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Terry Fox Run celebrates milestone 45 years

By Jennifer McFee

It's a milestone 45th anniversary since Terry Fox embarked on his Marathon of Hope.

On April 12, 1980, Terry Fox set out from St. John's, NL, on his cross-country run to raise funds for cancer research.

Now, 45 years later, his legacy continues to inspire generation after generation of Canadians.

"I think it is humbling and amazing that after 45 years Terry Foxers in Canada and around the world are still continuing Terry's Marathon of Hope," said Cathy Goresky, a member of the Stonewall Terry Fox committee.

She thinks back to a Terry Fox Foundation T-shirt from years past, adorned with impactful words: "At 18, Terry Fox was a university student. At 19, he was a cancer patient. At 21, he was a hero."

And after 45 years, Terry is still a hero.

"He started his marathon against cancer on April 12, 1980. When he could not finish his run, he asked us to continue to raise funds for cancer research to find a cure and to stop others from suffering. Now 45 years later, we are still working together to keep Terry's dream alive and to FINISH IT," she said, making reference to the 2025 campaign slogan.

Everyone has been touched by cancer in one way or another, so the cause is close to many hearts.

"We have lost family, friends and colleagues, but we also know survivors who have benefited from the research that has been going on over the

last 45 years," she said.

"Because of generous donations, we are closer than ever to the finish line with the Marathon of Hope Cancer Centre Network. This network is uniting researchers and clinicians across the country to unlock the next frontier in cancer research. Their goal is to improve survival and give new hope for cancer patients and their families."

On Friday, April 11, the Town of Stonewall will raise the Terry Fox flag at 2 p.m. so that it will be flying high on Saturday, April 12 for the official start of this year's campaign. All are welcome to attend.

It's not too early to mark your calendar for the 2025 run date, which is Sunday, Sept. 14 at Quarry Park. Registration is at noon with the run/walk through town starting at 1 p.m.

The Stonewall run site can be accessed by going to terryfox.org and navigating to the Stonewall run location. From there, you can register and/or donate to this year's Terry Fox Run. The opportunity to donate starts on April 12, and a limited number of donations will be matched that day. If you donate early in the day on April 12, you have a better chance of taking advantage of this matching option.

"Do check out the website to learn more about the Terry Fox Foundation, where the research is happening, and to purchase the 2025 FINISH IT apparel," Goresky said.

"The Stonewall Terry Fox committee will also be receiving merchandise that will be available for purchase when we set up locations around town."



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Several members of the Stonewall Terry Fox Run committee had the chance to meet with Terry's brother Fred Fox at a community presentation in Arborg on March 29. Left to right: Lil Branscombe, Mary Beck, Fred Fox, Cathy Goresky and Holly McAuley.

Many dedicated volunteers work together to make the Stonewall event run smoothly, including committee members Holly McAuley, Mary Beck, Lil Branscombe, Pat Moldowan, Brenda Bawdon, Alison Murray, Jim and Debbie Webster, David and Laurel Yeo, Cheryl Newman and Julie Penelton.

"We already have a few new volunteers for this year's campaign and always welcome more," said Cathy, inviting anyone interested in volunteering to contact her at 204-467-5842.

Looking ahead, the Stonewall run committee is planning a Bud, Spud and Steak at The Rock on Thursday, May 15 from 5 to 8 p.m. Entertainment

will be provided by Scott Hunter, as well as Annette and Mike Brown. Tickets cost \$25 each and are available from Cathy at 204-467-5842, Lil at 204-781-8764 or Mary at 204-792-1962.

In addition, the Stonewall Kinettes will host a "Walk for Kin in May" as an active fundraiser for the Terry Fox Foundation. All are welcome to join them and walk 100 kilometres throughout the month of May. Registration is \$25 to join the challenge and to be entered for prize draws all month long. For more information about the Walk for Kin, contact Christina Litschel at clitschel@kincanada.ca or 204-901-4920.

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LJ Baron Realty prepares to close at end of April

By Jennifer McFee

It's the end of an era for a long-standing Teulon business.

After 72 years in operation, LJ Baron Realty is closing up shop at the end of April. Owner Claudette Griffin, who represents the second generation of the family business, will be retiring.

Her father, Leo Joseph Baron, launched the business in 1953. Prior to that, worked as a door-to-door Rawleigh's salesman the 1940s.

Then in 1952, he bought an insurance agency in Teulon. The following year, a man came into the office and said, "Leo, you know so many people. I want you to find me a farm." That request marked the humble beginnings of the homegrown business that thrived for more than seven decades.

At the same time, his wife Liliane also embraced the entrepreneurial spirit, operating a hair salon in the basement of the family's home. Claudette still recalls coming home from school to the smell of perms.

She also remembers how she got her start in the family real estate business. It was 1984 and her youngest daughter had just started school.



Claudette Griffin

At the time, Claudette was quite content with her role as a homemaker. She went for lunch in Winnipeg with her parents, who planted the idea of a career in real estate. Claudette went home and discussed it with her husband Roger, who had purchased her father's insurance

agency.

She took a chance and decided to pursue a career in realty. Although she didn't love studying, she hit the books and worked towards attaining her licence.

"I went on to realize that I loved learning something I had a passion for. I could not have pursued this career if hadn't been for Roger," Claudette said.

"We each had our roles and supported each other in always making our family first. He was a hands-on father and was there for our girls when I was on appointments."

Her first goal in the 1980s was to earn enough money to buy a microwave, which were quite expensive at the time.

"The next year I made another goal and had drapes made for our home. I so appreciated the people who wanted me to list their properties and finding buyers the property of their dreams," she said.

"My dad was a very wise man. He never pressured me and was there supporting my ideas to grow the business."

Back when Claudette started her career, interest rates had soared to 21 per cent — yet people were still selling and buying homes.

"I recall interest rates going down to 18 per cent and many of us thought we should lock our mortgages in," she said. "Then when it went down to 12 per cent, let's just say the banks were busy."

Over the years, technology changed the way business is conducted, while rules and regulations continued to evolve. And, of course, prices of properties changed drastically over the decades. Claudette recalls telling her dad about a house she sold for \$60,000. Her dad, who was in his 80s at the time, could hardly believe his ears since he had previously sold the same house for \$4,500.

Over the years, Claudette faced challenges, including the juggling act of balancing her personal and professional life.

"Family always came first and I also wanted to grow the business," she said. "To do this, I started to service areas between Highway 6 and 9, and to a lesser extent Winnipeg and surrounding areas. Time management was always a challenge."

Over time, Roger sold the insurance business and joined Claudette to look after the administrative end of the real estate company.

Then when Claudette was in her 40s and her daughters were in university, she received life-changing news.

"The business was doing well and I was loving it. Life was good until the day I received a phone call that my routine mammogram showed that I had cancer. This couldn't be happening. All the dark thoughts came rushing in. Was I going to die? At that time, a diagnosis of breast cancer for a young woman did not always have a good outcome," she said.

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Baron & Griffin Insurance Agency and L.J. Baron Realty are seen in Teulon, where they've served the Interlake for 73 years. The businesses will close for good on Friday, April 11, marking Claudette Griffin's final day.



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Car crashes into Ritz Interiors; no injuries reported

By Lana Meier

RCMP are investigating after a vehicle backed into a business in Stonewall on Friday evening. Emergency crews, including Stonewall-Rockwood firefighters and paramedics, were called to Ritz Interiors on Main Street after a car reversed through a front window and damaged part of the wall. Staff were preparing to close for the night when they witnessed the crash from an upstairs window.

“We saw the car being driven slowly across the parking lot, and then all of a sudden the driver reversed and smashed right into the building. There was a big crash and we heard the window smash,” said Carla Pasichnyk, who works at the store. The vehicle was towed from the scene, and a restoration company was brought in to seal off the building and secure it. No injuries were reported. Despite the damage, Ritz Interiors reopened the next day.



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TRIBUNE PHOTOS BY LANA MEIER

A shattered front window is seen at Ritz Interiors on Main Street in Stonewall, after a car backed into the building on Friday, March 29, 2025.

Correction

Staff
In the April 3 edition of the *Stonewall Teulon Tribune*, the headline “Rockwood in talks to buy land” should have said “Rockwood awaits transfer of land.” In addition, the article should have indicated that the RM is buying grader packers rather than grader packages.

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For a residential customer without electric heat (using an average of 1,000 kilowatt-hours (kWh) per month), the average impact of the proposed increase is approximately \$3.70 per month after January 1, 2026, an additional \$3.80 per month after January 1, 2027, and an additional \$3.95 per month after January 1, 2028.

For a residential customer with electric heat (using an average of 2,000 kilowatt-hours (kWh) per month), the average impact of the proposed increase is approximately \$7.05 per month after January 1, 2026, an additional \$7.30 per month after January 1, 2027, and an additional \$7.55 per month after January 1, 2028.

Further details of Manitoba Hydro's Application are available at: www.pubmanitoba.ca.

You can share your views on the proposed rate increases with the Public Utilities Board in three ways:

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The audience is listening

By Cam Dahl, General Manager, Manitoba Pork Council

Movies in theaters used to start with an advertisement that used the tag line “the audience is listening.” Politicians are our audience for agriculture policy and on March 23, they really started listening. Now is the time for agriculture to speak to our politicians with a common voice. That voice begins at the farm gate and carries forward throughout the entire value chain.

On April 28th, Canadians will elect 343 Members of Parliament, with 14 coming from Manitoba. Every one of these MPs will influence, for good or bad, what happens on farms and processing facilities across the province, our access to international markets, and the regulations that will govern the industry.

The voices of farmers matter during an election. Now is the time for individual producers to actively participate in the political process. Farmers should ask themselves a basic question: “what message do you want your next Member of Parliament to deliver to Ottawa?” Then, they should get out to meet with each federal candidate in their riding to make sure this message is understood.

Agriculture drives the economy in both urban and rural centres. For example, the hog sector delivers jobs and growth in places like Winnipeg, Brandon, Neepawa, Roblin, Killarney, Notre Dame de Lourdes, and their surrounding areas. New homes, schools and churches, recreational facilities and daycares would not be built if it were not for investments made in agriculture growth. This is a story that producers need to directly deliver to political candidates. I ask

farmers from across the province to make the investment of time before April 28th to meet with candidates from all parties, at all-candidate town hall meetings, scheduled one-on-one sessions, and at your door when they come knocking.

Don’t assume that your candidates understand the importance of agriculture, even if you are in a rural riding. Engagement by farmers, and telling the story of agriculture, will help to drive candidates, and the parties that they represent, to openly acknowledge the significant role that our industry plays in the economy and the makeup of our communities.

What agricultural issues should farmers raise with candidates? There are many policy areas we could talk about, but tariffs and trade are the overriding immediate concerns. Manitoba exports approximately 90% of the eight million pigs raised annually in this province, either through processed pork or live animals. Overall, Manitoba exports \$9.3 billion worth of agriculture and food products every year. Tariffs, and the potential for tariffs, from the two key markets of the U.S. and China are the largest threats facing our industry today. If trade restrictions last without mitigation, jobs and income in every part of Manitoba will be impacted.

U.S. and Chinese tariffs are not the only trade issues facing agriculture. For example, Europe uses non-tariff barriers to restrict trade, even though we have a free trade agreement with them. Now is the time to clear these blockages.

What do we need to hear from political parties? We need a plan to deal with trade threats. I have three ques-

tions for candidates and their parties. One, “what is your plan to mitigate the impact of tariffs in the short term?” Two, “what is your plan to work with our trading partners to eliminate tariffs and other trade barriers?” Three, “what is your plan to diversify markets for Canadian agriculture?”

There are other critical policy questions to discuss. For example, reform of regulatory agencies like the Canadian Food Inspection Agency and ensuring a science-based regulatory environment. We need to continue to prepare for foreign animal diseases like African Swine Fever and Food and Mouth Disease. Farmers need political parties to commit to providing incentives to adopt new sustainability practices instead of inhibiting regulations like the carbon tax. Are political parties considering reform to business risk management programs? We can have these important discussions with political leaders when we know their plans to mitigate and address immediate trade threats.

Agriculture has always faced market volatility and production risk. The situation is different today. The largest risks that farmers face today are political. These risks put the long-term financial sustainability of the industry in peril, and limit opportunities for additional investments. Governments need to act decisively and rapidly to address trade restrictions. Now is the time, during the election period, for farmers to get involved. After all, if producers don’t speak for agriculture there will be others who will, and while they may not understand our industry, they will become the ones who will influence those who will be going to Ottawa.

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Lallemand announces fourth year of Hometown Roots Photo Contest

By Lana Meier

Lallemand Plant Care is excited to announce the details of the 2025 Hometown Roots Photo Contest. This year, participants can now enter by sharing a photo or a 30-second video, offering even more creative ways to support your community with a \$5,000 donation from Lallemand.

"At Lallemand Plant Care, supporting our communities is at the heart of what we do," says Anne Favre, Strategic Marketing Director – USA & Canada, Lallemand Plant Care. "We're excited to bring this contest back and look forward to seeing how participants showcase the spirit of agricul-

ture and rural life."

To enter, take a photo or a 30-second video (maximum) that you feel best celebrates agriculture and your rural community. Upload it at www.lallemandhometownroots.com and include a brief description of how the photo or video represents what makes your community or farm special. You can submit one photo or video per week, for a maximum of 10 entries. No purchase is necessary to enter or win.

The contest will run from Jan. 13, 2025, to Aug. 15, 2025. There are three prizes available, each consisting of a

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Then on Sunday morning, He rose from the dead. As the angel said to the women who had come to His tomb, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; He has risen, just as He said. Come and see the place where He lay."

Because of what happened that weekend, it's a weekend that changed the world. Because of Jesus' death, burial and resurrection, the lives of many, many people have been totally changed. Coming to the realization that Jesus died for their sins, was buried and rose again the third day has led them to give their lives to Christ and experience a life change that they never believed possible.

Recently, I was reading about a missionary working in the jungles of the Philippines tell how he was at a Christian conference where he saw a group of men talking animatedly. He writes, "As I watched them, I realized something: some of the men had holes in their ears. Some had one hole and others had two. These men were former headhunters and one hole meant that person had cut off the head of one man; two holes meant two heads.

"Those men, now active Christians, were former headhunters! Before they became believers, you wouldn't have wanted to meet them on a dark jungle path!"

But their worlds were completely changed because of that weekend.

May it change your world and mine, too.

Henry Ozirney

letter to the editor

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Crow and magpie hung, long-standing wildlife management practice

Crops get "harvested." Animals are killed. It appears there is no moral dilemma that can't be solved with a good euphemism and the Woodlands Wildlife Association's description of their crow and magpie shoot is a case in point. It is disturbing that they describe their event, where countless sentient beings will be killed and maimed, as being

"fun" and "family friendly." There is a well-documented link between the abuse of animals and violence towards humans. It is 2025 and time to demonstrate to children that conflict can be "managed" using peaceful coexistence and compassionate conservation strategies. This "long-time event," like all wildlife killing contests needs to be relegated to the dust bin of history where it belongs.

- Debbie Wall

Winnipeg

Editor's note: Crows and magpies are intelligent birds, but in many rural communities, they're also considered pests. These birds often prey on the eggs and chicks of songbirds

and game birds, and they can be especially hard on newly hatched waterfowl. In some areas, they've also been known to damage crops or harass livestock.

Organized hunts are one way communities try to keep crow and magpie numbers in check, especially in the spring when nesting birds are at their most vulnerable. It's not just about population control — it's also about protecting other bird species and supporting local conservation efforts.

While not everyone agrees with the method, these hunts are typically legal under provincial regulations and are part of long-standing rural wildlife management practices.

Don't let this happen

To the editor:

I was distressed to read in the April 3, 2025, edition of the *Stonewall Teulon Tribune* that the Town of Stonewall would even consider using our local tall grass prairie preserve as a site for a new fire hall.

All of us — politicians not exempted — are prone to making short-term, expedient decisions. Please, may that not happen in this case.

We are deeply indebted to Ruby

Roe, John Morgan, members of the REACT group, and earlier town officials and citizens who had the foresight to protect even this small remnant of original prairie habitat. To lose it would be a dishonour to their work, to future generations of townfolk and, if I may say so, to the Creator.

The article was well-balanced in that it named a number of significant features in Stonewall that give this town its character — very much including these two acres west of the hospital. If this natural habitat is

used for another purpose, something of the special character of Stonewall and our wider prairie heritage will be lost forever.

May our council continue to have the foresight to treasure, maintain and preserve this little patch of original prairie. No doubt there is a real need for a new fire hall, but the article clearly states there are several sites under consideration. May the Ruby Roe Tall Grass Prairie be the first to be struck from that list.

- Ted Hicks

Stonewall

Stonewall council OKs cannabis shop request from Flamingo Vape

By Jennifer McFee

Stonewall council is considering a request from Flamingo Vape Shop to set up an age-restricted cannabis retail store in town.

The proposed shop would be located at Unit 3-493 4th St. East, which is part of the existing commercial building with businesses including Subway and Pizza Hut. Red River Co-op Gas Bar is to the north and Stonewall Foods is to the west. The land is vacant to the south and the east.

Flamingo Vape Shop launched in 2014 and initially started off as an age-restricted vape shop in Winnipeg specializing in electronic cigarettes.

In 2021, the business converted to sell age-restricted cannabis after obtaining the necessary licences.

Today, the business operates seven Manitoba-based cannabis retail locations in Winnipeg, Steinbach and Winkler. In 2024, they also opened their first age-restricted vape shop and cannabis shop in Calgary.

This year, they're looking to expand into three new strategic locations in Manitoba, starting with Stonewall. They also hope to expand further in Alberta.

The plan is to operate the Stonewall shop Monday to Friday from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. They intend to have two people working together for most of the day.

The applicant's letter of intent states that over the past 10 years, Flamingo has become an industry leader in the age-restricted retail space while following municipal, provincial and federal laws and regulations.

"Our intentions with expanding into

the community of Stonewall is to continue providing exceptional customer service and product selection for customers over the age of 19 living in Stonewall and the surrounding regions," states the letter.

"Our commitment is to continue serving the good people of Manitoba with respect and honesty as we have all these years. The team at this location will be hired from Stonewall and surrounding areas as well as receive support and training from existing supervisors and very hands-on district management team."

Non-medical cannabis was legalized in Canada in October 2018. Businesses looking to open a new retail cannabis store need to obtain a cannabis store retailer agreement with Manitoba Liquor and Lotteries, as well as licensing from the Liquor, Gaming and Cannabis Authority of Manitoba. The federal government also shares responsibility for regulating non-medical cannabis products, packaging and advertising.

In December 2018, Stonewall council conditionally approved the opening and conditional use of a different cannabis retail store in units 2 and 3 of 493 4th St. East, but the store never opened.

The South Interlake Planning District had no significant concerns with the proposal. Council approved the request.

Expanding public transit for rural communities

The Government of Canada recently shared a news release indicating that increased transit services are coming to Manitoba thanks to a \$3.9-million federal investment.

Funding will support the purchase of two electric buses, six charging platforms, 12 chargers and garage upgrades in the Interlake region. These upgrades will ensure door-to-door transportation services for seniors and individuals with mobility challenges, improving accessibility and service reliability.

Teulon, Rockwood and Woodlands will also benefit from funding to purchase a new mini-bus and an accessible van to replace aging vehicles. These upgrades will ensure the continued delivery of safe and reliable transit services, while enhancing accessibility and sustainability in the region.

"The Town of Stonewall and its Stonewall and Area Mobility Service (SAMS) partners were thrilled to receive this funding and are deeply grateful for the support from the federal government," said Coun. Walter Badger in the re-

lease.

"The investment in electric vehicles and charging infrastructure will not only enable us to bolster and expand SAMS but also improve accessibility and sustainability for our residents and neighbouring communities. This funding will make a significant difference in helping us to continue providing reliable, door-to-door transportation for those who need it most in the Interlake district."

Cherise Griffin, chair of the Teulon and District Handivan Service, said this Rural Transit Solutions Funding has allowed the local service to replace two of its aging vehicles. This allows them to stay on the road, transporting individuals who are mobility disadvantaged, including seniors and people with various disabilities in Teulon and surrounding areas.

"This funding is vital for many handivan services throughout Canada to be able to replace aging vehicles," Griffin said in the news release, "and we are grateful for the federal government's dedication towards the multiple intakes they have offered through the Rural Transit Solution Fund."

She added that they recently submitted another application to the Rural Transit Solutions Fund for an additional large handivan to add to the fleet.

IN OTHER COUNCIL NEWS:

- The Town of Stonewall is approved to receive provincial funding up to \$136,500 for the Quarry Park accessibility additions and enhancements project. The funding falls under the Manitoba Growth, Renewal and Opportunities for Municipalities program through the Department of Municipal and Northern Relations.

- The Town of Stonewall will also receive a final \$15,000 operating grant for the 2024 Mobility Disadvantaged Transportation Program through the provincial government. The operating grant is determined on the basis of 37.5 per cent of eligible gross operating costs to a maximum of \$20,000 for communities operating one paratransit (handivan) vehicle, and \$30,000 for communities operating more than one vehicle. An interim payment was provided earlier this fiscal year.

- The 2024 public water system report is now available on the Town of Stonewall's website at www.stonewall.ca. All Manitoba communities with more than 1,000 people need to produce an annual report about the operation of their water system. In 2024, there were two boil water advisories due to a loss of water pressure in a portion of the distribution system. In addition, scheduled maintenance led to boil water advisories on four more occasions. A small rate adjustment took place in 2024. The 2023 rate was \$1.83 per cubic metre, and the 2024 rate was \$1.89 per cubic metre.

- The Town of Stonewall is providing the Quarry Days committee with a letter of support for its application to the Manitoba Community Festivals and Events Program.

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Al-Anon and AA Meetings Information

Balmoral Al-Anon Family Group
Balmoral Community Hall basement
6003 E MB-236, Balmoral, MB
Contact: (204) 470-8972
Meets every Wednesday 7-8 PM
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Selkirk Red River Al-Anon Family Group
Christ Church Anglican
227 McLean St., Selkirk, MB
Contact: (204) 482-6287
Meets every Monday 7-8 PM

Teulon AA
Christian Education Building
3rd Ave. SE, Teulon, MB
Contact: (204) 461-0155
Meets every Tuesday 8-9 PM

Stonewall AA
Parochial Hall
291 1st St. W., Stonewall, MB
Contact Denis: (204) 981-7747
Donna (204) 461-0892
Meets every Sunday 7:30-8:30 PM

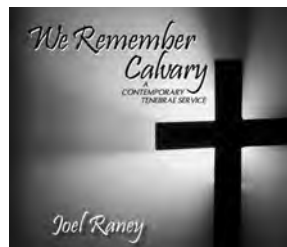
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> CLOSING, FROM PG. 4

"I was scared. I had no one to talk to about this, so I decided to keep this private and not tell anyone except my family and dear friend Sigi, who had recently received her real estate licence and worked for me in the resort areas. I had business commitments, so I soldiered on until I was told I would have to undergo chemotherapy. During that time, I would lay low for three to four days after treatment and look after business when I felt better."

Eventually people did find out, but by that time Claudette was in recovery.

"Thank goodness things are so different today," she said. "Years later, my mother passed away as a result of breast cancer and the Liliane Baron South Interlake Breast Cancer Support Group was formed in her memory. Sometimes we go through these challenges so we can help others on their journey."

In 1998, Claudette's daughter Cherise shared the exciting news that she wanted to join the family business as the third generation. However, it was not to be.

"In 2001 on her way to an appointment, she was involved in a very serious car accident. Unfortunately, her life and our lives changed forever. Our wonderful, strong and determined daughter is now a quadriplegic. That was 24 years ago. She has gone on to be an inspiration to others and continues to serve her community. If she can't do a task one way, she'll find another way to do it," Claudette said.

"When the accident happened, she was six months pregnant and her year-and-a-half daughter Desiree was also in the car and was not injured. Cherise was in the Health Sciences Centre for 10 months and miraculously delivered her healthy son Dominic two months after the accident. We were blessed — we still had our daughter and grandchildren. The story goes on and is still ongoing. I'm always encouraging Cherise to write a book."

Reflecting on the harrowing time, Claudette expressed gratitude to her other daughter Angele and her husband Scott Skinner for all of their support.

"The accident happened one week after their wedding and they were on their honeymoon when they were notified. They got a police escort all the way from B.C. to be with Cherise. Angele is a physiotherapist and I remember her saying that we had to pray that Cherise would regain the movement of her wrist. If she could move her wrist, she'd be able to feed herself. Our prayers were answered," Claudette said.

"Once Cherise was told she could leave the hospital, there was no accessible house for her to go to. Angele and Scott took her and Baby Dominic into their home and looked after them for months. We are eternally grateful. During this time, and with Roger's help, we still managed the business. He scheduled my appointments so I could be there for Cherise. When I look back, I don't know how I could have done this for 10 months without the support of everyone involved."

Then suddenly in 2020, Roger passed away and Claudette found herself dealing with another difficult transition.

"I was on my own — no one to bounce my ideas around to and discuss business with," she said.

Yet she still had support close at hand. Judi McQueen, assistant extraordinary, has been with Claudette through everything in the last seven years.

"Judi came in a couple of years before Roger passed away, and she says she learned through osmosis listening to him explain why things had to be done a certain way," she said. "She's been there for me through all the ups and downs, including taking control of things when I was unable."

Looking back, Claudette is filled with gratitude for her fulfilling career.

"I had an exciting vision for this little business located in my hometown and was very proud to show newcomers all the amenities and services that Teulon had to offer. I continued to have goals and to learn ways I could give my clients and customers the very best real estate experience they could have," she said.

"Every time I got into my car, I listened to what would be similar to podcasts today on practices I could develop to help make this happen. I loved implementing what I had learned. Without the help of the support staff that helped me throughout the years, there's no way I could have realized my vision."

Over the decades, the successful business hinged on perseverance and hard work — and Claudette looks back fondly on many warm memories.

"Roger and I were married for 51 years and were able to work together," she said.

"That is a highlight we were blessed with. When asked how we did it, I believe we complimented each other's strength and only overlapped when we needed to."

Claudette also felt honoured when she was asked to serve on the Winnipeg Regional Real Estate Board.

"This was an wonderful experience that I'll always treasure. I also went on to be recognized by the Winnipeg Regional Real Estate Board multiple

times for outstanding sales achievement," she said.

"Another highlight was when the Women Business Owners of Manitoba awarded me with the Woman Entrepreneur of the Year in the Lifetime Achievement category."

In addition, she's thankful for the honour of working with many amazing people over her 40-year career.

"I want to express my deepest gratitude for your loyalty and support. Your patronage has meant the world to me, and I have cherished every moment of serving you," she said.

"My journey has been filled with countless memories, and I am incredibly thankful for the trust and confidence you have placed in me."

With retirement soon approaching, Claudette is in the midst of another phase of transition with plans to continue travelling the world.

"I will be retiring at the end of April and the beautiful building we built will be sold or rented," she said.

"There's so much to see and experience. I've never had the time to pursue many hobbies, but I do love flower gardens and look forward to learning the 'how to' of gardening, including keeping those darn deer away from my plants."

At the same time, she plans to make health and wellness a priority.

"I think we all know our health is our most important asset and now I will have the time to exercise and prepare healthy meals on a regular basis. I also enjoy entertaining and plan to do more of that and just have fun — maybe I'll even take up golf," she said.

"Retirement is not the end of the road," she said. "It's the beginning of the open highway!"

> VAPE, FROM PG. 8

- The town will purchase an eighth-page ad in the Courageous Companions Canada's Courageous K9 magazine for \$419 plus tax. The organization trains and certifies service dogs for veterans and first responders across the country.

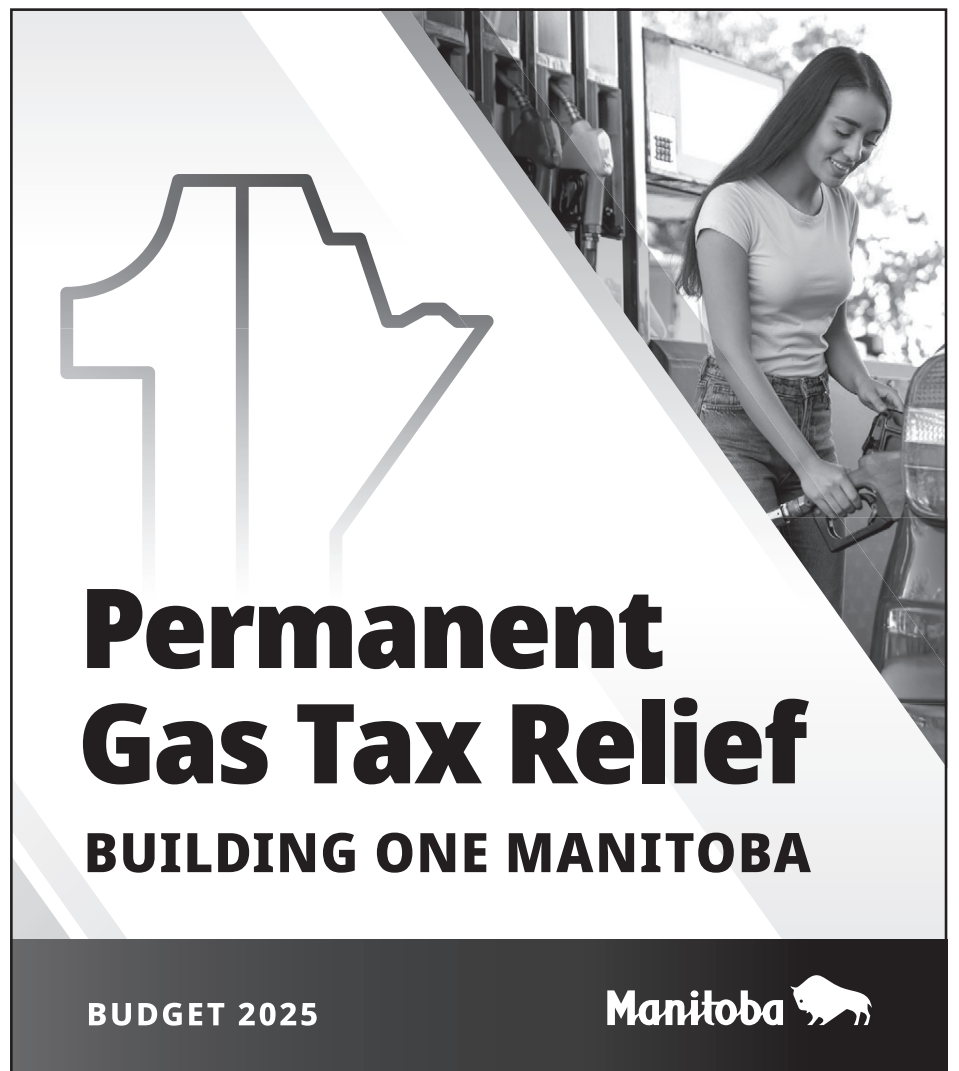
- Council provided amended conditional approval for a subdivision request from Global Homes Ltd.

- Council accepted a \$592,082.40 bid from Bayview Construction for Limestone Bay road

upgrades and the 3rd Avenue North sidewalk extension.

- The Town of Stonewall will hold a public hearing to present the 2025 financial plan on Wednesday, April 23 at 6:30 p.m. in the council chambers at town hall. More information is available on the Town of Stonewall website at www.stonewall.ca.


- The Town of Stonewall will raise the Terry Fox flag at town hall on Friday, April 11 at 2 p.m. in honour of the 45th anniversary of the Marathon of Hope. All are welcome.



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Improved transportation for isolated seniors gets funding boost

By Joie Van Dongen

What began as a spark of an idea to improve transportation for isolated seniors has turned into a generous grant awarded in December 2024 by Age Friendly Manitoba 2.0.

Leading the application process—and now the rollout of the grant funds—is Age Friendly Stonewall/RM of Rockwood.

Other collaborating service groups include: South Interlake 55 Plus Seniors Centre, South Interlake Seniors Resource Council (SISRC), Stonewall and Area Mobility Services (SAMS) and Nav-CARE.

Our objective: Together, we will ensure that SAMS transportation and SISRC volunteer driver services continue to be reliable. Through the coordination of senior excursions within the catchment area, we will encourage seniors and others who may be lonely or socially isolated to come together via reliable, accessible transportation to participate in social and educational activities and events.

The grant aligns with the Social Prescribing initiative by connecting people to community-based supports, services and programs that can assist with improving their health and well-being.

Each of the collaborating service groups offers unique supports to individuals in the southwest Interlake.

Age Friendly Stonewall/RM of Rockwood is an initiative that encourages active aging to enhance quality of life as people age. The initiative aims to meet the needs of seniors in Manitoba by encouraging communities to consider seniors' needs, including healthy living, community engagement and safety. Phone: 204-461-1699

South Interlake 55 Plus Seniors Centre is a

non-profit charitable organization with a mission to encourage all older adults to improve their quality of life by providing educational, recreational, health and social opportunities. Phone: 204-467-2582

South Interlake Seniors Resource Council (SISRC) is a non-profit charitable organization that assists seniors and people with disabilities who live in Stonewall and parts of the RMs of Rosser, Rockwood and Woodlands. The goal is to help them continue living independently and with dignity in their own homes for as long as possible. Trained volunteers assist with transportation, home visits, housecleaning, short-term mobility equipment loans, access to a lifeline program and resource information. Phone: 204-467-2719

Stonewall and Area Mobility Services (SAMS) provides door-to-door transportation to seniors and people with mobility concerns who live in the RMs of Rockwood (south half), Rosser, Woodlands, and the Town of Stonewall. Service is available to individuals with various impairments and disabilities. Phone: 204-467-9446

Nav-CARE is a newer program in the region, sponsored and supported by the South West District Palliative Care Board, a long-established non-profit organization. Nav-CARE is a Compassionate Community Program offering volunteer support to people of any age who may be experiencing loss, loneliness, a chronic health condition or declining health. Support is social in nature, focused on improving quality of life and helping individuals navigate available resources. The goal is to provide early support that helps people live in their homes longer. Phone: 204-404-3030

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transportation program will be held at 11 a.m. on May 9: the Let No One Be Alone tea party. Transportation assistance can be arranged for those wishing to attend.

The initiative aims to serve the community by providing enhanced transportation for upcoming events hosted by various groups.

Individuals who are interested in attending an event or activity but are facing transportation challenges are encouraged to reach out for assistance.

Inwood charity seeks temporary storage after receiving major donation

By Annaliese Meier

A grassroots women's charity in Inwood is looking for a temporary climate-controlled space after receiving a major donation of feminine hygiene products and new clothing.

Madeline's Closet, which provides free clothing and household items to women and children, is seeking a space roughly 100 by 50 feet in size for one to two months. The organization says it needs the space to store 300 cases of feminine hygiene products and a large shipment of new clothing from Ricki's and Cleo.

According to Shannon Dupont of Madeline's Closet there is lots of new clothing coming, from the announcement that Cleo and Ricki's won't be keeping their doors open much longer. The space that is required can be anything from a heated shop to a spare room or basement, as long as it's located within the local area and offers consistent climate control to preserve the donated items.

"More than 95 per cent of what we offer is new," said Dupont. "This donation of clothing and hygiene is a bless-

ing — now we just need help finding space to store it."

Madeline's Closet has been operating out of four rooms on Main Street in Inwood for 16 years. It currently serves approximately 1,500 people monthly at its Inwood location and another 500 through its Winnipeg partner. The Inwood location has been open for four years, while the charity has been operation for 16 years.

The charity, which is mostly volunteer-run, networks with more than 20 stores for donations, though that number will drop to 12 with the closure of Ricki's and Cleo. Items are sorted, repaired if needed, and made available to clients at no cost — with no judgment or financial background checks. In addition to clothing and household supplies, Madeline's Closet runs a "Presents for Parents" holiday program that lets local children choose and wrap gifts for their caregivers, free of charge. To date, more than 600,000 people have used the service.

Donations are accepted by e-transfer at madelinesclosetinc@gmail.com, and the charity issues tax receipts. More information www.madelinescloset.ca.

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Teulon moves ahead with proposed walking path near elementary school

Teulon council news in brief

By Jennifer McFee

Things are moving forward one step at a time for a proposed walking path in Teulon.

The CAO is signing an agreement with the provincial department of Transportation and Infrastructure in regards to a proposed walking path along Provincial Trunk Highway 17 from First Street NW to First Street NE near Teulon Elementary School.

The mayor and CAO will also sign an agreement on behalf of the town with Coun. Kirt Ansell and Coun. Glenn Kletke for the walking path construction project.

- Council awarded the 2025 flower tender to Whispering Oaks Greenhouse for \$5,946 plus tax.

- Mayor Todd Campbell and CAO Chris Yuen are authorized to attend the Association of Manitoba Municipalities (AMM) meeting for mayors, reeves and CAOs in Winnipeg on April 14. In addition, the mayor, council and CAO are authorized to attend the AMM convention in Winnipeg on April 15 and 16. They're also authorized to attend the AMM education workshop on conflict resolution

for councils on April 14. Expenses will be paid.

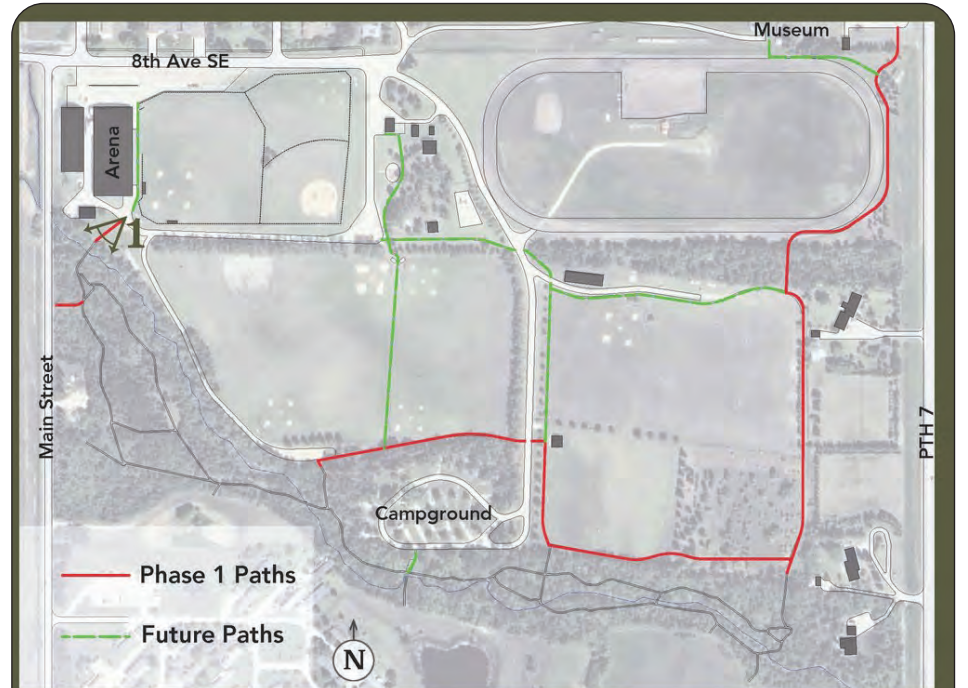
- Council proclaimed March 26 as Purple Day for the Town of Teulon. This global effort aims to raise worldwide awareness about epilepsy in an effort to increase understanding, reduce stigma and improve the quality of life for people with epilepsy.

- Council gave second reading to an amended bylaw to establish utility rates. The annual transfer to the utility reserve will be reduced by about \$4,600 to account for a decrease in billing revenues.

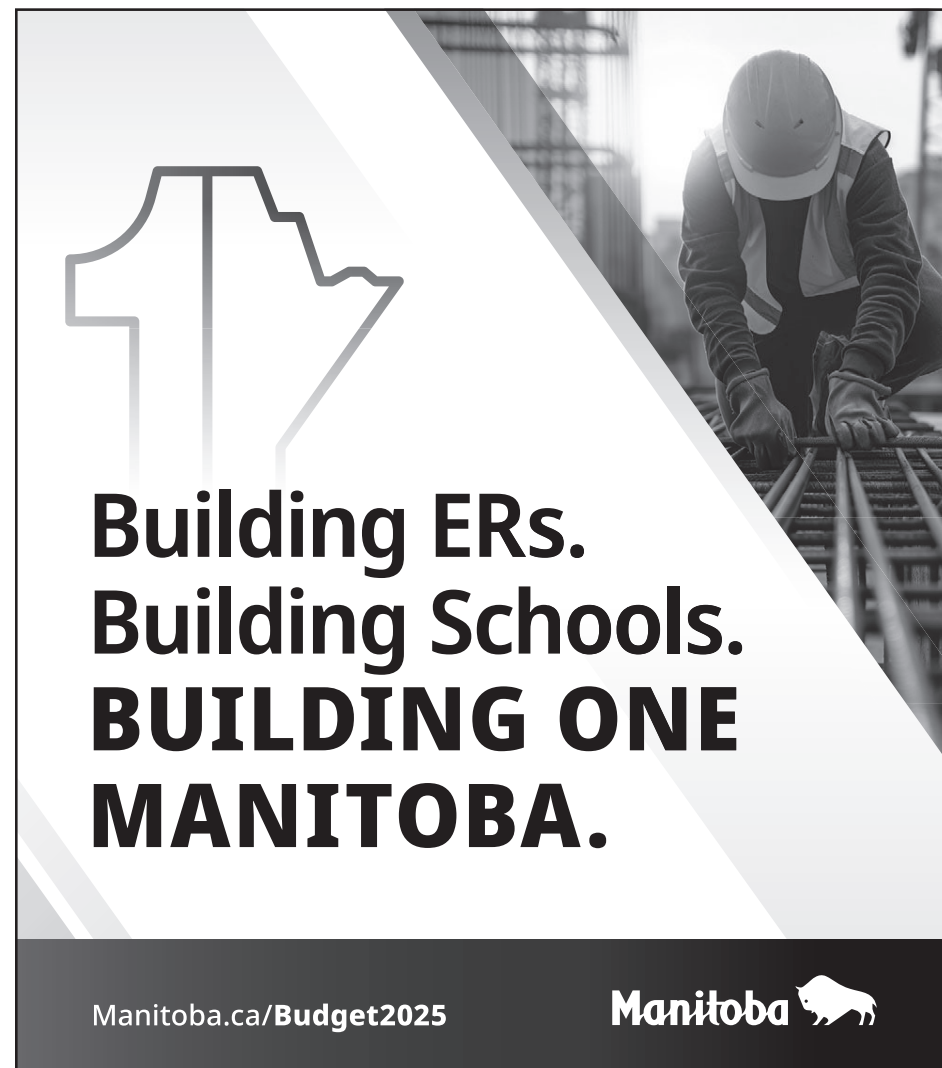
- Council approved five free skating days for Teulon Elementary School in the 2025-26 school year between November and March. In addition, council approved free access to the Teulon-Rockwood Centennial Centre for Teulon Elementary School from Dec. 15 to 18 for the school's annual Christmas concert.

- Council agreed to sponsor half of the rental costs for the Teulon-Rockwood Centennial Centre on April 12 for a Teulon and District Métis Association fundraiser. The event aims to raise funds to promote Métis culture in the community.

- The chief administrative officer will receive a three per cent pay increase for 2025, effective Jan. 1.




- Phase 1 adds approximately 1.2km of new pathways to improve circulation
- Addition of new and improved signage with additional benches
- New pathway provides connections Main St. & Teulon Museum
- New trailhead and signage at Town of Teulon Castle sign
- Future phases to extend and complete trail network & walking loops
- Phase 1 to be completed summer 2025 with future phases to be complete



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Teulon Rockwood Firefighters' Ball a sold-out celebration of service

By Lana Meier

The Teulon Rockwood Fire Rescue's 2025 Firefighters' Ball was once again a sold-out affair last Saturday — and not without a little excitement.

As tradition would have it, just as guests were getting ready to arrive, the firefighters' emergency pagers went off, sending the crew racing to a call. Fortunately, no one was seriously hurt at the scene. In their absence, family members, including spouses, adult children and community volunteers, stepped in to keep the evening running smoothly.

After a quick cleanup, the firefighters returned and got back to work — this time in the kitchen. As is customary, the turkey dinner with all the fixings was prepared and served by the department's own members.

Danny Hutchison welcomed the crowd, while Bert Campbell, representing the Teulon Tractor Pull, presented a \$1,000 donation to the department in appreciation for TRFR's volunteer fire watch during last summer's event.

Several firefighters were recognized for their long service. Scott Skinner and Danny Hutchison were each

honoured for 20 years, while Chris Dawson received the Office of the Fire Commissioner's 30-year service award. Tyler Wilton was also recognized with a 20-year OFC award.

In a poignant moment, Scott Skinner and Robin Chestnut accepted a 20-year OFC service award on behalf of the late Lyle Crowe.

Glenn Marmonier, who retired after 30 years of service, received a standing ovation from the packed house.

A slideshow presentation broke down the department's 66 emergency calls in the past year — with the majority involving motor vehicle incidents.

Local country band Ryes & Shine kept the party going with live music to cap off the night.

Throughout the evening, guests had the chance to win a variety of raffle prizes, including a crowd-favourite wheelbarrow of alcohol, several grand prizes and a full slate of silent auction items.

The department extended thanks to Charison's Hatchery for donating the turkeys and Willis Agro for their wine donation, along with a number of other businesses for their donations.



TRIBUNE PHOTOS BY LANA MEIER AND BRETT MITCHELL
Local band Ryes & Shine provided the entertainment for the Teulon Firefighters Ball last Saturday.



Stonewall student wins national French essay contest

By Jennifer McFee

Félicitations!
Congratulations are in order for a local teen who earned an award in a French language essay contest.

Elia Grosselle, a Grade 12 French immersion student at Collège Stonewall Collegiate, won a \$3,000 scholarship through the French for the Future National Essay Competition.

The national essay contest is open to students across Canada in grades 10, 11 and 12, who have a chance to win one of 102 scholarships to continue their studies after high school completely or partially in French in one of 16 partner institutions.

This year, the contest drew a record-breaking 870 entries, including 347 submissions in Elia's category.

Participants wrote a 750-word essay on the theme "Qu'est-ce qui fait un bon ami ou une bonne amie?" or "What makes a good friend?"

"I wrote about how friends shape the person we are and how all the friendships we make along the course of our life leave an important and unique mark on the person we become," said Elia, who lives in Rosser.

She originally heard about the essay contest through her teachers and as well at the university and college fair at Collège Stonewall Collegiate.

"Since a student last year participated and had also won, I thought it would be super cool if someone from Stonewall won again. I really liked the topic of the essay as well and how personal you could make it. On top of that, \$3,000 will be super helpful for my post-secondary studies," said Elia, who was home sick when she found out she had won — and the



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Elia Grosselle, a Rosser resident and Grade 12 French immersion student at Collège Stonewall Collegiate, won a \$3,000 scholarship through the French for the Future National Essay Competition.

good news helped to make her feel a little better.

"I will be studying at Université de Saint-Boniface next year as well as playing on the women's soccer and futsal team. I am going to go into the general science program as my first step towards a later goal of studying medicine."

For Elia, she enjoys learning French because it improves communication with her family, since her mom's side of the family is French.

"Studying in French will also open so many doors and give me so many opportunities in the future," she said. "Furthermore, studying in French at Université de Saint-Boniface not only gives me the opportunity to continue playing soccer while in university, it

also could allow me to get into medical school programs without needing to write the MCAT exam."

As for the French essay contest, she recommends that other students give

it a try.

"I would encourage anyone considering to participate to put in the time and effort to do it because it is totally worth it."

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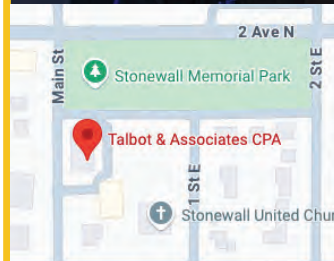
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The town entrance sign in Stonewall is illuminated with purple lights in honour of Epilepsy Awareness Month. March is Epilepsy Awareness Month in Canada, a time to raise awareness, challenge myths, and dismantle the stigma surrounding epilepsy, with March 26th designated as Purple Day, a day to wear purple and show support.

Seeds of hope: Community rallies behind farmers' mission to end hunger

By Annaliese Meier

A trio of Stonewall-area farmers surpassed their fundraising goal at the inaugural Rock Solid Growing Project in support of the Canadian Foodgrains Bank's global hunger relief efforts.

The event, hosted by Stonewall farmers Andrew Harris, Nick Matheson and Nathan Tollenaar, raised more than \$9,500 — well beyond their initial goal of \$7,000 — with donations still coming in. The trio says the funds will help cover the costs of the upcoming growing season, including seeds, supplies and equipment. All proceeds from the project go to CFGB and are matched 4:1 by the federal government, up to \$25 million annually.

"We're extremely thankful and grateful for the generosity of our community," said Matheson. "With the money raised, we now have the working capital to grow a crop this year — and any extra will be added to the grain sales, which are also donated to CFGB."

Roughly 120 attendees gathered to hear about the Rock Solid project's efforts to combat global hunger. The project supports CFGB's Tearfund, which trains farmers in developing countries on low-cost, sustainable agriculture practices.

The evening featured performances by the Ecco Choir, which sang five songs — with Matheson joining them on guitar for the finale — and remarks from several speakers, including Harris, Matheson and Tollenaar, who shared the history and future



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY BETHANY HARRIS

Members of the Ecco Singers perform during the Rock Solid Growing Project fundraiser near Stonewall, Man., in support of the Canadian Foodgrains Bank. The April 5 event raised more than \$9,500 for global hunger relief.

plans of their initiative.

Dan and Hertha Penner, Manitoba farmers who travelled to Malawi with CFGB in 2023, spoke about their experiences on the ground and the long-term impact of sustainable farming education. Dale Friesen, CFGB's Manitoba representative, also addressed the crowd, outlining the organization's efforts around the globe.

In the past year alone, CFGB supported 123 projects in 35 countries with \$18.8 million in funding. It works in partnership with 15 church-based agencies to address food insecurity, support sustainable agriculture, and

provide emergency food aid.

"Canadians are working together to end world hunger," said Friesen. "These are real people with real needs, and it's unacceptable that they go hungry. Every community that contributes to a project like this is part of the solution."

The Rock Solid Growing Project began in 2019 near Balmoral and moved to its current 45-acre site south of Stonewall in 2021. The three farmers volunteer their time, equipment and land to plant and harvest a crop each year, with 100 per cent of proceeds going to CFGB.

For more information or to get involved with CFGB, contact Nick Matheson at 204-461-0706. Donations are still being accepted.



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Spring fashion show April 12 returns to support CLI programs

By Lana Meier

Community Living Interlake is getting ready to strut its stuff at the annual Spring Fashion Show, set for Saturday, April 12 at the Quarry Park Heritage Arts Centre.

Two shows are planned for the day, with proceeds supporting programs for individuals with developmental disabilities. The first event, a Tea Time Matinee, begins at 2 p.m., with doors opening at 1 p.m. Guests arriving early will be treated to a performance by the Young Magicians of Manitoba.

The evening show begins at 7 p.m., with doors opening at 6. Between the runway action and entertainment, guests can enjoy refreshments prepared by CLI volunteer Jacquie Derewianchuk, as well as treats from Something Beautiful. Good Neighbour Brewing Co. will also be on hand, offering product samples, items for sale and a presentation before intermission.

A silent auction and 50/50 draw will be running during both shows, and fashion lovers can explore clothing samples from Swimwear Express on-site. Items from several retailers will also be available for purchase online, including Something Beautiful, Red Apple – Stonewall, Packers – Selkirk and Sunday Grey, a locally owned online store by Tegan Pluchinske. Sunday Grey will have an iPad at the show to help guests place orders.

Models for both shows will be friends and family of CLI.

Tickets for the matinee are \$25 for adults and \$12 for children under 12. Evening show tickets are \$35. All tickets are available at Something Beautiful Café or online at stonewallsomethingbeautiful.com.

Every dollar raised goes directly toward supporting individuals who receive services from Community Living Interlake.

Manitoba's Education minister announces new bills

By E Antonio

On March 6, during the Manitoba legislative spring session, Tracy Schmidt, the Minister of Education and Early Childhood Learning, introduced three new education bills. If passed, these bills will amend the Public Schools Act.

One of the most significant changes is the removal of the requirement to play "God Save the King" and recite the Lord's Prayer in classrooms. Although this requirement was first registered as a bill in 1988, it has never been enforced. Furthermore, the Manitoba Court of Queen's Bench declared the recitation unconstitutional, but the rule has not yet been eliminated from the Public Schools Act. In addition to these changes, all public schools will be required to establish a land and treaty acknowledgment.

"Truth and Reconciliation is a guiding principle for our government," said Schmidt. Schools are invited to make their own land and treaty acknowledgment as the government recognizes that every community is unique. "We want local communities to be able to come up with a land and treaty acknowledgment that's

meaningful to their community... It's an important part on our path to Truth and Reconciliation." Schmidt claimed.

During the session, Schmidt also proposed an Indigenous language immersion option for schools. To qualify as an immersion program, at least 50 percent of classroom instruction must be taught in the immersion language. Currently, immersion programs in Manitoba are limited to English and French. While some schools offer bilingual programs with less than 50 percent language instruction, Schmidt proposed that Indigenous languages be offered as immersion programs.

"Proposing to allow for Indigenous language programs is a huge step towards meeting the Truth and Reconciliation Calls for Action," she said. "We think it a great move going forward."

Lastly, it was announced that all schools will be required to offer a free daily nutrition program for students, informally titled "Nello's Law," in honour of former education minister Nello Altomare, who passed away in January.

Under Nello's Law, schools will provide a free breakfast, lunch, or snack program.

"We have known for a long time that if we want to see real improvement in our schools, it starts before the kids get into the classroom."

She noted that schools could customize their nutrition programs to meet the needs of their students, with the government investing \$30 million to support this initiative.

"We have already seen the significant impacts this is having on attendance. Students are showing up ready to learn. We are so proud of our nutrition program and want to protect it."

To protect the nutrition program, the NDP government proposes a clause that would cut the salaries of any future ministers by 20 percent if they attempt to reduce the program.

"We believe that feeding kids in Manitoba is one of the most important principles to improving educational outcome of students here in Manitoba... and we believe that every child matters and that every child should have access to food and nutrition in their schools."

Donald Nikkel, vice-superintendent

of Lakeshore School Division, commented on the recent amendments to the Public Schools Act. He noted that no schools within the division play "God Save the King" or recite the Lord's Prayer. He also mentioned that Alf Cuthbert School and Ashern Early Years have implemented an Anishinabemowin program for two years, and he has already seen its benefits.

"Looking at the impact the language program has had, I think it is a great idea. It creates an opportunity to learn about the culture and history of our communities creating a better understanding of the world around us."

Nikkel has also observed the benefits of the free nutrition program, which is in place at all schools in the Lakeshore School Division.

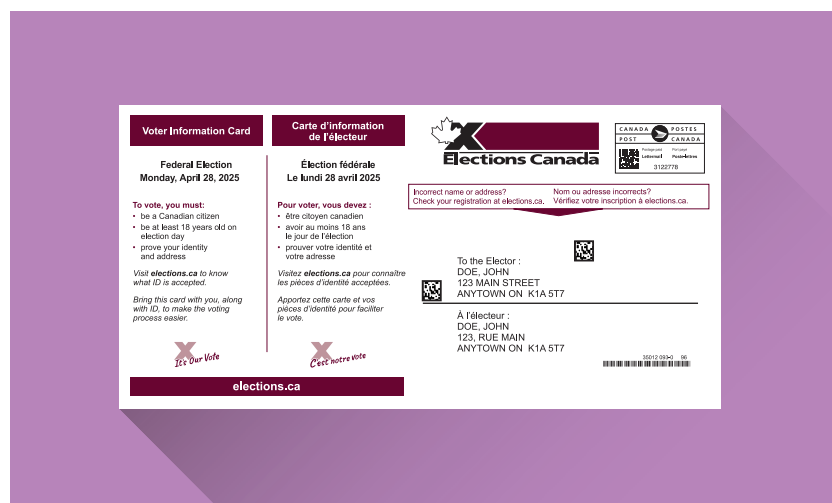
"When students come to school hungry, they are not ready to learn. When students have full bellies, they are able to focus and engage with classroom activities."

He expressed his appreciation for the increased funding, noting that it has made these programs more accessible in schools.

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85th anniversary draws big crowd to Leo's Sales and Service open house



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A long-running family business in Rosser welcomed generations of local farmers during its annual open house on Friday.

Leo's Sales and Service is operated by the Grandmont family hosted a packed crowd for the April 4 event. Guests were treated to pork on a bun, beans and potato salad as they explored the latest in farming equipment.

The business, is the only independently owned Case IH farm implement dealership in Manitoba located along PTH 101, and has been serving Manitoba's agricultural community for 85 years.

Along with showcasing new machinery and spring specials, the event was also a chance for farmers to connect, catch up and visit with friends after a long winter.



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Get to know your federal election candidates

By Jennifer McFee

The 45th federal general election is fast approaching on Monday, April 28. Do you know who your candidates are?

As of Monday, April 7, four candidates are in the running in the Selkirk-Interlake-Eastman riding: incumbent James Bezan for the Conservative Party of Canada, Byron Gryba for the People's Party of Canada, Wayne James of the Green Party of Canada, Rhonda Nickel for the Liberal Party of Canada and Chris Riddell for the United Party of Canada. In the Winnipeg West riding, which now includes the RM of Rosser, three candidates are in the running: Dennis Bayomi for the Green Party of Canada, Doug Eyolfson for the Liberal Party of Canada and incumbent Marty Morantz for the Conservative Party of Canada.

For all ridings, the complete confirmed candidate list will be available on Wednesday, April 9 on www.elections.ca.

To help voters learn more about your candidates and their views, the Stonewall and District Chamber of Commerce will host an elections forum for the Selkirk-Interlake-Eastman riding on Tuesday, April 15 at 7 p.m. in the Stonewall legion clubroom.

The Assiniboia Chamber of Commerce will host an all-candidates debate for the West Winnipeg riding on Monday, April 14 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. The event will take place at the Holiday Inn Winnipeg Airport West (2520 Portage Ave.). It's free to attend, but registration is required due to limited seating. The event will

Old time dancers welcomed at Matlock Hall on April 23

By Tiago Resko

Local music has a way of bringing communities together, and few know that better than Selkirk's Edward Chrapchynski.

At 74, he's not just strumming the guitar or pulling on fiddle strings; he's orchestrating change for his community.

With the windows leaking, the floors torn up, the bathrooms outdated, and the kitchen cabinets falling apart, something had to be done to save the Holy Eucharist Parish Hall.

Chrapchynski was president of the board for the hall at the time, and feared if repairs weren't made, the hall's lively spirit would be silenced forever.

In 2011, Chrapchynski started doing monthly shows playing old time music for seniors with his band – It's Group Four – to raise money to renovate the hall.

After playing shows for three years, the band raised \$8,500, and helped the Holy Eucharist Parish Hall with the purchase of 200 chairs, 35 tables, new flooring, windows, and renovations to the kitchen and bathrooms.

What started as monthly shows for seniors has blossomed and continued into a decade-long endeavor, raising over \$14,000 for various organizations.

Chrapchynski and his It's Group Four band are currently planning their next fundraiser from 1- 5 p.m. on April 23 at the Matlock Hall. The afternoon will include live music and lunch and a 50/50 draw. This is his first fundraiser since COVID-19 shut him down.

"I'm starting all over again with zero dollars. My wife and I are putting out \$2,000 to get this thing started" said Chrapchynski.

He said costs include \$50 an hour for renting the hall, \$175 for the damage deposit, and \$150 for cleaning.

He says he relies on the seniors, who pay \$20 per person, at the door, to attend with hopes to make his money back and a little for a community organization in need.

This year, Chrapchynski hopes to secure a monetary donation from the government, and plans to invite a Member of Parliament from each party to attend the event.

The donation would allow Chrapchynski to save his personal money and put it towards the next show in May.

Even without the donation, Chrapchynski says he's confident he'll make his money back.

"We're excited to get there and get started, I already have about 80 people that are interested in coming and it's still over a month away," said Chrapchynski.

Once he had finished raising money for the Holy Eucharist Parish Hall in 2014, Chrapchynski moved his next show to the Gordon Howard Senior Centre.

He continued playing monthly with his band and this time – one hundred per cent of the money went back to the Gordon Howard Senior Centre.

"The seniors are the number one priority," said Chrapchynski.

If there is extra money from a previous show, he won't charge the seniors for the next show, instead he uses the



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It's Group Four band including Len Oaskrit (guitar) Zenon Prystapa (drums) Edward Chrapchynski (fiddle) and Steve Ambrose (accordion) will be playing at the Matlock Hall on April 23.

money from his profits instead.

In 2016, Chrapchynski decided to move again to Clandeboye Community Hall, which had better hard wood floors for dancing.

At Clandeboye Community Hall, Chrapchynski and his band raised \$3,500 with \$500 each given to HSC Winnipeg Children's Hospital, and Pellaatt United Firefighters in Ont.

The rest of the money was given back to Clandeboye Community Hall.

"It makes me feel like I'm doing something to give back in my life... growing up there was always someone older than me to help me out," said Chrapchynski.

Chrapchynski has been playing the fiddle and guitar for over 60 years.

He said his father's side of the fam-

ily was very musical and made fiddles, so naturally he took up the instrument at a young age.

He is entirely self-taught and would learn to play and sing songs by ear.

"I copied down the words and pretended I was Hank Williams" said Chrapchynski with a laugh.

Chrapchynski's band, It's Group Four, formed in 1974 and has been performing ever since.

Members have varied throughout the years, but the line up on April 23 will include John Lewitski (accordion) Wayne Wasney (guitar) Brian Houle (drums) and Chrapchynski singing and playing the fiddle.

The band has three shows upcoming for April, May, and June, before taking a break for the summer, with hopes of starting up again in September.

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also be streamed on Facebook Live (@AssiniboiaChamberMB). For more information or to register for the in-person event, visit www.assiniboiachamber.ca.

A couple more candidates also throw their hat in the ring.

In the Winnipeg West riding, Levi Anger of the People's Party of Canada is included on the list of candidates for the Assiniboia Chamber debate, but his name was not yet on the confirmed candidates list on the Elections Canada website at press time.

Advance voting days will take place from April 18 to 21, followed by the election day on Monday, April 28. Registered voters should receive their voter information card in the mail by April 11. Learn more at www.elections.ca or call 1-800-463-6868.



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Syrett saddles up, delivers promising result in sophomore campaign

By Jeremiah Knight

Belle Syrett repeats the same words to herself before each show.

"My dad always told me when I was gonna go ride, he was like, 'Just ride the horse, just ride the horse,' so that's kind of what I channel before I'm gonna do it — 'It's just a horse, you're gonna be fine,'" said Syrett, adding it helps calm her nerves before a big performance.

That calming phrase came in handy again recently, moments before the Stonewall, Man., product debuted in the Eastern College Athletic Conference equestrian championship in Martin, Tenn.

Facing South Dakota State in the quarterfinals, the second-year rider — representing the University of Minnesota Crookston — capped a strong sophomore campaign by leading the Golden Eagles in flat riding (a series of dressage exercises performed on flat ground) with a score of 65.5.

Though the Golden Eagles narrowly lost 11-9, it marked the fifth time Syrett led her team in the flat category. She also paced the squad in the fences discipline — jumps that riders and horses navigate — in three of 10 meets this season.

"I think we all knew what it meant to do well here, because we hadn't won a meet all year, and South Dakota State, we are always very, very close with," said Syrett, who missed last year's conference championship due to a back injury.

"We knew if we were going to do it, it was going to be in the first round. So I think the pressure was on for all of us, and we all just really wanted to do our best."



Belle Syrett with her flat most outstanding player medal from South Dakota State.

The Golden Eagles are an up-and-coming NCAA program, with a 34-rider roster composed mostly of first- and second-year athletes. Syrett was at the forefront of a formative season. Though the team finished winless at 0-11, she expressed optimism for what's to come.

"We had a lot of firsts in program history this year. It was a very instrumental year of us growing and really seeing the results we needed to see to progress," she said.

"The progress we made from last season to this season was huge. We have awards at the end of meets called Most Outstanding Players — we had a record high of those, and we had a lot of record-breaking rides from other girls on the team."

The team element came as an unexpected learning curve for Syrett. In Manitoba, equestrian had always been an individual pursuit. She'd cheer on fellow riders from her barn but never competed in a team format.



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Belle Syrett riding her horse, Bebe, at Auburn University.

That changed when she crossed the border.

"I think it adds a lot more pressure, but at the same time, having a team and the support system we have — we're a 34-girl team and I feel like they're some of my best friends I'll ever find in this world — it's just being able to have those people you practise with all the time, you see in the barn all the time, and then you get to travel with them to show is also such a great experience," Syrett said.

"But at the same time, you never want to let them down."

Syrett certainly held up her end of the bargain. She became the first rider in program history to be named MOP in a flat competition in November and was later honoured as the conference's flat rider of the week.

She also rides for the Golden Eagles in the Intercollegiate Horse Shows Association, where she was the Zone 7, Region 3 champion in both open flat and open fences this season. She earned the Cacchione Cup, awarded

annually to the national high-point rider.

"I was super happy with my season," said Syrett, noting she was grateful to stay healthy and start every competition.

The Quarry Ridge Pony Club alum is majoring in equine business management, with hopes of one day becoming a competitive show jumper and owning a training business.

In the meantime, she's focused on helping the Golden Eagles rise through the ranks.

"I want to be putting out rides that I'm really proud of," she said.

"This format is very challenging, because you get there, you get on the horse, you have a four-minute warm-up, and then you're expected to go in there and put probably one of the best rides you ever could every time you walk into the ring. So I just want to keep putting out consistent scores — scores that I'm proud of — and I just want to be very consistent across the board."

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From redshirt to standout: Ritchie's rise with the X-Men

By Kieran Reimer

It was a breakout season on the football field for St. Francis Xavier University X-Men's Logan Ritchie, but his successful campaign really started back in the gym.

Ritchie, a 21-year-old defensive back from Stonewall, knew he needed to elevate his game to find the success he wanted in his second season with the X-Men.

In his freshman campaign in 2023, Ritchie saw limited action as a redshirt on a Loney Bowl-winning team.

Instead, much of his time was spent in the gym, where he and the rest of the X-Men's non-starters followed a different training regimen.

Working on specific aspects of his game, including speed and strength, Ritchie still found value in not logging game reps.

"Just understanding the concepts of defence and getting stronger every week," said Ritchie, reflecting on his 2023 season. "The guys that weren't playing were on a different training program than the starters, so we were able to get quite a bit stronger, faster, and I think that really benefited later on to this year."

And it did. When the 2024 season kicked off, Ritchie hit the field with purpose. He emerged as an effective DB, recording 22 total tackles, two interceptions and a fumble recovery in eight regular season games.

Last Wednesday, Ritchie was recognized for his breakout campaign at the team's awards ceremony. He and teammate Colin Buffalo both received Iron X Awards, given to the players who best exemplify the team's values in the weight room.

"It's awesome to get recognized for the hard work you put in," said Ritchie. "I'm pretty determined and a hard working man. I try to get what I want all the time and it's been working out pretty good. It's awesome to have but it's not everything — there's a lot of guys that are deserving of this award as well but I was just fortunate enough to get it."

A team-first player, Ritchie entered the 2024 season hoping to fill the shoes of a graduating defensive back.

Now thriving in that role, he says there's still more to accomplish, especially with the team's sights set on redemption after a disappointing playoff exit.

In 2024, the X-Men were eliminated in the AUS semifinals by Saint Mary's University and failed to reach the Vanier Cup semis, where they had competed the previous year.

After falling short of their ultimate goal, Ritchie said the team is already fired up for another shot in 2025.

"We've all been talking about it but we want to become champs again," said Ritchie. "Last year we didn't meet that goal, which was a little disappointing, and I think we're all pretty fired up to get back in the win column again for AUS champions. After that, we'll see how far it takes us into the national games. If we win the Loney Bowl this year, we will play the Quebec league — the RSEQ — in the playoffs. We haven't beat them in a while but that would be an awesome goal to have, is to make it to the next round."

In the meantime, Ritchie is finishing the school year at St. FX before return-



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St. Francis Xavier University X-Men's Logan Ritchie had a breakout season in 2024, registering 22 total tackles, two interceptions, and a fumble recovery in eight regular season games.

ing to Manitoba for the summer.

But his training won't stop. He plans to lift four times a week and spend the remaining days on the field working on position-specific drills and speed work.

Being a hard-working player is what helped Ritchie reach the university level in the first place.

After playing high school football at Oak Park in Winnipeg, he didn't head straight to the X-Men. Instead, he took a different path, spending two seasons with the Kamloops Broncos of the Canadian Junior Football League.

There, he got his first taste of competing against older players right out

of high school.

"A lot of people see CJFL as not as good as U Sports in a way, football-wise, but we're still playing guys that are 22, 23, and I came out right out of high school and I started right away. I was fortunate to start, and it went really well," said Ritchie. "I grew as a player. The game's a lot faster than it was in high school, so it was quite the transition, but I wouldn't be where I am today without going there."

Now, with the 2025 campaign on the horizon, Ritchie is primed for another big season anchoring the X-Men defence.

Politics won't stop Phillies from crossing border for tournaments

By Kieran Reimer

Politics won't be getting in the way of the Interlake Phillies' travel plans this season.

The U13 AAA squad made lasting memories during tournaments in the United States last year, and despite international tariffs and political tensions that could present roadblocks, the Phillies will once again head south — something head coach Karli Reimer calls the highlight of the season.

"The whole staying in a hotel and hanging out with your friends — we always try to do an activity when we're in the States," Reimer said Friday. "We've gone to Valleyfair, the Mall of America or a massive water park. Just something off the softball diamond where the players can kick back and enjoy time with each other.

"Those sleepover tournaments, going to hotels and other locations, are definitely the highlight of our season. The girls will tell you that any time you ask."

Playing south of the border also gives the Phillies a chance to face fresh opponents outside the seven-team Manitoba Premier Softball League.

This season, the U13s are set to compete in three U.S. tournaments: the Quakes Classic in Omaha, Neb., from April 25 to 27; May Madness in Mankato, Minn., from May 17 to 18; and the Lexi Kretsch Summer Showdown in Minneapolis from June 13 to 15.

Reimer said the team began planning for the tournaments last fall, preferring the challenge and variety they offer compared to Canadian events, which can be hard to access and often

include familiar Manitoba teams.

Facing American squads also raises the level of play — a key piece in the Phillies' development, especially as they look to build on last season's dominant run in the MPSL.

"We play Manitoba teams a lot locally — there are only seven in our league — so for us to get the proper development, to find good competition, you're not going to find better than playing Americans," said Reimer. "It's their sport."

"We really enjoy going down there for that great competition. We made our Nebraska tournament optional for families in case there were too many concerns or conflicts with other sports, but fortunately all our families have committed to attending all the U.S. tournaments. This is what we've worked for all winter. We definitely

don't want political issues to ruin our season."

The U15, U17 and U19 Phillies are also heading stateside this year.

The U15s will play two tournaments in Minnesota and one in Regina, while the U17s will compete in Minnesota and Brandon. The U19s are bound for tournaments in Minnesota and Saskatoon.

For the U13 Phillies, the Omaha tournament will serve as their season kickoff.

Formed last August and September, the team has spent the winter training indoors. Now, with the season just around the corner, they're eager to make another strong impression.

The Phillies open their regular season on Saturday, May 3, in Brandon. Their home opener follows on Sunday, May 4, at Quarry Park.

Myers receives Titans' Coaches Award, ready to take next step in 2025-26

By Kieran Reimer

Alex Myers completed perhaps the greatest challenge that could come with being a goaltender in the Manitoba Junior Hockey League this season.

Playing his first full season in the MJHL with the Neepawa Titans — which even included a brief loan to the Niverville Nighthawks back in November — the Stonewall product was tasked with the reality of being in a goaltender logjam behind Neepawa's two veteran goalies.

For the Titans, a playoff team that finished third in the MGEU West Division, this meant getting Myers into games wasn't a guarantee given the crowded crease.

But instead of just sitting back and watching the ride, Myers knew he needed to make the most of the situation at hand.

He accepted the challenge of being in a third-string role and made sure he was ready in case his name was called.

And though Myers never got into a game in 2024-25 as the Titans were eliminated in Round 1 of the playoffs by the Northern Manitoba Blizzard, he was still able to find some positives — one being the Titans' Coaches Award, which he received at the team's 2024-25 awards on March 14.

"I was very honoured to get that," said Myers on Sunday. "It kind of made everything that I did kind of feel worth it because it was kind of tough to go through but it kind of just gave me a sense of purpose to be there almost, just after the whole season and after I felt like I could've played and

everything but it just made me feel very accomplished in myself."

The Coaches Award is given to a player who demonstrates a combination of perseverance, dedication, and a team first mentality.

When Titans general manager/head coach Ken Pearson and staff were deciding who to give it to, Alex was a clear decision.

"I think it was pretty easy when we were deciding who we were going to choose," said Pearson. "He was a guy that came in, we were unsure what our goaltending was going to be at the start of the year coming in and when both our veteran guys returned, we could tell Alex was a good fit with us already and wanted to keep him around. Right away he said he wanted to do everything he could to stay here and try to get better and get into the lineup. As the year went along it just wasn't going to happen but away from the rink, he was one of the first guys to volunteer for things, never complained about anything, on the ice at practice worked his tail off, stayed out extra after practice to work on things even if it was by himself. Just little things like that, that us as coaches really appreciated and recognized and it was important for the rest of the guys to see when you put in the time you're going to be rewarded, and Alex rewarded with that award."

The 2024-25 season also showed Myers the routines and habits that will remain important in his future seasons as a Titan.

As a 2006-born netminder, Myers is



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY NICOLE SZUCKI

Stonewall's Alex Myers was the recipient of the Neepawa Titans' Coaches Award on March 14. The 2006-born goaltender can return for two more seasons with the Titans who play in the Manitoba Junior Hockey League. Pictured left to right, Ken Pearson, Alex Myers and Zak Hicks.

eligible to return for the next two seasons.

The crease will also get a little less crowded in 2025-26, as their Team MVP and veteran netminder Mason Lobreau aged out of the league following this season.

Lobreau's departure opens up the possibility for a tandem of KC Couckuyt — who played 25 regular-season games with the Titans in 2024-25 — and Myers, who has waited patiently for his chance.

Now, as opportunity knocks, Myers is ready to put in the work in the

off-season to ensure he makes good on his chance next fall.

"Just kind of trying to stay ready throughout the summer," said Myers. "Get bigger, stronger, little faster, and just go in with confidence and knowing what my abilities are and know how I can play and that should just take care of business."

Myers will also enter next season with some added mental strength after grinding it out in 2024-25.

He'll use that to his benefit next season as the Titans continue their search for the franchise's first Turnbull Cup.

Stonewall duo wins national stick curling championship

By Resby Coutts

The Stonewall team of Ralph Nespor and Rob LaCombe is bringing a national title back to Manitoba.

With an undefeated run at the Canadian 2-Person Open Stick Curling Championship at Grande Prairie Curling Centre in Grande Prairie, Alta., Nespor and LaCombe captured the national title — marking Manitoba's third championship win in the Open division in the past four years.

The Stonewall curlers, who also won this year's Manitoba Stick Curling Association Open Championship, went unbeaten through five games in the Open Canadian Division Pool H before rattling off four straight playoff victories on Sunday to clinch the title.

Their playoff run began with a narrow 4-3 win, followed by a 3-1 quarterfinal victory and a 3-2 win in the semifinal — all against Alberta teams.

In the final, Nespor and LaCombe faced Paul Landry and Keith Bennett, the defending champions from 2023. A three-ender to open the game gave the Manitobans a near-insurmountable lead in the

six-end final. They led 4-2 after three ends, blanked the fourth, and added a single in the fifth to go up by three coming home. From there, they simply ran their opponents out of stones to seal the championship.

Nespor and LaCombe now join a growing list of recent Manitoba champions in the event, including 2024 winners Warren Johnson and Dan McDonald (St. Vital), and the 2022 duo of Norm Magnusson and Resby Coutts (Fort Rouge). Other provincial champions from the past decade include Tom and Rae Campbell (Killarney, 2018) and Jim Rouse and Ross MacMillan (Warren, 2015).

In the women's division, Gwen Smith and Lynne Rehbein of St. Vital earned bronze — their second in three years — with a dramatic comeback win. Trailing by two heading into the final end, they scored three to edge a New Brunswick duo 5-4.



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The Stonewall team of Ralph Nespor, left, and Rob LaCombe won the Canadian 2-person Open Stick Curling Championships in Grande Prairie, Alberta this past Sunday.

Gimli's Lotts repeat as Canadian Mixed Doubles Champions

By Kieran Reimer with files from Curl Canada

Team Lott/Lott defeat Team Nova Scotia 9-8 to repeat as Canadian Mixed Doubles Champions

The Gimli tandem of Kadriana Lott and Colton Lott added another chapter to its storied mixed doubles history Friday afternoon, winning the 2025 Canadian Mixed Doubles Curling Championship with a 9-8 extra-end victory over Team Nova Scotia's Marlee Powers and Luke Saunders (8-3; Halifax) at the Gerard "Turk" Gallant Arena in Summerside, P.E.I.

The duo will now go on to represent Canada at the 2026 World Mixed Doubles Curling Championship at a location to be named later.

The historic win marks the first ever back-to-back Canadian championship victories for any Canadian mixed doubles curling team, with Team Lott/Lott having won in 2024 at Fredericton.

"The feeling you get of winning a national championship; there's no words to really describe it," said Colton Lott. "It's an unbelievable feeling and just for us to have that opportunity to do it back-to-back is phenomenal. We're going to be great at worlds next year."

Team Lott/Lott posted a near-perfect 10-1 record on its way to the 2025 Canadian mixed doubles crown, with its only one loss in pool play.

The Lotts began this year's tournament with six consecutive wins defeating Team Bouchard/Charest 11-2, Team Powers/Saunders 7-3, Team Gagne Morissette 7-4, Team Westlund-Stewart/Stewart 12-3, Team Jackson/McCrady 11-3, and Team Papley/Van Amsterdam 8-2, before falling 6-4 to Team Jones/Laing in their

Pool D finale last Wednesday.

The second place finish in Pool D with a 6-1 record, qualified the Lotts for the playoff round where they played Team Papley/Van Amsterdam on Thursday afternoon.

The Lotts won the rematch 10-4 and moved on to play Team Martin/Laycock in the evening where they won 9-4 and earned a spot in Friday morning's semi-final against Team Brunton/Horgan.

They then won the semi-final game 6-5 after a three point eighth end by the Lotts that erased a 5-3 deficit and sent them through to the gold medal game Friday afternoon.

The Manitobans opened the gold-medal final with a score of three that set the tone early for the match, proving to be the game's biggest score. It was enough to outpace Team Nova Scotia, who managed to pull even in the sixth and eighth ends, but never once lead.

"They played a great game," said Kadriana Lott. "They kept us on our toes. We knew we had to make those key big shots which I think we executed really well. We keep pitching away at every shot and, fingers crossed, that you come out win the win."

Three shots defined the outcome of the final for Team Lott/Lott; the first being a clutch draw for a second point in the second end, where Kadriana Lott had little more than a third-of-a-rock sized piece of the button to sneak an extra point on the board.

The second was an extremely thin double takeout to pick two Nova Scotia stones off the four-foot, both of which were nearly fully buried behind a corner-frozen Lott/Lott stone, to leave a single Lott/Lott counter around to score in the fifth end.



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Kadriana and Colton Lott celebrate their gold medal win.



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Team Manitoba's Colton Lott and Kadriana Lott of Gimli won the 2025 Canadian Mixed Doubles Curling Championships defeating Team Nova Scotia 9-8 in an extra end on March 21. The duo will represent Canada at the 2026 World Mixed Doubles Curling Championship.

It was a shot so difficult that it was barely there, but the successful outcome changed the complexion of the final for Kadriana Lott.

"I'm a lot more comfortable throwing those draws," said Kadriana Lott. "That pick? From my eyes, you couldn't really see much down there. It was definitely a momentum swing for myself. It made me feel more confident in making my next shots."

The third came in the extra end, where Colton Lott managed a heavy-draw-bump around two guards to remove a Team Nova Scotia stone off the tee-line in the four-foot. Lott was perfect on the execution, forcing Marlee Powers to attack on Team Nova Scotia's final stone, but the offering hung wide, giving the national title to Team Lott/Lott.

"With doubles you can have a bit of a gameplan but it's kind of hard because with just how crazy the ends can get and some things do come up unexpectedly as well to," said Colton Lott.

It's the third time that Team Lott/Lott will wear the Maple Leaf at a World mixed doubles event; the first at the 2024 World Mixed Doubles Curling Championship at Östersund, Sweden and, the second, at the 2018-

19 World Curling Cup at Jönköping, Sweden.

At 2024 Worlds they finished fifth place, bowing out to the eventual finalists Estonia in the Qualification Games.

They'll now make their return to Worlds with some unfinished business on their minds.

"It means everything to wear the Maple Leaf on our back and represent our nation," said Colton Lott. "We don't take any of that for granted and I almost feel like we have some unfinished business to do at that World Championship. We feel like the last World Championship we played really good and just had lost the wrong games at the wrong time. That kind of sealed the deal for that for last year's Worlds so yeah we've got a little bit of redemption and we'll feel quite a bit more comfortable going into Worlds as well to since we've already been there."

The Canadian mixed doubles title also ties Colton and Kadriana Lott with Team Jocelyn Peterman/Brett Gallant (Chestermere, Alta.) for most all-time with two since the event's inception in 2013.

The date and location for 2026 Worlds is still to be determined.

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High school hockey all-stars



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In the Price Division, the Warren Wildcats were represented by goaltender Dallas Shaver, defencemen Ethan Corbett and Ethan Shymko, forwards Colton Bruce and Dylan Riddell, as well as coaching staff Lachlan McLean, Brady Nichol and Phil Bruce. The Wildcats played on Team White with players from Lorette, Kildonan East, Niverville, Windsor Park and Powerview/Sagkeeng. Team White defeated Team Blue 6-5.



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Stonewall Rams, Logan Meier, left, Evan McMurtry, middle, and Evan Deprez represented their school at the Winnipeg High School Hockey League Platinum Promotions Division all-star game in Winnipeg on March 23. The Rams joined players from Oak Park, Steinbach, River East, St. Paul's and West Kildonan on Team Blue. Deprez had a goal and an assist, and McMurtry added an assist in their team's 7-3 loss to Team White.

'Grandparent scam' targets Interlake woman

By Gloria Thomas

A local woman is warning others after nearly falling victim to a "grandparent scam" that's been making the rounds in communities across Canada.

On the afternoon of March 26, Ann Bezdietny of the Interlake region received a phone call around 2:30 p.m. from a person claiming to be her grandson.

"Hello Grandma, how are you?" said a raspy voice on the line. Bezdietny responded, "I'm fine," though she didn't recognize the voice.

When the caller asked if she knew who it was, she guessed, "Richard?" — the name of her actual grandson.

"Yeah Grandma, it's me. I got sick overnight and can hardly speak," the voice replied. "Do you have a few minutes? I have something embarrassing to talk to you about."

What followed was a story Bezdietny found difficult to believe — but her concern for her grandson kept her

listening.

The caller claimed he had asked a friend to drive him to the hospital, but on the way, they were involved in a minor collision. Police responded and, upon searching the vehicle, allegedly discovered drugs in the trunk. The caller said he was arrested along with his friend and was now being held at a detention centre.

"They want \$6,000 for bail," the voice said. "You can talk to my lawyer, Samuel Smith. He's right here. Don't hang up — I can't make another call."

A man identifying himself as "lawyer Samuel Smith" then came on the line, outlining several ways to send the money, including wire transfer, certified cheque, direct deposit, or via a "processing agent," which he said was the quickest option. He told Bezdietny she had until 6 p.m. to arrange the payment and left a phone number: 1-250-457-3493.

Before the call ended, the raspy-voiced caller came back on the line and warned Bezdietny not to speak to anyone about the situation, claiming there was a gag order in place.

Distressed, Bezdietny began preparing to withdraw the money. Her husband, Richard, grew suspicious and decided to call their grandson on his cellphone. When there was no answer, they feared the worst — until Richard soon called back, saying he had just left the gym and was on his way home.

"I was so relieved," Bezdietny said. "Who knows what would have happened? I guess I would have been out \$6,000."

Her grandson was shaken by the incident but grateful they checked with him before taking action.

Bezdietny hopes sharing her story will prevent others from being taken in by similar scams.

"I would do anything for my grand-

kids, and I was ready to get money out for those jerks," she said, her voice trembling. "I don't want this to happen to anyone."

HOW TO PROTECT YOURSELF FROM GRANDPARENT SCAMS:

- Be suspicious — Scammers can be convincing. Don't assume a caller is who they claim to be.
- Don't be afraid to say no — If something feels off, hang up and verify the situation with someone you trust.
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TOWN OF STONEWALL PUBLIC HEARING

2025 FINANCIAL PLAN

In accordance with Section 162(2) of The Municipal Act the Town of Stonewall shall hold a PUBLIC HEARING to present the 2025 Financial Plan for the Town on:

**Wednesday, April 23, 2025 at 6:30 PM
Council Chambers, Town Hall**

A virtual meeting link is also available on the Town website:
www.stonewall.ca

The Town of Stonewall 2025 Financial Plan consists of:

1. The 2025 Operating Budget
2. The 2025 Capital Budget
3. An estimate of the Operating Revenue and Expenditures for the following fiscal year (2026), and
4. A five (5) year Capital Expenditure Program (2026-2030)

The purpose of the PUBLIC HEARING is to allow any interested person to make representation, ask questions, or register an objection in respect of the Town of Stonewall 2025 Financial Plan.

Copies of the financial plan will be available for review and may be examined by any person on the Town of Stonewall website at www.stonewall.ca, or at the Town Office at 293 Main Street, Stonewall, Manitoba during the regular office hours as of April 15, 2025.

Dated this 31st day of March 2025

Wally R. Melnyk, CMMA, CPA, CGA
Chief Administrative Officer
Town of Stonewall

MORTGAGE SALE

The land and building known as 89039 Road 13W, Lake Francis, Manitoba (RM of Woodlands), as described in Certificate of Title No. 3134472/1 will be sold by public auction by a Licensed Auctioneer on April 30, 2025, at 10:30 a.m.

The auction sale will be held by way of video or teleconference.

There will be no in-person attendees at the auction.

In order to participate you must pre-register at least 24 hours prior to the auction by contacting Matthew Underwood at either (204) 957-8373 or auctions@fillmoreriley.com.

The Vendor is informed that the property consists of a one storey dwelling approximately 1,316 square feet with living room, kitchen, 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, crawl space foundation, double detached garage, on an approximately 80 acre lot. Property is serviced by a well and septic system (particulars unknown). The property is located North East of Lake Francis, Manitoba, approximately 1 1/2 miles North of St. Martin Street on Road 13W.

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Quotation packages including submission documents are available at the Municipal Office, or from the RM's website, www.rmwoodlands.ca

Sealed Quotations may be submitted to the Rural Municipality of Woodlands, Box 10, 57 Railway Avenue, Woodlands, Manitoba R0C 3H0 or emailed to pwclerk@rmwoodlands.ca

Quotations must be submitted by 2:00pm. on April 16th, 2025.

THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF ARMSTRONG NOTICE OF DUST CONTROL PROGRAM 2025

The Rural Municipality of Armstrong will now be accepting requests for the application of dust control on rural roads in front of residences in the RM of Armstrong on a **PRE-PAYMENT BASIS ONLY**.

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- 16 ft x 300 ft \$402.86 plus GST = \$423.00

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Applications can be made in person or by using our drop box at the municipal office 1094 Highway 17 in Inwood Manitoba. Or

You may mail in your application form with payment to the RM of Armstrong, **All information on the application form must be completed or your order may not be processed. Forms can be found at www.rmofarmstrong.com.**

Cheques are made payable to the RM of Armstrong, we also now accept debit. You may make a payment by e-transfer to cao@rmofarmstrong.com, please call the office for details 204-278-3377.

**Applications will be received up to
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Remember me on sunny days,
In the fun that summer brings.
Remember me in the fall,
As you walk through leaves of gold;
In the wintertime, remember me,
In the stories that are told.
But most of all...remember,
Each day, right from the start;
I will be forever near,
For I live within your heart.

-Love always,
Grant,
Lynn, Paul, Matthew, Sarah, Jonathan,
Dawn, Taylor, Ashley, Jordan

IN MEMORIAM



Douglas Wayne MacDonald
September 26, 1947 – April 11, 2022
We took our vows together,
Said "Till death do us part",
But when God came and took your hand,
My whole world fell apart.
No one knows the heartache,
I try so hard to hide;
Only God knows how many times,
I've broken down and cried.
When I look back upon our lives,
One of the things that makes me glad;
That you chose me to share with you,
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Qualifications

- Available from June 1 to August 30, 2025
- Must be 16 to 29 years old (consideration will be given to those 15 years of age who obtain a certificate of completion for the Young Worker Readiness Certificate course)
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Further information may be obtained by contacting the Office at 204-278-3377.

Written applications to be submitted by 4:30 p.m., Wednesday April 30, 2025, to:

RM of Armstrong Office
Box 69, Inwood, MB R0C 1P0
Fax: 204-278-3437
Email: clerk@rmofarmstrong.com



RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF WOODLANDS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE 2025 FINANCIAL PLAN

In accordance with Subsection 162(2) of *The Municipal Act* the Council of the Rural Municipality of Woodlands shall hold a PUBLIC HEARING to present the 2025 Financial Plan for the Municipality on

Monday, April 28, 2025 at 6:30 P.M.
Municipal Office
57 Railway Ave, Woodlands, MB

The Rural Municipality of Woodlands 2025 Financial Plan consists of:

- 1) 2025 Operating Budget
- 2) 2025 Capital Budget
- 3) an estimate of the operating revenue and expenditures for the following fiscal year (2026), and
- 4) a five-year Capital Expenditure Program (2026-2030)

The purpose of the Public Hearing is to allow any interested person to make representation, ask questions, or register an objection in respect of the Rural Municipality of Woodlands 2025 Financial Plan. If you are planning to attend we are requesting that you pre-register with the RM of Woodlands Office at 204-383-5679 or by email at finance@rmwoodlands.ca, to ensure there is sufficient space available. A virtual Teams link can be provided by email.

Copies of the draft 2025 Financial Plan are available for review by email, mail, fax, or in person at the RM office after April 14, 2025.

Kaitlyn Griffith, CMMA
Chief Administrative Officer
Rural Municipality of Woodlands

Dated April 4, 2025

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Bruce Albert Moore
August 9, 1938 – April 13, 2024

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Wishing God had spared you,
If only for a few more years.
You left a special memory,
And a sorrow too great to hold;
To us who loved and lost you,
Your memory will never grow old.
Thanks for the years we had,
Thanks for the memories we shared;
We only prayed that when you left us,
That you knew how much we cared.

-Forever loved and so deeply missed,
Lynne; Curtis and Marie,
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Darcy, Lenore and Veta

IN MEMORIAM



Norman Edward Moore
October 11, 1934 – April 3, 2014

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

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Fred Tully
July 3, 1949 – April 8, 2014

Missing someone isn't about how long it's
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Brooklyn and Eli

Your memory will live forever
Engraved within our hearts.

OBITUARY

Dimitar (Dimitri) Rachev

In memory of the tragic passing of Dimitar (Dimitri) Rachev a
Celebration of Life will be held on Easter Monday, April 21, 2025 at
2:00 p.m. at the Stonewall Royal Canadian Legion.

The family encourages the sharing of your stories and memories.
In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Manitoba Mutts Dog
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OBITUARY

John Waldner

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With heavy hearts, peacefully at the age of 69 we said farewell
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Dad will be deeply missed by his wife Sarah of 43 years; children
Rodney and Melissa; grandchildren Aiden and Alysse; brother
Ben (Judy); sisters Ruth, Dora (Zach), Clara (Mike) and numerous
nieces and nephews.

Dad loved sharing stories, causing mischief, a wrench in his
hand, the sun on his face and anything to do with the outdoors.
He loved life and anything it had to offer. He lived with a smile on
his face, a strong handshake and love for all his family and friends.

A big heartfelt thank you to CancerCare and Stonewall Palliative
Care who treated Dad and us like family.

Funeral service will be held at 1:00 p.m.

on Friday, April 11th, 2025 at Schoenfelder Mennonite Church, Hwy 26.

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2 Timothy 4, verse 7

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OBITUARY

Helen Elsie Grose

November 22, 1932 – March 30, 2025

With heavy hearts, we announce the passing of our Mom, Helen
Elsie Grose (née Patterson) on March 30, 2025 at the age of 92.
Mom was a cherished wife, sister, mother, grandmother, great-
grandmother, and friend.

Mom was predeceased by parents, Elsie (née Demman) and
James Patterson; husband Ben Grose; son Andrew Grose; and
grandson Steven Hodgkinson.

Mom is survived by her sisters, Betty McFarlane (late husband
Bob) and Jean Steeden (late husband Ken), and six of her
seven children: Sonya (Terry), Lynda (David), Heather, Patrick
(Karin), Pamela (Dwight), and Peter (Carla). Mom was a proud
grandmother to 15 grandchildren and a great-grandmother to 7
great-grandchildren.

Born in Portage la Prairie, Mom graduated from nursing in 1954 from the Winnipeg General
Hospital (now Health Sciences Centre). It was during her nursing career that Mom met her
husband, Ben. They married and initially lived in St. James, where they welcomed their first five
children. In 1966, they moved to "Happy" Harperville and lived at the "Bar 10 Ranch", where they
had two more children, completing their family of seven children.

Mom embraced life on the farm, dedicating 46 years to cattle and mixed farming. Mom was
actively involved with the Inwood Sports Club, enjoying curling and contributing to community
sports and various programs. Mom and Dad formed many lasting friendships and created
countless memories over the years.

After raising her children, Mom returned to nursing for several years before retiring from RR4 at
the Health Sciences Centre. Following Dad's passing in 2009, Mom lived independently until the
summer of 2024 when Mom moved into Oakview Personal Care Home. Mom touched many lives
with her remarkable wit and zest for life. Mom was an accomplished pianist, loved listening to
music (Rita MacNeil), was an avid reader, and loved working in her garden. Mom enjoyed playing
cards, loved animals and chocolate and always treasured time spent with her sisters and family.

Mom will be deeply missed by all who knew her. The family extends heartfelt gratitude to the
staff of Oakview Personal Care Home for their exceptional care, compassion, and kindness.

Mom's ashes will be placed next to Dad's at Erinview Church during a service in the summer
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In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to a charity of your choice.

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