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Street named in honour of former mayor Lockie McLean

By Lana Meier

A ceremony recognizing decades of public service and community leadership took place April 29 inside the Town of Stonewall council chambers, where former mayor Lockie McLean was honoured with the naming of a future street in his name.

Family, friends, current council members and staff gathered for the occasion, which reflected McLean's preference for a modest and personal event.

"Lockie is very low key and very humble," Mayor Sandra Smith said. "When we asked what he would like, he chose something small and intimate with family and friends."

Smith opened the ceremony by reflecting on her time serving on council under McLean's leadership, describing a period of transition that required steady guidance and thoughtful decision-making.

As a first-term councillor at the time, Smith said she and others around the table were still learning the responsibilities of municipal governance, but McLean's calm and measured approach helped them navigate complex issues.

"He was very patient, very calm, and



A map shows the future location of Lockie McLean Way, which will extend off Fourth Street East into Stonewall's planned Age in Place campus, where a personal care home is proposed.

he led by example," she said. "One of the things he always reminded us was to speak from the heart."

Smith also shared several of McLean's well-known sayings, which became guiding principles during council discussions, including "stay out of the taxpayer's pocket" and "hard on the issue, soft on the person."

Those philosophies, she said, were especially important during challenging moments early in their term, including contentious development discussions, negotiations and public concerns brought forward to council.

"He kept us grounded," she said. "He always focused on doing what was best for the town and its citizens."

Smith highlighted several accomplishments during McLean's time in office, including major infrastructure projects, labour negotiations and efforts to resolve longstanding development issues. She said his leadership style helped bring consensus to council, even when opinions differed.

"He was steady — never too high, never too low — and that made a dif-



TRIBUNE PHOTOS BY LANA MEIER

Former Stonewall mayor Lockie McLean (left) accepts a street sign from Mayor Sandra Smith during a special presentation in council chambers on April 29, marking the naming of Lockie McLean Way in his honour.

ference," she said.

Following her remarks, Smith unveiled the name of the new roadway — Lockie McLean Way — and presented the street sign to McLean. The road will eventually be constructed off Fourth Street East, leading into the town's planned Age in Place campus.

While the street itself has not yet been built, Smith said the location of the naming is significant, as it reflects one of McLean's lasting contributions to the community.

She noted his role in advocating for a personal care home in Stonewall and working collaboratively with neighbouring municipalities to strengthen a regional application to the province.

"The fact that Lockie was able to bring everyone together and get them to the table speaks volumes about his leadership," she said.

Following the presentation, McLean addressed those in attendance, choosing to focus not on his time in office, but on his connection to the community and the people who shaped his life.

"I didn't want to talk about council or politics," he said. "I just wanted to focus on family and friends."

McLean spoke about his deep roots in Stonewall, sharing stories of generations of family who lived in the area and helped shape the town's early history. He reflected on a childhood filled with outdoor adventures, close-knit neighbourhoods and simple moments that left a lasting impression.

"There was no technology — we created our own fun," he said, recalling time spent exploring the quar-

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Family members joined former Stonewall mayor Lockie McLean for the April 29 street naming ceremony, including daughters Chelsea with his grandsons, Braeland, his wife Diana alongside son Lachlan and his wife.

Friends and family gather in the Stonewall council chambers on April 29 to celebrate former mayor Lockie McLean.

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ry, swimming at Kinsmen Lake and playing games with friends.

Those experiences, he said, helped build a strong sense of community — something that later influenced his decision to enter public service.

McLean first ran for council in the early 1980s and went on to serve ap-

proximately 25 years in municipal government, including two decades from 1998 to 2018. Over that time, he participated in hundreds of meetings and worked through a wide range of municipal issues.

“I probably sat in about a thousand meetings in this room,” he said.

While he acknowledged the challenges that came with the role — including difficult negotiations and high-pressure decisions — McLean said his goal was always to do what was best for the community.

“You try to make the right decision for the town,” he said.

He also reflected on the personal sacrifices that come with public service, noting the time commitment and

responsibility that extended beyond council meetings. McLean credited his family, particularly his wife Diana, for their support throughout his years in office.

“I would never have done this without you,” he said.

Smith said the naming of Lockie McLean Way ensures his contributions will be recognized for generations to come, particularly as the Age in Place campus continues to develop.

“It’s a lasting legacy,” she said. “It connects his name to something that will serve this community well into the future.”

The ceremony concluded with a cake cutting and an opportunity for attendees to gather, share stories and celebrate McLean’s contributions in a more informal setting.

For McLean, the recognition was both unexpected and meaningful — not just as an acknowledgement of his years in public office, but as a reflection of the community he has long called home.

“I’m very thankful,” he said. “Stonewall has always meant a lot to me.”

Clarification

In the story “CEC hearing on colony sewage lagoon raises questions about Manitoba’s regulations” in the April 30 edition of the *Stonewall Teulon Tribune*, answers from the federal department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) and Environment and Climate Change Canada were accidentally omitted at the end of the story. We apologize for the oversight.

The federal government’s responses are as follows:

The federal Department of Fisheries and Oceans said it’s involved with the lagoon project with regard to the impacts on fish and fish habitat.

“In response to concerns related to early construction activities, DFO

completed site visits in April 2024 and October 2025, and may conduct further follow-ups, as appropriate,” said media relations spokesperson Tomie White.

Environment and Climate Change Canada media relations spokesperson Eleni Armenakis said the Wastewater Systems Effluent Regulations under the federal Fisheries Act reduce threats to fish, fish habitat and human health by authorizing the re-lease of wastewater under strict conditions.

“Once completed, if the proposed wastewater lagoon in the Harbour Hutterite Colony is subject to the federal regulations, any effluent released must meet the effluent quality standards as well as the ongoing monitoring and reporting requirements,” said Armenakis. “In addition to federal

authorities, provincial governments typically issue licences or permits to establish and operate wastewater

systems and have standards in place for wastewater effluent in addition to federal regulations.”

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Stonewall farmers market season opens with Mother's Day event

By E. Antonio

The Stonewall farmers market season kicks off this May with the Main Street Market Mother's Day Farmers Market. On Friday, May 8, from 4 to 9 p.m., and Saturday, May 9, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., a variety of artisans will gather at 407 Main St., beside Stonewall Florists.

According to market assistant lead Tami Couch, guests can expect to find a number of handmade products unique to markets and not available in stores. She said markets like these give local makers a chance to shine in a community setting.

"Supporting local artists gives the community a chance to see what great talent we have to offer," she said. "It's important for the community to come out and talk to the artisans, have a great day socializing and find something new they've never seen before."

Lydia Morales, owner of Biulu Artisan Boutique, is a vendor at the Mother's Day Farmers Market. Born in Oaxaca, Mexico, and now residing in Stonewall, she sells hand-beaded jewellery and handmade bags.

"I been creating since I have memory," she said. "Creating artisan items is part of my family culture — from



Morales sells hand-beaded jewellery and handmade bags.

my dad's side, the Zapotecs in Oaxaca, Mexico, and my mom's side, the Huicholes or Wixarika, located in the state of Nayarit, Mexico."

She began selling her products in 2014 and continued her business after moving to Canada last year. Inspired by her Indigenous background, she said art is rooted in her family heritage.

She explained she started her business to give herself a reason to create and share art with others, but over the years it has transformed into some-



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Stonewall's Lydia Morales, owner of Biulu Artisan Boutique, will be among the vendors at the Main Street Market Mother's Day Farmers Market, May 8 and 9 in Stonewall.

thing far more powerful.

"Eventually seeing how much it affected other parts of life, such as bringing people together, supporting other Indigenous people — especially those with very little opportunity — and sharing and preserving our culture added another huge layer of inspiration," she said. "I love connecting with people — including other vendors — in all the different ways that a handmade product can bridge. When having these interactions, some people tend to share their own cultural or artistic side or interests, and we can connect and relate on a deeper level as human beings."

Morales designs each product with care, using a variety of materials such as glass beads, nylon thread, fabric,

wicker and wood. She offers designs people of all ages can enjoy, including products for those looking to make a bold statement or something more subtle.

She explained each product is curated with her own creativity, often starting with a sketch before bringing her vision to life.

"Our uniqueness comes from continuing the creation of new designs, our roots from another country that add new styles, colours and symbolisms," she added. "Most of my knowledge comes from my family and communities where I grew through trial and error. It's part of the process when learning, wherever it

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Submissions open for Battle of the Bands contest

By Jennifer McFee

A new Stonewall initiative will be music to the ears of local bands interested in vying for the chance to perform a Canada Day concert in Quarry Park.

The Town of Stonewall is seeking audition video submissions from musical groups for a Battle of the Bands contest.

Brittany Isfeld, the town's economic and tourism development officer, said they're taking an open approach for this brand-new project.

"All genres are welcome, whether it's rock, country, indie, pop or something unique. While the focus is on bands, we are absolutely open to solo musicians as well. If you can perform and engage a crowd, we want to hear from you," she said.

"While we love supporting local talent, this is open to musicians from across the region and beyond. Stonewall acts as a service hub for surrounding communities, so it made sense to open it up and invite a wider pool of talent."

The goal of the competition is two-fold, she added. To start, it serves to create a high-energy, engaging experience for residents and visitors at Stonewall's Canada Day celebration. At the same time, the project aims to support and promote musicians by giving them a meaningful performance opportunity.

"It's about building community while also creating a stage for talent that may not otherwise have access to this kind of audience," Isfeld said.

"A panel of judges will review submissions and select finalists who will perform live on Canada Day. From there, a winner will be chosen based on performance. The winning act will receive a featured performance opportunity, including the chance to headline a future community event, which is a great way to continue building their exposure."

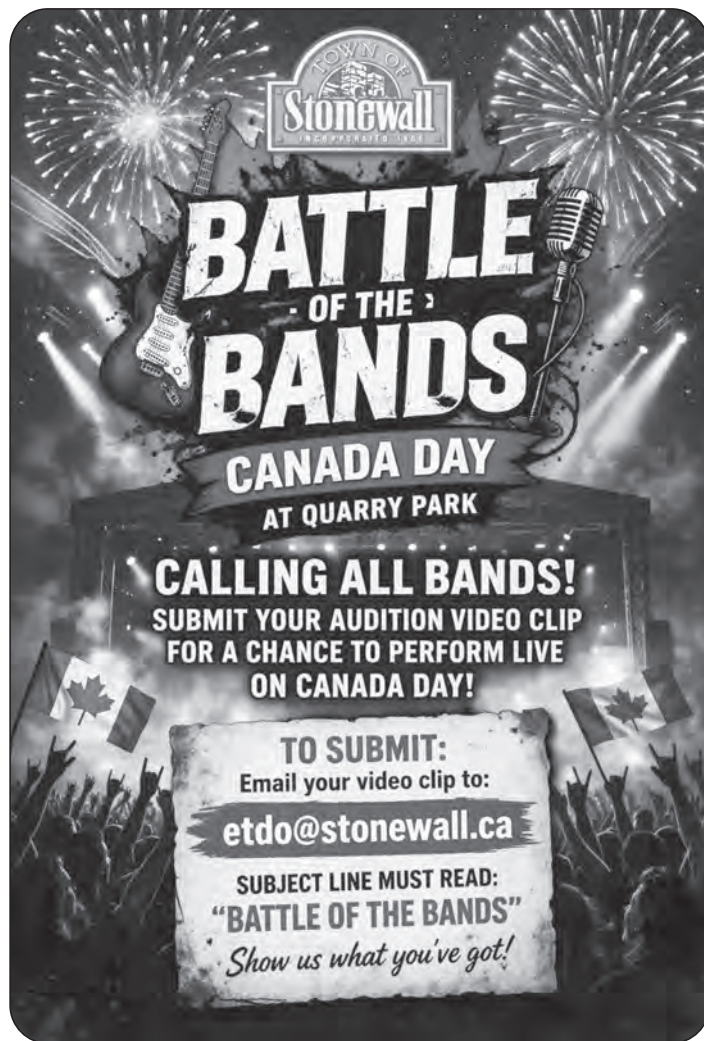
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comes from — it's part of mastering the craft."

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To her, local residents supporting local makers is what helps small shops thrive.

"Supporting local sellers supports



To be considered for the opportunity, bands need to submit an audition video to etdo@stonewall.ca with the subject line "Battle of the Bands."

"We're asking for a clip of one full song that represents their sound and performance style," she said. "We'll be promoting a clear deadline through our channels to ensure everyone has time to apply."

For Isfeld, she's most excited about the energy the family-friendly concert will bring.

"Live music has a way of transforming an event, and Canada Day is all about celebration, connection and community pride. This adds a dynamic, interactive element where people can discover new talent and really feel part of the experience," she said.

"We're really encouraging anyone who's been thinking about putting themselves out there to take the leap and apply. This is meant to be fun, inclusive and a great op-

portunity to gain exposure. It's also something we hope to grow year over year into a signature part of Stonewall's event lineup."

our local economy in one way or another. Supporting local gives families the opportunity to keep going. It motivates people to keep moving and creating, and to keep connecting with each other — it's a powerful resource for our future generations," she said. "Muchas gracias. Supporting local is one of the most valuable things we can create and maintain as a society."

Visit Morales' table and more at the Main Street Market Mother's Day Market. Admission is free and, "there will be music, food, laughter and friendship," Couch added.

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Manitoba introduces tougher impaired driving penalties, lifetime bans

By Haley Cvar

The Manitoba government is strengthening impaired driving laws, including introducing lifetime alcohol restrictions and licence suspensions for repeat offenders.

Justice Minister Matt Wiebe announced the measures, which target drivers convicted of impaired operation offences that cause bodily harm or death. Under the changes, certain offenders will be permanently prohibited from driving with any alcohol in their system.

“Drinking and driving has no place on our roads or in our province,” Wiebe said in a release. “Impaired driving is a serious threat to public safety, and these measures will increase road safety and protect people in communities across the province.”

The province said violations of the zero blood alcohol concentration (BAC) condition will carry penalties similar to those under Manitoba’s

Immediate Roadside Prohibition program. That includes additional licence suspensions and fines ranging from \$400 to \$600, depending on prior offences. Repeat breaches could also lead to vehicle impoundment, mandatory driver assessments or participation in the ignition interlock program.

The changes stem from Bill 5, the Highway Traffic Amendment Act (Impaired Driving Measures), introduced in December 2024 and proclaimed into law in June 2025. The legislation increased penalties for repeat offenders, including an automatic lifetime licence suspension for individuals convicted of impaired driving twice within a 10-year period, replacing the previous 10-year ban.

The act also created a zero BAC requirement for certain offenders, which has now been fully implemented through accompanying regula-

tions.

MADD Winnipeg welcomed the changes, calling them an important step toward improving road safety.

“This legislation is a significant victory for road safety in Manitoba,” said Trevor Enns, president of the organization. “By implementing stricter long-term licence restrictions and permanent suspensions for repeat offenders, the province is ensuring the consequences of impaired driving reflect the gravity of the harm caused.”

The province has also introduced additional legislation that would expand safety measures further, including a zero BAC requirement for drivers operating Class 1 to 4 vehicles, which include commercial licences.

The Manitoba government said the changes are part of ongoing efforts to reduce impaired driving and prevent serious injuries and fatalities on provincial roads.

Erratic driver charged with impaired driving on Highway 6

By Haley Cvar

An erratic driver was located and charged with impaired driving following a report to Manitoba RCMP Traffic Services on April 18.

Police said officers responded at approximately 3:53 p.m. to a complaint of a vehicle driving erratically on Highway 6 in the RM of Coldwell. Three RCMP units already conducting traffic enforcement in the area were able to quickly locate the suspect vehicle.

The vehicle was stopped on Highway 6 in the RM of Rosser. Officers

found three intoxicated occupants inside who were travelling south to Winnipeg for an event and consuming alcohol en route.

The driver, a 27-year-old woman from Grand Rapids, was arrested for impaired driving. She provided breath samples that registered approximately 2.5 times over the legal limit.

She has been charged with impaired driving over 80 mg per cent. The vehicle was impounded and her driver’s licence suspended.

She was also issued three provincial

offence notices: driving while disqualified, driving carelessly and carrying liquor in a vehicle.

The passengers, a 29-year-old man and a 45-year-old woman, both from Grand Rapids, were released without charges.

RCMP are reminding the public to report suspicious or dangerous driving, noting that all reports are taken seriously and investigated.

Police urged motorists to make safe choices and help keep Manitoba roads safe.

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Local horse rescue to be featured in three-episode documentary

By Jennifer McFee

An upcoming documentary will put a local horse rescue in the spotlight — and hopefully it will be a galloping success.

Blackbird Ranch Equine Rescue and Rehab is the focus of a three-episode documentary series called Horse Rescue Ranch by Calvin Henrion that will be screened on Bell FibeTV1.

Kim Lyons and her daughter Jodi Gagnon launched the ranch in 2011. Corinne Nykorak helped out by taking photos to showcase the horses — and she even adopted one. Another adopter named Courtney also began to get involved.

Over time, Jodi moved to Ontario and Courtney moved to Alberta. Today, Kim Lyons and Corinne Nykorak continue to run the operation together.

“We started out taking in the unwanted and misunderstood horses for rehab and then adopting them out. We realized a need to help the cast-offs and throw-aways, those that have served their purpose and either are no longer wanted or unable to be cared for,” Nykorak said.

“We take in horses from auction and owner surrenders, as well as taking in some from the provincial vet when horses have been seized. We still take in some that are able to be adopted — it helps pay our bills — but we have a soft spot for the ones that just need a soft place to land to be loved before their time comes to cross over to The Rainbow Bridge.”

Some horses stay with them for a short stint while other remain at the rescue for many years.

“We’ve had some of our permanent residents — who are not able to be adopted due to age or injury — for 14 years, while some we’ve only been able to love for a week. We try our hardest to let them go with dignity,” she said.



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Blackbird Ranch Equine Rescue and Rehab is the focus of a three-episode documentary series called Horse Rescue Ranch that will be screened on Bell Fibe TV1.

“We currently have 20 horses in our care, a few adoptable and most permanent residents. We are a donation-based rescue, so we can only take in as much as we can afford to feed and vet. If we run short on funds, we pay for it out of our own pockets. We love all of the rescues as if they were our own.”

For Henrion, he came up with the concept of making a documentary about the horse rescue several years ago based on his own personal experience of parting with a pet, a Great Dane named Ezra. Ezra has some reactive aggression issues that proved to be beyond the family’s training abilities.

“It broke our heart because she was amazing with us but was unsafe to be around other animals and people,” said Henrion, who is originally from rural Saskatchewan and now lives in Stonewall with his wife Chelsey and son Conrad.

“We were happy to keep her for ourselves and sacrifice our social lives a bit. However, my wife and I were expecting our first born, which put us in a situation where we needed to find a new home for Ezra. We wanted to bring our baby into a safe environment with animals we could trust.”

They ended up finding a couple who took care of Ezra for a weekend at a time, building up to progressively longer periods until they decided to take her in permanently. During this drawn-out process, Henrion kept thinking how difficult it must be for rescue organizations to find homes for all the animals they bring in.

He began reaching out to different animal rescues to see if anyone was interested in telling their story. At first, he didn’t have much luck. But when he asked the owner of Sundog

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...with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs to God. (Colossians 3:16a)

I love the music of the church, whether it is being played on a musical instrument or sung. As a minister, I take care in choosing the music for worship each week, perhaps because I know that the music we learn to sing or listen to in the church has the power to stay with us for a lifetime.

I learned this early in my ministry when I first experienced leading worship in retirement or personal care homes. I quickly observed how the attendees knew the words to the hymns by heart.

Even residents with dementia or Alzheimer’s are able to remember the words to the hymns they learn as children. I’m told that is because music memory lives in a part of our brains that may not be impacted by these conditions.

Knowing this and seeing the joy and encouragement seniors find in singing the hymns and songs of their faith later life, has made me an advocate for learning the music of the church by heart.

With all the screens we have to help us today, learning anything by rote is a hard sell. We tend to think that we will always be able to use a hymnbook or screen to help us out as we sing our faith.

I would like to challenge each reader to consider trying to memorize the hymns and spiritual songs that bring you the most hope and comfort. Whether its memory or eyesight that may fail, you will not regret it. Whether it’s a hymn you have known for years, or a new one that is finding a place in your heart, memorize it for a lifetime of singing your faith.

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Kennels, where he had kennelled Ezra and his other dog Remi, they suggested Blackbird Ranch Equine Rescue and Rehab.

"Hearing Corinne and Kim's mission and story was an eye-opener," he said. "They weren't just saving horses but the ones that nobody else wanted. They give them love and care, no matter what their destination was — often giving the animal an opportunity to end up in the perfect homes like we found for our dog Ezra."

He connected with Blackbird Ranch and shared his idea for the documentary. Nykorak and Lyons decided to get involved to help showcase their horses and spread awareness about the rescue.

And when Henrion told his mentor Charles Lavack about Corinne and Kim, he was also intrigued.

"Charles and I decided to pick up our cameras, borrow gear and schedule a day to interview them and get some footage. We put together a little demo video and a pitch document and started showing it to production companies in the city," he said.

"Manito Media wanted to champion the project and help us put together an even better package to pitch to broadcasters. It was kind of a full-circle moment for me because I started my career working for Manito Media over a decade ago, and it's through them that I actually first met Charles. So it was pretty amazing that possibly my first production is helped off the ground by them."

Manito Media began pitching the idea to broadcasters, and they eventually got the green light from Bell MTS for three 15-minute episodes for their community television platform Bell Fibe TV1.

The filmmakers began capturing footage and writing scripts before sending them to an editor and working on cuts.



Blackbird Ranch Equine Rescue and Rehab directors and the film crew.

"It's watched and worked on by many layers of people before it's delivered to Bell MTS. We asked one of the best storytellers in the business to be our story editor, Jeff Newman, who is another person I started my career with," Henrion said. "We have a solid crew, and I couldn't have imagined in a million years that I'd be so lucky to be guided by such amazing talent."

Henrion aims to deliver the final product by the end of April, and he expects the documentary will be ready for viewing in mid-2026.

"I hope this documentary is a step forward in my career. But, more importantly, I hope this show brings attention to all the hard work the ladies put in — and hopefully brings in more support through donations and volunteers," he said.

"I want this to be an eye-opener for viewers that horse ownership is not an easy task. You need to be ready for the responsibility. Also, rescues aren't out to get your animals taken away. They just want horses to be properly cared for, and I think that's something we should all want."

For Nykorak and Lyons, they're happy to share details about their labour of love.

"The documentary shows a little bit about all of the different things we do and how we do them, and it shares the stories of a couple of our horses. I think it will enable people to see what we do. Most people don't know about us or horse rescue in general," Nykorak said.

"The crew have followed us to auction and loading up horses we purchased there, followed us to drop off a horse that got adopted, filmed a horse going to its new home and much more — from vet visits to people coming and using the horses as therapy while going through something traumatic and one of our fundraisers."

The process for developing the documentary has been informative, she added.

"I think we learned as much from the crew as they did about us and we've gained some good friendships. There are a lot of moving parts to doing a documentary and, honestly, our part is easy since we just go about doing our everyday things. Behind the scenes is a lot harder," she said.

"We have been filming the documentary for almost two years. We'd also like to give a huge shout out to Calvin Henrion along with his crew for taking a chance on us and believing in what we do and doing so much to make sure the documentary got picked up. And a huge thank you to Manito Media—Media RendezVous for also taking a chance on us and producing the documentary for us."

Looking ahead, she hopes that viewers will take away an important message.

"Horse rescues are not bad. There is a stereotype about rescues and some people think we are against people using horses for ranch work. We just want to help the horses that need help, whether it's to find a new home or be laid to rest. There is a lot to rescuing horses and it's not all sunshine. There is a lot of manual labour, cost, anxiety, hurt," she said.

"Every time we take in a horse, we hope that we can help them. Sometimes we can and sometimes we can't, but we make a promise that we will be there for them either way. The documentary shows all of it. Rescue is hard. It's long days after our full-time jobs, sometimes long nights, worry about funds, worry about weather — but we wouldn't change what we do. We do it for the love of the horse."

Anyone who would like to make a donation to Black Bird Equine Ranch and Rescue can email donationsforblackbirdranch@hotmail.com — and the same email can be used to share any fundraising ideas.

"We are on Facebook, so give us a follow," Nykorak added. "If you have any questions or want to meet us or the horses, send us a message."

All are welcome to get free tickets to a private screening of the Horse Rescue Ranch documentary on Saturday, May 9 at 11 a.m. at The Flicks Cinema in Stonewall. The event will start with an intro by the folks behind the show, followed by a question-and-answer session after the screening.

Tickets are required to save a spot for the private screening, and you can get them through a link on the Horse Rescue Ranch Facebook page, where you can also watch the trailer. The link for tickets is also available on the Blackbird Ranch Equine Rescue and Rehab Facebook page.

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Former Stonewall couple turns fear into purpose

By Jo-Anne Procter

A Manitoba-born father is turning his family's medical journey into motivation this month, lacing up for the Million Reasons Run in support of children's hospital research.

Jesse Hutman, originally from the Stonewall area, is committing to run 75 kilometres over 31 days in May while raising \$3,000 — a goal deeply rooted in his son Arlo's fight for life.

"Spending time in the children's hospital inspired me to give back," he said. "I'm doing this for Arlo."

Jesse and his wife Cameo Hutman (née Argan) now live in Canal Flats, B.C., where they settled for the mountains, year-round outdoor recreation and a milder climate, while staying close to family — including Jesse's brother.

Their son Arlo was born Oct. 22, 2025, at 1:30 a.m., a healthy, nine-pound, nine-ounce baby boy.

Within hours, however, their joy turned to fear.

Later that evening at the Cranbrook hospital, staff noticed something was wrong. What initially appeared to be a faulty blood oxygen monitor quickly became far more serious. Arlo's oxygen levels were dangerously low, and he was rushed to a small ICU room for further assessment.

Soon after, the family learned he would need to be airlifted to Vancouver.

"It was very stressful waiting for the emergency plane," Cameo said. "We didn't even know if one or both of us would be able to go with him."

In Vancouver, doctors confirmed Arlo had a serious congenital heart condition. His aortic valve had not formed properly and will require multiple replacements as he grows — meaning open-heart surgeries and ongoing care at B.C. Children's Hospital.

"We were so anxious, not knowing what his life would look like," she said.

Arlo underwent his first surgery as a newborn, a difficult and overwhelming experience for his parents.

"We felt so helpless. There were so many doctors and nurses coming in and out, doing constant tests leading up to the procedure."

During recovery, Arlo was connected to multiple monitoring machines and relied on a CPAP machine for several days. His parents were often unable to hold or feed him due to the number of tubes and equipment.

"It was hard to imagine how he could recover so quickly with all the help he needed," she said.

Despite the challenges, Arlo showed



Arlo Hutman in his first days of life at the BC Children's Hospital.



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Former Stonewall family Cameo, Jesse and Arlo Hutman are raising funds for BC Children's Hospital through the Million Reasons to Run fundraiser, supporting life-saving research at 13 children's hospitals across Canada.

steady progress. After a week in intensive care, he was moved to the ward, and shortly after, the family was able to stay together at Ronald McDonald House before bringing him home just two weeks after his birth.

"That first 48 hours after receiving the news and being transferred to Vancouver were by far the worst," she said. "It was a storm — riding such a high after having our first child, then suddenly being unsure if or how he was going to survive."

Now, months later, Jesse is channeling that experience into action through the Million Reasons Run.

Funds raised through the initiative support life-saving research across Canada's 13 children's hospitals, where more than 5,000 children receive care every day.

"Supporting children's hospital research is so important," he said. "We've seen firsthand how much it impacts families like ours."

Arlo's journey is ongoing. His next major step will be the Ross Procedure — an open-heart surgery to replace his aortic valve. For now, the family travels to Vancouver every two months for monitoring, hoping to delay the surgery as long as possible so future replacements can be spaced further apart.

Through it all, the Hutmans say they have gained a deep appreciation for the health-care system and the support of organizations such as Ronald McDonald House, Hope Air and Friends of Children.

"It really opens your eyes," they said. "You realize there are always families going through even more."

Today, Arlo is thriving. He is a happy, curious baby who loves to smile and laugh. Growing in the 90th percentile, he is currently asymptomatic, though his parents remain watchful for any changes ahead of his next followup appointment in July.

Looking ahead, their hope is simple.

"We just want him to be a regular kid," they said. "And for his surgeries to go well throughout his life."

They also have a message for other families facing a similar diagnosis: you are not alone.

"There are strong support communities out there. It makes a difference."

To support Jesse's fundraising efforts, donations can be made through the Million Reasons Run (millionreasons.run) by searching Team Arlo.

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Local students recognized for environmental project proposals

By Jennifer McFee

A pair of Warren Collegiate students is making waves through environmentally focused ideas that they submitted for a watershed-focused contest.

The Caring for Our Watersheds contest asks students to submit a proposal that answers an important question: What can you do to improve your watershed? For the competition, students need to research their local watershed, identify an environmental concern and come up with a project proposal to implement a realistic solution.

"The Lake Winnipeg watershed faces many issues spanning the Prairies, but the result is seen close to home here in Manitoba," said Kandra Forbes, Manitoba coordinator. "Having students understand how land and water are connected, and how everything flows to a common place, inspires them to take action in their backyards, schools and communities."

This year's competition drew entries from 634 students from 20 schools, who shared 387 proposals to positively impact their watershed. Entries came from far and wide, with the furthest proposal coming from Souris School.

On April 18, the Top 10 finalists — including two from Warren Collegiate — presented their proposals to a panel of judges at the Harry J Enns Wetland Discovery Centre at Oak Hammock Marsh.

The finalists vied the opportunity to win a \$1,000 cash prize as well as a matching amount for their school. Nutrien, the contest sponsor, also provides an additional \$10,000 to help all contestants implement their ideas.

Joslyn Tetlock, a Grade 11 student at

Warren Collegiate, ranked sixth place and won \$500 for her project called Sustainable Roots.

"My project is a school-yard self-watering garden. It promotes sustainability at my school by reducing carbon emission from produce transportation and reduces plastic waste from produce packaging," said Joslyn, who is saving her prize money for future education.

"It was trial and error with project ideas. I went through a checklist of all the things we could fix at our school, and the garden bed was my best idea."

Joslyn also shared why she chose to focus on caring for our watersheds.

"It's important to me because the watershed provides fish and wildlife with a place to live," she said. "And having a healthy watershed can also lessen the effects of climate damage."

Mya Good, a Grade 10 student from Warren Collegiate, ranked seventh place and won \$450 for her projected called Keeping the Class Rooms Environmentally Friendly, which focuses on providing a green stationary kit to students at her school.

"I think my project will be very beneficial to our community and environment so we can keep our community looking as it does for as long as we can. This idea came from watching how many school supplies are disposed of daily and how we can help reduce that waste," Mya said.

"Looking forward, I will purchase trial supplies to make sure that my peers like them. Then looking onto the future, I hope I can purchase kits for all of the students in my school. It's important to me because I love the community I have grown up in and I would love it if one day my kids are

able to see and appreciate the same environment I get to."

Mya said she had fun participating in the competition — and she's glad



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Mya Good and Joslyn Tetlock of Warren Collegiate ranked in the Top 10 in the Caring for Our Watersheds contest.

she had the chance to get involved before the event wraps up after 17 years in Manitoba. This year's event brings the competition to a close because funding for the program has concluded.

As the Manitoba coordinator, Forbes said it's bittersweet that the funding is ending for this program.

"We are so grateful to have been able to spend tens of thousands of dollars over the years on making students' ideas a reality," she said.

"One of our finals judges won in 2012 and has now gone on to a career with the Nature Conservancy of Canada. It serves as a reminder that by facilitating student action, we made lifelong memories that spurred some students on to make further impacts on their watersheds and communities."

Forbes also expressed gratitude for all the students, teachers, judges and volunteers who have participated in the event over the years and made a difference in the Lake Winnipeg watershed.

Amanda Dion, teacher at Warren Collegiate, said that she's incredibly proud of Mya and Joslyn for their

achievements.

"They put a lot of effort into to their project that included not only coming up with the ideas but also asking endorsement from all stakeholders," Dion said.

"They networked with teachers and community members to fully flesh out their implementation plan. It was wonderful to see them build their communication and problem-solving skills."

The Top 10 also included representation from Lord Selkirk Comprehensive Secondary School. Gillian ranked third and received \$800 for her projected called Dazzling Ditches, and Macie ranked fourth and received \$700 for her projected called Green Attitude – Thinking Green Leads to Acting Green.

In addition, Fiona A. from Stonewall Collegiate ranked in the Top 50 for her project called Mentoring Girls for the Future of Hunting. Amelia W. and Paige F. from Carman Collegiate also earned recognition in the Top 50 for their project called Hand Dryer Renovation. From Warren Collegiate, Maria Riddell, Brody Lambert and Veronica Varnes were also in the Top 50.



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Country Girls market supports local makers and animal rescue

By E. Antonio

The Mother's Day Country Girls Market has grown into a yearly Stonewall tradition. Returning for its fourth year on Friday, May 8 from 6 to 10 p.m. and Saturday, May 9 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Veterans Memorial Sports Complex, 550 Main St., this year's market is set to bring a wide variety of vendors to the community.

Guests can expect more than 80 vendors, featuring 95 per cent handmade items, along with food trucks, Down the Street Tattoo, Tiny Fox Photography and manicures by Sugar Lips throughout the weekend.

Co-organizer Laura Kaner-Isaak said she is excited to host the market's first two-day event, highlighting how much it has grown since its inaugural year. Kicking off the weekend is the Friday Night Market, offering shoppers the chance to browse while enjoying Mom-themed mocktails available for purchase throughout the evening.

The weekend will also support Tails of Freedom Animal Rescue through the \$3 admission fee and by accepting pet food donations. Tails of Freedom will also have adoptable cats on site hoping to find new families.

"They do so much hard work for animals in need, without any financial support," Kaner-Isaak said. "They only run on donations from the community and we are hoping we can help ease that burden a little for them this weekend."

For Kaner-Isaak, success means creating a fun and profitable environment for both shoppers and vendors. A variety of products will be available for purchase, with something to suit all interests. In addition, attendees can enjoy on-site tattoos, piercings, family photos and manicures.

Alexis Lethbridge, owner of Naked Earth Botanicals, lives just outside Stonewall and will be selling her natural herbal skincare products at the market on Friday only. She studies herbal medicine through Wild Rose College and began making products as part of her school projects. From there, her business evolved as friends and family came to appreciate the benefits of natural products.

"There's a direct connection between skincare and immune function because our skin is part of our immune system," she said. "When our skin and skin microbiome are supported, the immune system responds appropriately. But when they're disrupted, it can trigger inflammation and ongoing irritation."

By using natural ingredients such as tallow and herbs, Lethbridge said it limits the skin's exposure to chemicals. Many of her products also use calendula, which can be beneficial for people with skin conditions such as eczema.

"Healthy skin isn't just about beauty," she added. "I think it's important for people to know our skin health has been linked to our overall health, including our mental health."

Currently, she sells tallow body balm, lip balm and face oils made from ingredients she forages herself or sources from local growers and organic suppliers. Her products come in a variety of scents and are made using high-quality ingredients. A full lineup of products is available on her website, www.nakedearthbotanicals.com.

Lethbridge said it took time to perfect her rendering process, but she has since mastered it.

"The trick is to do it low and slow so there's no browning of the suet, so it doesn't have that beefy smell some tallow products have," she added.

She explained that supporting local artisans is important because their products are incomparable to those found in stores, even those labelled "100% natural." She noted that ingredients are often unregulated, meaning customers do not always know what they are putting on their skin.

"We need natural companies to be the big companies, run by people who genuinely care about people and the planet," she said. "But that can only happen if people support us. Buying from small makers with high standards really ensures that you're getting a good-quality product."

With hundreds of vendors applying each year, Kaner-Isaak said narrowing down applicants to find the best fit for the market can be challenging.



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Alexis Lethbridge, owner of Naked Earth Botanicals, makes and sells natural herbal skincare products. She is a vendor at the Country Girls Mother's Day Market on Friday, May 8 at the Veterans Memorial Sports Complex in Stonewall. The market runs May 8 and 9 and features more than 80 vendors.



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Call open for Canada's Volunteer Awards nominations

Virtual information sessions will be held May 20

By Annaliese Meier

Manitobans are being encouraged to recognize the people and organizations making a difference in their communities as nominations open for the 2026 Canada's Volunteer Awards.

The national program celebrates volunteerism across the country, with nominations open from April 22 to June 17.

Brenda Martinussen, a federally appointed member of the program's National Advisory Committee, said the nomination process plays a key role in ensuring Manitoba's volunteer efforts are recognized on a national stage.

"It's important for Manitobans to nominate individuals and organizations because nominations are how Manitoba's volunteer leadership is recognized nationally," she said. "Many contributions are done quietly, and people are only celebrated if someone takes the time to tell their story well."

The awards are open to individuals, groups, businesses, non-profit organizations and charities that have made a meaningful contribution to addressing social challenges in their communities. Individual nominees must be at least 18 years old and be Canadian citizens or permanent residents, while an Emerging Leader category

recognizes those aged 18 to 30.

Martinussen said some of the strongest nominations are those that clearly outline both the volunteer's role and the impact of their work.

"The strongest nominations make it easy to understand what the nominee actually did — whether they organized an initiative, mobilized others or mentored people — and then back it up with concrete results," she said.

She added that strong submissions clearly describe the need being addressed, who benefited and how widely the impact was felt, while also highlighting challenges such as limited resources, geography or stigma. Nominations that demonstrate sustained impact, partnerships or programs that can be replicated tend to stand out.

The Canada's Volunteer Awards program includes 21 awards, including the national Thérèse Casgrain Lifelong Achievement Award for individuals with more than 20 years of service, as well as 20 regional awards presented across five regions, including the Prairies.

Regional awards are presented in four categories: Community Leader, Emerging Leader, Business Leader and Social Innovator.

While Martinussen said she could not speak to specific statistics, she believes Manitoba could be better represented in nominations.

"I would like to see more representation from Manitoba," she said. "Sometimes people feel they need to be from large urban centres to have reach and impact, but that's not true.



Often the biggest impact is in smaller or rural communities where resources are limited."

She said a lack of awareness about the awards, along with the time required to prepare nominations, may also contribute to fewer submissions. In many cases, volunteers are focused on their work rather than seeking recognition, and may not see themselves as award-worthy.

For those unsure whether someone is "worthy" of being nominated, Martinussen said to move forward anyway.

"Often the people who feel the least worthy are the ones doing the work most quietly and consistently," she said. "These awards are about meeting a real need and making a meaningful difference, whether that's in a small community or within one organization."

Beyond recognition, the awards can have a lasting impact on recipients and their communities.

"Recognition can boost morale, raise the profile of an issue and open doors to new partnerships and volunteers," Martinussen said, noting recipients can also direct grant funding of \$5,000 to \$10,000 to a non-profit organization

of their choice.

She added that the benefits often extend well beyond the individual recipient, helping organizations grow their volunteer base, strengthen partnerships and support future fundraising efforts.

To submit a nomination, applicants must complete an online form and include between one and three letters of support from individuals with direct knowledge of the nominee's contributions.

Martinussen encourages nominators to be clear and specific, tying submissions closely to the program's criteria and including measurable examples wherever possible.

"A strong nomination is clear, specific and backed by real examples," she said. "Explain what they did, who benefited and what changed."

Virtual information sessions will be held May 20 (English) and May 21 (French) to help guide applicants through the process.

"Ultimately, nominating doesn't just celebrate one person or group — it strengthens a culture of service by showing volunteers that their time and impact truly matter," Martinussen said.

Bombers partner with Access CU to boost financial literacy in schools

By Haley Cvar

Students across the province could soon be learning how to manage their money with help from a professional football player, as Access Credit Union launches its annual classroom financial literacy program in partnership with the Winnipeg Blue Bombers.

The "Tackle Your Finances like a Pro" initiative invites Manitoba schools to apply for a 60-minute, in-class workshop led by Access Credit Union financial literacy trainers alongside a Blue Bombers player. The program aims to deliver practical money management skills in an engaging, interactive format.

According to Access Credit Union, the sessions are designed to help students build a foundation for financial decision-making, while also incorporating games, discussion and prize giveaways to keep participants involved.

"These workshops are a major highlight for the Financial Literacy team each year. We are continually



impressed with the engagement from the students and their curiosity to learn about money management and how to start preparing for their future," said Emily Suderman, financial literacy specialist with Access Credit Union.

Suderman added that the involvement of a Blue Bombers player helps strengthen student engagement and excitement.

"It has also been amazing to see the interactions with the students and a Winnipeg Blue Bombers player. A big thank you to Nic Demski for joining us once again. We are excited to bring these work-

shops to schools in the 2026-27 school year," she said.

The partnership reflects a shared goal of community impact, according to Winnipeg Football Club president and CEO Wade Miller.

"The continued momentum of the Financial Literacy Program is a testament to the meaningful impact it's already having in our community," Miller said. "Our football club is proud to be a part of this important program and to support efforts that create lasting, positive change alongside Access Credit Union."

Schools that are interested in the workshop are asked to apply by visiting accesscu.ca/tackle. Applications are to be received by June 12, 2026.

Access Credit Union, the largest credit union in Manitoba, serves more than 208,000 members and manages approximately \$14.2 billion in assets. The organization says programs like this are part of its broader commitment to supporting communities and building financial confidence among youth.

Town of Stonewall presents 2026-27 financial plan

By Jennifer McFee

Everything is costing more these days, including property taxes.

Stonewall residents could face a 4.45 per cent increase to the mill rate, pending approval of the proposed 2026-27 financial plan. For a home valued at \$450,000, the total increase would be \$99.58, which includes the taxes as well as the special levy on garbage.

In addition, the solid waste special services levy will increase annually by \$14.25 per household. Water rates won't change this year on an average consumption bill.

In 2026, more than \$4 million will be invested in capital upgrades. All capital costs will be funded by reserves or

borrowing.

These funds will go towards continued work to develop the future personal care home and age-in-place campus site. Other projects include upgrades to the town office, cemetery improvements, accessibility upgrades at parks and the lake, the first phase of redevelopment at Veteran Memorial Sports Complex and the second phase of the kilns restoration project.

Looking ahead in 2026, the town also plans to reconstruct 4th Street West north of 3rd Avenue North. Additional funds will go towards asphalt patching and 12th Street West maintenance. Along 3rd Avenue South and 5th Street West, street lighting will be

upgraded.

In addition, the zoning bylaw review will be completed, and a secondary plan will be created.

Facility upgrades will take place at Kinsmen Lake, and the Heritage Arts Centre will receive mechanical and security upgrades. At the Quarry Park Campground, the power upgrade will continue, and costs will be recovered from increased camping fees.

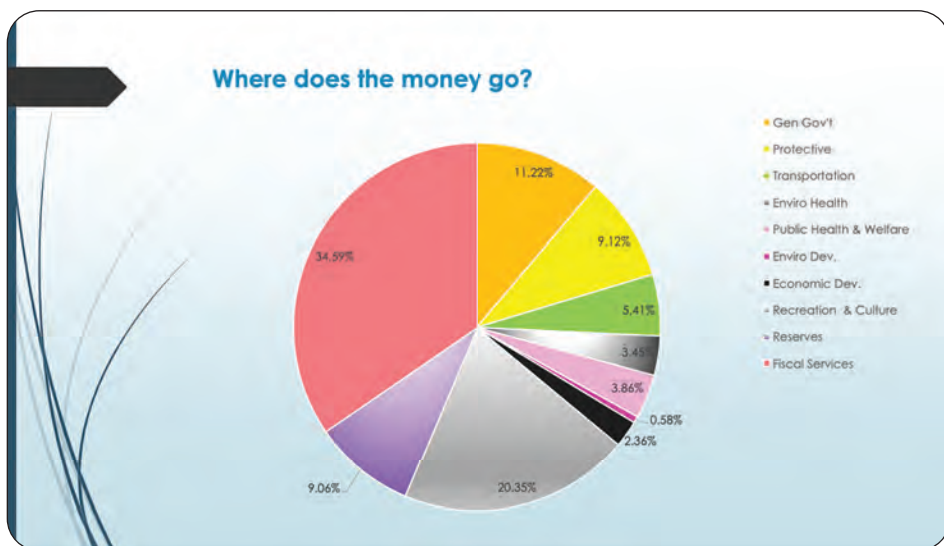
Overall, the 2026 general operating fund and utility budget is set at \$26.75 million.

The bulk of the 2026 expenditures will go towards fiscal services (34.59%), followed by recreation and

culture (20.35%) and general government services (11.22%). Other costs will go towards protective services (9.12%), reserves (9.06%), transportation (5.41%) and public health and wellness (3.86%). Funds will also go towards environmental health (3.45%), economic development (2.36%) and environmental development (0.58%).

As of Dec. 31, the town's debt was \$2.86 million. For 2026, debt costs increased by \$55,000 for the paving of Limestone Bay, which will be covered by the assessment increase.

The final decision on the regional water project is still pending.



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A breakdown of municipal spending shows where tax dollars are allocated, alongside a comparison of municipal property taxes on a \$450,000 home shows how rates vary between Manitoba communities.

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Still rolling strong at 95: Balmoral's Anne Burton keeps striking her stride

By Lana Meier

At 95 years old, Anne Burton still steps up to the lane with quiet confidence — and more often than not, she delivers. On any given Friday during the bowling season in Stonewall, the Balmoral resident can be found doing what she has loves for decades: rolling the ball straight, steady and true in her weekly five-pin bowling league, chasing scores that would impress bowlers a fraction of her age. Breaking 100 is her baseline. On a good day, she's aiming for 200 — and still getting there.

"She said if you break 100, you're doing okay," a fellow bowler noted with a smile. "But for Anne, 100 isn't good enough."

Burton's bowling story began more than 75 years ago, when she was a young woman working in the general office at Timothy Eaton's in the early 1950s. Like many workplaces at the time, staff were encouraged to take part in recreational leagues — bowling or curling — and Burton joined the Timothy Eaton General Office team, known as TEGO.

She was just 20 years old and the youngest on the team.

"It was different back then," Burton recalled of the game's early rules and traditions. Bowlers wore skirts, and scoring could be unforgiving — if a key pin wasn't knocked down, it meant a zero.

Burton bowled from 1950 to 1954

before life took her in a different direction. After moving to a farm in Balmoral with her husband, she stepped away from the sport to focus on raising their three children — Karen, Gary and Bruce — and helping manage a busy mixed farm that included hogs, chickens and even a milk cow.

There was little time for bowling during those years, but the passion never fully disappeared.

It wasn't until 1983, with some encouragement from friends — including Mayfield Williams — that Burton returned to the lanes, joining the Friday League in Stonewall.

More than four decades later, she's still there.

Each season, from October through April, Burton remains a regular presence, admired not only for her longevity but for her ability to compete.

Her approach is simple — and that's exactly how she likes it.

No elaborate footwork. No spin or trick release. No reliance on "lucky" equipment.

"I just try and throw it straight," she said matter-of-factly during a recent game, eyes fixed on the pins.

There's a quiet discipline to her style. She watches the target, keeps her arm steady and lets the ball do the rest. It's a method built on consistency rather than flair — and one that continues to produce results.

Her scores speak for themselves.

Even into her mid-90s, Burton has recorded games well into the 200s, including a remarkable 225 at age 94.

Still, she shrugs off the numbers with characteristic humility.

"A lucky ball is only lucky until it's not," she said with a chuckle, dismissing the idea that success comes down to anything more than steady play.

Those who bowl alongside her see something more.

They see determination, routine and a lifelong love of the game — qualities that have carried Burton through decades of change, both in bowling and in life.

Away from the lanes, she remains just as active.

Burton enjoys playing Scrabble



TRIBUNE PHOTOS BY LANA MEIER

Ninety-five-year-old Ann Burton of Balmoral shares a smile after picking up a spare during Friday league play at the Stonewall Bowling Lanes. Being photographed made her a little nervous, making the successful shot all the more satisfying.



Anne Burton (centre) with her daughter Karen, to her left, and son Gary, to her right, as part of the regular Friday bowling group, where she continues to impress with her scores and love of the game.

with her daughter, spending time outdoors, tending to her yard and helping in the garden. Daily chores — from laundry to household upkeep — keep her moving, and she credits that active lifestyle as part of the reason she's still going strong.

She doesn't follow a structured fitness program.

She doesn't need to.

"I get lots of exercise every day," Burton said.

That independence and energy are part of what makes her story resonate with those around her. Fellow bowlers often find themselves inspired simply by sharing the lanes with her.

At an age when many have long since stepped away from competition, Burton is still showing up, still improving and still enjoying every frame.

And she has no plans to stop.

When asked what's next, her answer came without hesitation.

"I should be bowling there next year — for sure," she said.

Then, with a grin, she added one more goal.

"You can come back when I'm 100 and do another interview. I'll still be here."

If her track record is any indication, there's little reason to doubt it.

For Anne Burton, age is just a number — and the game, much like her spirit, keeps rolling on.

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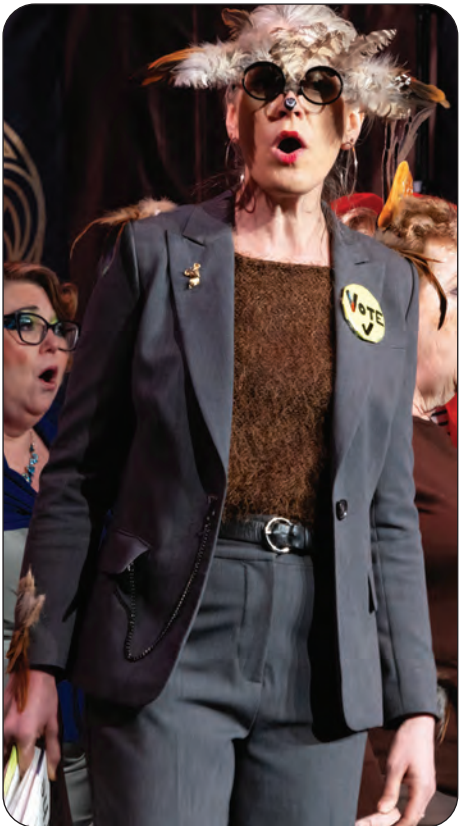


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The Quarry Choristers brought their annual dinner theatre production to life at the Quarry Park Heritage Arts Centre, staging eight performances of *Where the Wild Things Meet* from April 30 to May 14.

Audiences were treated to an evening of laughter and charm in a production created entirely by members of the cast. Beyond their on-stage roles, choristers wrote the script, selected and arranged the music, choreographed routines, built sets, organized costumes and managed the many details required to deliver a polished performance.

Each show featured a full-course meal prepared by Abas Catering, while desserts at the matinee performances were provided by the ladies of Stonewall United Church. The storyline followed animals from around the world gathering for the 2026 World Animal Congress, where creatures ranging from zebras to penguins met to debate issues affecting their survival. The proceedings took an unexpected turn during an unconventional election that ultimately saw a forgetful elephant chosen as the new leader.





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Thank you for everything, Mom!

Letting go of "mom guilt" on Mother's Day

Mother's Day is an occasion intended to celebrate mothers. However, for many women, it can prompt feelings of self-doubt, negative comparisons and pressure to live up to an impossible standard. Instead of feeling appreciated, some moms find themselves questioning whether they're doing enough, giving enough or being enough.

What's "mom guilt"?

Mom guilt is the persistent feeling that you're never "getting it right." On Mother's Day, those pressures can feel amplified as moms compare themselves to carefully curated images of perfect homes, smiling children and effortless celebrations.

However, real motherhood is far more complex. It includes stress, exhaustion, mistakes and learning as you go. None of these realities makes you less deserving of recognition.

How to let it go, at least for one day
This Mother's Day, give yourself permission to release the idea that you must earn appreciation through perfection.

- Write down one expectation you've been putting on yourself, and lower it
- Say aloud one thing you handled well this week, even if it feels ordinary
- Set a specific boundary for the day and stick to it
- Put your phone away for part of the day or mute your social media notifications
- Request a break, a walk alone, help with dishes or uninterrupted rest

This year, let Mother's Day be a reminder that you're already enough, exactly as you are.



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CSC Ramblers Coffeehouse showcases student talent

Motherhood after loss: holding space on Mother's Day

If you find Mother's Day painful, you're not alone. For many women, this day brings complicated emotions. Whether you're grieving a child you carried, the mother who raised you or the person who showed you what care and love looked like, your experience is valid. Grief doesn't follow a calendar, and Mother's Day can reopen feelings that are often hidden the rest of the year.

What can you do?

If this day feels heavy, give yourself permission to approach it differently. You don't have to attend every celebration, post on social media or explain your feelings to others.

- **Create a personal ritual.** Light a candle, write a short note to your loved one, plant a flower or take a peaceful walk. Small acts can help acknowledge what words cannot.

- **Do something for your body**

and mind. Buying yourself flowers, cooking your favourite meal, spending time outdoors or enjoying a quiet hobby can help regulate stress during emotionally charged days.

- **Limit social media.** Unplugging, logging off and stepping away from curated celebrations can reduce emotional overload and allow you to focus inward.

- **Set boundaries.** Let trusted friends or family know what you're comfortable with this year. That could mean keeping plans simple or spending the day privately.

- **Share your story safely.** Talk with a counsellor, support group or trusted person to help reduce feelings of isolation and validate your experience.

Mother's Day can look different after loss. Holding space for grief is an act of care for yourself and for the people you continue to carry in your heart.



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Collège Stonewall Collegiate hosted its annual Ramblers Coffeehouse on April 26 at the Oddfellows Hall, bringing together students and community members for an afternoon of music. Organized by the school's Music Leadership Team, the event featured a range of performances, including solos, duets and small group numbers. The Ramblers Chamber Choir also took the stage, performing four selections. Upcoming spring concerts will continue to highlight student talent, with the CSC Band set to perform June 2 at 7 p.m. in the school gym, followed by the CSC Choir on June 3 at 7 p.m. at the Stonewall Centennial Gym.



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ECO mode: a good way to save fuel... if you use it correctly!

Many modern vehicles have a button that activates an ECO driving mode, a feature designed to help you save fuel. But how exactly does it work? And is it truly effective? Here's what you need to know.

How it works

ECO mode regulates key vehicle and engine settings to promote fuel efficiency. It prevents sudden acceleration, which consumes a lot of energy. It also shifts gears earlier to keep engine revolutions per minute (RPM) low.

When you activate ECO mode, you may feel a slight pressure on the accelerator, as if it were resisting. You may also perceive a general drop in the vehicle's performance. Some systems even limit air conditioning power to further reduce fuel consumption.

Efficiency

ECO mode combines several energy-saving measures to help you save money and reduce your CO2 emissions. It also puts less strain on your car's battery and engine, which



can help extend the lifespan of these components.

However, ECO mode can't work miracles. If you drive with heavy loads, such as camping gear or bicycles, your vehicle will still consume more fuel. The same applies if you rely heavily on the air conditioner or tend to press hard on the accelerator.

Ultimately, ECO mode is only effective when you pair it with good driving habits.

Do electric vehicles also need spring maintenance?

Electric vehicles (EVs) are praised for their many advantages, including their powerful batteries, remarkable torque and improved comfort. They're also known for requiring less maintenance. But what does that actually mean? Do EVs really fare better throughout winter than their gas-powered counterparts? Here's what you need to know.

DEBUNKING A COMMON MYTH

Many people believe electric cars need little to no maintenance, but that's not entirely true. While EVs don't require oil changes and have significantly fewer moving parts than gas-powered vehicles (both of which help lower annual maintenance costs and reduce the risk of breakdowns), they still need regular inspections.

EV batteries are extremely heavy, which puts increased pressure on the car's suspension and tires. As a result, these components may wear out faster, especially after months of driving over potholes. In addition, the fluid used to cool the battery circulates through sealed lines that must stay intact. This is an important part of spring inspections.

CAUTION ABOVE ALL

Even though owning an EV can save you a lot on annual maintenance, you still need to be attentive. The car's bodywork isn't immune to rust caused by road salt, so make sure you wash your EV frequently and avoid high-pressure jets. Brake pads, which engage less often due to regenerative braking, can also corrode more in winter and deserve a close look.

In short, EVs *do* need spring maintenance. Visit a mechanic near you to ensure you stay safe on the road.

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Your vehicle has made it through another winter, which means it's high time to give it a thorough clean! You may already have everything you need to refresh the interior and exterior, but have you thought about the windows? Here are a few tips for washing them effectively.

Choose the right cleaner
Start by choosing a product that cleans glass without leaving streaks. Many retailers carry cleaners designed specifically for car windows, which are generally a safe bet. If you want a budget-friendly and eco-conscious alternative, use a solution containing these ingredients:

- 1 litre of water
- 1/2 cup of vinegar

- 2 tablespoons of dish soap
- If you want, you can add a drop or two of essential oil for a pleasant scent. You should avoid using ammonia-based cleaners on interior windows, as they can affect the air quality and damage tinted films.

Wipe thoroughly
Using a microfibre cloth to clean your car windows is a great strategy. However, small streaks may remain on the surface. If necessary, use a chamois or high-quality paper towel (sometimes called a shop towel) to finish the job. Wipe in horizontal and vertical strokes rather than circular ones to prevent visible marks.

Consult your local professionals for more car maintenance tips.



South Interlake 55+ pickleball players score big win



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Members of the Stonewall Pickleball Tournament Volunteer Committee pose after being recognized with a Recreation Builder Award. Pictured are Laurie Briggs, Paul Pelletier, Kathy Turner, Emma Forbes and Tom Forbes. Missing from the photo are Eadie McIntyre and Cheri Kozokowsky.

By Lana Meier

The Stonewall Pickleball Tournament Volunteer Committee has been recognized for its contribution to recreation in the Interlake, earning a Recreation Builder Award from the Interlake Municipal Recreation Association.

Nominated by the Town of Stonewall, the committee was honoured for its role in organizing and growing a major annual pickleball tournament that has become a signature event in the community.

The tournament, held in September 2025 at the Access Curling Rink, required extensive planning and coordination, with a team of approximately 50 volunteers working behind the scenes to deliver the event.

Committee member Emma Forbes said the group was both surprised and honoured to receive the recognition.

"Our pickleball tournament volunteer committee was very surprised and honoured to be presented with the Recreation Builder Award," she said.

Over the past four years, the volunteer committee has expanded the tournament from approximately 210 participants to more than 290 competitors, while also significantly increas-

ing the scale of operations required to host the event.

Forbes said the tournament now relies on roughly 700 volunteer hours, with volunteers filling a wide range of roles including registration, score-keeping, scheduling, court convening, announcing, food service, photography and more.

"We have approximately 50 volunteers required to run the tournament smoothly," she said. "A large number of those volunteers are needed at the three-day tournament."

In addition to organizing play, volunteers also prepare food for participants, including muffins, fruit, vegetables, water and coffee.

The tournament itself has grown into a large-scale competition, featuring 479 round-robin games and 88 playoff games last year, for a total of 567 games played across six courts over three days. Teams are divided by age group and skill level, helping ensure a competitive and inclusive experience.

Teams have travelled to Stonewall from across Manitoba, as well as from other parts of Canada and the United States, including Fargo, N.D., Denver, Colo., and Kenora, Ont.

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Local Ukrainian dancer marks intergenerational impact with first Pryvit

By E. Antonio

This April's Manitoba Ukrainian Dance Festival marked an especially meaningful performance for one Stonewall family.

Ten-year-old Lucy Campbell performed her first Pryvit to the same song her mother, Alycia Campbell, danced her own first Pryvit to years earlier. Making the moment even more special, Lucy's Pryvit was choreographed by her aunt, Elena Modrzejewski, and longtime family friend Olivia Dubeski — two of Alycia's former students who were part of her very first Pryvit routine.

"It was pure joy to watch Lucy take the stage for her first Pryvit," her mom said. "You could see the pride on her face while she danced, and that was beautiful to watch."

The performance brought Alycia back to Lucy's very first dance class with the Selkirk & District Ukrainian School of Dance, and she said she is proud to see how much her daughter has grown over the years.

Lucy was invited to perform the Pryvit in recognition of her positive attitude and dedication during rehearsals.

"She loves dance and takes pride in knowing she's putting her best foot forward when she takes the stage," her mom said. "Dance has given my life so much joy and colour. It's taken me places I would not have visited. It's allowed me to make lifelong friends. It's blessed me with strength and health as I age. And most importantly, you don't have to be perfect or the best to reap all those benefits if you love it. I want all of that for Lucy — I hope dance gives back to her the way it has for me."



Lucy's mom, Alycia, stands with Lucy and her aunt Elena, who co-choreographed the Pryvit.

Alycia said she first choreographed her routine in 2010 and immediately knew the music was something special.

With Pryvit serving as a welcoming dance that symbolizes hospitality and the fertility of the land, she said that the moment she first heard the piece, she knew the audience was in for a treat.

Now, in 2026, hearing the music again and watching Lucy perform brought tears to her eyes.

"The fact that this piece stayed with them (Modrzejewski and Dubeski) as dancers, and then as instructors that they chose it to choreograph their first Pryvit, is an honour," she said. "It was a full-circle moment."

Dubeski said that, for her, one of the most meaningful aspects of Ukrainian dance is carrying on tradition between generations.

"Each step, rhythm and costume



Lucy Campbell performs her first Pryvit with the Selkirk & District Ukrainian School of Dance to the same song her mom, Alycia, danced her first Pryvit to. Lucy's routine was choreographed by two of Alycia's former students who also performed in her original Pryvit.

reflects a shared history, connecting dancers today with those who came before them," she said. "When those moments have a personal connection, it makes them even more meaningful."

For Modrzejewski, she said they approached the choreography knowing the importance and privilege the routine held, adding that it had lived with them for several years and they strived to recreate its impact on their students.

"Seeing Lucy and the rest of my students perform this piece onstage was the culmination of many hours of preparation and the dreams Olivia (one of two choreographers) and I had," she said. "Having the opportunity to watch Lucy from the wings, as my sister had watched me, and as our

aunts and uncles had watched her, is now a memory I will return to fondly for the rest of my life."

For Lucy, stepping onto the stage brought a mix of nerves and excitement, especially as she performed alongside dancers in levels above her own.

Her favourite part of the experience was the opportunity to learn from and perform with them.

"They inspired me with the fast turns, the challenging combinations and the fun choreography," she said. "Dancing in this Pryvit made me feel like I was following in the steps of my family — my great-aunts and great-uncles, my mom and dad, my aunts and uncles, my cousins, and then me. I'm the next generation, and that makes me proud."

"We also strive to keep the market fresh each year by changing things up and offering a new shopping experience," she added. "We work hard to maintain a balanced mix of vendors and avoid having too many of the same type of seller. We want everyone to succeed and to have a chance at joining us."

She said providing the community with an opportunity to support local makers continues to drive the market's purpose, noting that it showcases everything Stonewall and surrounding communities have to offer.

Kaner-Isaak hopes residents will come out to the event and help make it another successful Mother's Day weekend. A full list of vendors is available on the market's Instagram and Facebook pages.

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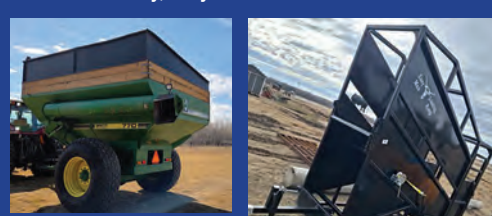
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Successful 2026 Hike Supports South West District Palliative Care

By Jo-Anne Procter

Community members laced up their walking shoes this past weekend in support of compassionate end-of-life care, as the 2026 Hike for South West District Palliative Care (SWDPC) raised \$7,750, with donations still being accepted until May 10.

The annual fundraiser, held Sunday in Stonewall, drew approximately 25 participants who completed a 4.5-kilometre route in support of local palliative care programs.

According to SWDPC vice-chair Karen Sorenson, the Stonewall and District Lions Club once again played a key role in the event's success. The group hosted a pancake breakfast expected to generate more than \$1,000, while also providing space at Lions Manor for registration and serving as the starting point for the hike.

New elements added to this year's event helped boost both participation and fundraising efforts. For the first time, organizers awarded \$25 gift cards to top fundraisers in three age categories.

Graeme Beirnes led the 12-and-under category with \$20 raised, while Lianne Beirnes topped the 13-17

group with \$400. In the adult category, Audrey Lutomsky stood out with an impressive \$3,035 in donations.

Organizers also introduced a half-way refreshment stop along the route. Tracey Malone of Inview Insurance provided water and snacks for participants, while Nav-CARE coordinator Gwen Sharp greeted hikers and offered encouragement at the midway point.

Funds raised through the hike support SWDPC's ongoing efforts to provide essential resources and compassionate care to individuals and families facing end-of-life challenges throughout the region. Programs focus on both practical assistance and emotional support, helping residents remain comfortable and connected during difficult times.

Donations toward the 2026 hike will continue to be accepted until May 10. Tax receipts are available, and contributions can be made online through CanadaHelps under "2026 Hike for SWDPC," or by contacting any SWDPC board member. Contact information is available on the South West District Palliative Care Inc. website.



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY JO-ANNE PROCTER

Hikers and one determined biker (Liz Hamill) gathered at Lions Manor to kick off the annual South West District Palliative Care hike on May 3.



Lions members from left: Mel Harrison, Len Kolenich and Wally Finnbogason were busy in the kitchen making pancakes for hikers and guests.



Gwen Sharp, Nav-CARE coordinator hands out water and snacks at the halfway point courtesy of Tracey Malone owner of Inview Insurance.

Teulon Game and Fish Junior Rifle participants wrap up season

By Jennifer McFee

Teulon Game and Fish Junior Rifle participants enjoyed the chance to learn about safety, sportsmanship and shooting for the first time since the pandemic.

Based out of Gunton Hall, the kids learned through lessons from the Manitoba Junior Rifle Hunters safety course. The experience is open to kids aged 10 and up who are part of Teulon Game and Fish.

"One of the biggest benefits the youth learn is gun safety. Being that we are a part of the Manitoba Junior Rifle Association, we are hoping that next year we are able to have our youth shooters participate in in-

ter-club challenges as well as possibly going to provincial championships," said Michelle Grenier, a hunter education instructor.

"As instructors, it was incredible to watch the kids grow in their confidence with learning gun safety and shooting. We had an amazing year of learning safety, sportsmanship and shooting."

The session recently wrapped up, and organizers hope to start up again for a new season from December 2026 to April 2027.

Anyone who is interested in getting involved can email Teulon Game and Fish at teulongamefish@gmail.com.



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Teulon Game and Fish Junior rifle participants and instructors recently wrapped up their first season since the pandemic. Pictured youth: Jace Long, Bryson Shurek, Oakley Adams, Logan Macneish, Fiona Adams, Bella Campbell, Sadie Cook, Kade Matvecikak. Instructors: Donald Burdett, Marvin Coverdale, Kyla Matvecikas, Michelle Grenier.

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"Many of the participants have shared with us that they enjoyed our local restaurants, shopping and beautiful community we live in," Forbes said.

The growth of the event reflects the increasing popularity of pickleball, an emerging sport that continues to gain traction among a wide range of age groups.

All proceeds from the tournament

are directed to the South Interlake 55 Plus to support senior programming, while the success of the event has also contributed to increased participation in local pickleball programming.

"As a result of our local tournament and local volunteers running our weekly pickleball club, memberships have increased," Forbes said.

The committee includes Laurie Briggs, Paul Pelletier, Kathy Turner,

Eadie McIntyre, Cheri Kozokowsky, and Emma and Tom Forbes.

The nomination highlighted the committee's commitment to promoting active living and creating opportunities for people to engage in recreation. Organizers noted the event has helped foster community connections while supporting participation in sport for individuals ranging in age from 20 to 80.

The Recreation Builder Awards recognize individuals and groups who dedicate their time and energy to en-

hancing recreation opportunities and improving quality of life within their communities.

Since 1988, the Interlake Municipal Recreation Association has supported recreation initiatives across the region by providing training, resources and networking opportunities aimed at increasing participation and strengthening community programs.

Winners of the award are recognized by their respective municipal councils or at community events.

Prairie Green landfill search site decommissioned



TRIBUNE FILE PHOTO

The Prairie Green Landfill search concluded July 9, 2025, with the recovery of Morgan Harris and Mercedes Myran.

By Lana Meier

The humanitarian search site at the privately owned Prairie Green Landfill has been officially decommissioned following the successful recovery of the remains of Morgan Harris and Mercedes Myran.

The search was completed safely and in a fiscally responsible manner, with a final cost of \$18.4 million — significantly lower than earlier estimates that reached as high as \$184 million.

The targeted search at the Prairie Green Landfill began Dec. 2, 2024. Human remains recovered during the operation were later identified as Harris and Myran, both from Long Plain First Nation.

The search officially concluded July 9, 2025. Following its completion, specialized equipment and personnel were redeployed to the City of Winnipeg's Brady Road Landfill.

The conclusion of the search was marked by private ceremonies honouring the lives of Harris and Myran, as well as the strength and resilience of their families throughout the process.

Local women aim to start local chapter of Philanthropic Education Organization

By Jennifer McFee

A group of local residents is working together to launch a philanthropic educational organization that aims to celebrate the advancement of women.

The Philanthropic Education Organization (P.E.O.) educates women through scholarships, grants, loans and stewardship of Cottey Cottage, which is a university for women. The purpose is to motivate women to achieve their highest aspirations.

Seven friends founded the organization in 1869 as a sorority to encourage other women since there weren't many female students in university at that time. Today, P.E.O. has more than 6,000 local chapters across Canada and the United States with nearly 200,000 members. The organization came to Manitoba in 1926 and currently has nearly 350 members in 14 different chapters in this province located in Winnipeg, Brandon and Selkirk.

Trish Glass has belonged to the organization since 2003 as a member of Selkirk Chapter P, who is supporting the endeavour to get the Stonewall group started.

"They helped to support me when I was going to university in the 1990s. I received a grant and also took out a loan through their loan fund," said Glass, a Stonewall resident. "They asked me to join after I completed my degree, and I really wanted to give back what I had received."

There was no Stonewall chapter at the time, and there still isn't — but Glass hopes to change that. Along with several other women, she's working towards starting a local chapter that would also include Warren, Stony Mountain, Teulon and other nearby communities.

"I was thinking there are so many deserving women in our area who would benefit from having a local chapter, so I spoke with our provincial chapter about starting one up in Stonewall. Everyone thought it would be a good idea and so here we are," she said.

"As far as I know, this is the first time a chapter has been trying to start up in the Stonewall area. There was talk of it when I first started, but it never came to fruition."

Any woman aged 17 and older can join P.E.O.

"We have seven different projects whereby we give women money to go to school if they meet the criteria. Each project has different criteria whereby sometimes it is about need and other times it could be about how long they have been out of school," Glass said.



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A group of local women is working toward starting a chapter of the Philanthropic Education Organization for Stonewall and surrounding areas. Back row, left to right: Kim Glowacki, Kimberly Chubaty, Carrie MacMillan, Trish Glass, Patricia Harris, Karen Korchinski, Teresa Miles, Kelsey Pattie, Amanda VanSolkema. Front row: Melissa Stone, Arlene Beresford, Sage Webster.

"It doesn't matter if it is university, college or trades. We will support the female student through loans, grants, scholarships or bursaries. We look for women who want and need support."

For Glass, the organization offered support while she attended the University of Manitoba, where she received a bachelor of education degree, followed by a post-baccalaureate diploma in special education and finally a master's of education. From there, she started teaching and took on roles in resource, learning support and administration before ending her career as assistant superintendent of student services in Lord Selkirk School Division.

Those who would like to get involved can reach out to Glass at the-resaraeglass@gmail.com.

"We already have a group who is trying to grow the group. We need a minimum of 15 women to charter our chapter. We currently have nine with a pretty strong following of others who are interested."

They typically have business meetings twice per month, with time off at Christmas and during the summer. The meetings usually last about two hours.

"We encourage women who belong to P.E.O. to be their best selves," Glass said. "That is, we hope to encourage leadership, fundraising opportunities, social opportunities and typically a small program on women's interests before or after the meetings."

Belonging to P.E.O. opens the door to ample opportunities, she added. To date, the organization has given \$462 million to more than 129,000

women.

"There are many opportunities for women who belong to P.E.O. as well as being a recipient. The recipient receives financial support as well as emotional support. If P.E.O. supports you during your school journey, we are interested as to how we can continue to support you during that journey," she said.

"If you are a member of P.E.O., there is no greater feeling than knowing you have helped a woman proceed with her educational aspirations, which may totally change the trajectory of her life or the life of her family. In addition, you have the opportunity of meeting a wonderful community of women who love to have fun while supporting and encouraging women."

Everyone who belongs to the organization has a different story to share. For Glass, it's full of positives.

"I am very passionate about P.E.O. and what it does because I am a generational P.E.O. member as well as a recipient of the support of P.E.O. Education changes people's lives, and if something as small and yet as big as money holds you back from following your dreams, it is so unfortunate," she said, adding that the organization can try to help.

"P.E.O. helped me to follow my dreams by getting my degrees and finding the career I wanted. My husband was very supportive, which was so good, but our children also learned to appreciate strong women. We really want to be able to offer this in our community."

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Tryout numbers surge for girls 'AA' Maroons program

By Kieran Reimer

The Interlake Maroons AA softball program is gearing up for what it hopes will be its best season yet.

The 2026 season marks the program's third year under the Maroons name, as it continues working to "bridge the gap" between single-A and triple-A levels in Softball Manitoba.

With enough registrations to fill a full slate of U11, U13, U15 and U17 teams, the Maroons now need just a few weeks of dry weather before getting on the field.

"We have 18 girls trying out for U11, so I would say at every age group we're blown away by the number of girls trying out," said new program director Amanda Donovan.

The Stonewall resident takes over from Jeff Kisiloski, who played a major role in building the program's identity over the past two seasons.

Donovan's softball background includes managing and coaching her daughters' previous teams, and she has witnessed the recent growth of the Maroons program.

She said a successful 2026 season would include increasing community awareness. Last Wednesday, the program held a sell-and-swap event at the Stonewall Curling Club to help achieve that goal.

"Some people don't even know that there is a double-A team in the Interlake," said Donovan. "Get-

ting to meet, chat with people, talk about tryouts, and with kids growing like weeds, it helps people clean out their garages a little bit too."

Donovan is also pleased with the number of U17-eligible players who signed up for tryouts — an area that has been a challenge in past years.

This year, the program has enough players to roster a U17 team, opening up new possibilities such as potentially adding a U19 club in future seasons.

By fielding teams from U11 through U17, the Maroons will also be eligible to compete in the AA Program Tournament in June, a prerequisite for provincials.

Nikki Mathews will coach the U17 team while also serving as the program's director of player and coach development.

The remaining coaching staff has yet to be finalized, though Donovan expects several AAA Interlake Phillies graduates to assist, helping pass on their experience to the next generation of Interlake softball players.

"We're a feeder group for the triple-A program. We want to help these girls reach that level if they choose to continue on, or stay in double-A," she said. "More importantly, we want them to love the sport, because it's something that stays with you. A lot of our girls who age out go on to play slow-pitch or beer league — it's about developing that lifelong love of the game."



Maroons players will also be required to double-roster with single-A teams, in accordance with Softball Manitoba regulations aimed at supporting community ball.

Tryouts began indoors last week at the Stonewall Curling Club.

Stonewall will not be the team's only training ground, as the Maroons are expected to play home games at various parks across the Interlake.

Donovan anticipates competitive seasons across all age groups, particularly at the U11 level, which features several returnees from the 2025 provincial bronze-winning team.

Players aging out of U11 who are remaining at the double-A level are also expected to bolster the U13 roster.

Strong Phillies clubs itching for opening day

By Kieran Reimer

The AAA Interlake Phillies are just weeks away from the start of the 2026 Manitoba Premier Softball League season.

Three teams will represent Phillies colours at the U13, U15 and U17 levels, while U19-aged players have joined the Winnipeg-based Smitty's Terminators to form a co-op team.

All four teams will be in action at Stonewall's Quarry Park for Phillies Day on Sunday, May 31, marking the first time they will all play in the annual event.

Quarry Park is once again the home of all Phillies games and will also host the Softball Manitoba U15 AAA provincials from July 9 to 12.

"It's good for our girls to start seeing some bigger crowds, so it's always exciting for the athletes," said Phillies president Todd Chetyrbok. "It's in July, it spans four days, so lots of people come out to watch very high-calibre softball, enjoy the summer weather and hopefully cheer on the home

team."

With temperatures starting to rise across the province, Phillies teams are nearing their all-important first outdoor practices.

They've spent the winter training at Home Run Sports Training Centre in Winnipeg, Stonewall Collegiate and, most recently, the Stonewall Curling Club. Some players have also travelled south to compete in winter ball with American-based clubs.

Teams were formed in the fall, helping build chemistry throughout the winter.

With no pre-season tournaments scheduled, each team's focus is firmly on opening day in May.

Chetyrbok is eager to see the U13 team in action for the first time, with an almost entirely new roster. All but two players from last year's group have moved up to U15.

Coached by Colin Ballantyne, the U13 squad enters the season as reigning champions after winning both provincials and the Western Canadi-

an championships last summer.

"You never know what you're getting in U13 until the season unfolds," said Chetyrbok. "There's lots of development, and teams grow and improve throughout the year. They're doing all they can and will be competitive. With only two returning players, you never quite know where you stand. There's lots of new blood at that age level across all teams."

As for the U15s, their goal for 2026 is clear — a golden season.

Much of last year's U13 championship roster has moved up, and the team has retained its core group of 14-year-olds who helped secure a provincial bronze medal and a sixth-place finish at the Softball Canada national championships in 2025.

Head coach Mike Hammond returns after leading the group to success last season.

"U15 is a strong group," said Chetyrbok. "They won provincials with a similar group two years ago and finished third at Westerns at the

U13 level. A lot of those same players were also part of last year's championship team. They should be well positioned to challenge for a medal — if not gold."

The U17 team also has high expectations, with former Phillies president Kirk Swanson taking over behind the bench.

He leads a squad coming off a fourth-place finish at Westerns.

"The kids have been together a long time, and they're always in the mix at the U17 level," said Chetyrbok. "They should be right there again, knocking on the door for a medal this year."

The 2026 season will include the annual trip to Mankato, Minn., for both the U13 and U17 teams, where they will compete in tournaments against new, often American, opponents.

The U15 team is not expected to attend this year, as its tournament is scheduled just days ahead of provincials.

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Balmoral judoka finish season strong at Nakamura Open

By Jo-Anne Procter

The Balmoral Judo Club closed out its season with a strong showing at the Nakamura Open Judo Tournament in Winnipeg on May 1.

A total of 162 competitors from across Manitoba and northwestern Ontario took part, with Balmoral athletes earning multiple podium finishes across several divisions.

In the U10 mixed division, where no placings are awarded, Ellie Cook, Emery Leroux and Phoenix Wakeham represented the club.

Balmoral saw solid results in the U12 categories. In Group 4, Momchil Jongstra won gold while Grayson Howe took silver. In Group 5, Leo Paton earned silver and Maverick Paton added a bronze medal.

In the U14 divisions, Josie Hoplok claimed silver in the female -48 kg class, while Lily McDonald secured bronze in the female -63 kg division.

At the U16 level, Avery Wakeham competed in the male -55 kg category.



Avery Wakeham of the Balmoral Judo Club poses with his medal after competing in the U16 male -55 kg division at the Nakamura Open Judo Tournament in Winnipeg on May 1.

In the senior men's divisions, Adeseye Oyemade captured bronze in the combined novice and advanced +100 kg class, along with a silver medal in the novice +100 kg division.



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The Balmoral Judo club ends season at Nakamura Open Judo Tournament May 1;

The tournament marked the final competition of the season for the Balmoral Judo Club, with regular classes set to resume in the fall.

Looking ahead, Wakeham will represent Team Manitoba at the Open National Championships in Calgary from May 14 to 17.

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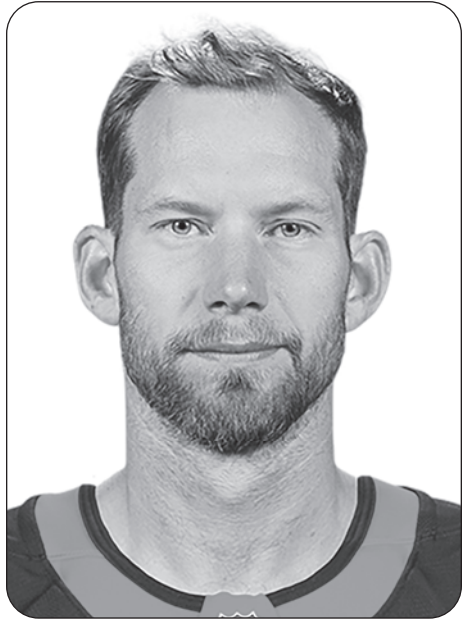
Female high school hockey players in Grades 10 and 11 competed in the annual Manitoba Women's High School Hockey League Rookie Tournament in Winnipeg on April 27 and 28. Left photo, the Warren Wildcats were represented by Jersey MacMillan, Annika Reesink and Nicole Hutchinson, who played for Team Purple, while Brook Waldbauer, Ashlyn Hoas and Ella Riddell played for Team Green. Missing from the photo, WCI alumna Jadyn Baldwin coached Team Purple. Right photo, Jordyn Chetyrbok and Easla Isfjord represented the Stonewall Rams, playing for Team Dark Green.

Interlake talent starring for various pro hockey clubs

By Kieran Reimer

The Interlake region is well represented at the professional hockey level once again this season.

Whether through growing up in the area or previously playing for local minor hockey teams, five players with ties to the region have appeared in professional games this season across North America and Europe.



James Reimer

James Reimer is the longest-standing Interlake local on the list and the third-oldest current netminder in the National Hockey League.

At 38, the Morweena native carries 16 seasons and 535 games of NHL experience since being drafted 99th overall by the Toronto Maple Leafs in 2006.

Reimer joined the Ottawa Senators for the 2025-26 season after signing a one-year contract with the club on Jan. 12, making Ottawa the eighth NHL team he has played for.

In 10 games with the Senators, Reimer has provided steady backup goaltending with a 6-3-1 record, a 2.32 goals-against average and a .884 save percentage.

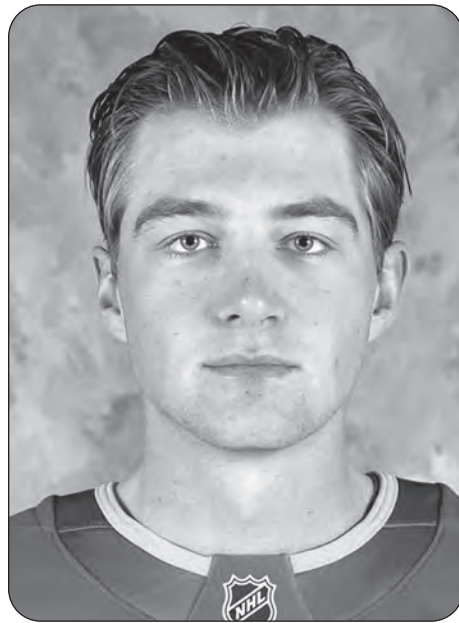
He also recorded his first shutout with the club — and the 32nd of his NHL career — in a 2-0 win over the Vancouver Canucks on March 9 at Rogers Arena.

His play has helped Ottawa remain in the playoff hunt, sitting two points out of the second wild-card spot in the Eastern Conference with 12 games remaining.

Reimer previously spent the 2003-04 and 2004-05 seasons with the U18 AAA Interlake Lightning.

Joel Hofer is the second of two active NHLers on the list.

Now in his third full NHL season,



Joel Hofer

the 25-year-old — who has family ties to the New Haven and Keystone colonies in the Interlake — has been a bright spot for the struggling St. Louis Blues.

He has surpassed career bests in games played, wins and shutouts in 2025-26, helping him move from a backup role into a more even split of the net with longtime starter Jordan Binnington.

Despite the Blues sitting seventh in the Central Division, Hofer has found success in the second half of the season, posting a 17-11-5 record with a 2.62 goals-against average and a .909 save percentage in 37 games.

He also ranks second league-wide with five shutouts, his most recent coming in a 4-0 win over the Anaheim Ducks on March 8 at the Honda Center.

Before turning pro, Hofer played for the Pursuit of Excellence program, the Swift Current Broncos and the Portland Winterhawks, leading to his selection 107th overall by the Blues in 2018.

His younger brother, Ryan Hofer, also appears on the list as a third-year pro within the Washington Capitals organization.

He has spent the majority of the 2025-26 season with the South Carolina Stingrays of the ECHL, recording one goal and 12 assists in 35 games.

A sixth-round pick by Washington in 2022, Hofer has spent his entire professional career in the Capitals system, earning multiple call-ups to the Hershey Bears of the American Hockey League.

He previously played locally for the Winnipeg Hawks U14 AAA before moving to Kelowna to join the Pursuit of Excellence program at the U16 and



Ryan Hofer

U18 levels.

Point-per-game seasons there helped him earn a spot in the Western Hockey League with the Everett Silvertips, where he played more than 100 games before finishing his junior career in 2022-23 with the Kamloops Blazers.

Now in his third professional season, Hofer is aiming for a long playoff run with South Carolina, which sits third in the ECHL's Eastern Conference with a 40-19-1-2 record for 83 points through 62 games.

He has also appeared in 11 games with Hershey this season, recording one assist in a depth role.



Carter Johnson

Gimli's Carter Johnson, meanwhile, took his talents to the Alps Hockey League this season, where he produced near point-per-game numbers for Italy-based HC Asiago.

The 30-year-old forward recorded

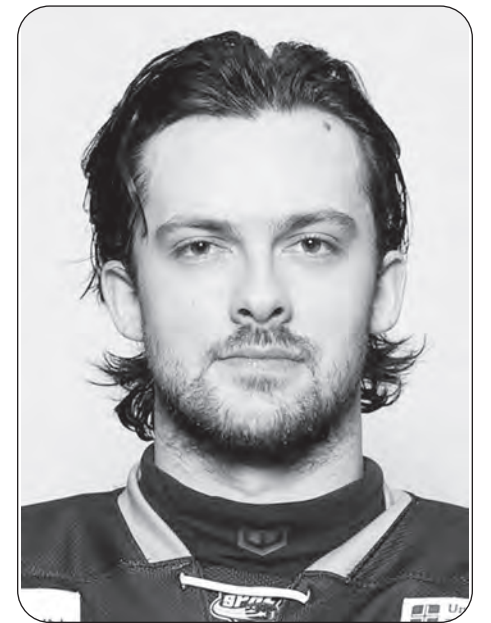
five goals and 12 assists in 19 regular-season games to help Asiago finish fourth, before adding two goals and two assists in a first-round playoff series loss to HC Merano.

Earlier in the season, Johnson helped Asiago capture the franchise's ninth Italian Ice Hockey Championship with an 8-3 win over Rittner Buam at Milano Santagiulia Ice Hockey Arena, which also served as a test venue for the 2026 Winter Olympics.

The 2025-26 campaign marks the fifth season of Johnson's professional career, which began in 2021-22 with the ECHL's Wichita Thunder.

He has since played more than 200 professional games, including stops in Wheeling and Maine (ECHL), Dundee (EIHL) and Esbjerg (Denmark), before joining Asiago this season.

Johnson previously played for the U18 AAA Interlake Lightning, Swan Valley Stampede (MJHL), Corpus Christi Ice Rays (NAHL) and Miami University (NCAA).



Leif Mattson

Fellow Lightning alum Leif Mattson is also enjoying a strong professional season with the Quad City Storm of the Southern Professional Hockey League.

The 26-year-old winger sits second in league scoring with 20 goals and 37 assists in 54 games.

His performance has helped Quad City remain in the playoff race, currently holding the final postseason spot with a 24-25-4-1 record.

A native of Thompson, Mattson became the Storm's all-time leading scorer on Jan. 9 with his 172nd career point in a 7-5 win over the Pensacola Ice Flyers at Vibrant Arena at The

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Trophy tour brings World Cup fever to Manitoba

By Kieran Reimer

A once-in-a-lifetime moment is set for this June as the 2026 FIFA World Cup kicks off in Canada for the first time.

Vancouver and Toronto will host matches, while 14 additional cities across the United States and Mexico will welcome the world's top soccer nations.

Although no games will be played in Manitoba, the FIFA World Cup Trophy Tour by Coca-Cola is ensuring fans across the country can still be part of the experience.

Last Monday, Manitoba got its chance to welcome the original FIFA World Cup Trophy at Memorial Park in Winnipeg, where thousands gathered to view soccer's most coveted prize — a 13.6-pound trophy made of 18-karat gold.

"We know the sport is growing rapidly in Canada, and Winnipeg has a strong, vibrant community of fans who are deeply connected to the game," said Diana Brenchley, director of brand partnerships and sports marketing at Coca-Cola Canada.

"Bringing the Trophy Tour here is about celebrating that passion and giving fans a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to experience the original FIFA World Cup Trophy up close. It's all part of our commitment, as a long-standing FIFA partner, to make the tournament feel truly national and accessible to fans from coast to coast."

Attendees also took part in Coca-Cola and FUZE Iced Tea tastings, a Northern Super League photobooth, prize giveaways and other interactive activities.

Former Canadian national team members Desiree Scott and Diana Matheson were among those in attendance, along with Scott Gillingham, who participated in the on-stage trophy reveal.

Winnipeg marked the third of seven Canadian stops on the tour, following visits to Calgary and Vancouver. The tour will continue through several U.S. Midwest cities before returning to Canada in May with stops in Montreal (May 22), Halifax (May 23), Ottawa (May 24), and Toronto (May 25-26).

Globally, the trophy has already



The FIFA World Cup Trophy, made of 18-karat gold and weighing 13.6 pounds, will be awarded at the 2026 FIFA World Cup, running June 11 to July 19 across North America.

travelled to dozens of cities, with North America serving as the final leg of the 75-stop tour.

"The response has been incredible so far, in Canada and around the world," said Brenchley. "Thousands of fans come out to be part of the experience, and in Winnipeg, we were preparing to welcome just over 8,000 fans. Even in our short time here, you can feel how excited people are — not just to see the trophy, but to be part of something bigger."

Another highlight for fans was the appearance of 2002 World Cup champion Roque Júnior, who has joined each of the Canadian stops to help unveil the trophy.

The 49-year-old former defender from Santa Rita do Sapucaí, Brazil, received loud cheers as he took to the outdoor stage.

Monday marked his first visit to Winnipeg, where he experienced typical Manitoba spring weather.

"It's cold, but what I saw in Vancouver and Calgary and here is I think the people like the football," said Júnior. "I saw a lot of people with spirit of the World Cup. This is good — it's good for Canada, will be good for the World Cup. A lot of people will come to Canada to see the World Cup, and this is a big opportunity for the country to host the most important football event in the world."

Júnior said opportunities like the



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Brazilian World Cup champion Roque Júnior reveals the FIFA World Cup Trophy during the FIFA World Cup Trophy Tour by Coca-Cola at Memorial Park in Winnipeg last Monday. The stop was one of 75 on the global tour and the third in Canada.

Trophy Tour didn't exist when he was growing up, making it especially meaningful for young fans today.

He recalled first watching the tournament at age 10 during the 1986 World Cup, when Argentina won the title. He also remembered travelling with his father to São Paulo, where he met former Brazilian national team player Luís Antônio Corrêa da Costa, known as Müller — a moment that helped shape his dream.

"I was, I think, nine or eight years old," said Júnior. "For me, it was a big pleasure. I remember that until today, and that helped me to dream. I looked at him and said, 'Oh, maybe one day I can do the same thing that he did.'"

"I hope I can inspire some young people to look to the future and maybe want to play football. This is part of life."

Júnior added he is encouraged by the growth of soccer in Canada, noting the national teams were not as prominent during his playing career.

Canada is currently ranked No. 30 in the FIFA men's world rankings and ninth in the women's rankings.

At the 2026 tournament, Canada's men's team is set to compete in Group B alongside Bosnia and Herzegovina, Qatar and Switzerland in the expanded 48-team format.

The top two teams from each group, along with the eight best third-place finishers, will advance to the knockout stage.

The tournament runs from June 11 to July 19, with Canada opening against Bosnia and Herzegovina on June 12 at Toronto's BMO Field.

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MARK, surpassing Tommy Tsicos.

He has since increased his totals to 87 goals and 114 assists for 201 points in 173 games over four seasons with the club.

Before turning pro, Mattson played junior hockey with the WHL's Kelowna Rockets and Spokane Chiefs, then began his professional career in 2021-22 with Tours in France.

He returned to North America the following season, joining Quad City while also seeing time in the ECHL with the Florida Everblades and Kalamazoo Wings.

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Only those considered for an interview will be contacted.

CONFIRMING ORDER

THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF ROSSER

WHEREAS:

(a) The Rural Municipality of Rosser, by way of Resolution 26 161 authorized the expropriation of the land described as follows:

LOT 3 BLOCK 1 PLAN 75191 WLTO EXC FIRSTLY: WORKS PLAN 75998 WLTO AND AND SECONDLY: OUT OF THAT PORTION FORMERLY CONTAINED WITHIN THE LIMITS OF PARCEL "L" PLAN 62312 WL TO, ALL MINES AND MINERALS AND OTHER MATTERS AS SET FORTH IN THE CROWN LANDS ACT IN W 1/2 21-11-2 EPM (the "Lands");

(b) the Registered Owner of the Lands and the Rural Municipality of Rosser as Expropriating Authority have reached an agreement as to the settlement of due compensation for the Lands;

(c) in accordance with Section 4(1) The Rural Municipality of Rosser executed a Declaration of Expropriation dated April 17, 2026;

(d) in accordance with Section 9 of *The Expropriation Act* the Confirming Authority must either confirm the Declaration, refuse the Declaration; or confirm the Declaration with modifications thereto.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Declaration of Expropriation dated April 17, 2026 and executed pursuant to Resolution 26 161 and *The Expropriation Act* being Chapter E 190 of the Continuing Consolidation of the Statutes of Manitoba, expropriating the following lands:

LOT 3 BLOCK 1 PLAN 75191 WLTO EXC FIRSTLY: WORKS PLAN 75998 WLTO AND AND SECONDLY: OUT OF THAT PORTION FORMERLY CONTAINED WITHIN THE LIMITS OF PARCEL "L" PLAN 62312 WLTO, ALL MINES AND MINERALS AND OTHER MATTERS AS SET FORTH IN THE CROWN LANDS ACT IN W 1/2 21-11-2 EPM (the "Lands").

and affecting Certificate of Title No. 3392171/1, is hereby confirmed.

The lands described herein are expropriated free and clear of all encumbrances except:

- Registration No. 5766493/1 Caveat - Development Agreement - RM of Rosser
- Registration No. 5766495/1 Easement - Manitoba Hydro, Bell Canada & Rogers Communications
- Registration No. 5766496/1 Easement - Centra Gas Manitoba Inc.

It is hereby declared that pursuant to Resolution 26 161 of the Rural Municipality of Rosser title to the said lands expropriated shall, by and upon the registration of the said Declaration and this Confirming Order, in the Winnipeg Land Titles Office, vest in the Rural Municipality of Rosser.

DATED this 24th day of April, 2026 at the Rural Municipality of Rosser, in the Province of Manitoba.

**THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF ROSSER
As Confirming Authority**

Ken Mulligan, Reeve

Larry Wandowich, Chief Administrative Officer

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THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF ROCKWOOD



PUBLIC NOTICE

2026 DUST CONTROL PROGRAM

When requesting application of dust control, the Applicant acknowledges and accepts the following:

1. The product to be used for dust control purposes is Magnesium Chloride. The Municipality does not guarantee any dust control product.
2. For safety purposes, the maintenance of roads by the Municipality takes priority over anyone's application of dust control.
3. The Municipality shall not be responsible to replace anyone's application of dust control.

The Rural Municipality of Rockwood will accept requests for the application of dust control, on a **PRE-PAYMENT BASIS ONLY**, on municipal roads in front of residences in the Rural Municipality of Rockwood. **This includes residences in the Rural Residential Zones.**

If receiving Private Dust Control, please notify the office prior to Dust Control being applied.

Ratepayers may obtain dust control based on **\$565.00** per application. **Orders and pre-payments** for same to be made to the Rural Municipality of Rockwood Administration Office by **Friday, May 22, 2026**. The application will consist of actual width of road x 100 metre strip. The area to be serviced **must** be staked out prior to application. Dust Control will be applied during the early part of June, **weather permitting**.

In the event of there not being sufficient requests for a truckload, payments will be refunded.

Application forms are available on our website at: www.rockwood.ca

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R.M. of ARMSTRONG UNDER THE PLANNING ACT NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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

Thursday, May 14, 2026
7:00 P.M.
FRASERWOOD HALL
10140 PR 231 Fraserwood, MB

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

People who wish to make a presentation in support of or objection to the proposed conditional use application must register with Planning at the R.M. of Armstrong Office no later than **Monday May 11, 2026 at 4:30pm.**

CONDITIONAL USE: # 2026-A-07
ROLL NO: 0044500
APPLICANT: 7317434 Manitoba Ltd/Harbour Colony Farms
OWNER: 7317434 Manitoba Ltd./Harbour Colony Farms
SUBJECT: Agricultural General Zoning district R.M. of Armstrong Zoning By-Law No. 6/04 Section 12.3-19 Livestock Production Operation producing more than 301 Animal unit

Conditional Use Requested: The applicant seeks to construct a new poultry operation. The applicant proposes that the operation will consist of 40,000 layers (332 A.U.), 40,000 pullets (132 A.U.), and 60,000 broilers (300 A.U.), representing 764 animal units (A.U.).

PREMISES: SW 28-18-3E

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

Documents related to the matter to be considered at the hearing may be inspected or copied at the R.M. of Armstrong Office during normal office hours, 8:30am - 4:30pm, Monday to Friday.

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2026 Dust Control Program

The Rural Municipality of Woodlands will accept requests for the application of dust control, on a **PRE-PAYMENT BASIS**, on municipal roads in front of residences within the Municipality. The Municipality cannot guarantee the effectiveness of the dust control suppressant. Once a dust control suppressant has been applied no refunds will be made. The use of a dust control suppressant is meant to control dust on the roadway, not to eliminate it completely.

Application forms are available at the Municipal Office or our website www.rmwoodlands.ca. The application will consist of a 16' x 300' strip at a cost of \$330.00 plus GST (\$346.50).

It is the homeowners' responsibility to flag the site for application using marking stakes provided by the Municipality.

Deadline to submit application forms is **Friday, May 15, 2026.**

In the event of insufficient requests, payments will be refunded.

NOTE: Any property owners undertaking Dust Control privately **must** provide Public Works with 5 days notice prior to commencement of any works and road prepping will only be undertaken during the same time frame when the Municipality is undertaking its dust control.

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Rural Municipality of Woodlands

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Herbicide Control Programs during 2026.

To control noxious weeds along the Prairie Dog Central Railway right-of-way on the Oak Point Subdivision between milepost 7.8 to milepost 28.3. The projected date of application will be from June 1, 2026, to October 15, 2026. The herbicides to be used include:

- 24D600
- Roundup WeatherMax

The public may send written submissions within 15 days of the publication of this notice to the department listed below regarding the control program next to their property.

Manitoba Environment and Climate Change Environmental Approvals Branch
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The Tribune Classified booking deadline is Monday at 4 p.m. prior to Thursday's publication Please Call 204-467-5836

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Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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Sudoku Answer

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Crossword Answer

X CROSSWORD

CLUES ACROSS

1. Large dung beetle
7. Gambling game ___ -lo
10. Further along
12. Type of tobacco
13. Looked for
14. Silk fabric
15. Computer method to solve equations
16. As fast as can be done (abbr.)
17. Tear
18. Brews
19. "Famous" cookie baker
21. Women's Army Corps
22. Front parts of an animal
27. It's causing quite a stir
28. Beloved March holiday
33. 12th letter of the Greek alphabet
34. More impudent
36. Indicates center
37. Young woman (French)
38. A cause of distress
39. Santa's helper
40. Hillside
41. Many wombs
44. Is afraid of
45. Popular baked goods ingredient
48. Popular computers
49. Conceiving of
50. Google certification (abbr.)
51. Sturdy

CLUES DOWN

1. Peruse quickly
2. Automobiles
3. Razorbill genus
4. Bravo! Bravo! Bravo!

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5. Consumed
6. A place to sleep
7. Small seeds
8. Legendary law man Wyatt
9. Female sheep
10. Indigenous peoples of eastern Siberia
11. A place ships dock
12. Reciprocal of sine
14. Discomfort
17. British Air Aces
18. Exit sleep
20. Solar energetic particle
23. Plagues characterized by starvation
24. Short musical composition
25. Trauma center
26. Habitual twitching
29. A place where checks are exchanged (abbr.)
30. Decameter
31. Hinged surface in a wing
32. Shouting
35. Sports official
36. Volcanic craters
38. Supportive device
40. It's part of a rosary
41. Two-toed sloth
42. Body art
43. Let out
44. Foreign medical graduate
45. Nonprofit journalism organization (abbr.)
46. Couples say it
47. Bird's beak

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-With love from your whole family

Mnohaya Lita

CELEBRATION OF LIFE

David Michael Unrau
March 9, 1968 – February 13, 2026

It is with heavy hearts that we remember the passing of David Unrau, aged 57, who left us suddenly on February 5, 2026 near his home in Ardrossan, AB.

Family and friends are invited to a celebration of David's life to be held on Friday, May 15, 2026, at 12 p.m. at the Red Barn in Stonewall. Please come and share your memories and stories of David as we say goodbye and remember the good times we had together. The Red Barn is located at the South Interlake Rockwood Agricultural Society grounds, just south of the town of Stonewall on Highway 236.

OBITUARY

Wilma Elizabeth Essex (nee Craig)
August 27, 1926 - December 29, 2025



Wilma Essex, beloved wife of the late Roy Essex, passed away peacefully at her home, The Lodge at Valley Ridge in Calgary, Alberta at the age of 99 years.

Wilma will be lovingly remembered by her children Craig (Beverly) Essex and Cheryl (Dennis) Wolochatiuk; grandchildren Lindsay (Manuel), Adriene (Martin), Courtney (Hadley), Aaron (Daniel); great-granddaughters Aurelia, Leana, Avon, Margaret, and Levi.

A celebration of life will be held on May 23 at 11:00 at Grassmere United Church – Rockwood Municipality, MB Road 74N.

Full obituary can be viewed by visiting Wilma's memorial page at McInnis & Holloway Funeral Home Cochrane, Alberta. <https://mhfh.com/cochrane-funeral-home>

OBITUARY

Abraham (Abe) Leonard Dyck

Abraham (Abe) Leonard Dyck of Komarno, MB, passed away near his home on April 18, 2026, at the age of 87.

Abe grew up near Gladstone and later lived in Winnipeg, Teulon, and Komarno as an adult.

A funeral service for Abe Dyck will be held on Saturday, May 16, 2026, at 11:00 a.m., at New Life Church, 6106E Hwy 67, Stonewall, MB. For further details please visit klfuneralservices.ca



204-886-0404

OBITUARY

Elizabeth Balian

It is with great sadness we announce the passing of Elizabeth Balian formerly of Meleb, MB. on May 3, 2026 at Johnson Memorial Hospital, Gimli, MB.

Arrangements pending.



204-886-0404

OBITUARY

Rosemary Pattie



It is with profound sadness, that we announce the sudden passing of Rosemary on April 30, 2026, after a full life, well lived.

She is survived by her husband John, her son Douglas (Kelsey) her three granddaughters Rhainnon, Keira, and Maya and her great-grandsons Oliver and Ezra. She is also survived by her sisters Val, Heather (Dave), her brother Tony (Debbie), her in-laws Helen, Bob (Doreen) and Frank (Iris) plus many nieces, nephews and their families, cousins in England, and lifelong friends Sheila and Louise (Roger).

She was predeceased by her parents Doug and Esther, her in-laws John and Phyllis, her sister Margaret (Norman) and her brother Brian.

Rosemary was born June 14, 1947 in Croft England, the daughter of a Canadian soldier and British war bride. After living in England for a few years, the family moved to Canada in 1950, settling in St. Vital, right in the middle of the famous flood. It was during these pre-school years that she began her lifelong friendship with her neighbours, Sheila and Louise.

She attended Glenwood School and Glenlawn Collegiate. From there she went directly to the work force with Prudential. Summers were spent at the family cottage on Pinawa Bay, while winter saw her chumming around with the other two amigos. It was at the family cottage where she met the love of her life John, and were married three years later. Started married life in North Kildonan and then moved to Stonewall where she became a stay at home mom with the arrival of Doug. She returned to work at a local restaurant, where she developed many close friendships.

Family and friends were very important to Rosemary, from raising Doug to hosting and attending family gatherings, to doting on her granddaughters. Her spare time was spent attending craft classes, working on projects, bingo, playing cards and casino trips. She enjoyed her life in Stonewall, especially the back yard pool parties with family and friends. All the family looked forward to her special birthday cakes and will really miss her Rice Krispie squares.

In retirement, moved to the Lion's 55 Plus, where she returned to work part time with the noon meal program and developed many new friendships. Travelling became an important activity, with trips to British Columbia, England, France, Caribbean and Hawaiian cruises, and annual getaways to Arizona.

Per Rosemary's request, there will be no formal service, just a private family interment.

Take a moment to remember and celebrate the good times shared with Rosemary.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in her memory to Interlake Community Foundation Inc or charity of your choice.



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