



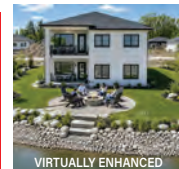
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Resident says construction has prevented husband's visits home

By Lana Meier

A longtime resident of 72 Park Ave. in Stony Mountain says more than a year of construction tied to a nearby development has left her property torn up, her driveway unreliable and her disabled husband unable to safely come home for visits.

Dueck, who has lived in the home for nearly 50 years, said work began in spring 2025 to install sewer and water infrastructure for a new development, Quarry View Estates, behind her property.

"It has been sincerely since last spring," she said. "It's just been such a big mess."

Dueck said crews originally believed it would only take a few weeks to work through the granite bedrock near her property.

"I told them they were wrong and it would take months," she said.

According to Dueck, the jackhammering and excavation ultimately lasted from April until November last year as crews worked to install underground services for the development.

She said the noise and vibration from the jackhammering shook her home so badly that a bookshelf toppled over inside the house.



Vi Dueck points to cracks in the stucco on her Stony Mountain home.

"That box of books had shaken so much, it fell on the floor," she said.

Dueck said the constant noise made it nearly impossible to bring her husband home comfortably during much of last summer.

"He wouldn't want to listen to that," she said.

Dueck said sections of the road and driveway repeatedly sank through the fall and winter, at times leaving large holes near the property that required repeated repairs.

RM of Rockwood utility manager Dody Dubbert said the municipality relayed concerns about settlement in the area to the developer two or three times over the winter and the developer responded to address the issues.

Dubbert said settling following excavation work is normal and can continue for up to a year after construction is completed.

Dueck said crews have since returned this spring and the road in



TRIBUNE PHOTOS BY LANA MEIER

Vi Dueck stands beside the ongoing sewer and water installation work on Park Avenue in Stony Mountain. Dueck says the prolonged construction associated with the Quarry View Estates development has made it difficult to bring her husband, Jake, home from Rosewood Lodge for visits due to concerns about access to the property.

front of her property has been excavated for a second time.

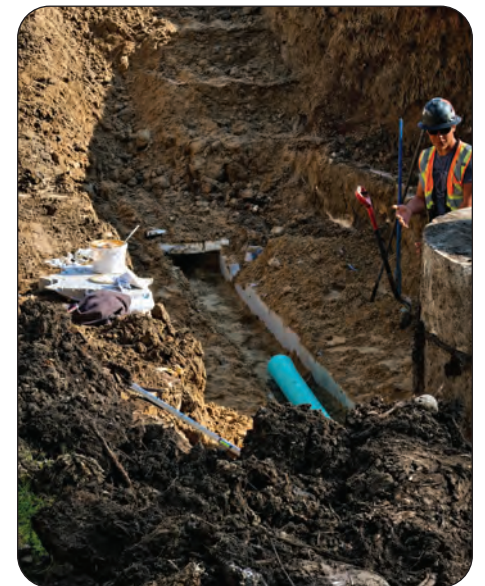
Dubbert said portions of the sewer and water installation were re-excavated after pressure testing identified leaks in newly installed pipes that required repair.

Dueck said construction has already continued for more than a week and workers have told her it could take another couple of weeks to complete. She said crews typically begin work early in the morning and continue until about 5 or 6 p.m. each day.

Her husband, Jake, 73, lives at Rosewood Lodge after suffering a massive brain bleed five years ago. He uses a wheelchair and requires accessible transportation when he comes home for day visits.

Dueck said those visits have been severely limited because of the condition of the road, driveway and yard.

"He said, 'Can I come home this week?' and I said, 'No, Jake, because



Crews re-excavate sewer and water lines along Park Avenue in Stony Mountain after leaks were identified during pressure testing.

we can't get you in and out of the house,'" she said.

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Spring fashion show draws full house



By Lana Meier

The Christ the King Catholic Ladies Group welcomed a strong turnout for its annual Spring Fashion Show, bringing together parishioners and community members for an evening of fashion, fellowship and fundraising.

The event featured spring and summer fashions from Johnson's of Gimli, showcasing a wide selection of seasonal clothing and accessories. Local models showcased outfits ranging from casual everyday wear to dressi-

er styles suitable for weddings, travel and special occasions.

The show featured colourful spring prints, lightweight fabrics, coordinated outfits and accessories designed to transition easily through the season.

Guests also enjoyed refreshments and socializing while browsing the latest styles available from the Gimli retailer. The event provided an opportunity for community members to gather, reconnect with friends and support the work of the Christ the King Catholic Ladies Group.



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Guests gathered at the Christ the King Catholic Church in Stonewall on May 28 for the Ladies Auxiliary Spring Fashion Show featuring spring and summer fashions of Gimli's Johnson's Fashion and a rainbow auction.

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Planning ahead focus of new Teulon seminar series

Community seminar series explores health-care and estate planning

By Lana Meier

Residents in the Teulon area will soon have an opportunity to learn more about financial planning, health-care navigation and preparing for the future through a new educational seminar series being organized by the Teulon Healthcare Foundation and the Teulon Community Development Initiative.

The free two-part series, titled *When is it Time to Get Your Affairs in Order*, is designed to help residents better understand the many components involved in personal planning and healthcare decision-making, with advice and information provided by professionals working in financial planning, estate preparation and health-care services.

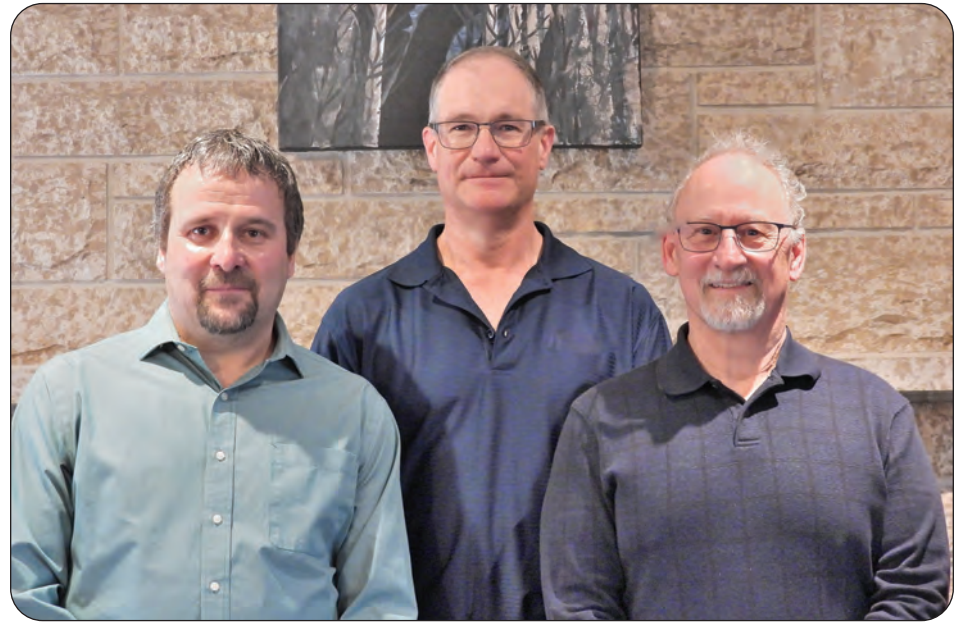
"We have all heard the term 'getting your affairs in order,' but many people don't realize just how many different areas that can involve," said David Oakley, chair of the Teulon Healthcare Foundation. "This series

is meant to connect residents with knowledgeable professionals who can help answer questions and guide them through some important planning decisions."

Organizers say the seminars are intended for people at all stages of life, whether they are beginning their careers, raising families, preparing for retirement or helping care for aging parents and loved ones.

Health-care and community leaders say the idea for the seminar series grew out of conversations about the challenges residents face navigating both health-care and personal planning systems, particularly in rural communities.

"Health care is vitally important to our community from both a personal health perspective as well as economic perspective," said Oakley. "We tend to think in terms of a hospital, clinic or personal care home but the selection of health-care services is immense and somewhat difficult to navigate."



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From left, David Leduchowski of the Teulon Community Development Initiative, Chris Dawson of the Teulon Healthcare Foundation and Teulon Healthcare Foundation chair David Oakley are partnering to present a free seminar series focused on personal planning and health-care navigation.

Oakley said the Teulon Healthcare Foundation had been looking for opportunities to partner with other community organizations and discovered the Teulon Community Development Initiative was planning a similar educational event focused on personal planning.

"We had stumbled upon the perfect opportunity to engage the synergy strategy to bring groups together, consolidate our resources and launch a series of educational seminars," he said.



Teulon & District Seniors Resource has also joined the partnership and will assist with registration for the seminars.

The first seminar, scheduled

for June 17 from 7 to 8 p.m. at the Teulon Rockwood Centennial Centre, will focus on retirement, financial, tax and estate planning and will feature presentations from Wellington-Altus Private Wealth. Topics will include retirement and financial planning, tax planning, estate planning, wills and executors, power of attorney, charitable giving, insurance, cybersecurity and fraud prevention.

Presenters include Laurie Bonten, senior wealth advisor and founder of the Enhanced Wealth Management Team at Wellington-Altus, and Spencer Vermette, investment advisor, CFP and CIM professional. Bonten has more than 30 years of experience advising clients on financial affairs and is the first and only female advisor inducted into the Wealth Professional Hall of Fame.

"The biggest concern we find that most people ask is, 'Do I have enough money for my living needs, plus leave some to my kids or family?'" Bonten said. "The earlier you start, the better it is, but even those clients in or near retirement can benefit from tax and estate planning."

Organizers say the seminars were created to help residents better understand the often complex processes involved in both estate planning and health-care navigation before a crisis situation occurs.

"Pre-planning allows people to have their wishes known, allows for best outcomes by being aware of and choosing their best options within the system," said board member Chris Dawson. "It also reduces stress for

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Ralph Eichler annual charity golf event tees off June 12

By Lana Meier

Golfers, sponsors and community supporters will once again have an opportunity to raise funds for two local organizations when the 21st Annual Ralph Eichler Charity Golf Tournament returns to the Teulon Golf & Country Club on June 12.

Sponsored by Eichler Prairie Consultants, the annual fundraiser will support the Interlake Community Foundation and South West District Palliative Care. Organizers are hoping to attract a full field of 144 golfers while also securing sponsors and prize donations to help maximize the event's impact.

The four-person scramble tournament begins with check-in at 10 a.m. and an 11 a.m. shotgun start. Participants will receive an 18-hole round of golf, shared power cart, golf swag bag, deluxe boxed lunch and admission to a post-golf reception featuring appetizers. A hole-in-one contest will offer participants a chance to win \$10,000.

Tournament coordinator Mary Beck said community support has been key to the event's success over the past two decades.

Organizers are currently seeking sponsors for a variety of tournament features, including lunch, post-golf reception, golf balls, hole-in-

one, putting contest, longest drive, straightest drive and closest-to-the-pin competitions. Sponsors will receive recognition through event signage, social media and tournament materials.

In addition to sponsorship opportunities, organizers are accepting donations of swag bag items for all 144 golfers. Requested items include water bottles, pens, golf tees, snacks and coupons. Silent auction prizes and team prizes are also being accepted. Businesses and individuals who contribute will be acknowledged through social media, local newspaper advertising and during the tournament.

The Interlake Community Foundation supports charitable initiatives throughout the region, while South West District Palliative Care provides services and support for individuals and families facing life-limiting illnesses.

Sponsors interested in supporting the tournament are encouraged to contact Bob Beck, Murray Slagerman or Sandra Smith by June 1. Organizers are still looking to fill the final six team spots in the tournament and are encouraging golfers to register as soon as possible. Entry fees are \$150 per golfer or \$600 per team, with registration available online through the Interlake Community Foundation.

Seeking shade and water



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY JO-ANNE PROCTER

A maternal herd of bison head in to the barn yard for a drink and a chance to cool down east of Stonewall along Highway 67 last Friday. With humidex values climbing above 35 degrees C, according to The Weather Network, the animals sought relief from the early summer heat. Help the *Tribune* record the weather of the week and send in your photos of friends or family enjoying the outdoors. Email: news@stonewallteulontribune.ca.

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Challenge for Life fundraiser underway

By Lana Meier

A local team is preparing to take part in the 19th annual CancerCare Manitoba Foundation Challenge for Life, a provincewide fundraising event supporting cancer prevention, detection, treatment, research and education.

Team Families Matter, made up of Janice Holden, Gisele Gervais, Claudia Kerbrat and Mona Wonnacott, is raising funds while promoting the benefits of physical activity and healthy living. Participants in the Challenge for Life commit to raising

at least \$250 each in support of CancerCare Manitoba programs and services.

The event brings together Manitobans from across the province to walk, run or take part in personal fitness challenges while raising money for cancer care and research. Donations can be made through the team's Challenge for Life fundraising page.

"Together, we can change the course of cancer in Manitoba," the team said in its fundraising campaign.



letter to the editor

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Residents bearing the burden

Dear Editor,

Since December 2025, the province's closure of PR 227 has diverted a steady stream of traffic onto municipal side roads never designed for the weight, volume or speed of heavy through-traffic. Rather than establishing an appropriate provincial detour, the burden has been shifted onto rural residents and infrastructure in the RM of Woodlands, particularly along Road 77N and surrounding roads.

The impacts have been immediate and unrelenting. Quiet rural roads now carry heavy trucks, overweight loads and non-local traffic around the clock. Dust hangs in the air. Noise travels day and night.

Safety has deteriorated for families, children and anyone entering or leaving their driveway. Roads built for local agricultural and residential use are being driven into failure, leaving residents to face the cost when the project ends. In decades of living here, I have never seen such sustained disruption.

What is most troubling is that residents raised these concerns before the closure. We warned that rerouting heavy traffic onto municipal roads would bring destruction, dust and danger. Those warnings appear to have been dismissed, and now appeals to the province and municipality seem to fall on deaf ears.

Elected officials are responsible for representing all residents, not only those in their immediate vicinity. Yet there appears to have been

little visible urgency from councillors and the reeve who do not live in the affected area. There has been no meaningful engagement, no clear enforcement of weight or speed limits, and no firm commitment to restore the damage.

Rural residents should not be collateral damage in what many view as a poorly managed detour. We deserve accountability, proper mitigation — including dust control, enforcement and maintenance — and a binding commitment to restore these roads to their pre-closure condition at provincial expense.

Rural communities are not expendable, and our roads are not a convenient overflow valve for provincial planning failures.

— Dorothy Myskiw

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Residents question communication for Quarry District meetings

By Jennifer McFee

Members of the public had the chance to learn more about the Quarry District project at a recent open house event — but some are expressing concern that they didn't know about it until after it happened.

The Quarry District focuses on creating a commercial and residential hub along Highway 67 on the east side of Stonewall. On May 12, Whiteland Real Estate hosted an open house event at the Heritage Arts Centre to share details about the multi-phase project on about 50 acres of land.

Phases will be based on market response to residential and commercial needs, and the timeline is expected to span five to 10 years. Each phase will require council's approval prior to development.

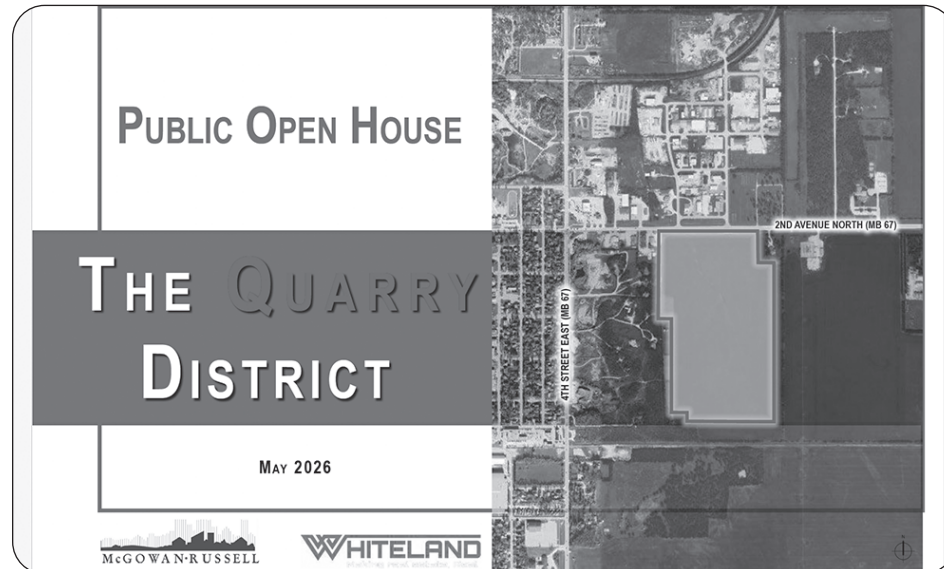
The lands south of Highway 67 are already zoned as Commercial Highway. This zone supports a range of commercial uses intended to serve both local residents and regional traffic travelling along the provincial highway.

Council is currently reviewing the development permit for Phase 1 of the project. This phase will focus on commercial development with retail, fast-food restaurants and business units. A new 26,500-square-foot Red River Co-op grocery store will anchor the commercial area.

Future phases include a proposed residential development that would feature about 500 units in town homes and low-rise apartments. Whiteland will apply for subdivision approval to create the lots for future phases of development in the Quarry District. All phases will extend the town's active transportation network.

To accommodate the mixed-use development, Patterson Drive will extend south on a new road that will run through the site for the aging-in-place campus. Improvements to the Highway 67 intersection are also expected to begin this year.

The South Interlake Planning District hosted a public hearing on Feb. 20 related to a proposed amendment to SIPD's development plan. Part of what the amendment included was the creation of a new "Urban Mixed-Use Area" designation and supporting policies and applying them to about 200 acres of land on the east side of Stonewall. Most of that land was previously designated as resi-



Whiteland Real Estate hosted an open house event on May 12 at the Heritage Arts Centre to share details about the mixed-use development.

dential and some of it was industrial.

The purpose of this new designation is to accommodate a wide range and compact mix of commercial, residential, cultural, institutional, educational and recreational uses, while implementing higher design standards for all development. This amending bylaw was approved by the minister of municipal relations on April 14 and then given third reading by the SIPD board on April 24. This amendment enables the land to be rezoned and subdivided in accordance with the new development plan policies.

While the project brings some excitement to the community, not all Stonewall residents are happy about the prospective changes — or the process to get there.

Ryan Elliot lives on his family's 103-year-old farm located along Highway 67, with the farmyard beside the property that's about to be developed.

"I did not attend the open house. I don't know if many people were aware of it or if it was advertised anywhere," he said. "That seems to be the way this whole process has gone. In my opinion, they give minimal information to stifle opposition."

In addition to concerns about the overall process, Elliot noted that the land was previously zoned for industrial development, which he believes would have brought more jobs to the community if developed as such.

"Instead, in an industrial area, we're adding bedrooms to a community that claims they don't want to be a bedroom community anymore," El-

liot said.

"The precedent that's being set is concerning. For projects of this magnitude, I feel there should have been more information provided to the community about it earlier. For these public hearings, they don't provide enough real information ahead of time for people to either effectively oppose or support. It seems to be a pre-determined decision by councils — it's disheartening."

Elliot said he knows that growth is inevitable for the town, but he questions the overall impact of this initiative.

"I'm concerned for the impact this will have on the future of our family farm business as well as the entire community," he said. "I'm concerned about the effects of extra traffic and water management issues on this side of town. My main concern is how the process was carried out, but there is concern with the actual plan itself."

Ashley and Jordan Missiabit also live in close proximity to the upcoming development.

"We purchased this property just over five years ago because it was a private and quiet area," Ashley Missiabit said. "I do realize towns develop, but not being a part of everything and knowing nothing is not right. Having opinions from the house-owners affected should be a must on the developer's part. They don't live here — we do."

She was taken aback to see the development announced to the public

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"God is love" may be one of the most well-known statements from the Bible, and while it is gloriously and wonderfully true, as you can see above this statement is imbedded in a paragraph that is aimed at making a larger point. Yes, God is love, but what is maybe more important is that God has shown His love in a very particular way. God has shown that He is love by sending His only Son into the world in order to accomplish a mission.

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Daniel Bredin

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days after the public hearing earlier this year.

"Clearly, they don't care about concerns because they already had their plan," she said.

Similarly, she thinks many community members didn't know about the May 12 open house since she didn't see any advertisements or information for it.

"If I wanted to have neighbours so close, I would have kept our house in town," she said. "I moved for a reason — for the privacy."

In addition to concerns about the open house, a few residents noted that a recent meeting for neighbouring property owners seemed disorganized since the PowerPoint presentation was difficult to read and there were no hard copies available.

"It felt disrespectful that the developers weren't prepared for the meeting," said a local business owner who preferred to remain anonymous.

"There also seems to be very little town representation as though they don't really care what their constituents feel about these big projects. They seem very proud of this project, but then they back up and say 'It's Whiteland; it's not us.' But they obviously have a stake in this project."

Darcy Brewer agreed that the presentation for nearby landowners was

lacklustre, and he noted that the presenter seemed unprepared.

"I think we all got the point, but they could have presented it way more professionally. It was more of a 'this is happening whether you like it or not' presentation — not a 'what can we do to make this better for you' presentation," he said.

"The town representative was very good and knew what he was talking about. He even came with me after the meeting and showed me the new fence line behind our property."

Brewer lives directly west of the old quarry, and the Co-op store and first set of strip malls will be directly behind his property.

"Some of the concerns we have is the noise around construction. It will be temporary but will be inconvenient. The fence that will be put up hopefully happens sooner than later as I am concerned about people walking around on my property throughout construction. Since we have a few acres, we will still have our privacy — we just want to keep it that way," he said. "Once the project is complete, I am sure it will be worth it."

Overall, Brewer believes the Quarry District development will be good for the town.

"Growth is going to happen. It will be 20 years or longer before they get

this whole development built," he said. "I obviously don't want to see any existing business in town lose out because of the new business that may come into town either. The town needs to be able to support and sustain what they are planning, so I hope the council and developer took that into consideration when planning this project."

The Whiteland Developments team indicated that open house events are just one vehicle to provide information, which is updated regularly as the project progresses and members of the public share new questions.

"While we had posted flyers about the most recent open house on bulletin boards around town and emailed those stakeholders who had previously provided their contact information, we also made efforts to ensure that updates were shared in a timely and accessible manner," said Satpal Sidhu of Whiteland Developments.

"We are always committed to work with the community to answer any questions residents or businesses may have about the Quarry District. We have provided detailed information to be posted on the town website and social media channels. This includes all information that was developed for the open house."

In addition, Whiteland has compiled information related to questions and concerns raised throughout

the engagement period. Sidhu notes that most of those questions are addressed in the materials provided for the town's website. Topics include the timing of the road widening and intersection construction, sewer connections, access to properties during construction, buffering for neighbouring properties, as well as questions about education, childcare and health services that fall within provincial jurisdiction.

"As the project progresses, we look forward to continuing to update local residents on developments — and to responding to their questions along the way," added Amritpal Jhand from Whiteland Developments.

"Our development will create both short-term and long-term employment opportunities while contributing positively to the economic growth of Stonewall."

For anyone with additional questions, Jhand and Sidhu encourage them to reach out to Whiteland Developments at info@mcgowanrussell.com or 204-956-0396.

A public hearing for the zoning by-law amendment is set for June 10 at 6:30 p.m. in the Stonewall council chambers.

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everyone involved by understanding how the system works and what the steps involved are."

A second seminar, scheduled for Sept. 23 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Teulon Rockwood Centennial Centre, will focus on navigating the health-care system and will feature presentations from experienced health-care professionals with the Interlake-Eastern Regional Health Authority. Topics will include health-care directives, health-care proxy and advocacy, advanced care planning, primary care, aging in place, emergency services, housing options, home care, community supports and mental health resources.

Dawson said the topics are especially important in rural communities, where residents often face additional

challenges accessing health-care services and supports.

"Rural communities are faced with the challenges caused by the limited health-care resources available within each community and distances to access these resources in neighbouring communities," he said. "Being aware of the challenges ahead, the options available and knowing what to ask for will aid in the process."

Organizers said the seminars are not geared solely toward seniors, noting younger adults and families can also benefit from learning about planning for future health-care, financial and legal decisions.

"When we think about personal planning, financial planning, estate planning and health-care navigation,

we tend to think it is geared toward seniors," Oakley said. "However, each stage of life comes with its own dynamics whether you are starting a family, a career, caring for aging parents or loved ones, which makes the seminars a great resource whether you are young or old."

Dawson said the overall goal is to provide practical information residents can use to make informed decisions for themselves and their families before major life transitions occur.

"It is never too soon or too late to start planning ahead," he said. "We want people to feel more informed and comfortable having these conversations and understanding what supports and resources are available."

Reservations are recommended, although walk-ins will be welcome.

Organizers are planning for approximately 75 attendees. Coffee, tea, water and dainties will be available, and attendees will receive related informational materials and resources. There will also be opportunities for questions and discussion following the presentations.

Organizers say they hope the seminar series may eventually expand into a longer-term community resource and future topics will be shaped by feedback received from attendees. The Teulon Healthcare Foundation previously hosted a similar health-care-focused seminar in 2018 featuring speakers from a wide range of health-care departments and services.

More information about the seminar series is available by contacting Teulon & District Seniors Resource at 204-886-2570 or by emailing teulonfoundation@gmail.com.



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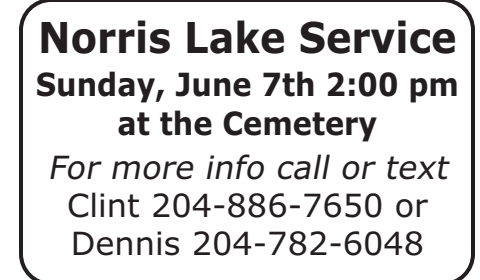
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Thursday 4-Close

Friday 4-Close 5:00 BBQ 6:30 Meat Draw
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Stonewall withdraws from Capital Planning Region

By Jennifer McFee

The Town of Stonewall is joining multiple other municipalities by withdrawing from the Capital Planning Region.

The Capital Planning Region is a statutory corporation established through provincial legislation and operates as the Winnipeg Metropolitan Region. It is responsible for adopting a regional plan by Jan. 1, 2027.

The governance structure for the organization is set out in provincial regulation, which includes oversight by a board of directors.

In August 2025, the provincial government introduced Bill 4 legislation that allows municipalities to opt out of the Capital Planning Region.

“Council supports the principle of voluntary regional collaboration but also recognizes its responsibility to preserve local planning authority, fiscal sustainability and democratic accountability to residents,” states the resolution.

Independent of formal membership in the Capital Planning Region, council affirmed their continued commitment to inter-municipal cooperation and regional dialogue on matters related to shared infrastructure, transportation, economic development and land use.

“From the outset, council has taken a measured approach to decision-making, which has been guided by key elements in the legislative process,” said Mayor Sandra Smith.

“After reviewing the changes to the legislation, council felt risk remained to the town and the decision to opt out of the Capital Planning Region was passed unanimously.”

Other municipalities that have withdrawn from the Capital Planning District include Selkirk, Dunnottar, Rockwood, West St. Paul, East St. Paul, Taché, St. Clements, Macdonald and St. Andrews.

IN OTHER COUNCIL NEWS:

- The Town of Stonewall will celebrate Manitoba Trails Day as well as Canada Health and Fitness Day with a fun-filled morning in Quarry Park. On June 6 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., there will be activities for everyone to enjoy during the Stonewall in Motion event.

- A new temporary four-way stop is now installed at the intersection of Main Street and 1st Avenue North as part of the Main Street Pilot Project, which aims to showcase what a more pedestrian-friendly Main Street could look like.

- Unlimited yard waste pickup is extended to June 17. Yard waste must be put in orange, clear or paper bags. The only allowable yard waste is grass clippings, leaves and garden and flowerbed vegetation. After June 17, residents can place up to three bags of yard waste at the curb for weekly collection.

- The town has approved the first two successful applications for the Commercial Revitalization Incentive Support Program (CRISP) through the BOOST (Business Owner’s Opportunity for Storefront Transformation) stream. Remedy Retreat and Flicks Cinema will both undertake exterior improvements with a \$5,000 matching grant through the program.

“We are incredibly excited to see the first businesses benefiting from this new program,” Smith said. “Programs like CRISP are designed to encourage investment, support our local business community and help strengthen the visual appeal and economic vitality of Stonewall. Seeing

these first two applications approved is an exciting step forward.”

Brittany Isfeld, the town’s economic and tourism officer, also shared her enthusiasm.

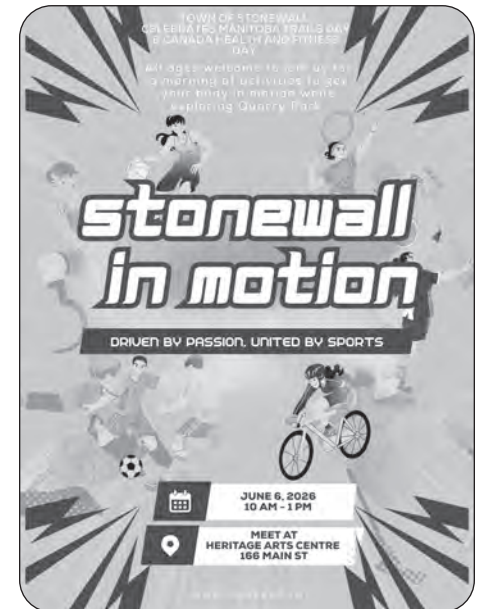
“It is wonderful to see businesses already taking advantage of the program,” Isfeld said. “When local businesses invest in themselves, they are also investing in the future of our community. We are excited to see these projects come to life and hope this inspires others to explore the opportunities available through CRISP.”

- Stonewall council gave second and third reading to a bylaw amendment that will allow the town to borrow and spend funds for electrical upgrades to the seasonal campground in Quarry Park. When the project is complete, each campground site will be serviced with 50-amp power. The upgrades will be funded through future campground fees rather than tax revenue.

- Stonewall council conditionally approved an application from Rockwood Environmental Action Community Taskforce (REACT), in partnership with Ducks Unlimited Canada, to conduct a controlled burn at the Ruby Roe Tall Grass Prairie between May 8 and June 15. Ducks Unlimited staff will lead the burn, and the Stonewall Rockwood Fire Department will be on site.

- Authorized enumerators will be going door-to-door throughout May and June to confirmation information for the 2026 municipal election voters list.


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- During the May 13 meeting, council observed a moment of silence in honour of former mayor Alex Krawec, who served the town from 1980 to 1986. In addition to his service to the town, he was also involved in the Kinsmen Club and was a founding member of the Interlake Community Foundation, among many other roles. In recognition of Krawec’s con-

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St. Laurent Community Health Office is temporarily closed

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Woodlands Community Health Centre
78 Porteous Ave, Woodlands, MB

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Primary Care Nurse/French Language Services - Lori Carriere
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Childcare centre takes ownership of church in Balmoral

By Jennifer McFee

It was like a prayer answered when a local childcare centre had the chance to take over ownership of the community's church where it has shared space for the past dozen years.

On March 2, Balmoral Childcare Centre bought Balmoral United Church and its land. Both organizations have shared the building since the childcare centre moved in and started renting space during the summer of 2014. With a collaborative approach, the church organization will continue using the building as well.

Balmoral Childcare Centre is licensed for 16 preschool and 36 school-aged children, and it's staffed by nine employees. The facility is currently full, with 60 kids on a waitlist.

Previously known as Balmoral Before and After School Program, the childcare centre launched in 2010 with eight school-aged children enrolled. Until January 2020, it operated under the umbrella of the Teulon Daycare Inc. After that, it became incorporated and is now known as Balmoral Childcare Centre Inc.

The childcare centre was initially located in Balmoral Elementary School until the summer of 2014 when it moved to the renovated United Church basement.

"The Balmoral United Church and Balmoral Childcare Centre have a long-standing partnership that started shortly after our program originally started. We were looking to expand the program to meet the needs of the community by being able to offer year-round care for school-age children and care to preschool children. The group of volunteers were looking

at many opportunities for a space to grow the program," said Ashley Stefishen, executive director of the childcare centre.

"It was decided the church basement was the best solution. It was beside the school, needed the least amount of renovations to meet licensing requirements and the space was large enough for 30 children. An extensive renovation project was undertaken, and we opened in 2014 for 10 preschool and 15 school-age. Since then, we have continued to expand the number of licensed spaces by doing some renovations to the building. We also created a nature playground in the backyard."

Looking back, Teresa Melnychuk of Balmoral United Church said the faith community saw the need for a daycare in the community.

"Using our basement made sense for a childcare centre," she said. "We were mainly using the building on Sundays and some evenings, so having the daycare there during the weekdays made perfect sense to have our building used more regularly."

During COVID, the childcare centre began to use more of the church space, including the sanctuary.

"We have been sharing the sanctuary space with the daycare for the past several years, slowly downsizing and keeping only the items we needed," Melnychuk said. "For us, it made sense for the childcare centre to purchase the building."

The timeline for the purchase process spanned more than two years.

"Our property was initially under a deed so before we could proceed with the sale, the property had to be changed to a title. In the midst of that, the Land Titles office went on strike for several months so the process took much longer," she said.

"Once the property was transferred to a title, the process was much smoother. We did have to negotiate an agreement with the daycare and make sure we had updated insurance documents in place for the sale to proceed."

This transition marks the next chapter in the church's long history.



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The Balmoral Childcare Centre recently bought the Balmoral United Church and its land. Seen here are members of the church and the childcare centre board.

Melnychuk shared some of its past, including information gleaned from the *Balmoral United Church One Hundred Years* history booklet.

The historic building was built in 1889 as a Methodist Church, yet the congregation had already been meeting for a dozen years prior. The land for the church was purchased in 1886 from the Hyde family for \$50. The contractors were Mr. Heil and Mr. Lowry, and Mr. Joseph Howsam served as the stonemason and plasterer.

In 1906, a basement was excavated under the church for a furnace room and Sunday School space. In 1925, the church and its congregation officially became Balmoral United Church.

Originally, the church had a belfry and spire, but the church steeple was removed in 1963 after several lightning strikes and a small fire damaged the structure.

In 1986, the old foundation required much repair work so a new wooden basement was built east of the church. The church building was moved to this new foundation — and it remains in the same spot today. At the same time, a new front entrance was built, as well as an addition on the north end of the building to create space for a bathroom, meeting room and small kitchen.

Going forward, the childcare centre will continue to operate Monday to Friday in the church building, with occasional evening staff and board meetings. In addition, the church group will continue to meet and worship at their longtime home.

"We typically worship every second Sunday at 9:30 a.m. We have 27 members and have been having between 10 and 20 people at our Sunday services. We celebrate communion four times during the year," Melnychuk said.

"We share our minister, Mary Best, with the Warren Meadow Lea congregations, which requires planning and collaboration. We typically schedule our dates for services six months at a time."

The service dates are usually posted on the Balmoral Community Facebook page as well as on posters at the rec centre or by the Canada Post boxes.

"We host an annual service in the Victoria church building, which is in the Victoria cemetery, on Father's Day and are in the midst of planning that special service right now," she added. "This service has occurred annually since 1969."

All are welcome to attend.

Al-Anon and AA Meetings Information

Balmoral Al-Anon Family Group
Balmoral Community Hall basement
6003 E MB-236, Balmoral, MB
Contact: (204) 470-8972
Meets every Wednesday 7-8 PM
Everyone welcome

Selkirk Red River Al-Anon Family Group
Christ Church Anglican
227 McLean St., Selkirk, MB
Contact: (204) 482-6287
Meets every Monday 7-8 PM

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

Stonewall AA
Parochial Hall
291 1st St. W., Stonewall, MB
Contact Denis: (204) 981-7747
Donna (204) 461-0892
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Awards abound for local municipality and its staff

By Jennifer McFee

Congratulations are in order for a local municipality as well as one of its employees.

The Canadian Network of Asset Managers recently named the Town of Stonewall as the recipient of the Indigenous or Small Communities under 25,000 Spotlight Award for the Municipal Innovation and Collaboration in Asset Management Planning (MICAMP) program. This program offers a shared-service approach to help build long-term asset management capacity through collaboration among Stonewall, Teulon, Rosser and Macdonald.

At the same time, Courtney Klassen, the town's asset management administrator, earned the Volunteer of the Year Award from the same organization. She received the award on May 6 during the organization's national conference in St. John's, N.L.

Klassen has volunteered on the board of directors and has also chaired the organization's Knowledge Hub Committee. In addition, she has contributed to the membership, conference and sponsorship committees and co-chaired the 2025 Fall Virtual Summit.

Coady Cameron, chair of the awards and recognition sub-committee, said Klassen was chosen as the Volunteer of the Year due to the breadth and consistency of her contributions to the Canadian Network of Asset Managers.

"She has helped strengthen both the organization and the asset management community," he said. "Courtney exemplifies the spirit of this award through her service, leadership and commitment to connecting people."

In addition, he shared some insights on why the town was also selected as an award recipient.

"The Town of Stonewall and the MICAMP partnership were selected because they are showing how small communities can build strong, practical asset management programs through collaboration," he said.

"Their shared-service model gives municipalities access to the expertise, structure and continuity that can be difficult to sustain individually. It is a strong example of innovation that is realistic, transferable and directly useful for small communities."

For Klassen, it's been a humbling and meaningful experience to receive the award.

"I feel very fortunate to be able to contribute to an organization and professional community that brings together passionate people who are committed to strengthening infrastructure asset management practices



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Asset management administrator Courtney Klassen won the Volunteer of the Year Award from the Canadian Network of Asset Managers. Left to right: Nzinga White, executive director of Canadian Network of Asset Managers; Courtney Klassen, asset management administrator for the Town of Stonewall; Coady Cameron, chair of the awards and recognition sub-committee.

and supporting communities," she said.

Throughout her life, community involvement has always been important so Klassen's volunteer work with the Canadian Network of Asset Management comes naturally to her.

"Outside of my professional work, I volunteer with local organizations and community initiatives. I value opportunities to give back and contribute to strengthening the communities and organizations that make our region a better place to live and work," she said.

"Volunteering is important because it helps people build connections, learn new skills and collaborate with others outside their regular roles. Through volunteering, I've been able to expand my professional network while contributing to initiatives that create lasting value for organizations and communities. It also creates opportunities for leadership, knowledge sharing and mentorship, while helping strengthen and grow the infrastructure asset management community both locally and across broader national networks."

She explained that an infrastructure asset manager helps communities collect and organize information about their infrastructure so council can make informed decisions about repairs, replacement, budgeting and long-term planning.

"My position is a shared service between the four communities. As the asset management administrator for MICAMP, I support the partner municipalities by coordinating asset management initiatives, organizing infrastructure data and helping build long-term infrastructure planning capacity across the region," she said.

"My role focuses on turning technical and financial information into practical tools and reporting that help administration and council make informed infrastructure decisions."

She said MICAMP is significant because it demonstrates a practical, scalable solution to one of the biggest challenges facing small municipalities — limited internal capacity to manage growing infrastructure demands.

"Rather than each municipality trying to independently hire specialized staff or build separate asset management programs, MICAMP created a shared-service regional

model that allows multiple communities to access professional asset management support together. That makes advanced asset management practices more achievable and affordable for smaller municipalities that otherwise may not have the staffing or financial resources to sustain them on their own," she said.

"What makes the initiative especially notable is that it is not just producing reports or checking regulatory boxes — it is building long-term organizational capacity. The program helps municipalities improve their data, planning processes, GIS mapping, condition assessments and capital forecasting while also helping staff and council better understand infrastructure risks and funding needs."

For Klassen, receiving the Canadian Network of Asset Managers Indigenous or Small Communities Under 25,000 Award recognizes MICAMP as an innovative example of municipal collaboration and leadership in infrastructure planning.

"The award highlights that smaller communities can successfully work together to strengthen governance, improve decision-making and create more sustainable long-term infrastructure planning without losing local autonomy," she said.

"In many ways, MICAMP is being recognized not only for the technical work itself but for proving that regional collaboration can be an effective model for building municipal resilience and asset management maturity in smaller communities."

As a result, Klassen is pleased to be involved with the program.

"Being part of MICAMP has been an incredibly rewarding experience, and I am extremely proud to contribute to a program built on collaboration, innovation and a shared commitment to strengthening our communities," she said.

"What makes MICAMP unique is that it proves municipalities do not have to tackle complex infrastructure challenges alone. By working together, our partner communities have created a model that builds capacity, shares knowledge and delivers meaningful long-term value across the region."

It's especially meaningful to be part of an initiative that not only focuses on infrastructure planning but also on supporting people and organizations.

"MICAMP helps communities access resources, expertise and tools that may otherwise be difficult to sustain individually, while still respecting each municipality's unique priorities and local decision-making. The collaborative nature of the program creates opportunities for shared learning, stronger relationships, and more consistent long-term planning across municipal boundaries," she said.

"I am grateful to be part of a program that is helping communities make informed infrastructure decisions today while building stronger organizational capacity for the years ahead."

Stonewall Mayor Sandra Smith also expressed pride in these achievements.

"We are extremely proud and delighted that Courtney has been recognized individually by the Canadian Network of Asset Management for commitment to volunteerism within the organization. As well, our council appreciates the way that Courtney presents clear, concrete information that assists us in our decision-making process," Smith said.

"MICAMP's model of collaboration is a testament to the benefits of what can be achieved when municipalities work together. From our council's perspective, the success of MICAMP is largely attributable to our CAO, Wally Melnyk, who has steered this program from its inception to where it is today."

Armstrong council approves Harbour colony's 140,000 chicken operation

By Patricia Barrett

Armstrong council approved the Harbour Hutterite colony's proposed 140,000 chicken operation last week at its regular meeting.

Council had held a public hearing last month to consider a conditional use application from Harbour colony, a satellite colony of Crystal Spring colony from Ste. Agathe, to operate the chicken farm.

It will consist of 40,000 layers, 40,000 pullets and 60,000 broilers, which is said to represent 764 animal units, according to provincial government calculations.

The new colony is located in Armstrong on the shared municipal border with the RM of Gimli. It intends to spread chicken manure on various fields it owns in the RM of Gimli, including near the airport.

Armstrong's chief administrative officer Colleen Mayer said council approved the chicken operation at its May 26 meeting.

Minutes from the meeting are posted online. They show resolution #2026-127 was approved by all members of council: Reeve Garry Wasylowski, Deputy Reeve Paul Humeny and councillors Sonny Rohne, David Tyndale, Glenn Barkman and Allen Evanchyshin.

Council's approval is subject to Harbour Colony adhering to provincial requirements and safeguards outlined by a provincial technical review committee.

The requirements include the colony obtaining a Water Use Rights Licence, making an application to construct water control works, ensuring as per the Livestock Manure and Mortalities Management Regulation that a minimum setback of 20 metres (65 feet) is maintained from any well, spring or sinkhole — or 15 metres (49 feet) where a permanent vegetative buffer is in place, and locating manure at least 100 metres (328 feet) from any surface watercourse, sinkhole, spring or well.

The colony must also ensure that manure does not pollute surface water, groundwater or soil, ensure that composting does not pollute surface water, groundwater or soil, and locate a composting site at least 100 metres from a surface watercourse, well or the operation's boundaries.

In the event of a rejection by council — which did not occur in this case — or council's decision to impose conditions, the colony reserves the right to appeal to the Manitoba Municipal Board.

Other news:

-Council approved a conditional use application



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Armstrong Reeve Garry Wasylowski at an RM of Armstrong public hearing on May 14 for harbour colony's proposed 140,000 chicken operation.

(resolution #2026-126) from Teri Nicholson and Boris Wessner to have two recreational vehicles on their property until a permanent residence can be built.

The proposal received two objections from neighbours.

Council held a public hearing to consider allowing the vehicles to be stored on land that's zoned agricultural limited.

Council's approval is subject to the following conditions including that the location is deemed as a "temporary residential situation," that it cannot be used as a tourist campsite, that the permanent residence must be built by Sept. 30, 2027, the trailers used as a temporary residence be removed after its built and that all building permits be obtained prior to construction.

- Council approved an application from Donald and Lyla Mantik to have a 612-square-foot single-family residence placed in a zone requiring 800 square feet.

Council approved the dwelling subject to conditions that include the couple obtaining a building

permit, providing a detailed site plan showing all distances to property lines and other buildings on the property while maintaining minimum setback requirements, obtaining approval from the provincial department of highways, bringing a relocated dwelling up to code regarding windows, ventilation and smoke alarms and that the exterior of the building be completed prior to moving the structure on the property by Sept. 30 this year.

- Council passed a resolution (#2026-119) to receive a monthly activity report from the RM's public works coordinator.

- Council is monitoring the Fish Lake Drain's operating levels to ensure it doesn't impact municipal drainage. The Fish Lake Drain is a provincial responsibility.

"Council continues to monitor the levels and how it could potentially affect drainage in our area. They continue to work in collaboration with the province to ensure levels are maintained accordingly," said Mayer. "The province has agreed to provide monthly level updates going forward."

- Council is currently working on a list of drainage priorities.

"This is still under discussion and once a final decision is made it will be brought to council for approval," said Mayer.

Council approved an application for a water licence at Road 112N between 2E 1/2 mile south of Road 112NE.

- Council approved (resolution #2026-135) an event plan for a festival being held on a local farm.

The Ledwich family is hosting the Bring Your Love Festival in August. It will feature DJs, performers, visual artists, and food and artisan vendors who'll be celebrating "love, creativity and community."

"Council has approved the 2026 event plan, as they have in the past, with conditions," said Mayer.

The conditions include sending a letter to residents about the event within two weeks of approval, providing proof of liability insurance naming the RM of Armstrong as loss payable at \$5M liability, providing an event plan, contacting the fire chief and bylaw officer within two weeks of approval, ensuring and managing restricted decibel levels after the headliner performing act that starts at 12 a.m. and runs until 1-1:30 a.m., and work with RM administration to have the RM's building inspector review and inspect the structures on site to ensure compliance with the Building Code.

- Council appointed Angie Dzuba as senior election official for the RM of Armstrong.

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Dueck said crews have been working close to her home and garage while digging trenches for sewer and water lines. She said months of jackhammering last year shook the house and she has since noticed cracks forming in the stucco exterior.

"I know stucco can be repaired, but it's just one more thing piled onto the whole nightmare," she said.

The RM has conducted an assessment regarding reported cracking near neighbouring homes and found the cracking predated construction, Dubbert said.

Dueck said she does not blame the current construction crew, saying workers have tried to help her access the property when possible and have filled the driveway at the end of the day so she can get her vehicle in and out.

"The crew has been very good," she said. "They try very hard to be able to get me in and out, but there's times they just can't."

Dubbert said the municipality was not aware of any accessibility concerns involving the property but said the developer was directed to ensure residents maintained access to their homes or had vehicles moved before

access was temporarily interrupted.

Still, Dueck said the prolonged disruption has taken a toll.

Dueck said the ongoing stress has also led to severe headaches and migraines in recent months.

"I'm getting migraines," she said. "Yesterday, honestly, I thought I was having a brain bleed or an aneurysm because my head hurt so badly."

She said she has contacted council and municipal officials throughout the project, but does not feel the issue has been properly resolved.

Dueck said she hopes the municipality and developer will properly restore the property once the work

is complete, including repairing the driveway and yard.

"I want a cement driveway," she said. "I just hope they do it right."

Dubbert said restoration of affected driveways, boulevards and yards is the responsibility of the developer once construction is complete. While the municipality has received complaints regarding noise, access and property concerns, he said such complaints are common during major construction projects.

The timeline for completion of the current work remains unknown.

Celebration of ISD French immersion students

By Jo-Anne Procter

More than 450 French immersion students and staff from across the Interlake School Division gathered last Friday for a day of celebration, recognition and friendly competition at the division's third annual Célébration culturelle.

The event brought together students from kindergarten to Grade 12 to highlight accomplishments achieved throughout the school year in the French immersion program.

Among those recognized were students in grades 4 to 10 who participated in the Concours d'art oratoire, a French-language public speaking competition that challenges students to demonstrate their oral communication skills in French.

The celebration also honoured recipients of the Diplôme d'études en langue française (DELFP), an internationally recognized certification of French-language proficiency awarded by France's Ministry of Education. The diploma provides official recognition of a student's ability to use French in academic, professional and everyday settings.

A special acknowledgement was given to 21 graduating students who earned their French immersion high school diploma, marking the completion of years of study in the French language program.

École R.W. Bobby Bend School vice-principal Celine Doll told the *Tribune* that the annual event is an opportunity to recognize student



TRIBUNE PHOTOS BY JO-ANNE PROCTER

The Interlake School Division 2026 Grade 12 graduating French Immersion students. Pictured left to right, back row: Keenan Bonekamp, Justin Breul, Abigail Garton, Christian Campbell, Heidi Millar, Talia Kinsley, Kate Tucker, Morgan Walker; Front row: Carson Learmond, Lulu Abraham, Ashley Conrad, Lucy Hoff and Jake Bourcier. Missing from the photo are Sadie Heinzelmann, Noah Rodrigue, Cooper Ponton, Sadie McMurren, Emma Walton, Maya Persoage, Katrina Plett and Ali Thompson.

achievement while fostering a sense of community among French immersion learners from across the division.

Following the awards and recognition ceremonies, students took part in a series of gym riot-style activities. Mixed-grade house teams competed in French-themed games including French Jeopardy, musical mats set to

French music, an obstacle course and a balloon relay.

The activities encouraged students

of all ages to interact, collaborate and celebrate their shared commitment to learning French.



French immersion students raced around the gym during a friendly yet competitive game of musical mats as part of the gym riot activities.

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Interlake artist to feature fused glass at WAVE tour

By Lana Meier

Interlake artist Heather Dawson is inviting the public into her creative world this summer as part of the annual WAVE Studio Tour, offering visitors a chance to experience how she transforms local plant life into lasting works of glass.

Dawson, the artist behind the Interlake Impressions fused glass collection, draws inspiration directly from the landscapes around her, using real plants and flowers gathered from her yard and the surrounding region to create detailed textures in her work.

"I've always been drawn to gardening and nurturing new growth and flowers," Dawson said. "By using the actual plants and flowers from my surroundings, I can capture those often very fleeting moments, like a short-lived bloom, and preserve that memory in glass. It becomes a way to hold onto a moment in time."

The upcoming WAVE tour, which is celebrating its 25th anniversary, will give visitors a rare opportunity to step inside Dawson's Winnipeg Beach studio, see where her pieces are created and engage directly with her process.

Her technique begins by pressing plants into clay to form detailed impressions, which are then fired and used as molds. Coloured glass frits and powders are added and melted into those textures, permanently capturing the intricate details of the original plant.

"The Interlake is a very unique and diverse area," Dawson said. "There are open fields, wooded trails

and beaches on either side. Being able to pull inspiration from those different landscapes really reflects the patchwork of the entire province."

The Interlake region plays a central role in that process, providing a wide range of natural textures — from open fields to wooded trails and lakeshore environments — that are reflected in her work.

Dawson's pieces are known for their tactile quality, often prompting viewers to reach out and touch the surface, creating a more interactive and personal connection with the art.

"I love when someone instinctively reaches out to touch the surface," she said. "Glass is such a familiar material, and it invites that interaction. It becomes more than just something you look at; you're experiencing it, and often connecting it to a memory of your own."

As part of the WAVE tour, visitors to her studio will also have the opportunity to take part in hands-on activities inspired by her techniques, offering a deeper understanding of how natural elements are transformed into glass.

The tour itself is designed to give the public access to artists' working spaces, allowing them to explore at their own pace while learning about different creative processes across the region.

In addition to the tour, Dawson's work has recently reached a broader audience, with pieces from her Interlake Impressions collection available at The Leaf in Winnipeg, where visitors can experience her nature-inspired glass art in a setting that celebrates botanical beauty.

"It's very fulfilling to have my work in a space where people are already seeking a connection with nature," Dawson said. "I hope they can take a small piece of that experience home with them."

Dawson has also been expanding access to her studio through monthly virtual sessions, offering behind-the-scenes looks at her tools and techniques for those who may not be able to visit in person.

"Not everyone feels comfortable stepping into a studio or asking questions in person," she said.



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY PATRICIA BARRETT

Interlake artist Heather Dawson will have her fused glass creations featured in her Interlake Impressions collection on the WAVE studio tour.

"These online visits are a low-pressure way to explore, ask questions, and even see things like the inside of a kiln while it's firing — something most people wouldn't otherwise experience."

The WAVE Studio Tour will give local residents and visitors alike a chance to experience that work firsthand in Winnipeg Beach while connecting with the artist and the natural inspiration behind each piece.

"The tour is a chance to step inside creative spaces and see where the work happens," Dawson said. "You can explore at your own pace and really connect with the artists and their process."

The WAVE Interlake Artists Studio Tour runs June 13 and 14. A full list of artists and studio locations can be found at watchthewave.ca, while more information about Dawson's work is available at glassbyheather.com.



WAVE studio tour marks 25 years in Interlake June 13 and 14

By Annaliese Meier

The WAVE Interlake Artists' Studio Tour is celebrating a major milestone this year as Manitoba's original self-guided studio tour marks its 25th anniversary season.

The 2026 tour will welcome visitors across the Interlake region during two free weekends — June 13 and 14 and Sept. 5 and 6 — featuring 21 artists working in communities stretching from St. Andrews to Hecla Island.

Since launching in 2002, the tour has grown into one of Manitoba's signature arts and cultural experiences, combining studio visits, road trips and tourism throughout the Lake Winnipeg region.

"This tour has always been about more than viewing artwork," said the WAVE Interlake Artists' Studio Tour organizing committee. "It's about exploring communities, meeting artists where they create, and enjoying a road trip experience that combines art, conversation and discovery."

The self-guided format allows visitors to create their own route while travelling through lakeside communities including Matlock, Winnipeg Beach, Sandy Hook, Gimli, Camp Morton, Arborg and Hecla Island.

Along the way, visitors can step inside working studios and meet artists specializing in painting, fused glass, pottery, wood carving, jewelry, sculp-

ture, illustration, photography and paper art.

Organizers say the tour has helped strengthen connections between artists, visitors and communities over the past quarter century while also promoting tourism throughout the Interlake.

This year's anniversary season includes five new artists joining the tour: glass artist Catherine Bastedo, painters Shirley Cummer, Dawn Sul and Marissa Willms, and illustrator Alice Smith.

Wood carver Greg Palsson will also return to the tour this year at a new studio location on Hecla Island.

Visitors can attend for a single stop

or spend the weekend exploring the entire route while also taking in local restaurants, beaches, shops and attractions throughout the region.

To help visitors plan their trip, WAVE offers downloadable maps, a mobile app and printed tour guides featuring participating artists and studio locations. Printed guides are available at participating studios as well as Winnipeg pickup locations including Travel Manitoba and McNally Robinson Booksellers.

Admission to the tour is free.

More information, maps and artist details are available through WAVE Interlake Artists' Studio Tour.

Interlake Career Expo connects local employers with residents June 12

By E. Antonio

The inaugural Interlake Career Expo is coming to the Stonewall Curling Club on Friday, June 12. From 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., businesses from across the Interlake will have information tables set up, offering details about their organizations and accepting resumés.

Interlake Career Expo organizer Jodi Lee Kaemingk has spent more than six years recruiting for jobs as a talent acquisition specialist with Vidir Solutions Inc. She said now is the right time to host the expo because “workforce connection has never been more important.”

“Through conversations with many other local employers, a common challenge kept coming up — we have great career opportunities here, but it’s often difficult to connect with job seekers who want to live and work in the Interlake,” she said. “I wanted to create a space where businesses and job seekers can meet face to face, have real conversations, and explore what each has to offer. This event is about strengthening our local workforce and showcasing the Interlake as a great place to build both a career and a life.

“I love living and working in the Interlake, having grown up in the area since I was seven. It’s always been a warm and welcoming place with so much to offer.”

She explained the goal of the Interlake Career Expo is to spark connections and create a better understanding among community members about employment opportunities available in the region. To her, a successful event involves networking and relationship-building between employers and community members.

She added that through her work with Vidir Solutions Inc., she has witnessed the importance of hiring, working and living locally.

“Many people who live in the Interlake want to work close to home, and many businesses want to hire locally, but those connections don’t always happen easily,” she said. “Hosting the expo here reinforces the message that the Interlake isn’t just a place people live — it’s a place where strong businesses operate and where meaningful, long-term careers can be built.”

Anyone seeking a job, whether full-time or casual, those scouting future career options, and anyone looking to connect with employers face to face will benefit from the expo, which will bring together organizations from across the Interlake region.

One Insurance will be participating in the expo and Stonewall, Teulon, Warren and Lundar regional lead

Alycia Campbell said the opportunities the event brings are invaluable.

“The Interlake is a great place to live, but it’s also a great place to work,” she said. “At the career expo, we’re looking forward to meeting local job seekers and making connections. Let’s chat about your skills and strengths, your interests and what you see for your future.”

Campbell, who is from Stonewall, said she experiences the direct benefits of working close to home, noting that it helps with work-life balance, shortens commutes and strengthens the sense of community.

“When you live in a community, you know the community,” she added. “It’s great to walk into an office and see your neighbour or the parent of your child’s friend behind the counter. It’s also great to see that face the next time you walk into the office.”

She explained working locally has shaped who she is as an employee — a career that began through a simple conversation at the local golf course.

“It allowed me to provide for my family, connected me to new opportunities, and kept me close to home for our daughters and present in my community. If I can help a local job seeker find something like that for themselves, that’s a win all around.”

Dexter Reid graduated from Collège Stonewall Collegiate in 2022 and has lived in the community for much of his life. He now works at One Insurance in Stonewall and echoed Campbell’s comments about the significance of working close to home — especially after commuting almost daily to Red River College Polytech’s Exchange District campus while attending school.

“Being able to work so close to home and in a community that is familiar makes my work very enjoyable,” he said. “Being able to serve friends, family and familiar faces on a day-to-day basis is part of what makes me love my job so much. On top of that, saving money on gas has also been a huge benefit in this day and age.”

He encourages recent graduates looking for a career to attend the expo.

“Having opportunities and prospects around home is essential to maintaining that tight-knit community feel that Stonewall has,” he added. “I think events such as the Interlake Career Expo are also essential for recent graduates and young adults, given how competitive traditional job hunting has become.”

A full lineup of businesses will be announced closer to the event, with approximately 40 vendors expected to participate. Other opportunities at the expo include supports through Canadian Manufacturers

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The inaugural Interlake Career Expo aims to connect local job seekers with employers from across the region. The free June 12 event at the Stonewall Curling Club will feature approximately 40 information tables, as well as opportunities to connect with supports through Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters, Manitoba Start, Regional Connections and WorkInManitoba.com.

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Attendees are encouraged to bring copies of their resumés and any questions they have for employers. The event will be held in a drop-in format, and door prizes will be available for attendees.

Overall, Kaemingk hopes everyone walks away with a better understanding of the career options and supports available in the Interlake.

“The Interlake Career Expo isn’t just about filling positions,” she said. “It’s about building relationships, creating awareness, and reinforcing the Interlake as a place where people can find meaningful work and a sense of belonging.”

Businesses are still being accepted, and tables cost \$30 each. Businesses do not need to be actively hiring to attend, and interested employers can email jodi.leekaemingk@vidir.com for more information by June 5.

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Balmoral 4-H members collect litter during highway cleanup

By Lana Meier

Members of the Balmoral 4-H Club spent Saturday cleaning up litter along Highway 236 south of Balmoral as part of the annual 4-H Manitoba Highway Cleanup.

Club members collected three truckloads of garbage from a six-kilometre stretch of highway, highlighting the ongoing issue of roadside litter while helping improve the local environment.

The cleanup was part of a provincewide initiative that saw 4-H clubs across Manitoba collect litter along highways and roadsides. The annual program promotes environmental stewardship and community service among



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Members of the Balmoral 4-H Club collected three truckloads of garbage along a six kilometre stretch of Highway 236 south of Balmoral last Saturday.

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were marked with signage.

The 4-H Manitoba Highway Cleanup takes place each year with clubs adopting sections of highway to help keep Manitoba roadsides clean.

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tributions, the town flew its flags at half-mast.

“On behalf of the mayor and council, we extend our sincere condolences to his family, friends and all who knew him,” Mayor Smith said. “Alex’s dedication and service to our community have left a lasting legacy, and he will be remembered with great respect and gratitude.”

- Council adopted the 2026 financial plan, which includes a 4.45 per cent increase to the mill rate plus increases to the solid waste special services levy.

- Council approved a proposed plan proposed plan to upgrade the north intersection of Provincial Road 236 and Provincial Trunk Highway 67 as submitted by the provincial Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure, subject to the inclusion of a right-in only access for the Tim

Horton and Esso properties prior to the final design. Coun. Walter Badger voted in opposition.

- Stonewall Quarry Days is planned for Aug. 12 to 16. Council approved closing Main Street from 2nd Avenue North to 3rd Avenue South between Wednesday, Aug. 12 at 8 a.m. and Sunday, Aug. 16 at 10 a.m. Council will waive all associated fees.

- Council approved a \$138,850 quote plus tax from Bituminex Paving Ltd. for the cemetery reconstruction project. The town is looking to complete the establishment of the access off Patterson Drive this year, as well as paving the new roadway within the site.

- Council approved the purchase of the 2011 Elgin Pelican used mechanical street sweeper from Joe Johnson Equipment for \$105,395, including tax.

- The town is entering into a development feasibility and planning cooperation agreement with Braid Solutions to advance the development of a housing project on the Stonewall age-in-place campus site. The project will focus on assisted living, 55-plus housing and attached bungalow housing.

- The town is entering into a new agreement with the Stonewall Curling Club for the rink at the Veterans Memorial Sports Complex.

- The town received a request to house chickens. Based on the town’s current bylaws, the CAO recommended that council deny the request.

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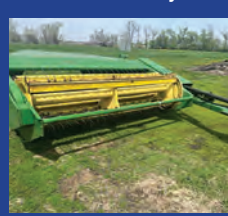
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Woodlands Museum builds towards the future

Talent showcase
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kicks off summer at
museum

By Lana Meier

As the Woodlands Museum prepares to mark 55 years since its incorporation, organizers are hoping to reconnect the community with the stories, artifacts and history preserved across the museum grounds while building support for the future.

Museum representatives say the site has continued to grow and evolve since first being incorporated in 1971, but like many rural museums, it now faces the ongoing challenge of maintaining aging buildings, attracting volunteers and securing funding to sustain operations.

"We are trying to bolster support and interest, and would like to kind of bring people back to appreciate what the Woodlands Museum has to offer," said Lorelee Proctor.

Located in Woodlands, the museum represents a large local area and features thousands of artifacts spread across seven buildings onsite. Organizers say the collection continues to grow while preserving stories connected to the region's agricultural, cultural and community history.

Among the museum's longstanding community connections are collaborations tied to PARK150 events, dignitary luncheons and partnerships with local tourism and regional organizations aimed at strengthening awareness, visitation and community engagement.

As the museum looks toward its next chapter, board members say



community involvement will play a major role in helping sustain the site for future generations.

Current challenges include maintaining older buildings, increasing accessibility throughout the grounds and finding additional storage and exhibit space for the growing collection of artifacts.

Board members and volunteers contribute hundreds of hours annually maintaining the property, organizing events and preserving exhibits.

"Sustaining the site with a small group of board and non-board volunteers is definitely one of the challenges," Proctor said.

Museum organizers are also hoping to attract additional board members, volunteers, donors and grant opportunities to help support future projects.

Goals over the next several years include painting aging buildings, improving accessibility through pathways and refurbishing existing spaces to create additional room for exhibits and storage.

At the same time, the museum is expanding its focus on community events as a way to draw visitors back to the site.

Upcoming events include a community talent showcase and market event on June 20 featuring local musicians, along with a wine and cheese evening planned for Sept. 26. The museum is also planning two children's day events later this summer.



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The replica log cabin features artifacts from the early 1900s including a wood cookstove, piano, old dishes and an old pantry cupboard.

Organizers say the museum's upcoming events are intended not only to raise funds but also to encourage residents to rediscover the site and the history it preserves.

One of the museum's strongest links to its early history remains founding member Eleanor Proctor, who continues to be involved with the organization more than five decades after its incorporation.

Proctor, now 94, recalls the museum's beginnings as an outgrowth of Woodlands' Centennial celebrations in 1967.

"I remember the community put on a Centennial event in 1967, part of which was an antique display in the community hall," she said. "It went over so well that people got hooked on the idea of a permanent place."

She said enthusiasm for preserving local history quickly spread throughout the community.

"It was an exciting time and everyone got involved," Proctor said.

The museum has expanded significantly since its early days, growing into a site that now includes seven buildings and several outdoor amenities.

"The first building was a donation from Brandt Argyle School District. Now we have seven buildings, an outdoor gathering space and an orchard planted with local fruit trees," she said.

Looking back on the museum's growth over more than five decades, Proctor credits generations of volunteers and supporters for helping build and sustain the site.

"It was a labour of love for all things past and present," she said.

Museum representatives say preserving local history remains at the heart of the organization's mission as it works to ensure the site continues serving the community for years to come.

For further information, please visit the website: WoodlandsMuseum.com



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Hello to our membership and community! The Stonewall & District Chamber of Commerce continues to proudly advocate for our local businesses and community. Here's a summary of what we've been up to so far in 2026 and what we have in store for the rest of the year.

Monthly meetings

In January and February, we held our monthly meetings at Community Living Interlake. These member meetings are generally held on the second Thursday of the month, from 8am-9am, and are a good opportunity to remain in contact with other Chamber members and keep tabs on our plans and events.

Keeping you safe and secure

In March we hosted a luncheon meeting at New Life church, with guest speaker Staff Sgt Jason Vrooman discussing security methods and measures for local businesses. We received a lot of positive feedback following this event and thank Staff Sgt Vrooman for his time and insight.

AGM

In April we were delighted to once again host our AGM at Community Living Interlake. We were joined by several of our members, as well as special guests Mayor Sandra Smith and Councillor Walter Badger. It was a well attended event with lots of information shared and networking done.

Interlake Career Expo

In May we held another luncheon meeting at New Life Church, with guest speaker Jodi-Lee Kaemingk from VIDIR solutions providing information about the upcoming Interlake Career Expo she is facilitating on Friday, June 12th at the VMSC curling club in Stonewall. The Chamber have been working with Jodi throughout the development stages of the expo and are confident this event will be of benefit to employers, potential employees, and students alike.

Advocacy day at the Legislature

On Manitoba Day we joined a small group of representatives from Chambers across Manitoba at the Legislative building. We met with a number of Ministers to discuss challenges we face in our Chambers and communities. We were fortunate to speak with dignitaries including Deputy Premier Hon. Uzoma Asagwara; Minister of Health, Hon. Ron Kostyshyn; Minister of agriculture, Hon. Jamie Moses; Minister of business, mining, trade and job creation, Leader of the official opposition Mr. Obby Khan, and our very own Lakeside MLA, Mr. Trevor King.

Being invited to round table discussions with these elected officials provided us with a great opportunity to highlight our needs and wants. The debates were well received and the door for further meetings has been left open.

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More to come this year

Business Awards - Nominations now open!

It's time to vote for your favourite businesses and community members. Nominations can be made online through our website. Nomination forms can also be found at The Town of Stonewall, RM of Rockwood, RM of Woodlands, RM of Rosser and the Stonewall Teulon Tribune office. Nominations will close at the end of July and we will be holding our business awards night on November 14th at the Heritage Arts Centre (details for purchasing tickets to follow). It is our second year running this initiative and we're sure it will be another great event with many more worthy winners. There are no restrictions on the amount of businesses or categories you vote for so get voting and show your support for our local businesses!

You can nominate local businesses by scanning the QR code



Blooming Businesses

The Chamber partnered with Communities in Bloom last year for the 'Best Blooming Business Awards', which celebrates businesses who pride themselves on beautifying their store fronts for our spectacular Stonewall summers, and have been invited to help judge again this year. We look forward to seeing more hanging baskets, flowering beds, and colours abounding from businesses along our Main Street and beyond.

Membership meetings

Monthly meetings will continue to take place on the second Thursday of the month in June, July, September, October and November, from 8am-9am, at Community Living Interlake, unless otherwise announced. We hope to see our member businesses there.

Election time

The Municipal elections will take place on Wednesday, October 28th and we plan to run two forums prior to this:

- Tuesday, October 6th: election forum for the RM ROCKWOOD.
- Tuesday, October 13th: election forum for THE TOWN OF STONEWALL.

More details will follow closer to these dates. Come with your questions and be sure to vote.

Santa's coming to town

Our last (but certainly not least!) community event of the year will be the Festival of Lights Santa Clause Parade taking place on Friday, December 4th. This is a staple in the Stonewall calendar and we are grateful for all the businesses, community groups and volunteers that participate. Maybe you'll consider entering a float and joining the festivities this year!

Future plans for the Chamber

Stonewall is growing, and with the news of developments such as the age in place campus, the hotel, additional business development and more housing, we're going to continue to expand. What we need to do is capitalize on this. We shall continue our dialogue with the Town Council - who have always been very open to our input - to ensure the growth of our town is constructive for our local businesses and community.

Another goal is to recruit more member businesses within Stonewall, the RM of Rockwood, the RM of Woodlands, and the RM of Rosser. If you are a business owner and not already a member, please contact us or visit our website for information about how becoming a Chamber member could benefit you.

We always welcome feedback from our membership so please don't hesitate to reach out if you have questions, concerns or comments about what we can do for you.

Thank you for your continued support of The Stonewall & District chamber of Commerce, and for choosing local!

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Eight windows damaged at Stonewall's Christ the King Church



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On May 17 at 4:24 p.m., Stonewall RCMP responded to a mischief complaint at Christ the King Church, located at 2nd Street E in Stonewall. Upon arrival, officers observed eight damaged windows. They identified two suspects, who are both under the age of 12. RCMP have spoken with the children and parents.

Air Fryer Cottage Cheese Toast

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- 2 teaspoons hot honey
- 2 teaspoons chili crunch

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Transfer slices into fryer basket. Cook about 7 minutes, or until cottage cheese is golden, bubbly and lightly set.

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- 1 tablespoon nut butter
- water

Tart Cherry Cottage Cheese Smoothie

In blender, blend cottage cheese, banana, cherries, ground flaxseed, milk and nut butter on high speed until completely smooth, 45-60 seconds.

If smoothie is too thick, add water, 2 tablespoons at a time, and blend to preferred texture.

Pour into two glasses and serve or pour into sealed jar or container and refrigerate overnight; stir or shake well before drinking.

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Annual Ag Fair returns south of Stonewall June 5-7

By Lana Meier

From horse shows and petting zoos to pancake breakfasts and antique threshing demonstrations, the South Interlake Rockwood Ag Society is preparing to welcome hundreds of visitors back to its annual Ag Fair June 5-7.

The fair will take place at the Red Barn grounds located along Highway 236 and Road 75N, approximately three kilometres south of Stonewall. Organizers say the event is designed to celebrate agriculture while offering activities for visitors of all ages.

The event is organized by the South Interlake Rockwood Ag Society, whose mandate focuses on serving and investing in the interests of families and communities while emphasizing the importance of agriculture. The organization operates under the umbrella of the Manitoba Association of Agricultural Societies, with the annual Ag Fair serving as one of its key yearly events.

Diane Blue of the South Interlake Rockwood Ag Society said approximately 500 people attended the fair last year, with organizers expecting another strong turnout in 2026.

"The petting zoo, the addition of live

animals and the three days of horse shows were among the most popular attractions," said Blue.

This year's event will also feature the Ag on the Moo-ve display, which organizers hope will be especially popular with younger visitors.

The weekend will feature a variety of attractions including horse shows, market vendors, pancake breakfasts, a car show and a traditional threshing demonstration, along with a wide range of family-friendly agricultural activities.

A horse show featuring English, western and speed events will run throughout the weekend. Activities begin Friday at 4 p.m. with Ranch Classes. Blue said the horse show drew strong participation last year, resulting in more entries for this year's event.

Riders participating in the various horse show events range in age from five to 70 years old.

Western and speed events will take place Saturday, while English and jumping classes are scheduled for Sunday.

Saturday's schedule also includes a pancake breakfast from 8 to 10 a.m., along with the petting zoo, market,

canteen, tractors, farm machinery and family activities running throughout the day. Another pancake breakfast will be served Sunday morning from 8 to 10 a.m.

Sunday's activities will also feature the car show and swap meet from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. At 1 p.m., the Rocklands Antique Club will allow visitors to step back in time during the Old Fashion Threshing Demonstration.

Blue said the threshing event offers visitors a glimpse into Manitoba's agricultural history.

"Sheaves are gathered in the fall and stored over winter to be thrashed," she said, noting the demonstration helps showcase the importance of the "farm-to-table" process both historically and today.

Organizers are also planning a wide

variety of attractions throughout the weekend for children, including a Bounceroo, baby chicks, llamas, horses, a calf, chickens, ducks, rabbits, pony rides, clowns, a bale maze, a giant sandbox and numerous farm implements including tractors, balers, quads and loaders. A market featuring local vendors will also take place Saturday.

Vendor spaces are still available, and interested vendors are encouraged to contact organizers for more information at 204-781-9752.

Free admission will be offered throughout the weekend. Organizers say the fair continues to focus on providing an opportunity for families to experience agriculture, local history and rural community life in a hands-on setting.

For more information, organizers can be reached at 204-461-2172 or 204-881-1204.

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SUNDAY, JUNE 7
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 • Horse Show English & Jumping Classes 9:00 am Start
 • Car Show & Swap Meet 9:00 am - 2:00 pm
 • Old Fashion Threshing Demonstration 1:00 pm

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Annual ceremonial review celebrates year of achievement

By Jo-Anne Procter

The 301 Alan McLeod V.C. Royal Canadian Air Cadet Squadron celebrated a year of achievement, leadership and personal growth during its 18th Annual Ceremonial Review on May 28 at the Stonewall Veterans Memorial Sports Complex.

Family members, friends, dignitaries and squadron supporters gathered to recognize the accomplishments of local cadets as the training year came to a close.

The evening featured inspections, a ceremonial parade, award presentations and speeches highlighting the dedication and progress demonstrated by cadets throughout the year.

Master of ceremonies Lt. Bumstead welcomed guests, introduced dignitaries and award recipients, and guided the evening's proceedings.

Over the past year, cadets have expanded their aviation knowledge, strengthened leadership and instructional abilities, and demonstrated resilience through training exercises and challenges. Their accomplish-

ments were celebrated as a reflection of the commitment and effort invested throughout the training season.

Representing the Manitoba Chapter of the Air Cadet League of Canada, Ian Greaves praised the work ethic and character of the squadron's members.

"The air cadet program teaches responsibility, teamwork, confidence, citizenship and perseverance," said Greaves. "Every cadet has worked hard to contribute to the success of this squadron."

He encouraged cadets to carry the lessons learned through the program into future endeavours.

"Your efforts have earned the respect of your peers and staff," he said. "Wherever life takes you, carry forward the lessons you have learned throughout the years as air cadets. The experiences and opportunities ahead of you are tremendous."

Capt. Adam Daun acknowledged the support of parents, squadron staff and sponsors, crediting them for helping shape the success of the program and the development of its members.

"Parents, you should be very proud," said Daun. "Over the past year we have seen significant development within our program."

He noted that cadets have evolved into a motivated and disciplined team that consistently demonstrates strong fundamentals, focus and sportsmanship. He also highlighted the important role played by senior cadets in mentoring younger members and fostering a positive environment within the squadron.

"Their commitment to improving their skills and representing the squadron is a promising sign for even greater success for years to come," he said.

"Their leadership has played a key role in shaping the positive culture that we see in the squadron today. I am confident they will continue to guide this squadron to new heights."

Maj. Jacqueline Gardner, officer commanding air operations with the



TRIBUNE PHOTOS BY JO-ANNE PROCTER

Members of the 301 Alan McLeod V.C. Royal Canadian Air Cadet Squadron march onto the floor during the squadron's 18th Annual Ceremonial Review on May 28 at the Stonewall Veterans Memorial Sports Complex. The annual event celebrated cadet achievements, leadership development and accomplishments from the past training year.



Ian Greaves, Air Cadet League of Canada, Manitoba Chapter representative, presented the Air Cadet League Service Medals.

Regional Cadet Support Unit Northwest, served as reviewing officer for the event and reflected on the dedication required to succeed as an air cadet.

Addressing the cadets directly, Gardner spoke about the balance of training commitments, school responsibilities and everyday life that cadets manage throughout the year.

"Today is not just about recognizing accomplishments, but also about recognizing perseverance," she said. "You should be proud."

Gardner said the true measure of success is often revealed during difficult moments rather than during achievements alone.

"What impresses me most is not what happens on the best days," she said. "It is what happens on the difficult days, when things don't go as

planned and it would be easier to quit. Character is built on those days."

She commended cadets for choosing to challenge themselves through leadership opportunities, community service and teamwork.

"You made the choice to be here, to commit your time and energy to something that asks more of you than simply showing up," Gardner said. "You chose to challenge yourselves to learn new skills, support your teammates, serve your community and develop as leaders, and that choice matters."

The lessons learned through the cadet program extend far beyond aviation and drill, she added.

"You learned how to work with others, how to take responsibility, how to lead and how to keep moving forward when things become difficult."

As the parade concluded and awards were presented, the evening served as both a celebration of the past year's accomplishments and a reminder of the values that continue to shape the next generation of leaders within the 301 Alan McLeod V.C. Royal Canadian Air Cadet Squadron. Cadet activities will resume Sept. 3, with several members set to attend summer training camps across the country.

Awards presented during the eve-



THRIVE launches first-ever summer camps in Teulon

By Lana Meier

Teulon Hometown Recreational Variety Events Inc. (THRIVE) is preparing for a busy summer season as the organization launches its first-ever summer camp program in Teulon, offering a wide variety of themed camps designed to keep children active, creative and engaged throughout July and August.

The THRIVE camps will run weekly at the Teulon Rockwood Arena as well as Teulon Collegiate home ec. room and are open to children ages six to 12, with the exception of the Creative Kitchen Camp, which is geared toward ages eight to 14.

To help lead the new initiative, THRIVE has hired Nicole Tretiak as summer camps executive director.

Tretiak said her role includes overseeing registration, communicating with families, coordinating camp logistics and helping ensure campers have a safe and positive experience.

"With 15 years of experience working in childcare as an ECE II, I bring a strong background in child development, program planning, and creating engaging activities in a safe and supportive environment," she said. "I look forward to sharing this knowledge with our camp leaders

and working closely alongside them to help plan meaningful, fun, and age-appropriate experiences for all campers."

THRIVE will offer five themed camps this summer, with the All Stars Sports Camp being offered twice. Other camps include Creative Kitchen Camp, Science Squad Camp, Adventure Camp and Build It! Camp.

The camps will feature activities such as sewing, cooking and baking, sports, outdoor adventures, science experiments and creative building projects.

Tretiak said offering a wide range of camps was important because every child has different interests and passions.

"We want to create opportunities where every child in our community can feel included, excited, and able to find something they truly enjoy," she said.

She added that activities will be adapted for different age groups to ensure all participants remain engaged and supported throughout the week.

"Our goal is for every child to leave camp with lasting memories, new friendships, greater confidence, and exciting new skills they can carry

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with them long after summer ends," Tretiak said.

THRIVE is also hoping to make the camps accessible to families outside Teulon. If enough families register, organizers plan to offer transportation from Stonewall to Teulon for an additional weekly fee.

Camp days will run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., with drop-off beginning at 8:30 a.m. and pickup available until 4:30 p.m.

Registration opened May 25 and will remain open until June 12. Camps

cost \$250 per week, while families registering for two or more camps receive a reduced rate of \$225 per week.

In addition to the summer camps, THRIVE is also hosting free Community Summer Arena Nights throughout July and August at the Teulon Rockwood Arena. The evenings are intended to provide youth and families with a safe, supervised place for recreation and activity during the summer months. Donations are being accepted to help offset supervision, facility and administration costs.

> CADETS, FROM PG. 22

ning included: Keinan Herbert, promoted to sergeant; Top Overall Cadet, WO2 Bryden Long; Top Level Cadets, Cpl. Gaia Thiele (Level 1), FCpl. Rylan Stewart (Level 2), Sgt. Malachi Nugent (Level 3), Sgt. Mason Reimer (Level 4) and WO2 Lillian Rurak (Level 5); Best Morale and Esprit de Corps, WO2 Stepan Lavrov; Most Improved Cadet, FSgt. Brooklyn Munson;

Jim Gray Memorial Award for Best Dress and Deportment, Cpl. Khang Lam; Top Marksman, WO2 Bryden Long; Top Athlete, Cpl. Xavier Lamb; Top Instructor, FSgt. Ryan Richen; and Air Cadet League Service Medals, FSgt. Emma Walton, WO2 Stepan Lavrov, WO2 Bryden Long, WO2 Isla Petrie and WO2 Lillian Rurak.

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 Members \$20 / Non-members \$25

BBQ at Quarry Park In Partnership with Kinette Club of Stonewall

Wednesday, June 17
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 Registration Deadline: June 9
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Tuesday, June 23, 1:00 pm
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Pineridge Hollow

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South Interlake Seniors Resource Council Inc.
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, June 10th, 2026
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Preventing Elder Abuse: Protecting older adults Presentation

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Interlake athletes set for provincial track and field provincials

By Jo-Anne Procter

Interlake athletes are preparing to compete against the province's best after earning qualification for the Manitoba High Schools Athletic Association Dairy Farmers of Manitoba provincial track and field championships.

The provincial meet will take place June 12-14 at the University of Manitoba Stadium, bringing together top high school athletes from across Manitoba.

Athletes secured their provincial berths following strong performances at the Interlake School Division Zone 5 Championships, which were held in Stonewall on May 26 and June 1.

Competitors who finished among the top three in their respective events, as well as those who achieved

the provincial qualifying standard, earned the opportunity to represent their schools on the provincial stage.

The championships will feature athletes from schools throughout the Interlake region competing in a wide range of track and field events, including sprints, distance races, hurdles, relays, jumps and throws.

For many competitors, the provincial championships represent the culmination of months of training and competition, while offering an opportunity to measure themselves against Manitoba's top student-athletes.

The three-day event is expected to showcase some of the province's strongest performances as athletes compete for provincial titles and podium finishes in their respective age categories.



The Warren Wildcats won the 2025-2026 MHSAA Zone 5 Track & Field banner last Monday. Pictured left to right: Madison Corbett, Jersey MacMillan, Joslyn Tetlock, Maria Riddell, Mackenzie Boonstra and Katie Atchison.

O'Neill off to Midland



TRIBUNE PHOTO SUBMITTED

Stonewall's Georgia O'Neill is preparing for the next chapter of her academic and athletic career as she heads to Midland University in Fremont, Neb., this fall. While pursuing a nursing degree, O'Neill will suit up for the Warriors women's hockey program, joining the reigning 2025-26 ACHA Division I national champions as she continues to grow both on and off the ice.

Elite Hockey Showcase medallists



TRIBUNE PHOTO SUBMITTED

Members of the 2016 Manitoba All Stars celebrate after winning silver at the North American Female Elite Showcase Orion Top Prospects tournament May 14-17 in Calgary. The Manitoba team featured Interlake players Isabella Kotelko of Warren and Stonewall's Emilia Lazo, Livie Chatfield and Esmae Chartrand, with Stonewall's Johnny Lazo serving as head coach. Manitoba advanced to the championship final before falling to the Saskatchewan Huskies. Pictured, back row: Lauren MacMillan, Cam Jones, Emmelia Giesbretch, Sage Reimer, Ruby Ateah, Emma Ouimet, Callie Cole, Isabella Kotelko, Riley Foxon, Esmae Chartrand and Johnny Lazo. Middle row: Livie Chatfield, Emilia Lazo, Lillian Lavoie, Charlotte Gibson, Addison Jones and Logan Butterworth. Front row: Lennon Bockstael and Finleigh Irving.

U17 Phillies stay perfect as organization celebrates Phillies Day

Phillies teams shine during Phillies Day weekend

By Annaliese Meier

The Interlake Phillies U17 squad remained one of the hottest teams in the Manitoba Premier AAA Softball League, posting a perfect 6-0 record over the past week while helping lead a successful Phillies Day celebration weekend in Stonewall.

Players battled stifling conditions during the May 31 celebration at Quarry Park, with hot, sunny weather and a high of 28 C and a humidex reaching 33 C, making it a challenging day for ball.

The U17 Phillies opened the week on May 27 at JBSC 1 with a pair of victories over the Manitoba Angels, winning 17-10 and 5-4.

They carried that momentum into the weekend, sweeping another doubleheader against the Angels on May 30 at Quarry Park Diamond 3 by scores of 8-1 and 6-2.

On Phillies Day, held May 31 at Quarry Park, the U17 team capped off the week with two more wins, defeating the Smittys Terminators 9-4 and 11-1.

The organization-wide celebration featured 50/50 raffles, free hot dogs and drinks, and encouraged fans to come out and cheer on Phillies athletes across all age divisions.

"The day was a great community event," said Phillies organizer Todd Chetyrbok. "Not only did it promote the Phillies Softball program and the Manitoba Premier Softball League, but in general it was a great way for

the community to enjoy a nice spring/summer day."

The U17 squad will next travel to Friedensfeld on June 7 for a doubleheader against the Eastman Wildcats, with games scheduled for noon and 2 p.m.

The U15 Phillies also enjoyed a successful week, posting a 3-1 record.

Interlake travelled to Friedensfeld on May 28 for a pair of rescheduled games against the Eastman Wildcats. The Phillies won the opener 4-2 before falling 6-3 in the second contest.

Back on home soil during Phillies Day, Interlake swept the Winnipeg Lightning, earning an 11-6 victory before dominating the second game 20-0.

The U15 squad will return to action June 7 when it travels to Winnipeg to face the Westman Magic at ANSC Boston Pizza. Game times are scheduled for noon and 2 p.m.

At the U13 level, the Phillies continued their strong start to the season during the Phillies Day festivities.

Interlake battled the Winnipeg Lightning to a 10-10 tie in the opener before breaking through for a 15-8 victory in the second game of the doubleheader.

The U13 Phillies will remain at Quarry Park next weekend when they host Central Energy on June 6 before welcoming the Eastman Wildcats on June 7. Both doubleheaders are scheduled for noon and 2 p.m.

At the U19 level, local players are competing with the Smitty's Terminators after the Interlake Phillies were unable to field a standalone team this season. The combined squad split a doubleheader with the Winnipeg Lightning during Phillies Day on May 31 at Quarry Park Diamond 4, earn-



TRIBUNE PHOTOS BY JO-ANNE PROCTER

Smitty's Terminators' Mya Cassils connects for a grand slam during her team's 13-6 victory over the Winnipeg Lightning in the opening game of a doubleheader in Stonewall on May 31.

ing a 13-6 victory before falling 9-2 in the second game. Earlier in the season, the Terminators also split a doubleheader against the Westman Magic on May 10, dropping the opener 5-3 before rebounding for a 9-1 win.

Chetyrbok said the Phillies' continued success across multiple age groups is the result of years of player development and support from coaches and volunteers throughout the organization.

"The Phillies success can be attributed to the efforts put in by many coaches and other contributors over the years," he said. "This starts with development of the younger kids before they are eligible for the Phillies program. The Spring Phillies camp and other development camps have proven very valuable in getting our athletes prepared and motivated to

be Phillies. The emergence of the AA Maroons program has also been a great mechanism to feed the Phillies program."

Chetyrbok added that one of the highlights of Phillies Day was seeing players, coaches and fans from both the Phillies and visiting teams enjoying the event together.

"We had Heidelberg Materials sponsor the barbecue, and the players, coaches and fans of both the Phillies and the opposing teams really enjoyed the gesture," he said.

The strong performances across all four age groups made for a memorable Phillies Day as players, families and supporters gathered to celebrate the organization and cheer on the teams throughout a full day of softball in Stonewall.



Stonewall's Sierra Slatcher, playing for the Winnipeg Lightning, gets the out on first base in Game One of a doubleheader in Stonewall on May 31.

United rebound with 3-1 victory over Maples

By Kieran Reimer

Stonewall United capitalized on their chances and now have their first victory of the season.

On Wednesday, Stonewall's offence came to life for a 3-1 victory over Maples FC at Buhler Recreation Park.

The triumph brings them to 1-1 on the season after dropping their home opener 4-1 just a week prior to Purple Cobras FC.

It also earns them a piece of fourth place which is currently shared by

five other clubs in the Manitoba Major Soccer League Division 3.

The division has 18 teams vying for the title this season after the MMSL combined both Division 3A and 3B for a larger league.

Next up for Stonewall is a five-game month of June that will start on home field this Friday when they welcome Triumph (0-1) to Veterans Memorial Sports Complex.

Kick-off is scheduled for 7:30 p.m.

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Young triathletes to take on Arborg course July 4

By E. Antonio

The Interlake Kids of Steel Triathlon is returning to Arborg for a third year on July 4, inviting athletes aged six and older to compete in a fun-for-all event.

Race director Paula Anderson said community support for previous events has been tremendous, and she is excited to witness the thrill of the day again.

"We strive to make the triathlon more than just a triathlon," she said. "We want to create a friendly, cheerful and supportive environment for youth of all ages and abilities."

Presented by the Sulong Triathlon Group, the Kids of Steel Triathlon divides athletes into six age groups, each competing in varying distances of swimming, biking and running. New to the event this year is the Super Sprint Triathlon, open to athletes aged 16 and older. Anderson said it is an ideal race for older competitors looking to participate in a safe and comfortable environment. Athletes are required to supply their own gear, except for a swim cap, which is provided.

The event begins with a swim in the Arborg pool, followed by a guided bike ride through the east side of town, and concludes with a run on the Arborg Collegiate track. All races wrap up with a cookie medal and certificate presentation, as well as a pizza party and celebration where everyone is encouraged to stay.

"Competing in a triathlon is a tremendous feat, and it's important everyone's accomplishments are honoured," Anderson said. "The goal is to bring joy, excitement and fun so the kids have something to look forward to and want to come back to each year."

Ten-year-old Arla William is from

Stonewall, and she competed in her first triathlon last year with Kids of Steel. Previously, she took part in her school's run club, took swimming lessons and enjoyed bike rides with her family. When she saw her cousin compete a year earlier, it inspired her and her siblings — Sawyer and Nora — to register.

"I like triathlons because when I finish it, there is a sense of accomplishment," she said. "I feel proud of myself for finishing."

She added she likes how it is hosted in a smaller community, so there isn't as much pressure. Plus, she enjoys how the only competition is herself.

"You can run your own race and can focus on yourself. I like to imagine there is nobody else there and I am doing this just for me."

Two of her favourite memories from last year include her family cheering her on as she crossed the finish line and the celebratory pizza party with other athletes afterward.

This year, her goal for the Kids of Steel Triathlon is to have fun and beat her time from last year. Her mom, Jessica, said as a parent, it fills her with pride seeing how much effort Arla and her other kids put into the race.

"It's physically and mentally challenging," she said, describing the race. "There were times that you could tell that she was pushing herself as hard as she could, but she never gave up. Once she passed the finish line, she was exhausted and went through a roller coaster of emotions. She initially said she never wanted to do it again in, but after catching her breath, she realized that it was such a good accomplishment and she was proud of herself."

For Anderson, when she looks back at her triathlon journey over the last



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Registration is now open for the Kids of Steel Triathlon in Arborg on July 4. Athletes aged six and older will take once a swimming, biking and running challenge before celebrating with a cookie medal and pizza party. Pictured are 2025 athletes Sawyer Williams, Easton Kanteluk, Nora Williams and Arla Williams.

decade, she said she quickly fell in love with the sport after realizing how accepting and inspiring the community was. She said she enjoys looking back on her own races and hopes similarly happy memories are created for young athletes competing in the Kids of Steel Triathlon.

"Kids already come energetic and excited on their own, and seeing them excited makes me excited," she added. "They bring so much energy to everything they do."

Aside from the athletes, Anderson said the event is made possible by its many volunteers. She noted there is

about a one-to-one ratio of racers to volunteers. Volunteers assist with a variety of tasks, including registration, counting laps, directing athletes and traffic, helping racers with equipment, serving food and more.

"There is no shortage of volunteers — they are everywhere," Anderson said.

Athlete and volunteer registration is open until June 2 at 4 p.m. Pricing varies depending on the registration date, with early-bird pricing ending May 31.

To register or inquire about volunteering, visit www.heclatri.com.

Shakhov scores lone goal in Juventus loss to SCMA

By Kieran Reimer

Stonewall's CSSE Juventus dropped to 1-3 on the season after falling 3-1 to SCMA (2-1-1) in their lone match of the week last Friday at Veterans Memorial Sports Complex.

Danila Shakhov provided Juventus' lone goal while SCMA's Chris Watson scored a pair and Anisso Jean Pierre had the other.

The loss puts Juventus into eighth place in the 10-team Manitoba Major Soccer League Division 2.

Through their four games they have scored seven times and allowed nine goals for a minus-two differential.

Shakhov leads the way with three goals and Dylan Andrade and Kyle Andrade each have two, while the rest of the club have yet to score.

They will host the Richmond Kings in their next game on Friday back at VMSC.

Juventus will look to take advantage of a struggling Kings squad that have scored just once through four games and sit last in the division with an 0-3-1 record.

The match marks the first of five games for Juventus in the month of

June, which will also see contests with the Hanover Strikers (2-2), CA River Plate (2-1), United Punjab Sport Club (4-0) and FCNWNexGen (1-2-1).

UPCOMING GAME:

Friday, June 5 vs Richmond Kings, 7:30 p.m. at Veterans Memorial Sports Complex

Stonewall Rams blank River East Kodiaks 44-0



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Collège Stonewall Collegiate Rams boys defeated the River East Kodiaks 44-0 in Manitoba High Schools Athletic Association rugby action in Stonewall on May 28. The win improved the Rams' record to 3-1 on the season. Left photo, Rams player Jacob Schram prepares to feed the scrum. At right, Jayden Slatcher fights through a tackle.

18U Orioles collect second win against top-ranked Black Sox

By Kieran Reimer

It wasn't a perfect week, but the 18U AAA Interlake Orioles will be pleased with how they opened it, with a win over the first-place Bonivital Black Sox.

The Orioles bested the now 6-2 Black Sox with a 4-1 triumph at Stonewall's Quarry Park on Tuesday for their second win of the season.

The win moved Interlake to 2-4 at the time before playing another three games later in the week, which featured a 6-0 loss to the North Winnipeg

Pirates on Thursday in Stonewall and a pair of doubleheader defeats, 12-3 and 11-1, against the South Central Cubs away Sunday at Arctic Field.

The Orioles officially hold a 2-7 record now after last week's games which puts them fifth in the 11-team Premier Baseball League.

Coming up next for them is a trip to Winnipeg on Saturday to take on the Elmwood Giants in a doubleheader.

Saturday's games are scheduled for 1 and 4 p.m. at Koskie Field.



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Interlake Orioles first baseman Shay Pedrick attempts the tag as a North Winnipeg Pirates runner dives back safely to the bag during Manitoba Premier Baseball League action at Quarry Park in Stonewall last week. The Orioles opened the week with a 4-1 victory over the first-place Bonivital Black Sox before dropping three games later in the week.

18U tournament champions



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The Warren Wildcats 18U baseball team dominated at the West Winnipeg A tournament held at Optimist Park May 29-31. The Wildcats opened the tournament with a 16-0 win over Winakwa Grey on Friday. Saturday the Wildcats defeated Winakwa Black 13-9, which sent them to the semi-finals on Sunday where they once again beat Winakwa Grey 20-9. In the final the Warren team claimed the tournament championship after defeating the Winakwa Red team 12-2. Pictured left to right, back row: Brad Drews (coach), Renald Neault (coach), Duncan Schaeffer, Ashton Chartrand, Conway Anderson, Leighton Chartrand Adam Ball, Paul Chartrand Lee Hearn, Jack Carlson, Cooper Stefanuk-Cameron, Jessie Highmoor, Liam Ivany (coach) and Carter Olson (coach). Middle: Rylan Neault, Siggie Bjornson, Daniel Koss, Rhet King, Ty Olson, Kael Ivany and Drew Cassidy. Front: Josh Tristram.

Motion Performance takes over Gimli raceway

By Lana Meier

The return of drag racing to Gimli is set to mark a major new chapter for Manitoba motorsports as Motion Performance Raceway prepares to re-open the former Interlake Dragway facility later this spring.

After months of uncertainty following the announcement last fall that the drag strip near Gimli would close, the facility is now moving forward under new leadership with a tentative reopening planned for mid-June.

Motion Performance Raceway, formerly known as Interlake Dragway, will operate under the direction of Sheldon Root, owner and operator of Motion Performance and a longtime member of Manitoba's drag racing community.

Root is well known among racers for his work building, tuning and racing high-performance vehicles, and supporters say his involvement is bringing renewed energy and optimism to one of Manitoba's most recognizable motorsports facilities.

While taking over the facility was not originally part of his plans, Root said concern for the future of racing in Gimli eventually changed his mind.

"Originally, I wasn't interested in taking over the track, but around mid-December, I started thinking more seriously about it," said Root. "I had a few people give me a nudge to step in, and after a few weeks of thinking it over and running the numbers, I decided to give it a try."

The decision was also deeply personal for Root, who has been involved with the Gimli drag strip for decades.

"I started racing in Gimli back in 1997 and then spent 10 years there with our Motion Parts Truck attending every event," he said. "As the owner of Motion Performance and being in the performance parts and car-building business, I've spent a lot of time at the facility over the years, so it was hard to watch the condition



of the track and see what was happening to a place that means so much to the racing community."

Plans are currently underway to welcome both quarter-mile and eighth-mile racers back to the track located at Gimli Motorsports Park.

For many in the racing community, the reopening represents more than simply bringing a racetrack back into operation.

"This is exactly what Manitoba racers needed," supporters said following the announcement. "A dedicated, well-run drag racing facility gives people a safe place to race, test, compete and continue growing the sport for the next generation."

The drag strip first opened in 1978 and has hosted generations of racers, spectators and motorsports enthusiasts over the decades. The facility became known for its family atmosphere, competitive events and longstanding role within Manitoba's grassroots racing scene.

Root said one of the major goals moving forward is rebuilding excitement around the facility while helping younger racers become involved in the sport.

"Our hopes are to bring back excitement, racers, and a facility the community can be proud of again," he said. "We really want younger people to become part of the sport because, like many industries, we're all getting older and we need the next generation to get involved."

To help encourage younger racers, Motion Performance Raceway plans to introduce a new Junior Street class



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Drag racing in Gimli is officially entering a new era under the leadership of Sheldon Root, owner and operator of Motion Performance.

for drivers aged 13 to 16.

"We'll be adding a Junior Street class for the 13-16 age group to help get young drivers involved early and hopefully spark that passion for racing," said Root.

The reopening is also expected to provide an economic boost to the Gimli area, with race weekends anticipated to attract competitors and spectators from across Manitoba, neighbouring provinces and parts of the northern United States.

That increased traffic is expected to benefit local hotels, restaurants, gas stations and businesses throughout the community.

Support for the project has already been expressed by members of the motorsports community, local businesses and municipal officials from the Town and Municipality of Gimli.

Organizers say the return of drag racing will not only preserve an important piece of Manitoba motorsports history, but also create new opportunities for racers and fans for years to come.

The 2026 event schedule currently includes race weekends on June 13-14, July 11-12, Aug. 1-3, Aug. 29-30, Sept. 5-7, and Sept. 26-27, along with an additional weekend planned for Oct. 10-11, weather permitting.

Additional details regarding race classes, test days and opening weekend activities are expected to be released in the coming weeks as preparations continue toward reopening day.

Updates and announcements are being shared through the Motion Performance Raceway and MPR social media pages.

Giants walk off Sr. Jays, denying comeback bid

By Kieran Reimer

The Stonewall Sr. Blue Jays came up just short of a multi-run comeback win last Thursday.

Taking on the Elmwood Giants at Koskie Field in Winnipeg, the Jays ultimately fell 8-6 the final.

The Jays took a 1-0 lead in the top of the first which held up until the bottom fifth when Elmwood rounded five times for a 5-1 lead.

Stonewall responded quickly with

a four-run top six which brought the game back even at 5-5.

After Elmwood were blanked in the bottom half, action shifted to the seventh and final inning where Stonewall took their first lead since the fifth, and took a 6-5 lead into the bottom.

In the bottom though it was the Giants walking it off, which helped them complete a three run bottom half for an 8-6 win and improve their

record to 3-1.

The Jays meanwhile dropped to 1-4 with the loss, which puts them in a share of eighth overall in the nine-team Winnipeg Senior Baseball League.

They now move to a two-game week with games against the top two clubs in the West Winnipeg A's (4-1) and Carillon Sultans (3-1) on tap.

First off is a date with West Winni-

peg on Tuesday where the Jays will eye their first home win of the season before tripping south for Steinbach on Thursday to face the Sultans.

UPCOMING GAMES:

Tuesday, June 2 vs West Winnipeg A's, 7:30 p.m. at Quarry Park

Thursday, June 4 at Carillon Sultans, 7 p.m. at A.D. Penner Park

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The stories of your life,
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So no, time changes nothing.
We miss you as much today
As we did the day you died.
We just miss you.
-Love always and forever,
Penny, Eric and Neely

OBITUARY



Carmanne (Anne) Arline Berry
After a short battle with cancer, Carmanne (Anne) Arline Berry passed away peacefully on Wednesday, May 27th at Goodwin Lodge in Teulon with family by her side. Anne was born June 20, 1949 in Melita and raised in Tilston and Reston.
Following graduation, Anne went to work at the Bank of Montreal in Reston where she met the love of her life, Jim Berry. They were married November 14, 1970.
After relocating to Winnipeg, she continued to work for the Bank of Montreal until changing careers and worked for the provincial Gary Filmon PC government and then the federal Stephen Harper Conservative government until her retirement.
After a move to an acreage north of Teulon, Jim and Anne embraced the Sandy Hook and Teulon golfing communities. Her yard was always a showpiece of beautiful flowers.
Anne is survived by sister Audrey Owen, brother Bill Miller and sisters-in-law Alma Wilson and Sheryl Berry, many nieces and nephews and very special friends James and Kelly Bezan.
She was predeceased by husband Jim, parents Carmen and Arline Miller, sisters Isobel and Gwen and brother Jack.
A private family service will be held in June at Reston Cemetery.
The family would like to give special thanks to the caring and compassionate staff at Goodwin Lodge for all the love and kindness shown to Anne during her time there. Also, the family would like to give sincere thanks to James and Kelly for their unwavering support of Anne through the years.

OBITUARY



**Daniel (Don) Stephen Kowalchuk
December 10, 1943 - May 18, 2026**
It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of our dad, Don Kowalchuk, on May 18, 2026 at age 82.
Left to cherish his memory are daughters Pam Woods (Jon) and Erin (Kenton) Byle and his grandchildren, Cale and Jace Woods, and Sydney, Reid, and Wade Byle. Survived by his brothers Mike and Harry and sisters Mary and Adeline.
Predeceased by his wife Heather of 54 years; parents Nicholas and Anna; brothers Joe, John and Bill; and his sisters Ann, Pauline, Jean, Rose and Pearl.
Dad was born in 1943 into a large family. He grew up in Komarno, MB and met Mom at high school in Teulon. They married in 1968 and began building a life together in Winnipeg. In 1979, Dad and Mom bought land near Balmoral, built a house and barn, planted countless trees, and worked hard to fulfill their dream of raising their family in the country. Growing up, we were always excited to tag along with Dad, whether it was going to the auction mart, picking mushrooms, or riding on the hay rack while Dad baled. Dad taught the grandkids about farm life, took them for numerous tractor rides, and later taught them all to drive on the back roads. Many great memories were made on the farm and we all treasured our time there. While Dad worked most of his life at Livingston's distribution warehouse in Winnipeg, farming was always his true passion. He was happiest when he was with his cows, working away on his tractor, and puttering in his shop. Dad and Mom retired to Stonewall in 2018, and in 2024, Dad moved to Lion's Manor where he was grateful for the new friendships he made there.
Dad was always content with his life and never placed much importance on material things. He was generous and always ready to lend a hand to anyone in need. He never judged others and accepted people as they were. He had a happy disposition and a way of making people feel special. He loved when friends and family stopped by for a visit, and enjoyed shop parties with the guys, playing cards, and a good prank. Although Dad preferred to stay close to home, he did look forward to hot holidays with the family. Later in life, his happy place was his comfy recliner, where he watched sports and his favourite shows, and never grew tired of playing crib. Although Dad faced his share of health challenges, he kept chugging along, no matter what life put in his path.

Thank you Dad for making us feel so loved. We miss you.
Family and friends are invited to a Celebration of Dad's life on Thursday, June 18, 2026 at 2:00 p.m. at the Red Barn, located at the South Interlake Rockwood Agricultural Society grounds, just south of Stonewall on Highway 236.



CELEBRATION OF LIFE



Dr. Joe Meek
Please join us for a Celebration of Life on Monday, June 15, 2026 at 1:00 pm at the Assiniboia Downs located at 3975 Portage Avenue.

CELEBRATION OF LIFE

**Frederick Henry Main
May 16, 1938 – January 25, 2026**
I would like to remind our family and friends of the Celebration of Life we are holding for our partner, cousin, uncle and friend, Frederick Henry Main, on Saturday, June 20, 2026 at 2 p.m. in Victoria United Church with commitment in the family plot at Victoria Cemetery, 1 ½ miles south-east of Balmoral, MB. on Road 84 between Provincial Road 236 and Highway #7.
Thanks to Ken Loehmer and Shayne Campbell.



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OBITUARY



Thomas (Gerry) Palmer

Peacefully Thomas (Gerry) Palmer, with family by his side, passed away on Friday, May 22nd, 2026 at Dr. Evelyn Memorial Hospital in Stonewall, Manitoba.

Gerry is predeceased by his parents, William (Bill) and Winnifred (Winnie) Palmer, and brother Bryan.

Surviving family members include his wife, Dorothy; children Sherrie Lynn (Irvine), Kendall (Rosemary), Leanne (Lee), Grant (Carolyn) and son-in-law Blair (Laurie); grandchildren Quinn, Nick, Jamie, Derek, Hollie, Kyle, Sara, Ethan, Mark, and Jack; and great-grandson Blake. Gerry is also survived by his brothers-in-law Bill and George and sisters-in-law Bernice and Sheila, many nieces and nephews, great-nieces and nephews, and good friends.

Gerry attended Grosse Isle School while helping on his father's dairy, pig and mixed grain farm. After meeting the love of his life,

Dorothy Jean Ritchie, they married on April 16th, 1960 and lived a short time in Winnipeg before moving to a house in Grosse Isle. With the help of his father's sister, Margaret Madill, Gerry and Dorothy were able to purchase land and build a new home in 1961 on E. 1/2 4-13-1 E. Gerry worked for Agro Equipment until the purchase of the farm. While working on the farm, he returned to work at Agro and International Harvester from 1967 to 1973. In 1989, he again returned to International Harvester working for Leo's Sales and Service and the Grandmont family until 2001.

For many farms like theirs, there were struggles and lean years. The farm was built by Dad's labour and Mom's care of the farm books, the house, garden and kids. The daily routine of feeding and caring for pigs lasted for decades. The barn was the engine and anchor of the farm. The land grew grain for sale and enough barley to feed the pigs and straw for bedding. Seeding and harvest were very active times with work and equipment shared with Gerry's dad and brother Bryan at the home place south of Grosse Isle. Growing up on the farm leaves memories of dinners in the field, barn cats, riding horses, the best dogs, ski doos and snow drifts, picking rocks and grandparents over for Sunday supper.

When time permitted, Gerry and Dorothy were involved in the Grosse Isle United Church and Recreation Club. They particularly enjoyed spending time and travelling with the Stonewall Oldtimers Hockey Team and cheering on the Winnipeg Jets and Manitoba Moose. Gerry also developed an impressive collection of International Harvester toys and many weekends were spent going to toy shows to exhibit his large assortment of tractors, combines, attachments, etc.

In 1997, Gerry and Dorothy left the farm, moving to a house in Stonewall. In 2015, they moved to Lions Manor. More friendships developed and they quickly became part of the Lions community. Retirement brought the opportunity to relax. They enjoyed fishing trips to Lake of the Prairies, travelling to places such as Arizona, Missouri, California, the Canadian East Coast, and Alaska via cruise ship. No matter where he went, Gerry could easily start a conversation and in Stonewall, it was rare that he didn't meet someone he knew in the coffee shop. He enjoyed family gatherings and keeping up on what each of his children and grandchildren were doing.

In later years Gerry's life was deeply affected by Dorothy's transition to Rosewood. He tried to visit her almost every day whether with one of his children or by using his scooter, weather permitting.

He will certainly be missed by all.

On behalf of Dorothy, and Gerry's children and grandchildren, we want to express our gratitude.

- To the staff of the Stonewall Hospital, Dr. Wachukwu, the Home Care team and all of the people who looked after Gerry so well. Your steady presence, help, and kind words offered so much comfort when it was most needed. We truly appreciate you.

- To the Rosewood team who welcomed Gerry each time he rolled through the doors, thank you for making him feel so appreciated and confident in your care.

- To Gerry's many friends, past to present, thank you for being there for him, particularly in the tough times. He enjoyed his daily visits to the "Learning Circle" and "Chat Group", the lunch time conversation, and when you popped in to say 'hi'. We are so thankful that he had the Lions community supporting him!

A Celebration of Life will be held on Tuesday, June 9th, 2026 at 2:00 p.m. at the Stonewall Quarry Park Heritage Arts Centre, 166 Main Street, Stonewall, Manitoba. (Accessible building access is available on the lower level.)

In lieu of flowers, should friends so desire, donations can be directed to the Interlake Eastern Health Foundation (IEHF), 233A Main St., Selkirk, MB R1A 1S1 (indicate 'In memory of Gerry Palmer' on memo line) or online at www.iehf (see 'In memory of Gerry Palmer' on fund drop-down menu).



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OBITUARY



Gordon Lyle Hopko

February 26, 1937 – April 17, 2026

It is with great sadness we announce the peaceful passing of our father and grandfather at Betel Care Home in Gimli.

A funeral service will be held at 1:00 p.m. on June 13, 2026 at St. Joseph's Church, 2 Olive Street, Stony Mountain, MB.

Friends and family are invited to visit Gordon's memorial page at www.interlakecremation.ca, where memories and condolences may be shared.

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OBITUARY



Ruth Marian Gee

Peacefully, with God at her side, Ruth Gee passed away on May 30, 2026 at the age of 105 years.

Her memory lives on with her son Mark, grandchildren Shay and Matthew, as well as numerous nieces, nephews, great nieces, great nephews as well as extended relatives and friends.

Ruth was born and raised in Woodlands. She was blessed with a close family, her parents May and Reg, and siblings Elsie, George, Jim, and Muriel, and in later years their families. She left her knowledge in the minds of all her pupils, she moved around the province teaching before she came home to Woodlands area and settled at Lake Francis with her husband Bill and had their son Mark.

Memorial service will be held on Tuesday, June 9, 2026 at 1:00 p.m. at MacKenzie Funeral Chapel, Stonewall.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Woodlands Childcare Inc, Box 270 Woodlands, MB, R0C 3H0.



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OBITUARY



Edward Stanley Debeuckelaere

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Ed Debeuckelaere aged 81 years, on January 23, 2026 at St. Boniface Hospital in Winnipeg.

He will be lovingly remembered by his wife of 57 years, Veldine; children, Sean (Darcy), Tricia, Jay (Sarah); grandsons, Kolby, Vaughn; sisters-in-law Iris (Clyde), Heather; nephews, Jason (Nicole), Kristian, Cameron, Jordan as well as extended family and friends.

He was predeceased by his parents, Gerard and Yvonne (nee Petillion) Debeuckelaere, sister Donna, in-laws George and Helen (nee Nieman) Williams and brother-in-law Dennis Williams.

Ed grew up in Ste. Rose du Lac and moved to Winnipeg to attend Red River College completing the Autobody and Collision Repair program in 1963. His career involved completing his apprenticeship

and working in various autobody shops until 1973 when he joined the staff at Red River College as an Instructor in Autobody and Collision Repair. He worked there for 31 years mentoring many young technicians in the autobody and I-CAR programs. He was very well respected in the industry, enjoyed meeting new people and he couldn't go anywhere without meeting someone he knew from the industry and talking with them.

Ed and Vel married and moved to Warren in 1975, raised their family and established deep community roots. Ed immediately became involved in the community through curling, becoming a scout leader, joining the Warren Hall Board and Warren United Church. He also operated a small autobody and towing business outside of Warren.

Ed loved the great outdoors, winter camping, going to the trailer in the summer at Spruce Sands and traveling to his favorite winter get-away in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico and of course cruising to see many new sites.

Ed had a heart of gold and was very dedicated to his family, friends and community and will be dearly missed by all who had the pleasure of knowing him.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, June 6, 2026 at 1:30 p.m. at the Warren United Church, 232 MacDonald Avenue, Warren, MB with a lunch to follow at the Warren Memorial Hall, 145 MacDonald Avenue, Warren, MB.

Cremation has taken place and a private family interment will take place at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made in memory of Ed to the Warren United Church, Box 324, Warren, MB, R0C 3E0 or a charity of your choice.



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