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Nineteen-month-old Thomas Obsniuk and his friend Scarlett Dingwall cooled off at the Kinsmen Splash Pad in Stonewall last Sunday. According to The Weather Network, the temperature reached 27 C, but felt like 32 C in the afternoon.

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CIB Yard of the Week honours CIB Top Yard, Top Business



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Susan Hannah of 45 Gray Street has earned this week's Yard of the Week honour from Stonewall Communities in Bloom. For the past 30 years, her yard has been a work in progress, featuring mature 30-year-old cedars and clematis. The front flower bed showcases a colourful mix of daylilies, shrubs, hops, and pots filled with petunias and begonias. Near the house, another bed contains pots of burgundy ivy geraniums, potato vine, coleus, salvia, and dahlias. A new yard is recognized each week until the end of August. Nominations can be submitted at Stonewall Home Hardware or the Stonewall Library using ballot boxes marked Yard of the Week.



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Congratulations to Jeanette Steinbeisser, Donna DeLomos and Edgar San Miguel of 71 Broughton Bay, recipients of Warren's Week 5 Yard of the Week – Miracle-Gro Garden Selection. Their beautifully maintained property draws attention with its eye-catching street view, showcasing a tropical mix of trees, shrubs, perennials and planters. Towering sunflowers and vibrant goldenrods are in full bloom, adding a vivid splash of colour, while a meticulously trimmed hedge frames the home with precision. The garden's lush, inviting design encourages passersby to stop and take a second look, reflecting the evident care and dedication of its gardeners.

Congratulations as well to Ginger Acquisitions, named Warren's August Business of the Month. Owned by Benjamin King, the business offers secure outdoor and heated indoor winter storage at its site in the Warren Industrial Park. The facility at 7 Ed Peltz Drive is marked by a well-groomed green frontage, polished fencing and thoughtfully placed rock features, all contributing to a professional and welcoming first impression.

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Stonewall resident receives coronation medal

By Jennifer McFee

A Stonewall resident recently earned recognition by receiving a King Charles III Coronation Medal.

Dave Lavallee is well known in the community and beyond for his efforts to carry on the Métis culture and Michif language through his music and teachings.

Along with his wife Marj, he is an ambassador for the Office of the Commissioner of Indigenous Languages, and they've been leading their own workshops that focus on the Michif language for youth and adults.

"I PICKED DAVE AS A RECIPIENT BECAUSE I KNOW HOW MUCH HE'S INVOLVED WITH THE SCHOOLS FOR LANGUAGE AND ALSO WITH HIS MUSIC."

Lavallee is also one of 16 Indigenous artists from across Canada recently featured in a documentary called Rhythms of the Land presented by the Office of the Commissioner of Indigenous Languages.

Mona Buors, minister for Métis Child and Family Services, put Lavallee's name forward for the recognition.

"I picked Dave as a recipient because I know how much he's involved with the schools for language and also with his music. I was in school with him, and he used to entertain us during recess. We'd go to a room where he'd

play for us and he'd always keep the music alive," said Buors, who is also a regional executive director for the Interlake region.

"Dave also does a lot of cooking. He even went into the school here in Stonewall and showed them how to do bannock. He's teaching his grandchildren the songs and the language and the music and he's keeping it alive. That's very important for us because a lot of our elders are leaving us."

Lavallee was taken aback when he was called up to receive the award during an Interlake regional meeting.

"I couldn't even find my legs to get

up and accept the award. I was in total shock. I didn't know at all that I was receiving it. When Minister Mona Buors was making the presentation, halfway through I realized she was talking about me," he said.

"It's a real honour."

The coronation medal program was created to mark the coronation of King Charles III. It recognizes people who have made a significant contribution to a particular province, territory, region or community in Canada or attained an outstanding achievement abroad that brings credit to Canada.



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Dave Lavallee, left, poses with Minister Mona Buors after receiving the King Charles III Coronation Medal for his contributions to Métis culture and Michif language revitalization.



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Work on roads, sidewalks and pathways continues in Stonewall

By Jennifer McFee

Summertime is roadwork season across Manitoba, and Stonewall is no exception.

The addition of a new sidewalk on 3rd Avenue North is a capital project identified as part of the town's 2025 financial plan. With the addition of the townhouses at the end of 3rd Avenue North, there was an opportunity to have the developer contribute to a portion of the sidewalk as well.

The Limestone Bay paving project started on July 25 and is expected to take about five weeks to complete, depending on the weather. Traffic is restricted in the area, so drivers are asked to plan accordingly and to slow down when they see crews working. No parking will be allowed on Limestone Bay while the roadwork is underway.

In addition, pathways were paved in Quarry Park around the pond area and near the base of Jimm's Hill earlier this summer.

The town received a provincial Growth and Renewal Opportunities grant for improvements in accessibility and climate adaptations within Quarry Park. A portion of the grant went towards installing the pathways around the pond and lower part of the park to make them accessible.

"This also means we will no longer need to spray the pathways for weeds. They are now all paved and there has been soil placed up to the edges, which will be seeded in the fall to allow for the grass to begin growing this year and, hopefully, fill in once spring arrives," said Kelly Kimball, Quarry Park manager.

"This GRO grant also encompasses planned improvements at Kinsmen Lake, which are going to be implemented over the next year and a half. These improvements will include new accessible concrete boardwalks, new lifeguard sheds, a new entrance and shade pergolas."



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY LANA MEIER

Crews work on road and sidewalk upgrades in Stonewall, part of a series of capital and grant-supported infrastructure projects underway this summer.

Korner Kutz earns Best Blooming Business title

By Jo-Anne procter

Korner Kutz Day Spa and Salon has been named the season's first Communities in Bloom (CIB) Best Blooming Business.

The full-service salon, located at 364 Main Street, features an inviting storefront with window boxes filled with Headliner Dark Saturn petunias, complemented by lime green sweet potato vine.

This August, the CIB committee is re-launching the Best Blooming Business Award. The initiative aims to recognize and celebrate local businesses that have not yet received the honour.

Two judges—one representing CIB and another from the Stonewall & District Chamber of Commerce—will

evaluate storefronts. Their combined expertise ensures a fair assessment and highlights diverse perspectives on creativity and aesthetics.

What sets this year's edition apart is its focus on new contenders. Past winners have raised the bar by continuously enhancing their storefronts and adding beauty to the town's atmosphere.

"The Stonewall & District Chamber of Commerce is excited to be partnering with CIB for this initiative and looks forward to showcasing some of the local businesses who see the value in celebrating their storefronts for the summer season," said Chamber president Robert Price-Lewis.



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Korner Kutz Day Spa and Salon has been named the first recipient of the 2025 Communities in Bloom Best Blooming Business Award. Pictured, left to right: Tannis Thomson, Kirsty Morrison, (photo of Derek Lischka), Sara Summerly, Sheena Marks and Sara Reynolds.

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Amazing Race Challenge returns to Winnipeg Beach Aug. 10

By E. Antonio

From blindfolded spaghetti feeding to no-hands fry eating, the Lakeside Lions' Amazing Race Challenge is set to return Aug. 10 with another wild ride across the Interlake.

The one-day event will have teams racing to complete up to 30 unique and secretive challenges spread across Winnipeg Beach, Sandy Hook, Matlock, Whytewold, Ponemah and Gimli. Cash and item prizes donated by local businesses and supporters will be awarded to top-performing teams and best costumes.

Lisa Boyer with the Lakeside Lions said this is an action-packed day the whole family will enjoy.

"We love giving back to the community, so hosting this activity day is something for everyone to look forward to. There are so many hidden gems to discover in this area and this is the perfect opportunity to explore just some of the beautiful things we have to offer."

While challenges remain top-secret until race day, Boyer expects this to be another thrilling event just like their previous two races.

Teams of two to seven players—or however many legally fit inside your vehicle—can register in advanced at a reduced rate of \$10 per team. Children under 16 years old are required to play with someone older than 21, but these are the only team requirements as players young and old are allowed to take part in the challenge. Day-of registrations will also be accepted at a full rate of \$20 per team, and amusing team names along with costumes are strongly encouraged.

Last year, 33 teams competed in a variety of memory, trivia, and skillful challenges like

eating fries and ketchup with no hands, Zumba, and a water balloon toss.

"The (Winnipeg Beach) Fire Department always puts on a fun challenge for everyone," Boyer



A competitor tackles the no-hands hamburger challenge during the 2024 Amazing Race.

added. She hinted a fire department activity is slated to make a return and competitors should know they will be in for a good time.

As teams complete challenges, they are awarded points by collecting unique and official stamps from challenge hosts in their race book which they are given during orientation.

Orientation starts at 10:30 a.m. sharp at the Winnipeg Beach Recreation Centre before the competition takes off at 11 a.m.. Teams will be able to compete challenges in whatever order they wish and however many they like—they just have to have their booklet back to challenge organizers by 3 p.m. to not be deducted any points off their final score.

"There are so many different types of challenges there will be something for everyone to enjoy. Hosts try to make accessible challenges for everyone as we believe everyone should have the chance to have fun," said Boyer.

Those who rally up the most points during the day will go home with a prize and those who come with the



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Winnipeg Beach and Dunnottar Lakeside Lions will host their third Amazing Race Challenge on Aug. 10—a team-based competition filled with quirky, family-friendly activities across the region. Photos from last year's event, left, Blindfolded and laughing, teammates feed each other spaghetti during a challenge at the 2024 race. Right, Team members work together to cross the field on shared planks at last year's event.

best team costume will also be awarded. The closing and award ceremony takes place at 4 p.m. near the Winnipeg Beach Bandstand to celebrate the end to a fun-filled day.

Boyer noted she will send out an email in advanced suggesting items teams should carry with them such as water, sunscreen, bug spray and a potential change of clothes.

Anyone wanting to register for the

Amazing Race can email wblakesidelions@gmail.com or visit the Lakeside Lions Amazing Race Challenge Facebook page for more information.

"It is a great day for everyone to come out, enjoy themselves and enjoy the area," Boyer added. "So, bring your smiles and a great attitude and see if you can be crowned champion of the Lakeside Lions Amazing Race."



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Drought support announced for Manitoba livestock producers

By Lana Meier

The federal and provincial governments are rolling out new support for Manitoba livestock producers affected by drought conditions, federal Agriculture Minister Heath MacDonald and Manitoba Agriculture Minister Ron Kostyshyn announced July 23.

Through the Manitoba Agricultural Services Corporation (MASC), livestock producers will receive assistance under the AgriInsurance program to help improve cash flow and secure additional feed.

"Our livestock producers play a critical role in our food supply and our economy. We need to do everything we can to support them, especially in the face of these dry conditions," MacDonald said. "These program changes will ensure producers in Manitoba receive claim payouts faster, so they can source other feed options as quickly as possible."

As part of the response, MASC will apply a 40 per cent quality adjust-

ment factor to reduce yield appraisals for drought-damaged cereal crops—including wheat, oats, barley, fall rye, triticale and grain corn—that are converted to livestock feed. A similar adjustment was last made in 2021, leading to more than 100,000 acres of grain crops being redirected to feed.

Additional AgriInsurance changes for forage and pasture producers include:

- Deferred premium deductions for forage insurance claims made before Oct. 1;
- Partial claim payments for forage and pasture days insurance, when feasible; and
- Permission to graze insured forage after the first cut without affecting claim calculations.

"We recognize that some of Manitoba's livestock producers are facing challenging conditions with the lack of precipitation in certain regions of the province," said Kostyshyn. "With pastures drying up and minimal

sources of feed for livestock, it is important to give producers the resources they need to maintain their herds."

MASC lending clients may also defer loan payments and access financial advice to help fund feed purchases, the ministers said.

AgriInsurance is a business risk management program that helps Manitoba farmers protect against production shortfalls and quality losses due to natural hazards. The program is supported by the governments of Canada and Manitoba through the Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership.

More than 90 per cent of annual crop acres in Manitoba are covered under AgriInsurance, with over 7,400 farms enrolled.

For more information, visit www.gov.mb.ca/agriculture/farm-management/cost-production/business-risk-management.html or contact an MASC Service Centre at masc.mb.ca.

St. Laurent plans for climate change impact

By E. Antonio

The RM of St. Laurent has applied for a grant of up to \$70,000 from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) to support the development of a Climate Adaptation Plan that will help the municipality prepare for the impacts of climate change.

Chief administrative officer Billie Jean Oliver said the plan will be essential in guiding municipal decisions related to building and maintaining infrastructure.

"It will allow us to ensure that capital projects and infrastructure are built to high standards, ensuring the longevity of the investment," she said.

In recent years, the RM has experienced overland flooding, severe wind events and droughts. The plan will outline how, when and where infrastructure should be built or maintained to better withstand future weather events. Other components include maintaining and cleaning the RM's natural drainage infrastructure and helping community groups ensure their facilities are resilient to climate impacts.

"The plan is just another component of asset management, development and maintenance," Oliver said. "By considering potential climate factors when making decisions, we can en-

sure that regardless of what phase infrastructure is at, we are planning to extend its longevity by incorporating techniques and methods that address the impacts of significant weather events."

Council has approved a funding contribution of \$13,110 to the FCM and plans to use the grant to offset the cost of hiring a consultant to facilitate discussions, develop the plan documentation and contribute to staff and council wages for attending meetings. Other funding sources may be available depending on which projects are

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Harvest underway in drought-stricken Interlake

By Jo-Anne Procter

Harvest has begun in the Interlake, with the Stewart family among the first to start combining their winter wheat.

This year's growing season has been marked by severe drought. The RMs of Woodlands, St. Laurent, West Inter-

lake, Armstrong and Coldwell have all declared states of agricultural disaster due to prolonged low precipitation, which has stunted crop growth and dried up local water sources.

According to the Province of Manitoba's July 31 crop report, most crops across the region are approaching

harvest. However, overall yield expectations are below average.

Heat and dry conditions have accelerated crop development, particularly in cereals, with premature ripening reported in the driest fields.



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY JO-ANNE PROCTER

Combines were spotted running in the RM of Rosser, south of Stonewall, last Saturday, signalling an early start to a difficult harvest season.

Vendors needed for Woodlands' Park 150 event

By Jennifer McFee

Vendors are in demand for the upcoming Park150 tree-planting event next month.

The event takes place at Park150 on Saturday, Sept. 20 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. In case of rain, the event will be held at the Woodlands Hall.

The RM of Woodlands is looking for vendors of artisan work, baked goods, canning and preserves, fresh produce and other foods. There is no fee and vendors are asked to bring their own table.

The registration deadline is Aug. 12. To register, email admin@rmwoodlands.ca or call 204-383-5679.

In other council news:

- Council unanimous passed third reading of a bylaw to establish speed limits on municipal roadways. Council also unanimously passed third reading of a bylaw to establish

spring road restrictions.

- Council gave first reading to a bylaw to amend the development plan to redesignate an agricultural area to rural residential to subdivide out a portion of the land to allow for separate titles on existing houses. The remainder of the land would remain as agricultural. A public hearing is set for Tuesday, Aug. 26.

- Council conditionally approved a request to operate a home-based business at a property on Porteous Avenue. The retail business would focus on home goods and accessories for gardens and flowerbeds.

- Council conditionally approved a request to vary the minimum site area from the required 80 acres to 69.08 acres for an equestrian establishment.

- Council conditionally approved an application for a used sin-

gle-family mobile home as a main residential use.

- Council authorized a \$2,000 donation to Agriculture in the Classroom to support programs and resources.

- Council appointed Matthew Stevenson and Hannah Tuckett as citizen representatives on the Park150 board.

- Council accepted a \$12,000 quote from Dillon Consulting for the engineered design of the paving a portion of Road 4W in Warren. The funds will come from the Local Urban District of Warren road construction and capital equipment reserve.

- Reeve Douglas Oliver and Coun. Darryl Langrell are authorized to go to the Village of Dunnottar to view its passive filter system at the Dunnottar lagoon.

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We know that the need for rest is part of being human. If we stretch ourselves in too many directions, our bodies revolt and slow us down in other ways.

It's a tradition for Christians to observe a day of rest for worship and for service. We live in a multi-faith society where not everyone worships on Sunday morning. It's now up to us to find the way to preserve a day of rest for ourselves so that God can be our centre.

Sabbath rest, or as I like to call it, holy rest, isn't about physical resting alone, it's also about feeding our souls in ways that restore them. Holy rest for you and I might look quite different. Some of us will find that rest by a lake or on a forest path. Others will quilt or garden. Some will do some woodwork or be creative in other ways. In-person human connection with family and friends also feeds our soul.

What makes it holy rest is that we invite God in. We see these activities as ways to simplify our life and reconnect with our faith. God invites us to rest our weary souls.

It's easy to fill our day with an activity that is simply soul-tiring. One of the greatest gifts we can give ourselves, and our community, is a model for soul care.

As we enjoy summer, I pray that we practice holy rest - for God's sake, and for our own.

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Teulon & District Seniors Council celebrates 30 years of service

By Lana Meier

What began with a secondhand typewriter and a shared vision has grown into three decades of unwavering support for older adults in the Interlake.

The Teulon & District Seniors Resource Council marked its 30th anniversary on Friday, July 25, with a celebration at the Teulon Farmers Market—fitting, given the council stepped in to help run the market during the pandemic.

The open house event honoured founding volunteers, recognized longtime supporters, and reflected on the council's evolution from humble beginnings to an essential community lifeline.

In a commemorative address, founding president Josip Lecnik recounted the council's first steps, sparked by a community need to help seniors stay in their homes and remain connected.

"Every success story has a beginning," Lecnik said. "Some other communities had Senior Resource Councils—so why not Teulon?"

That question led to an organizational meeting on Oct. 5, 1994, in the Teulon Hospital boardroom. Despite a long workday and a temptation to skip it, Lecnik was urged by his wife Lynn to attend—a decision that would shape the next three decades of senior support in the region.

To his surprise, Lecnik was elected



Founding president Josip Lecnik reflects on the early days of the Teulon & District Seniors Resource Council during its 30th anniversary celebration at the Teulon Farmers Market on July 25.

the group's first president, with Walter Romanchuk as vice-chair, Joan Trombo as secretary and Nicole Smith as treasurer. Beth King was hired as the council's first coordinator, and an office was set up on Main Street.

Operating on a shoestring budget, Lecnik sourced used furniture and an electric typewriter from his head office, which was undergoing renovations. The council's first donation—a \$400 cheque—came from the Teulon and Area Lions Club on Jan. 4, 1995.

"The Lions Club continued to be very supportive of the Resource Council," Lecnik noted.

Federal support followed that spring, when then-MP Dr. Jon Gerard presented a \$7,547 cheque for operating expenses during a visit to Teulon. By the next year, the council held its first AGM and welcomed more than 50 guests to an open house at the new Teulon Civic Office. Twenty-five volunteers were recognized at that event, where the council's early services—escort to medical appointments, transportation, home repair and more—were shared with the public.

"That was our beginning, in so many words," Lecnik said. "The rest is history."

Today, the council continues to be a hub for older adults and their families, providing both free and fee-based services across a wide rural catchment area.

"The mandate has expanded a lot in 30 years," said current council coordinator Barb Mankewich. "Programs have been added as other services disappeared—like government form assistance and volunteer income tax preparation. We've really become a go-to place for seniors who need help navigating the system."

The council also operates a medical equipment loan program, recently enhanced thanks to a donation from

the Teulon Healthcare Foundation. The funds helped purchase transport wheelchairs, aluminum crutches, walkers and other essential gear.

"We're so grateful for the support we get—donations are what keep that program running," Mankewich said.

Current offerings range from friendly visits and wellness checks to help with yard work, housekeeping and snow removal. Mankewich estimates the council is in touch with more than 100 people each month.

"We're here for anyone who needs help, information, or just someone to talk to," she said. "If we can't help directly, we'll do our best to connect you with someone who can."

Volunteers remain at the heart of the organization—just as they were in 1994.

"Volunteers are the backbone and heart of any community," Mankewich said. "If you're not already involved, give it a try. It'll change your life in the best way."

Looking ahead, the council hopes to launch a monthly community calendar to promote local events—reviving a service once provided by Kozy's.

As the council turns 30, Mankewich said the mission remains unchanged.

"We're a community organization that supports everyone," she said. "By helping in your community, your community becomes stronger—and that's what we're all about."

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undertaken.

Oliver noted the concept has been discussed in earlier council meetings,

but the planning process itself is new to the municipality.

"It ties into the Asset Management Plan as well as the financial plan," she said. "Working all these plans together will assist with the overall development of the community in a way that is effective, efficient and affordable. A Climate Adaptation Plan adds another layer to the decision-making process. When we are looking at applying for grants to assist with current capital projects, climate adaptation is always part of the overall project that needs to be considered."

The RM will coordinate with indi-

viduals who have a background in climate planning and is already consulting with the University of Winnipeg's Climate Adaptation Group, which specializes in facilitating such processes.

Oliver estimates it will take 12 to 18 months to develop and finalize the plan, which will be reviewed and updated annually as needed.

IN OTHER COUNCIL NEWS:

Council hired Matthieu Lavallee as a Green Team Program member through the St. Laurent and District Recreation Commission and the Sandpiper Association of St. Laurent. He will work as a seasonal and casual

employee cutting grass and maintaining public spaces.

Simone McKay has been hired on a casual basis to assist with municipal office work during peak times and during extended leaves or vacation periods.

Council approved the Acquisition and Disposition of Land Policy.

Council received \$200 in donations from Davilyn Teed Eyolfson and Tom and Lorna Johnson in memory of Darlene Bricklin. The funds will be granted to the Oak Point Community Hall.

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Teulon AA
Christian Education Building
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Contact: (204) 461-0155
Meets every Tuesday 8-9 PM

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Stonewall teen's window-cleaning business making a clear impact

By Emma McGill

With a squeegee in hand and an eye for detail, 15-year-old Louis Mailey is making windows — and his business prospects — shine.

The young entrepreneur from just outside Stonewall launched his own window-cleaning company, WindowChamps, this spring after being inspired by his mother's appreciation for a spotless view.

"I started WindowChamps to help others enjoy that same clean feeling," Mailey said.

After researching techniques and watching YouTube tutorials, Mailey put together a professional cleaning process using purified water. He starts by scrubbing the sills and frames, then uses a three-step system that includes a carbon filter, reverse osmosis, and a resin polish to leave a streak-free shine.

Over the past few months, Mailey has gained a loyal customer base in Stonewall and even taken on jobs in Winnipeg to expand his experience. Word-of-mouth referrals have been his strongest form of advertising so far.

Though the business is seasonal due to Manitoba's cold winters, Mailey plans to grow WindowChamps year-round. He's heading back to school in the fall but is already looking to hire someone to help with daytime cleaning while he handles estimates and sales in the evenings.

"This isn't just a summer job — it's a real business I hope to grow throughout the surrounding area," he said.

In the meantime, he's knocking on doors after hours, looking to bring his "so clean you'd think they're open" motto to even more homes.

To book a cleaning in Stonewall, call 204-800-0992.



Mailey carefully cleans a customer's window using his three-step purified water system.



TRIBUNE PHOTOS SUBMITTED

Louis Mailey, 15, stands with his bike and trailer, which he uses to transport supplies for his window-cleaning business, WindowChamps. Based just outside Stonewall, Mailey launched the company this spring to bring a professional shine to local homes.

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Correction

Staff

In the July 31 article "Dry weather impacts agriculture in the Interlake," a quote from PC MLA Jeff Bereza referred to feed assistance and freight support as programs available to livestock producers. In fact, freight assistance has not been announced as part of current government drought support. The Progressive Conservative caucus is calling on the Manitoba government to consider freight support as part of its drought response. We regret the error.

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Lower Fort Garry summer camps and gala bring history to life

By E. Antonio

The Friends of Lower Fort Garry (FoLFG) are offering a summer full of immersive experiences for both youth and adults at the Lower Fort Garry National Historic Site.

Children ages six to 12 can take part in Adventurers Day Camp, a week-long program running Monday to Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Campers step back in time to the 1850s, complete with period costumes, and take part in hands-on activities that teach Canadian history in fun and unexpected ways.

"Not only are our summer camps fun, campers get the built-in benefit of learning about Canadian history in a sneaky way," said Erica Massie, day camp director.

Campers can look forward to bannock roasting, candle making, writing with a quill and ink, and other interactive sessions. Each year, staff introduce new games, crafts and historic experiences to offer something fresh for returning participants.

"It is the perfect way to have some fun while learning about the Indigenous history, the history of Manitoba and fur trade history," Massie said.

The camp, which complements Parks Canada programming, encourages families to engage with local history. Everything is provided by FoLFG staff except for lunch, water bottles and sunscreen. The final session of the summer runs Aug. 18 to 22.

Registration remains open while space allows and closes roughly one week before each session. Families can register online at www.folfg.com.

www.folfg.com/winnipeg-childrens-day-camp.

Adults will also have the chance to enjoy history in a lively new way with the return of the Glitter by the River gala on Aug. 21, a special 1920s-themed evening in celebration of FoLFG's 40th anniversary.

"It will be a larger-than-life event themed to the 1920s, and costumes are very much encouraged," said Dr. Carolyn Weiss, president of FoLFG.

Set within the historic walls and buildings of the fort from 6 to 10 p.m., the event promises a unique nighttime experience complete with entertainment, themed food and drink stations, and interactive activities. Upon arrival, guests will be transported by 1920s-style trolley to the back side of the fort for an even more immersive experience.

"Come and enjoy the site at night, which is a whole lot different than the daytime experience," said Weiss. "You can be immersed in history in a fun way to help you understand it."

Catering by All Seasons Catering will feature items like Gatsby grilled cheese, mushroom caps, and a potato bar, along with specialty cocktails and mocktails. Guests will receive two drink tickets and access to all food and activities included in their admission.

Swing dancing, poker games, tarot card readings, and other 1920s-themed amusements will unfold throughout the evening, each accessed with a secret password shared in advance.

Attendees are encouraged to dress the part, bring their imagination, and come ready for fun. Prizes will be



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Campers try their hand at candle making during the Friends of Lower Fort Garry's Adventurers Day Camp, where activities reflect life in the 1850s.

awarded for best dressed, and there will be a silent auction and cash/credit card bar on site.

Tickets are \$140, or \$40 for students ages 18 to 25, and include a \$50 tax receipt. Proceeds support FoLFG's youth programming, Lower Fort Garry initiatives, and the Andrew Henderson Memorial Scholarship—named in honour of a beloved former staff member known for his dedication to learning and community engagement.

"Lower Fort Garry is an important part of our history, and we believe everyone should be able to get involved

and enjoy the history the fort offers," said Weiss. "It is important to know where we came from and how we started—to learn from our mistakes and grow as a country."

Tickets must be purchased by Aug. 14 at www.folfg.com/glitter-by-the-river or in person at the Stone Fort Trading Co. Gift Shop, open daily from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

FoLFG is also seeking sponsors for the gala, with a range of sponsorship options available online until Aug. 1. For more details, email info@folfg.com or visit FoLFG's Facebook and Instagram pages.

South Interlake Garden Club hosts garden tours



TRIBUNE PHOTOS BY MARNI LANGRELL

Thirty gardening enthusiasts toured three local properties during the South Interlake Garden Club's showcase on July 30. Hosts Tanya Daher, Val and Chuck McClure, and Jo-Anne Procter shared their passion through colourful displays of perennials, annuals, shrubs, vegetables and yard art. Members of the Gimli and Charleswood Garden Clubs joined locals for the tour. Left: Edith MacMillan and Linda Crockatt explore the McClure yard. Centre: Gimli Garden Club members visit Jo-Anne Procter's vegetable garden. Right: Mary Kosc, Kathy Simard and Kathy Kosc admire the hydrangeas at Tanya Daher's home.

Folklorama's 54th festival runs from Aug. 3 to 16

By Jennifer McFee

Manitoba's annual cultural extravaganza is now underway for the 54th season.

Folklorama runs from Aug. 3 to 16 with 43 ethno-cultural pavilions showcasing their heritage over the two-week run.

At a special sneak-peek event held at The Leaf last week, organizers and ambassadors shared highlights of this year's much-anticipated festival.

Teresa Cotroneo, Folklorama's executive director, drew attention to two brand new offerings this year.

"We're thrilled to welcome the Mabuhay Philippine Pavilion in Week 1 and the Modern Chinese Pavilion in Week 2. We also have several returning favourites that are back after taking a year or more off that include Argentina Tango, Budapest-Hungaria, Africa, Métis, as well as Pabellón de España-Spain Pavilion and Pavilion Canadien-Français," she said.

"A couple pavilions are celebrating milestone anniversaries this year — Pavilion of Scotland celebrating an incredible 50 years, Tamil Pavilion celebrating 25 years and Celtic Ireland Pavilion celebrating its 20th anniversary."

She also noted that due to the wildfire situation affecting northern communities, organizers of the First Nations Pavilion made a difficult decision to withdraw from this year's festival.

"We are partnering with Neemu-Egwah to arrange for some tours for evacuees who are currently staying at local shelters. Together with Buffy Handel, executive director of Neemu-Egwah, we'll be offering a couple evenings each week where we'll provide transportation, admission, food and beverage for youth and senior groups to experience the festival," Cotroneo said.

"The power of culture to uplift, connect and bring joy — that's what Folklorama is all about, creating moments of celebration, understanding and unity."

Languages, arts and customs continue to be nurtured in Manitoba and woven into the culture across generations.

"When you visit a pavilion, you feel the love and pride that our communities pour into sharing their heritage," she said. "It's really a beautiful reflection of who we are collectively."

Thanks to the support of partners and funders, Folklorama continues to be one of the most affordable summer events in Manitoba. Admission is free for kids age 12 and under, and general admission is \$7.50 plus fees. VIP tours



Folklorama's 2025 adult ambassador and youth ambassador helped kick off the festival's 54th season during a sneak-peek event.

and group multi-pack pricing are also available.

"The festival truly has something for everyone no matter what you're after, be it captivating performances, colourful cultural displays, Instagram-worthy photo ops, kids' activities, late night parties," Cotroneo said.

"And, of course, let's not forget about the food — no cooking required for two weeks. So just plan your pavilion-hopping for appetizers, dinner and desserts and you're all set."

At last week's event, McPhillips MLA JD Devgan brought greetings on behalf of the province. He also recalled how he attended Folklorama's cultural celebrations as a child. Now he's enjoying the experience of seeing his younger cousins, nieces and nephews performing in pavilions where he used to perform.

"We know that Folklorama is the largest multicultural programming of its sort in the world. There is nothing like this in any other city replicated at this scale and this level," he said.

"By attending different pavilions and going to different cultural shows, I broadened my horizons of the world. I'm a big champion of Folklorama. We know how important it is to our community."

Winnipeg Mayor Scott Gillingham said Folklorama is a wonderful way to experience the world and celebrate the diversity of our community.

"In the two fun weeks of Folklorama, the volunteers make it happen, whether they're performing or serving the great food and being great hosts to all the pavilions," he added.

"My message to all Manitobans is to please take the opportunity to come and enjoy Folklorama this year."



TRIBUNE PHOTOS BY JENNIFER MCFEE

Participants from a variety of cultural groups gathered at The Leaf to celebrate the launch of Folklorama's 54th season. The two-week multicultural festival runs Aug. 3 to 16 at 43 pavilions across Winnipeg, showcasing food, performances and traditions from around the world.



Similarly, Folklorama board president Kim Ly expressed appreciation for the volunteers as well as all the behind-the-scenes planning that takes place year-round.

"The Folklorama festival is such a great way to discover and celebrate the vibrant and diverse communities that make up our beautiful city," Ly said.

"I'd also like to note that the proceeds from each pavilion go back to that community so the next generation can appreciate, learn and preserve the traditions, customs and recipes that make up their beautiful culture."

The event at The Leaf wrapped up with a toe-tapping performance by siblings Jacob and Cienna Harris of the Asham Stompers, who will be part of the Métis Pavilion during Week 1.

To learn more about Folklorama, visit Folklorama.ca/festival.



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Gimli Film Festival caps off 25th anniversary with celebration and record crowds

By E. Antonio

The Gimli International Film Festival (GIFF) wrapped up its 25th anniversary in style, drawing record-setting crowds and showcasing five days of film, workshops and festivities from July 23–27.

The milestone edition of Manitoba's largest film festival kicked off with an opening ceremony on July 23, where GIFF board members, dignitaries and guests gathered to celebrate the festival's legacy and impact.

"Gimli International Film Festival is an opportunity for artists to tell stories in their own voices," said GIFF board member Amanda Leushen, who welcomed speakers including Elder Ruth Christie, Sport, Culture and Heritage Minister Nellie Kennedy, Lieutenant-Governor Anita Neville, RBC vice-president Candace Hodgins, GIFF executive director Teya Zuzek, Gimli Deputy Mayor Kurt Reichert, Interlake-Gimli MLA Derek Johnson, and GIFF founder and chair Janis Johnson.

Johnson thanked supporters for contributing to the success of the festival over the years.

"You gave your creativity, energy, and heart to create the best possible film festival," she said, adding that she plans to publish a book in 2026 documenting GIFF's journey. "It is the only way to capture the stories, visions and challenges that got us here."

During the awards and closing reception on July 26, Selkirk-Interlake-Eastman MP James Bezan presented Johnson with a commemorative plaque in recognition of the 25th anniversary and her contributions as founder.

GIFF communications coordinator Dre DeBattista said the 2025 edition was "an overwhelming success,"

crediting the volunteers, sponsors, filmmakers and community for their support.

"The team did a lot to step up this year's festival," she said. "The program was thoughtfully curated — Icelandic films in the mornings appealed to the local crowd, while the social justice series drew strong evening and weekend audiences."

DeBattista said Saturday's Almost Famous RBC Sunset Screening drew a record crowd, and audience buzz quickly surrounded Bob Trevino Likes It, which went on to win the Audience Choice Award.

For DeBattista, a personal highlight was watching Derek Johnson present the King Charles III Coronation Medal to Janis Johnson for her decades of service to both community and country.

GIFF 2025 AWARD WINNERS

- Canada Media Fund Best Canadian Short: Lumen by Stéphanie Bélanger (presented by Joy Loewen)
- DOC Canada Barry Lank Award: The Fruit Machine: A Space Opera by Shawna Dempsey and Lorri Millan (presented by Ernie Nathaniel)
- Manitoba Film & Music Best Manitoba Film: Parade: Queer Acts of Love and Resistance by Noam Gonick (presented by Lynne Skromeda)
- ACTRA Manitoba Best Performance Awards: Kris Cahatol for grieph and Gail Maurice for Aberdeen (announced by Alan Wong)
- Directors Guild of Canada – Manitoba Best Director: Noam Gonick for Parade: Queer Acts of Love and Resistance (presented by Norma Bailey)
- New Voices Award: Coexistence, My Ass! by Amber Fares (announced by Teya Zuzek)



Manitoba Best Director: Noam Gonick for Parade: Queer Acts of Love and Resistance presented by Norma Bailey.



Grand Jury 'Best of Fest' Award: Universal Language by Matthew Rankin presented by David Knipe.



TRIBUNE PHOTOS BY RAYME THOMSON

Selkirk-Interlake-Eastman MP James Bezan presented Johnson with a commemorative plaque in recognition of the 25th anniversary and her contributions as GIFF founder.

- APTN Indigenous Spirit Award: Siksikakowan: The Blackfoot Man by Trevor Solway (announced by Amanda Leushen)
- The Alda Award: Universal Language by Matthew Rankin (presented by Janis Johnson)
- Grand Jury 'Best of Fest' Award: Universal Language by Matthew Rankin (presented by David Knipe)
- Audience Choice Award: Bob Trevino Likes It by Tracie Laymon (announced by Amanda Leushen)
- Filmmaker reflects on community, history and pride

- Justine Pimlott, producer of Parade: Queer Acts of Love and Resistance, said she was humbled by the recognition she and director Noam Gonick received at this year's festival, where the film won both Best Manitoba Film and Best Manitoba Director.

"I have been wanting to make this film for a very long time to showcase the rise of the 2SLGBTQ+ movement," said Pimlott, who was born in Winnipeg. "It really hasn't been told in the way we approached it. It's a story of my life."

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Interlake-Gimli MLA Derek Johnson (back row, centre) joins Gimli International Film Festival board members, organizers and special guests to celebrate GIFF's 25th anniversary at the opening ceremony on July 23. The milestone edition of Manitoba's largest film festival ran July 23–27, drawing record crowds for five days of film, workshops and festivities.

Local author launches second children's book, inspired by friendship and family

By E. Antonio

A local writer is celebrating the release of her second children's book, *The Stork and Little Baby You*—a heartwarming story born from a poem once painted on canvas as a baby gift.

Written and illustrated by University of Victoria master's student Tessa Thevenot, the book tells the tale of a stork's whimsical journey to find the perfect mother for "little baby you." With themes of love, connection and maternal care, the book is geared toward young readers aged one to seven.

"The original version of this story was written in 2020 as a poem and painting for my friend Audrianna while she was pregnant with Brinley," Thevenot said. "I knew she was going through the typical pregnancy challenges, but there was so much more—she was doing this through the pandemic. I really wanted to create something for her as a baby gift, something that would capture the unconditional love shared between a baby and their mother."

The original poem was painted onto a gigantic canvas that still hangs in Brinley's room and is uniquely personalized to her. Thevenot knew she wanted to transform the poem into a storybook for all children, and she began to adapt the stanzas so they would be accessible to more readers.

The book is lovingly dedicated to Brinley and her sister Baylen Benevides-Harris of Argyle, and features 32 pages of full-spread illustrations drawn by Thevenot herself. She said she wanted the artwork to resemble a scrapbook and included a variety of artistic elements.

"As the pages progress, more colours and details appear. This represents the baby as they grow and add colourful memories into their life."

Personal touches are woven throughout the book, from family birthdates to illustrated tributes for Thevenot's grandmothers, mother, sister, and her cat, Hocus. One illustration even shows a stork soaring above the Winnipeg skyline, with the Esplanade Riel Bridge and St. Boniface Cathedral clearly visible.

"It's important to me that I honour the mothers in my life. They have done so much for me, and this is just one subtle way I can say thank you to them all."

She said illustrating the book was a time-consuming process, especially while also writing her thesis.

"The good thing is, since I wrote, illustrated and chose my own publisher, I had full control over the project and only needed to talk to myself if I



The Stork and Little Baby You is Tessa Thevenot's second children's book, inspired by a poem she created as a baby gift and featuring her own whimsical illustrations.

wanted to make changes," she said. "I also have fantastic family and friends who gave me feedback on drafts—this was a huge help in the design process."

She began illustrating the book in December 2023 while flying home from Vancouver, and finalized the images nearly 14 months later.

It was also while she was travelling that she met a restless boy who inspired the book's final title.

"Originally, it was called *The Stork and Baby You*, but the boy told me he liked saying 'little baby you' because 'birds could only fly with little babies.' It made me laugh—and I knew I had to change the title."

The release comes just ahead of the one-year anniversary of her debut book, *Quick Quick Quick*, which has sold more than 350 copies to readers in Canada, the U.S., and parts of Europe through Amazon. Fans of her first book can expect to find hidden references from *Quick Quick Quick* sprinkled throughout *The Stork and*



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Local author Tessa Thevenot has published her second children's book, *The Stork and Little Baby You*. She dedicated the story to Brinley (right) and Baylen Benevides-Harris.

Little Baby You.

Her literary pursuits continue this fall with a trip to San Francisco, where she will present her creative nonfiction piece *A House Before Dust* at a literature conference. The story, told from the perspective of her childhood farmhouse, reflects on the impacts of living near a rock quarry—an "emotional and raw" narrative with political undertones, she said.

She hopes the conference opens doors for her as an author.

"I would love to meet the right people to help me work towards my goals of writing more adult fiction.

I currently have a novel in progress, and I really think this would be such a beneficial experience for me."

This August, she also completes her Master of Arts in English literature before finishing her education degree at the University of Manitoba. Her thesis explores modern female archetypes in children's gothic fiction, focusing on Neil Gaiman's *Coraline*.

Copies of *The Stork and Little Baby You* will be available Aug. 1 and can be purchased by emailing hocustales.poetry@gmail.com, or through Amazon.ca and Barnes & Noble for \$20.



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StoryWalk brings books to local walking routes

By Jennifer McFee

If you're looking for a fun (and free) summer activity to do with the kids, look no further!

StoryWalk is back again for 2025, bringing together literacy, exercise and fresh air for everyone in the community.

This literacy-boosting initiative uses a children's picture book with its pages separated, laminated and displayed along a walking route in the community. The StoryWalk project was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, VT, and developed in collaboration with the Kellogg-Hubbard Library.

And this summer, you can check out new titles in Stonewall, Stony Mountain, Grosse Isle and Balmoral.

"We are so excited to present StoryWalks to our communities once again. This is the fourth season of StoryWalk that the Stonewall library has installed. We are so happy to have installed four StoryWalk routes in our catchment area," said Stonewall branch librarian Joan Ransom.

"We love that this project encourages people to get outdoors and be active while interacting with reading and literacy. It is such a fun way to combine these two activities. All our routes have been selected for safety and accessibility, and the books were selected for their colourful illustrations and fun stories."

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The documentary uses archival footage and interviews with activists and elders to trace Canada's 2SLGBTQ+ rights movement from the ground up.

"We fought for our rights. We fought against discrimination. This is Canadian history — critical history — and it's important that we make our story available," she said. "This is not an arm's-length film. You see lived experiences and passion, and that rigour comes through in the storytelling."

Pimlott credited the National Film Board of Canada and a dedicated team of executives for helping bring the vision to life.

"This is a milestone within the 2SLGBTQ+ movement," she said. "Being able to tell part of this history is extraordinary — I feel incredibly privileged."

To her, the film's reception at GIFF affirms its impact.

"These awards are a reflection of how the film is resonating," she said. "People want to know whose shoulders we stand on."

She encourages all Canadians to watch the film.



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A laminated page from *Just One More Story* adds colour and curiosity along the StoryWalk route in Stonewall. The interactive literacy initiative is back for a fourth summer, with rotating titles posted in Stonewall, Stony Mountain, Grosse Isle and Balmoral.

In Stonewall, the route runs west down 4th Avenue North, and the storyboards are zip-tied to the fence outside of Kinsmen Lake.

Similarly, in Stony Mountain, the storyboards are zip-tied on the inside of the fence at the park on Memorial Boulevard and Prince Street.

In Grosse Isle, the storyboards are zip-tied to trees along the path near Grosse Isle School.

And in Balmoral, the story boards

on signposts along McKnight Road.

Five stories are on rotation throughout the four routes — *Just One More Story*, *This Land is a Lullaby*, *Frank and Bert The One With The Missing Cookie*, *The World Needs The Wonder You See* and *Construction Site: Taking Flight*. The first rotation took place on July 25, and upcoming story changes will take place on Aug. 11 and Aug. 25.

"We hope families will read all the stories over the whole summer," Ransom said.

Last year, the Stonewall Terry Fox committee contacted Ransom about having the story *Terry Fox and Me* by Mary Beth Leatherdale featured during the Terry Fox run.

"The Stonewall library is so happy to feature this title again this year on the Stonewall route beginning Sept. 8," she said.

"This year the Stonewall route will also feature the story *With Our Orange Hearts* by Phyllis Webstad beginning Sept. 22 and through National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.

"We hope all enjoy this project," Ransom added.

Keep an eye on social media for updates @sirlibraries, and for more information about anything happening at the Stonewall library, drop in or call 204-467-8415.

"Parade will change your life," she said. "It tells the stories of incredibly brave, bold, passionate people who fought for the right to love and live

as they are."

Parade: *Queer Acts of Love and Resistance* is available to stream for free at www.nfb.ca/film/parade.



Moviegoers settle in on the sand for an evening screening during the Gimli International Film Festival. The festival's signature beach screenings drew large crowds throughout the five-day event.

New group brings recreational programming to life in Teulon

By Emma McGill

Introducing THRIVE: Teulon Hometown Recreational Variety Events Inc.

A new community organization is helping Teulon residents connect through creativity, sport, and play.

THRIVE — short for Teulon Hometown Recreational Variety Events Inc. — is the latest initiative bringing recreation programming to the Interlake town. Founded this spring, THRIVE offers a range of inclusive, all-ages programming designed to bring people together.

THRIVE Mandate

To promote the benefits of community participation through sports activities and alternative recreational events that connect children, youth and adults of all abilities and interests for Teulon and surrounding communities.

Lana Knor, president of the organization, said the idea for THRIVE took shape after she stepped away from her role at the Green Acres Art Centre.

"The new board at THRIVE is passionate about providing recreational opportunities for kids, teens and adults," said Knor. "I'm equally passionate about providing recreational



TEULON HOMETOWN
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The new THRIVE logo represents Teulon Hometown Recreational Variety Events Inc., a volunteer-run organization promoting inclusive community recreation and connection through sports and alternative activities.

activities for kids, so I proposed creating a new organization that would continue the non-arts programming, like open gym and arena nights."

Knor said the community was quick to respond.

"I reached out to a variety of people, and to my delight, a group of new volunteers expressed interest in joining. It's really been a community-driven effort from the start."

THRIVE's founding board includes Ginger Shurek, Jodi Slater, Jennifer Bruce, Amanda Hargreaves, Lois Proulx, Nicole Chartrand, and Knor herself.

The group's first initiative launched this summer: free arena nights at the Teulon Rockwood Arena. The drop-in recreation evenings are open Wednesdays and Fridays from 6 to 9 p.m. until Aug. 22.

The program welcomes participants of all ages and abilities, with a reminder that children under 12 must be supervised by an adult or older sibling.

"There is a variety of sports equipment available to play games inside the arena or outside in the park," said Knor. "There are games for all ages to play including little ones."

THRIVE received a \$500 donation from Vidor Vertical Solutions to kick-start the programming.

Plans are already in the works to continue programming into the fall, with open gym nights scheduled at Teulon Collegiate on Fridays and more events in the pipeline.

"We're just getting started," Knor said. "It's exciting to see how this can grow."

Donations are currently being accepted to help with the cost of running the event nights, which can be made in person or by mail to Box 69, Teulon, MB, R0C 3B0.

Further announcements will be made on their Facebook page, Thrive : Teulon Hometown Recreational Variety Events INC.

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Reggie Leach Classic hosts final farewell round

By Jo-Anne Procter

Reggie Leach's final swing at the tournament that bears his name was more than just a round of golf — it was a heartfelt farewell to a beloved Interlake tradition.

The Reggie Leach Classic, held July 18 at the Teulon Golf and Country Club, marked the last time the Riverton-born hockey legend, affectionately known as the "Riverton Rifle," would host the annual fundraiser. For more than two decades, the event has brought together sports fans, NHL alumni and community members in support of local causes.

Leach was joined by special guest Morris Lukowich, a former Winnipeg Jets star and longtime friend, for one last memorable day on the course.

The Reggie Leach Classic has raised thousands of dollars over the years, fuelling community programs and youth initiatives throughout the Interlake. It has also served as a celebration of Leach's enduring connection to his roots — and to the people who helped shape his remarkable career.

This tournament has always been about giving back.

"Reggie truly loves helping his hometown," said Dawn Madahbee Leach, expressing pride in her husband's dedication.

Leach made a significant mark on hockey during the 1970s, becoming one of the NHL's top goal-scorers. He won the Stanley Cup with the Philadelphia Flyers in 1975 and over his decade-long career showcased his

talent with the Boston Bruins and Detroit Red Wings.

He played 934 NHL games, netting 381 goals and adding 285 assists for a total of 666 points. Leach also represented Team Canada at the 1976 Canada Cup and emerged victorious. His excellence was recognized further when he became an NHL All-Star in 1976 and 1980.

He was inducted into the Manitoba Hockey Hall of Fame and has received numerous honours, including the Order of Manitoba and the Order of Canada.

Before the golfers took to the greens, attendees had the chance to mingle with Leach and Lukowich. Nostalgia filled the room as the two NHL legends swapped stories from their playing days. They had faced off against each other for years, but also joined forces during the 1980 NHL All-Star Game in Detroit.

Lukowich expressed deep admiration for his former rival and teammate. He referred to Leach as "the Rifle" for good reason — his slapshot and wrist shot were legendary.

Rod Palson, a tournament volunteer and longtime friend originally from Riverton, praised the Leaches for their generosity.

"The last couple of years, Reg and Dawn have made a concerted effort to spread the wealth, donating the proceeds from this tournament to several worthy organizations," he said. "It's fantastic how many people benefit from what they do."



TRIBUNE PHOTOS BY JO-ANNE PROCTER

Reggie Leach and his wife Dawn Madahbee Leach have raised thousands of dollars through the Reggie Leach Classic Golf Tournament.

With heartfelt gratitude, both Reggie and Dawn acknowledged the dedication of the volunteers and sponsors who have supported the event over the years. They also extended thanks to the owners and staff of the Teulon Golf and Country Club.

"My heart has been in it for the past 20-some years for my hometown of Riverton and all the things that we have done, and now we are spreading

out into the Interlake," an emotional Reggie said. "I believe in always giving back to our youth and the people that are struggling."

His commitment to Riverton shone through every word he spoke that day, and his passion has created something meaningful that will resonate long after the final swing.

The amount raised at the tournament was unavailable at press time.



Photos left to right: Garry Dola, Morris Lukowich and Perry Dola; Dawn Madahbee Leach, Rod Palson and Reggie Leach; live auctioneer, Einar Palson.



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Phillies punch ticket to nationals with bronze medal win at provincials

By Lana Meier

The U15 AAA Interlake Phillies are heading to nationals after capturing bronze at the 2025 Softball Manitoba Provincial Championships.

After a rain delay postponed the final rounds of the July 24–27 tournament at Ray Fennell Park in Winnipeg, the Phillies returned to the diamond on Wednesday, July 30 in Winkler, where they dropped a tough medal-round game to Central Energy. But it was their dramatic 9–4 win over Westman Magic on Sunday that secured both a podium finish and a berth to the 2025 U15 Female Canadian Championships in August.

“Going into that Westman game, I told the girls no one expects us to win, so go out there and show them what we can do,” said Phillies coach Mike Hammond. “They did just that. Our bats came alive early with Brynn [Williams] and Jersey [MacMillan] both putting one over the fence to bring in crucial runs.”

Lily Hammond pitched a complete game, and the team was solid defensively, with Katie Braid tracking everything down in centre field and Jordyn Chetyrbok making the final out at shortstop to seal the win.

“It was a big win that punched our ticket to the Canadian championship,” Hammond said. “I couldn’t be more proud—these girls really came together this past weekend and pushed through the heat.”

The Phillies opened round-robin play with a 9–2 win over Smitty’s Terminators, where the bottom of the order powered a seven-run fifth inning. Brynn Williams, Kara Powroznik and K. Zaretsky combined for four hits and three RBI, while MacMillan led the team with two runs driven in.

The team stumbled in their second game, falling 10–0 to Eastman Wildcats, but bounced back Friday with a dominant 12–1 win over the Manito-



Interlake Phillies pitcher Lily Hammond delivers during the 2025 Softball Manitoba U15 AAA Provincial Championships. Hammond threw a complete game in the Phillies’ 9–4 win over Westman Magic, helping secure a bronze medal and a berth to nationals.

ba Angels. Zaretsky went 3-for-3 with a home run, double and single, while Lily Hammond held the Angels to just two hits over five innings.

Later that day, the Phillies were overpowered by Central Energy in a 14–3 loss, despite a three-run homer from Zaretsky in the fourth.

MacMillan responded on Saturday with a five-RBI performance in an 11–3 win over Winnipeg Lightning, and the Phillies’ bats stayed hot despite a 17–9 loss to Westman Magic. Sara Vande went 3-for-4 with two doubles and Powroznik added three more hits.

In the rematch against Westman on Sunday, MacMillan again led the offence with three hits, including a two-run homer. Williams also homered, while Paige Bernier and Katie Braid



TRIBUNE PHOTOS BY RICK HIEBERT

The U15 AAA Interlake Phillies earned bronze at the 2025 Softball Manitoba Provincial Championships, securing a spot at the U15 Female Canadian Championships in August. Pictured left to right, back row: Jason Cassils (assistant coach), Chelsea Sniveley (assistant coach), Emma Cassils, Lily Hammond, Kara Powroznik, Brynn Williams, Katie Braid, Jersey MacMillan, Chloe Beresford (assistant coach), Mike Hammond (head coach); Front row, Paige Bernier, Sara Vande, Kenzie Myers, Jordyn Chetyrbok and Kendra Zaretsky.

chipped in key RBI hits.

Wednesday’s medal game saw the Phillies jump out to an early 5–0 lead against Central Energy, but a pair of big innings swung the game in Central’s favour. Interlake gave up 12 unanswered runs in the third and fourth innings, eventually falling 14–5.

Still, the Phillies finished third overall—an impressive result for a team that had never beaten Westman this season before Sunday.

“Our biggest game was that one against Westman to get us into the medal round,” said Hammond. “Everyone played a part in these games,

from top to bottom. Our bats were hot and the pitching helped pull out some wins.”

The Phillies now look ahead to nationals, where they’ll face top teams from across Canada.

“We’ve got a couple weeks to get prepared for nationals, and we’ll be ready to go,” said Hammond, who also noted five players will be graduating to U17 next season while six are eligible to return. Tryouts for next year’s U15 squad are expected in early September.

“We hope to see a lot of girls come out.”



Interlake Phillies shortstop Jordyn Chetyrbok puts the tag on a diving Kelsey Dyck of Central Energy at second base during the bronze medal game.



Interlake Phillies third baseman Brynn Williams watches the incoming throw as the Energy’s Zoey Shantz slides safely into third.

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Riddell named to Team Manitoba for Canada Games

By Kieran Reimer

Jeux du Canada Games preparation is ramping up for members of Team Manitoba.

The Games get underway in two weeks, running from Aug. 8 to 25 in St. John's, N.L., with athletes putting in final touches before heading east.

For Maria Riddell of Warren, her sport is box lacrosse, where she plays offence for the U17 Girls Team Manitoba.

Since last fall, the 16-year-old has gone through a lengthy tryout process, which continued into the spring.

Following official tryouts in April, Riddell was named to Team Toba, securing her place at the first Canada Games of her career.

"I'm really excited for the atmosphere — it's going to kind of be like the Olympics almost, seeing all the different athletes from Manitoba compete in different sports," said Riddell. "I'm just excited to do it with my team and have lots of fun."

The Games will mark the biggest tournament to date for Riddell, who competed at nationals last year. She said she's also proud to represent her hometown and province, as the only player from Warren on the roster. The majority of her teammates come from Winnipeg and Brandon.

Despite the geographical distance, Riddell said the time the team has spent together since the fall has strengthened their chemistry and play.

Earlier in July, the team travelled to Halifax, N.S., where they won silver at the Lobster Trap Tournament.

Just last week, Team Toba hosted the Prairie Cup Regional Tournament in Brandon, advancing all the way to the final before falling 1-0 to Team Saskatchewan — a team they had previously beaten in the round-robin.

Still, Manitoba brought home another silver medal — and a valuable scouting report on their Prairie rivals,

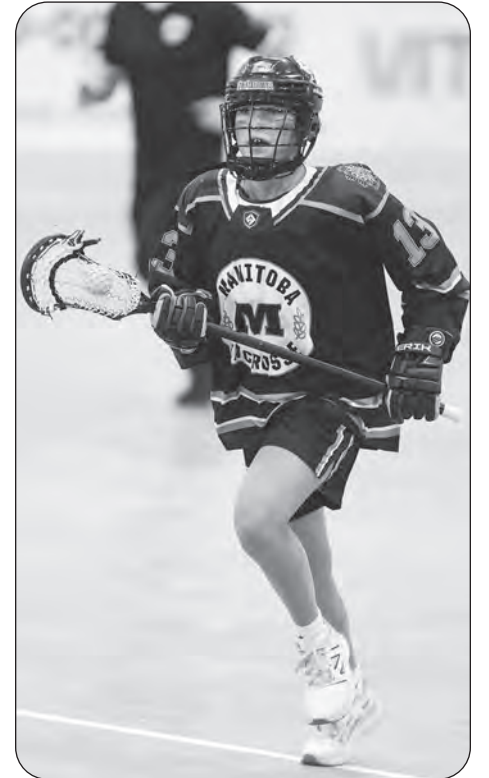
who they will face again in the preliminary round at the Games.

"Playing these games has really benefited us in getting better and prepared for the Canada Summer Games," said Riddell. "It's been great to see all our months of practice come together, because we've had quite a bit of success at these tournaments so far."

Team Manitoba will compete in Pool B alongside New Brunswick, Newfoundland and Labrador, Prince Edward Island, and Saskatchewan. Pool A consists of Alberta, British Columbia, Nova Scotia, Ontario, and Quebec.

Team Toba will need to finish in the top three in their pool to advance to the quarterfinals.

They open the tournament Sunday, Aug. 10 against Team New Brunswick at 11 a.m. at the Paradise Double Ice Complex.



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Maria Riddell of Warren will represent Team Manitoba in box lacrosse at the 2025 Canada Summer Games

Stonewall readies for 45th Terry Fox Run on Sept. 14

By Lana Meier

It's Terry Fox Run season, and local organizers are calling on residents to lace up and join the national movement to fund cancer research.

With just six weeks to go until the 45th annual Terry Fox Run on Sunday, Sept. 14, there's still plenty of time to join an existing run, create a team, or start your own event. In Manitoba alone, more than 25 community runs are already planned.

Terry Fox Day, the official name for Manitoba's August long weekend holiday, marks a symbolic starting point for communities to kick off their fundraising efforts. Volunteers are encouraged to launch or support events of all kinds in the lead-up to Run Day.

"You could organize a team to participate in an established run, host a fundraiser at your

workplace, or create your own Terry Fox Run," said a statement from the Terry Fox Foundation. "Six weeks is plenty of time to support Terry's dream of a world without cancer."

Local events don't need to be held on Terry Fox Run Day to count. Fundraisers can take many forms — from backyard BBQs and school challenges to memorial walks or fitness classes — and all are welcome as part of the campaign.

Fred Fox, Terry's older brother and a spokesperson for the foundation, reflected on the dedication of thousands of volunteers who keep his brother's legacy alive.

"Terry would be humbled by the many, many people that give of their time to volunteer and allow others the opportunity to participate in a Terry Fox Run and fundraise in his name," Fred said. "During the Marathon of Hope, Terry said,

'Even if I don't finish, we need others to continue. It's got to keep going.' I don't think even he envisioned the thousands of people that are working hard to Finish It."

Volunteer-driven since its inception, the Terry Fox Run continues to be one of Canada's most beloved grassroots fundraising events. Organizers say the 45th anniversary is a perfect opportunity to get involved — whether by walking, donating, or volunteering.

To learn more or to get involved, visit terryfox.org/volunteer or contact volunteer@terryfox.org. For interview requests with Fred Fox, email carissa.robb@terryfox.org.

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Jr. Jays' Faragher wins MJBL batting title, Irvine named all-star

By Kieran Reimer

They may not have been playing, but two Interlake Blue Jays players were on hand for Game 2 of the Manitoba Junior Baseball League finals last Monday at Koskie Field — and for good reason.

The 2025 MJBL Awards were presented ahead of the game, and Jays standouts Hayden Faragher and Landin Irvine were both nominated for top honours.

Faragher was a lock for the Batting Champion Award after leading the league with a .442 batting average this summer. He received his trophy prior to first pitch, along with a framed photo recognizing his achievement.

Irvine was in the running for the Jack Hind Award as the league's top pitcher after posting a 3–1 record with a 3.11 earned run average. The award ultimately went to Elmwood Giants ace Thomas Turner, making Irvine a finalist.

However, he didn't leave empty-handed. Irvine was named the MJBL All-Star Left-Handed Pitcher. "With Landon, he is just Mr. Consistency," said Jays head coach Dave Meyers. "You know what you get with him every night. Whenever I put him out on the mound, I know we're going to be in the game."

The all-star selection marked the end of Irvine's MJBL career, as he now ages out of the league.

Faragher, however, remains eligible to return. This past year was baseball-filled for the Jays slugger, who played college ball with South Suburban College in South Holland, Ill., before coming home to wear the Jays' blue and white.

"Kind of surprised me a little bit because he was down south playing and he wasn't hitting at all — he was just a pitcher," said Meyers. "He came back and just got in a groove. Everything was just going his way. He's a good ball player though — just an all-around really good ball player."

The Jays' season ended July 14, when they were eliminated by the St. Boniface Legionnaires in Game 3 of the MJBL quarterfinals.

They finished the regular season as one of the league's hottest teams, posting a 12–12 record and winning seven of their final eight games before the playoffs.

Meyers expressed appreciation for his staff following another competitive season.

"Thanks to Ken Allen and Todd Faragher for all the work they did for me. I couldn't have done it without them."

As for the league championship, the Carillon Sultans defeated the Elmwood Giants three games to one to win the MJBL title. They capped off the post-season with a 2–1 victory in Game 4 last Wednesday at Koskie Field.



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Landin Irvine, left, and Hayden Faragher of the Interlake Blue Jays were recognized during the 2025 Manitoba Junior Baseball League awards ceremony at Koskie Field on July 29. Irvine was named MJBL All-Star Left-Handed Pitcher, while Faragher received the Batting Champion Award after leading the league with a .442 average.

United score five unanswered in comeback victory

By Kieran Reimer

It took five different goal scorers, but United pulled off a comeback victory Thursday night, defeating the Bandits 5–3 at Veterans Memorial Sports Complex.

Aiden Erickson, Ethan Caners, Scott Yeo, Kevin Penner and Israel Ogungbemi each found the back of the net in the win — a match that, for much of the first half, looked like three points for Bandits FC.

The Bandits struck early and often, scoring three unanswered goals in the opening half to take a 3–0 lead. United responded with a goal before halftime to make it 3–1, sparking a second-half

surge that saw them score five unanswered to secure the win.

"A complete team win," said United's Matt Olnick. "There was no one person doing it all. We had some key guys make some key plays, and we really started to click — especially in the second half. We had a good start to the second half, and it really showed on the scoreboard."

Olnick also praised the play of 17-year-old call-up Noah Rodrigue, who drew a red card from a Bandits player late in the game.

"He took a lot of abuse from the other team," said Olnick. "They ended up getting a red card — probably

with about 10 or 15 minutes left — so we were up a man, which was nice. And it was solely because of his hard work and effort. He was driving the other team nuts and it led to some stupid plays. The refs saw it, and we took full advantage."

With the victory, United completed a 2–0 season sweep of the Bandits, who they won't face again unless the two sides meet in the playoffs.

The win also snapped a two-game losing skid in Manitoba Major Soccer League Division 3A play — and it couldn't have come at a better time.

Elmwood and 313FC had crept up the standings in recent weeks, threat-

ening Stonewall's hold on a top-six spot. Now, with the win, United sit in fifth place with a 5–4–3 record, one point up on Elmwood and three ahead of 313FC.

United's next test was scheduled for Monday against Dunvegan Castle, who currently sit two points ahead of Stonewall in fourth place. Kick-off was at 6 p.m. at VMSC. Due to press deadlines, the result was unavailable at press time.

Stonewall's following match goes Monday, Aug. 11 against Hanover Sting at 7 p.m. from VMSC.

Orioles Report: 13U and 15U clubs score wins in season finales

By Kieran Reimer

Provincial weekend brought the season to a close for the 13U and 15U AAA Interlake Orioles baseball clubs, after the 18Us wrapped up the previous weekend.

Both the 13U and 15U provincials were hosted by West Winnipeg and split into two tiers, with the Orioles competing in Tier 2 of their respective age groups.

The 13Us opened play Friday afternoon with a 7–0 win over Midwest,

followed by a 16–7 loss to Pembina Hills in the nightcap.

They returned to the field Saturday morning against Oildome, who handed Interlake an 11–5 defeat. Later that day, the Orioles bounced back with a 16–5 win over the Bonivital Black Sox, closing out Day 2 with a 2–2 record and one round-robin game remaining on Sunday.

By the time they faced North Winnipeg, it was too late to qualify for play-

offs, with Oildome and Pembina Hills having already secured the top two spots. Interlake, however, finished strong with an 11–1 win over North Winnipeg to close out their 2025 season.

The 13Us finished provincials with a 3–2 record.

The 15U AAA Interlake Orioles also found some success at provincials, though they opened with a pair of losses to West Winnipeg and North

Winnipeg on Friday night.

They came close to defeating Midwest on Saturday but ultimately fell 12–10. Their evening matchup didn't go as well, as they dropped a 15–0 decision to Oildome.

Sunday brought one final chance to earn a win in their provincials and season finale against Brandon. The Orioles made good on the opportunity, earning a 10–7 victory and closing out provincials with a 1–4 record.

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On the date and at the time and location shown below, a PUBLIC HEARING will be held to receive representation from any person(s) who wish to make them in respect to the following matter:

RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF WOODLANDS BY-LAW NO. 2823/25
BEING AN AMENDMENT TO RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF WOODLANDS DEVELOPMENT PLAN BY-LAW NO. 2643/14

LOCATION: RM of Woodlands Council Chambers
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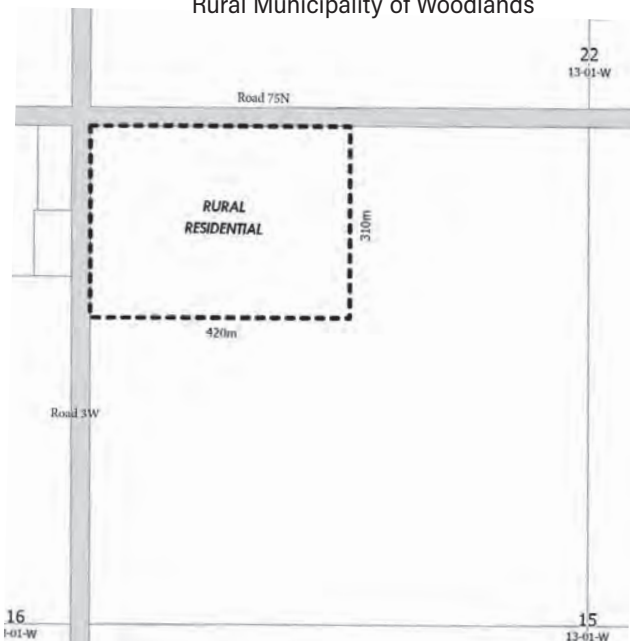
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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

GENERAL BORROWING BY-LAW 11-25 & CAPITAL EXPENDITURE FUNDED BY BORROWING STRATEGIC INVESTMENT

The Town of Stonewall is planning a strategic investment of \$9,500,000 to support long-term community planning, infrastructure development, and economic growth. This borrowing is outlined in General Borrowing By-Law 11-25, interested persons are invited to attend a public hearing to learn more and provide input.

The investment will support:

- Servicing of 21 acres for the future Personal Care Home and Age In Place Campus, including sewer, water, roads, and land drainage.
- Installation of shared sewer infrastructure required by the Age In Place Campus and future commercial development, supported by private sector investment alongside the Town's contribution.
- Purchase of up to 31.5 acres adjacent to the Age In Place Campus, enabling the Town to guide future land use planning and ensure development aligns with community priorities.

Strategic and financial benefits include:

- Creating financial capacity for the Town to provide a fully serviced site for a future Personal Care Home — a critical step in advancing this much-needed facility.
- Reducing the cost of servicing for the Age In Place Campus through shared infrastructure, with developer contributions supporting broader development.
- Enabling a major commercial and retail development that will bring new amenities, jobs, and services to Stonewall.
- Supporting timely progress on both the Age In Place Campus and the commercial development, in line with the Town's planning objectives and commitments.
- Anticipating that a portion of these investments will be offset over time by future development revenues and property taxes, helping to manage long-term financial impacts responsibly.

Financial details:

- Total Borrowing: \$9,500,000
- Repayment Term: 20 years
- Maximum Interest Rate: 7.5% annually
- Annual Repayment: Up to \$931,875.82, included in the general municipal levy

This notice issued in accordance with Section 169(5)(6) and 174.1 of The Municipal Act.

The public hearing will be held in the Council Chambers at 293 Main Street on:

Wednesday, August 20, 2025 at 7:30 PM

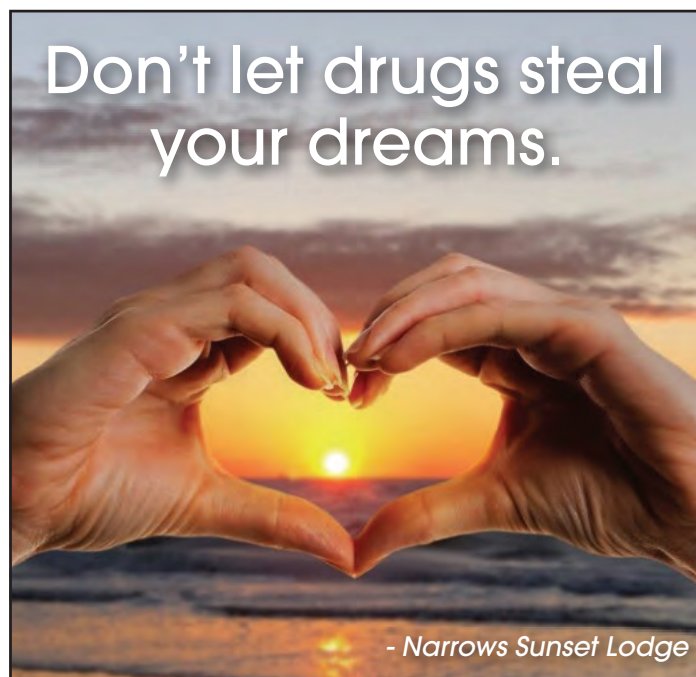
The purpose of the hearing is to allow any interested person to make a representation, ask questions or register an objection.

Full project details will be available on the Town's website (www.stonewall.ca) starting **August 5, 2025**. Paper copies can be requested by calling 204-467-7979 or visiting the Town Office.

Let's shape Stonewall's future together.

Dated at the Town of Stonewall this 30th day of July, 2025 and issued pursuant to sections 169(5)(6) and 174.1 of the Municipal Act.

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OBITUARY



Gordon A. Normand
September 27, 1934 – July 27, 2025
We sadly announce the peaceful passing of Gordon Alexander Normand at home, with his wife, Shelly at his side, at the age of 90 years. Besides his wife, he is survived by sons: Norman (Brenda), Mark, Vincent (Kim), and Rennie; daughters: Monica, Michele (Doug); many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews; stepchildren - Dennis (Lil), Bryce and extended family.

He was predeceased by his parents: Rene and Elizabeth; sisters Lil Peters (and spouses), and Merle Grossman; nieces: Gayle Anema, Bonnie Torres; nephew Ron Atemichuk; brother-in-law Jerry Grossman; great niece Rachelle; stepson Curtis.

Gordon was born on September 27, 1934 in St. Vital (Winnipeg) where he spent his younger years and raised his children. He moved to Stonewall in 1970 when he bought the tire shop (Stonewall Tire (1971) Ltd), which he owned for 42 years and made countless friends along the way.

We wish to thank the doctors and staff at Stonewall Hospital, the homecare nurses, and aides, as well as palliative nurses, and to Dr. Graham; all who took such loving care of Gordon during his final journey. Your kindness and support are much appreciated. Also thank you to Ken Loehmer for your guidance and excellent services.

As per Gordon's wishes, cremation has taken place, and a private service will take place at a later date.

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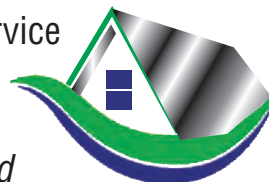
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