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# Community mourns loss of bright, compassionate teen

By Jennifer McFee

In his 18 short years, a much-loved Stonewall teen made his mark in a multitude of ways and had set his sights on a bright future.

On May 21, Nicholas Palmer's life was cut short in a collision at the intersection of highways 8 and 67 in the RM of St. Andrews. A semi-trailer collided with his vehicle as it crossed the intersection.

Now his family, friends and the entire community is grieving the loss of a young man poised to make a positive difference in the world.

His mom, Shirley, shared how Nicholas embarked on many adventures and infused his life with meaning.

"When I think of Nicholas, my heart is bursting with pride at the exceptional person he was and always will be to me, my family and all who had the pleasure to connect with him," she said.

"Nicholas was a person who had a fire burning so deep inside of him to be someone who had to be the voice of those who needed it."

For Shirley, one word comes to mind above all others to describe her son — selfless.

"I have never known a human being who cared so strongly for all others. Nicholas was compassionate, caring, empathetic, loving, kind, gentle, an advocate for human rights, an animal lover, brave and a fiercely loyal friend to so many," she said.

"He was a deep thinker who had a strong moral compass. If anyone needed his help, he would be there giving 110 per cent of himself."

Nicholas treasured time with his family, friends and pets. He was also keen to learn, explore and try new things.

"He loved to travel and had already been on some amazing trips like our yearly summer trips to the mountains, the school trip to Ecuador, a summer away to Moncton for the French Explore program and my most treasured memory of our mother-son trip to Quebec City last summer," Shirley said.

"Nicholas was a foodie who was al-



Nicholas is pictured during one of his many travels. The Stonewall teen had a passion for exploring the world, embracing new cultures and experiences with curiosity and joy.

ways willing to try any new food or restaurant — the more obscure and different, the better. He was a lover of history from a very young age — so very young he used to read adult history books for fun. He still did and has left behind quite an extensive library of history books."

A deep thinker, Nicholas engaged in thought-provoking discussions that really mattered.

"I will always love how so many of our last conversations were on topics that were so deep and meaningful," Shirley said. "He loved to discuss so many things with so many people."

Throughout his life, Nicholas shared a close sibling bond with his sisters.

"He loved his sisters and they loved him. I don't have a memory of them ever really fighting. They were very close and truly enjoyed spending time together. We were and still are a family who did so much together. We are close and that bond means so much to us all," Shirley said.

"He made profound connections with most people who crossed his path. He has inspired so many, myself included, and will continue to inspire those people whose hearts he holds. When I think of Nicholas, I think of someone who lived more in his 18



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Nicholas Palmer is pictured during his dream job at Lower Fort Garry. The Stonewall teen, who had a deep passion for history, had worked just 10 days at the national historic site before his life was tragically cut short in a collision on May 21.

years of life than most will ever live. He was happy and enjoyed every moment he lived."

Last June, Nicholas graduated from the French immersion program at Collège Stonewall Collegiate, achieving an above 90 average and earning numerous awards and scholarships. He had just finished his first year in the faculty of arts at the University of Manitoba, where he achieved straight A's and made the dean's list.

"His last year of life, I really felt he was coming into his element, his time. He loved university. He loved learning about his passions, anthropology and history. He had found 'his people' there. He was passionately involved with the SJP, Students for Justice in Palestine, a cause most important to him," Shirley said.

"He also had just started his dream job. He had always dreamed of working at Lower Fort Garry for the summer. He only worked 10 days before he was taken. Those 10 days he was extremely happy to be surrounded by like-minded people and talking about history all day long."

A lifelong Stonewall resident, Nicholas created connections in his com-

munity and beyond.

"He was going places. I was excited to see where his life would lead him," said his mom.

"He has left a huge hole in our hearts. He has left not only us but so many to mourn his loss."

The community continues to rally around the family, and Shirley is grateful for the support.

"I want to give the most heartfelt thank you to all in the community who have reached out to us, whether it's been to make us home-cooked meals, get groceries for us, give us hugs, cut our grass, send us messages of stories about Nicholas, the support from our girls' schools as they navigate all of this, or just to listen," she said.

"The support of everyone in this community has made so much difference to us. It has held us up when we so desperately need it. Thank you, Stonewall. We are broken beyond anything we will ever know, but everyone's support means so much."

The family has decided to create an annual scholarship at Collège Stonewall Collegiate in his honour, which will be called the Nicholas Palmer Memorial History Scholarship. Anyone who would like to make a donation can go to the CIBC Stonewall branch and let the teller know that they would like to donate to the Nicholas Palmer Memorial scholarship fund. Alternatively, e-transfers can be sent to Shirley Palmer at Swoodsworth@hotmail.com.

"He truly is an inspiration to me, to all of us," Shirley said. "Nicholas, you are missed every second and will forever be. I love you."



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# Speaking out for safer intersections

By Jennifer McFee

While a recent fatal accident weighs heavy on so many hearts, some people are speaking up about the need to bolster safety at a dangerous intersection.

On May 21, Nicholas Palmer of Stonewall lost his life in a collision at the junction of highways 8 and 67.

A few weeks before, his mom Shirley drove past an accident at the same spot. She recalls that she used to jokingly tell Nicholas to always check 1,000 times before crossing.

"I don't have answers as to why he thought it was clear and drove out," she said. "But what I'm finding out is that others have been advocating for change for years at this intersection and nothing has been done."

As a family, they visited Birds Hill Park countless times, and Shirley shared some observations about the drive.

"Out of all the intersections you cross, I do know that this is the only one where the speed limit is still 100 kilometres per hour — and we all know how much faster people travel than that. Vehicles can come up suddenly. Do they need lights? I'm not sure," she said.

"All I know is that too many accidents are continuing to happen, and I must now join the fight to do what I can to save other people from what happened to my Nicholas. When I'm finished with focusing on my family and preparing for my son's funeral, I will be doing all I can to fight. Whether it be writing letters to elected officials, going around with a petition — I'm not sure how, but I will do all I

can."

Stonewall resident Kimberley Glowacki is adding her voice to advocate for change.

"I am a nurse who has travelled down this highway over the past 21 years. I have seen countless accidents at this intersection and feel it's past time to put lights up at the intersection," she said.

"I was driving past the accident when EMS and police were at the scene post Nick's accident, unknowing who was involved. My daughter had the pleasure of growing up with Nick in our small community. I have learned that he was a strong advocate for all mankind. I hope we can now advocate for him in his absence."

For 25-year-old Delta Hannah, news of Nick's accident struck close to her heart.

"This isn't the first tragic accident to directly affect my family with a vehicle and semi truck," said Delta, a life-long Stonewall resident.

"It blew my mind when I heard of the accident, as I had just driven through the intersection 20 minutes beforehand. It blew my mind again when my mother — Ms. Hannah, who teaches at the elementary in Stonewall — told me the next day it was her scheduled substitute teacher's son."

For the past year and a half, Delta has driven up and down Highway 8 every day for work. She always keeps in mind some advice from a Manitoba Public Insurance representative that she heard years ago: "If you're driving 110 kilometres down a highway, that 10-kilometre difference in speed



Nicholas Palmer of Stonewall had his life tragically cut short in a collision at the intersection of highways 8 and 67. His death has prompted renewed calls for improved safety measures at the dangerous junction.

can cost someone's life."

"This is something I will never forget hearing. I began to think about how rare it is for drivers behind me to follow the signage when I'm using the proper lane to turn right, heading

back home across 67," she said.

"I firmly believe that some sort of traffic control in this intersection would not only improve the flow of traffic during peak times but save lives."

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# Stonewall's Lyle Appleyard wins top honour at Toastmasters spring conference

By Annaliese Meier

Lyle Appleyard of Stonewall took home first place in the Table Topics competition at the District 64 Toastmasters Spring Conference, held Friday, May 9 in Portage la Prairie.

The Table Topics competition, known for testing a speaker's ability to respond to an unrehearsed question on the spot, drew talent from across the district. Appleyard's performance stood out for its clarity, creativity and delivery — a combination that earned him top marks and enthusiastic applause.

The prompt? "What have you seen that restores your faith in humanity?"

"I first thought I had was to speak about people being polite to each other," Appleyard said. "Then I thought about what I see on the streets of Winnipeg — particularly cyclists. I have seen them ride on the sidewalk, almost hitting me. Not stopping for lights or stop signs. Not sig-

nalizing. But I've also seen cyclists using the bike lanes properly. Some cyclists who come to a full stop at a stop sign and others that wait for the lights to change. And others that actually signal. There is hope."

Appleyard's thoughtful and energetic delivery was shaped by years of experience with Toastmasters, a global non-profit organization dedicated to developing public speaking and leadership skills.

"My approach is to answer the question with enthusiasm, from start to finish," he said. "I try to use as much gestures and vocal variety to make my points."

A member of Quarry Toastmasters in Stonewall since 1987, Appleyard's journey began after he entered — and won — a membership draw at the local fair.

"I saw the welcoming and supportive atmosphere and decided I should try it," he said.



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Stonewall's Lyle Appleyard, left, earned first place in the Table Topics competition at the Toastmasters District 64 Spring Conference in Portage la Prairie on May 9. The contest challenges speakers to respond to an unrehearsed prompt, and Appleyard impressed judges with his clarity, creativity and delivery.

"Toastmasters builds people's confidence through public speaking and leadership. Most people know us through public speaking — that's what we do best."

Appleyard admits that impromptu speaking can be intimidating but insists that it gets easier with practice. "My first time, I spoke for 11 seconds," he recalled. "Now, I'm able to think about my answer without worrying about how I'm doing. It has helped me immensely in real life. I was an introverted computer programmer who didn't want to speak in public. Funny thing — if you're good at your job, you'll have to speak to people."

He credits Toastmasters with giving him the tools to succeed, both on stage and in professional life.

"Being able to answer questions under pressure was an asset. I've seen other people improve their impromptu skills and get ahead in their careers and life goals."

While the Table Topics contest ends at the district level, Appleyard has his sights set on future goals.

"I've competed in the International Speech Contest before," he said. "The best I've done is second place at the district. I hope to compete in that again."

His advice to others? "Join Toastmasters. And write out what you're going to say. Practise and tweak it until it sounds right. Writing something to be read and something to be spoken are two different things."

Winning the district-level contest for the first time was a defining moment for Appleyard.

"I enjoyed the experience. It was a great opportunity to use all my skills," he said. "I feel like I've proven myself."

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# Stonewall honours veterans at annual Decoration Day service

By Jo-Anne Procter

The Stonewall Legion Branch 52 held its annual Decoration Day service Sunday afternoon at Memorial Park, honouring local veterans who served Canada in times of war and peace.

Led by the Anavets 303 Rockwood Pipes and Drums Band, the Colour Party and dignitaries marched down Main Street from the legion to the park, where the service began at 2 p.m. with the Collège Stonewall Collegiate band performing *O Canada*.

The program served as a solemn observance of remembrance, offering a moment to reflect on the sacrifices made by those who served in the Armed Forces. Wreaths were placed at the cenotaph following the formal service.

"Singing a New Song" was the title of the address delivered by Minister Mona Denton, who spoke of the importance of remembering those who gave their lives for Canada.

"It's a day to honour the men and women who have paid the price for our freedom with their lives," Denton said. "It serves as a lasting reminder of the bravery and commitment shown by generations of military personnel."

Decoration Day is a long-standing tradition in Stonewall and across Canada, offering a springtime opportunity to honour veterans outside of Remembrance Day. Organized by legion members and supported by the community, the event also serves to educate younger generations about Canada's military history.



Member of Parliament for Selkirk-Interlake-Eastman James Bezan placed a wreath on behalf of the Government of Canada.

Branch 52 encourages residents to attend each year as a way to express gratitude for the freedoms Canadians enjoy today.

This year marks the 80th anniversary of the end of the Second World War, offering a significant opportunity to reflect on the sacrifices made during the conflict. While the 80th anniversary of D-Day was marked in 2024, commemorations in 2025 reflect on the broader conclusion of the war in 1945.

D-Day, on June 6, 1944, was a pivotal Allied operation that saw more than 150,000 troops land on the beaches of Normandy, France. The assault, known as Operation Overlord, marked the beginning of the liberation of Western Europe from Nazi occupation and ultimately led to the downfall of Nazi Germany — though at great cost.



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Stonewall Legion Branch 52 members and community representatives lay wreaths and poppies during the Decoration Day service at Memorial Park on June 1. Bonnie Brennan and her granddaughter Nahla pin a poppy on a wreath in honour of local veterans.



The Anavets 303 Rockwood Pipes and Drums Band leads the Stonewall Legion Branch 52 Colour Party and dignitaries in a parade down Main Street during Decoration Day ceremonies in Stonewall.

## St. Laurent budgets for library, fire truck and handi-van

### St. Laurent outlines 2025 financial plan

By E. Antonio

The RM of St. Laurent presented its 2025 financial plan at a public meeting on May 13, outlining projected revenues, expenditures and key priorities for the year ahead.

Chief administrative officer Billie Jean Oliver said one of the municipality's main goals is to join the South Interlake Regional Library system, with \$33,000 budgeted for the regional contribution fee. The plan requires approval from the Province of Manitoba and the Municipal Board. Once approved, the RM will finalize a phased approach to becoming a fully functioning library.

A significant capital purchase included in the plan is a new fire truck, with \$250,000 allocated over two years.

"As we were successful in our application to the MB Grown Fund, we have placed the order and anticipate that it will be available for delivery in two years," said Oliver. The new unit will serve as the primary truck, while the current one will act as backup.

#### ADDITIONAL HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE FINANCIAL PLAN INCLUDE:

- A reduced general municipal mill rate from 16.476 to 13.885, and an overall mill rate reduction from 18.943 to 18.164, due to a 31 per cent property assessment increase and a focus on building healthy reserve funds.
- \$5,000 allocated for beautifi-

cation projects at the Welcome Centre and Neil Gaudry Health Centre.

- A five-year \$53,303 deficit recovery plan stemming from the 2022-23 financial year.
- \$10,000 to lease a new grader to replace the current unit.
- \$10,000 toward a community van, with plans to revive the munic-

ipality's Handi-Van service for seniors.

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## Three companies open new operations at CentrePort's West Creek Industrial Park

By Annaliese Meier

Three companies have opened new operations at West Creek Industrial Park in CentrePort Canada, underscoring continued growth in Manitoba's industrial sector.

Medline Canada, Arctic Beverages and Polymershapes are the first tenants to lease space in the newly developed park, which offers 294,150 square feet across two buildings in the RM of Rosser. The project, developed by Hopewell Development LP and marketed by Colliers International, is part of the ongoing expansion of the CentrePort inland port.

"The new West Creek Industrial Park at CentrePort Canada is excellent news for Manitoba's economic growth and shows that our province continues to be a place where businesses can invest and thrive," said Jamie Moses, minister of Business, Mining, Trade and Job Creation. "The expansion of Medline, Arctic Beverages and Polymershapes will position these companies for success and support more good jobs for Manitobans."

Medline Canada, a medical supplies manufacturer and distributor, is leasing approximately 46,000 square feet

in Building 1 at 179 West Creek Way. The new facility doubles the company's warehouse footprint in the province and supports faster delivery to clients across Manitoba and Saskatchewan.

"We have added seven more employees to be part of our larger space at the West Creek facility," said Jot Aujla, Medline Canada's vice-president of logistics and warehousing. "Health care is urgent and it's essential that we have the right inventory ready for the growing needs of our customers in this region."

Arctic Beverages, Canada's only First Nations-owned Pepsi franchise, is leasing about 36,000 square feet in Building 2 at 55 Durum Dr. The space will accommodate the company's expanding operations, including distribution of Pepsi, Frito Lay, Canada Bread and Nestlé products.

Both Medline and Arctic Beverages were already operating within CentrePort and moved to larger facilities due to growth.

Polymershapes Winnipeg, a distributor of plastic sheet, rod, tube and film, is leasing over 19,000 square feet in Building 2. The company, which

opened its Winnipeg location in 1988, has 75 locations across the Americas.

"Tenants are in search of new built industrial space and West Creek offers tenants best in market, clear height at 36 feet and under two minutes to highway speeds in all directions," said Troy Buchanan, senior vice-president for Colliers International.

RM of Rosser Reeve Ken Mulligan said the municipality is seeing a boom in development. "We are thrilled to see companies investing and growing in the RM of Rosser," he said. "Businesses are recognizing the benefits and savings of leasing and building in CentrePort North."

Carly Edmundson, president and CEO of CentrePort Canada Inc., said tenants are thinking long-term when choosing to locate within CentrePort.

"We are excited to see companies like Medline, Arctic Beverages and Polymershapes succeed and grow — and to be able to do so within CentrePort Canada," she said.

For more on the West Creek Industrial Park and its tenants, visit [www.hopewelldevelopment.com/property/west-creek-industrial-park](http://www.hopewelldevelopment.com/property/west-creek-industrial-park) or [www.centreportcanada.ca](http://www.centreportcanada.ca).

## MPI donates \$100K to support wildfire evacuees

By Lana Meier

Manitoba Public Insurance is contributing \$100,000 to the Canadian Red Cross to support thousands of people displaced by wildfires burning across the province.

"This is a devastating situation, and it is incumbent on us to step up and help people who have had to evacuate their homes and leave everything behind in the interest of safety," said MPI president and CEO Satvir Jatana.

"At times like these, we need to come together as a community and offer whatever support we can to ease the suffering so many people are experi-

encing."

More than 17,000 residents in northern Manitoba have been forced to leave their homes due to wildfire threats. The Red Cross is helping evacuees by coordinating emergency shelter, reception centres, financial assistance and longer-term recovery efforts.

"Our hearts go out to those who are impacted by the wildfires," said Carmen Nedohin, chair of MPI's board of directors. "One thing Manitobans know how to do is support each other through a crisis, and MPI understands

the importance of keeping each other safe. We wanted to do our part to help through this donation to the Red Cross, who are currently matching every dollar donated, doubling the impact of each contribution."

The Red Cross is encouraging Manitobans to donate, with all contributions going directly toward wildfire relief and recovery in affected areas. Donations can be made online or by calling 1-800-418-1111.

The Manitoba government is providing ongoing updates on the wildfire situation through its fire bulletins.

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## Manitoba Hydro monitoring wildfires, 1,500 without power

By Lana Meier

Manitoba Hydro says it's closely monitoring wildfire activity and related power outages across the province, as about 1,500 customers remained without electricity as of Friday afternoon.

The outages are primarily affecting communities in northern and eastern Manitoba.

"The safety of our employees and the public remains our top priority," said Allan Danroth, Manitoba Hydro president and CEO. "We are working closely with the Manitoba Wildfire Service, the Office of the Fire Commissioner and RCMP to ensure we're not putting any of our restoration crews or emergency response teams in unsafe situations. We appreciate the support and patience of our customers as we wait to safely access affected areas to assess damage to our infrastructure and begin our restoration work."

Hydro confirmed all employees have left areas under evacuation orders. The Jenpeg Generating Station was evacuated Wednesday. The facility was undergoing maintenance at the time and was not generating electricity, so the evacuation is not expected to impact customers.

In eastern Manitoba, crews have paused restoration work in Nopiming Provincial Park and have left the area



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A water bomber flies over a fire-scorched area in Manitoba.

until conditions are safe to return.

"I want to acknowledge our staff and customers who live and work in communities affected by fires and evacuations," said Danroth. "Our thoughts are with them, and we are very mindful of the challenges they're facing. I

also want to thank the firefighters and other first responders who are doing their best to protect Manitobans at this time of crisis."

Customers can view real-time updates on the Manitoba Hydro outage map.

## Shots fired at Rosser home; no injuries reported

By Lana Meier

RCMP are investigating after multiple gunshots were fired into a residence in the village of Rosser late Wednesday night.

Stonewall RCMP responded to the call shortly after 10 p.m. on May 28. Police say a suspect drove up to a

home on Highway 221, opened fire several times, and quickly fled the area.

No injuries were reported, and investigators say the homeowner and suspect are known to each other. RCMP believe the incident was isolated.

The investigation is ongoing.

Anyone with information is asked to contact the Manitoba RCMP Media Relations Unit at 204-983-8497 or RCMP.Media.GRC.Manitoba@rcmp-grc.gc.ca.

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## One Hundred Years of Witness

*How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity! (Psalm 133:1)*

On June 10th, The United Church of Canada will celebrate one hundred years as a denomination! Her ten decades of witness are ones in which there has been innovation, collaboration, controversy, struggle, social justice initiatives, inclusivity, transformation and so much more.

As any centenarian will tell you, a 100th birthday causes us to look back and to look forward at the same time. As a denomination we are both celebrating our past, and striving towards our call to Deep Spirituality, Bold Discipleship and Daring Justice.

Churches are marking this special birthday in many ways. Stony Mountain and Lilyfield United Churches, where I serve, are beginning their celebrations with an old fashioned, 1925-style church picnic on June 22nd at Lilyfield United Church. Feel free to join our celebrations at 11 am!

As the daughter of overseas missionaries, I bring the unique experience of having been a part of Congregational, Presbyterian and Methodist congregations – the three denominations that formed Union in 1925.

I come from a musical family. If I had to describe how being a part of the United Church feels, it would be all about the music. We sing of God with many voices and with old and new words to express our faith and actions. Our song is brought to life through service, pastoral care and justice-seeking.

Unity is not always easy, but in my experience, The United Church of Canada finds unity through our diversity. We may not always agree, but we value unity so much that we work together for a world transformed by God's loving presence and action.

We meet under a big tent, where all are welcome and there is room for us to learn from one another and the lively Spirit of God. We value our connections and relationships with other denominations and other faiths.

In a rapidly changing world, we strive to live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others and to seek justice for all.

Rev. Mona Denton  
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# Teulon council readies for summer season

By Jennifer McFee

The weather is warming up and it's time to start planning your summer getaways.

The new Green Acres Park Campground website is now up and running.

To make a reservation, visit [lets-camp.ca/camps/greenacrespark-campground](https://lets-camp.ca/camps/greenacrespark-campground), email [recreation@teulon.ca](mailto:recreation@teulon.ca) or call 204-886-0505.

### IN OTHER COUNCIL NEWS:

- Council gave second and third readings to a bylaw to establish a rate for waste and recyclable curbside collection, removal and disposal service for all residential and institutional properties in Teulon.

- Council approved an \$11,650 quote from Heather Ganske Consulting to inspect 130 manholes.

- The Town of Teulon will sign an agreement with Manitoba Public Insurance to confirm the town's participation in MPI's speed sign loaner program. The program approved the free use of one speed display sign on loan for five years ending March 2029.

- Council gave second and third readings of a bylaw to establish the 2025 tax levy.

- Council is offering Shelby Stewart the position of accounts receivable and administrative assistant. In addition, council is offering seasonal summer employment positions to Michael Panchuk, Madelyn Smith

and Kaeleb Bursey.

- Council will give a letter of support to Teulon Collegiate's safe grad committee, which would like to sell liquor from 5:30 p.m. on June 20 to 3 a.m. on June 21.

- Council conditionally approved a request from Teulon Chamber of Commerce to close a portion of Main Street from Third Avenue SE to Beach Road for a networking event on Aug. 31 from 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. The town will provide barricades at no cost to the organizers.

- The Town of Teulon will add the Canada Day committee and Canada Day event to the town's insurance certificate with the Association of Manitoba Municipalities.

- Council approved a request from the Interlake Women's Resource Centre to use the recreation office or council chambers at the Teulon Civic Centre free of charge for scheduled counselling sessions when available.

- Council conditionally approved a requested closure of a backlane from 1st Avenue SE to the library access on Friday, June 6 from 2 to 10 p.m. for a night market. The town will provide barricades at no cost to the organizers.

- Council rejected all bids in the trails expansion project at Teulon Rockwood Green Acres Park. The town will re-tender the project with revised specifications.

# Rosser council backs community with 2025 donations

By Jennifer McFee

There's joy in generosity.

The RM of Rosser is making \$30,700 in charitable donations and grants to many organizations in 2025, including \$5,000 to South West District Palliative Care plus \$1,000 for the gala.

Other contributions will go to Interlake Community Foundation (\$5,500), South Interlake Rockwood Agricultural Society (\$5,000) Community Resource Network/Town of Stonewall (\$4,000), Argyle Community Club (\$2,500) and South Interlake 55 Plus (\$2,500).

Funds will also go to the Vintage Locomotive Society Prairie Dog Central (\$2,000), Stonewall Quarry Days (\$1,000), Manitoba Farm Women's

Conference (\$700), Rockwood Festival of the Arts (\$500), Stony Mountain Community Association (\$500) and Stony Mountain Métis Local (\$500).

### IN OTHER COUNCIL NEWS:

- A burning ban went into effect May 7, prohibiting all outdoor fires including any fire set outdoors for any purpose, camp fires including backyard and park fire pits, garbage and yard waste burning, fireworks. Due to rainfall, as of May 20 the fire ban was lightened to allow burning in an approved fire pit, outdoor barbecue, outdoor fireplaces and outdoor warming receptacles. All other activities in the burning ban remain in effect as previously stated on May 7. Updates will be posted on the RM of Rosser website at [rmofrosser.com](http://rmofrosser.com).

- A road reconstruction project for Wheatfield Road began recently and is expected to last 10 weeks.

- Council will allow clean fill from the paving construction of Wheatfield Road to be placed at Rosser's quarry lands across from Little Mountain Park.

- Council gave second and third reading to a bylaw for 2025 tax

levy bylaw and adopted the 2025 financial plan.

- Council gave first reading to a bylaw to regulate the water distribution system within the RM of Rosser.

- The RM of Rosser will enter into an agreement with the provincial government for the Urban Home-town Green Team Program for 2025.

- BrookPort Business Park is donating to the municipality a small piece of unusable land at the northern edge of their business park. Council approved the donation.

- The RM of Rosser nominated Margaret Redmond as a director to represent the municipality on the Winnipeg Airports Authority Board.

- The RM of Rosser applied for a funding opportunity from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities for a climate adaption initiative and the first phase of climate resilience planning for Grassmere Watershed. If the municipality receives the federal funds, the RM will contribute \$50,000 towards the initiative. In addition, the RM of Rosser is entering into an agreement with the provincial minister of Environment and Climate Change regarding a request for \$15,000 in financial assistance to address core climate

risks in the municipality.

- Council and representatives are authorized to attend the Multi-Chamber Golf Tourney at Selkirk Golf Country Club on June 19, the Annual Ralph Eichler Golf tournament in Teulon on June 13 and the Association of Rural Municipalities Charity Golf Tournament in Teulon on Aug. 7. Expenses will be paid.

- Council approved the purchase of a 2025 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 for \$65,899.68 including tax from Birchwood Chevrolet for the public works department. The purchase will be funded through a transfer from the machinery and equipment replacement reserve.

- Council approved the purchase of a 2025 Ford F150 for the utility department from Steeltown Ford for \$51,696.93 including taxes with the trade-in of a 2020 Ford F150 valued at \$16,000. The purchase will be funded through a transfer from the utility reserve.

- Cartier Regional Water Co-op and its associated municipalities need to perform an engineering assessment by March 1, 2026. The RM of Rosser

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### Al-Anon and AA Meetings Information

**Balmoral Al-Anon Family Group**  
Balmoral Community Hall basement  
6003 E MB-236, Balmoral, MB  
Contact: (204) 470-8972  
Meets every Wednesday 7-8 PM  
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  
Meets every Sunday 7:30-8:30 PM



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**Clubroom Events for the Week of June 2**  
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**Thursday 4-10**  
**Friday - 5:30 BBQ 6:30 Meat Draw**  
**Saturday 2-close**  
*Thank-you to all that came out and  
attended our annual Decoration Day*  
**All are welcome - please support your local legion!**



# Council covers camps, cannabis and community events

By Jennifer McFee

Come one, come all!

Everyone is welcome to join in the fun at the Stonewall In Motion event on June 7 any time between 9 a.m. and noon at the Heritage Arts Centre.

At this free event, all ages of participants can look forward to a morning of activities to get bodies in motion — all while exploring Quarry Park. Activity stations will be set up throughout the park for individuals, groups and families.

Funded by Healthy Together Now, this program celebrates Manitoba Trails Day and Canada's Health and Fitness Day. At the same time, Stonewall In Motion will give people a chance to see all of the fun things they can do in Quarry Park.

Participants will be entered for a chance to win a free Kinsmen Lake family membership.

## IN OTHER COUNCIL NEWS:

- The Town of Stonewall and the RM of Woodlands are partnering on the regional water project. The provincial and federal governments have committed to fund a portion of the project. The Town of Stonewall has received approval from the Public Utilities Board to use a debenture surcharge. Council approved the submission of an application for borrowing approval to the Municipal Board.
- Council received and accepted a petition regarding the Ruby Roe

Tall Grass Prairie. The petition was in response to discussions between the town and the Interlake-Eastern Regional Health Authority inquiring about the potential use of property owned by IERHA, known as the Tall Grass Prairie, as a location for a new fire hall.

- A Buddy Bench will be placed in the northeast corner of Archie Gray Park. Town administration will look into options to address policing and improved lighting at the park based on concerns voiced by nearby residents.

The town will be installing No Parking signs in Snow Zone 2 starting this week. In most cases, the signs will be installed on the fire hydrant side of each street on the town's portion of the boulevard. Signs will be installed at the beginning, middle and end of each block. Works and operations employees will be marking spots where the signs will be placed.

Single-day registration is now open for Camp Summer Chill. The camp takes place Monday to Friday from July 2 to Aug. 19 at the Veterans Memorial Sports Complex. The cost is \$35 per day plus GST. Visit <https://app.univerusrec.com/stonewallpub/> to register for a single day or a full week. For more information, call 204-467-7920.

- Council tabled the readings of several bylaws pending Municipal Board approval.

Council gave first reading of a bylaw to assess and collect fees and charges to provide fire emergency services.

Council accepted a \$78,585.62 quote from K. Byle Skid-Steer Contracting to supply and install engineered fibar, which is a manufactured safety product for playgrounds, at Archie Gray Park and Quarry Park campground. Council had previously accepted a quote from Playgrounds-R-Us, but the company provided an amended quote. The amended quote was no longer the lowest bid, so council reconsidered it and accepted a different quote.

The provincial Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure consulted with Scatliff + Miller + Murray and KGS Engineering to complete studies and public engagement for plans to upgrade the north junction of Provincial Road 236 and Provincial Trunk Highway 67. Council heard from many local residents and businesses with concerns about the proposed changes. As a result, they provided a list of these concerns to the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure and the project and its scope. Council tabled a vote on the proposed plan while they wait for an updated plan from the provincial government.

The CAO and mayor will sign a development agreement for Flamingo Vape Ltd. to open and operate a cannabis retail store at 493 4th St. East.

The Town of Stonewall will host activities to recognize Orange Shirt Day on Sept. 30. In addition, council supports an application to

the provincial government's Orange Shirt Day Fund to support the activities.

Council accepted a \$43,331.41 quote from ICE Marketing & Consulting Ltd. to buy and install new rubber matting around the ice surface at Veterans Memorial Sports Complex.

Council accepted a \$900 quote from Prairie Pro Wash to clean exterior window frames, sills and glass at town hall.

Red River College Polytechnic's ECE Workplace students and instructors are organizing a Play Streets event on June 24 from 1 to 3 p.m. on 1st Street West between Centre Avenue and 1st Avenue South. The road will be closed for free play, and all are welcome to attend.

The Save the Kilns Committee is in discussions with council about a change of scope for the kiln restoration project. Council would like to hold a public meeting about the change and provide community members with options for the potential vision for the revised project. Council accepted a \$20,500 proposal for landscape architectural services prepared by Scatliff + Miller + Murray.

The South Interlake Planning District will host a public open house to provide an update on its development plan. A development plan is a policy document that guides land use and development throughout the district. The come-and-go event will take place on Thursday, June 5 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Heritage Arts Centre in Stonewall.

## Mother's Day draw gives back



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Pat Moldowan of the Stonewall Kinettes presents a \$1,200 cheque to Karen Chaboyer for the Food Bank. The funds were raised through the group's Mother's Day Elimination Draw, with additional proceeds supporting the Shopper's Drug Mart Walk for Mental Health and the Kinsmen National Bursary Fund.

## South Interlake ATV Club (SIATV)

Do you enjoy Quadding and the outdoors, meeting new people and travelling through Canada's back country? Creating lifelong memories and friends in the process.

The SIATV was the first ATV club in Manitoba and the Interlake Pioneer Trail was the first designated multiuse trail in Manitoba. The Interlake Pioneer Trail has been managed and maintained by the SIATV Club as a multiuse trail for all to use since 2009.

ATV'S and Side by Sides can ride from Stonewall to Fisher Branch through the R.M.'s of Rockwood, Woodlands, Armstrong and Fisher. Through farmland to the Boreal Forest, past the Narcisse Snake Dens, Inwood, Chatfield, Broad Valley and Fisher Branch.

We offer a safe and fun place to ride.

### For More Information Contact:

Cam @ (204) 651-1464

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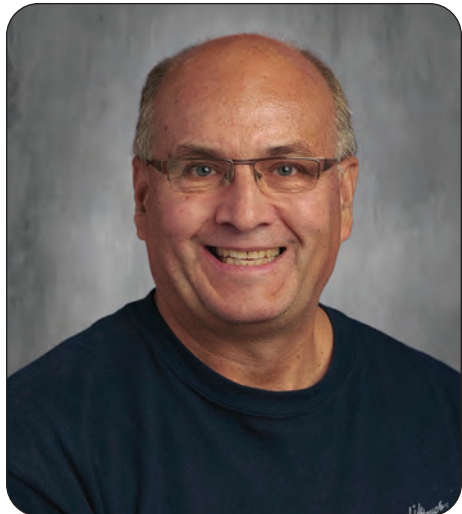




# Philippot, Broadfoot retire after decades of dedication to ISD

By E. Antonio

After a combined 48 years of service in the Interlake School Division, long-time staff members Robert Philippot and Lorna Broadfoot are retiring. From custodial care to front office support, both leave behind a legacy of warmth, community spirit and unwavering dedication to the students and schools they served.



Robert Philippot

## ROBERT PHILIPPOT

Robert Philippot is retiring from the Interlake School Division after 23 and a half years of service as a custodian.

He began working for the division in February 2001 and spent his entire ca-

reer at Collège Stonewall Collegiate.

Philippot said he cherishes the many friendships he made with staff and students over the years and holds fond memories of his time at the school. He particularly enjoyed helping out in the electrical classes, drawing on his background as a Red Seal electrician.

"Making people laugh and teasing the students was the best part of my day," he added.

In retirement, Philippot is looking forward to spending quality time with his family, working on home improvement projects, travelling and tackling woodworking projects.

"It's nice to finally have the time and energy to do the things I enjoy."

## LORNA BROADFOOT

Lorna Broadfoot is retiring from the Interlake School Division after 25 years of service.

Her journey began in 2000 as an educational assistant at Keystone Colony before transitioning into a secretarial role, where she spent the majority of her career.

Broadfoot has worked at Grosse Isle School, Centennial School and Woodlands School, and has been at Warren Collegiate Institute since 2007.

"I had volunteered at Woodlands School and been on parent adviso-



Lorna Broadfoot

ry councils in elementary and high school throughout my children's school years. Moving into a paid role was quite a natural transition," Broadfoot said.

She said she always enjoyed working with the community, and her career allowed her to do just that.

Broadfoot said her proudest moments came from the opportunities where she knew she made a difference.

"I am a great cheerleader for each individual's pursuits. I cheer for the under-

dog — and even though I am cheering for our students, if they get too far ahead, I tend to root for the other team so the score is closer."

Outside of school, Broadfoot is actively involved in her community. She serves as a councillor for the RM of Woodlands and volunteers at the Woodlands Museum. She added that she's grateful to ISD for supporting her community involvement.

As she heads into retirement, Broadfoot is looking forward to slower mornings and savouring her coffee. She plans to stay busy with small tasks around the house, volunteering, travelling and continuing to support WCI's track revival project.

She offered thanks to all her colleagues and shared a special message to the Class of 2025 and future graduates:

"Find that career you love and it will be like you never worked a day in your life. To students who are still in your school journey — get involved with your school. These are memories you will carry with you," she said.

"And I look forward to returning for your grad too."

**"FIND THAT CAREER YOU LOVE AND IT WILL BE LIKE YOU NEVER WORKED A DAY IN YOUR LIFE."**

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is requesting technical and financial assistance from the Manitoba Water Services Board to complete the water system engineering assessment. In addition, the RM will contribute \$2,000 towards these services.

- Council confirmed to the provincial department of Municipal Relations, Community and Regional Planning Branch that a farmstead subdivision application within CentrePort will not require a development agreement or capital lot levies to apply at this time but will be required when there is an application to rezone this property in the future.

- Council approved a \$1,000 donation to Interlake-Eastern Regional Health Authority to support the 2025 Family Medicine Resident Retreat that will be held in Brandon in September.

- Council approved 2025 membership in the Red River Basin Commission for \$350.

- Sophie Skierszkan was hired as a joint bylaw officer for South Interlake Planning District and the RM

of Rosser due to a vacancy.

- In an effort to improve traffic flow and safety, council approved changing the stop sign configuration at Farmer Road and Klimpke Road. The east and west stop signs are being removed on Farmer Road, while north and south stop signs will be installed on Klimpke Road. For four months, temporary warning signs will be in place on all four roadways approaching the changed intersection. In addition, the east gate of Little Mountain Sportsplex on Klimpke Road will be open until 8 p.m. every day year-round. After 8 p.m., the gate will be closed so that all departing traffic will need to use the north gate on Farmer Road.

- Council passed second and third reading of an aggregate transportation bylaw.

- An applicant for the inland port special planning area file made an appeal to the Municipal Board regarding the condition of approval.

- The developer Focus Equities proposed the name Bulldog Way for a new public road in the CentrePort Can-

ada Rail Park. Council approved the proposed name.

- The RM of Rosser is entering into an agreement with the Manitoba division of the Canadian Corps of Commissionaires to establish and maintain a local emergency response control group.

- The Municipal Act requires that documents and records be retained for a minimum period of time. Council authorized the destruction of certain municipal records in keeping with the Municipal Act.

- The RM of Rosser donated \$200 in gift cards to the Brandon 911 communications.

- The RM of Rosser entered into an agreement with WSP Canada Inc. to review, analyze and determine options for remedial measures to address drainage issues in BrookPort Business Park.

- Council approved the 2025 membership fees for the Hudson Bay Route Association at a cost of \$300.

- The RM of Rosser entered into a mutual aid agreement with the RM of Rockwood for emergency situations.

## Victoria United Church and Cemetery A Service of Remembering and Celebrating Rev. Mary Best officiating.



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# Stonewall Rockwood firefighters host an evening of fun



TRIBUNE PHOTOS BY JO-ANNE PROCTER

The Stonewall-Rockwood Fire Department outdid itself with a sold-out Backdrafts 'N Brews fundraiser at the Stonewall legion last Friday. More than 300 enthusiastic attendees came out to support the community while sampling a wide array of craft beers, coolers and non-alcoholic beverages. A portion of the proceeds will support the Stonewall-Rockwood Firefighters Association, local charities in Stonewall and a new scholarship fund. Pictured clockwise, top left: SRFD members pose with beer reps from Dastardly Villain Brewing Adam Cilinsky (SRFD), Alex De Groot (Dastardly Villain), Sheldon Sokoliuk (SRFD), Scott Tackaberry (Dastardly Villain) and Jesse Harrisko (SRFD). Ellis Brooks and Graeme McLean of Interlake Brewing Co. sample Torque Brewing beer poured by Blaine Cheadle and Whitney Fogg. Murray Campbell, Joe Langlois and Rich Carradice toast with a sample brew. A Heineken rep serves Scott and Jen McFadyen as she celebrates her 40th birthday at the event.

# Students dance together in harmony at Quarry Park



TRIBUNE PHOTOS BY JO-ANNE PROCTER

Nearly 100 students from École R.W. Bobby Bend and their teachers kicked up their heels during the school's annual Dance in the Park event at Quarry Park last Thursday and Friday. Held near the pond, the celebration showcased a variety of dance styles, from traditional to folk, with each routine telling its own story. Students embraced cultural expression and worked together through rhythm and movement — even mimicking a rowing crew in a choreographed dance that had them paddling in unison.



# Cadets celebrated at 17th Annual Ceremonial Review

By Lana Meier

With pride, applause and precision on parade, the 301 Alan McLeod V.C. Royal Canadian Air Cadet Squadron marked the conclusion of its training year during the 17th Annual Ceremonial Review on May 29 at the Stonewall Veterans Memorial Sports Complex.

Friends, family, dignitaries and staff gathered to celebrate the cadets' accomplishments — from leadership development to aviation knowledge and citizenship training. The event featured inspections, a formal parade, awards presentations and speeches recognizing the squadron's growth over the past year.

Lt.-Col. Tami Marchinko, CD, served as the reviewing officer and delivered an address emphasizing the lifelong value of the cadet experience.

"That was a fantastic parade. It is an honour to be here tonight to celebrate the accomplishments of your squadron," said Marchinko. "Tonight is a moment to recognize the people who make it all possible — the cadets, staff, volunteers and supporters. Tonight is a moment to reflect on your growth, your accomplishments and your resilience."

Marchinko, who began her cadet journey in 1984 with 633 Kamsack Squadron in Saskatchewan, praised the role the program plays in preparing youth for the future.

"The cadet program is designed to help you for life — to build leadership, confidence and the skills you will need to navigate an increasingly complex, diverse and fast-changing world. To the senior cadets, you are not just being taught — you are teaching each other. You are coaching, leading and supporting your peers. This is one of the most rewarding things your staff can witness," she said.

"To the cadets: thank you for showing up, stepping up and pushing yourself to grow. The positive impacts of participating in this program include things you may not realize until long after you've graduated. These are skills that will serve you



Sgt. Ryan Richen was honoured with the Best Morale and Esprit de Corps Award and received the plaque for Top Overall Cadet during the 301 Alan McLeod V.C. Squadron's 17th Annual Ceremonial Review.

well. Stand tall, be proud, keep learning and keep leading."

#### Honours and highlights

WO1 Calvin McCann served as parade Commander, joined by WO2 Ayden Domansky and WO2 Spencer Dicks in key leadership roles. Cadets presented a sharp march past and formal inspection to guests including Lakeside MLA Trevor King, Stonewall Coun. Kimberly Newman, legion president Ken Power and Air Cadet League representative Ian Greaves.

#### Awards presented during the evening included:

- Top Level Cadets: Cpl. Ruby Enzlberger (Level 1), FCpl. Brooklyn Barkley (Level 2), Sgt. Mason Reimer (Level 3), FSgt. Lillian Rurak (Level 4), and WO1 Calvin McCann (Level 5)
- Best Morale and Esprit de Corps: Sgt. Ryan Richen
- Most Improved Cadet: WO2 Spencer Dicks
- Jim Gray Memorial Award for Dress and Deportment: Sgt. Danielle Park
- Top Marksman: Sgt. Isla Petrie
- Top Overall Cadet: Sgt. Ryan Richen

#### Air Cadet League Service Medal

The Air Cadet League of Canada created this award to recognize con-



TRIBUNE PHOTOS BY LANA MEIER

As is tradition in the squadron, cadets perform a final march past in honour of WO2 Ayden Domansky, who aged out of the program following the 301 Alan McLeod V.C. Squadron's 17th Annual Ceremonial Review.



Roberta Van Caeyzeele is recognized for her years of dedicated service as squadron treasurer.

tinuous meritorious cadet service of at least four years. To qualify, cadets must have completed four consecutive years of honourable service with no serious infractions.

Air Cadet League of Canada Manitoba representative Ian Greaves presented medals and service bars to the following cadets:

**Four years of service:** Sgt. Akira Abacan, FSgt. Benjamin Jones, FSgt.



WO2 Ayden Domansky receives a graduation certificate from sponsor committee co-chairs Leah Mitchell and Ashley Sheldon.

Samuel Jones, FSgt. Stepan Lavrov, FSgt. Bryden Long, FSgt. Lillian Rurak, FSgt. Andrew Sheldon, FSgt. Emma Walton

**Five years of service:** WO1 Calvin McCann, WO2 Spencer Dicks, FSgt. Nicole Trippier

**Six years of service (second bar):** WO2 Ayden Domansky

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Lt. Bumstead serves as master of ceremonies.



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WO2 Domansky also received a graduation certificate and squadron coin as he prepares to age out of the program next month.

**Farewell to longtime volunteer**  
Treasurer Roberta Van Caeyzele was honoured for her years of service with the squadron's sponsoring committee. Commanding Officer Capt. Adam Daun noted her constant dedication and warm presence since the squadron's early days.

"Your love and kindness toward the staff and cadets throughout the years as you watched us grow into the people we've become today is always appreciated and will be sorely missed."

The evening concluded with a final salute, the departure of the reviewing officer and a special march past in honour of WO2 Domansky. Guests were invited to enjoy refreshments provided by the sponsoring committee.

Cadet activities will resume Sept. 4, with several members set to attend summer training camps across the country.



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY LANA MEIER  
Lt.-Col. Tami Marchinko, Capt. Adam Daun, Lakeside MLA Trevor King and Air Cadet League representative Ian Greaves conduct the official inspection during the 301 Alan McLeod V.C. Squadron's 17th Annual Ceremonial Review at the Stonewall Veterans Memorial Sports Complex.

# Stonewall Into the Future

## Secondary Plan and Zoning By-law Update



Stonewall is growing, and with that growth comes an exciting opportunity to shape our future. The Town is creating the Stonewall into the Future Secondary Plan and updating our Zoning By-law to guide land use planning and ensure we have vibrant neighborhoods, parks and recreation spaces, and places to work and shop.

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# Wildfire smoke already impacting Canadians' lungs

By Lana Meier

As wildfire season began affecting air quality across parts of the country, the Lung Health Foundation urged Canadians to take steps to protect their breathing ahead of Clean Air Day on Wednesday, June 4.

The national observance, held during Canadian Environment Week, aimed to highlight the importance of clean air for health and safety.

Air pollution — intensified by wildfire smoke — is the leading environmental risk to health in Canada, contributing to nearly 18,000 deaths each year. Its effects reached far beyond fire zones, with smoke drifting thousands of kilometres and placing millions of people at risk, particularly those with respiratory conditions such as asthma or COPD.

"Air pollution doesn't recognize postal codes — it can and will travel — and no level of exposure is safe," said Jessica Sit, who is the Lung

Health Foundation's manager of evidence to practice and a certified respiratory educator and registered respiratory therapist. "This makes it crucial for all Canadians to prepare — not just those near active wildfires. Readiness and optimizing your treatment are key to preventing symptom flare-ups and exacerbations."

To help Canadians safeguard their lung health during wildfire season, the Lung Health Foundation released five key tips:

- **Prep your home:** Replace HVAC air filters, check your carbon monoxide monitor, consider using a portable air cleaner with a HEPA filter and eliminate indoor pollutants such as tobacco smoke or vape fumes.

- **Build a lung-safe emergency kit:** Include prescribed medications, respiratory devices (spacer, mucus clearing device, CPAP), oxygen equipment, N95 masks, bottled water for use with oral medications, a health



PHOTO BY LANA MEIER

Thick smoke from early-season wildfires drifts through the area, prompting health warnings and air quality advisories across the region.

card and a copy of your personal action plan.

- **Stick with treatment:** Follow your treatment plan even if you're symptom-free and avoid known triggers.

- **Review your action plan:** Download an Asthma Action Plan or COPD Action Plan and review it with a healthcare provider.

- **Check the AQHI:** Monitor the Air Quality Health Index (AQHI) to determine when to stay indoors and reschedule outdoor activities.

"When clean air becomes compromised, having a written Asthma Action Plan or COPD Action Plan will

help you identify when your condition is worsening and give you confidence to adjust your medications to self-manage at home," Sit said.

The foundation emphasized that air pollution not only harms ecosystems and wildlife, but also poses a serious risk to human health. As fires continued to burn across the country, it encouraged Canadians to be proactive in protecting their lungs.

For wildfire preparation tips, lung health resources and downloadable action plans, the foundation directed people to visit [www.lunghealth.ca/wildfire-tips](http://www.lunghealth.ca/wildfire-tips).

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# Interlake artists sharing the secrets of their studios June 7-8

**By Patricia Barrett**  
Imagination having run wild will be on display during the upcoming 24th Annual WAVE Interlake Artists' Studio Tour.

Every summer and fall, WAVE member artists in communities such as Matlock, Winnipeg Beach, Gimli and Arborg open their studio doors and art caves to the public and share their innermost artistic thoughts, inspirational ideas and techniques.

Mediums on display include paint, jewelry, sculpture, clay, wood, photography, metal and paper.

Visitors can conduct their own tour of different studios to discover and unique arts and cultural expressions inherent in the region, as well as purchase art.

One of the artists about to reveal his artistic secrets is Arborg-based Jerry Maryniuk.

"This year's Wave's theme is 'Imagine,'" said Maryniuk, whose formal artistic training and work as a Winnipeg Police forensic artist (now retired) is borne out in painting, sculpting, cartoons and book-writing. "With this in mind, I created a number of pieces from old cattle bones, gourds, wood, rock and clay."

Maryniuk pays tribute to nature in some of his art, and he'll have on display an owl he sculpted from the vertebrae of beef cattle. He said there will "many more such surprises" at his studio, as well as at other artists' studio.

Maryniuk is probably best known for his thunder gourds, which people love. He grows the gourds himself and turns them into art. He'll have those on display at his studio. He'll also showcase forensic art — skeletal remains reconstruction, which Maryniuk did as a police officer and which "most people find very interesting."

Visitors to his Arborg studio can also see the evolution of his work on a new cartoon called The Rusty Years.

"These new cartoons will appear in my next book, which is well on its way to being completed. It's about old people laughing at getting old rather than crying about it," said Maryniuk,

who likes to instil humour in much of his art.

Visitors will have a chance to weigh in on future art pieces Maryniuk will be creating.

Maryniuk is a co-founder of the Winnipeg Police Service retired members' PTSD peer support group — which in addition to police officers has fire, paramedics, military and corrections personnel and civilian staff in the group — and he'll have art such as worry stones at his studio.

"Worry stones are a tool for people with anxiety and other PTSD-related symptoms. The worry stones were collected by me and my wife on the shores of Lake Winnipeg," he said.

Maryniuk will be teaming up later this summer with artist Georgina Ball and the Arborg-based Creative Cocoon to host an art show in Arborg on Aug. 8 and 9.

The summer WAVE tour is scheduled for June 7 and 8.

For information about the 16 artists in the show and directions to their studios, visit [www.watchthewave.ca](http://www.watchthewave.ca)

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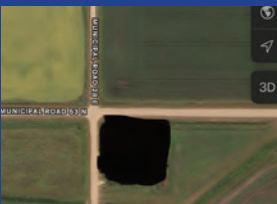
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# TOPS honours Manitoba's 'thinner winners' at provincial conference

By Annaliese Meier

The 2024 Provincial Recognition Awards Conference for TOPS (Taking Off Pounds Sensibly) took place May 9 and 10 in Brandon, drawing more than 140 members from across Manitoba to celebrate significant weight-loss achievements.

TOPS honoured members who had the highest recorded weight losses of the year — known affectionately as the “thinner winners” — as well as those who have shed 25 pounds or more since joining the program.

Among the top achievers was Winnipeg's Joan Zaretsky, who lost more than 26 pounds in 2024 and over 40 pounds in total. She earned first place in Division III for Manitoba and credited her success to support from her local TOPS chapter and a combination of practical lifestyle changes.

“It was time I did something to improve my health,” Zaretsky said in her acceptance speech. “I had tried so many ‘no-fail’ diet plans with temporary results. TOPS was different — it was affordable, supportive and filled with real people who understood the struggle.”

Founded on peer support and sen-

sible strategies, TOPS has 40 chapters across Manitoba. Each group meets weekly for weigh-ins, educational discussions and mutual encouragement. Membership costs about \$70 USD annually, with rates decreasing over time.

Originally joining TOPS in Arizona during the winter, Zaretsky continued her journey after returning to Winnipeg, where she found a new group that welcomed her like family.

“There are no calorie counts or costly plans,” she said. “Just a friendly, compassionate group working toward better health. We laugh, we support one another, and we always look to tomorrow as a new beginning.”

Zaretsky also credited her chapter leader, Carmen Ellis, for helping her and others stay motivated each week. “Just as it takes a village to raise a child, I believe it takes a TOPS family to encourage each member to become the healthiest person they can possibly be.”

Regional coordinator Liz Lund-

strom, based in Dryden, Ont., encouraged attendees to set a goal of losing at least 10 pounds this year. She also reminded them that it only takes four interested individuals to start a new chapter — perhaps even reviving past groups like the one that once existed in Stonewall.

To find or start a chapter, or to become an on-line member, visit TOPS.org. For more information, contact Lundstrom at lizlundstromtops@gmail.com.

Zaretsky said she hasn't yet reached her goal weight, but her sights are set on becoming a KOPS — Keeping Off Pounds Sensibly — member.

“With fun and laughter along the way, I know I'll get there,” she said.

“IT WAS TIME I DID SOMETHING TO IMPROVE MY HEALTH.”



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Joan Zaretsky of Winnipeg was recognized with a first-place Division III award at the 2024 TOPS Provincial Recognition Awards Conference in Brandon after losing 26 pounds in 2024 and 40 pounds overall to date through the TOPS peer-support weight-loss program.

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# Provincial grant leads to free childcare transportation

By Jennifer McFee

An innovative transportation initiative is getting a boost through a provincial government grant.

Last year, Teulon resident Kirt Ansell customized a retired school bus to look like a life-sized toy car nicknamed Hot One. He envisioned using the eye-catching bus to transport daycare kids on field trips and other outings, so he started up a non-profit childcare transportation project now known as Hot One Transport.

Based on the organization's successful launch last year, Ansell applied for and received a provincial grant to cover the cost of busing services for children's activities.

"The Province of Manitoba's From the Ground Up grant was awarded to Hot One Transport to fill the gap to provide cost-effective childcare transport for childcare organizations to move children within the Interlake to various summertime opportunities," Ansell said.

"The service is now free of charge to childcare organizations, and that's been well received by the return customers from 2024. So if you're a daycare, school, summer camp or children's sporting team, you can book the service free of charge so you can give your kids the experience of a field trip to other communities within Interlake."

The impetus for the idea began five years ago when Ansell founded a

100-space non-profit childcare facility called Playstreet Childcare in a former fire-training facility through his company Ansell Managed Properties. The unique space included a vehicle bay that formerly housed a fire-training vehicle.

Ansell tried to think of a way to use the vehicle bay to complement the daycare. During his time on the daycare board, he noticed that rural childcare organizations often didn't have the same access to summer amenities as larger communities.

"We all want what's best for our children. I figured it would be really cool to see the daycare's children get the opportunity to experience things outside of their community," he said.

"Rural communities in the Interlake don't have services such as taxis, Ubers or a city transit network so, historically, rural communities' children simply lose out on the opportunity for summer field trips."

After he stepped down from his Playstreet Childcare board position, Ansell started up Hot One Transport as another not-for-profit organization.

In March 2024, restoration efforts wrapped up for a bright orange bus designed to resemble a kid's Hot Wheels toy. The eye-catching bus made its first appearance at the 2024 World of Wheels event where it won first place for best in class. Last summer, the Hot One remained a popu-



TRIBUNE PHOTO SUBMITTED

Children line up beside the eye-catching Hot One bus, a repurposed school bus made to resemble a toy car, now offering free transportation for Interlake childcare organizations thanks to provincial funding.

lar attraction at parades, children's events and more throughout the region.

"I continue to be amazed every time I take the bus out as to the attention that it draws," he said. "Kids love it, but the parents love it even more."

In addition to offering childcare transportation, Ansell has also started hiring out the bus out for adult functions as well.

"I charged a flat rate for the adult functions and used the income to subsidize the fees that had to be charged to daycares for the service because the new service had expenses and the

bills needed to be paid, of course," he said.

"In 2024, the bus service was used from everything from private family functions, community group outings, kids' field trips, sporting events, summer camps and, of course, providing transport for children enrolled in daycares. Basically, if you didn't have a bus for your organization, you now had access to one."

Plenty of dates are still available for 2025 summer outings. Anyone interested in booking an event for their group of children can contact Ansell at 204-886-7717.

# Ride For Dad plate unveiled to support prostate cancer fight

By Annaliese Meier

Motorcyclists in Manitoba now have a new way to show their support in the fight against prostate cancer.

Manitoba Public Insurance has unveiled a new Ride For Dad specialty licence plate, with proceeds directed to the Manitoba Prostate Cancer Support Group. The announcement was made Saturday during the annual Ride For Dad kickoff event in Winnipeg.

"Working with groups like Ride For Dad, and the many others we've partnered with over the years, to create specialty licence plates helps generate critical funding for charities in the province," said Satvir Jatana, president and CEO of MPI. "We are proud to support communities across Manitoba and groups like Ride For Dad and MPCSG, who are making a direct impact on the lives of people impacted by prostate cancer."

The plate — the 15th design available under MPI's Specialty Plate Pro-

gram — will cost \$70, with \$30 from each sale going to MPCSG. The organization offers education, awareness and support to Manitobans affected by prostate cancer.

Justice Minister Matt Wiebe, who is also responsible for MPI, praised the partnership.

"Prostate cancer affects thousands of Manitobans, and our government is pleased to partner with MPI and unveil the Ride For Dad specialty licence plate in support of this very important cause," said Wiebe. "These plates are one way Manitobans can show solidarity in the fight against cancer and support life-saving research and education right here in our province."

Since its inception, the Specialty Plate Program has raised more than \$5.5 million for local causes.

Ride For Dad co-chair Moe Sabourin said the plate is already generating excitement in the motorcycle community.

"The announcement of an official



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Officials gathered to unveil the new Ride For Dad specialty licence plate, which will support prostate cancer awareness and education in Manitoba. Pictured, from left: Justice Minister Matt Wiebe, Kirk Van Alstyne, Maria Campos, Carmen Nedohin and Moe Sabourin.

Manitoba Motorcycle Ride For Dad licence plate has the motorcycle community buzzing and will support

prostate cancer awareness and education throughout the province," Sabourin said.



## Blue Jays split doubleheader against Orioles in MJB L action

By Kieran Reimer

The Interlake Jr. Blue Jays are hoping to get over the hump in the Manitoba Junior Baseball League this season.

Last year, the Jays were eliminated in the semifinal by Elmwood, falling just short of a finals appearance in a decisive Game 5.

This year, the roster looks a little different, but the end goal remains the same, according to head coach Dave Meyers.

"It's a pretty good group of kids, pretty strong team," said Meyers. "Got good pitching, which is always good, so when you have that, you're always going to be in games."

Now entering the fourth week of the season, the Jays have been competitive in every outing.

They currently sit at 3-3 after alternating wins and losses, with each defeat coming by four runs or fewer.

Their record puts them fifth in the seven-team league, though they're tied for the fewest games played.

This past weekend, the Jays travelled to Altona on Friday and picked



Nolan Wright was the starting pitcher for the Interlake Blue Jays in Game 1 against the Orioles.

up their third win of the season with a 7-5 victory over the Bisons.

They followed up with an 8-6 loss to St. Boniface on Sunday in a game where they left 12 runners on base.

"It was just a matter of not getting timely hitting when you needed it yesterday, so other than that, the game was pretty good," said Meyers.



TRIBUNE PHOTOS BY RICK HIEBERT

Interlake Blue Jays' Keenan Allen slides in headfirst and is safe at third base during Game 1 of a doubleheader against the Pembina Valley Orioles on May 25 in Winkler.



Interlake Blue Jays' Tyler Olson steals second base.

The Jays will now turn their attention to a trio of games this coming weekend, including a doubleheader at Quarry Park in Stonewall.

They'll face Elmwood on Friday at 6 p.m. at Koskie Field in their second meeting of the season.

Sunday's home doubleheader will be at 1 p.m. and 4 p.m., when the Jays take on the Carillon Sultans for the first time this year.

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# Rams stunned by Vikings in provincial semifinals

By Kieran Reimer

The Stonewall Rams varsity girls softball team appeared destined for a provincial championship.

An undefeated season in tournaments and league games brought the girls to a 15-0 record heading into the Manitoba High Schools Athletic Association provincial softball championship semifinals Saturday against the Vincent Massey (Brandon) Vikings.

The Rams also had home field advantage as the tournament hosts.

All signs pointed to a finals appearance — until the Vikings stunned the undefeated hosts with an 8-5 win in the semifinal, ending Stonewall's gold medal bid.

Rams coach Curtis Grieve said it was tough to regroup for the bronze medal game, which followed shortly after.

The Rams, however, rose to the challenge and defeated Northlands Parkway 5-1 to claim bronze — marking their second consecutive third-place finish at provincials.

"It's hard to even step on the field for the bronze medal game after that, but our girls really did an awesome job of putting that semifinal behind them, moving forward and playing one of our best games in the tournament to come away with the bronze," said Grieve. "In hindsight, when you look at it, it stings for a short time. It stings this week, it might sting next week, but to know that you were the third-best team in the province that weekend. There's nothing these girls need to be unhappy with. They played, they competed hard, we just came up short in one game. Who knows what happens if we win that one?"

The Rams ultimately finished the season with a 16-1 record.

And though bronze wasn't their initial goal, the future remains bright for the team, with only Chloe Beresford aging out.

"We're on a pretty steady path for this softball team," said Grieve. "There are some Grade 8s coming up that are pretty decent, and some really good Grade 7s out there too. I think we're in a position where we're going to compete and be in the top three or four teams in the province — probably for the next five years, if not longer, with what we have coming up."

"We lost a valuable member with Chloe Beresford. I don't think anybody can argue her value to our team. She's our captain, she's our team leader, and we'll roll out the players next year, but she's a player that's tough to replace with what she brings."

The Rams varsity boys baseball team didn't find the same success in



Abi Minnie and Sierra Slatcher were selected MHSAA 2025 Provincial Softball Championships All-Stars.



Stonewall Rams captain Chloe Beresford receives a bouquet of roses from her teammates after playing her final high school softball game during the MHSAA provincial championship in Stonewall. Beresford was the team's lone graduating player.



Rams Brody Slatcher rounds third after hitting a home run.

their provincial run, which also took place in Stonewall.

Their tournament ended after two days, as they dropped both Pool 2 games — falling to Steinbach Region-



TRIBUNE PHOTOS BY LANA MEIER

Stonewall Rams Varsity girls softball team are the MHSAA 2025 Provincial Softball bronze medallist after defeating Northlands Parkway 5-1 in Stonewall on May 30. Pictured left to right, back row: Dennis Woods (coach), Brenda Woods (coach), Peyton Rinn, Sierra Slatcher, Lucy Hoff, Katie Braid, Abi Minnie, Kassie Siwak, Riley Swanson and Curtis Grieve (coach). Front row: Keira Pattie, Sara Vande, Paige Powroznik, Chloe Beresford, Olivia Hagen, Avery Deprez and Jordyn Chetyrbok.



Rams' Avery Deprez makes a play at second to get a Northlands Parkway player out as teammate Jordyn Chetyrbok looks on during Stonewall's 5-1 win to claim provincial bronze.



Wildcats' Rhet King chases down a Gopher player in a hotbox in his team's 15-4 loss at Atree Field in Grosse Isle on May 29.

al and Birtle/Hamiota/Rosburn/Shoal Lake (Co-op) — placing them third in the group and missing the playoff round.

The Warren Wildcats boys baseball team also had a similar exit, finishing third in Pool 3 after losses to Garden City and Neepawa.



# U13 Phillies sweep Wildcats with dominant bats and sharp pitching

By Annaliese Meier

The Interlake Phillies U13 squad put together a pair of strong all-around performances Sunday, defeating the Eastman Wildcats U13 AAA 9-2 and 8-2 in a home doubleheader.

In Game 1, the Phillies broke the game open with a five-run fourth inning that featured four hits and a walk. Adree Williams drew a bases-loaded walk, Krystal Crampton followed with an RBI single, Kardyn Reimer drove in another with a single to centre, and Kahlie Minnie capped the frame with a two-run single.

Interlake had taken the lead earlier in the third inning, scoring three runs on back-to-back singles from Brooklyn Chetyrbok and Reimer, followed by a sacrifice fly from Minnie. The Phillies opened the scoring in the first when Minnie knocked in a run with a single.

Reimer started in the circle for Interlake, allowing one unearned run

on one hit over three innings while striking out five. Crampton appeared in relief.

The Phillies collected 10 hits, with Minnie driving in four runs on a 2-for-2 outing. Reimer and Crampton each had multi-hit performances.

Eastman tied the game at 1-1 in the third on an RBI groundout from Kylie P. Abby M. went 2-for-2 for the Wildcats, and Sarah L. drove in one run on a single.

Interlake continued its momentum in Game 2 with a six-run second inning, capitalizing on multiple Wildcats errors and timely hitting. An RBI single from Crampton, a run-scoring fielder's choice from Chetyrbok and three unearned runs put the Phillies up early.

Reimer again got the start, tossing three innings and allowing one run on one hit while striking out five. Crampton again pitched in relief.

Interlake collected 11 hits in the

second game, led by Reimer's 3-for-3 performance. Brinley R. added an RBI, and Crampton, Chetyrbok and Minnie all reached base.

Rooney L., Jaycee N. and Browning H. recorded Eastman's hits.

The Phillies U13 host Smitty's Terminators U13 2025 this Saturday.

## PHILLIES U17 DROP PAIR TO WINNIPEG LIGHTNING

The Interlake Phillies U17 dropped two games to the visiting Winnipeg Lightning 17U on Sunday, falling 10-6 and 9-5.

In Game 1, the Phillies rallied to take a 4-3 lead after Olivia Hagan's RBI single tied the game in the fourth and Taylor Henderson drove in the go-ahead run in the fifth. But the Lightning responded with four runs in the sixth, capitalizing on a pair of errors, before Bella Carriere crushed a three-

run homer in the seventh to put the game out of reach.

Hagan went 2-for-3 with two RBIs to lead Interlake's nine-hit attack. Kassie Siwak took the loss, allowing six earned runs over six and one-third innings.

Game 2 saw Interlake jump ahead 3-0 after the first inning with help from an Eastman error and a two-run double by Hagan. But Winnipeg rallied again, scoring four in the fifth and pulling away with a two-run sixth.

Keira Pattie led the Phillies with a 3-for-4 outing, while Riley Swanson added a 2-for-2 performance. Peyton Rinn pitched a complete game in the loss, giving up nine runs — only three earned — on 10 hits.

Winnipeg's Dayle Bettens went 3-for-4, while Zoe Freynet and Ava Hepburn each drove in two.

The Phillies host Winnipeg Lightning 17U again this Friday.

# Young Orioles showing early promise under new season's guidance

By Annaliese Meier

The U18 AAA Orioles are showing early signs of promise this season under the guidance of head coach Eric Swanson, despite being one of the younger teams in the league.

"We've had a good start to the season," said Swanson. "We're a very young team, so there's lots of room for improvement, but we had a good showing at the St. James tournament and we've played some solid games against strong league opponents so far."

Among the early standouts are Daniel Forsythe and Cole Swanson, who have delivered strong performances. Swanson also noted that several younger players have been a pleasant surprise, stepping up and contributing in meaningful ways.

"What I like most about this group

so far is that they seem very eager to learn and get better, which makes it a lot more fun when we're at the field," he said.

The Orioles went 1-2 over a trio of games this past week. They dropped a 7-4 decision to the Bonivital Black Sox on Tuesday at Whittier Park, then split a doubleheader with Pembina Hills on Sunday at Glenboro Rec Centre. The Orioles fell 10-2 in the opener before bouncing back with a 12-8 win in the second game.

The Orioles' next game is Tuesday, June 3 at 6:30 p.m. in Grosse Isle, where they'll face the North Winnipeg Pirates. After that, they'll play the Carillon Sultans on Thursday, June 5 at 7 p.m. at AD Penner Park in Steinbach; the Winnipeg South Wolves on Sunday, June 8 at 7 p.m. at Charleswood Place; and the Bonivi-

tal Black Sox on Tuesday, June 10 at 7 p.m. at Whittier Park.

Fans looking to follow the team's progress can stay up to date through their official Instagram page. Swanson says the energy and eagerness of this year's roster has made the season especially rewarding.

The 2025 U18 AAA Orioles roster includes Ashton Baldwin, Bennett Bergthorson, Kieran Callewaert, Chase Corbett, Samuel Corbett, Ryden Dalgliesh, Daniel Forsythe, Connor Grenkow, Easton Killbery, Hunter Loewen, Ashton Martens, Carson Schaeffer, Brody Slatcher, Cole Swanson and Joshua Tristram.

The team is coached by Eric Swanson, Emerson Klimpke and Bryce Baldwin, with Leanne Corbett serving as manager.

The 13U AAA Interlake Orioles had

the week off from regular season action but travelled to Winkler for an exhibition match on Wednesday. The Orioles came out on the losing side, falling 12-4. They'll return to league play this week, entering with a 1-2 record.

Upcoming Game: Tuesday, June 3 vs. Winnipeg South Wolves, 6:30 p.m. at Charleswood Place.

The 15U AAA Interlake Orioles dropped a 10-5 decision to the Red River Valley Pioneers on Sunday at Atree Field. Still in search of their first regular season win, the Orioles will look to bounce back this week.

Upcoming Game: Wednesday, June 4 vs. North Winnipeg Pirates, 6:30 p.m. at West St. Paul Sunova Complex.

# United drop second straight as comeback falls short

By Kieran Reimer

Stonewall United found themselves chasing from behind for the second straight match on Thursday.

United went down 2-0 in the first half to YFC FC at Buhler Recreation Park, before Kevin Penner made it 2-1 midway through the second with a quick strike off a rush up the wing. The goal narrowed the deficit, but it was as close as United would get, ultimately falling 2-1.

After starting the season 2-0, United

has cooled off and now sits at 2-2 in the Manitoba Major Soccer League's Division 3A.

Despite the result, United's Matt Olnick saw signs of improvement compared to their previous 2-1 loss to Dunvegan Castle.

"I don't think we played bad. I think we played better than the game prior. I mean, I know they're both 2-1 losses, but I do see improvement," said Olnick.

United played Thursday's match

without starting goalkeeper Steffan Hillock, who had allowed just two goals through three matches. David Deroche stepped in between the pipes and nearly helped steal a point had United found an equalizer.

The loss drops Stonewall to a share of fourth place, but they now return home for three of their next four matches at Stonewall Veterans Memorial Sports Complex Field.

"It's the perfect storm. It's exactly what we're looking for," said Olnick.

"We played some tough games on the road. We've got some results and didn't get some results. Now we're playing in our own backyard with great fan support, hopefully some good weather. If we happen to be playing a weaker team and come out on top, that changes the mood of the team — and we're right back to a winning record. That's what we want."

United's home opener is set for Friday, June 6 against 313FC at 7:30 p.m.



# Activities for Seniors in Your Area



**Activity Centre**  
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204-467-2582 si55plus@mymts.net  
Tuesday-Friday: 8:30am-4:00pm

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To renew or become a new member, check out our website at  
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**Information Presentations**

**Funeral Planning:** June 12, 7:00 pm -presented by Eirik Bardal,  
MacKenzie Funeral Home

**Estate Planning:** June 26, 6:00 pm - presented by Doug & Dwayne  
Grantham, Grantham Law Office

Please call 204-467-2582 by June 10 to register for these complimentary presentations.

**Trip to Pineridge Hollow**

**Thursday, June 12**

Depart 9:15 am from Lions Manor,  
Entrance 1 and 9:30 am from South  
Interlake 55 Plus

Members: \$20 / Non-Members \$25  
(Lunch at your own expense)

Registration deadline: Tuesday, June 10

**June Luncheon**

**Wednesday, June 18 - 12:00 pm**

Pulled Pork on a Bun  
Entertainment by Dave Lavallee  
Tickets: \$15.00 - Advance Tickets Only.  
Tickets available at  
South Interlake 55 Plus Office, 374 1st  
Street West, Stonewall 204-467-2582  
Deadline to purchase tickets: Friday, June 13

**St. Vital Centre Shopping Trip**

**Thursday, June 19**

Depart 9:15 am from Lions Manor,  
Entrance 1 and 9:30 am from South  
Interlake 55 Plus

Members: \$20 / Non-Members \$25  
Registration deadline: Tuesday, June 17

**Trip to South Beach Casino**

**Tuesday, June 24**

Depart 9:15 am from Lions Manor,  
Entrance 1 and 9:30 am from South  
Interlake 55 Plus  
Members: \$20 / Non-Members \$25  
Registration deadline: Friday, June 20

**Strawberry Social**

**Thursday, July 10, 1:00 pm**

Entertainment by Tannis Tyler  
Tickets: \$10.00 - Advance Tickets Only.  
Tickets available at  
South Interlake 55 Plus Office, 374 1st Street  
West, Stonewall 204-467-2582  
Deadline to purchase tickets: Friday, July 4

**Rainbow Stage**

**Tuesday, July 8  
Rock of Ages**

Members \$95 / Non-members: \$100  
Please register and pay by Tuesday, June 11  
Leave Lions Manor, Entrance 1 at 6:10 pm  
and South Interlake 55 Plus at 6:15 pm

**FOLKLORAMA**

**Tuesday, August 5 - Africa Pavilion and Philippines Pavilion**

**Tuesday, August 12 - German Pavilion and Croatian Pavilion**

Depart from Lions Manor and South Interlake 55 Plus at 5:00 pm

Cost for each date: Members \$90 / Non-members: \$95  
(Cost includes bus, show, food and beverage)

Registration and payment deadline for BOTH dates: Friday, July 4

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Line Dancing  
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Our office is located in the Stonewall Lions Manor at 622 Centre Avenue, Entrance 4.

**204-467-2719 www.sisrc.ca**

The South Interlake Seniors Resource Council offers services for seniors and those with disabilities to help them to remain independent and safe in their homes and communities. With the help of volunteers and our fee for service workers, we provide these services to the town of Stonewall, the RM's of Rosser, Woodlands and the southern portion of Rockwood.

**PELVIC FLOOR DYSFUNCTION PRESENTATION**

**THURSDAY JUNE 5TH, 2025 2-3 PM**

**LIONS MANOR - 622 CENTRE AVE - Stonewall - ENTRANCE 4**

Bladder leaks when you cough or sneeze? It's common - but not normal.  
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Join us on June 5th to learn how to take charge of your pelvic health. You don't have to live with these issues - help is available!

**South Interlake Seniors Resource Council Inc.**

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Wednesday, June 11th, 2025 @ 1:30 pm**

Lions Manor Multipurpose Room (Entrance One), 622 Centre Avenue, Stonewall  
**Everyone Welcome!**

**Understanding Dementia in Long Term Care**

Learn more about Alzheimer's disease and other dementias, how it can impact behaviour, and gather tips for visiting someone with dementia in long-term care. An overview of Alzheimer Society programs and services will also be shared.

**Presented by Samantha Holland,**

**First Link® Regional Team Lead, Alzheimer Society of Manitoba**

**Thursday June 26th, 2025 • 2-3 pm**

Lions Manor (Entrance 4) 622 Centre Ave, Stonewall

**Call Seniors Resource to Register by June 25th at 204-467-2719**



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*Providing a Helping Hand*

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In accordance with Section 174.1 of The Municipal Act the Town of Stonewall will consider the following proposal to borrow \$500,000.00 (General Borrowing By-Law 07-25) at their Regular Meeting of Council on:  
**Wednesday, June 18, 2025 at 6:30 PM**  
General Borrowing By-Law 07-25 is proposed to pay for:

- A roadwork project to upgrade approximately 560 meters of Limestone Bay from gravel to asphalt
- The total estimated cost of the project is \$600,000 with \$500,000 to be funded by borrowing and \$100,000 to be funded by the Canada Community Building Fund
- The borrowing will be repaid over 10 years at a maximum interest rate of 5.5% per year
- The annual repayment amount will be no more than \$66,333.88 to be levied annually as part of the general municipal levy

Copies of the proposal to borrow and information about this capital project will be available for review and may be examined by any person on the Town of Stonewall website at www.stonewall.ca after June 5, 2025. Alternatively, a paper copy may be requested from the Town Office located at 293 Main Street by calling 204-467-7979.  
Dated at the Town of Stonewall this 3rd day of June, 2025.  
Wally R. Melnyk, CMMA, CPA, CGA  
Chief Administrative Officer  
Town of Stonewall

**OPEN HOUSE**  
  
**STONEWALL KILN RESTORATION PHASE 2 PROPOSAL**  
You are invited to attend an open house event to learn more about the next steps Stonewall Kiln Restoration Project. This meeting will be an opportunity to view the proposal for Phase 2 as well as address questions.  
You can participate in the Open House - which will take place from **6:30 - 8:00 PM on Tuesday, June 10<sup>th</sup>** - in person at the Heritage Arts Centre in Stonewall.  

<b>TUESDAY JUNE 10</b>	<b>6:30 PM- 8:00 PM</b>	<b>HERITAGE ARTS CENTRE 166 MAIN STREET, STONEWALL</b>
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Complete job postings are available for review through the RM of Armstrong website at: [www.rmofarmstrong.com](http://www.rmofarmstrong.com)

To apply, submit your resume to Jacky Syberg at jsyberg@peoplefirsthr.com

Applications will be reviewed starting June 16.  
Only those selected for an interview will be contacted.



## REQUEST FOR TENDER (RFT)

### Expansion to Trails in Teulon-Rockwood Green Acres Park

The Town of Teulon requires the services of expansion and improvement to existing recreational trails in Teulon-Rockwood Green Acres Park.

Detailed RFT packages complete with specifications are available to interested bidders on our website at [www.teulon.ca](http://www.teulon.ca) or at the Town office at 44 Fourth Ave, Teulon, Monday to Friday 9:00 to 4:30.

Any questions regarding the RFT can be directed to Chris Yuen, CAO, at 204-886-2314 or by email: [info@teulon.ca](mailto:info@teulon.ca).

If you wish to be considered for this assignment, please submit your tender to the following address **no later than NOON - Thursday, June 19:**

Chris Yuen, CAO  
Town of Teulon  
PO Box 69 - 44 Fourth Ave SE  
Teulon, MB R0C 3B0  
[info@teulon.ca](mailto:info@teulon.ca)

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## THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF ARMSTRONG UNDER THE PLANNING ACT

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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

**Tuesday, June 24, 2025  
1:00 P.M.**

**Armstrong Municipal Office  
1094 PTH 17, Inwood MB R0C 1P0**

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

**VARIATION ORDER: # 01/2025**

**ROLL NO:** 0088998.000

**OWNER:** Clinton Graham

**APPLICANT:** Clinton Graham

**AREA AFFECTED:** Legal Description: Lot 1 Block 40584, 110098 Road 14E

**ZONE:** Rural Residential Zoning District

**SUBJECT:** Vary the building site area from 1,000 sq. ft. to 1,500 sq. ft.

**PROPOSED VARIANCE:** Vary the building site area from 1,000 sq. ft. to 1,500 sq. ft. allowing for the construction of a 30 x 50 ft shop

### For further information, please contact:

Colleen Mayer, CAO Phone: 1 (204) 278-3377  
Rural Municipality of Armstrong Fax: 1 (204) 278-3437  
Box 69, Inwood, MB R0C 1P0 e-mail: [cao@rmofarmstrong.com](mailto:cao@rmofarmstrong.com)

Documents related to the matter to be considered at the hearing may be inspected or copied at the RM of Armstrong Office during normal office hours, Monday to Friday.



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Remembering your childhood...  
a time so long ago.  
The way life unfolds, we will never know.  
Tragedy struck our family out of the blue.  
Forever difficult to believe we lost you.  
In your short 21 years you gave us much love  
and joy.  
Kind, loving, thoughtful, full of life, from the  
time you were a little girl  
We hold these precious memories close in our  
hearts forever,  
It hurts to miss you, and it will always be this  
way.  
I forever wish you were home with us.  
Sadly, I know the reality of what can never be.  
We carry on the best we can, as we try to stay  
strong.  
The time since we hugged you, has been too  
long.  
Our hearts will always ache.  
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## OBITUARY



**Marilynn (Lynn) Warkentin**

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Marilyn (Lynn) Warkentin at the age of 63 on April 2, 2025. Lynn died peacefully, surrounded by her three beloved children at the Selkirk Regional Hospital after a short but courageous battle with cancer.

She is survived by her loving husband Robert (Robb) Warkentin and children Emma (Stefan), Bobbi-Jo (Sheldon), Sam (Stephanie). As well as siblings, Mark (Cheryl) Cardinal of Vancouver, BC, Mae (Ron) McDonald of Lac La Biche, AB and Marian (Roger) Ebanks of Stouffville, ON. In addition, she was loved by her many nieces and nephews and many friends.

She was predeceased by her parents, Bernice Cardinal and Peter Cardinal.

Lynn was born and raised in Lac La Biche, AB and trained as an RCMP Constable in Regina. She later shifted careers and came to

work for Manitoba Hydro where she met her husband, Robb. Lynn had a 35 year career at Hydro from which she retired in 2018. Never one to be idle, Lynn continued to use her extensive skill set working part-time in a variety of ways. She helped out at her sister's North Country Outfitting, retail sales and her last role was Office Administrator at ReMax Town and Country.

Among her many accomplishments - serving and protecting as an RCMP Constable, obtaining her MBA, compiling an extensive genealogy of her Metis heritage - she was most proud of her role as Mamma-Bear to her three beloved children. Lynn was known for being the most supportive and loudest parent in the stands, "YOU ROCK!!!!"

"I'll love you forever,  
I'll like you for always,  
As long as I'm living,  
my baby you'll be."  
— Robert N. Munsch

A Celebration of Lynn's life took place on Monday, June 2, 2025 in Winnipeg. In honour of Lynn's bright and colourful personality, everyone wore colour(s) as radiant as she was.

## OBITUARY



**Melanie Martens (Kiesman)**

**November 2, 1965 – May 21, 2025**

It is with deep sorrow that we announce the passing of Melanie Martens (née Kiesman), who passed away peacefully at the age of 59 in Mitchell, Manitoba, on May 21, 2025. She fought a brief, but brave battle with cancer.

Born on November 2, 1965, in Teulon, Manitoba, Melanie was a devoted mother, grandmother, daughter, sister, and friend who lived her life with compassion, determination, and a heart full of love.

A lifelong helper, her kindness, empathy, and determination led her back to school as an adult to pursue a career in social work. She found her calling at the women's shelter, where her warm heart and listening ear made a lasting impact on the lives of many.

Known for being deeply accepting and non-judgmental, Melanie created a safe space for anyone who needed it. With a rare gift for making others feel seen, heard, and valued, her presence was both comforting and uplifting.

Steinbach was home for many years until a move to Mitchell brought her closer to family during her illness. Thrifting, shopping, folding laundry, people-watching, and simple family outings—especially to AD Penner Park with her grandson Alex—were among the everyday joys she cherished most. Family meant everything to her, and she brought warmth and meaning to even the smallest moments.

Melanie is lovingly remembered by her children: Cyndal (Eric), Dezmin, Jaylen, Bronte, and Raya; her grandchildren: Jett, Alex, Zarah, Aleena, Asher, and Gage; her mother Audrey Kiesman; and her siblings Crystal, Jodean, Blair, Derrick and their families. She was predeceased by her father, Lawrence Kiesman, and her grandparents.

There will be a Celebration of Life on Thursday, June 19, 2025 from 1:00-4:00 at the Neufeld Garage in Randolph, Manitoba.

In honor of her kind and loving spirit, the family asks that instead of flowers or donations, you spend time with a loved one or do something kind for someone you love—just as Melanie would have done.

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## OBITUARY

**Sandra Darlene Koch**

It is with great sadness we announce the sudden passing of Sandi Koch on May 31, 2025 at the age of 74.

A celebration of life will take place at a later date.

Longer obituary will follow.

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## OBITUARY



**Patricia Hnatuk (nee Shindruk)**

**June 9, 1953 – May 28, 2025**

It is with sadness that we announce the sudden passing of Pat Hnatuk, with her family by her side, on May 28, 2025 at the age of 71.

She is survived by two daughters, Donna Klassen (James Lazinski) and Stacey Jira (Brad), and her grandchildren Alex Klassen (Stephen Carroll), Bryston and Kolsen Jira. Also left to mourn her passing are sisters-in-law Vicki Lazaruk, Mary Anne Henkel and Phyllis Hnatuk, Aunt Stella Shindruk, cousins Lorine, Ross and Harvey Shindruk and numerous extended family.

Pat was predeceased by her husband Don, her parents Willie and Mabel Shindruk and many extended family and friends.

Pat was born in Elphinstone, MB on June 9, 1953. After completing school in Elphinstone, she married Don Hnatuk on October 16, 1971 and the couple moved to Winnipeg. Donna was born in 1972. In 1976, they settled in Stonewall, and Stacey completed their family in 1977.

Pat worked for many years doing homecare in the Stonewall area until declining health forced her stop. She filled that void with her greatest joys, her grandchildren.

Cremation has taken place, and a private family burial will be held at a later date.

The family would like to thank the EMTs and Stonewall Hospital for their care. A big thank you to her neighbors at The Palamo. Your help and friendship meant a lot to her.

"When my time comes, forget the wrong that I've done, help me leave behind some reasons to be missed, don't resent me and when you're feeling empty, keep me in your memory, and leave out all the rest".

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## OBITUARY



**Jeanie Mae Skogan (née Bedard)**

Jeanie Mae Skogan (née Bedard) passed away on May 28, 2025 at the Selkirk Regional Health Centre, surrounded by loved ones. Jeanie was only 71 years old. Her family is deeply saddened by her far too early loss. Jeanie is survived and missed by her husband of 54 years, Robert, and by their children Chantal (Mark) and Lee (Bob). Her memory will be cherished by them, as well as her granddaughter Adrianna (Chris) and great-grandchildren Claire and Ryker.

Jeanie was predeceased by her dear parents Dora and Robert Bedard of Narcisse, Manitoba and her sister Sandra Bedard of Mazatlán. She will be remembered by her sisters Shirley Bloodworth (Gordon), Bernice Weir, Clementine Nero (Ron), Daisy Nero (John), Esther and Sadie Bedard and her brothers Bruce and Robert Bedard. She will also be missed by her in-laws Lawrence

and Barb Skogan, Marge and Robert Marsh, and Jack and Ruth Skogan, as well as many nieces and nephews.

Jeanie was born in St. Brieux, Saskatchewan, the seventh child of 10. Shortly after, her family moved to Sandridge, Manitoba. She attended Rondeau School, a typical prairie one-room schoolhouse. She appreciated her time there and the people she met, including her husband. She remained involved in the annual Rondeau School Reunion and caught up with the "Rondeau Gang". It was there that she met her lifelong friends Linda Olsen and Gwen Barnes, and her dear teacher Frieda Jorheim.

Jeanie retired from the Manitoba Department of Education in March of 2019. She had many fond memories of her time there. She valued education and was pleased to have a role in supporting students. Jeanie was very generous with her time and volunteered for many worthwhile organizations, among them the United Way, Pan Am Games, Canada Games, Winnipeg Fringe Festival, and Winnipeg Zoo Lights Festival. However, her passion was figure skating and the Stony Mountain Figure Skating Club benefited from 25 years of her time. Jeanie also spent many hours volunteering for Ralph Eichler, the MLA for Lakeside and recent Minister of Agriculture of Manitoba.

Jeanie found great inspiration and beauty in nature. A skillful gardener, she spent many hours caring for her garden, prepping the soil, selecting the best spot for each plant, watering, weeding, fertilizing and removing pests big and small. Jeanie understood that she did not grow the plants, nature did. She did her best to create the right conditions for plants to grow. When things didn't work out, she accepted that and moved on to what was needed next, as there was always something new to look forward to. This approach served Jeanie well not only in the garden but throughout life. She was a lifetime learner on a wide range of subjects, including flower arranging, photography, Pilates, Melt, French, skiing and figure skating. Committed to what she believed in and supportive to a fault, Jeanie was always there when requested and helped others towards their dreams, even letting others realize their own folly. Jeanie's patience, joie de vivre, understanding and positive outlook will be missed.

Her family thanks the many people that cared for and comforted Jeanie during her 2 year and 4 month battle with cancer. These included the health professionals at the Selkirk Regional Health Centre, the many friends and her extended family who visited, called and sent well wishes.

Funeral Services will be held on Monday, June 9, 2025 at 10:30 a.m. at MacKenzie Funeral Chapel, Teulon on HWY 7; viewing prior. A reception will follow and final interment will follow at Inwood Cemetery at 1:30 p.m.

Flowers loved greatly and accepted.

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## OBITUARY



**Nicholas Hugh Palmer**  
December 2006 - May 2025

Accidentally on May 21st we tragically lost our Nicholas. Nicholas, how can you summarize a life that had only really just begun. You were destined to be a strong figure in this world. When your light dimmed the world lost out on you, you who I know would have done so many things to make this world a better place. I would often sit and wonder what amazing things you would accomplish, the places you would travel to and the many people you would touch along the way.

Nicholas had heart, the biggest and brightest heart of anyone I will ever know. He was so incredibly compassionate and empathetic towards others. He felt things with his whole being and with such passion. He lived life so passionately! He was not afraid. He would speak his truth and the truth that he felt needed to be told for others who could not. This was his passion! He met his people at the University of Manitoba and was so incredibly happy there. He loved having the most in depth, truly meaningful conversations that really mattered with the people he cared so much for. In losing him we have lost forever a big piece of ourselves. He was a fire that burned so bright. He touched the hearts of so many people, even more than we will ever know. Our history loving, political, standing for what is right, family loving, animal loving, nature loving, living with his entire heart son will be forever missed.

He got to work his dream job for Parks Canada at Lower Fort Garry and never for a moment felt that it was work. He loved talking and sharing history all day long with others. Every person who met Nicholas is better for having known such an incredible person. All who crossed his path were drawn to him. We will miss sharing new foods and restaurants with you, visiting new places, and having conversations every day that really mattered. Your sisters Sydney and Caris, as well as your mom and dad Shirley and Iain, miss you so very much! You have left a hole in so many. We are forever broken. You are our one and only Nicholas. You are forever in our hearts. You are our inspiration.

A celebration of Nicholas' life will take place on Saturday, June 14th at 11:00 a.m. at College Stonewall Collegiate.

All who have been touched by Nicholas are welcome to attend.

In lieu of flowers please consider donating to the Nicholas Palmer Memorial History Scholarship at the CIBC Stonewall branch.

## OBITUARY



**Armand Maurice Buors**  
May 2, 1931 - May 28, 2025

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the sudden passing of our father on Wednesday, May 28, 2025.

Armand was the son to parents Jules and Emma Buors and the second eldest of his 15 siblings.

Remaining to forever cherish Armand's memory are his children Garth (Lori Ann), Rheal (Sherry) and Jacqueline.

Armand was predeceased by his wife Aline (nee Gareau). In addition, Armand leaves behind

his grandchildren, Nicole (Charles), Kyle (Vanessa), Steffani (Bradley) and Jennifer. Great-grandchildren Armand, Sophie, Elise, Mackenzie, Jersey, Easton, Levi, and Adalynn.

Armand left his home in St. Laurent, MB at a young age to pursue work. Some of these jobs had been in fishery, mining and lastly with the City of Winnipeg - Public Works. Prior to being employed with the City of Winnipeg, he had courageously entered the military and was deployed to combat in the Korean War with the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry.

After returning from the war, he married Aline and settled in Transcona. In a short period of time, they found their way back to their country roots, in Woodlands, MB, where they tended to a farm and raised their family.

Armand enjoyed the hunt for a good deal, whether it be cattle, horses, tractors or other items of interest. This in-turn allowed him to form many friendships along the way.

On the flip side, you knew he was in his happy place with the solitude of nature, when you heard the sound of his axe and chainsaw bringing down trees to heat the home in the winter months.

He was a quiet man with a great source of strength, self-sacrifices, loyalty and no bars hold, like no one else we know. Our pillar will truly be missed by all.

As wished, there is to be no celebration of life/funeral/memorial service held.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Veterans Affairs Manitoba or a Legion of your choice.

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## OBITUARY



**Kimberly Ann Carlson**  
April 9, 1962 - May 25, 2025

We are heartbroken to announce the passing of Kim Carlson on Sunday May 25, 2025.

Left to cherish her memory is her husband Brian, sons Derek (Julie) and Lucas (Krysty) and the grandchildren she adored Rory, Casey, Blake and Scarlet. Along with their travel companion Taco. She will be sadly missed by her sisters Carol (Ron) Kozial, Joan (Bill) Jeffery and Wendy (Cliff) McIntyre as well as numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

She is predeceased by her parents Florence and Everett and brothers Reg and Ron.

Kim was born in Stonewall, Manitoba on April 9, 1962. She was raised on the family farm in the Gunton area. After graduation she went to work at CAE then to Magellan Aerospace. She then moved

onto Kitchen Craft where she finished her career.

She really enjoyed curling and did so for many years touring around the Interlake for weekend bonspiels. A good time was had by all. She eventually traded her curling for winter getaways to their home in Costa Rica.

The family would like to thank the staff at Stonewall Hospital, STARS air ambulance and HSC SICU Unit 14 for the kindness, care and compassion shown to Kim over her last few days.

Thanks also to Ken Loehmer for his guidance and care.

Donations can be made to CancerCare Manitoba in her memory.

A private family gathering will be held at a later date.

## OBITUARY



**Winnie Vilborg Johnson**  
January 9, 1929 - May 21, 2025

Winnie Vilborg Johnson (née Olason) was born on January 9, 1929 in Caliente, Manitoba, to William and Christine Olason. She grew up in the small town of Piney, in Manitoba's southwest corner. Her parents were originally from North Dakota, and her grandparents had emigrated from Iceland - heritage she carried with pride throughout her life.

A lifelong learner and determined spirit, Winnie pursued education as far as she possibly could. She completed Grade 10 in Piney, followed her sister Margaret to Oak Point to finish Grade 11, and graduated from Success Commercial College in Winnipeg with honours. Winnie's life changed profoundly when she planted roots in Oak Point. There, she met and married her beloved husband, Lorne Johnson, on September 10, 1948.

At the age of 50, in true Winnie fashion, she completed a four-year Manitoba Municipal Employees course through the University of Manitoba. Winnie began her career as a secretary before dedicating herself to public service. In 1968, she accepted a position with the Municipal Office in St. Laurent. A decade later, she was appointed Secretary-Treasurer, a role she held for 13 years while also earning her diploma from the University of Manitoba. In 1981, she continued her public service in the RM of Coldwell as Secretary, where she remained until her retirement in 1992.

Winnie was predeceased by her husband Lorne, her son Lorne Neil, sons-in-law Brian Chartrand and Garry Diell, and grandson Tyler Chartrand.

She is survived by her children: Diane, Kerry (Laura), Lorraine (Doug), daughter-in-law Frances, brother David Olason and sister-in-law Aenone (Reg) Studler. She leaves behind her deeply cherished legacy, grandchildren Dennis, Pam, Lisa, Brandi, Jenni, Crystal, Leon, Adam, Mike, Mathew, Tom and Erik and 25 great-grandchildren, and four great-great-grandchildren.

In every role - whether professional, personal, or in the community - Winnie led with heart, resilience, and quiet strength. She was a woman of many talents. From gardening and canning to baking her bread often topped with her legendary raspberry jam, she nourished those around her with both food and love. Her knitting was a gift of both warmth and tradition, especially her handmade Icelandic sweaters, mittens, and socks.

Regardless of the season or time of day, her door was always open, her coffee always on. No matter how busy life became, Winnie met it with a smile. She had an unshakable belief in health, family, and joy. She and Lorne were known for their speed and spirit - winning their respective races back in the 1950's at Oak Point's July 1st picnic, three years in a row.

Even in retirement, Winnie's purpose was to serve. She volunteered with the St. Laurent Seniors Resource Program, offered accounting support, and drove countless friends and neighbours to appointments. She also lent her time to the Canada 55+ Senior's Summer Games and was a proud member of the Oak Point Ladies Club.

She curled. She bowled. She made traditional Icelandic dishes such as vinarterta, ponnukokur, skyr and rullupylsa. She took Icelandic and French lessons. She traveled - to Iceland twice, to Churchill, along Canada's East Coast, down to Arizona, and even sailed on an Alaskan cruise.

Winnie embraced life fully - and perhaps, more importantly, joyfully. She taught her children to play rounders, bounced on trampolines with her grandchildren, and did countless puzzles. Music was part of her essence - she played piano, accordion, guitar, and organ, and she always sang with heart.

One of her favourite sayings was, "Let go and let God." And now, after giving of herself to so many, for so long, it's your turn to rest, Mom. Let go - knowing that everything you've done, all the ways you showed up for each of us, will never be forgotten.

Yours was a beautifully lived life. We will carry your spirit with us - forever.

The family thanks the staff at Rosewood Lodge PCH for their genuine care and compassion in the last year as well as Winnie's companions Heaven, Elvera and Jodi for their excellent care.

A Celebration of Life will be held at the Oak Point Community Hall on Saturday, June 14th at 2:00 p.m.

If you wish to make a donation in Winnie's memory, please consider Rosewood Lodge PCH, 513-1st Ave N Stonewall MB R0C 2Z0 or the Alzheimer Society Manitoba at [alzheimer.mb.ca](http://alzheimer.mb.ca)

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