabres out 60-55 in the final.

The Rams return to regular season action in Winnipeg Tier 2, where they currently sit seventh in the 10-team league.

Their next game is Wednesday, Jan. 15, at 4:30 p.m. at Grant Park High School against the Grant Park Pirates.



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Stonewall Rams' Summer Chartrand (15) breaks away from a Linden Christian Wings player with the ball. Chartrand was the top scorer in her team's 42-27 victory in tournament play in Stonewall last Friday,

Lindsay snipes twice in Merc's bounce-back win over the Wild

By Kieran Reimer

The Warren Mercs got a much-needed 6-3 win over the Red River Wild on Saturday after dropping their previous three games.

After going down 1-0 early, Dylan Cassie quickly provided an answer for the Mercs to make it a tie game through 20 minutes.

The Mercs then blew the game open in the second with a trio of goals from Johnny Lazo, Drake Lindsay, and Riley Vatour, making it 4-2.

The Wild cut the lead to one early in the third, but again, the Mercs responded with another from Lindsay and one from Kyle Lundale to put the game away. Meanwhile, Evan Baty was big in net, stopping 33 of 36.

Then, on Sunday, the Mercs' offence ran out of steam against the Morden

Bombers, who rolled into Warren and took a 4-0 lead early.

Dexter Kuczek scored in the second period and Braydon Macdonald scored in the third but it was too much to overcome as the Bombers took it 6-2.

Mitch Adamyk stopped 25 of 31 in net, while the Mercs took 46 shots despite ending up on the losing side of the final result.

Following their weekend split, the Mercs sit seventh in the South Eastern Manitoba Hockey League with a 7-7 record.

Warren will travel on Saturday to take on the Notre Dame Hawks at 8 p.m. at Notre-Dame-de-Lourdes Arena.



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY HALEY CVAR

The Warren Mercs split two home games this past weekend. The Mercs defeated the Red River Wild 6-3 on Saturday night, but dropped their Sunday game against the Morden Bombers 6-2. Pictured above is goalie Mitch Adamyk making a save against the Bombers. He had 25 saves in the loss.

Flames extinguish Wildcats despite Willis' stellar performance

By Kieran Reimer

The Warren Wildcats girls' hockey team was shut out 2-0 by the St. Mary's Academy Flames on Wednesday at Hockey For All Centre.

Vayha Willis was incredible, stopping 36 of 38 to keep the Wildcats in it all game, but finding a way past Flames' netminder Katherine Bru proved too tough of a task for the Wildcats scorers.

The Wildcats recorded just 12 shots in the game, with the powerplay going 0-2. They came close to taking the lead in a scoreless opening period and trailed by a single goal until late in the third period when Flames' Clare Hantscher iced it with an insurance marker.

With the loss to the third-place Flames, the Wildcats' record dropped to 4-8-1-1. They now sit seventh in the Manitoba Women's High School

Hockey League Division One in their inaugural season.

Warren now turns its attention to a date with the last-place West Kildonan Wolverines on Monday at Seven Oaks Arena. Due to our press schedule, the score was unavailable at the time.

The Wildcats' following two games are on the road this Thursday and Friday against the Vincent Massey Trojans and Churchill Bulldogs. These will be pivotal matchups for the Wildcats, who hope to move up the standings.

UPCOMING GAMES:

Thursday, Jan. 16 at Shaftesbury Titans, 3:45 p.m. at Hockey For All Centre

Friday, Jan. 17 at Vincent Massey Trojans, 4:15 p.m. at Century Arena



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The Wildcats' goaltender Vayha Willis stopped 36 of 38 shots to keep Warren in the 2-0 loss game against the St. Mary's Academy Flames on Jan. 8.



Stonewall Jets Player Profile

#13 Rylan Slatcher
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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

Deadline for applications: Applications may be reviewed as early as January 31st, 2025; however, applications may continue to be accepted until the right candidate is found.

Start date: as soon as possible

The Town of Stonewall thanks all applicants, however only candidates interviewed will be contacted.

The Tribune Classified booking deadline is Monday at 4 p.m. prior to Thursday's publication
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RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF ROCKWOOD UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF THE PLANNING ACT NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

On the date and at the time and location shown below, a PUBLIC HEARING will be held to receive representations from any person(s) who wish to make them in respect to the following matter:

R.M. OF ROCKWOOD BY-LAW NO. 14/24
Being an AMENDMENT to the R.M. OF ROCKWOOD ZONING BY-LAW NO. 20/19, as amended.

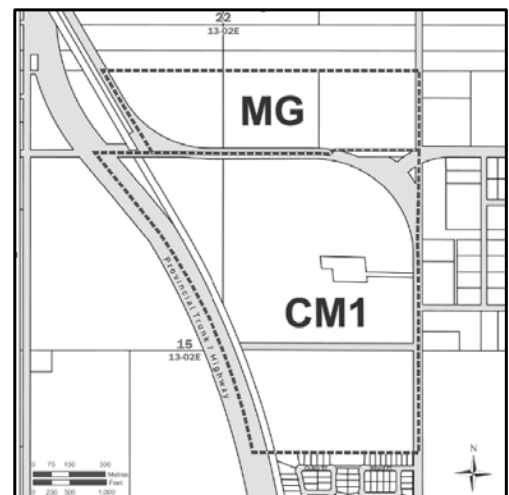
HEARING LOCATION: Rural Municipality of Rockwood Council Chambers
285 Main Street, Stonewall, MB

DATE & TIME: Wednesday, February 12, 2025, at 11:00 AM

GENERAL INTENT:

- To introduce a new "CM1" Community Mixed Use 1 Zone to the Zoning By-law
- To amend Part II - General Regulations of the Zoning By-law No. 20/19 (as amended), by adding requirements for the new "CM1" Community Mixed Use 1 Zone in:
 - Section 22.6 - Projections into Yards
 - Section 33.3.2 - Sign Regulations
 - Section 34.2.2.1 - Noise
 - Section 43.4(a) - Bed and Breakfast Homes
 - Section 46.8 - Car Brokers
- To amend Part III - Zones by adding Section 69.2 - Additional Regulations for the Community Mixed Use 1 (CM1) Zoning District
- To rezone the following:
 - Pt. SW & SE ¼ of Section 22-13-2 EPM from "AL" Agricultural Limited Zone to "MG" Industrial General Zone; and
 - Pt. NW, NE & SE ¼ of Section 15-13-2 EPM from "UH" Urban Holding Area Zone, "RS-1" Residential Single-Family Zone, "AL" Agricultural Limited Zone and "PR" Parks and Recreation Zone to "CM1" Community Mixed Use 1 Zone.
- To amend "Appendix B-Use Table" by adding a new column for the "CM1" Community Mixed Use 1 Zone and adding "Gas Bar" as a permitted use in the "MG Zone".
- To amend "Appendix C-Bulk Regulation Table" by adding a new table to regulate development in the "CM1" Community Mixed Use 1 Zone.

AREA AFFECTED:



CONTACT INFORMATION: Eric Shaw, General Manager,
South Interlake Planning District,
5-15 Davis Way, R.M. of Rosser, MB, R4B 0A3,
Phone: 204-467-5587

A copy of the above proposal and supporting material may be inspected at the location noted above during normal office hours, Monday to Friday. Copies may be made and extracts taken therefrom, upon request.

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2025 PROPOSAL FOR THE DELIVERY
OF LIMESTONE PRODUCTS IN
THE RM OF ROCKWOOD

The Rural Municipality of Rockwood is accepting applications for the delivery of approximately 60,000 tonnes of limestone aggregates, to be deposited on Municipal roads throughout the RM of Rockwood as directed by the Municipality.

The successful applicant agrees to sign a two (2) year agreement with an additional two (2) year optional extension (based on both parties accepting).

Proposal Close: 1:00 pm local time,
on Friday, January 31, 2025

Detailed proposal packages complete with specifications are available to interested applicants on the RM of Rockwood website.

Any questions or concerns can be directed to:

Ian Tesarski, C.E.T., CMMA
Director of Operations
285 Main Street
Box 902, Stonewall, MB, R0C 2Z0
www.rockwood.ca
Phone: 1-204-467-2272
Email: ian.tesarski@rockwood.ca

THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF ROCKWOOD
INVITATION FOR PROPOSAL

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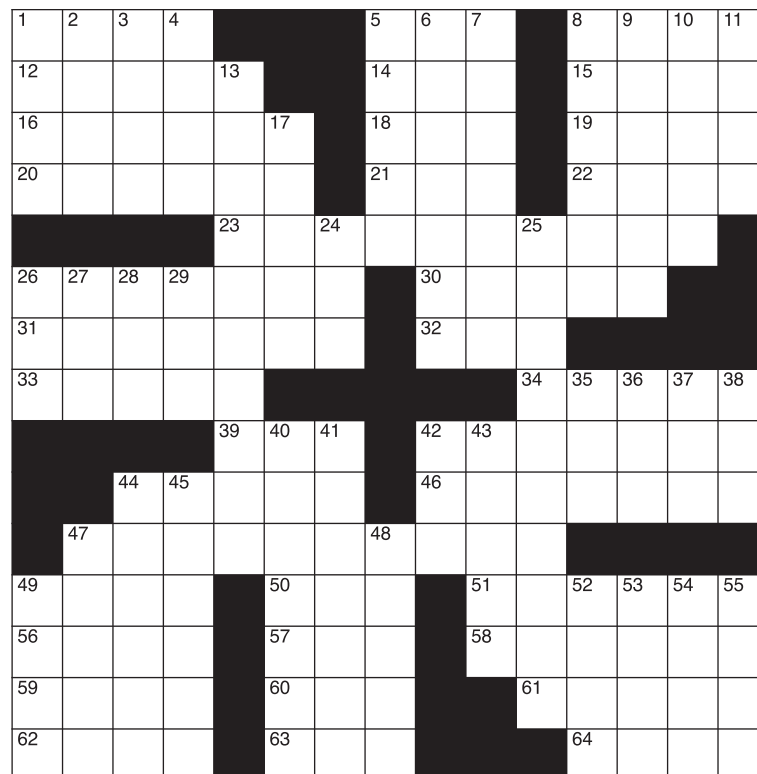
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CLUES ACROSS

- 1. This regulates cortisol production (abbr.)
- 5. People of northern Vietnam
- 8. Employee stock ownership plan
- 12. Regions
- 14. The center of a city
- 15. Hindu serpentine deity
- 16. Roared
- 18. Sun up in New York
- 19. "Sir" in Malaysian
- 20. Shrimp dish
- 21. Muckraker Tarbell
- 22. Apex
- 23. Harmonic effects
- 26. One of Babe Ruth's nicknames
- 30. Groups in organic chemistry
- 31. More pleasant-tasting
- 32. Spring forward
- 33. Noted writer
- 34. Building occupied by monks
- 39. "The world's most famous arena"
- 42. Colorless liquid hydrocarbon
- 44. Long or fast speech
- 46. Things you can eat
- 47. Substance in which magnetic moments are not aligned
- 49. Actor Idris
- 50. I (German)
- 51. Taxes
- 56. Indonesian island
- 57. Nuisance (slang)
- 58. Shawl
- 59. Digits
- 60. Moved on foot quickly
- 61. "For goodness ___"
- 62. Facial body part
- 63. Russian river
- 64. Urinates

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Partner to "oohs"

- 2. Scaly water dweller
- 3. Pueblo people of New Mexico
- 4. Music producer Teo
- 5. Greek mythological goddess
- 6. Got together to discuss
- 7. Acquires
- 8. Involve
- 9. Some are tomato-based
- 10. Old Irish alphabets
- 11. A sheet of glass in a window or door
- 13. Blood poisoning
- 17. A moon of Saturn
- 24. Neither
- 25. Sums
- 26. They follow "A"
- 27. Satisfaction
- 28. People of southeastern Burma
- 29. Small amount
- 35. Guy (slang)
- 36. Sound unit
- 37. Midway between northeast and east
- 38. Affirmative
- 40. Almost at the top
- 41. Extremely slow
- 42. Pearl Jam's debut album
- 43. Influential mid-century playwright
- 44. Martens
- 45. Approval
- 47. Dallas-adjacent Texas city
- 48. African nation
- 49. Dark brown or black
- 52. A place to get caught
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- 54. Type of sword
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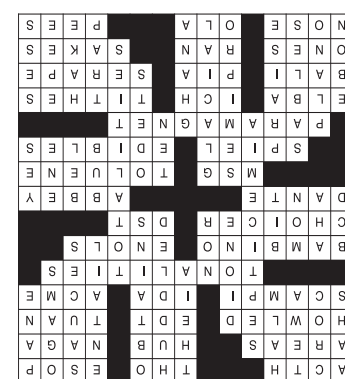
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REGARDING SPECIAL SERVICE PROPOSAL- BY-LAW NO. 01-25 FOR THE RESIDENTIAL WASTE AND RECYCLABLE CURBSIDE COLLECTION, REMOVAL AND DISPOSAL SERVICE WITHIN THE TOWN OF STONEWALL

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
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TOWN OF STONEWALL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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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OBITUARY



Rita Margaret Smith

On January 7th, 2025 surrounded by love, Rita Smith passed away.

Left to mourn her passing is her husband of 55 years, John Smith; her children Shane and Gail Smith, Braxton and Robin Smith, Morgan Smith and Jonathan Hoepfner, Carol and Johnny Vermeer; grandchildren Brooke (James), Zachary (Gabi), Deaken, Hyde, Mavis and Miriam; her siblings Wade and Sharon Benjaminson, Patricia Benjaminson and David Murray, Jeanne Benjaminson and Marlon Persaud; sister-in-law Cheryl (Mike); lifelong friends Jan and Barry Bremner; along with many cousins, nieces and nephews and many close friends.

Rita was born in Winnipeg in 1947, the middle child of loving parents Fred and Mavis Benjaminson, with two older brothers and two younger sisters. They were a very close family and remained so all her life. Family was always the most important thing to Rita, which of course included pets. She loved riding her childhood pony Smokie all over Kirkfield Park, including into her school which got her suspended. She often shared memories of holding hands with her grandpa, walking around his vast gardens, and growing up by the Assiniboine River, finding wild flowers, and all sorts of creatures to scare her beloved sisters with.

Rita attended Westwood High School, where she met her husband, John Smith. They were quite the power couple. John, the big strong football player from Brooklands and the beautiful, blond tomboy. They were married in 1969 and moved to Dugald Road with their two Saint Bernards, and added some horses, had lots of legendary parties still talked about and welcomed their first son, Shane.

She went to Red River to become a Lab Technologist, and she loved her career. She worked at Cadham Lab, Children's Hospital, Deer Lodge with her Mother Mavis, and then spent 28 years working at Teulon Hospital where she also became an X-ray tech. Her bubbly personality made her popular with the patients, and her skill and knowledge were admired by her co-workers. She also trained lab students for RRC. She spent countless nights and weekends on call, driving back roads at all times of night, in every kind of Manitoba weather, and the vast majority of the time did it happily.

In 1974 they moved to an acreage near Argyle, and this became their forever home. Here they added more horses, chickens, many dogs the size of horses and cats the size of dogs. They also welcomed Braxton and Morgan. They loved being in their beautiful yard and working in their huge gardens, going for walks, and cross country skiing. She loved hosting BBQ's and bonfires, going to Twin Beaches, and Hillside Beach, and spending time with family and friends.

Rita loved to travel and took many family trips to California and Western Canada to spend time with friends and family. Her and John also took two trips to England, the Mediterranean, and two trips to Thailand, and a memorable mother daughter trip to Churchill.

She loved her family more than anything and was the best mother. She was thrilled to become a grandmother and then overjoyed to be a great-grandmother. Nothing made Mom happier than being around babies and children.

She was tough as nails, and faced adversity with grit and always a beautiful smile on her face. Through cancer, surgeries, broken bones, and even a horse falling on her, that smile never failed. It stayed the same when she was diagnosed with Frontal Temporal Dementia and Primary Progressive Aphasia. The last few years were tough, but she still delighted in the sun on her face, northern lights, flowers, good food, and especially in her family. She was so happy to live with her two young granddaughters for the last years of her life. She was eternally optimistic and always chose to be happy.

To know her was to love her. She will be so missed and always loved.

A celebration of life will take place in May.

We, her family, would like to thank the entire staff of Rosewood Lodge in Stonewall. The nurses, recreation workers, office staff, dietary aides, housekeepers, every person in that building showed her the compassion and love she deserved and that was a lot. You preserved her dignity, and took the stress off of us, and we can't thank you enough.

In lieu of flowers, if friends so desire, please consider donating to The Alzheimer's Society or to The Cancer Society.



204-886-0404

OBITUARY



Frank Dziedzic

January 4, 1937 – January 8, 2025

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Frank Dziedzic at the age of 88 years old.

Left to cherish his memory is daughters Dana (Walter) Stewart, grandsons Duncan and Cameron and Darci (Ken) Loehmer, granddaughters Ella and Alexa. Survived by sisters Theresa and Carol and brother Victor.

Predeceased by wife Diane Dziedzic.

Born in 1937 in Polson, MB family was the most important thread to his life. Having come from a family of 23 kids was a great point of pride for him. How they all preserved in life and succeeded.

Frank was a cattle rancher his entire life, first with his brothers, then marrying Diane in 1968 and buying their first farm in Komarno. From modest beginnings with their tiny house with no running

water to raising their daughters at Oak Hammock Ranch, moving there in 1978. The Ranch were Dad's best years, he was strong, and the farming was good. 2500 acres of beautiful hay land with no stones! The work ethic Dad was raised with was passed on to his girls. In all aspects of his life family came first. Working side by side, or sharing a meal, Dad just wanted to be together.

He loved a good time. His favorite was sitting around a kitchen table surrounded by his friends and family. He made sure they traveled every winter to somewhere hot. Retirement to Whyteford and winters in Mexico led to moving to Stonewall and being Winter Texans. Their final home was in Lion's Manor in Stonewall.

Dad was always content with his life and his family. He wasn't impressed by how much you had in your bank account but by the work ethic and compassion you showed to others. He loved to talk, there was always a story to be shared. He really was humble and kind.

Thank you for the life you gave us.

If friends or family so desire, donations can be made to the Interlake Community Foundation, Box 1575, Stonewall, MB, R0C 2Z0.

A celebration of Frank's life will be held on Friday, January 17, 2025 at the Teulon Rockwood Community Centre, 14 Main Street, Teulon, MB at 12 p.m.

Pallbearers will be nephews Tom Dziedzic, Raymond Dziedzic, Randy Dziedzic, Leonard Dziedzic, Larry Dziedzic and Jason Allen.



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OBITUARY



In Loving Memory of

Robert (Bob) Frederick Brian Boyd Peacefully, on January 12, 2025, Robert (Bob) Frederick Brian Boyd passed away.

He was predeceased by his parents, Fred and Marvel Boyd; sister and brother-in-law, Jean and Les deLaroque; daughter-in-law, Jane; and grandchildren, Matthew and Jennifer.

Bob is survived by his devoted wife of 65 wonderful years, Lorraine; their children Howard (Heather), Jamie (Cathy), Kathy (Luke), and Roberta

(Larry); 15 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren, who brought endless joy to his life.

Born on October 1, 1938 in Stonewall, Manitoba, Bob grew up on the family farm in Argyle and attended school there till Grade 11. He then completed Grade 12 at Warren Collegiate while also driving the school bus. After graduating from Teacher's College in 1958, Bob married Lorraine Fairchild in 1959. Together, they built a loving home and started their family.

Bob's teaching career spanned Rosser, Myrtle, Jefferson Junior High, and finally Warren Elementary, where he taught from 1968 to 1993. Known for his enthusiasm and dedication, he often led spirited student games at lunch and left a lasting impact on his community and students.

Beyond teaching, Bob was deeply involved in community service. He founded Scouts in Myrtle, led 4-H, served as a Lay Reader with the Anglican Church, a member of Elks and coached baseball. During this time, he earned a Bachelor of Pedagogy and Pre-Master's in Educational Administration, while also managing the family farm.

In retirement, Bob continued to serve his community, leading the Interlake Youth Justice Program, piloting provincial assessment tests, serving as RO for Elections Manitoba, marriage commissioner and co-founding the Warren and District Lions Club. He also enjoyed hobby farming and competing in pony chuckwagon and chariot racing. Above all, his greatest joy was spending time with his grandchildren.

The family extends heartfelt thanks to Rosewood Lodge for their compassionate care.

A private family celebration of life will be held later.

Donations in Bob's memory may be made to a charity of your choice, honoring a remarkable man who lived a full and meaningful life.



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OBITUARY



Roland Edward Fortin

The family is deeply saddened to announce the passing of Roland (Rolly) on December 30, 2024 at the age of 97. In line with his wishes, cremation has taken place and the family graveside service will be held at a later date.

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Your memory will live forever. Engraved within our hearts.

OBITUARY



Dennis Armand Fleury
 December 24, 1943 – December 15, 2024

On Sunday, December 15, 2024 just nine days before his 81st birthday, Dennis our brother, uncle, great-uncle and Godfather ended his journey on earth to be with our Heavenly Father in heaven.

Dennis passed peacefully with his siblings, Lea and Percy and niece/Godchild Kimberley, by his bedside.

Dennis was predeceased by his mother, Annette Lachance Fleury; father, Frank Fleury; sister-in-law, Jo-Anne Fleury; brother-in-law, George Beatty; nephew-in-law, Arnold Brown and great-nephew, Travis Brown.

Left to mourn his passing are: his sister, Lea Beatty of Stonewall; brother, Percy Fleury of Warren; niece/Godchild, Kimberley Brown of Woodlands; niece, Susan Fleury of Warren; great-niece, Delaney

Brown of St. Laurent; great-niece/Goddaughter, Lacey Brown Gauthier (Collin) of Winnipeg; and great-nephew, Clayton Brown of Woodlands; as well as numerous cousins, friends and neighbours.

Dennis was a very giving man, anyone who needed help, Dennis would be there. He was an animal lover and had many pets during his lifetime, most recently his cat Smokey whom he loved very much. He enjoyed old time country music, especially the Statler Brothers, as well as the Winnipeg Jets and Winnipeg Blue Bombers.

Dennis worked as a labourer/dock worker until his retirement. He was a participant in the Industrial Baseball League for many years.

Dennis held God and his Faith close to his heart. As he did his family.

A cold December day
 You went away,
 From those you love
 To be with God above.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Heart and Stroke Foundation.

The family would like to thank the absolutely wonderful staff of Selkirk General Hospital M1 Ward for their fine care of Dennis and their compassion for the family. Also, the good folks at Keystone Colony for the visits and food.

Cremation has taken place. A Mass for Dennis will be held at a later date followed by interment on a date to be determined.

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OBITUARY



Margaret Chalmers

How to distill a life of such a great woman into a few short paragraphs...

Margaret a.k.a. "Albert" was born April 4, 1942 to John and Janet McTaggart. The youngest of six and sister to five rowdy boys from the West End, she held her own. She went to the nunnery but didn't stay long before learning her trade as a teacher. She taught in Winnipeg, Portage la Prairie and even the RCAF base in Germany. She was a caregiver to her mother before moving to Headingley. She married John Chalmers on August 11, 1990 and she soon retired after more than 25 years of teaching so that they could spend more time with each other. They built their new life in Stony Mountain. She was the matriarch of the family, a great friend and always a good listener. No matter how you felt when you entered her home, you always felt better when you left. Her generosity with gifts and Comfy Cozy quilts that she made are treasures to this day.

To say that she'll be missed is not saying nearly enough.

She wasn't keen on an obituary, but she said that if there was one, then this is all that it needed to say: "Hatched: April 4 1942. Matched August 11, 1990. Dispatched January 4, 2025." Love you.

As per her wishes, there will be no funeral service. Condolences can be sent to Bardal Funeral Home.

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); son-in-law Gord Goresky 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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