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# Stonewall dancer Tennley Nickel taking her passion to the national stage

By E. Antonio

For Stonewall's Tennley Nickel, dancing isn't just a hobby — it's her world.

The 15-year-old first discovered her love for dance at just three years old after watching her older sister perform. Now, more than a decade later, she's preparing for her AllStar competition debut in Toronto this summer.

"I love my team and it's a gift to be able to spend time with them every day," Nickel said. "It's a place where I can have fun and not worry about anything."

Nickel trains and competes with Marquis Dance Academy, where she practises six days a week across seven styles of dance. While she enjoys all forms, hip hop and contemporary are her favourites.

"There is no right answer," she said. "It's easier to be free."

Her season kicked off at the On The Floor dance competition, held March 11 to 13, where she performed in approximately 15 routines, ranging from solo and duet performances to small and large group numbers.

Nickel brought home an impressive list of results, including three titanium awards, two third-place finishes, a first-place duet and several top-three group placements.

But for Nickel, the biggest highlight went beyond the medals.

"I got to compete my first-ever ballet solo, and my duet partner Avery and I won our category — we've been undefeated for three years now," she said. "But my proudest accomplishment was getting an AllStar Award."

Her contemporary routine, *The Beauty of Dissolving Portraits*, was selected as one of just 10 standout



Nickel captivates the crowd during her hip hop solo.

performances out of more than 300 entries, earning her a coveted AllStar spot. The honour qualifies her to compete at the competition's national finals in Toronto this July.

It will be her first time attending an event of that scale.

"I'm excited to showcase what I can do and meet other dancers who love it as much as I do," she said. "There's nothing like the feeling of being on stage — it makes you feel alive."

Despite her success, Nickel admits the moments before stepping on stage can be challenging.

"I get waves of stress before I dance," she said. "But I'm learning to focus on my breathing, give myself a pep talk and remember it's just one competition."

Her goal moving forward is simple: enjoy the moment.



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Stonewall's Tennley Nickel is headed to Toronto this summer after being named an AllStar dancer at the On The Floor competition earlier this March. Nickel performs her first-ever ballet solo.

"I want to have fun, not be so hard on myself and embrace every opportunity."

Off the stage, Nickel is already looking for ways to give back. This summer, she plans to host her first dance camp for young dancers in the Stonewall or Balmoral area.

The camp will include a week-long session for children aged five to seven and another for those aged eight to 10, introducing participants to jazz, contemporary, hip hop and ballet. At the end of the week, Nickel hopes the dancers will be able to perform a short routine for family and friends.

Families interested in participating can email Stacey Nickel, Tennley's mother, at [Thehousepretty@gmail.com](mailto:Thehousepretty@gmail.com). More information will be shared closer to summer break.

"I am excited to see what will come out of this camp," Tennley added. "Dancing and sharing my knowledge



Pictured is Nickel during her contemporary solo, which secured her place as an AllStar finalist.

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# Rockwood council defeats variance request in Mountain Ridge Park

By Jennifer McFee

Council defeated a request for Connection Homes to vary the minimum side yard setbacks to authorize the construction of a new single-family home in Stony Mountain's Mountain Ridge Park development.

The company requested to vary the north and south side yard setbacks to five feet from the required 10 feet to build a new single-family home on Stony Lane on the east side of Stony Mountain. Three people attended a recent public hearing in opposition.

The pie-shaped vacant property spans about 9,207 square feet and it's surrounded by a new residential development to the north, a road reserve to the south and southwest, and a vacant residential lot to the east.

"The property presents challenges with adhering to the zoning requirements due to the pie-shaped lot," states the applicant's letter of intent. "This reduction in side yards will allow us to construct a residence that aligns with the community's character and visual appeal. We have ensured that the proposed plans will not negatively affect the neighbouring properties."

Council has approved several other similar variances to allow for the development of single-family homes in Mountain Ridge Park.

South Interlake Planning District had no significant concerns with the proposal. SIPD's report notes that the property is one of many that had been previously varied to 55 feet wide from the minimum 70-foot wide requirement. The 10-foot minimum side yard setback continues to apply.

"The minimum side yard setback requirement (10 feet) is onerous and

unusually large for a 55-foot-wide lot, and as a result, has become a constraint for the builder who now wishes to build a standard single-family dwelling on the subject property. As a result, variances are required," states SIPD's report.

"To avoid repeated variances on smaller RS-1 zoned lots in the Mountain Ridge development, it is recommended that council review their zoning bylaw and consider updating their bulk requirements and/or introducing a new residential zone to accommodate smaller lots and smaller side yard setback requirements."

SIPD recommended conditional approval as long as council was satisfied that the proposed variation complies with the Planning Act.

"Based on the information provided, the variance appears to be a reasonable solution to accommodate the lot's specific conditions while maintaining compatibility with the surrounding area," states the SIPD report.

Council defeated the variation request.

The side yard setbacks are set at 10 feet, but 15 per cent variations can be done at the discretion of South Interlake Planning District's development officer without the need for council approval.

Reeve Wes Taplin said the first house to be built in the cul-de-sac has side yard setbacks of 8.5 feet, which was a minor variation that didn't need council's approval since it's a 15 per cent reduction from the required 10 feet.

"Being the first house in, it set the standard for all the houses. We, as a council, decided to keep them all the same in that cul-de-sac — you



Appendix D: Aerial Photo of the Subject Property

Rockwood council defeated a request to vary minimum side yard setbacks for the construction of new single-family home on a pie-shaped lot in the Mountain Ridge Park development in Stony Mountain.

shouldn't have one at 8.5 feet, one at five feet, one at seven feet and one at three feet. Because the lot is pie-shaped, you'd only have to move the house back two or three feet to gain your 8.5 feet, which is a minor variance," he said.

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# Manitoba the first province intending to end “predatory” grocery/retailer pricing practices

By Patricia Barrett

The provincial NDP government announced last week that it intends to enact legislation to end what it calls “predatory pricing” in grocery and other retail stores in Manitoba.

Consumers can pay different prices for the same product based on their personal profile, which can include what postal code they reside in (i.e., a wealthy or poorer neighbourhood), their unwillingness to switch brands, and other data collected through loyalty or rewards cards and apps.

The practice is called algorithmic pricing or dynamic pricing, and it can lead to hidden price changes and have an impact on food affordability.

The province’s public service delivery minister, Mintu Sandhu (Maples MLA), introduced Bill 49, the *Business Practices Amendment Act*, to ban retailers from using consumers’ data to increase the price of groceries and other goods.

The proposed legislation also applies to online retailers and online distributors.

“Protecting Manitobans from unfair pricing practices is essential to keeping life affordable,” said Sandhu in a March 17 news release. “These are first of their kind amendments and take aim at the misuse of personal data to inflate prices and ensure consumers are treated fairly whether they shop at the grocery store or other retailers. By strengthening these protections, the Manitoba government is reinforcing its broader commitment to lowering everyday costs for families.”

The bill was given first reading in the legislature on March 12.

Grocers and other retailers can employ algorithmic pricing based on the consumer data they feed into artificial intelligence and other technological systems. But Bill 49 states that an “unfair business practice” may occur when grocers/

retailers use machine learning or artificial intelligence systems to analyze and target consumers.

Personalized algorithmic pricing is defined in the bill as “pricing that’s based on the use of an algorithm or automated processing to set, recommend or vary a price offered to a specific consumer as a result of data about the consumer collected, analyzed or processed with or without the consumer’s consent, knowledge or involvement...”

If there was any doubt that consumers are being intensely scrutinized by grocers and other retailers, Bill 49 puts that to rest.

It says the data that grocers/retailers collect include consumers’ personal information, browsing behaviour, purchasing history, spending patterns, the profiles on consumers’ electronic devices that are used to browse or purchase items, their “inferred willingness” to enter into a transaction, socio-economic status that includes their income level, their employment pay period, their financial assistance payment schedule, credit history, location that includes their address, and their medical history or health status.

The data are collected when people sign up for rewards or loyalty cards, use loyalty apps to browse online, and through in-store tracking.

It’s unclear how a grocer/retailer will be identified and prosecuted under the proposed legislation. And the bill has a two-year time limit on prosecutions for an offence.

Bill 49 is part of a suite of measures the NDP is taking to help lower grocery prices for Manitobans. Those measures include a price freeze on milk (1 litre), removing property controls on grocery store locations to encourage grocery competition, permanently eliminating the gas tax, and increasing the provincial property tax credit so that people have more money for groceries.



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY PATRICIA BARRETT

Cereal is shown on a grocery store’s shelves in 2022 when food prices alarmingly spiked during the COVID-19 pandemic. Grocers employ personalized pricing based on a consumer’s profile and charge a price unique to them for some items. The Manitoba NDP government is intending to ban that “predatory” practice with Bill 49, the Business Practices Amendment Act.

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# Teulon councillor resigns to lead regional library

By Jennifer McFee

A Teulon councillor will continue to make a difference in local communities after stepping down from his role as an elected official and starting a new chapter in his professional journey.

Michael Hepples has accepted the role of executive director of the South Interlake Regional Library district. On Friday, April 10, he resigned from his role on Teulon council.

"I served on Teulon council since October of 2022. I loved the impact that it allowed me to have on our community and the first-hand look it afforded me to how municipal government operates," he said.

"The thing I will miss most is sitting down with residents to hear their ideas and concerns, and being able to take that back to the council table as a real agent for change."

Chris Yuen, chief administrative officer for the Town of Teulon, said the councillor position will remain vacant until the municipal election this fall.

"While he will be missed at our council table," Yuen said, "we are pleased that his expertise will remain within our regional library system."

Hepples started his new role with the regional library on Jan. 19 and had been managing as the acting director since November following the departure of prior director Andrea McCrimmon.

"The library has always played a major role in my life, since early school days on the Bookmobile, the Teulon library — back when it was just a little brick building on Main Street — and

the first thing I did when I relocated my family back to Teulon was sign us all up for our library cards," Hepples said.

"When I joined council and had the opportunity to join the library board, it was an immediate yes from me. During my time managing the library as acting director while the search was happening for a replacement, I got a real opportunity to get immersed in how the library operates, and the fantastic people that make it work, and really wanted to be a more permanent part of that."

As an avid reader, Hepples usually has some type of reading material with him wherever he goes.

"I get to do plenty of reading for knowledge but do a lot of my reading for relaxation," he said, "so I tend to prefer fiction as my go-to read, with a heavy bent towards horror, science fiction and fantasy."

Looking ahead, he sees a bright future for the regional library.

"There is a lot of opportunity ahead for the South Interlake Regional Library, with the recent addition of St. Laurent to our regional partnership, the expansion of services to their area, and the changing landscape of the library world in today's social and technological landscape," he said.

"We have a real opportunity to provide meaningful community impact and a staff that believes in that idea completely, and I'm very excited to work with this great group of staff, municipal and community partners to deliver as much impact and value as possible."



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY JO-ANNE PROCTER

Michael Hepples, newly appointed executive director of the South Interlake Regional Library, stepped down from Teulon council earlier this month to begin his new role serving communities across the region.

For local community members, Hepples would like to remind them that the library branches do much more than just lend out books.

"We also provide a wide variety of programming for all ages and services like photocopying, scanning, printing and faxing. Our staff are a great information resource, frequent-

ly helping patrons locate the info they are seeking," he said.

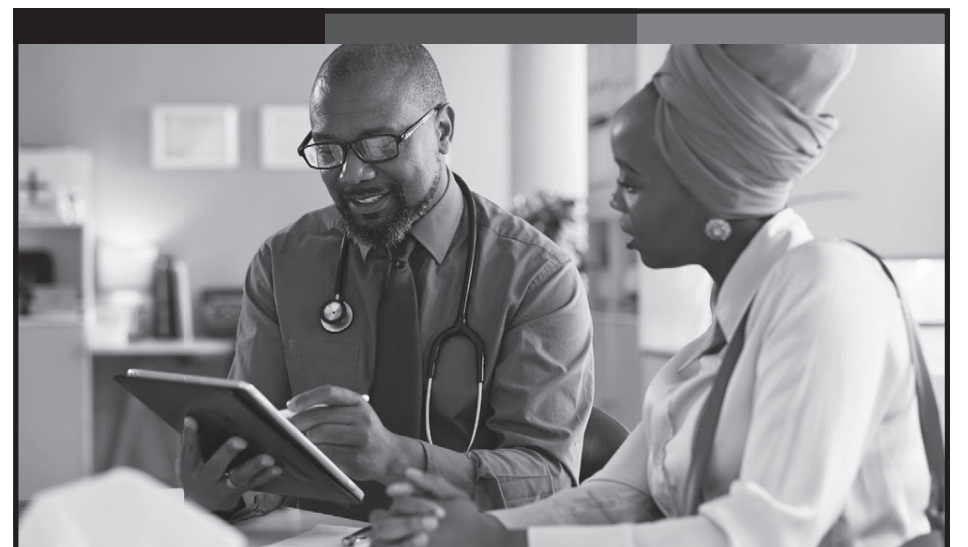
"We are also always open to requests and suggestions. If there is something you'd like to see, we are always up for the challenge of seeing how we might be able to deliver that within our mandate."

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### IN OTHER COUNCIL NEWS:

- Chief administrative officer Chris Luellman took a leave of absence (March 6 to April 7) from his role at the RM of Rockwood. In his absence, operations director Ian Tatarski fulfilled the chief administrative officer's duties on an interim basis as the acting CAO, with support of the management team.



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## Armstrong presents 2026-27 financial plan

By Jennifer McFee

Armstrong residents could face an increase to the mill rate, pending approval of the proposed 2026-27 financial plan.

The proposed municipal mill rate is 18.741, which is an increase of 1.088 mills from the 2025 rate of 17.653. The taxable assessment for 2026 has increased by 1.35 per cent or about \$1.7 million.

The proposed 6.16 per cent increase includes 3.9 per cent that reflects the municipality's budgetary needs, while the remainder comes from the school tax levy.

For a residential home with the building and land assessed at \$291,000, the average increase would be \$142.57 more than 2025.

According to the 2021 census, the RM of Armstrong has a population of 1,967 people with 1,056 private dwellings. The overall land area of the municipality is 1,868.24 square kilometres.

Some of the municipality's recent accomplishments include completing a walking bridge in Inwood, renovating the public works shop, undertak-

ing land sales of RM-owned vacant land and forage leased land, studying the waste site and transfer station, improving drainage through beaver removal and brushing and completing road repairs to Road 0.

The municipality has also hired a public works coordinator, a finance administrator/permitting planning coordinator and a new building inspector. Recent purchases include a disc mower, tractor, previously leased bobcat and attachments, and a new grass-fire truck for the Inwood Fire Department.

The main expense is about \$2.08 million for transportation services, which includes public works salaries, equipment and yard operations, equipment rentals, road maintenance, snow removal, drainage and street lighting.

Another expense is \$855,188 for government services, which includes council indemnities, administrative wages, office operations, bylaw enforcement, conferences, insurance, grants. Other costs under this umbrella relate to legal, audit, assessment, taxation and election expenses.

Fiscal services will receive \$490,000 for planned projects.

The proposed financial plan also includes \$264,434 for protective services, including fire protection, emergency measures, E-911 and animal and pest control.

Environmental services will receive \$161,700 for landfill and transfer station wages, landfill maintenance, well testing and sewage tipping fees.

A total of \$109,457 will go towards economic development services, such as weed control, watershed districts and veterinary services.

Another \$11,320 is allotted for public health and welfare services, including cemetery mowing and social assistance.

Upcoming items in the five-year capital plan include \$2 million towards the Fraserwood Fire Hall, \$250,000 for the administrative building, \$60,000 for protective gear replacement for the Inwood Fire Department and \$5,000 for Christmas lights.

Council will vote on approving the proposed 2026 financial plan on April 26.

## Speeding, distracted driving net dozens of tickets

By Haley Cvar

More than 50 drivers were caught speeding during a weekend traffic enforcement initiative in the Interlake, with additional fines issued for distracted driving.

Officers from the Headingley and Stonewall RCMP detachments, alongside RCMP Traffic Services, conducted enforcement April 10 and 11 along Highways 6, 7, 100 and 101.

During that period, police issued 53 speeding tickets. The most signif-

icant offence involved an 18-year-old driver who was clocked travelling 147 km/h in a 100 km/h zone on Highway 101 in the RM of Rosser. The driver received a \$655 fine.

Enforcement efforts continued April 13, when RCMP Traffic Services conducted targeted patrols on Highway 67 in Stonewall between 11 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

During that time, three drivers were stopped for using their cellphones while behind the wheel. Each re-

ceived a \$672 fine and a seven-day driver's licence suspension.

Police are reminding motorists that both speeding and distracted driving significantly increase the risk of serious collisions.

"One bad decision can lead to serious consequences," RCMP said in a statement. "Help us ensure everyone gets home safely."

Drivers are urged to slow down and keep their focus on the road.

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# RM of Woodlands accepting Park150 nominations

By Jennifer McFee

The RM of Woodlands is getting ready to celebrate its sesquicentennial in 2030, so the development of Park150 is underway.

Since breaking ground in October 2024, Park150 has welcomed a number of dignitaries from all levels of government to plant a tree recognizing their contributions to our municipality.

From 2025 to 2029, Park150 will be recognizing and celebrating the work and contributions of local residents, community groups and organizations with tree plantings.

"Park150 is a meaningful way for

us to honour the people and organizations who have helped shape the RM of Woodlands into a strong and vibrant community across all corners of our municipality. Each tree planted represents a lasting tribute to their contributions and a legacy that will grow for generations to come," said Bryan Myskiw, president of the Park150 board.

"We encourage individuals to submit nominations and help us shine a light on those who make and have made a positive impact in the RM of Woodlands. This is truly a community-driven initiative, and we want to ensure deserving individuals and

groups are recognized."

Up to 20 trees will be planted each year to recognize these individuals, groups and organizations. Over the course of the five years, 100 trees will be planted. The 2026 nominations are being accepted until June 15. Previous honorees are not eligible.

The 2026 recognitions will take place on Sept. 19 as part of National Forest Week. The Park150 committee will select and notify honorees in June. Any unselected nominations will carry over for consideration for future tree plantings. More info is posted on the RM of Woodlands website at [rm-woodlands.ca](http://rm-woodlands.ca).

# Successful internship in Selkirk Regional Health Centre

By Jennifer McFee

A recent internship student describes her experience at Selkirk Regional Health Centre as eye-opening and meaningful.

Mya Greenaway, a Grade 12 student at Springfield Collegiate Institute in Oakbank, said she hoped to gain insight into different health-care careers.

Marking a milestone, she was the first student to have the chance to shadow Waabishki Bineshiins — the IER-HA Indigenous Health team.

Megan Chartrand, Indigenous Health social worker, said it was an honour having Mya join the team.

"Mya demonstrated exceptional time management skills and the willingness to learn. She showed interest in the Indigenous culture and various ways the health-care system can help support individuals who came through the hospital," Chartrand said.

"Mya initiated conversation with our relatives and was able to show compassion and respect. She has also learned about smudging and supporting relatives culturally. Mya has a bright future ahead of her and will no doubt excel in any career of her choosing."

During her internship, Mya also had the chance to shadow nurses in different departments.

"Seeing nurses interact with patients throughout the hospital showed me the importance of empathy and teamwork in health care, whether they were responding quickly to emergencies or taking time to reassure anxious patients," she said.

At the same time, the internship experience sparked a career interest for Mya.

"Overall, these experiences helped me decide that I am interested in nursing," she said, "and they inspired my goal of becoming a psychiatric nurse with a focus on drug addiction, where I can combine compassionate patient care with mental health and social support."



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Pictured in the ceremonial room at Selkirk Regional Health Centre are (left to right) Cara Widrick, Indigenous Health Elder; Mya Greenaway, internship student; Megan Chartrand, Indigenous Health social worker; and Cody Widrick, Indigenous Health skaabe. A skaabe ensures Indigenous relatives receive appropriate and safe patient-centred care during their stay in hospital and throughout the discharge planning process.

Lori Buors, Indigenous human resources officer, thanks all the staff at the Selkirk Regional Health Centre for spending time with students and giving them opportunities during their internships.

Waabishki Bineshiins currently has openings for Indigenous social worker positions in Ashern and Selkirk. The position acts as a liaison using a cultural lens when working with patients, families, Indigenous communities, and health-care and community agencies. Email [Indigenoushealth@ierha.ca](mailto:Indigenoushealth@ierha.ca) for more information.

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# Stonewall teams up with JohnQ to seek funding for seniors housing

By Jennifer McFee

The Town of Stonewall is teaming up with JohnQ to seek funding to create affordable housing opportunities for seniors in the community.

Stonewall and other participating communities are working with JohnQ to develop an affordable seniors housing facility to allow seniors to age in place. The town signed a letter of intent to develop the facility, which will be delivered through the JohnQ model.

JohnQ Public Inc., on behalf of JohnQ Home Inc., is taking on the funding applications to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) and Build Canada Homes to support the initiative.

Founded in 2018, JohnQ Public Inc. is a voluntary municipal participation corporation that aims to support community infrastructure development and economic growth in and around Winnipeg.

This seniors housing initiative follows in the path of JQBuilt's "Day-care-in-a-Box" delivery model using pre-fabricated construction models. Using a collaborative approach, the project aims to develop and deliver cost-effective one- and two-bedroom housing for seniors in communities across Manitoba.

A seniors housing working group will collaborate with JohnQ to advance the project forward.

"This is an initiative that we've been working on with JohnQ," said CAO Wally Melnyk. "Half a dozen municipi-

ties, maybe more, are interested in pursuing this as an option, so there's a joint application into FCM for funding to ultimately create seniors housing in our community based on a small house cottage-type model development."

The Town of Stonewall will provide at least five acres of serviced construction-ready land for the project, and the land will be zoned appropriately for the development of a seniors housing facility delivered through the JohnQ model. The exact location is to be determined. The age-in-place campus is one potential location, and the town also owns some land west of the water treatment plant site.

"This is very similar to the requirements and conditions that were placed on the community when we did the daycare program. We had to allocate some land and we had to be part of the process. At the end of the day we ended up with a 70-plus space daycare," Melnyk said.

"This will be very similar to that. We'll see where it goes. It may be that the initiative doesn't get funding, and in that case it won't be able to move forward."

Mayor Sandra Stonewall agreed that the JohnQ daycare program has been very successful.

"We have benefited from that," she said, "and I think this is another opportunity like that."

In addition, the Town of Stonewall is applying for funding from FCM's Growing Canada's Community Canopies initiative for the affordable seniors housing project. The lifetime contribution from this initiative won't exceed \$10 million for tree planting in the municipality, which would include \$1 million for infrastructure activity costs.

JohnQ Public Inc., on behalf of JohnQ Home Inc., is also taking on the funding applications to FCM for tree planting for the seniors housing project.

"The community's tree canopy is a significant asset and something the town has identified as a priority. The current three-to-one replacement program is an example of that commitment," Melnyk said.

"Initiatives that we can access that provide additional resources toward tree planting are always of interest to the town."

## IN OTHER COUNCIL NEWS:

- Council tabled a vote on the proposed plan to upgrade the north section of Provincial Road 236 and Provincial Trunk Highway 67 as submitted by Manitoba Transportation and Infrastructure. Council heard



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This rendering shows a possible cottage court design for an affordable seniors housing opportunity through the Town of Stonewall in collaboration with JohnQ.

from many local business owners and property owners that could be affected by the potential impacts of the planned changes. The decision will be considered at a future meeting to allow council enough time to consider new information.

- The town will buy a 2026 Ford F-250 XL extended cab pickup truck from Steeltown Ford for \$67,936.19 plus tax for the works and operations department.

- The town will enter into a building purchase agreement with the Stonewall and Area Mobility Services (SAMS).

"A portion of the costs associated with new building currently under construction for SAMS is being paid for a by grant from the Rural Transit Solutions Fund (RTSF). One of the conditions of the RTSF funding is that the building must remain in the name of the town for at least five years," Melnyk said.

"The purchase agreement allows SAMS to purchase the building from the town upon expiration of the RTSF condition and to use the building at no cost in the interim."

Council passed second and third readings to establish a rate for urban services for 2026, excluding the annexed lands. Council hosted a public hearing and gave first reading on Nov. 19, 2025.

On Jan. 1, 2024 five quarter-sections of land came under the control of the Town of Stonewall after a six-year process with the RM of Rockwood. The town and RM have a formal agreement that outlines how taxes and services are addressed between the two municipalities after the annexation.

For properties in the annexed area, the town committed to not raise taxes for services that aren't provided. The town's at-large "catch-all" mill rate would reflect the RM's at-large mill rate as best as possible. The town's urban services levy would offset the

cost of some of the services that aren't being provided to the annexed lands or are being funded outside of taxation, such as street lighting, snow removal and parks and arena services.

The difference between the two municipalities is about \$478,500, which will be moved from the town's at-large mill rate to the urban special services levy. As a result, the urban services levy will be based on the current projected 2026 assessment of 1.083 mills.

There are two additional line items on tax notices, but there is no financial impact.

- Council passed first reading to amend a zoning bylaw by establishing the residential mixed-use zone and rezoning applicable lands.

The proposed mixed-use zone is being proposed for the lands east of 4th Street E in Stonewall. The change in zoning means that land on the town's eastern edge will be changed from residential multiple and development reserve to residential mixed use (RMU).

"The proposed amendments will enable the Town of Stonewall to develop its aging-in-place campus, which is expected to provide a variety of housing and care options including independent living, assisted living, supportive housing and long-term care. The development aims to ensure continuity of care, promote independence and foster a strong sense of belonging as residents age. The campus will be an integrated part of a broader community," Melnyk said.

"In addition, the lands proposed to be rezoned RMU will provide flexibility for future residential, commercial and institutional development, ensuring the area can evolve in response to long-term community needs."

- Council passed first reading to open a public road. The road will

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# 2026 Festival finale



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Student musicians wrapped up the 2026 Rockwood Festival of the Arts (RFOTA) with a day of band and instrumental performances at Stonewall Collegiate on April 16.

The event featured ensembles from the Collège Stonewall Collegiate band, Teulon Collegiate band, École Stonewall Centennial School Grade 7 band and École Stonewall Centennial School Grade 8 band. A number of students were also highlighted in solo and small ensemble performances. Raegan Clark of Stonewall performed on violin, while Owen Ward of Teulon Collegiate showcased both a snare drum solo and a multiple-percussion piece. Chloe Cheuk of Stonewall performed on trombone, and Parker Lynn Ritchie and Ayva Dawson teamed up for a clarinet duet. Fiona Adams and Vanya Debruil, also of Stonewall, performed as part of a woodwind ensemble. Festival scholarship awards are scheduled to be presented in May at the Quarry Park Heritage Arts Centre. The RFOTA annual general meeting and volunteer appreciation is planned for Wednesday, May 27 at 7 p.m. at the Stonewall Karaten Dojo building, 404 3rd Ave. S., Stonewall.




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# Hello Spring Market brings local vendors to St. Laurent May 3

By E. Antonio

St. Laurent is stepping into market season with its Hello Spring Market on May 3 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the St. Laurent Recreation Centre.

With more than 30 vendor booths set up and ready for business, and free admission, St. Laurent & District recreation director Tammy Hiebert said she is excited to reconnect with the community.

She added that shopping with local vendors is a great way to foster community connection, inspire creativity and encourage local interaction.

Among the vendors is St. Laurent's own Tara Toole, owner of Ducked Up Farm.

Toole sells custom-engraved items, goat's milk soap, shampoo bars, knitted and crocheted pieces, and other accessories — all products that stem from personal and family passions.

"Hilariously, the goat's milk soap was because we cannot drink that much milk in one day," she explained. "And there was no way I could make that much cheese."

Toole works alongside her partner, Lonnie, who specializes in product engraving. For the pair, seeing happy customers means everything.

"I absolutely love bringing people's visions to reality," Toole said. "I've said it before and I'll say it again — small towns are the heart of any economy. I know that there is so much pride in helping a customer."

She offers an array of scents for her goat's milk bars, all made with minimal ingredients so customers know exactly what they are putting on their skin.

For Toole, part of the fun comes from naming her scents, with playful options such as "Crushed Elf" for a peppermint bar, "Float Around, Find Out" for a root beer float scent, and "Killer Clean" for a Fruit Loops-scented bar. She also offers a "Plain Jane" option for those with sensitive skin.

Toole said she has always enjoyed the chance to be creative. She learned many of her skills through trial and error, as well as tutorials she found online or received from friends and colleagues.

"I believe we can all find our talents," she added. "Mine just



Ducked Up Farm will be selling engraved products, goat's milk soap, shampoo bars and knitted items at the St. Laurent Hello Spring Market on May 3.

happens to be a willingness to try a lot of different things."

Ducked Up Farm also accepts custom orders, whether a customer is looking for a personalized engraved item or hoping for a fresh new scent. Toole and her partner are happy to help bring those ideas to life.

She noted that every product takes time, as they work carefully to ensure each item is exactly what the customer wants, often going back and forth for hours to perfect the details.

Their soaps alone take about three hours to make, a full day to firm up before being cut, and another 30 days to cure. But Toole said the time is always worth it if it means another satisfied customer.

"Local sellers have to make good quality items," Toole said. "We want people to come back and support us — supporting local has never mattered more."

For more information about Ducked Up Farm,



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Ducked Up Farm owner Tara Toole cuts a block of goat's milk soap.

follow its Facebook page, visit its website, or stop by its booth at the St. Laurent Hello Spring Market. The event will also feature many other local vendors selling a wide variety of goods, including clothing, skin care products, crocheted and sewn items, artwork, jewelry, accessories and more.

In addition to local shopping, the market will feature a silent auction table supporting the community pickleball program, a 50/50 draw supporting local recreation programming, a canteen benefiting the St. Laurent Recreation Centre, and a children's craft table.

tation bootcamp from Nov. 18 to 20 in St. Andrews, and costs will be covered.

- The town will buy an eighth-page ad for \$419 in the Courageous Companions Canada magazine Courageous K9 to support their efforts to train and certify service dogs for veterans across the country.

- Kinsmen Lake family passes are on sale until May 29. Each family membership includes five passes. Passes can be purchased online at [stonewall.ca/m/stonewall-quarry-park/kinsmen-lake-](http://stonewall.ca/m/stonewall-quarry-park/kinsmen-lake-) or in person at the town office or Heritage Arts Centre.

- The Town of Stonewall will present its proposed 2026 financial plan at a public hearing on Tuesday, April 28. The hearing will start at 6:30 p.m. in the council chambers. An option is also available to attend virtually.

- The Town of Stonewall's emergency measures office will host a free open house event on Monday, May 4 from 1 to 7 p.m. at the Heritage Arts Centre. Attendees will have the chance to create a take-home personal identification kit, visit information booths, explore emergency vehicles, meet local emergency responders and learn safety tips. The family-friendly event will also feature a free barbecue.

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**Teulon AA**  
Christian Education Building  
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Contact: (204) 461-0155  
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run from 4th Street E through the aging-in-place campus and then north to connect with the new road access for the Whiteland development on Highway 67.

"This is an opportunity for the town to establish a corridor for the installation of infrastructure," Melnyk said. "We can do the road opening and then we can move forward with installing sewer and water and roadworks that need to be done."

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# Interlake-Eastern Regional Health honours 368 volunteers

By Haley Cvar, with files from IERHA

National Volunteer Week runs April 19 to 26, and this year Interlake-Eastern Health is recognizing 368 people across the region who volunteer their time in health facilities and programs that impact many individuals and families.

Holly Typliski, a fourth-year University of Manitoba student, volunteers once a week in the dialysis unit at Selkirk Regional Health Centre.

"I started volunteering at the front door to the hospital, and that was a great way to interact with all kinds of people. It also exposed me to different departments across the hospital that I could potentially volunteer in," she said. "No one wants to be at the hospital, so by being a friendly, familiar face they see every week, I try to make them feel safe and comfortable while they are here. The best part is having conversations with patients while they are receiving treatment and hopefully making their day a little better by providing that support."

Typliski said her experience in a health-care setting is helping prepare her for a future career in the field. She is completing a Bachelor of Health Sciences in the interdisciplinary health program and plans to pursue a master's degree to become a physician assistant. She also works part time as a research assistant at St. Boniface Research Centre.

Marline Wruck and her friend Henrietta began volunteering by singing with patients at Pina-wa Hospital in 2018. They paused their visits in 2020 and recently returned in mid-January 2026, bringing music back to the hospital.

"The joy, conversations and care for one another is what brings us back," Wruck said. "Many

of the patients are in the hospital for a long time, and the days can get very long. I've heard that since COVID, many of the volunteers who once came to the hospital have not returned."

Melody Horn, who lives east of Lac du Bonnet, volunteers at the local personal care home, running bingo and assisting with family events at least once a week for nearly three years.

"I try to make people smile, laugh and enjoy themselves. I also do the same and find myself enjoying it just as much," she said. "I go before the game starts to talk to residents and get them excited to play. I also enjoy helping out at special family events. Volunteering brings me joy."

Anyone interested in assisting with the recreation department is invited to contact regional recreation manager Lori Martin at [lmartin@ierha.ca](mailto:lmartin@ierha.ca).

The palliative care program is seeking volunteers for Camp Stepping Stones, an annual grief camp for children held at Camp Arnes from May 29 to 31. Those interested can contact Lorraine Schmidt, Interlake-Eastern RHA volunteer coordinator, at [lschmidt@ierha.ca](mailto:lschmidt@ierha.ca) or call 1-855-494-7369.

From April 8 to June 3, the spiritual care program is offering a Spirit of Caring training course every Wednesday from 12:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. Participants who complete the training are eligible to become spiritual health volunteers in the region. To register, contact Ferdinand Funk, regional spiritual health services coordinator, at 204-461-3414 or [ffunk@ierha.ca](mailto:ffunk@ierha.ca) by April 6.

Interlake-Eastern Health's recreation, palliative care and spiritual care programs are all seeking volunteers. Opportunities include

friendly visiting, reading, leading activities and crafts, assisting with mealtimes, helping with transportation and more. Additional roles are available in some health facilities and with community partners, such as seniors resource councils.

More information about volunteer opportunities is available at [www.ierha.ca](http://www.ierha.ca) under About Us > Community Involvement > Volunteer Opportunities.



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# Interlake schools join forces to support cancer research and care

## Students unite for Relay for Life May 29

By Lana Meier

Student leadership teams from Collège Stonewall Collegiate, Teulon Collegiate and Warren Collegiate are joining forces this spring to support the Canadian Cancer Society through a unified Relay For Life fundraiser.

The outdoor event, set for Friday, May 29 at Collège Stonewall Collegiate, will bring students, staff and community members together for an evening of walking, remembrance and celebration.

Opening ceremonies begin at 4:30 p.m., featuring a guest speaker and a ceremonial opening lap led by cancer survivors. Participants will then take to the track in teams, walking laps in support of those affected by cancer.

The idea for the joint event grew out of a shared experience at a national student leadership conference.

"A few leadership students from the three schools attended the Canadian Student Leadership Conference in Haliburton, Ont., in the fall of 2025," said Collège Stonewall Collegiate student Eli Uhres-Todd. "At the event, there was a Relay For Life pop-up and the students felt a strong connection to the mission of the Canadian Cancer Society and saw the real-life impact of the Relay For Life event. Connecting the three schools is an amazing opportunity to unite our communities and support one another."

Bringing the three schools together has strengthened both the reach and impact of the fundraiser.

"Bringing together the three schools has given more opportunity for us to share the Canadian Cancer Society's mission and our passion for uniting community and bringing more attention and funding to cancer research," Uhres-Todd and fellow student Kristen Greigson said.

Students have played a leading role in organizing the event.

"In planning for our Relay For Life event, students have taken on large roles in organizing, planning and marketing," Uhres-Todd and Greigson said.

For many involved, the cause is deeply personal.

"Everyone has been affected by cancer in some way," Greigson said. "The true passion from the students and organizers is what will make this event successful."

Teulon Collegiate student Kenadi Sherred said her own family's experiences have shaped her involvement.

"Many members from my family have been affected by cancer. From breast cancer to leukemia, it was hard watching loved ones go through it," she said. "Being able to host a Relay For Life event af-

ter seeing first-hand the effect cancer has on people's lives is such a blessing."

Organizers emphasize that the event is about more than fundraising — it's about building awareness and connection among young people.

"I think that it is important for students to be involved in causes like Relay For Life to build community and bring awareness to important causes such as cancer," Greigson said. "Showing up for your community is beneficial for all teenagers to show commitment, passion and to meet new people."

Participants can expect more than just walking laps, with organizers planning food, activities and opportunities to honour our loved ones.

"We are providing food and shirts with every registration and creating a strong sense of camaraderie between the three communities," said Teulon Collegiate students Brook Waldbauer, Alayna Toth and Sherred. "The \$20 registration includes a meal, T-shirt and a luminary bag in honour of loved ones."

Luminaries will also be available for purchase ahead of the event and on site, priced at \$10 each or three for \$20.

The opening ceremonies and survivor lap remain a central part of the evening.

"The significance of the opening ceremony and the survivors lap is giving them a chance to know they are not alone," said student Akira Abacan. "It also reminds the public who we are doing this for."

Organizers have set a fundraising goal of \$15,000 and say strong community support will be key.

"We are very confident in our goal and are hoping to raise even more," said Warren Collegiate student Kiera Schutz. "It will take all three communities coming together to achieve it."

Funds raised will support cancer research and programs across Canada.

"The funds we raise locally help on a much larger scale," Schutz said. "They support research, improve quality of life for those with cancer and provide services for families in need."

Organizers say they hope participants leave with a greater understanding of the impact of cancer and the importance of community support.

"By coming together as three communities, we hope people realize just how much we can do to support this cause," Schutz said.

Anyone interested in registering a team or making a donation can contact organizers Deanna Johnson, Chelsea Meier, Heather Tataryn, Fallon Campbell, Curtis Grieve or Jesse Hourie.

The event runs from 4:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Collège Stonewall Collegiate, 297 5th St. W.



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Collège Stonewall Collegiate student leadership members support the joint Relay For Life initiative. From left: Eli Uhres-Todd, Livia Borges, Lacey Learning, Mia Smart, Lucy Hoff, Anna Hoff, Kyaira Zagrodnik, Julia Gilroy, Emily Randall, Taylor Dove, Kristen Greigson, Romeo Paguio and Addy Meier.



Student leaders from Warren Collegiate gather in support of the upcoming Relay For Life fundraiser. From left: Kiera Schutz, Jersey MacMillan, Ella Riddell, Olivia Fontaine, Danika Shaver, Everly Sherry, Blake Darragh, Joslyn Tetlock, Maria Riddell and Fallon Campbell.



Teulon Collegiate students prepare for Relay For Life. Back row, from left: Kingston Lowe, Brook Waldbauer, Robyn Loudon, Alayna Toth, Ainsleigh Hutchinson and Sam Loudon. Front: Kenadi Sherred.

# Illegal dumping concerns raised near rural intersection

By Lana Meier

A local resident is raising concerns about ongoing illegal dumping at the corner of Road 94 and Road 3E.

Pearl Bainbridge says the site has become a repeated dumping ground, with garbage found not only at the intersection but also extending roughly 200 yards in both directions.

Items observed at the location include bagged and boxed household waste, cat litter and animal feces, dead fish, and what appears to be skinned deer remains.

Bainbridge said the situation is becoming a growing nuisance, raising concerns for nearby residents, the environment, and local wildlife.

"This habit is becoming a real nuisance for other humans, the environment, animals and birdlife," she said. She is calling on those responsible to stop the practice and dispose of waste properly.



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# Time & Talent Auction raises funds for historic church

By Jo-Anne Procter

Stonewall's Church of the Ascension raised more than \$5,000 during a lively fundraiser held April 18 in support of replacing the roof on its 164-year-old heritage building.

About 120 guests attended the Time & Talent event, which highlighted the church's ongoing role as a hub for outreach and community gatherings.

Local entertainment was provided by the Stonewall Strummers, Ruby Enzelberger, Glen Carroll and Diane James before auctioneers Doug Ives and Jeff Gordon took centre stage, keeping the crowd engaged as they auctioned off 39 donated items and services.

Top bids were placed on a home concert provided by Juno Award-winning musician Brent Parkin, a two-night cottage stay in Steep Rock, a one-hour photo session from Karen Hunter Photography, a chocolate truffle-making class with chocolatier Rachel McKinley and a 12-person canoe trip from Grant Budget Expeditions.

Other auction items ranged from 10 pounds of fresh garden tomatoes and dog-walking services to homemade pies, a Chilean-themed dinner, bundles of firewood, a handcrafted cribbage board and traditional vinarterta and more.

Funds raised from the evening will go toward preserving the historic church, ensuring it can continue serving the community for years to come.



TRIBUNE PHOTOS BY TWYLLA GORDON  
Auctioneers Jeff Gordon, left, and Doug Ives kept the crowd engaged as they sold items and services.



The Stonewall Strummers provided entertainment at the event during the Time & Talent Auction in support of Stonewall's Church of the Ascension on April 18..



Diane James played the keyboard to entertain guests.



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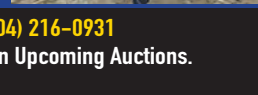
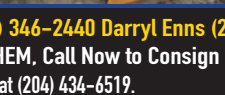
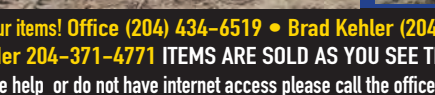
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# Farmers invited to share what's working in new Manitoba wellness study

By Annaliese Meier

With flood risk rising in parts of the Interlake and ongoing pressures from input costs, labour shortages and unpredictable weather, a new Manitoba study is looking to farmers themselves for answers on what supports mental wellness in agriculture.

Researchers with the Centre for Critical Studies of Rural Mental Health at Brandon University are inviting farmers and agricultural service providers across the region to take part in interviews and focus groups aimed at identifying what is already working in farm communities.

The project takes a strengths-based approach — focusing not only on challenges, but on the tools, supports and strategies producers are already using to manage stress and maintain well-being.

“This research is about listening to farmers and ag service providers and learning from what’s already working,” said Tracy Young, research facilitator with the Centre. “Hearing directly from farmers and those who support them is key to shaping meaningful approaches to wellness.”

Young said the study grew out of her experience working directly with producers and farm families.

“Over the last number of years in my work as a mental health clinician in agriculture, I’ve become increasingly familiar with the industry hardships and the risks to mental health for farmers and farm families,” she said. “At the same time, I’ve also seen the importance of reminding people of their purpose — their connection to the land, the animals and the work they do.

“We hear so much about the downside. Why not take a closer look at the good — the positive, the strengths in farming — and what works to keep the industry growing and thriving?”

Farm families continue to navigate long hours, financial uncertainty and

the increasing complexity of modern agriculture, all of which can take a toll on mental health. In regions like the Interlake, those pressures are often compounded by weather-related concerns such as flooding and delayed seasons.

Young said the study is not ignoring those realities, but instead aims to highlight resilience within the industry.

“We’re not intending to overlook the pressures farmers are facing,” she said. “We want to gather the voices of strength and hope and help raise them up, so the industry can be reminded of the promise that agriculture still holds.”

In practical terms, the strengths-based approach means focusing on what is already helping farmers cope and succeed.

“We want to know what’s working for you — what brought you strength, what gave you purpose, how you keep going and who supports you,” Young said. “From there, we can build on those ideas and develop tools that are truly relevant to the industry.”

The study will collect stories from both farmers and agricultural service providers, with the goal of identifying supports that can be expanded and shared more widely.

Those insights will be compiled into narratives that highlight resilience in agriculture and used to develop tools and resources for producers in Manitoba and beyond, in partnership with the Do More Agriculture Foundation.

Young said participation from farmers across rural Manitoba is critical to the success of the project.

“Everyone’s voice is important. Everyone has a story to tell that could help someone else,” she said. “Agriculture can be isolating at times, and if this study can help share that strength across the miles, that alone is a reason to take part.”

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members and agricultural service providers are all encouraged to participate.

Participants are being asked to share their experiences, wellness strategies and perspectives on what supports mental health within the agriculture sector.

More information about the study and how to participate is available online at: [youngt@brandonu.ca](mailto:youngt@brandonu.ca) or by contacting Tracy Young – Principal Investigator for the project at 204-571-8532.

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# sports & recreation

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## Stonewall Collegiate represented at Basketball Manitoba awards

By Kieran Reimer

Stonewall Collegiate had two athletes and a coach recognized Saturday as Basketball Manitoba celebrated the province's top high school talent at its annual awards.

Wyatt Mitchell earned a spot on the AAA male all-Manitoba team, recognizing him as one of the top players in his classification across the province following a strong season.

The honour highlights Mitchell's performance and consistency throughout the year, as well as his role in leading Stonewall's program on the court.

"It was really nice because it was shows kind of all the hard work that not even just me, but our whole team, I wouldn't have been there without my team," said Mitchell. "It was a really surreal moment. It felt like I was being recognized because it's the coaches that vote for it."

Mitchell also got to play in the A/AA/AAA Graduating All-Star Game Saturday, where he and Rams teammate Jacob Bourcier suited up for Team Boston Pizza.

Their team would go on for a 105-83 victory over Team Under Armour at the Sport Manitoba Courts, before the awards which happened later that day at the Manitoba Museum.

It's been two months now since the Rams' Varsity Boys Basketball season came to an end with 2025-26 having been a special one for the school's success.

They went 9-1 in the regular season to finish first in KPAC Tier 2, before eventually losing out in the league finals.

Their impressive campaign still earned them a ticket to provincial qualifiers, which they ultimate-

ly punched their ticket to with a bounce back performance over Elmwood, who had beat them in their league finals just days prior.

They later went on to finish 2-1 at the Provincial AAA Championships with a season concluding victory over the Nelson McIntyre Torchbearers in the consolation final.

**"IT WAS REALLY NICE BECAUSE IT WAS SHOWS KIND OF ALL THE HARD WORK THAT NOT EVEN JUST ME, BUT OUR WHOLE TEAM."**

"It was just surreal to be there because that had always been my goal is I wanted to get there," said Mitchell. "We fell short last year, and I just really wanted to bounce back this year, and it was great. We made it, we beat the team that beat us in our regular season play-offs to get to that final provincial spot too, which is I guess kind of cathartic in a way that we beat the team that beat us, to get to provincials. It was really nice."

Mitchell was responsible for many 30-point outings over the season playing center for the club.

He's currently considering his options of where he might play in the 2026-27 season, and will be one of seven Rams graduating from the program this June.

In addition to player recognition, longtime coach Christy Steeves was also honoured Saturday for her commitment to the sport, receiving a coaching service award for 25 years of dedication to basketball.

For Stonewall Collegiate, the honours reflect both individual achievement and the continued strength of the school's basketball program. In 2025-26, Steeves coached the Varsity Girls and Junior Varsity Boys basketball programs in Stonewall.



**TRIBUNE PHOTO SUBMITTED**  
Stonewall Collegiate teammates Wyatt Mitchell (left) and Jacob Bourcier pose during Basketball Manitoba's graduating all-star event Saturday in Winnipeg, where both suited up for Team Boston Pizza and Mitchell was named to the AAA male all-Manitoba team.

## Long commutes pay off for Chartrand

By Kieran Reimer

Ashton Chartrand had the opportunity to represent Gimli High School last Saturday at Basketball Manitoba's Graduating All-Star Day.

A Grade 12 guard, Chartrand was the lone representative from his school on Team Under Armour in the A/AA/AAA boys game at Sport Manitoba in downtown Winnipeg.

His squad ultimately fell to Team Boston Pizza before players moved to the Manitoba Museum for the Basketball Manitoba Awards banquet.

"Our team didn't do quite as well as the other team, unfortunately, but the talent was pretty high level on their side," said Chartrand. "It was super

enjoyable — a great way to end my high school career, for sure."

Chartrand only began attending school in Gimli in the fall after spending his first three years of high school at Warren Collegiate Institute.

With Warren lacking the numbers to field a team, Chartrand decided to transfer to Gimli, which meant making an hour to 90-minute drive each morning and evening from his home in Warren.

In hindsight, Chartrand said he is glad he made the decision. He already plays preparatory basketball for DELite Basketball in Winnipeg, but suiting up for Gimli helped further his development.

He credits Lakers head coach Chad Heminger for making it such a positive experience.

"The way he kind of evolved my game is the nonstop conditioning," said Chartrand. "The cardio is just insane with him. He just believed in me and how I could lead the team."

Chartrand did just that, helping Gimli to a sixth-place finish at the AA provincial basketball championships while also earning Players' Choice Award honours at the tournament.

He is now looking ahead to what a basketball career could look like after high school and will graduate with Gimli's Class of 2026 in June.



Gimli High School's Ashton Chartrand earned a spot in the A, AA, AAA boys graduating all-star game at the Basketball Manitoba Awards.

# Local gymnast claims provincial title in breakout season

By E. Antonio

Rockwood's Kinley Meyers is quickly making a name for herself in gymnastics, recently earning a provincial title in her first competitive season.

The 11-year-old trains with Keystone Kips Gymnastics in West St. Paul and returned home with a first-place trophy, two gold medals and one bronze from the Manitoba Gymnastics Level 2, 3 and Xcel Gold Provincial Championships, held April 10 to 12 in Sunnyside.

Competing at Level 2, Meyers claimed gold on vault and bars, along with bronze on beam. Her combined scores across all events secured her first all-around provincial title.

The achievement is especially notable given it is her first year competing. Meyers took up gymnastics just three years ago, inspired by her younger sister and by watching older athletes train.

"I love watching the older girls and believing I'll be able to do that one day," she said. "It motivates me to work hard."

Her coach, Abby Bajno, said Meyers has quickly stood out for both her ability and determination.

"Her hard work and dedication has shown through the outstanding progress she's made this year," Bajno said. "I couldn't be more proud of her accomplishments. Watching these athletes grow not just as gymnasts, but as individuals is what truly makes this work rewarding."

She quickly developed a passion for the sport, enjoying both the challenge and the friendships it brings. Her favourite apparatus is the balance beam.

"I like the challenge — it feels like my run-way," she said.

Floor exercise, however, remains her toughest event. Even so, Meyers pushed through and delivered her strongest performance of the season at provincials.

"I've improved a lot this year, and getting gold at provincials was exciting," she said. "I was really nervous, but I thought I did well and hoped I would place. It was both really exciting and nerve-wracking."

Meyers trains about six hours a week and has also taken up acro and aerial silk classes at Bend Academy in Winnipeg to further develop her technique.

Her mother, Dana, said the family has been impressed by Kinley's growth and determination.

"With her, there's no 'I can't do this.' There's only 'I will do it,'" she said. "When you watch her, you can see how much she loves it. We're very proud of her."

Looking ahead, Meyers hopes to move up to Level 3 next season and continue building on her success.

Her advice to other young athletes is simple: "Even when things are hard, keep trying and believe in yourself — all your hard work will pay off."



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Kinley Meyers shows off her first-place trophy and two gold medals she won at the Manitoba Gymnastics Level 2, 3 and Xcel Gold Provincial Championships. She posted the highest cumulative score across all four events and top scores on vault and bars.

# Curl Balmoral honours season, longtime volunteer

By Lana Meier

Curl Balmoral wrapped up its 2025-26 season with a year-end windup April 4, celebrating league champions, sharing club updates and recognizing the volunteers who helped make the year a success.

A highlight of the evening was the recognition of longtime volunteer Fred Shipley for his decades of dedication to youth curling in the com-

munity. Shipley has led the club's after-school youth program for approximately 30 years, introducing hundreds of Balmoral-area children to the fundamentals of the sport while fostering a lasting passion for curling.

Club officials credited Shipley's commitment as a key factor in sustaining youth participation and keeping the sport a strong part of the Balmoral community.



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Curl Balmoral's Jason Dodd (left) presents a plaque to longtime volunteer Fred Shipley in recognition of his decades of dedication to youth curling during the club's year-end windup on April 4.

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# Argyle Curling Club wraps season with awards night



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Pictured, left to right: Members of the Bruce Buchanan rink — Bill Rossington, Bruce Buchanan, Greg Harrison and Lloyd Buchanan — pose after winning the men's A-side title at the Argyle Curling Club wind-up Saturday night; the Jeff Slatcher rink — Jeff Slatcher, Riley Buchanan, Nolan Powell and Murray Last — was recognized as the men's B-side champion; and members of the Virginia Crockatt rink — Linda Crockatt, Janet Peters and Virginia Crockatt (missing Lori Sinclair-Reimer) — were acknowledged as the women's B-side winners.

By Lana Meier

The Argyle Curling Club celebrated the end of its season with a wind-up held Saturday night,

recognizing league champions and volunteers who helped make the year a success.

Trophies were presented to the winners of the

men's and women's leagues, with both A- and B-side champions honoured.

In the men's league, the B-side title was claimed by the Jeff Slatcher rink, which included Nolan Powell, Murray Last, Carl Peterson and Riley Buchanan. The A-side championship went to the Bruce Buchanan team, featuring Bill, Lloyd Buchanan and Greg Harrison, a veteran group that was praised for its strong play throughout the season.

On the women's side, the A-side championship was awarded to the Kristen McCurdy rink of Darcy Holod, Rachel Holod and Madeline Boonstra. The Virginia Crockatt team, including Janet Peters, Linda Crockatt and Lori Sinclair-Reimer, finished as runners-up.

Club president Chad Thoresby thanked the many volunteers who contribute to the club's operations, noting the Argyle Curling Club has been serving the community for nearly nine decades.

"We can't curl if we don't have ice," he said, recognizing ice makers and the many members who stepped up throughout the season to help with maintenance, events and league play.

Special recognition was also given to volunteers supporting the club's junior and senior programs, as well as those who assisted with bonspiels, kitchen duties and bar service.

Volunteer awards for the 2026 season were presented to Terry Billingham, Don Adamko, Nick Scrabik and Sarah Barton for their contributions to league organization and youth development.

The season also featured a full slate of bonspiels, including the addition of the Ice and Iron Classic, a new event held in partnership with the 19th Hole that organizers said was a success. The club's traditional men's bonspiel returned with its popular Calcutta and social events, while Bruce Buchanan organized the first annual stick bonspiel. The ladies glow bonspiel and mixed glow bonspiel also drew strong participation, with the latter requiring significant organization. The season wrapped up with the Colin Crockett Classic, which saw a team of volunteers come together to host the event.

The evening also highlighted the continued growth of junior curling, which organizers say is key to the club's future.

## Ram tough at rookie tourney



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY JO-ANNE PROCTER

The Stonewall Rams rookie team posted a strong showing at the 2026 Winnipeg High School Hockey League Rookie Tournament, held April 9–15 at Seven Oaks Arena and hosted by St. John's-Ravenscourt School. Stonewall opened the tournament with a pair of wins in Pool 1, defeating the host Eagles 6-0 and edging the Selkirk Royals 3-2. The Rams closed out the round robin with a 3-1 loss to the Steinbach Regional Sabres, finishing with a 2-1 record.

In crossover play, the Rams earned a 5-2 victory over the Garden City Gophers before their tournament run came to an end with a 7-5 loss to the Gabrielle-Roy/Pointe-des-Chênes Cavaliers. Carson Kirk, Liam Meier, Maddyn Dalglish and goaltender Finn Smith led the Rams to the semifinals. Pictured, Rams players Jake Fortin and Dustin Campbell battle in front of the Cavaliers' net.

# Cockerill returns home after witnessing Middle East conflict

By Kieran Reimer

It's certainly been a year to remember for Stony Mountain's Aaron Cockerill.

The 34-year-old, who spends his winters in Dubai, U.A.E., has teed off at the RBC Canadian Open, recorded multiple top-20 finishes on the European-based DP World Tour, and welcomed his second daughter with his wife, Chelsea — all in the past 12 months.

While everything had been going according to plan, things changed a few weeks ago when his family was caught in the crosshairs of the ongoing conflict in the Middle East.

Cockerill said he witnessed a missile interception in the skies over the U.A.E., which lies less than 100 kilometres from southern Iran, separated by the Strait of Hormuz.

Not exactly an everyday experience for someone who grew up in the Interlake.

"It was pretty wild," Cockerill said Wednesday. "You could see it kind of take off, and then it was quiet for about 30 seconds, and you just heard a dull kind of kaboom, and it was intercepting a drone or something like that."

He added that he has witnessed similar incidents over the past couple of months.

Though he was not overly worried, he and his family decided to return to Manitoba for the spring and summer about a month earlier than usual.

"Dubai has built up such an amazing place that I don't think they're going to let anything happen to it, and they've done a very good job, and we felt safe," said Cockerill. "We were there for three weeks while everything was going on, and I think things have calmed down, but it was weird. Being from Manitoba, you don't necessarily experience that here, but it was an interesting life experience



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Aaron Cockerill is back in Manitoba after cutting his winter in Dubai short amid rising tensions in the Middle East. The Interlake product is now preparing for an upcoming stretch of tournaments in China, Turkey and Spain.

we'll get to tell the kids about one day."

Now back in Manitoba and living in Winnipeg, his golf schedule has undergone a few changes.

His practice sessions are currently taking place indoors while courses prepare to open. Travelling internationally for the DP World Tour has also become more taxing, with longer flights and connections through Toronto.

He'll have to manage that in the coming weeks as he heads into a stretch of three tournaments in China, Turkey and Spain.

"In the summer it's not too bad to go from here to Europe. It's only about a seven-hour flight from Toronto, but to go from here to China and Turkey

and stuff is a lot more difficult than it would have been, and we obviously still can't play golf here in the middle of April," said Cockerill.

Amid it all, Cockerill is also working to regain his full-time DP World Tour card after finishing outside the tour's top 115 in 2025.

He currently sits 136th in the Race to Dubai Rankings. His best result of 2026 is a tie for 18th at the Kenya Open in February, where he shot in the 60s each day to finish at 14-under par.

One of the bright spots of returning to Manitoba has been reconnecting with Men's Team Canada coach Derek Ingram, who lives in Winnipeg and has coached PGA Tour players Corey Connors and Taylor Pendrith, along with Cockerill in recent years.

Just last week, Ingram was in Augusta, Ga., for The Masters, where he coached Connors to a tie for 49th.

"I was over at his house last week and I'm heading there again on Friday," said Cockerill. "Derek's a great guy and great at what he does, and it's pretty cool that he's from Winnipeg and has had as much success nationally and globally as he has. I've worked with him for quite a few years — great dude, smart guy, cares about you as a person — and he's got a nice little sim set up in his garage at home, so I'll be putting that to use again on Friday with him and hopefully learning a thing or two."

Cockerill said he still plans on playing local courses this summer.

He began golfing as a youngster at Teulon Golf & Country Club, where playing 36 to 54 holes a day became the norm.

Most of his tee times now take place at St. Charles Country Club in Winnipeg.

# Team Kurz wins provincial title seven years after split

By Kieran Reimer

Team Colin Kurz are Mixed Open Provincial champions once again after a 9-4 victory over Team Pearson in the tournament final on April 12 at Pembina Curling Club.

After not playing together for seven years, it was almost like they had never been apart.

They showed no rust and made minimal mistakes en route to an undefeated tournament, which sees them qualify for the 2026 Canadian Mixed Curling Championship in November.

"It's like we never skipped a beat. Our first game we won in six ends, and then our second game, we won by two, but yeah there was definitely more missed shots along the way this time around versus last time, but honestly it was kind of like we didn't miss a beat," said Team Kurz lead Sara (Oliver) Krym.

The 29-year-old, born and raised in Marquette, along with West St. Paul's Brendan Bilawka, make up Team Kurz's Interlake representation, with

Colin Kurz and Meghan Walter both hailing from Winnipeg.

Before last weekend, their 2019 World Mixed Curling Championship-winning season was the last time they hit the sheet together as members of the same team.

Between work, university and starting families, each pursued their respective men's and women's championships, which proved successful.

Krym and Walter went on to play in the 2023 Scotties Tournament of Hearts before recently retiring from the women's game.

Kurz also retired on the men's side, making Bilawka the only active curler of the group. He is currently part of Braden Calvert's men's squad that competed at the 2026 Montana's Brier just a few weeks ago.

Team Kurz's idea to reunite for mixed provincials came about one month before the registration deadline.



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY CONNIE LALIBERTE

Team Kurz defeated Team Pearson 9-4 to win the Mixed Open Provincial Championship on April 12 at Pembina Curling Club. Their triumph earns them a berth to the 2026 Canadian Mixed Curling Championship from Nov. 8-14 in Woodstock, P.E.I. Pictured left to right: Colin Kurz, Meghan Walter, Brendan Bilawka, Sara (Oliver) Krym.

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# sports & recreation

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## Westlake Classic shifts to Warren for finale weekend

By Kieran Reimer

The first annual Westlake Classic will shift to Access Credit Union Arena in Warren next weekend for the second half of the four-game exhibition series, April 25-26.

The classic features two teams made up of U18-aged girls, one hailing from southwest Manitoba and the other from the Interlake.

The event debuted April 11-12 at the Waskada and Area Recreational Centre. The two sides also shared the ice ahead of each game through a development camp led by Interlake coaches Sam Strassburger and Kelsey McHolm.

"They packed the rink in Waskada to watch this exhibition series, and we had lots of parents and families coming up and just saying to us what a great idea it was and how much they appreciated the opportunity. We're really, really happy with the outcome of it. It's been great," said Kasey Riddell.

Riddell, vice-director of Interlake Minor Hockey on the girls' side, is also one of the event's creators.

He, along with Neil Franklin of Deloraine, planned the classic as a way to give girls graduating from the U15 level a taste of U18 hockey.

He said the rosters include players from AAA through to single-A and

high school programs.

"We wanted to try to give girls an opportunity or taste of what U18 AAA hockey might be like," said Riddell. "We opened it up to girls graduating from U15 AAA into the U18 AAA program or into that U18 age level. There weren't a lot of those girls, so we opened it up to Interlake girls who played on the U18 AAA team, and then the next wave was girls who played high school hockey and AA hockey."

The classic will continue with the same format in Warren, featuring a development camp followed by five-on-five exhibition games on both

days.

"We're hoping that it'll gain some momentum and ideally, in another year, it would be open to girls graduating into U18 if we had the numbers or interest," said Riddell. "The goal is to grow it and provide an opportunity for Interlake girls to get a taste of U18 hockey."

Games at Access Credit Union Arena are scheduled for Saturday, April 25 at 3:30 p.m. and Sunday, April 26 at 1 p.m.

Festivities will include a 50-50 draw and silent auction, with the bar open Saturday. Tickets are \$5 each.

## Interlake forwards closing in on MJHL title with Nighthawks

By Kieran Reimer

The Niverville Nighthawks moved two wins away from capturing their first-ever Turnbull Cup last week.

Games 1 and 2 of the Manitoba Junior Hockey League final opened with the MGEU East champion Nighthawks taking a 2-0 series lead over the MGEU West champion Virden Oil Capitals.

Niverville's efforts were led by Interlake products Hayden Wheddon (Stonewall), Adam Vigfusson (Gimli) and Dawson Zeller (St. Andrews), who combined for six points over the two games.

Niverville hosted Game 1 of the best-of-seven series, with 1,025 fans in attendance for the first Turnbull Cup final game played at the Niverville CRRC.

The hometown team opened the

scoring less than three minutes in, with Thomas Phillips netting his first of the playoffs on the power play to give Niverville a 1-0 lead.

Loik Leduc extended the lead in the second period, with assists from Vigfusson and Wheddon.

After Austin Osiowy got one back for Virden midway through the frame, Zeller responded with a power-play marker less than a minute later to restore Niverville's two-goal cushion at 3-1.

The Nighthawks held that lead until midway through the third, when Leduc scored his second of the night on the power play to make it 4-1.

In net, Niverville's Austin Dubinsky turned aside 30 shots, outduelling Virden's Braxton Burdeny, who made 24 saves, as the Nighthawks secured a

4-1 win in Game 1.

The series shifted to Tundra Oil & Gas Place on Sunday, where 1,263 fans attended Virden's first home final game since 2023.

Niverville's Calyb Moore silenced the home crowd early, scoring just 2:59 into the opening period, with Vigfusson picking up an assist.

Merik Boles and Zeller added second-period goals, with Boles' third of the playoffs coming off an assist from Wheddon, giving Niverville a 3-0 lead heading into the third.

Virden's Liam Goertzen cut into the deficit early in the final frame, but Dubinsky shut the door the rest of the way, finishing with 28 saves in a 3-1 Nighthawks win. Burdeny made 25 stops in the loss.

With the win, Niverville sits two vic-

tories away from the championship and a berth at the 2026 Centennial Cup, set for May 7-17 in Summerside, P.E.I. Virden, meanwhile, now faces elimination with little margin for error.

The Oil Capitals will look to get back into the series when it returns to Niverville for Game 3 on Tuesday.

### UPCOMING GAMES:

Game 3: Tuesday, April 21, 7:30 p.m. at Niverville CRRC

Game 4: Thursday, April 23, 7:30 p.m. at Tundra Oil & Gas Place

Game 5: Saturday, April 25, 7:30 p.m. at Niverville CRRC\*

Game 6: Monday, April 27, 7:30 p.m. at Tundra Oil & Gas Place\*

Game 7: Wednesday, April 29, 7:30 p.m. at Niverville CRRC\*

### > KURZ, FROM PG. 19

Krym said they didn't even have time to practise together before the tournament.

That, however, caused no problems as they came out strong with a 10-3 win over Team Jonasson in their opener on April 9.

"I think the chemistry aids a lot in it for sure," said Krym. "We can all have fun out there but also be competitive. A lot of it is natural talent, in all honesty, but I think the chemistry is a huge part of it because I feel like

even when there are missed shots or missed opportunities, we're not getting down on each other."

Team Kurz followed up their opening win with two more A Event victories over Teams Irwin and Calvert to enter the playoff round as the top seed.

There, they met Team Calvert once again, narrowly eliminating them 6-5 thanks to a three-point seventh end.

They then blanked Team Chambers

in the semifinal before the championship meeting with Team Pearson.

Tied 4-4 through six ends, Team Kurz stunned Team Pearson with a five-point seventh end to seal the championship victory.


By virtue of the win, Team Kurz members will receive Team Manitoba jackets, a championship plaque and a trip to Woodstock, P.E.I., from Nov. 8-14 for the 2026 Canadian Mixed Curling Championship.

There, they will try to capture their second national title in what will

also be their second appearance at nationals.

"I just think it was an amazing experience the first time around, and now with maybe a little bit more experience going in, I think it's just going to be a great time," said Krym.

"It's always such a fun environment. Usually the teams we play against, it's slightly different than the competitive women's circuit, and it's a bit more fun, I would say, so it's just a great environment to be in."

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- Available from June 29 to August 28, 2026

Further information may be obtained by contacting the office at (204) 278-3377.

Written applications to be submitted by 4:30 p.m., Friday May 29, 2026 to:

RM of Armstrong Office  
 Box 69, Inwood, MB ROC 1PO  
 Fax: 204-278-3437  
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**Quotations must be submitted by 12:00PM, May 14th, 2026.**

**RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF WOODLANDS**  
**NOTICE OF REGISTRATION**  
**OF PROSPECTIVE CANDIDATE FOR GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION**

Prospective municipal election candidates must register with the Senior Election Official (SEO) during the registration period before they may begin to accept contributions, incur expenses, fundraise or borrow money for their campaign.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that candidate registrations will be received:

For the office of head of council:  
 Between May 1 and September 22, 2026

For the office of councillor:  
 Between June 30 and September 22, 2026

at the Rural Municipality of Woodlands office, 57 Railway Avenue, Woodlands, Manitoba during the regular hours of business.

To obtain a registration form contact the municipal office at 204-383-5679.

Dated at Woodlands, Manitoba on April 6, 2026.

Ernie Epp  
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Box 69, Inwood, MB ROC 1PO  
Fax: 204-278-3437  
Email: clerk@rmofarmstrong.com

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**THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF ROCKWOOD**



**PUBLIC HEARING**

**2026 FINANCIAL PLAN**

In accordance with Section 162(2) of *The Municipal Act*, the Rural Municipality of Rockwood shall hold a **PUBLIC HEARING** to present the 2026 Financial Plan for the Municipality at:

**6:00 p.m.**  
**Tuesday, May 12, 2026**  
**RM of Rockwood Administrative Office**  
**285 Main Street**  
**Stonewall, Manitoba**

The Rural Municipality of Rockwood 2026 Financial Plan consists of:

1. The 2026 Operating Budget;
2. The 2026 Capital Budget;
3. An estimate of the operating revenue and expenditures for the following fiscal year; and
4. A five (5) year Capital Expenditure Program.

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 Rockwood 2026 Financial Plan.

Any person who wishes to make a Presentation, Ask a Question, or Send a Letter to Council must provide a copy of the presentation and/or documentation no later than 4:00 p.m. on May 7, 2026.

Copies of the 2026 Financial Plan are available for review at the Municipal Office, Monday to Friday between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Chris Luellman, CMMA  
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The Rural Municipality of Rockwood

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**TOWN OF STONEWALL**



**NOTICE OF REGISTRATION**

**OF PROSPECTIVE CANDIDATE FOR GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION**

Please be advised that a general municipal election will be held on October 28, 2026.

Prospective municipal election candidates must register with the Senior Election official (SEO) during the registration period **before** they may begin to accept contributions, incur expenses, fundraise or borrow money for their campaign.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that I will be receiving candidate registrations:

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Between May 1, 2026 and September 22, 2026

For the office of Councillor:  
Between June 30, 2026 and September 22, 2026

at the Town of Stonewall Office, 293 Main Street, Stonewall, MB during the regular hours of business (8:30 AM to 4:30 PM).

To obtain a registration form contact the SEO at the email or telephone number listed below.

Wally R. Melnyk  
Senior Election Official (SEO)  
SEO Contact Telephone Number: **(204) 467-7979**  
SEO email: [info@stonewall.ca](mailto:info@stonewall.ca)

Dated at Stonewall, Manitoba on April 17, 2026

Wally R. Melnyk  
Town of Stonewall, Senior Election Official

**"Prospective candidates must register with the Senior Election Official before accepting campaign contributions and incurring campaign expenses. Prospective candidates may obtain a Municipal Candidates Guidebook from the Municipal Office."**

**TOWN OF STONEWALL**



**PUBLIC HEARING**

**2026 FINANCIAL PLAN**

In accordance with Section 162(2) of *The Municipal Act* the Town of Stonewall shall hold a **PUBLIC HEARING** to present the 2026 Financial Plan for the Town on:

**Tuesday, April 28, 2026 at 6:30 PM**  
**Council Chambers, Town Hall**

A virtual meeting link will also be available on the Town website:  
[www.stonewall.ca](http://www.stonewall.ca)

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1. The 2026 Operating Budget
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3. An estimate of the Operating Revenue and Expenditures for the following fiscal year (2027), and
4. A five (5) year Capital Expenditure Program (2027-2031)

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 2026 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](http://www.stonewall.ca), or at the Town Office at 293 Main Street, Stonewall, Manitoba during the regular office hours as of **April 15, 2026**.

Dated this 31st day of March 2026  
Wally R. Melnyk, CMMA, CPA, CGA  
Chief Administrative Officer  
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Rural Municipality of Rosser

Box 131  
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fax: 467-5958

e-mail: [assistant@rmofrosser.com](mailto:assistant@rmofrosser.com)



**TOWN OF STONEWALL**

## ANNUAL PUBLIC NOTICE

### Additions to the Voters List and/or Personal Security Protection Requests

In accordance with Section 36 of *The Municipal Councils and School Board Election Act* (MCSBEA), the Town of Stonewall Voters List is open for changes or revisions.

- Any person who is eligible to vote in municipal elections in the Local Authority of the Town of Stonewall can have their name added to the Voters List, or have any information about the voter on the Voters List corrected.
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A person whose name has been obscured will receive a Personal Security Certificate and identification number. That person may only vote by Sealed Envelope Ballot and cannot vote in person at the regular or advance voting places.

To implement the above, a written request must be submitted to the Senior Election Official, in person, by e-mail, or mail to:

Name of Local Authority: Town of Stonewall  
Address: Box 250, 293 Main Street,  
Stonewall, Manitoba R0C 2Z0

Phone: 204-467-7979  
Fax: 204-467-7999  
E-mail: [info@stonewall.ca](mailto:info@stonewall.ca)

**The next General Election takes place October 28, 2026.**

Wally R. Melnyk, Senior Election Official  
Questions? Call 204-467-7979

THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF ROCKWOOD



## NOTICE OF REGISTRATION

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at the Rural Municipality of Rockwood office, 285 Main Street, Stonewall, Manitoba during the regular hours of business.

To obtain a registration form contact the municipal office at 204-467-2272

Dated at Stonewall, Manitoba on April 6, 2026.

Ernie Epp  
Senior Election Official (S.E.O.)

## RM of ARMSTRONG UNDER THE PLANNING ACT NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Council of the RM of Armstrong under the authority of the Planning Act will hold a PUBLIC HEARING at the date, time and location listed below:

Tuesday April 28, 2026

1:00pm.

RM of Armstrong Municipal Office  
Civic # 1094 Lot 55 PTH 17, Inwood MB R0C 1P0

Property owners are being notified in order to give them the opportunity to speak in support of or objection to the proposed conditional use and/or variation order.

CONDITIONAL USE: # 2026-A-04

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APPLICANT: DEBRA DOWLER

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ZONE: Agricultural General Zoning District

SUBJECT: R.M. of Armstrong Zoning  
By-Law No. 6/04  
Part 13.3 11 - General Industrial  
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**For further information, please contact:**

Cori Audet - Permit & Planning Services Phone: 1 (204) 278-3377  
Rural Municipality of Armstrong Fax: 1 (204) 278-3437  
Box 69, Inwood, MB R0C 1P0 e-mail: [planning@rmofarmstrong.com](mailto:planning@rmofarmstrong.com)

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# Announcements

## IN MEMORIAM



**Wes Killbery**  
September 2, 1982 – April 27, 2023

Dear Wes...

These two photos are such beautiful memories of you!  
You just loved driving the Pontoon boat and going fishing.  
We will always treasure these special moments close to our hearts every day.  
Miss you and love you forever and ever!  
-Mom, Dad and families



## IN MEMORIAM



**Wes Killbery**  
September 2, 1982 – April 27, 2023

Missing you, Wes — three years later, we still hear your jokes, feel your love, and smile at the memories you left behind.

You filled our lives with happiness and so many unforgettable moments. We miss you every day, but carry you with us in all the little and big joys of life.

Forever loved and always part of our story.  
-Your wife, J'aime,  
and your kids, Easton and Tamsen

## IN MEMORIAM



**Randy Pilcher**  
June 1, 1952- April 21, 2025

**Beloved Husband, Dad and Grandfather**  
It has been a long first year since you left us. We find you beside us in the things we do and say—in the places we visit, in the stories of past adventures, and as we make plans for new memories. We often pause to wonder what you would have thought, said, or done as we move through each day. You are forever in our hearts.

To this day, we remain deeply grateful to all who were there for Randy and our family—from his diagnosis, through his passing, and in the support that followed.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to his medical team, Dr. Choy and Dr. Governo, Sam, as well as the RCMP, paramedics, the Stony Mountain Fire Department, Anglican Church, Bardals, and our family, friends, and neighbours. We are truly humbled by the care and compassion shown to us.

-Missed by  
Wendy  
Chris, Mandy, Kaleb, Odin  
Charlene, Kadence, Brooke

## OBITUARY



**Henry Albert Voth**

Peacefully on Wednesday, April 8, 2026 Henry Voth formerly of Stonewall passed away at Hunter Memorial Hospital Teulon. Service of Remembrance will be held on Tuesday, April 28, 2026 at 2:00 p.m. at New Life Church, Stonewall. [www.kfuneralservices.ca](http://www.kfuneralservices.ca)



## OBITUARY



**Larry Phillip Kalk**

January 18, 1959 – April 4, 2026

It is with heavy hearts that the family of Larry Kalk announce his sudden passing on Saturday, April 4, 2026.

Larry will be sadly missed by his children Taylor (Megan) Kalk of Selkirk, MB, Kaitlin (Mathew) Hummel of Airdrie, AB; his brother Ken (Chris) of Winnipeg, MB, and his sister Colleen (Floyd) of Petersfield, MB; grandchildren Carter and Tenley; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by his parents Harold and Dina Kalk and brother Gerald.

Larry was born in Winnipeg, MB and grew up in Petersfield, MB, where he lived for most of his life until moving to Inwood, MB in 2025. Larry worked many years for the Department of Highways and Hawkers Hauling. He enjoyed driving the winter roads and had many stories to share. He enjoyed watching and cheering on the Winnipeg Jets and Blue Bombers and rarely missed watching a game.

Nothing made Larry prouder than his role as a grandfather. He welcomed his grandson in 2024 and his newest granddaughter just over a week before his passing.

A private interment will take place at a later time.

If friends so desire, donations may be made in Larry's memory to the Heart and Stroke Foundation.



## OBITUARY



**Timothy Andrew William Barylski**  
September 15, 1980 - April 3, 2026

Our lives have forever been changed as we sadly announce the passing of our husband, dad, brother, son and grandson, Tim Barylski, on April 3rd at the Stonewall and District Health Center surrounded by his loving family. He fought hard during his long journey with Cancer right to the end, always hoping he could still do what he loved, spending time with family, his cows and of course running his hoe.

Tim is survived by his wife Andrea, son Tyler (Megan), daughters Kylie and Emma;

Mother Barb (Rick); sisters Brandi, Lindsay (Adrian) and Tiffany (Justin); Nana Joyce Mott; uncle and good friend Jim Mott (Michelle); in-laws Bev and Randy Wynne, sisters-in-law Kerry and Tara (Chase); as well as many nieces and nephews, aunts and uncles.

Tim was predeceased by his son Justin Norman (2020), father Norman Stanley Barylski (1990), Pop William Mott, Baba Pauline Barylski (1992), as well as his Gedo, he never knew, Andrew Barylski (1960).

Tim was born in Winnipeg and lived there for his first few years of life, after that he moved to the Gunton area, he lived near to his Nana and Pop's house. He spent lots of time there going on rides with Pop and learning about all sorts of things. This is when his love of cows all began. He also grew very close to his uncle Jim during this time, and the two developed a very unique relationship that continued into adulthood.

Tim was always great at driving anything. It started on dirt bikes with Jim, the two would be gone for hours getting into who knows what kind of trouble. From there he moved on to trucks, dump trucks, semi trucks and excavators. Tim could run anything he jumped into and always excelled at this type of work.

He knew so many people. On drives he would talk about what work he had done in that area. He was also so proud of his accomplishments, which were so many.

Tim lived in the Gunton area for most of his adult life until we moved to the farm by Balmoral the summer of 2014. Tim valued farm life and especially loved his cows. He started with 10 cows and before we knew it there was a whole herd. But most of all he loved his family. He wanted what was best for us all and he gave everything he had to make that happen.

Tim had a great smile that would brighten any room. He will be dearly missed by so many.

Celebration of life will be at the Teulon Hall on Sunday, April 26th, 2026 at 2:00 p.m.

Thank you to Doug Stamler who helped with the cattle while Tim was not well the past few years, the Selkirk CancerCare team, his oncologist Dr. Paul, Dr. Graham who helped so much in the last few months to make sure he was comfortable and getting what he needed, the Stonewall Hospital staff who made sure he was taken care of and always moved quickly as things were changing, Christine his palliative nurse who helped him get to the hospital the final time. We are so grateful for what all these people did to help support us on this terrible journey. Your love and support was felt during it all. When we look back, what we'll remember most are those times when kindness made a difference in our lives.



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OBITUARY



**Kitty Stewart (Katharine Emily Good)**

With her family surrounding her in love, Kitty passed away peacefully on April 15, 2026, at the age of 91.

Kitty's legacy of love, laughter, and zest for life will live on through her children, Walter (Donna), Tricia (Barry Lamm), and Raymond (Shelley). The ones who truly put the sparkle in her eyes were her grandchildren, Morgan (Brett), Mackenzie, Jordan, Jessie (Phil), Erin (Jordan), Bailey (Nathan), and her great-grandchildren, Conway and Clarke.

Mum's family was always her pride and joy, and she cherished every moment spent with us. She was a pillar of strength and a shining example of kindness, compassion, and generosity. We will deeply miss her presence, but take comfort in knowing her memory will continue to inspire and guide us.

Kitty was blessed to be part of the large and loving Good and Stewart families. She is survived by her youngest sister Gloria Ackland; sisters-in-law Sylvia Good, Marilyn, Mary and Darlene Stewart; as well as many nieces, nephews, and dear friends.

She was predeceased by her beloved husband Glenn; parents John and Evelyn Good, Lionel (Eleanor), Don, Sam (Beryl), Jack (Pat), Enid (Reg) Coburn, Mary Ann (Ron) Pull and Jim Ackland; Walter and Ethel Stewart, Alex (Joyce), Murray (Ruby), Ken, Keith, Lloyd, and Doreen (Bob) Appleyard.

Kitty was born on May 10, 1934, the eldest daughter of John and Evelyn Good, and grew up on the family farm in Balmoral. She carried fond memories of school in Balmoral and Stonewall, playing ball, cooking meals, and helping her parents raise her siblings. It was here she developed the strong family values and sense of community that defined her life.

As a teenager, Kitty was smitten with the neighbour boy and family friend, Glenn Stewart. Many school days ended with a rush to the bus so she could claim the first seat behind the driver—Glenn. Their love story began when she was 17, and they were married on October 8, 1955. Together they built a life in Balmoral, Lilyfield, and eventually Argyle, where they purchased their farm and raised their family.

Mum and Dad cherished family time, and their home was always full—whether for coffee after church or a big meal with the Good and Stewart clans. While running the Shell business and farming, they still found time for small adventures—crop-checking drives, spontaneous day trips, and the occasional two-night hotel getaway.

No one ever left their home hungry. During seeding and harvest, Mum laid out full spreads on the truck tailgate, and her motto was clear: "You're not going home hungry on my watch."

Kitty and Glenn also shared a love of antique cars. Their black Cadillacs with fins and her beloved red-and-white 1956 DeSoto were often seen in parades or out for a Sunday drive.

Mum had a flair for being impeccably dressed in coordinated outfits and shoes. Dad especially loved her in red and made it a tradition to gift her a new dress or pantsuit in that colour every birthday and Christmas. Her hair was always perfectly curled, and she wouldn't leave the house without her eyebrows carefully pencilled and her signature red lipstick—something she had perfected applying flawlessly without even glancing in a mirror.

Mum was the ultimate multitasker—cheering us on at sports, teaching us to cook, garden, farm, and even drive (though her heavy foot made that last one a bit of an adventure). She proudly saved every issue of the Stonewall Argus from the age of 17.

She was a true jack-of-all-trades and fearless DIYer. With her "can-do" attitude, she could tackle anything. We often joked she could be a doctor, lawyer, hairdresser, weather announcer, and plumber—all in one day. Her plumbing skills were legendary, including the time she and her dad "fixed" the pipes so well the toilet flushed with hot water. As the family's self-taught hairdresser, many of us sported "Kitty bangs" or slightly crooked trims at one time or another. Mum always seemed to know when an Alberta Clipper was coming or exactly what remedy was needed for whatever ailed you, usually her favourite Doctor Fowler's Wild Strawberry would do the trick.

Her baking was unmatched and widely celebrated. Her peanut butter marshmallow squares were famous, along with her Rice Krispie squares, New York and lemon slices, pies, tarts, and layered cakes. The freezer was always full, carefully labeled "do not touch" for special occasions—though we often snuck them anyway, frozen or not.

We were always ready to smile for a photo whenever Mum was around. Endless photo sessions tested our patience at the time, but today those pictures are priceless gifts—memories we will treasure forever.

Mum was an avid curler and a proud life member of the Argyle Curling Club. She loved time spent with her sisters, friends, and fellow curlers at bonspiels and as part of the "Pondhoppers" at world curling events.

Mum's faith was an important part of her life. She was a devoted member of Argyle United Church, All Saints Victoria and Stonewall Anglican Church. Bible study and church life brought her comfort, purpose, and lasting friendships.

Kitty's energy was boundless. She gave 110% to everything she did, with a work ethic like no other. Her most important roles were Wife, Mum, and Nanna, but she also worked as a switchboard operator, helped run the farm and Shell business, served as a healthcare aide at Rosewood, worked in home care, and babysat for many. She loved helping the elderly so much she didn't retire from home care until age 72. Mum volunteered into her mid-80s—coaching baseball, organizing bonspiels, helping with fall suppers, church teas, and community events, and always lending a hand wherever needed.

Kitty loved to dress up and was a crowd favourite as Dolly Parton at bonspiel banquets. She adored country music, especially Charlie Pride, and could often be heard playing piano and singing favourites like If Teardrops Were Pennies, How Far Is Heaven, Coat of Many Colours, and Kiss an Angel Good Morning.

Her life changed forever when she lost her soulmate Glenn in 1988. At just 53, she carried on with strength, independence, and determination, devoting herself to her children and supporting them in all their endeavours. She moved to Stonewall in 1991 and embraced new adventures—traveling to visit with family, to curling events across Canada, the U.S., and overseas, as well as trips to Hawaii, Branson, Las Vegas, and Halifax. Still, her happiest place was always at home tending to her yard and garden.

She also found joy in music with the Quarry Choristers, where she formed lasting friendships and enjoyed many performances and trips.

Nanna was rarely seen without a car full of grandchildren, heading out for adventures or sleepovers. She loved singing, playing, and proudly cheering them on. She spoke often of their Papa Glenn and kept his memory alive for them. She never missed a game, recital, or festival if she could help it. In her later years, the arrival of her great-grandchildren brought her even more joy, her bright smile and happiness showed us how deeply she cherished them.

In 2022, Mum became a resident at Rosewood Lodge, where she was surrounded by familiar faces. It felt like "old home week," especially with her sister Mary Ann by her side—their antics kept staff on their toes. We are deeply grateful to the staff for the compassionate care they provided, helping Mum navigate her long goodbye with dementia with such dignity and grace. We also thank family and friends for their visits, and Ken Loehmer for his kindness and support.

In her 91 years, Kitty touched countless lives. We will always remember her spicy spirit, sense of humor, boundless energy, welcoming nature, generosity, and unwavering love.

In keeping with Mum's wishes, a private family Celebration of Life will be held.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Rosewood Lodge Recreation Program or the Alzheimer Society of Manitoba.

*We begin to remember not just that you died, but that you lived—and that your life gave us memories too beautiful to forget.*

*In Mum's words—it's not goodbye, it's "See you later."*



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OBITUARY



**Dorothy Faulkner**

June 20, 1933 – April 14, 2026

It is with heavy hearts that the family of Dorothy Faulkner (nee Menard) announces her peaceful passing on Tuesday, April 14, 2026, surrounded by her family, whom she held so dear, at the age of 92.

Dorothy was born on June 20, 1933 in Starbuck, Manitoba, but spent most of her life rooted in Stony Mountain and Stonewall.

Dorothy worked as a switchboard operator at the Winnipeg General Hospital before becoming a doctor's secretary at

the Manitoba Cancer Foundation. She was a hard worker and a devoted mother, grandmother, and daughter, caring for her mother, Louise, at home until Louise's passing at the age of 90.

An avid sports fan, she never missed a Jets game, and last April, she attended her first-ever Winnipeg White Out at age 91. Two generations of sons and grandchildren played broomball, hockey, and baseball, and she was there to watch as many games as she could manage. She liked classic country music, game shows, a good chat on the phone, and a proper fish fry made with fresh pickerel straight from the Winnipeg River at Pointe du Bois.

Dorothy will be remembered for her spirit and her frankness. She always said exactly what she meant, never said no to being waited on, and delivered many legendary one-liners. She was a one-of-a-kind woman of strong preferences, and she had no interest in pretending otherwise.

Dorothy was predeceased by her parents, Joseph and Louise Menard, her brother Leo, and son Barry.

She is lovingly survived by her daughter Debbie (George), sons Randy and Darrell (Angela), grandchildren Ashton, Randi, Tanner (Vanessa), and Chase (Hannah). She is also survived by her brother Bobby (Joyce), sister-in-law Anita, daughter-in-law Kathy, and nephews Kenny (Gail), Keith (Shirley), Robbie, Derek (Robert), and Mike (Jenna).

A private celebration of life will be held for family and close friends.

The family wishes to extend their heartfelt gratitude to the compassionate staff at Stonewall Hospital for their care in Dorothy's last days, and to the dedicated staff at Teulon Hospital and Rosewood Lodge for their kindness and care in her final years.



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**OBITUARY**



**Larry Marcel LeSage**  
December 30, 1944 – April 1, 2026

Larry Marcel LeSage, firstborn child and only son of the late Marcel and Catherine LeSage, passed away on April 1, 2026, at Selkirk Regional Hospital, at the age of 81.

Larry was born on December 30, 1944 and grew up surrounded by family, values of hard work, and strong community ties. He was predeceased by his eldest sister, Winona, who passed on October 9, 2004. Larry is lovingly remembered by his sisters Margaret, Donna, and Shirley.

Larry was the devoted husband of Sally, with whom he shared a lifetime of love and partnership. This year would have marked their 54th wedding anniversary. Together, they raised their two sons, Jeffrey and Jordan, building a life centered on family, dedication, and community.

With the help of his father and father-in-law, both skilled carpenters, Larry built the home that would become Sally's and his forever home east of Stony Mountain. It was there that Jeffrey and Jordan were raised, surrounded by nature, warmth, and the steady presence of a father who led by example.

An avid traveler, Larry and Sally shared their journeys with friends and family through postcards sent from across the southern United States, the Caribbean, Mexico, and the east/west coasts of Canada, and as far north as Gillam, each one a small window into their shared adventures.

Larry was a proud grandfather to Sebastian, Gabrielle, Desiree, Jasmine, and Atlas. He cherished each of their personalities growing across family generations.

A long-time and active member of the Stony Mountain community, Larry volunteered generously and served as a baseball coach, helping to build not only teams but character and confidence in young people. He also contributed his time and skills to numerous community projects, always working quietly to improve the quality of life around the town.

Larry found peace in gardening and in nature, enjoying frequent walks at Oak Hammock Marsh, where he appreciated the land, wildlife, and quiet reflection those walkabouts provided. He was known as a loyal and supportive neighbor within the rural community, someone you could count on.

Professionally, Larry was a dedicated and loyal employee of Winnipeg School Division No. 1, where he mentored many individuals throughout his departments of work, leaving a legacy of guidance, integrity, and respect.

Larry will be remembered for his steady presence, generous spirit, strong work ethic, and unwavering commitment to family, community, and friendship. He leaves behind a legacy built not only with his hands, but with his heart.

Family and friends are invited to celebrate the life of Larry LeSage on May 13, 2026 at 11:00 a.m. at the Willow Retreat, Oak Hammock Marsh.

**OBITUARY**



**Robert (Bob) Alexander Cameron**

After a courageous battle with illness, Bob passed peacefully, with his family at his side, on April 19, 2026.

Bob was predeceased by his sister Leslie, father Alex, and mother June.

He is survived by his wife of 51 years Cindy; daughters Kristjana (Chris) and Jessie (Luke); his cherished grandchildren, Wesley, Lulu, Simon, and Siobhan; his brothers Craig and James; and many close friends.

Bob was born in Pine Falls, Manitoba and grew up in East Kildonan. As a young man, he worked in the Northwest Territories (Mackenzie River/Tuktoyaktuk) before returning to university where he met the love of his life, Cindy. They married in 1975 and shortly thereafter moved to Balmoral, where they have resided until his passing.

After graduation, Bob worked as a wildlife biologist, Regional Wildlife Manager, and later Operations Superintendent for Manitoba Conservation. Some of Bob's favourite projects were the restoration of Oak Hammock Marsh and the reintroduction of wood bison to Chitek Lake with Waterhen (Skownan) First Nation. He retired in 2010, after 37 years of service.

A lifelong, avid outdoorsman, Bob lived for hunting, fishing and spending time in nature. He treasured his time at the hunting cabin at Camper, spending endless hours in the bush watching and listening for elk. He spent many an early morning at Lake Waterhen and other large lakes in Manitoba with his beloved dog Chloe at his side, ready to retrieve his ducks.

Bob's favourite place on earth was the cottage at Pointe du Bois. "The Lake" has been part of the family since 1962 and Bob helped build the cottage with his father. The Lake was loved year-round: a jumping-off point for portages to George Lake, and a summer and winter haven for fishing and watersports.

Bob was a man of the woods, the water, and the winds. Upon retirement he sought to have a simple life and return to his favourite wild places, where his ashes may soon blow in the wind. Bob always knew the wind direction and speed, probably because he spent so much of his life hunting and fishing. You could always rely on Bob to identify an animal track, or a species of plant or bird. He treasured his visits with his grandchildren in BC, and family gatherings at the Lake. His grandchildren have inherited his appreciation for nature and outdoor adventure, particularly his grandsons Wesley and Simon.

Service of Remembrance will be held on Friday, May 1 at 11 am at Oak Hammock Marsh Conference Centre.

The family gives thanks to Dr. Graham who served as his family doctor for decades, as well as Christine and all the home care nurses who cared for Bob. In lieu of flowers, donations if desired can be made to the Nature Conservancy of Canada or the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation.

*May you always be courageous, stand upright and be strong,  
and may you stay, Forever Young. – Bob Dylan*

  
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**OBITUARY**



**Donald Angus Poirier**  
October 13, 1987 - March 31, 2026

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the sudden and unexpected passing of my boyfriend, best friend, and soul mate, Don Poirier, on March 31, 2026 at the age of 37.

He is survived by his two biological children Joseph and Charlotte Poirier, his loving girlfriend Tara Chartrand, his step children Austin, Jaxon, and Cierra Coutu, their family dog Eva, the Chartrand family, and all his family from the East Coast. Don made friends everywhere he went, I know he will be greatly missed.

Don would have helped anyone in need, he loved being of service in any way possible, the world has lost an incredible man.

He is now peacefully in Heaven with his loving Dad, Grandpa, grandmother, and others.

He was our whole world and we are devastated; we are so lost without him.

In keeping with Don's wishes, he will be cremated and there will be no funeral service.

  
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**OBITUARY**



**Alice Emily Linklater (née Vincent)**  
Born: January 12, 1930, in Balmoral, Manitoba  
Died: April 16, 2026, in Winnipeg, Manitoba

The funeral service will be held at 1:00 p.m., Friday, April 24, 2026 at MacKenzie Funeral Chapel, 433 Main St., Stonewall, MB.

Alice Emily Linklater was born on January 12, 1930 in Balmoral, Manitoba, at the beginning of the Dirty Thirties. She was the second child of Hector and Edna Vincent and grew up with her siblings Mary, June, John, Lawrence, and Hector Jr.

Life on the Prairies during the Depression was not an easy beginning. Some of Alice's earliest memories were shaped by hardship and resilience: watching the family's crops destroyed by locusts, losing her baby brother Hector in a tragic accident, and being swept up into her mother's arms while berry picking after they came upon a bear. She attended a one-room school, travelled

there in a cutter, and learned from a young age how to handle horses and meet the demands of prairie life. Those difficult years helped form the strength, resourcefulness, compassion, and Prairie toughness that would mark Alice throughout her life.

As a teenager, Alice moved with her family to Winnipeg. She later met Fred Linklater at a dance at Stony Mountain School. Fred had recently returned from Europe after serving in the Second World War as a paratrooper with the 6th British Airborne and the PPCLI Airborne. Alice and Fred were married on November 1, 1947, beginning a marriage that would span more than 52 years. Together they raised five children: Allyson, Rick, Tim, Leanne, and Laurel.

As an army wife, Alice's adult life was shaped by service, family, and frequent moves. She made homes for her family in every western province, from Manitoba to British Columbia, with one especially memorable chapter in Hemer, Germany, shortly after the Second World War. Alice often spoke of that time with great fondness, remembering formal events, beautiful clothes, and a season of life filled with adventure.

In 1968, Fred and Alice returned to Stony Mountain to be close to family while their son Rick fought cancer. Although Rick's battle was heartbreakingly lost, Stony Mountain became one of the most meaningful chapters of Alice's life. There, Alice and Fred finished raising their family, put down lasting roots, and lived surrounded by parents, siblings, children, and grandchildren. Family seemed to be everywhere, on every street and around every corner. For Alice, Stony Mountain was home in the truest sense of the word.

That treasured chapter lasted until 1995, when Alice and Fred moved to Stonewall. In March 2000, Fred passed away after 52 years of marriage, marking the end of a long and devoted life together. Fred had been Alice's first love, and he remained her last. For the next 26 years, she carried her love for him faithfully, until they were reunited once more in Heaven.

At her core, Alice was a caregiver. She seemed to arrive in the world with a mother's heart already fully formed. She loved her children fiercely and remained a devoted presence in the lives of her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Many who shared no blood relation still knew her simply as Gram. Alice may have missed her calling as a nurse, but she never missed an opportunity to care for those who needed her.

Alice was active in her local church, and her faith was reflected in the way she lived: in her compassion for the vulnerable, her heart for justice, and her strong sense of what was right and fair. She was loyal to the bone, deeply protective, and above all, devoted to Fred and her family.

In her final years, Alice lived with dementia, but it did not diminish her spirit. She faced it with the same grace, grit, and Prairie toughness that had carried her through nearly a century of life.

Special thanks are extended to Laurel and Tim Penner, who opened their home to Alice and gave her a loving alternative in her final years. Heartfelt thanks also to the nurses, Aleena, and Alice's last "best friend," Mandeep, whose tireless and loving care for Gram continued right to the very end.

Alice entered Heaven on April 16, 2026, at the age of 96. Her family can only imagine the reunion waiting for her there, with Fred, Rick, Leanne, her parents, and so many loved ones gone before her. One thing seems certain: there is far too much food, even more dessert, and everyone is heading home with leftovers.

John 14:2: "In my Father's house are many mansions..."

  
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**OBITUARY**



**Beulah (Bea) Mallon (nee Raven)  
In Loving Memory**

It is with deep sorrow and much love that the family of Beulah (Bea) Mallon (nee Raven) mourns her passing on Good Friday, April 3, 2026, at Rosewood Lodge in Stonewall at the age of 96.

Mom was born on August 16, 1929 in Poltimore, Quebec. She was the third oldest of 11 children. It is there that she met and married her beloved husband, Fred. They would have celebrated 71 years of marriage on May 25. After their marriage in 1955, Mom and Dad moved to Winnipeg, where their two sons were born. They settled in Stony Mountain in 1958 and soon welcomed two daughters.

Mom was a devoted and loving mother and homemaker and she only had to give "the look" when we were misbehaving, and we knew better. Mom had many hobbies, but she especially loved knitting and crocheting, as well as curling and golfing. She and

Dad enjoyed traveling and eventually settled in Stonewall in 1998 to be closer to their children.

Mom is survived by her husband Fred; her five sisters: June (John), Norma, Ruth (Jack), Gloria (Doug), and Diane (Terry); her sons, Bruce (Jan) and Barry; and her daughters Audrey (David) and Diana (Lockie). She is also survived by seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

She was predeceased by her parents, Ruby (Hewson) and Errol Raven; her three brothers, Doug, Floyd and Burton; her two sisters, Aletha and Shirley; and her daughter-in-law, Paulette.

The family extends heartfelt thanks to all the home care workers and staff at Rosewood Lodge for their loving and gentle care of our mother during her battle.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to Rosewood Lodge Personal Care Home or to a charity of your choice.

A service for family and close friends will be held at MacKenzie's Funeral Home, followed by interment at the Stonewall Cemetery at a future date.

Mom will forever be remembered and held in our hearts.

**OBITUARY**



**Janice Marie McLeod (Rae)  
March 6, 1960 – April 12, 2026**

Peacefully, with her husband by her side, Jan lost her courageous battle with cancer.

She will be deeply missed by her loving husband of 37 years, Gord; her stepchildren, Shaun (Nadine), Stacey, and Kristi (Chris); and her grandchildren, Nash, Shaeden, Sydney, Lukas, Dalton, Jaxon (Chanelle), Rayne, and grand pup Hank. She is also survived by her siblings, Charlene (Victor) Dziedzic, Stuart (Deb) Rae, and Heather Rae; her sister-in-law Bonnie Rae; mother-in-law Shirley McLeod; and in-laws Allen McLeod (Wendy), Sherri (Harvey) Rebalkin, Shannon (Rob) Glennie, and Larry (Janet) McLeod along with many extended family and close friends.

Jan was predeceased by her parents Ruth and Albert Rae; her father-in-law, Murray McLeod; her brother Carey Rae; and her

brother-in-law, Brian Brewer.

Jan will be remembered for her strength, warmth, and love she shared with those around her.

A celebration of Jan's life will be held on Friday, June 5, 2026 at 2:00 p.m. at the Warren Memorial Hall, 100 Railway Avenue, Warren, MB.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Warren Communities in Bloom, Box 355, Woodlands, MB, R0C 1Y0.

The family extends heartfelt thanks to everyone for their love and support, including visits, calls, flowers, and prayers during Jan's time in the hospital and after her passing.

Special thanks to the staff at Selkirk Regional Health Centre for taking such good care of Jan during her stay and to Ken Loehmer for his care and professional assistance.



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