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Peters gets called up to perform at Dauphin's Countryfest



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Derek Peters, left, in both photos, joined the Tribute to the Highwaymen band on the Bell Stage at the 35th anniversary of Dauphin's Countryfest on Saturday, June 29. The outdoor festival is Canada's longest-running country music festival and this year's line-up included the likes of music legends Alabama, Beverley Mahood, Carolyn Dawn Johnson, Clint Black, Diamon Rio, Doc Walker, Harlequin, Jason Blaine, Jason McCoy, Jo Dee Messina, Nitty Gritty Dirt Band, Quinton Blair, Snake Oil, Mark Chestnutt, Michelle Wright and Jason Blaine.

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By Jennifer McFee

The Association of Manitoba Municipalities is requesting the provincial government to provide disaster financial assistance to rural municipalities in southern Manitoba specifically for gravel road rehabilitation and maintenance related to damage from this year's winter weather and spring rainfall.

The winter brought above-normal precipitation in some areas, in-

terspersed with record-breaking warm temperatures. Then the spring brought high levels of rainfall.

These weather events have saturated road bases and created washouts. Rural municipalities face costly maintenance to keep their gravel roads in adequate condition. Municipal repair budgets aren't sufficient to cover the costs for gravel road repairs and maintenance due to extreme weather.

- Stonewall council accepted a quote of \$117,927.40 plus tax from Ritz Interiors to supply and install new flooring at Veterans Memorial Sports Complex.
- Council accepted a quote of

\$29,200 plus permit fees and tax from SRS Signs & Service Inc. to supply and install an electronic sign board, which will be located on the east side of town hall.

- The Town of Stonewall will purchase a four-person registration for the Stonewall-Headingley RCMP community golf tournament, which supports local non-profit organizations. The tournament will take place on Friday, Aug. 9 at Teulon Golf and Country Club.
- Council adopted an amended policy that sets out rules and regulations for the bunkies in Stonewall Quarry Park Campground.

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Honouring Inwood's history with Hillside Memorial Garden

By Emma McGill

Enthusiastic residents of Inwood have been getting out in the sun and working hard with a big goal: to create a memorial garden that will honour Inwood and its history of the present and past.

On June 19, community volunteers were out in the heat, picking rocks from the plot of soil that will become the garden. The plot is marked out with spray paint and stakes in accordance with the plan put together by Fred West, a landscape designer who started working with the City of Winnipeg in 1971.

West's passion for both landscape design and his home of Inwood makes this a very special project. His detailed plan not only includes the layout of the garden but also its contents: an arbour and bench, a quarry clock, a memory walkway, a bed of annual plants, a bed of perennials and a rose bed. Plants in these beds will feature plenty of locally valued species like prairie dropseed glass, dwarf cranberry bush and golden dogwood. Overall, it will contain approximately 136 plants, making the landscape as vibrant as the memories it honours.

The Armstrong municipality gifted the land to the Hamlet of Inwood in 2022 after Michelle Hazelton went to the council to propose the idea and get the ball rolling. West then created a sketch for the 56,000-square-foot plot in 2023. Since then, the project has been solely volunteer-run and will continue to be maintained by volunteers.

According to West, this memorial garden will be "for all of the old folks who have struggled as pioneers and



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The Hillside Memorial Garden Committee and willing community members have been hard at work. Pictured left to right: Leslie Cartwright, Michelle Hazelton (president), Fred West, Tristan Burzuik, Valerie Shered (treasurer), Kenadi Shered, Zachery Chikousky and Malinda Skogan.

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Local saskatoon orchard changes ownership

By Jennifer McFee

Changes are cropping up in the local saskatoon berry scene.

The 11-acre Rutherford orchard, located near Grosse Isle, recently changed hands from long-time owner Wendy Rutherford to Jeff and Amy Spruyt. The Spruyts are now running the operation — which they've renamed Meridian Saskatoons — with help from their kids, 12-year-old Emily and eight-year-old Brady.

"Talk about lovely timing. It was getting to be physically too much — the pruning and the picking rocks and dealing with the weeds," said Rutherford, who recently retired and moved to the city.

"Because we had other orchards, harvest was a two-week slog, so it was time."

For the past dozen years, Rutherford had been running the saskatoon berry orchard along with her brother Rick. The Rutherford orchard was originally part of a consortium known as Interlake Saskatoons, which also included growers from several other local orchards— many of which are also undergoing changes.

"In the early days, the bushes were really low. People sat on five-gallon pails and picked from there," Rutherford recalled.

"I loved being in the orchard. It's a



The Spruyt children, Emily and Brady, will be helping on the farm.

little piece of paradise. It's in the middle of the field, so it's quiet. I really enjoyed working there and I really enjoyed the people. It was just lovely to connect with people in a place like that."

Although she'll miss her time in the orchard, Rutherford is still on hand to help ease the transition for the Spruyts, who will be managing their first full harvest this year.



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Jeff and Amy Spruyt have renamed Interlake Saskatoons to Meridian Saskatoons and look forward to their full first harvest this year.

"Last year, we did a bit of a transition where I still worked with them and showed them the ropes. I'll help out while they get their feet wet in this whole process," Rutherford said.

"They've got so many skills and they're connected to so many people. I think it's going to be just wonderful for them."

For Amy Spruyt, it's familiar ground since she has been working at Rutherford Farms for nearly five years.

"As Wendy started to discuss and

prepare for retirement, she had Jeff and I start helping and learning about the orchard," Spruyt said.

"Once we decided it was a task we wanted to take on as a family, we started taking over for Wendy so she could enjoy her retirement."

Although they've been involved in grain farming, saskatoon berries are a new venture for the Spruyt family.

"Our children Emily and Brady love being out in the orchard. They come out to help prune and clean things up in the early summer. Emily also helped on our processing line for the first time last summer," Spruyt said. "They love chasing all the rabbits out there and catching frogs."

As they embrace their new role, the family looks forward to meeting all the customers while also continuing to provide berries from the orchard to individuals and businesses across Canada and the United States.

"We offer pre-sold bulk berries, fresh sales during harvest in the form of five-pound pails and 10-pound boxes," Spruyt said.

"We hope to offer a U-pick this year. It will just depend on how wet it is out there and the accessibility. We are currently working on finding a local retailer to have our berries available for purchase."

The benefits of saskatoon berries are bountiful, she added.

"They are delicious and very healthy for you," she said. "Our daughter loves to use them in baking, and we all just enjoy eating them any way they are prepared."

To keep up to date with the local orchard on social media, follow Manitoba Saskatoons on Facebook or @meridiansaskatoons on Instagram.



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Firefighters with the Stonewall Rockwood Fire Department presented members of the South West District Palliative Care (SWDPC) board of directors with a cheque for \$4,500 last Thursday. The funds were raised at the local fire department's inaugural Backdrafts N' Brews event held at the Stonewall Legion on June 14. Close to 300 people attended the Beer Fest where they were able to try unlimited samples of a variety of beer, seltzers, coolers, food and more from over 20 vendors. The funds donated have been earmarked for the SWDPC NavCare program. Pictured left to right: SWDPC board members Tim Williams, Karen Sorenson, Sandra Smith and firefighters Jesse Harrisko, Adam Cilinsky and Danny Day.



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If you are interested in learning more about this rate application, you are encouraged to attend the hearing, observe the hearing via live streaming, or provide your perspectives through the Board's online comment tool.

If you wish to speak at the hearing or make a written submission, please contact the Board Secretary, Dr. Darren Christle at 204-945-2638 or toll free 1-866-854-3698, no later than **October 8, 2024**.

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Rebate program helping Manitobans buy electric vehicles

Rebates will lower costs for families, help them make the switch to electric

By Lana Meier

The Manitoba government has launched its new rebate program to get people revved up and thinking about buying an electric vehicle (EV) that will help more Manitobans lower their emissions and save money on gas, Environment and Climate Change Minister Tracy Schmidt and Finance Minister Adrien Sala announced last week.

According to Schmidt, it is clear that the citizens of Manitoba are committed to reducing emissions and preserving our environment. As a result, the provincial government is dedicated to assisting them in making the transition. This initiative not only aids in combatting the climate crisis, but also provides families with immediate cost savings through electric vehicle rebates and ongoing savings on their daily commutes. It truly is a win-win situation for our province.

The new \$25-million Manitoba Electric Vehicle Rebate program will offer a \$4,000 incentive on new qualifying EV purchases and a \$2,500 incentive on used qualifying EV purchases, including EVs purchased on or after Aug. 1, 2023, and will run until March 2026.

"We are delivering on our campaign promise to help Manitoba families afford an electric vehicle," said Sala. "This is a significant rebate up front and it will help you save money in the long term — even with the lowest gas



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Vehicles meeting the eligibility requirements must be bought or leased from Manitoba dealerships with a maximum MSRP of \$70,000 for new vehicles or a maximum purchase price of \$70,000 for used vehicles. Each vehicle and owner is entitled to one rebate. The time period to qualify extends from Aug. 1, 2023, to May 2, 2024, and includes new Tesla vehicles with a maximum MSRP of \$70,000 purchased outside of Manitoba.

Shelley Kowalchuk, an electric vehicle owner, shared her positive experience with EVs. Being early adopters, she purchased their first one 12 years ago and a second one five years after. Even today, they still drive both of their EVs, which have saved them money and reduced their reliance on fossil fuels, benefiting the environment. Living in Manitoba has proven to be ideal for owning an EV due to the lower cost of electricity compared to other provinces and the vehicles' low maintenance. For instance, their 12-year-old EV only recently needed its first brake job this spring. Now

with the announcement of provincial rebates, they are excited for more people to make the switch to electric as prices continue to decrease each year.

The ministers further highlighted the availability of a financing program through Manitoba Hydro for residents to install Level 2 electric vehicle chargers at their homes.

"The members of Global Automakers of Canada wish to acknowledge and support the progressive efforts by the Manitoba government to make the transition to electric vehicles more affordable for Manitobans through the introduction of the Manitoba Electric Vehicle Rebate program," said David Adams, president and CEO, Global Automakers of Canada.

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Manitobans who already bought an EV between Aug. 1, 2023, and July 1, 2024, can apply for the incentive on the Manitoba Public Insurance website starting on July 2.

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A blast of rain, hail and funnel clouds hit parts of the Interlake last Thursday afternoon. According to the Weather Network, the funnel clouds spotted in the Woodlands area were land spout tornadoes generated by weak rotation under rapidly growing clouds or weak thunderstorms. These weak rotations typically are not a danger near the ground. If conditions become more favourable for the development of tornadoes, Environment Canada will issue watches and warnings. Help the Tribune record the weather of the week and send in your photos of friends or family enjoying the outdoors. Email: news@stonewallteulontribune.ca

RCMP Underwater Recovery Team wants you to put them out of a job

By Lana Meier

On June 27, 2024, the RCMP Underwater Recovery Team (URT) visited Lac du Bonnet to highlight the factors contributing to drowning incidents. URT has been called out to four drownings already in 2024, and if previous years tell us anything, it is that they can expect to be called out to more.

"When my team arrives on scene, it is not typically in a rescue capacity," said Cpl. Kathryn Ternier, head of the RCMP URT. "We are coming to recover someone from the water. I am asking you, the public, to put me out of a job recovering drowning victims."

In addition to aiding other RCMP divisions in retrieving submerged evidence for investigations, URT is primarily occupied with the somber duty of recovering individuals who have drowned.

"We talk a lot about life jackets and personal flotation devices," said Ternier, "and they are so crucial to water safety. However, we also need

to be talking about what happens that lands people in the water or makes them unable to survive in the water once they are in there."

Regardless of how strong a swimmer one feels they are, there are obstacles in the water that can affect anybody's ability to stay afloat. Dams can be very dangerous. They create powerful currents and turbulence that can pull swimmers underwater or into the dam. Even de-commissioned dams or bridge structures can be dangerous due to hazards that accumulate underwater by these structures that can entangle a swimmer.

Fast-moving water is another concern. Many people like to hike by rapids or camp close to fast-moving water, but this may not be a wise choice when children are present.

Ternier cautioned against the dangers of hiking near fast-moving water, citing instances where family hikes have resulted in tragedy due to a child slipping and falling into the water. She stressed the importance of main-

taining a safe distance from the water if one is not equipped with a life-jacket or personal flotation device (PFD), suggesting a range of three metres or 10 feet as a suitable guideline.

The beach is another place things can go wrong quickly. "We have seen instances where parents look away from their child for an instant at the beach, as short a time as putting the camera down, and tragedy has struck," said Ternier.

One of the keys to being safe in, on or around the water is being prepared.

"That means knowing what the weather will be like, having the right equipment such as a life-jacket and being ready to enter the water even if you have no plans on going into the water," said Stacey Grocholski, executive director of Lifesaving Society Manitoba. "It is also imperative that children are always supervised. Manitoba is among the provinces with the highest number of drowning deaths

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We all love to think about God's love and faithfulness. These are wonderful things to be true about God! He cares deeply for us, He made us and knows us, and He supplies humanity with every good thing, from food, to rain, to sun, to beauty, to bodies that are able to play sports, to minds that can read and think and play games. He is a good and wonderful creator who has given us much to enjoy!

Something we maybe don't love to think about, however, is that God is also righteous and just. But these are still wonderful things to be true about God! It is in these truths about God that the beauty of Christianity shines through in a unique way. For sinful humans – humans like us – God's righteousness and justice are scary things. We have chosen to reject Him, and because God is just it means something must be done about that. But God, rather than choosing to exercise justice by wiping us out, sent Jesus to pay the penalty for our sins. Jesus died in our place, the just dying for the unjust, so that when someone puts their faith in Jesus for salvation, God can count even the most wicked person as righteous in His sight. It truly is beautiful – God made a way so that without ignoring His own justice and righteousness, He could invite unjust people into relationship with Him.

Daniel Bredin

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Manitoba small businesses concerned over changes to retail sales tax collection

Removal of commission allowance hits the smallest businesses the hardest

The Canadian Federation of Independent Business (CFIB) is hearing from many concerned small business owners about the Manitoba government's decision to remove the commission allowance on retail sales tax (RST) remittances — a change that was quietly included in the 2024-25 provincial budget.

Before this change, businesses collecting and remitting the retail sales tax for the provincial government received a small commission of 15 per cent of the first \$200 of tax collected and one per cent of the remaining tax, up to \$3,000. The maximum commission permitted per period was \$58, and if the RST reported in a period was more than \$3,000, no commission

was allowed.

For small businesses, these commissions could total up to \$58 per month, or \$696 per year. These may not seem like large sums, but for businesses that are struggling to keep up with skyrocketing operating costs, any amount of money helps.

In response to a recent CFIB survey, nearly half (47%) of Manitoba's smallest businesses (those with 0-4 employees) said they are opposed to the removal of this commission. Business owners indicated they could use any cost savings to help pay down their pandemic related debt, increase employee compensation and/or expand their operations.

"The smallest businesses typically do not have administrative assistants or finance departments to help with tax filing," said Brianna Solberg, CFIB provincial affairs director. "More often than not, it's the business owners themselves who are the ones required to set time aside to file these remittances, which ultimately means time away from running their business."

Not to mention, businesses are also charged merchant fees by credit card companies on top of the seven per cent RST, meaning every time a business collects the sales tax for the government, they are also hit with a higher fee from the credit card company. Surely it is not unreasonable to assume the government should compensate — at least the smallest businesses — for the additional costs and time lost due to tax collection, and the retail sales tax commission did just that.

One surprised business owner reached out to CFIB to share his concerns. He only found out about this change when he went to file his RST remittance. "There was nothing in the news about this and I believe that this cut involving the smallest businesses is terrible. I know that it is just a small amount, but small businesses are having a hard time."

Solberg added that is disappointing that the Manitoba government decided to remove this commission allowance without any consultation with

the business community. "Removing the commission allowance sends a signal that the Manitoba government does not care to acknowledge the effort of business owners to collect and remit the government's sales taxes."

Earlier this week, CFIB met with the minister of Finance to share these concerns on behalf of business owners. We also suggested ways the province could offset these added costs for small businesses such as increasing the exemption threshold for the provincial payroll tax or reducing the payroll tax rates — which would be particularly helpful given the upward pressure on wages.

The Canadian Federation of Independent Business is Canada's largest association of small and medium-sized businesses with 97,000 members across every industry and region, including over 4,000 in Manitoba. CFIB is dedicated to increasing business owners' chances of success by driving policy change at all levels of government, providing expert advice and tools and negotiating exclusive savings. Learn more at cfib.ca.

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farmers. A lot of them were volunteers and community leaders. They were vital in this community. It's also for folks that grew up here, went to school here and are going to live here."

The plot of land where the garden will be is just west of Inwood's prized garter snake monument next to the Interlake Pioneer Trail. This area of the town is quite an attraction to tourists.

"There are so many folks coming to look at the snake in the spring and fall; it's unbelievable," said West. "It will be a showpiece and a gathering place."

The name for the Hillside Memorial Garden comes from that of the Hillside Hotel, which tragically burned down

years ago where the garden will be made.

"When it burned down, it seemed like the community went in reverse," shared West. "We had no meeting place, other than the golf course, for everybody that passed through and lived here."

West is incredibly enthusiastic about this garden and the people he is working with.

"I'm working with two trusted friends on this project: Trevor Barnes and Sunny Rohne. We're going to get right at it. We're all connected in one way or another, and we're all trusted."

West will be 73 this year, and his greatest memory is from 2016, when he designed and landscaped the garden at the entrance sign at Winnipeg's James Armstrong Richardson Airport.

"I did that with my daughter, Meghan Morin-West, and my good friend at T&T Seeds, Kevin Twomey. He used to invite me to the CJOB garden show on the radio. Everyone who goes to the airport sees it, which brings me so much pride."

So far, getting the land ready for Hillside Memorial Garden has included Sunny Rohne and Steve Strick tilling it, West spraying herbicides, Joy Ogilvie and Michelle Hazelton organizing a fundraiser, and people getting together to pick rocks from the soil.

"I enjoy every day, and these folks, we get together. I didn't ask anyone to come. We had 30 or 40 people picking stones," said West. "You can see the energy and kind-

ness in these folks coming out to help. We've got to stay on the positive side, even if things don't work out."

The following steps will involve Trevor Barnes bringing a walk-behind bobcat, putting in the gravel and soil and, soon enough, putting in benches and plants. If everything goes well, the grand opening will be this coming fall.

"Inwood has been good to me. We had hockey, sports, teachers, track and field, curling. We had everything here. The community was alive with kids, and we should all look at the world through the eyes of a child. I'm still smiling and standing," said West, who shared an old proverb.

"As society grows, old men plant trees for shade they will never sit in, and that's how these communities are built."

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Celebrating 24 Years of the Gimli International Film Festival

By Autumn Fehr

Looking for something to do this summer?

From July 24 to 28, visit Gimli and enjoy an array of local, national and international films, including narrative feature films, documentaries and shorts at the Gimli International Film Festival (GIFF).

"Now more than ever, it's crucial to support the arts, as many film institutions across Canada are facing challenges. We are truly on the verge of making Manitoba the epicentre of film for all of Canada. GIFF is a gem amongst Canadian festivals, and we're fortunate to have it here. Let's celebrate films together! I hope to see everyone at the festival," said Teya Zuzek, this year's executive director of GIFF.

This will be Zuzek's first time directing the international festival.

"I still have to pinch myself; I can't believe I'm leading such a phenome-

nal cultural institution. What excites me most is seeing my first GIFF come into fruition and celebrating this achievement with my incredible staff, board and programmers," she said.

This year, GIFF explores the concept of family, community and connectedness — all things that have naturally emerged throughout its program of films and poster design.

"We're so lucky to have incredible programmers every year."

New to GIFF this year is their GIFF Global Industry Summit. It's a free event this year and open to the public — pre-registration is encouraged. It's a great way for individuals to hear about what is happening across the film sector and engage with established professionals from different areas.

Annual events like the RBC \$10,000 Emerging Filmmakers Pitch Competition, 48 Hour Challenge Screening

and Winnipeg Indigenous Filmmakers Collective Screening are also coming back. GIFF's awards ceremony this year will be extra special, with Zacharias Kunuk receiving the Alda Award.

Zuzek is especially looking forward to a special screening of *Wilderness Trails*, a Manitoban film that hasn't been screened since the 1970s. The screening will open with a unique sound performance by a Winnipeg-based artist.

Returning this year are the famous RBC Sunset Beach Screenings, which will take place each night. Enjoy a unique experience under the stars at the beach, and take in one or more of this year's beach films: *Barbie* (2023), *Summer Rental* (1985), *Thelma & Louise* (1991), *Theater Camp* (2023) and *Paddington 2* (2017).

To view the full schedule of this year's films and for more informa-



tion, please visit <https://www.gimli-film.com/>.

"After the challenging times brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic, it's heartening to see people talking about reconnecting," said Zuzek.

This year, attendees can look forward to an exceptional program that has something for everyone.

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> MEAL IDEAS



Peppery Beef Kebabs

ing and black pepper. Thread beef onto skewers along with bell peppers, onions and mushrooms, as desired.

Heat grill to medium-high heat. Grill, turning occasionally, until meat is cooked to desired doneness, 5-7 minutes. Serve atop cooked couscous or rice.

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1 pound sirloin, cut into 1-inch cubes

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Sprinkle sirloin with steak season-

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Combine chili lime seasoning, black pepper, cooking oil and pink salt. Spread mixture evenly over pork chops. Cover and refrigerate at least 30 minutes.

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per capita of children five and under.”

Ternier emphasizes that she does not want people to be fearful of the water but to respect it. Practise vigilance — know the body of water you are swimming in, and if you are unfamiliar, ensure you are wearing a lifejacket or PFD as appropriate. Avoid obstacles.

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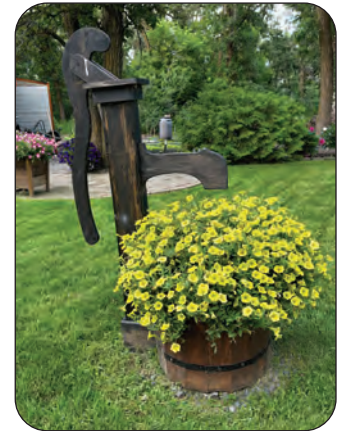
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Janet and Earl Bangle at 24 Warren Place have been named Warren's Yard of the Week winners. Their yard is a stunning display of flowers in a picturesque park setting, with beautifully arranged planters overflowing with vibrant colours. Petunias can be found in abundance throughout the yard. Judges still have six more weeks to choose from the many other beautiful yards in the community. For more information, visit the Warren Communities in Bloom Facebook page and submit any nominations you may have.

Warren's Yard of the Week accolades to the Bangles



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Boonstras have a berry good crop this season



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Boonstra Farms officially opened for strawberry picking on June 29, one of the local family's busiest days on record. Pickers arrived in droves for the fresh, juicy berries. The Boonstra family said that growing conditions have been ideal, with just the right amount of moisture this year. Strawberries will be available for the next few weeks, and then the raspberries should be ripe and ready. The U-pick strawberries are \$22/4L pail or basket and \$35 for pre-picked. A trip to Boonstra's farm is a great outing for the whole family with a petting zoo for children, a chip truck, ice cream and slushies available for purchase. Hours are Monday to Saturday from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., and for the first time, the farm is open on Sundays from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. For more information, including about closures due to weather, check the website boonstraberries.com or their social media. Pictured clockwise from top left: Boonstra Farms staff pre-pick strawberries including Tori Galbraith, Julia Harrison, Katrin Epp, Reese Fidler and Emma Boonstra; Dylan, Jimmy, Amanda, Abby and Marcus from Northwest Territories and Winnipeg took a ride back on the wagon after filling their baskets; Olivia shares her berries with her doll Amy; and Max Boonstra shows off freshly picked berries.

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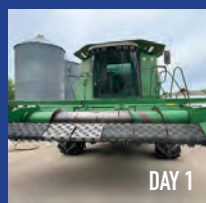
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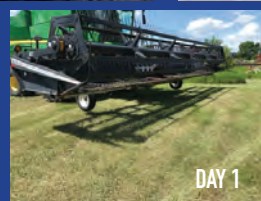
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A steady downpour of rain on Monday forced many of the Canada Day festivities indoors for Stonewall and Stony Mountain, but it did not dampen the enthusiasm of those who took part in the festivities.





Funds for local fire departments



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The Royal Canadian Legion Branch #52 made a \$1,000 donation to both the Stonewall Rockwood Fire Department and the Teulon Rockwood Fire Department. They will also be donating \$1,000 to the Stony Mountain Rockwood Fire Department at an upcoming gala event in the fall. Legion president Tim Williams presented a \$1,000 cheque to the Stonewall department last Thursday, with Adam Cilinsky, Jesse Harrisko and Danny Day also present in the photo from left to right.

Box Lunch Heroes fundraiser



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QX104's Street Team members were live on location from Something Beautiful Cafe & Gift Shop in Stonewall on June 26 promoting one of Community Living Interlake's biggest fundraisers of the year. Something Beautiful sold more than 80 box lunches and raised just over \$4,300. Box Lunch Hero is a gourmet sandwich lunch packed to go, with all pre-orders receiving a bonus entry for a chance to win the Dream Date Grand Prize, which includes the use of a 2024 Cadillac Escalade for the weekend (up to 500km) and an in-home catered dinner for two by Something Beautiful's Chef Ryan. Stonewall's Jodi Carradice was the lucky winner of the grand prize, and Stonewall's Sandy Chatfield won a pair of tickets to the Winnipeg Blue Bombers. Pictured back row, left to right: Justin, Maya, Stacey, Chef Ryan, Katie and Darrell; front row: Eve, Kayla and Ireland.



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St. Laurent local celebrates 20 years of the National Museum of the American Indian

By Becca Myskiw

It was 20 years ago when St. Laurent was first put on a global stage, and local Jacinte Lambert celebrated that a couple weeks ago.

From June 26 to July 1, the Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian celebrated 20 years since its opening, and Lambert was there. During the Smithsonian Folklife Festival, the Indigenous Voices of the Americas celebrated the museum and its first 20 years.

Lambert has been involved with the National Museum of the American Indian since 2000 when the museum's then-curator came to the people of St. Laurent wanting to showcase Métis culture. Five locals got together to make the Métis exhibit, Lambert one of them, and they decided to showcase Métis culture in each of the four seasons.

"We wanted our story to be told the way it really was," said Lambert.

Through filmed interviews, the life the Métis people of St. Laurent live was shown in winter, spring, summer and fall, with winter being the main focus to showcase the importance of commercial ice fishing in the community. The Michif language was also shown, along with a few artifacts and other items with cultural significance.

After working on the exhibit for four years, the National Museum of the American Indian opened in 2004, and more than 150 people from St. Laurent made the trek to Washington, D.C., to attend the grand opening. Among them was Lambert and the Gaudry Boys, who were aged 8, 10 and 12.

The Métis exhibit created by St. Laurent residents was on display at the National Museum of the American Indian for 11 years, compared to the typical five to 10 years a permanent display is shown. According to the Smithsonian, in that time, more than 17,500,000 people visited the National Museum of the American Indian.

"Twenty years ago, when that happened, it changed our lives," said Lambert. "How can that not change you?"

This year marks 20 years since the museum opened. At the annual Smithsonian Folklife Festival, the National Museum of the American Indian celebrated the milestone, and museum officials asked Lambert to attend. Before accepting her invite, though, Lambert made sure there was room in the festival program for the Gaudry Boys to perform — and there was, so they did, coming full circle as they played for the crowds.

The festival featured more than 250 participants from 60 Indigenous communities across the U.S.A., Canada,



Mexico, Guatemala, Peru, Bolivia, Chile, Argentina and Brazil. Each day of the festival, Lambert and other invited guests did a presentation on their communities, cultures and lives. She noted similarities between Métis life and that of Indigenous people in South America, awestruck at the similar lives they've lived despite their geographical locations.

"It's almost like we could join in because it's everything we've experienced here. It made me realize that we're all going through the same thing," she said. "It's not just us. It's so many people."

Lambert said the director of the National Museum of the American Indian is planning a trip to St. Laurent for some time later this year, and she's looking forward to showing them the community.

"This put St. Laurent on the map," said Lambert. "It was a journey I'll never forget."

Lambert is hoping more opportunities like this will arise for Indigenous Peoples and their communities. Sharing stories, she said, is how we break the cycle and make real change.

"We just have to keep going and sharing our stories," said Lambert.



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The whole group from St. Laurent posed for a photo following the reception. Left to right: Perry Gaudry, the guitar player from Winnipeg, Rain McKay, Zac Gaudry; front: Jacinte Lambert, Ryan Gaudry, Chasity McKay, Debbie Lavallee, Dylan Gaudry.



Jacinte Lambert, Debbie Lavallee and one of the people who worked on the exhibit over 20 years ago who had come to St. Laurent at that time.



Cynthia Chavez and Jacinte Lambert.

"I'm feeling that things are changing a little bit at a time. We just have to keep sharing."

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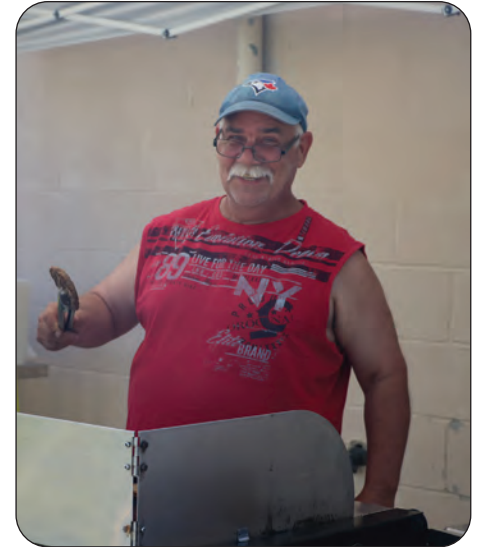
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Green Acres Art Centre hosted Concert in the Park and Canada Day festivities on June 30 and July 1 at both Green Acres Park's outdoor stage and inside at Teulon arena and Rockwood Centennial Hall. The local talent lineup featured Country Pride on July 1, as well as Derek Peters, Lori Benn, Gareth McNichol-Briggs, Trevor Ewankiw, Al Hanis, Lin Howelko, Cliff Holmerson, Derek Cook, Billy Trach, The Hammerlings and the Shades on June 30. Attendees of all ages enjoyed the entertainment, with children especially loving the inflatable bouncy slide for hours of fun.





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Warren's Smith getting stronger with age

Local resident sets new world record in bench press

By Jeremiah Knight

Dean Smith has taken on a few names since breaking onto Manitoba's powerlifting scene: national champion, provincial record holder and regional record setter.

And, now, world record holder.

The 56-year-old Warren resident raised the global bar in bench press after pushing a brow-raising 187.5 kilograms at a Winnipeg meet last month.

It became the new standard in the Masters 2 (55-59 years old) 82.5 kg weight class.

"I tried to downplay it, but it feels good that you know you're going somewhere," Smith said recently.

Smith has competed for six years, but this was his first time entering an equipped meet. This is the original form of powerlifting, in which competitors wear a tight polyester shirt that helps them lift considerably more weight than they normally would.

Smith's best bench press without the equipped shirt is 150 kg.

Equipped lifters make up a small niche — about 25 per cent — of the powerlifting community these days, but Smith tried his hand at it to push himself toward a new goal.

"The thing about the world record is I knew going into it ... whatever I did — as long as I hit my targets — was going to get me a national record," he said. "But, I wasn't aware until that morning that it was (going to be) a



world record, so no added pressure there, right?"

"I kind of lowered my standard a little bit, and I think I left a little bit of kilos on the table, so to speak. I probably could've done more, but I just wanted to get something in the book, so I'm happy with it; it leaves me room to grow for next time."

Powerlifting motivates Smith to lead a healthier lifestyle. Without it, he would "drive right by the gym like anybody else."

Shortly after watching his nephew compete, he broke into the sport at 50 years old. Since then, he's appeared in 15 meets on the local, provincial, regional and national levels.

"I realized that they had categories for everybody, and I thought, 'Hey, I used to work out.' I thought it was kind of motivating so, we, at that age, felt like I needed something and I



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Warren powerlifter Dean Smith recently set the world record, bench pressing 187.5 kilograms in the Masters 2 (55-59 years old) 82.5 kg weight class at a Winnipeg meet last month.

needed a goal to try and get my foot in the door of the gym like anybody," he said.

Smith has accomplished a lot in a short time, which isn't lost on him while watching many of his friends who have been in the space for much longer never win. He experiences an overwhelming feeling of gratitude each time he wins or sets a new record, and his latest feat is no different.

"People go, 'You're going to get weaker when you get old.' Well, I'm

still making linear progress at 56, so I'm not really buying into it, and I'm motivated to do it as long as I can," Smith said.

"I'm motivated. Normally, after a competition, I take a couple of weeks off and now I'm kind of excited to get back in and start working toward the next accomplishment."

Smith will aim to set the bar even higher at the Equipped Powerlifting National Meet, which will be held in Abbotsford, B.C., in September.

Stonewall and Warren hosting Baseball Manitoba U15 Tier 2 Provincials

By Kieran Reimer

The fields in Stonewall and Warren are ready for the local ball club to host the Baseball Manitoba U15 Tier 2 Provincials this weekend.

Ten ball teams from around the province will meet in Stonewall and Warren this weekend, and they are focused on winning the provincial championship on Sunday night.

To get there, teams will play four round-robin games on Friday and

Saturday, hoping to earn a spot in the playoff round on Sunday.

The U15 Stonewall Blue Jays will compete in the event as the host of this year's provincials.

Their tournament will begin Friday at Stonewall's Quarry Park with an 11 a.m. matchup against Roblin Park, the Parkland representative. In the evening, they will take on Lunda, the other representative from Interlake, in a 6:30 p.m. showdown at Quarry

Park.

Saturday, the action shifts to Warren for two more round-robin games at the Warren Diamond.

The first Saturday game is against the Carillon representatives from Landmark at 1:30 p.m. The Blue Jays will then wrap up their round-robin schedule against Rock Lake from Pembina Hills at 6:30 p.m.

Playoff matchups will be announced Saturday night.

Stonewall Minor Ball is looking for more volunteers to help run the event.

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U13 Orioles win back to back in extra innings

By Kieran Reimer

The U13AAA Interlake Orioles know how to cut it close.

Two back-to-back weekday games and two games with tying bats in the seventh inning by the Orioles led them to extra innings with victories over the North Winnipeg Pirates and St. James A's.

The Orioles entered the top of the seventh inning Wednesday night against the Pirates down by two runs. After getting two men on base, Reed Moran had the double that sent both Orioles runners home and into a tie.

In the extra inning, the Orioles scored another two runs, and the pitching held on for the Orioles to grab the 12-10 win.

The following night against the A's, it was much the same, as the Orioles' final at-bat saw them again send the game into an extra inning.

In the top of the eighth, the A's regained a two-run lead, but the resilient Orioles, on home field, didn't break.

They scored three runs in the bottom half and walked the game off for a 9-8 victory, their second victory in two



Mason McCallum prepares for a run against the North Winnipeg Pirates on Wednesday night.

nights.

The wins moved the Orioles up the Baseball Manitoba AAA League standings into fourth place in Zone 1.

They currently hold a 5-4 record in the regular season.



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Orioles' Reed Moran reaches for a catch to hold a North Winnipeg Pirates player at first. Moran batted in two runs in the seventh inning to tie the game before the Orioles went on to win 12-10 in extra innings.

On July 19-21, Quarry Park in Stonewall is hosting the 2024 U13 AAA Provincial Qualifiers.

The Orioles have six games scheduled that weekend.

Friday vs South Central at 10 a.m.

Friday vs Oildome at 1:30 p.m.

Saturday vs Midwest at 11 a.m.

Saturday vs Pembina Hills at 3 p.m.

Sunday vs Brandon at 1:30 p.m.

Sunday vs Carillon Sultans at 5:30 p.m.

Interlake Blue Jays split their double header against Altona Bisons



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The Jays' Hayden Faragher narrowly misses the tag on second against the Altona Bisons on Sunday. The Jays split the doubleheader 3-1 and 8-3.



Altona Bisons' No. 27 gets Jays' Chris Fines out at second in Game 2 of the doubleheader on Sunday.

United jumps into share of third place with victory over Kildonan

By Kieran Reimer

Stonewall United moved into a tie for third place in the Manitoba Major Soccer League's Division 3B Thursday night.

United defeated Kildonan Cavaliers SC, who entered the game in third place, by a score of 3-2.

United was denied on a penalty kick early in the match, which was followed by the Cavaliers grabbing the game's opening goal.

Shortly after a corner kick from United's David Deroche found Dante Lourenco in the right spot in front of the net as he headed the ball into the Cavaliers goal for his first of the season.

Lourenco continued his offensive breakout later in the game after a loose ball in front of the Cavaliers goal found him alone in tight as he punched it in for his second of the night.

In the second half the Cavaliers, motivated by a red card handed out earlier in the match, stormed back with a goal of their own to even it up at two.

United quickly responded again, with a free kick set play from Ethan Caners to Adam Brown. Brown took the pass, wheeled up the wing, then crossed it over to Kevin Penner who scored a goal that proved to be the game winner.

"It was all of our best game of the year, but Adam Brown really stuck out in a positive way which is really good to see for a young player," said United's Matt Olnick. "There was a lot of electricity, and we were firing on all cylinders. Everybody was playing well as a team and it showed well on the field."

With the win, United improved their record to 4-1-1 this season and not only tied the Cavaliers in the stand-



United's Chris Dobson fights off a Kildonan defender to head a ball. United fortunately scored on the penalty called after this play.

ings but moved ahead due to holding a game in hand.

The top four teams, Elmwood FC, SCM Academy, United and the Cavaliers all sit within three points of each other in the top four spots in Division 3B.

"It's huge. That's going to be a team (Kildonan) we're chasing," said Olnick. "They are a top team and we saw it but we went toe to toe with them and came out on the better end. Going forward if we played them again tomorrow, I would like our chances."

And though they won't play the Cavaliers in their next match, the clubs will re-ignite their rivalry on Aug. 7 in their final meeting this sea-



TRIBUNE PHOTOS BY LANA MEIER

United's Dante Lourenco celebrates a goal with teammate Dobson against the Kildonan Cavaliers SC on Thursday night. Lourenco's two goals in the match help lift United to a 3-2 victory improving their record 4-1-1 this season.

son.

United's next game comes Monday night when they take on last

place WSP FC from Buhler Recreation Park.

Olnick said they will treat the match like any other game.

"Anyone can show up any day," said Olnick. "It could be a roster thing

where they aren't getting enough players and they could come to the next game and have a full roster ready to go. We look at it as they are next up, and we have to take care of business and keep playing like we did. If we can continue that momentum, we're going to be a tough team to beat."

The match will go at 7:30 p.m. from Buhler.



United keeper Steffan Hillock jumps to grab an incoming ball against the Kildonan Cavaliers Thursday night.



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY JO-ANNE PROCTER

U18 Interlake Oriole's Adam Newcombe hit a single in the first game of a doubleheader played at Atree Field in Grosse Isle last Saturday. The Orioles lost Game 1 against Midwest 8-6 but battled back to beat them 12-11 in Game 2. The team travelled to Brandon for a doubleheader on Sunday and lost both games.

Stonewall soccer club has fairy tale ending

By Kieran Reimer

It was their go-to move. Carry the ball up the wing, cross the ball in the air to the front of the net, and have a man in front to head the ball in.

That was the U15 Stonewall Kaczorowski soccer club's game plan in the dying minutes of games this season.

Two Sundays ago, in the Red River Recreational Soccer League final against undefeated East Selkirk, Stonewall's Lucas Kaczorowski and Bryson Sullivan connected on that same play in the final minute for the championship-winning goal.

"It was our set play," said head coach Niels Kaczorowski.

Stonewall won the game 2-1 in the final, Kaczorowski's first-ever championship as a coach after five years of coaching.

But this season wasn't always picture perfect for Stonewall.

Coming into the season with high aspirations after making it to the semi-finals last year, Stonewall got off to a rough start, going 1-2-2 through their first five matches and facing multiple injuries.

Then, on May 22, they got back in the win column, defeating Selkirk 5-0.

That's when their season turned around.

They won their next eight of nine

games, only losing to an undefeated East Selkirk team in that span to finish the season.

They played Stonewall Learmond, the other U15 Stonewall club, in the semi-finals and again connected late in a game on the set play that sent them to the finals.

Then came the championship match against East Selkirk, the perfect way to cap off the remarkable season.

"They had no quit right to the end," said Kaczorowski. "When we went down 1-0, you think right there about them being an undefeated team, but they just kept going. It was awesome."

Stonewall tied the game late in the first half, which teed them up perfectly for the late second-half game winner, an ending you might only see in movies.

The rush up the wing, the header, and the massive celebration to follow. Stonewall was going to win the championship.

"It's fantastic," said Kaczorowski. "An unbelievable group of kids this year. A lot of times kids are up and down but these kids really encouraged each other, stuck together. They ran with the system we tried to run and put it all together in the end."

Stonewall proved this season that a difficult start to the season, and many



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Stonewall's U15 team won the Red River Recreational Soccer League final, beating the undefeated East Selkirk 1-0. Pictured left to right, back row: Kyle Korchinski (assistant coach), Brady Precourt, Jacob Major, Dylan Fox, Maddox Keeping, Ashly Conrad, Lucas Kaczorowski, Niels Kaczorowski (head coach), Peter Major (assistant coach); front row: Ryan Richen, Cohen Korchinski, Cash Palsson, Malcolm Grandmont, Bryson Sullivan and laying down is Grayson Levesque.

injuries throughout wasn't enough to stop them from reaching their goal.

Now, with the 2024 season concluded, they can look back on it as the time

they came back from only having one win in late May to standing on top of the podium with the title of league champions exactly one month later.

Phillies Weekend Report: U15s strike gold at Ringneck Invitational

By Kieran Reimer

The U13 Interlake Phillies were in Sioux Falls, S.D., last weekend for the 2024 Ringneck Invitational.

The Phillies played six games in the tournament, where they went 1-2 in the round robin and 2-1 in the playoffs to finish third in the Silver Bracket.

The Phillies wins came against the Columbus Havok, Twin Ports Rampage and their Manitoba rival Smitty's Terminators, whom they eliminated from the Silver Bracket by a score of 9-4 on Sunday.

Emma Cassils, Krystal Crampton and Kahlie Minnie were named Phantastic Phillies throughout the weekend.

They now return back to Stonewall for a pair of league games on Sunday at Quarry Park where they will take on the fourth place Manitoba Angels (7-8).

The Phillies and Angels have met only once this season back on June 2 when the Phillies blanked them 7-0 at Optimist Park.

First pitch from Quarry goes at noon

with the second game starting at 2 p.m.

Phillies: 13-1, first in MSPL

The U15 Interlake Phillies were also at the Ringneck over the weekend where they took gold in the Silver Bracket.

Also going 1-2 in the round robin, the Phillies entered the Silver Bracket playoffs needing to win four straight to win gold.

After three dominant wins over the Twin Ports Rampage Black, Centennial Lakes Wlazlo and Yankton Fury Gazelles, the Phillies were set to take on the Midwest Typhoon in the Silver Bracket final.

Peyton Rinn got the start in the circle and made it count, as she struck out 10 to freeze Midwest's batters.

On offence, Avery Deprez lead the way, connecting for three hits in the game as the Phillies went on to a 9-2 win, and the title of Silver Bracket champs.

They return back to regular season play this Thursday when they take on the Winnipeg Lightning (4-10-1) at Riel Park.



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The U15 AAA Interlake Phillies won gold in Sioux Falls, South Dakota this past weekend. Pictured left to right, back row: Taylor Hagen (coach), Dallas Minnie (coach), Peyton Rinn, Abi Minnie, Jersey MacMillan, Jenna Germain, Riley Swanson, Olivia Hagen, Katie Braid and Robyn Deprez (coach). Front row: Avery Deprez, Brooklyn Sachvie, Jordyn Chetyrbok, Sara Vande, Keira Pattie and Nicole Hutchinson.

The last time the two clubs met was back on June 16 when the Phillies swept the weekend doubleheader.

First pitch Thursday goes at 7 p.m. Phillies: 8-4, fourth in MPSL

The U19 Manitoba Phillies had the week off from games.

They currently sit third in the MPSL with a 6-10 record.

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 24. Margarine
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 35. Written law
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OBITUARY



Robert Bowler

It is with deep sadness that our dad, Robert Bowler, passed on December 10, 2023 at his residence in Niverville. Predeceased by his loving wife, Doreen Bowler in 2018 after 56 years of marriage.

He is greatly missed by his five children, Randy, Holly (Glenn), Jackie (Brian), Teresa (Rob), and Kristy (Fred); his 11 grandchildren; his 8 great-grandchildren; his sisters; and numerous nieces, nephews and friends.

The family welcomes everyone to a Service of Remembrance to be held at Grosse Isle Community Hall on Friday, July 19, 2024 at 2:30 p.m.

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OBITUARY

Dennis Wayne Makowski May 10, 1957 - July 1, 2024

Dennis Makowski, age 67, of Stonewall, Manitoba passed away on July 1, 2024. He is survived by his brothers Bob (Terry), Randy, and his sister Judy (Glen). Nieces and nephews Robyn (Greg), Alisyn (Stephane), Kristy (Wade), Travis (Vicki), Colby (Michaela), and great nephew Leo.

Dennis was predeceased by his parents Peter and Marion Makowski and his brother Ken. He lived his whole life in Stonewall marching to the beat of his own drum. The last number of years he resided at Crocus Manor where fellow residents became his family.

Many thanks to his family at Crocus for their kindness and friendship towards Dennis and to Kelly for being there when needed. Thank you to Stonewall Hospital nursing staff and to Ken Loehmer.

A private interment will be held at a later date.

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OBITUARY



Myrtle Ruth Mager (nee Haslund)

Our beloved Mom (Myrtle) passed away peacefully in the early morning hours of June 30, 2024 in Winnipeg, at the age of 97. Myrtle was born on the family farm in Inwood, MB on August 11, 1926, the youngest of five children to parents Eva and Marius Haslund.

Left to treasure her memory are her loving children, daughter Gloria (Myron) and son Greg (Pat); devoted nieces and nephews, their very special next generation families, extended family, and friends.

She was predeceased by her husband of 50 years, Eric in 1998; her parents Eva and Marius; brothers Robert (Rachel) Haslund, Ewald (Marguerite) Haslund, and sisters Mildred (Evert) Johnson and Lillian (Ole) Torske.

There were many stories shared over the years of her early life growing up in Inwood with her two brothers and two sisters. Her family's Danish heritage was always very special to her. She shared stories of attending the one room Monar School, horseback riding across the lake front, reading by coal oil lamp, getting around in winter by horse and sleigh, listening to old time radio, country dances, singing and playing guitar. She was amazed how things changed throughout her life. After leaving school at age 16, Myrtle moved on her own to Winnipeg where she worked in retail for Gaults Ltd, Zellers, and Eaton's mail order.

Through a chance introduction by her brother Wally, Myrtle met her future husband Eric, whom she married on November 6, 1948. After marriage, they moved to Inwood to operate a BA Service Station for many years in town where Myrtle opened a small lunchroom/café as part of the business. She was well known in the area for her homemade burgers and delicious pies. As an active member of the Inwood WI, Myrtle worked at all the teas and fall suppers every year. She was also a supporting member of the Gethsemane Lutheran Church in Inwood.

Myrtle liked curling, winning many country bonspiels and continued to follow curling highlights throughout her life on TV. She enjoyed country music and being able to sing and play guitar with her sisters, which was always fun and entertaining. A bus tour to Nashville together was a real highlight.

Throughout the years, Myrtle was able to travel extensively with her family throughout Canada and the US, with many adventures and memories made along the miles.

Myrtle enjoyed living independently in her home until moving to Winnipeg to be closer to the care and support of her family. Our Mom was special and loved her family. Her daughter and son were the focus of her life. She will be remembered as being a devoted and loving mother, always proud and supportive of her children.

Funeral service to honor Myrtle's life was held on Tuesday, July 9, 2024 at 11:00 a.m. at the MacKenzie Funeral Chapel, Stonewall, MB. A private interment will be held on a later date.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Myrtle's memory to the Inwood Cemetery, Box 84, Inwood, MB R0C 1P0.

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OBITUARY

Peggy Munroe

It is with great sadness we announce the passing of Peggy Munroe aged 60 years of Stonewall, MB. on Monday, July 8, 2024 at the Grace Hospital in Winnipeg.

Funeral arrangements pending.

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OBITUARY



Lawrence Stanley Downey

Peacefully, after a long battle with Melanoma, Lorne passed away at the age of 88 years on Friday, July 5, 2024.

Lorne will be dearly missed by his loving wife Lois and much loved sons, Mickey (Paula) and Darren (Teena) and will be lovingly remembered by grandchildren, extended family and friends.

Lorne was born in Kirkland Lake, Ontario on December 6, 1935 to Peter and Hilda Downey. As a young man he secured a job with Weston Bakery, starting out at an entry level position and worked his way up to Vice President of Product Development. He was proud of his accomplishments.

On July 30, 1959, he married his sweetheart Lois Rhodes. Together they spent almost 65 wonderful years together.

Lorne's career brought the family to Manitoba in 1976. Shortly thereafter, they purchased Frosty's and eventually Miller's Restaurant in Stonewall, where they became well known, active members of the community.

After retiring from Weston in 1994, Lois and Lorne sold the business and settled on an acreage in Teulon, MB. He raised chickens for a number of years and worked on many carpentry projects. He was a very talented carpenter.

Lorne loved hunting and fishing and could talk for hours preparing and planning for the next hunting trip. As the leaves started to turn in the fall, Lorne would get excited. It saddened him when old age crept in and he was unable to draw the bow. He was very young at heart.

Lorne LOVED the Toronto Blue Jays! He was a huge baseball fan and would plan his day around the ball game on TV.

Not long after moving to Teulon, Lorne made dear friends at the Teulon Cafe. He took great pride in his daily trips to town to turn the coffee pot on for his "coffee group". Many discussions were had in that cafe.

Lorne was a kind, thoughtful, gentle man who loved his family dearly. He will be greatly missed. As per Dad's wishes no funeral will be held. A private interment will occur.

Many thanks to Dr. Loudon and staff at the Teulon Hunter Memorial Hospital. Your kindness and care to both Lorne and Lois is greatly appreciated.

A golden heart stopped beating,
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It broke our hearts to see you go,
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OBITUARY



The Reverend Canon Colin Clifford Chapman (May 4, 1932 - July 1, 2024)

Quiet and accepting, and still with the occasional twinkle in his eye, Colin died July 1st surrounded by the love and respect of family and friends. His wife of 59 years, Linda-Faye, and sons, Blair (Kim, Graeme and Arwen) and Dale (Jan, Kathleen and Ella), will miss his thoughtful, caring ways.

Colin is survived by his oldest brother Jack (Peggy) and sisters-in-law Peggy and Jean and predeceased

by his brothers Glenn and Keith.

Colin was raised on the family farm in Brandon Hills, and helping out with chores, swimming with his brothers in the creek and riding the ponies to school formed some of his strongest memories: he remained a farm boy at heart to the end. After high school, Colin spent four years working on the CN railway before beginning study for the ministry in 1961 at Emmanuel College, Saskatoon. He served as priest in Elgin, Souris, Charleswood, Portage la Prairie and Stonewall where his calm, strong leadership and care were welcomed and appreciated. Those were busy but fulfilling days of worship leadership, Sunday school classes, choir practices, deanery meetings, Bible study, regular visits to hospital and parishioners and more. His work was not a job but a calling.

Retired in 1995, he and Linda-Faye remained in Stonewall. Their beautiful home and yard provided much occupation and pleasure, and they continued to serve in the church and community. Music, from the family piano to the record player to the church choir remained an important part of his life. After many family camping trips when the boys were young (including one to the Maritimes in a Chevy Citation hatchback and two pup tents), they travelled to east and west coasts, Churchill, Alaska, Branson, Australia, New Zealand and the British Isles in their golden years.

Interment of ashes will be at St. Matthew's Cathedral, Brandon. A celebration of life will be held on Friday, August 9, 2024 at 2:00 p.m. at the Church of the Ascension, Stonewall MB.

"Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord." (Matthew 25:23)

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OBITUARY



Paul Vernon Bradley Slywka
November 3, 1961 – June 25, 2024

It is with deep sadness that we announce the peaceful passing of Paul Vernon Bradley Slywka at the age of 62, on June 25, 2024. Paul was predeceased by his parents and survived by his two sisters, Maryanne (Wayne) and Anna; step-father, Alex; nieces and nephews; Pamela (Dave), Stuart (Candace), Carla (Jason); several great-nieces, great-nephews, uncles, aunts, numerous cousins, and friends who will lovingly remember him. Paul was born in Winnipeg but grew up in the Teulon area, where he spent many years on the family farm. Cremation has taken place and in keeping with Paul's wishes there will be a private interment.

OBITUARY

Daniel Joseph Chaput

It is with great sadness we announce the passing of Daniel Joseph Chaput, aged 76 years, of Gunton, MB. on Saturday, July 6, 2024 at the Health Sciences Centre, Winnipeg.

Cremation has taken place and a private family interment will be held at a later date. Longer obituary to follow.



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OBITUARY



Barry Alexander Ritchie

Peacefully in his sleep on July 2, 2024, Barry passed away at the Tudor House Personal Care Home in Selkirk, MB. He was born February 13, 1942 in Stonewall, Manitoba eldest son of Alex and Grace (nee Will) Ritchie. He was raised on the family farm at Argyle and attended school in Argyle and Stonewall. He then went on to receive his welding certificate from the Manitoba Technical Institute.

He and Ann Mollison were married in 1965 and lived in Winnipeg until 1974 when the Manitoba Highways Department offered him a transfer to their new shop in Beausejour. The transfer was gladly accepted, a farm was purchased at Ladywood and it was back to the country life, making hay, caring for animals and simply enjoying the peace and quiet.

Give Barry a piece of metal and he would find a use for it. He enjoyed repairing, redesigning, repurposing or sometimes inventing useful items for the farm. In 2023 it was decided it was time to give up farm life and the move was made to Selkirk.

Barry was predeceased by his parents Alex and Grace; his brother Douglas; his step-mother Sylvia Procure; his aunt Margaret Germa (Bud) and his uncles John Ritchie (Jean), Bert Ritchie (Ivy) and Jim Ritchie (Helen).

He is survived by his wife Ann; nieces Kathy Piper (Wayne), Deanne Dooher (Scott) and Candace Ritchie (Jeff). Also, great nieces Jennifer (Greg) and Hailee; great nephews Matthew (Jessica) and Kyle (Beth), his great niece Gwendolyn and great-great nephew Gerald, his honorary niece Jayna, cousins and friends.

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