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# Warren couple participates in three-week camping cavalcade

By Jennifer McFee

A local couple are happy campers after participating in a three-week guided cavalcade across four provinces.

Mark Peltz and his wife Lisa from Warren recently took part in the Northern Woods and Water RV Tour across the northern parts of Western Canada.

Along with five other camping units, they began their journey on June 8 in Cache Creek, B.C. From there, they travelled about 3,500 kilometres in their RV on the guided tour that took them up through Dawson Creek and across the northern roads of Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba.

It was a full-circle experience, with the tour wrapping up in Grosse Isle on June 28.

Tour organizer Dale Harrison was originally involved with Northern Woods and Water 35 years ago. Decades later, he became interested in restarting the organization.

"It's the furthest north that you can travel across northern Canada laterally. It was designed as a vacation route, not a high-speed route," he said.

"The original concept was developed by a retired CN employee up in McLennan, Alberta. He used to take a



Mark and Lisa Peltz

group of campers from Dawson Creek to Winnipeg along the highway and stop in different communities — and talk about a great way to travel. They eventually formed an association and lobbied the provincial governments to recognize it."

The camping cavalcade has the chance to cross paths with wildlife while traversing the varied natural landscapes of the north. The guided tour shares the history and heritage of the areas along their route, while also bolstering the economies of the small towns that they visit along the way. From the Northern Woods and Water Highway, travellers can also venture further north through takeoff points on the route.

The tour guide arranges group camping spots as well as dinner each evening, while campers are responsible for their own breakfast and lunch. In addition, the adventure includes special activities and tours along the way. Most days, the participants have the chance to customize their daily activities and travel on their own schedule to meet up with the group



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Mark and Lisa Peltz of Warren recently completed a three-week, 3,500-kilometre Northern Woods and Water RV Tour through four provinces, travelling with a small group from Cache Creek, B.C., to Grosse Isle, Man., and enjoying historic sites, outdoor adventures and new friendships along the way.

for dinner.

For the Warren couple, the adventure allowed them to develop new friendships and make many unforgettable memories.

"We went to Barkerville in B.C., which is a historic mining community. It's actually a designated historic site, a very neat place. We did a jet boat tour in Tumbler Ridge, B.C., about an hour and a half run up a river up to a set of falls that are taller than Niagara Falls," said Peltz, who learned about the tour three years ago after getting a brochure in the mail.

"Then we came back about a half a mile and the tour operator had a camp set up on a little island in the middle of a river and he made us steak sandwiches. The meals have been absolutely incredible. We also did a horseback tour, and we did some golfing, fishing and lots of touring."

The Peltzes were the only couple from Manitoba on the tour. They were accompanied by four camping units from Alberta and one from B.C.

"This has turned out to be a lot of fun. Nobody knew each other at first, and after the length of time we spent together, we're just like family. It was all seniors on our tour. There's one gentleman who's 86 years old driving a semi with a fifth wheel. He rode a horse for two hours and looked like a natural cowboy. That's the kind of people we have — some are quite adventurous," he said.

"We probably would never have done a trip like this if it weren't for Northern Woods and Water Highway. To try to find other individuals who would want to do something like this is a hard thing to do because it's a time commitment. We were basically on the road for the whole month of June."

The tour wrapped up in Manitoba, which was ideal for the Peltzes. Typically, the Manitoba portion includes visits to Swan River, The Narrows, Lundar, St. Laurent, Warren and Grosse Isle. However, some of the

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stops were modified due to wildfires and other considerations. In Grosse Isle, the group enjoyed a dinner cooked by the ladies at the hall as well as a ride on the Prairie Dog Central. They originally were going to spend the night in Grosse Isle, but

plans pivoted and the group ended up camping at the Peltzes' property in Warren, making it a true homecoming. And for anyone considering embarking on a similar adventure through Northern Woods and Water Highway, Peltz shared some sage advice based on experience. "I would most certainly recommend

it to others. The biggest recommendation I would give is to go out to B.C. and do the west-to-east route," he said. "The second recommendation — bring long underwear. There were some chilly days and that's one thing I never brought. It's quite a unique experience." To learn more about Northern

Woods and Water Highway, including a map of the route, visit [nwrr.ca](http://nwrr.ca). In addition to the guided tours, self-guided trips are also an option. To view a video of the group's adventures, visit <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VKdYviPtWK0&feature=youtu.be> for the video titled "2025 NWW RV Tour."

Lemonade for a cure



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY MEAGAN FISHER Sisters Remi and Paisley Fisher, along with friend Lovella Bolun, turned sunny smiles and sweet treats into a big win for a good cause last Saturday in Woodlands. Their Lemonade Stand for Hope raised \$1,000 for the CancerCare Manitoba Foundation, with all proceeds going toward pledges for their upcoming performance at the 15th annual Coffeehouse to End Cancer in Grosse Isle on Sept. 5. The trio served lemonade and baked goods made by their grandmothers and friends, mixing summer fun with a mission to make a difference.



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# Mixed-media artist draws on family history for debut solo show

By Emma McGill

Nostalgia rolled into the historic Rondeau School this month as Inwood artist Jodi McGill unveiled Road Trip 9.1, her first solo exhibition — a series of works inspired by family photographs, personal memories and the genealogical research that ties them together.

From Aug. 1 to 3, McGill displayed nine original pieces that took viewers on a journey through scenes of vehicles in landscapes, reflecting pivotal moments from her life and that of her family.

McGill discovered her love for creating at a young age, encouraged by her parents, grandparents and teachers. In high school, however, she drifted away from her passion.

"Once I became a parent, it came back to me through my children in the form of Halloween costumes or helping with crafts in their class," said McGill. "Art has always been inside me and has resurfaced in glimpses as my



Each piece in McGill's collection was inspired by her genealogical research. This one is titled Learning to Drive.

life has changed."

Over the years, McGill has explored a wide range of mediums, including acrylic pencils, ink, oils, textiles, weaving, crochet, micro macramé and air-dry clay. Most recently, she has focused on watercolour.



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He Winks was inspired by a dream McGill had — starring a rusty truck — several years before she began this series.

She draws inspiration from her environment, other artists and the art community. "At the base, it could be a song, scent, colour, memory or feeling in thought of the day. As an example, a movie could trigger the love of a certain colour palette, mood or memory, and an idea is born," she said.

The ten works displayed were created using a variety of materials, including watercolour, ink, mixed-media acrylics, pan pastel, oil, bone and wood sculpture, mixed-media collage, and charcoal painting with

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# CIB Yard of the Week and Best Blooming Business



Ken and Audrey Klimpke of 2 Keith Cosens Drive earned the Stonewall Communities in Bloom Yard of the Week honour this past week. For the past 29 years, the couple has worked together each summer to maintain their manicured yard. Passersby are drawn to the striking display of canna lilies and geraniums. The canna bulbs have been dug up each fall and overwintered for more than three decades. A ninebark shrub is nestled among the cannas, adding depth to the garden palette, while zinnias, salvia, marigolds, sedum and dusty miller provide contrast. Along the front of the house, a variety of pots showcase colourful coleus and trailing ice plant. 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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Waring Enterprises Ltd. is this week's Communities in Bloom "Business of the Week," earning the 2025 Best Blooming Business Award. The family-owned landscape supply company, located at 156 Fourth Street East, has been serving Stonewall, Winnipeg and the Interlake since 1976. The Francis family, who own the business, leave the decorating to employee Eleanor Unrau, who develops a new vision each spring to beautify the roadside access and office entrance with planters brimming with vibrant plants. Two judges — one from CIB and one from the Stonewall and District Chamber of Commerce — evaluate storefronts to recognize creativity and curb appeal. Pictured left are Eleanor Unrau, her nine-year-old dog Wiley, and Hayden Turner.



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# New owners set to relight the projector at Flicks Cinema

By Lana Meier

After closing its doors in December 2024, Flicks Cinema in Stonewall will soon reopen under new ownership, bringing a fresh chapter to the theatre's nearly 50-year history.

Amanda Van Solkema, her spouse Vince Levenec, and two of their four children, Griffin and Barrett, will officially take possession of the landmark on Aug. 29 from longtime owner Don Smith. They plan to open the doors this fall.

"Amanda grew up in Stonewall going to Flicks Cinema and continued to go with her family on a regular basis," said Levenec. "She's always wanted to have a small business, and when



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Pictured left to right; Cooper Levenec, Barrett Levenec, Amanda Vansolkema, Vince Levenec, Griffin Levenec and Emmett Campbell.

this opportunity arose, our family not only wanted to support her dream but be part of it as co-owners."

Flicks Cinema first opened in 1975 and, in 1980, became the first theatre in Manitoba to offer Dolby Stereo Sound. For decades, Smith ran it as a single-screen, small-town movie house, personally working the concession stand and prepping films.

"Don was dedicated to providing Stonewall and surrounding areas with movies for over 40 years," said Van Solkema. "When the theatre was open, he was always there. We absolutely want to keep that tradition

alive—affordable ticket prices and classic concession snacks will remain part of the experience."

Smith has offered to guide the new owners through the transition, sharing key information about the movie business. The family will handle operations together, with Griffin and Barrett taking on social media and marketing, and the entire family greeting moviegoers.

While some cosmetic updates are planned, such as refreshing the concession area, the priority is to resume screenings—movies every night and Saturday matinees—with the possibility of adding birthday parties and special events in the future.

"Our family loves movies," said Van Solkema. "We want to share that love and ensure there's a place where families and friends can enjoy the

big-screen experience close to home. Small-town cinemas preserve a sense of identity and nostalgia, connecting generations through shared memories. They're local treasures."

Community reaction has been overwhelmingly positive. "We've spoken to so many people who are happy we bought the theatre and that we're keeping it a movie theatre," said Levenec. "The excitement in town just reinforces how important this place is."

For the Van Solkema-Levenec family, the project is both a business and a legacy. "Two of our children are part-owners, so it already is a multi-generational venture," said Van Solkema. "The way our family has come together with different ideas and perspectives will make our little business strong. We can't wait to see it come to life."



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# Petition calls for silver alert cell phone notifications

By Jennifer McFee

A local woman is joining the chorus of voices who are calling for silver alerts to be sent to cell phones to help locate missing vulnerable seniors.

Lana Knor of Teulon is a relative of Stewart Campbell, a 69-year-old man who was last seen at a friend's place near Stonewall on July 15 at about 3:30 a.m. He was reported missing two days later, and his car was found in east of Starbuck on July 24.

Police conducted an aerial search and asked area residents to check their properties and security cameras. Campbell hasn't been located, and the RCMP are concerned for his well-being. They noted that Campbell might be confused or disoriented.

A silver alert system provides notification when a vulnerable adult with dementia or other cognitive impairment goes missing so they can be brought home safely. Knor believes a silver alert should be sent to cell phones, just like amber alerts, which exist for vulnerable children.

"I believe if an alert had gone out on cell phones when Stewart first went missing, someone would have seen him. Stewart is quiet and minds his business. He is the guy that can go in and out of a store full of strangers without being noticed. If people saw his picture, there would have been a better chance he would have been noticed," she said.

"Stewart has been missing since July 15 and his car was located July 24 off Highway 2. A search was done in the area but he was not located. We suspect he may have caught a ride to get gas and is now lost in another unknown community. The alert on cell phones would have helped locate him."

She points to a petition calling on the federal government to work with provincial authorities and law enforcement to develop a national silver alert

system that would geographically target mobile devices and broadcast information to media about missing vulnerable adults. Brittany Moberg started the petition after her father Earl went missing almost two years ago.

"I have never met Brittany or Brenda, Earl's wife of almost 50 years. I only recently heard about the petition and that Earl is missing still," Knor said.

"It made me realize Brittany is right — there needs to be a silver alert sent to cell phones. A silver alert system going out to cell phones gives vulnerable adults a better chance to be found and brought home safely."

Raquel Dancho, MP for Kildonan-St. Paul, is supporting the petition and intends to bring it forward in the House of Commons when it resumes in the fall.

The petition notes that, according to the Alzheimer Society, nearly one million people in Canada will be living with dementia by 2030 and this number will increase to more than 1.7 million by 2050.

Public Safety Canada notes that 60 per cent of people living with dementia will go missing at some point. If a person with Alzheimer's disease is not found within 12 hours of being lost, there is a 50 per cent chance they will be found injured or dead from hypothermia, dehydration or drowning. As a result, any search should be considered an emergency.

"There are many missing vulnerable adults all over Canada," Knor added. "It is not as many as children, but the numbers are still increasing."

To view the petition, visit [ourcommons.ca/petitions](https://ourcommons.ca/petitions) and search for the petition called "e-6491 (Public Safety)." So far, the petition has garnered more than 3,300 signatures from across the country,



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The Manitoba RCMP continues to search for Stewart Campbell, a 69-year-old male who was reported missing on July 17, 2025. Stewart Campbell was last seen near Stonewall on July 15, and his car was found in the Starbuck area on July 24. Campbell is described as approximately 5'8" tall, 110 pounds with grey shaggy hair and blue eyes. He was last seen wearing a burgundy sweatshirt, light-coloured blue jeans and black work boots. Anyone with information on his whereabouts is asked to call 911 or Stonewall RCMP at 204-467-5015.

with more than 1,900 coming from Manitoba.

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acrylics on fabric. All were started during McGill's 12-week online course with the Vancouver Island School of Art in early 2024. Her studies often focused on photo references from her family's collection and her own photography, linking back to the genealogical theme.

One piece was inspired by a photograph of her great-grandfather teaching her uncle to drive along a rural road in an old motor vehicle. Seeing such memories come alive in her work — and again in conversations during the show — was especially meaningful.

"My hope was that three people who had never seen my art in person would attend and experience the show. As an artist, the biggest challenge has been putting myself out there," she said. "Including a private reception to celebrate the end of the show, the guest book was filled."

In preparing for the exhibition, McGill mapped out the Rondeau School to ensure it would work as a display space. While she has previously exhibited at the Gwen Fox

Gallery in Selkirk, this was her first time creating a venue entirely for her own work.

"This was a goal achieved from a dream I initially didn't know I had. I've enjoyed the entire process, from the beginning of my daily practice to now, and tried to keep that as the focus once I was able to answer the question of why I make art," she said. "Fulfilling does not describe it. The

closest I can get is feeling contentment and peace — seeing the enjoyment of others as they experienced the venue and the art, people sharing stories in a comfortable space and honouring the history behind it."



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## Access Credit Union appoints Myrna Wiebe as new chief executive officer

By Lana Meier

After an extensive search process, the board of directors of Access Credit Union has announced the appointment of Myrna Wiebe as president and chief executive officer, effective Sept. 2, 2025.

Wiebe has more than 30 years of experience in financial services, having led departments including operations, marketing, people and culture, IT and security, corporate strategy, and governance. She holds a certificate in management from the University of Manitoba, a post-baccalaureate diploma in management, and an MBA from Athabasca University.

She also holds designations from the Institute of Corporate Directors (ICD.D) and the Financial Planning Standards Council (CFP). She has completed the Canadian Securities Course credential from the Canadian Securities Institute and is recognized as a Fellow of the Credit Union Institute of Canada (FCUIC).

Beyond her business career, Wiebe is active in the community. She serves as a board member and investment committee chair with the Teachers' Retirement Allowances Fund (TRAF) Board and is a member of the Winnipeg Women's Conference Committee.

Within the credit union system, she sits on the Canadian Credit Union Association (CCUA) board and serves on the Democratic Control Review Committee at Credit Union Central of Manitoba (CUCM).

"Myrna's long history and broad experience with the credit union is a strength that the board recognized as a valuable asset to the organization," said Curt Letkeman, chair of the board of Access Credit Union. "The existing relationships Myrna holds both inside and outside the organization are a testament to her ability to connect and inspire those around her to achieve great things. Our members and clients will continue to benefit from Myrna's enthusiasm, integrity and her continued focus on creating a credit union for all Manitobans."

Wiebe said she is excited about the next chapter, both for herself and for the credit union.

"I am honoured to take on the leadership of Access Credit Union, building upon the considerable achievements accomplished during Larry Davey's tenure," she said. "Drawing on the organization's strong foundation, I am committed to working collaboratively with our board and talented leadership team to drive member



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Myrna Wiebe has been appointed president and chief executive officer of Access Credit Union, effective Sept. 2, 2025. She succeeds Larry Davey, who is retiring at the end of August.

value, advance innovative initiatives and continue our strong community support. Together, we will continue to build a successful future for all members."

Wiebe replaces Larry Davey, who is retiring from Access Credit Union at the end of August.

## Paws across the Prairies: Lending a paw to local pets

By Lana Meier

Animal lovers in the Interlake have a new way to help pets in need this month. In celebration of National Cat Day on Aug. 8 and National Dog Day on Aug. 26, ONE Insurance's social committee has launched Paws Across the Prairies — a month-long donation drive to support local animal rescues and shelters.

From Aug. 1 to 31, residents can

drop off pet supplies or monetary donations at ONE Insurance branches in Stonewall, Teulon, Lunder and Warren. All contributions from Region 1 will go directly to Penny's All Breeds, a registered non-profit, volunteer-based animal rescue currently facing severe financial strain.

"They're on the brink of not being able to operate," said Janessa Cramm, a Farm Insurance Advisor for ONE

Insurance and Region 1's organizer for the campaign. "They have an intake freeze right now and are only looking for foster families because they don't have the funds to bring in more rescues."

Cramm has a personal connection to the cause. Seven years ago, she adopted her shepherd-husky-lab cross,

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# Picnic to celebrate 118 years of Rondeau School history

By Emma McGill

The Rondeau School Picnic will return Aug. 23, celebrating one of Manitoba's few remaining country schoolhouses and raising funds to help preserve it.

The event begins at 1:30 p.m. at the Inwood-area landmark. Visitors are encouraged to bring a lawn chair, a dish for the potluck and cash for the canteen. The afternoon will feature foot races, a nail-pounding competition, a water balloon toss, tug-of-war, and entertainment by Diamond Disc Dogs with Steve and Cindy. A silent auction will raise money to put new siding on the building.

First built in 1907, Rondeau School served generations of students before closing in 1967. That day left a lasting impression on former student and teacher Freida Jorheim.

"On the last day of school, I sat on the steps after all the children left and the birds were singing in the bush and it was so peaceful and so quiet and the school seemed to be so lonely," she said. "I said that morning, 'you'll never leave your foundation as long as I'm around.'"

Jorheim kept her promise. She formed a committee to save the building from being sold or demolished. Over the years, the group—now eight members—has secured grants and held fundraisers to keep the school standing.

About four years ago, they reshingled the roof, and last year they installed new steps.

Jorheim, who taught at Rondeau in the 1950s and 1960s, remembers the tight-knit school community.

"We walked two miles to school. There were no buses at that time. Just a dirt country road, no cars," she said. "The teacher also walked to school. They came and boarded in the community at one of the family's homes. The older children helped the younger ones."



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The Rondeau School was one of the few in its area to stay open for 60 consecutive years.

She also recalls concerts and dances to raise money for student gifts. "Santa Claus always came in at the end of the program and gave everybody a present," she said.

Now, more than 100 years after it was built, Rondeau remains a gathering place—one the committee is determined to protect.

"I was able to keep my promise to the old school," said Jorheim. "There was so much history in it, I didn't want to just see a bit of boards and stones left there if they had moved it or ruined it. Our little committee worked hard to keep it there."

## > PAWS ACROSS THE PRAIRIES, FROM PG. 8



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ONE Insurance Farm Insurance Advisor Janessa Cramm, with her foster fail dog Beau— stand with donations collected through ONE Insurance's Paws Across the Prairies drive until Aug. 31.

Beau, from Penny's All Breeds. She says the rescue's work is vital for animals across Manitoba.

Penny's All-Breed Animal Rescue Inc. focuses on saving animals — primarily dogs and cats — that have been abandoned, abused, or surrendered through no fault of their own. The organization places them in loving foster homes, where they receive medical care, rehabilitation and training until they are ready to find their forever homes through adoption.

Cramm said she was drawn to the idea of making the August initiative about supporting pets after seeing a plea for help from Penny's All Breeds on social media.

"Everyone loves animals, so we put our heads together to do something good while having a friendly competition between the offices," she said. "Each ONE Insurance region chose a different rescue to support, and I hope this becomes an annual initiative."

She noted that financial donations are always welcome, but not everyone can give money — which is why the drive is focusing on collecting items rescues need every day.

"Donations of food are perfect," Cramm said. "Dog or cat food, wet or dry, even puppy food for older dogs is fine. Treats are a big one. Old towels and facecloths for bathing, and of course money to help with vet bills — every little bit makes a difference."

Donation bins are set up inside all four Region 1 branches, and staff will collect items until the end of the month. Supplies and funds raised will go directly to Penny's All Breeds to help keep their doors open and support the animals already in their care.

"They operate completely on donations," Cramm said. "Every item counts and every donation helps."

For more information, or to see a full list of items to donate, visit any participating branch or contact ONE Insurance.

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### To be or not to be

The saying goes that change is the one thing that is constant in the world. Change can be routine or abrupt. Before we know it. The warmth of summer will change to the cool of Fall. We move from one phase of our lives to another, sometimes almost going unnoticed, each bringing its changes, whether physiological, physical or psychological. We work towards changes, whether lifestyle or work, all in the hope of affecting a better version of ourselves. Change is thus heralded from an external factor or an internal dynamic. There are an untold number of factors which control the climate of any change, be it personal or corporate. Personal changes require a great deal of resolve to effect any lasting transformation. This transformation can be manifested in personality, attitude and behaviour. Some of us don't think any change is required! The only change we feel is legitimate is when we make quantum strides to stamp our presence in what we have called the rat race of progression. "As long as we are the beneficiaries, we ain't bothered where the rest are languishing, after all I'm shooting for the stars"! This attitude is responsible for much of all the maladies we see in the world around. But life is much bigger than our self-centred goals of glory because the Author of Life is interested in changing us and changing our destinies. This change comes in the form of encounters. The Christian scriptures give us account after account of men and women who encountered the Divine, leading to life-changing transformations. These transformations start on a personal level and can have far-reaching ramifications on the communities we are part of and subsequently on the world we inhabit. These transformations happen because of a change in mind and heart, in what would be called conversions. Take the many people in scripture who undergo such experiences - Jacob becoming Israel, the prophet Isaiah, Saul to Paul, just to name a few. These people had life-altering experiences with the Holy. This changed their understanding of who they were, what they were called to do and how they went about accomplishing their work. When they weren't able to change themselves, God did! Today we might feel the same about ourselves but there is Hope because scripture reminds us "...and since we have a high priest over the house of God, let us draw near to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith..." ( Heb. 12:21,22)

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# Life-changing moment leads local man to Rome

By Jennifer McFee

A Stonewall man is on a mission to make a difference in the lives of others.

Trent Brownlee recently embarked on a mission trip to Rome with an evangelical group called the Catholic Christian Outreach. The journey marks his second time to the Italian capital since he travelled there earlier this year for the announcement of the new pope.

For Brownlee, it wasn't a straight path forward to find faith — which perhaps makes his testimonial all the more meaningful.

"I had been a self-declared atheist since I was about 13. I didn't come from a particularly religious family. My mother is Lutheran and my dad would probably identify as agnostic. The church was never a part of our lives growing up," he said.

"My atheism was fundamentally very nihilistic, very pessimistic. I was constantly afraid of time running out, of death. My every thought was always about mortality. Even at 12 or 13, when I started to become an atheist, my greatest ambition in life was to be put into a history textbook — because then when I died, I would never cease to exist."

Over time, Brownlee's perspective began to shift little by little.

"Throughout high school, I eventually replaced that all-consuming nihilism with a slightly more hopeful

thing I like to refer to as messianic liberalism," he said.

During that time, he became involved in the Liberal Party of Canada and the Manitoba Liberal Party.

"I believed that I could fix the world if I just tried hard enough," he said. "I believed I could fix every problem, make everything perfect and build the utopia. It was a very ego-driven way to replace that angst and anxiety."

Over time, he fell away from his Liberal leanings and began to see the world with new eyes once again.

"I had what I call an ego death and I re-evaluated everything I thought I new about the world," he said.

He started branching out, making new friends and going to different types of events. He met up with someone who was a Catholic Christian Outreach missionary and felt compelled to learn more.

"As someone who had studied history, I began to admit to myself that I've always felt a draw to the ancient beauty and wisdom of the Catholic church," he said.

As part of his faith exploration, he attended mass at Christ the King Catholic Church and continued to go back over the next month. After that, he pursued a Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults class to learn more about Catholic beliefs and practices.

Then on a cold fall morning, he stopped at church for a Thursday



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY RYAN IAROSSI

Stonewall resident Trent Brownlee (centre in the back) travelled to Rome on a mission trip with the Catholic Christian Outreach. He is pictured here for at the Papal Audience with many of the Catholic Christian Outreach missionaries, who come from across Canada.

mass and opened his heart in prayer.

"I said, 'God, I don't know if you are real but I choose to trust that you are. I choose to believe anyway.' In that moment, I felt this wave of the most ecstatic joy I had ever felt and I nearly laughed out loud in the church. I

couldn't stop smiling," Brownlee said before he departed for Rome.

"So I knew in that moment that God is real and I felt my proof the minute I stopped asking for it — and that changed my life forever."

## Teulon group kicks off fundraising for new park canteen

By Haley Cvar

The Teulon Community Development Initiative (TCDI) launched its first fundraiser toward a new canteen facility in Green Acres Park with a pancake breakfast on Saturday, Aug. 16.

The event, which drew strong community support, featured pancakes and sausages for breakfast, children's entertainment by Bounceroos, and a 50/50 draw that saw Ryan Nichol take home \$248.

"We sincerely appreciate everyone who took the time to come out and support this cause and their many generous donations," said Jan Lambourne, vice-chair of the TCDI. "We are grateful to the board members and the volunteers who came out and made the morning a success. A special thanks to the Teulon park staff who are always on hand and accessible when needed."

The TCDI, now operating with a

full volunteer board, is incorporated as a non-profit organization registered with the Manitoba government. Its first major goal is to build a fully equipped, government-certified kitchen and serving facility in Green Acres Park.

Lambourne noted that fundraising efforts are intended to mirror the community spirit that helped build Teulon's cornerstone facilities decades ago.

"Around 60 years ago, Teulon and Rockwood residents and business leaders pulled together to build the Centennial Centre, arena and curling rink," she said. "Now, 60 years later, it is time to pull together to invest in the next generation of facilities. The TCDI looks forward to partnering with you."

Organizers say more fundraising events are being planned in the months ahead.



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Children enjoyed bouncing and tumbling on the inflatable Bounceroos set up at Green Acres Park during the Teulon Community Development Initiative's pancake breakfast fundraiser on Aug. 16.



# Fundraising dinner on Sept. 6 supports Gimli Glider legacy

By Haley Cvar

Aviation history will take centre stage in Gimli on Sept. 6 when supporters gather for a fundraising dinner in honour of the world-famous "Gimli Glider."

The event, hosted on the second floor of the Gimli Recreation Centre, will include a meet and greet, dinner, and an evening of stories from special guests. Among those attending will be retired Capt. Bob Pearson, the pilot who brought Air Canada Flight 143 safely to the ground in Gimli in 1983, and Pearl Dion, a passenger on the fateful flight. Guest speaker Brendan Yanta, director of system operations control for Perimeter Aviation, will share insights on today's aviation industry.

"We are always pleased with the public support through their attendance at our annual fundraiser," said Barb Gluck, chair of the Gimli Glider Exhibit. "Each dinner ticket sold goes towards keeping the Exhibit operating so that our volunteers can continue to educate visitors from around the world about the famous Gimli landing."

Tickets are \$100, with a portion eligible for a CRA donation receipt. Proceeds will support the Gimli Glider Exhibit, which continues to preserve and share the story of one of the most remarkable emergency landings in aviation history.

On July 23, 1983, Air Canada Flight 143 was en route from Montreal to Edmonton when it ran out of fuel midway through the journey. A miscalculation during refueling — partly due to Canada's ongoing transition to the metric system — left the Boeing 767 carrying only half the fuel it needed.

With both engines dead at 41,000 feet, Pearson and first officer Maurice Quintal were forced to improvise. Using a combination of glider techniques and quick decision-making,

they guided the powerless aircraft toward Gimli, where a decommissioned air force base offered the best chance for a landing.

Unbeknownst to the crew, the strip was being used that day as a drag racing track. As racers and spectators scattered, Pearson touched down the plane on the tarmac, avoiding catastrophe. Although the nose gear collapsed, the aircraft came to a halt without fatalities. The dramatic save earned international acclaim and cemented the "Gimli Glider" as a symbol of skill, composure, and a little bit of luck.

More than four decades later, the Gimli Glider Exhibit stands as a tribute to the incident and the people who lived through it. Located in Gimli, the volunteer-run museum displays artifacts from the flight, including the aircraft's ram air turbine that provided crucial power during the descent.

"With very special guests, Capt. Pearson, the pilot, and passenger Pearl Dion, we are always reminded of how extraordinary that day was for aviation, and how important it is to preserve these memories," said Gluck.

She added that organizers are looking forward to the restoration of a cockpit artifact acquired for the Exhibit.

"We are looking forward to the restoration of the acquired cockpit artifact and installing it within the new Commemorative Park area at the landing site," she said. "This current project will ensure that visitors to the Gimli area will have access to the history at all times, along with the information provided with the large section of the famous aircraft."

The annual fundraising dinner has become a highlight for aviation enthusiasts and community members alike, offering an opportunity to hear directly from those who played a role

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in the extraordinary event. Organizers say the evening not only raises funds but also helps ensure future generations understand the signifi-

cance of the Gimli Glider story.

Tickets are available until Aug. 29 at the Gimli Glider Exhibit or online at [www.gimliglider.org](http://www.gimliglider.org).

# Public hearing focuses on proposed quarry expansion

By Jennifer McFee

Rosser residents gathered at the Grosse Isle Community Hall on July 28 to attend a public hearing regarding a conditional use application to allow for the expansion of Lilyfield Quarry's existing aggregate quarry operation.

The land is designated as an agricultural area in the South Interlake Planning District's development plan; however, it's appropriately designated and zoned for council to consider

an aggregate extraction operation. The land is currently cultivated and it has medium aggregate potential.

No quarrying operations are proposed within 400 metres of nearby residences, but the provincial government's Community Planning Services Branch noted the potential of the proposed operation to create nuisances for nearby landowners such as dust, noise, vibrations and traffic.

Provincial departments recommended several conditions, including

submission of traffic projections and a heritage resources impact assessment and heritage resources protection plan. The Historic Resources Branch expressed concerns since a historic trail is in the development's footprint. As well, centennial farms and a family cemetery are located nearby.

Manitoba Environment and Climate Change also recommended that a wetland assessment be conducted to ensure that no regulated wetlands would be impacted.

The provincial reviews also point out the need to restore the land in keeping with the provincial aggregate rehabilitation program to ensure that the land is left safe, environmentally stable and compatible with adjoining residential and farmlands.

Council is now in their deliberation phase as a result of the hearing they conducted.



# Donations, volunteers needed to build beds for kids in need

By Jennifer McFee

Interlake children will have sweet dreams while they doze in their own bed provided by a grassroots organization that aims to ensure no kid sleeps on the floor.

Sleep in Heavenly Peace is a volunteer-run non-profit organization that's dedicated to building, assembling and delivering bunk beds to children and families in need. The organization continues to grow, with chapters opening across Canada and the U.S. to serve more communities.

Since the Interlake chapter launched in April, president Diane Fjeld has been busy fielding requests for the single beds.

"This is the first rural chapter in Canada. All the other chapters are urban," she said.

"I'm getting requests all the time. The first requests came from Stonewall, Stony Mountain,

Fisher Branch, Peguis — all on the west side. They're for anybody who needs it."

These bed requests come from people in all sorts of different situations, she said. For example, the organization might help families who have lost their home in a fire or newcomers who are getting set up in their new community. In cases of marital breakdown with shared custody, there might be a need to furnish a second residence.

They also get referrals from social services, Manitoba Housing and women's shelters for mothers who are fleeing domestic violence with their children.

"There are all kinds of circumstances, but we're not here to be judgmental," she said. "We're here to make sure every kid has got a bed. That's the bottom line."

Using top-notch materials, volunteers build



The kids are all smiles when they receive their new hand-built bed, completed with bedding and a comfy quilt.

the twin beds from scratch using a template. They build the headboards and footboards using jigs, wood and screws, and they leaving the rest in pieces to assemble during delivery.

In addition to a brand new bed, the recipients also receive all-new mattresses, pillows, sheets, a comforter and a quilt.

"Smitty's Furniture and Appliances in Arborg is our mattress sponsor, and we have a lumber supplier who gives us a good deal on premium supplies," Fjeld said.

"Most of the bedding is donated, and we get lots of quilts donated locally by quilters as well."

However, not all items are donated, so the organization also needs to buy many materials. That's why monetary

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donations are in demand, as well as more volunteers in Stonewall, Teulon and surrounding areas. Volunteers can help as much or as little as they want, and local businesses are encouraged to sponsor build days.

For Fjeld, the best part is seeing the looks on the kids' faces light up when she delivers their new hand-built bed and sets it up on site.

"When I talk to parents on the phone, I ask about kids' favourite colours. If I've got bedding in those colours, I try to line it up with the kids," she said.

"The kids that we deliver the beds to have been in the sort of scenario where they've been sleeping on the floor, so they're definitely excited."

Whether you'd like to make a donation or become a volunteer, it can all be done through the Interlake chapter's online portal at shpbeds.ca. Anyone who would like to learn more or get involved can also call Fjeld at 204-519-2451.

Applications can be submitted through referrals or as a recipient. The applicants must be the legal guardians of children aged three to 17. Recipients need to live in the active chapter area and have an accessible home with space for a bed. Anyone who would like to apply can complete the online form at shpbeds.ca.



Sleep in Heavenly Peace volunteer Judy Pearce and chapter president Diane Fjeld showcase a newly built bed.



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Diane Fjeld, Sleep in Heavenly Peace's chapter president for the Interlake region, delivered a bed along with volunteer Lorraine Brisson.

## > PUBLIC HEARING, FROM PG. 11

### IN OTHER COUNCIL NEWS:

- The Public Utilities Board ordered the RM of Rosser to review its CentrePort utility rates and file a full rate study, as well as apply for revised rates, if needed, by June 30. The municipality is requesting an extension to Dec. 31 to file the report.
- Council accepted a \$12,160 quote from CVLNS for Phase 1 of the strategic planning process.

The CAO is authorized to attend the Manitoba Municipal Administrators golf tournament on Sept. 7. Expenses will be paid.

The CAO is authorized to proceed with necessary steps for expropriation proceedings to acquire lands to construct a drain in order to prevent and control flooding in the municipality. Due to increases in the quantity of rainfall during major rain events over the last couple of years

and functional issues with the city protection drain, the RM of Rosser has been acquiring land to build an additional drain to move water parallel to the Brookside Boulevard drain. The RM's goal is to alleviate water holding in the Brookport Business Park drainage area, which leads to some short-term floods in some of the ditched and roadways during a major rain event.

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# Cyclists gear up for Gimli MS Bike Ride Aug. 23 and 24

By Jennifer McFee

More than 100 cyclists will be pedalling in an upcoming biking event to raise funds and awareness for multiple sclerosis.

In total, 11 MS Bike events are taking place across Canada over a four-month period, including one in Gimli on Aug. 23 and 24. The local event has a \$215,000 fundraising goal, with more than \$91,000 raised to date.

Depending on the route riders choose, they can cycle either 81.4 kilometres or 40 kilometres over the two-day event. The ride starts and finishes at the Gimli Rec Centre, while also traversing along the scenic shores of Lake Winnipeg.

For cyclist John Wanke, who has participated in the Gimli ride for 11 years, it's a cause that's close to his heart. He was diagnosed with MS in 2012 after experiencing numbness in his feet.

"It's very unpredictable. There are so many different symptoms. A lot of people get fatigue and then problems with balance and weakness, sensory changes such as tingling and numbness or vision

problems. Everyone's got a different case and everyone has different symptoms," said Wanke, who lives at Falcon Lake.

"After I was diagnosed, I moped around for a couple years, just feeling sorry for myself. But you learn to live with it. My balance is not as good as it used to be, but I keep active."

He started off by buying a mountain bike from his neighbour's son and began to train by cycling on the TransCanada Trail from Falcon Lake to West Hawk.

This year, he's looking forward to reuniting with friends he's made over the years at the Gimli ride, while also trying out a new



A close-up of John Wanke's calf tattoo, which reads "Don't limit your challenges. Challenge your limits," inspired by a sign he saw during a past MS Bike-Gimli ride.



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Cyclist John Wanke of Falcon Lake will take part in his 12th MS Bike-Gimli ride on Aug. 23 and 24, raising funds and awareness for multiple sclerosis — a cause close to his heart since his 2012 diagnosis.

gravel bike.

"It's an amazing event," he said. "The best part is when you're almost finished and people are in their drive-ways cheering you on with bells and signs."

In fact, he liked one sign so much that he got the message tattooed on his calf: "Don't limit your challenges. Challenge your limits."

He encourages others to get involved, either as participants or volunteers.

"I look forward to this weekend every year. We make it into a little mini holiday," he said. "There are so many people that I see at this event every year and we keep in touch during the off-season. It's like a big family, and it's all for a good cause."

Paige Perron, coordinator of community fundraising for MS Canada, said Canada has one of the highest rates of MS in the world.

"Over 90,000 Canadians live with the disease, and every two hours, someone in Canada is diagnosed with MS. That's why community support for MS Bike-Gimli is so meaningful," she said.

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### > GEAR UP, FROM PG. 16

cacy.”

Volunteers are essential to ensure the event runs smoothly. Organizers are looking for volunteers to support key areas of the event as well as to help at the Gimli Rec Centre. Anyone interested can sign-up and view volunteer opportunities at [mscanada.ca/volunteer-opportunities](https://mscanada.ca/volunteer-opportunities).

The Gimli event, which has been going strong since 1989, will include

an outdoor beer garden, music, lawn games, food and more. A cocktail hour for top fundraisers will be hosted on Saturday, Aug. 23 from 4 to 5:30 p.m., followed by a dinner for all participants and evening ceremonies at 6 p.m.

On Sunday, Aug. 24, a barbecue lunch, music, games and team photos will take place at the finish line.

To learn more, register to participate or make a donation, visit <https://ms-spbike.donordrive.com/events/1202>.

## A soggy stretch in Stonewall



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY LANA MEIER

Heavy rain filled roadside ditches in Stonewall last Thursday. The community received a total of 2.5 inches of precipitation throughout the week. Environment and Climate Change Canada had issued a severe weather forecast for Aug. 14 that warned of damaging wind gusts, large hail and heavy downpours across southern Manitoba. In the end, the rain came in two rounds — Thursday and late Sunday — with Mother Nature holding off long enough for Quarry Days and the Tractor Pull to proceed.

  
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## Moosehorn cattle producers expecting feed shortages due to severe drought in the Interlake

By Patricia Barrett

Cattle producers in the RM of Grahamdale aren't going to wait for the cows to come home before sounding the alarm on what's expected to be a devastating year of drought in their region and other parts of the Interlake that will not only negatively affect producers' livelihoods, but also the economic wellbeing of small rural communities and possibly the price of a steak.

Kevin and Jason Nickel said their family-run operation west of Moosehorn is already suffering the ill effects of the drought, and it looks like it's shaping up to be a repeat of 2021. Other producers in their area are also struggling, with some already resorting to feeding their cattle with food stocks earmarked for the winter.

"In our pastures, there hasn't been any re-growth because there hasn't been any rain," said Kevin Nickel, who in addition to farming is a councillor for the RM of Grahamdale. "We did get some rain here at the farm in the last couple of days – and it'll green the grass up a little bit – but we need a lot more [rain] than that. There's been zero re-growth of the hay we've taken off. The fields are brown."

One of their dugouts is starting to dry up, with the levels really low, he said. Other producers in the region

that he has spoken with said they, too, are watching their dugouts dry up, and "it's getting to the point where water for their cattle is starting to become a concern."

The Nickels, who can easily work 16-to-18-hour days on the farm, set aside a percentage of their land to grow crops for feed. They haven't finished harvesting all of it yet, but they're anticipating not having enough for their cattle for winter. And scarcity typically means price hikes on feed that goes up for sale.

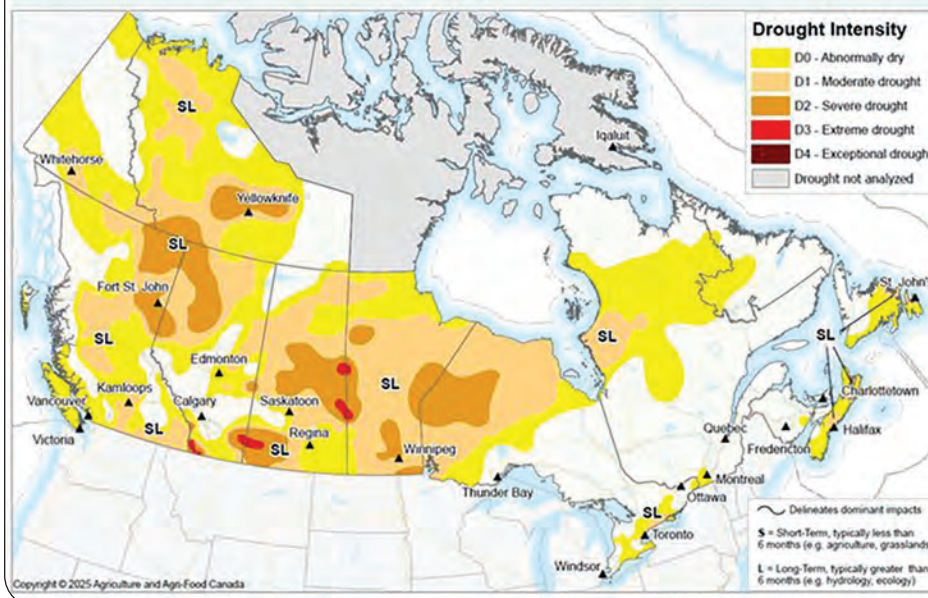
"We don't have enough yet by any means for the winter," said Nickel. "Buying hay and some grain as a supplement for the cattle over the winter is an option, but that all comes at an expense. When there isn't feed available in areas like this, the price goes up. And there's also the cost of the freight to haul it. It's a big expense."

It's highly likely the Nickels will be shelling out to buy feed, they said. On their first cut of alfalfa and hay, they got less than half of what they'd normally get. Had there been timely rains, they could have gotten a second cut, but that's "not happening – there's nothing to cut."

The Canadian Drought Monitor shows the western provinces and wide swathes of the northern territories in the grips of a moderate drought

### Canadian Drought Monitor

Conditions as of June 30, 2025



TRIBUNE IMAGE BY AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-FOOD CANADA

The Canadian Drought Monitor shows the extent of the drought across Canada, including in the Interlake region, which is classed (as of the end of June) as being in a severe drought.

at the end of June, with large pockets of severe and extreme drought.

Precipitation in June was below normal for "all of Manitoba," much of B.C. and the Atlantic provinces, north-western and southeastern Alberta, southern and eastern Saskatchewan,

and southwestern Ontario, states the monitor, which is produced by Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada.

For the Prairie region in particular, 87 per cent of the region was classified as abnormally dry or in moderate to extreme drought at the end of June, including 83 per cent of the region's agricultural lands even though there were mid-month rain events. The "severe" drought in the Interlake region is due to "persistent moisture deficits and very dry soil moisture."

The severe 2021 drought in Manitoba resulted from low precipitation and record-high temperatures. Crop sales losses were calculated to be close to \$100 million, according to a provincial report, and economic losses extended to municipalities in the form of lost tax revenue.

Nickel said crops such as corn that could be used for animal feed won't bounce back at this stage – some corn crops along the Highway 6 corridor are only three feet high and have no cobs – even if they get replenishing rains.

And the livelihoods of producers and their families will surely take a



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hit, as well as the economies of small rural communities that rely on people buying everything locally such as gas, groceries and farm equipment.

"Producers getting closer to retirement age and who don't have the feed for the winter might just decide to sell off their herds. And they don't take five years off and come back. If they go, they're gone forever," said Nickel. "That hurts small communities. Those losses trickle down to businesses in small communities."

Jason Nickel said it's "more enticing" to sell cattle right now than it is to buy them, and that breeding stock is at an all-time low.

He sits on the board of directors of the Ashern Auction Mart and said they typically don't start selling cattle until the end of August.

"But we're ready to open early if we have to. That wouldn't be a good thing, though," he said. "A producer might decide to sell off their herd and put the money on his Co-op bill or his equipment loans or all the other expenses that come with this industry."

He said cattle herd numbers are declining locally, and can think of 10 names off the hop who've sold their cattle and got out of farming.

"The Ashern Auction Mart used to sell on average over 50,000 head a

year in the early 2000s. And now we're down to 35,000 head," said Nickel. "A lot of young people don't want to farm beef."

The Nickels are hoping the provincial and federal governments can do more to address the looming agricultural crisis and stave off the decline of producers in their industry. They know provincial minister Ron Kostyshyn is aware of the situation as he had reached out to RMs several weeks ago and also met with several reeves along Highway 6.

The RM of Grahamdale's assistant chief administrative officer Devan McCoubrey said the municipality declared a state of agricultural disaster on July 24. The declaration serves as an "advocacy tool" to help them lobby the provincial and federal governments for assistance. It does not "trigger" funding automatically and doesn't guarantee any subsidy.

"Conditions in the RM of Grahamdale are terrible, and our declaration sends a 'verified' signal that an agricultural disaster is taking place in our municipality and our producers require immediate help," she said. "This declaration is the first step in lobbying for things like AgriRecovery (freight assistance, per-cow payments), feed and water support and



TRIBUNE PHOTOS BY KEVIN NICKEL

Kevin and Jason Nickel's cattle are shown on dried-up pasture west of Moosehorn last week. The cattle producers are expecting to have to buy feed for the winter and are hoping the provincial and federal governments can offer more support to producers.

access to vacant crown land and so forth."

It's both grain and livestock producers who are asking for "proactive support" to get this through drought.

"They also need access to affordable hay and tax deferrals if they are required to sell their herd. Grain producers are seeing terrible yields

and are concerned about crop insurance shortfalls and what the next year will look like," said McCoubrey. "Droughts have a multi-year impact on producers."

The provincial and federal governments jointly announced last month

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# TEULON RODEO 2025

## Teulon Rodeo returns Aug. 22-24 with roping, racing, and family fun

By Emma McGill

The Teulon Rodeo is set to return later this month, bringing three days of roping, racing, and family-friendly fun from Aug. 22 to 24.

Organized by the Teulon Rodeo Club, the event has grown steadily over its 14-year history, drawing hundreds of competitors and spectators from across Manitoba and beyond.

"I grew up in it," said Dave Tarko, president of the Teulon Rodeo Club. "When I was a kid, that's all we did on weekends. We either went to watch them or participate in them."

The Teulon Rodeo is the final stop on the Heartland Rodeo circuit, which also includes Miami, Eriksdale, Gilbert Plains, Arborg, McCreary, Roblin, and Richer. With about 200 contestants each day, participants will compete in 12 categories, including bull riding, saddle bronc, bareback, tie down, steer wrestling, breakaway, goat tying, ladies barrel racing, team roping, and junior events such as pee-wee barrel racing.

For 17-year-old Carman rider Char-

lie Sisson, who is currently leading the bull riding standings, the Teulon event marks an exciting finish to his third year on the circuit.

"Teulon is the last rodeo before the finals," said Sisson. "I'm excited for finals to come around and compete against all of my buddies and just have a good time overall."

The top 10 competitors who have participated in at least 60 per cent of the season's events will qualify for the Heartland Rodeo finals in Grunthal this September.

Alongside the action in the ring, visitors can enjoy live music, food, and family activities throughout the weekend. Friday night opens with a ceremony featuring local dignitaries, followed by live music from Big Joe's Covers in the beer gardens from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. (no cover charge, 18+).

Concessions will be operated by the Teulon Travel Club, which is raising funds for a student trip to Europe. Guests can also take part in a 50/50 draw, shop local vendors from noon to 5 p.m., or bring kids to the Blue



TRIBUNE PHOTO SUBMITTED

Carman bull rider Charlie Sisson, 17, is currently leading the Heartland Rodeo circuit standings and will compete in Teulon later this month as the season heads toward its finals in Grunthal.

Bomber inflatables in the family zone. Saturday night entertainment will feature Up in Flames in the beer gardens, with a \$5 cover charge.

Rodeo events begin at 3 p.m. Satur-

day and 2 p.m. Sunday. Admission for ages 12 and up is \$10 per day. More information is available on the Teulon Rodeo Club's Facebook page.

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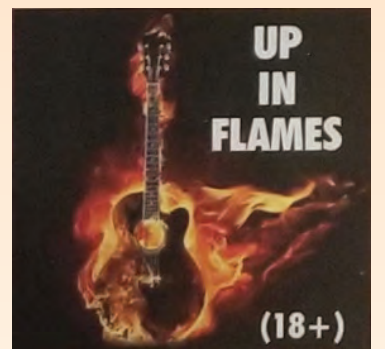
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# sports & recreation

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## Juventus stay alive in playoff race

By Kieran Reimer

The playoff race is heating up in the Manitoba Major Soccer League, and Stonewall's CSSE Juventus are right in the thick of it in Division 2.

They entered the week tied for sixth place, which in Div. 2 means they would hold the final playoff spot if the regular season ended today.

With several games still to play, Juventus hosted a top-three club, FC IPAC-Ukraine, on Thursday at Veterans Memorial Sports Complex. The team has enjoyed playing at home this season after spending previous years in the MMSL's top divisions, where they mostly played road games in Winnipeg.

On Thursday, they used that home-field advantage to put in a strong performance, erasing a one-goal deficit to tie the game in the second half.

Things were level at 2-2 after Juventus' Danila Shakhov scored his team-leading ninth and 10th goals of the campaign. But IPAC-Ukraine found the winner late, handing Juventus a 3-2 defeat.

"It was a good improvement," said coach Chico Andrade on Friday. "Guys showed good charac-

teristics and didn't give up. We kept playing our philosophy, which is to keep possession and move the ball around, and sometimes that takes a little bit longer than just playing very direct soccer."

Andrade has coached high-level youth soccer for many years, and his expertise has translated well to Juventus at the senior level.

Though the club dropped to Div. 2 due to the busyness of its players, it has shown it can still compete with the best.

Their 5-5-1 record keeps them in control of their playoff fate. As of Friday, they held a game in hand on the Kildonan Cavaliers, who were tied with Juventus for the final postseason spot. Juventus also sat just two points back of fifth-place Scorpions FC, with a game in hand there as well.

Next up is a return to Winnipeg on Tuesday, where Juventus will face FCNW NexGen at Buhler Recreation Park. NexGen currently sit eighth in the Div. 2 standings, giving Juventus an opportunity to take advantage against a lower-ranked opponent.

Kickoff Tuesday is set for 6:45 p.m.



TRIBUNE PHOTOS BY JO-ANNE PROCTER  
CSSE Juventus' Kyle Andrade tries to force the ball past a IPAC-Ukraine player at their game in Stonewall last Friday.

## Bel Acres names 2025 golf club champions



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Bel Acres Golf and Country Club crowned its 2025 champions in men's, senior, junior, super senior and ladies' divisions, with titles going to Cody Hunter, Al Kinch, Nick Turner, Larry Lagace and Emma Slagerman.

## Biggest win yet moves United back above playoff line

By Kieran Reimer

Each win carries its share of importance, but Stonewall United's victory on Sunday may have been the biggest yet this season.

United entered the home game at Veterans Memorial Sports Complex as underdogs against second-ranked YFC FC, while also sitting outside the playoff picture for the first time this year.

Trailing the sixth and final playoff spot by three points heading into the match, United's offence came alive in a 5-4 victory.

"There were not a lot of chances had by all, but I guess when we did get our opportunities, we were burying them," said United's Matt Olnick on Monday. "We outplayed, out-hustled, a lot of heart, a lot of confidence in our

squad, and it showed last night."

Scott Yeo, Chris Thompson, Israel Ogungbemi, Chris Hunter and Noah Rodrigue scored for United.

The win moved them back into a share of sixth place and provided a major confidence boost against one of the league's top clubs.

"To see that we beat a team as high in the standings as that was — not

that we're that far behind — I think we've had our fair share of unfortunate bounces and it cost us some games," said Olnick. "To come out on the right end of things feels good."

United now share sixth place with 313FC, their opponent this Thursday. Stonewall hold a game in hand.

After Sunday's upset, Thursday's clash might be even more important.

The last time the clubs met was June 29, when they played to a 2-2 draw.

Kickoff is 7 p.m. Thursday at Shaughnessy Park Field in Winnipeg.



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## Storybook season sees U15 Phillies finish top 10 in Canada

By Kieran Reimer

Nearly 12 months of hard work came full circle for the U15 AAA Interlake Phillies at the 2025 Canadian Softball Championships last week in Morden and Winkler.

The Phillies entered the tournament as underdogs after an upset at provincials earned them the third and final Manitoba berth at nationals. Their goal was to finish in the top 12 among the 21 teams from across the country.

After going 3-3 in the round robin, the Phillies emerged as the dark horse of the tournament.

They followed that up with back-to-back playoff victories before eventually finishing tied for fifth in Canada after being eliminated by their Manitoba rival, the Eastman Wildcats.

"I couldn't be more proud of those girls to see how far they came from the beginning of the year to now," said coach Mike Hammond.

The Phillies' nationals run began with a pair of opening-day victories Wednesday over the New Brunswick Selects and Saskatchewan's White Butte Storm.

In the opener against the Selects in Morden, runs by Jersey MacMillan and Sara Vande gave the Phillies the lead in the first inning. They added insurance over the following frames to secure a 9-5 win.

Later that evening, the Phillies' offence kept rolling with a 10-2 win over the Storm. A 14-hit performance, including three from Jordyn Chetyrbok, carried them to victory. Chetyrbok, Kendra Zaretsky, Paige Bernier and Lily Hammond each drove in two runs.

Thursday in Winkler brought the Phillies' first setback, a 7-2 loss to B.C.'s Cloverdale Fury. That afternoon, Interlake battled Ontario's Oakville Angels in a pitcher's duel, with Quinn Twordik and Abby Voth splitting time in the circle. A sacrifice

fly from Kaitlyn Braid put Interlake on the board first, but Oakville answered with two runs in the fourth and went on



Interlake Phillies pitcher Lily Hammond pitches the first number of innings helping her team secure the win against NB Selects 9-5.



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The U15 AAA Interlake Phillies tied for fifth at the 2025 Canadian Softball Championships last week in Winkler and Morden. The Phillies went 3-3 in the round robin and knocked out teams from B.C. and Alberta in the playoff round before being eliminated by the Eastman Wildcats on Saturday in Winkler.

Back row, from left: head coach Mike Hammond, Paige Bernier, Emma Cassils, Brynn Williams, Kenzie Myers, Lily Hammond, Quinn Twordik, Rachel Lyver, Jersey MacMillan, Katie Braid, Kara Powroznik, assistant coach Chloe Beresford and assistant coach Jason Cassils. Front row, from left: assistant coach Chelsea Sniveley, bat girl Eden, Sara Vande, Jordyn Chetyrbok, Kendra Zaretsky and Kardyn Reimer.

4-2 win.

Playoff hopes took another hit Friday with a 5-3 loss to Alberta's St. Albert Angels. Interlake led 3-2 in the fourth before errors shifted the momentum.

That set up a must-win round robin finale later in the day against B.C.'s White Rock Renegades. Phillies pitcher Kardyn Reimer delivered a dominant seven-inning performance, allowing just three hits and one run in a 3-1 win. MacMillan and Braid led the offence as Interlake secured a playoff berth as the seventh seed.

With renewed life heading into Saturday's playoff round, Hammond started on the mound against the Fraser Valley Fusion 2011. She went five innings, allowing only three hits and one run. Twordik and Brynn Williams each drove in a run, while Reimer closed with three innings of no-hit ball and three

strikeouts to seal another 3-1 win.

Next up was Alberta's Kaizen Hunter. A two-run first inning from Hammond and Rachel Lyver gave Interlake the early edge. Both later added another RBI as Twordik and Reimer combined to scatter six hits in a 5-0 shutout win.

Just two hours later, Interlake was back on the field against the Eastman Wildcats. The Wildcats jumped out to a 2-0 first-inning lead and added two more in the third. The Phillies responded with RBIs from Braid and Twordik but couldn't overcome the deficit in a 9-2 loss that ended their run.

"After the game, we told the girls, 'Hey, listen, we just finished top six in the country. You took the best teams in Alberta, you're knocking off great teams in B.C.,'" said Hammond. "I said, 'You've got nothing to hang your heads about. You did Interlake proud. Everybody here was rooting for you, and you made everybody happy.'"

The season's close marked the end of U15 eligibility for Phillies players MacMillan, Vande, Kara Powroznik, Chetyrbok and Braid. The five veterans will move up to U17 eligibility next spring, with the potential to join the U17 AAA Interlake Phillies.

"The majors on the team that are moving up next year, I know they're going to do great things. All of them were great leaders on this team," said Hammond.

As one season ends, another is already approaching. U15 tryouts are set for September, with a new group of players hoping to continue the program's success.



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Interlake Phillies Paige Bernier slides into second base beating the tag by BC Selects Marika LeBlanc.



# SPHL's Storm re-sign top scorer Mattson



Leif Mattson

By Kieran Reimer

Fresh off a career-best season, Leif Mattson will be back in Quad City colours.

The Southern Professional Hockey League club announced last week it has re-signed its top scorer, who led the Storm with 31 goals and 37 assists in 55 games during the 2024-25 campaign.

The 26-year-old from Thompson will enter his fourth season with the Storm after turning pro in 2021 with Tours in France's second-division pro league.

Mattson played his junior career in the Western Hockey League with the Spokane Chiefs and Kelowna Rockets after AAA seasons with the Interlake Lightning in Stonewall. He also has 34 games of East Coast Hockey League experience.

Since joining the Storm in 2022, Mattson has helped the club to back-to-back President's Cup play-off appearances and earned SPHL First All-Star Team honours in each of the last two seasons.

He is the franchise leader in goals with 67 and sits second in points (144), behind only Tommy Tsicos (164).



## Thunder kickoff weekend action

Kaleb Lisecki of West St. Paul ran the ball for a touchdown in the first half as the Interlake Thunder PeeWees opened their season with a spirited 30-18 loss to the Eastman Raiders at home this past weekend. The Atoms fell 23-0 to the Portage Pit-bulls in Portage la Prairie, while fans cheered on the Cruncher U10 Black and U10 Gold teams during their home openers in Stonewall.

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they were offering support for faster access to claim payments for purchasing feed and making changes to AgriInsurance coverage through the Manitoba Agricultural Services Corporation (MASC).

The provincial government is currently in a blackout period, with legislated restrictions on what it can announce, until after the Aug. 26 byelection in Spruce Woods.

While the MASC program support is appreciated, Kevin Nickel said time is of the essence: producers need to know now whether more help is coming.

"Producers are going to have to make decisions sooner than [Aug. 26] about selling their cattle. I know some guys are feeding their cattle on pasture now already, and when you don't have the feed for the winter, it's pretty hard to start taking bales off your pile and feeding them in the summer," he said.

He and his brother would also encourage the government to consider allowing producers to make and cut hay on provincial Wildlife Management Areas (WMAs) and Crown land.

A spokesperson for the provincial department of agriculture did not say whether the government will offer drought-stricken producers the option of using WMAs/Crown land to obtain more feed for their cattle, but did send the *Express* a one-page information leaflet titled "Crown Lands Options to Assist with Feed Shortages."

"WMAs and wildlife-coded parcels are currently available for casual haying and grazing permits, based on habitat management plans. Each year, agriculture and wildlife teams work together to align these permits with ecological objectives, ensuring responsible use of the land," states the leaflet. "As of July 31, 2025, some WMA parcels remain available for casual permit."

And Standard Agricultural Crown Land parcels are available for "casual permit," it adds.

The province and federal government previously announced an incentive for people with cereal crops (which aren't going to make it) to turn them into feed for cattle, but the Nickels say that program hasn't really benefited a lot of producers

in their area. They're worried some people will call it a day.

They themselves aren't planning to hang up their overalls just yet, but they're feeling some stress as to what lies ahead in the future.

"Whether you call this climate change or a just a cycle, I don't know what it is exactly," said Kevin Nickel. "But it sure makes it hard to plan anything when you're hunting for feed for your cattle all the time."

Meat prices were anticipated to increase this year, according Canada's Food Price Report, and they have done just that. With a decline in beef producers and downsized herds, a steak or ground beef for a long weekend barbecue or a Sunday roast may cost even more down the road.

The only silver lining at present with the drought is that there are no massive hordes of grasshoppers out there finishing off what crops and grasses remain, said Nickel.

"But if it stays dry like this, they'll be back next year," he said. "And they eat everything."

"Even ornamental trees and garden produce," added his brother.

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# PUBLIC NOTICE

## BOARD OF REVISION 2026 ASSESSMENT ROLL & 2025 SUPPLEMENTAL TAXES

Public Notice is hereby given that the **2026 Assessment Roll and 2025 Supplemental Taxes** for the Rural Municipality of Armstrong have been delivered to the Municipal Office at Inwood, Manitoba and is open for public inspection during regular business hours.

The Board of Revision will sit on **Wednesday, September 24, 2025 at 10:00 A.M.** at the Council Chambers of the Municipality of Armstrong to hear applications for revision made in accordance with sections 42 & 43 of the Municipal Assessment Act:

### APPLICATION FOR REVISION

42(1) A person in whose name property has been assessed, a mortgagee in possession of property under section 114(1) of The Real Property Act, an occupier of premises who is required under the terms of a lease to pay the taxes on the property, or the assessor may make application for the revision of an assessment roll with respect to:

- liability to taxation;
- amount of an assessed value;
- classification of property; or
- a refusal by an assessor to amend the assessment roll under subsection 13(2).

### APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

43(1) An application for revision must

- be in writing;
- set out the roll number and legal description of the assessable property for which revision is sought;
- Set out which of the matters referred to in subsection 42(1) are at issue, and the ground for each of those matters; and
- be filed by delivering it or causing it to be delivered to the office indicated below, or serving it upon the secretary, **on or before September 8, 2025.**

Colleen Mayer, Secretary Board of Revision  
Rural Municipality of Armstrong  
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## RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF WOODLANDS PUBLIC NOTICE

### BOARD OF REVISION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the 2026 Assessment Roll for the Rural Municipality of Woodlands has been delivered to the Municipal Office, 57 Railway Avenue, in the Village of Woodlands, Manitoba and is open for public inspection during regular business hours.

The Board of Revision shall sit to hear complaints on Tuesday, the 14th day of October, 2025 at 1:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Rural Municipality of Woodlands, 57 Railway Avenue, Woodlands, Manitoba.

Any person who believes that an assessment ought to be revised may make application in accordance with sections 42 and 43 of The Municipal Assessment Act.

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at least 15 days before the scheduled sitting date of the board as indicated above.

All applicants shall be provided written notice with the time of their hearing. Applicants are responsible for confirming that an appeal sent electronically has been received by the Rural Municipality of Woodlands, Telephone 204-383-5679.

Applications for revision or complaints must be received by 4:30 p.m., September 29th, 2025, mailed to the Rural Municipality of Woodlands, Box 10, Woodlands, Manitoba, R0C 3H0 or delivered to 57 Railway Avenue, Woodlands, Manitoba.

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Corlie Larsen, CMMA  
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## RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF WOODLANDS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING BORROWING BY-LAW 2813/25

In accordance with Subsection 169(6) of The Municipal Act, the Council of the Rural Municipality of Woodlands shall hold a PUBLIC HEARING on

**Thursday, September 11, 2025 at 6:30 P.M.**  
**Municipal Office**  
**57 Railway Ave, Woodlands, MB**

Regarding the proposal to borrow \$2,235,000.00 via borrowing by-law 2813/25 to pay for the construction of a new reverse osmosis water treatment plant, new water supply reservoirs in Stonewall and Warren, new supply wells, and a water supply pipeline from Stonewall to Warren.

Please note: this hearing is being held to correct a procedural error in which the April 2025 public meeting was not conducted as a formal public hearing. Furthermore, the by-law was not included in the 2025 Financial Plan, which may have helped to avoid the correction. If you have any questions about this error and the correction required, please contact the Municipal Office.

### Important:

- No new information about the project will be presented from that which was available in April.
- No changes have been made to the borrowing application or borrowing proposal.
- This will not impact the Municipality's 2025 budget or tax levies.
- This hearing is being held to ensure transparency and compliance with the Municipal Act.

The purpose of the Public Hearing is to allow any interested person to make representation, ask questions, or register an objection in respect of this proposal. If you are planning to attend we are requesting that you pre-register with the RM of Woodlands Office at 204-383-5679 or by email at [finance@rmwoodlands.ca](mailto:finance@rmwoodlands.ca), to ensure there is sufficient space available. A virtual Teams link can be provided by email upon request.

Copies of the proposal are available for review by email, mail, fax, or in person at the RM office.

Kaitlyn Griffith  
Chief Administrative Officer  
Rural Municipality of Woodlands

Dated August 14, 2025





NOTICE OF APPLICATION  
RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF ROSSETER AND  
RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF ROCKWOOD  
GROSSE ISLE WATER AND WASTEWATER UTILITY  
REVISED WATER AND WASTEWATER RATES

August 6, 2025

The Rural Municipality of Rosser (Rosser) and the Rural Municipality of Rockwood (Rockwood) have jointly applied to the Public Utilities Board (Board) for revised water and wastewater rates for the Grosse Isle Water and Wastewater Utility as set out in Rosser's By-Law No. 1-25, read for the first time on January 8, 2025 and Rockwood's By-Law No. 3/25, read the first time on February 12, 2025. Rates were last approved in 2020 in Board Order No. 83/20, with current rates coming into effect January 1, 2022. In addition to the revised rate application, the Municipality of Rosser has also applied for the recovery of a 2022 Utility deficit by rate rider.

The current and proposed rates are as follows:

	Current Rates	Proposed Rates		
	By-Law 5-24	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3
Quarterly Service Charge	\$ 39.64	\$ 37.91	\$ 38.68	\$ 39.47
Water (per cubic meter)	\$ 3.38	\$ 4.19	\$ 4.85	\$ 4.85
Wastewater (per cubic meter)	\$ 3.51	\$ 2.70	\$ 2.70	\$ 2.67
Minimum Quarterly Charge*	\$ 142.99	\$ 141.26	\$ 151.93	\$ 152.27
Quarterly Charge - Wastewater Only Customers **	\$ 74.74	\$ 159.41	\$ 160.18	\$ 159.62
Rate Rider	\$ -	\$ 0.56	\$ 0.56	\$ 0.56
Minimum Quarterly Charge- with Rate Rider*	\$ 142.99	\$ 149.66	\$ 160.33	\$ 160.67
Lagoon Tipping Fee	\$ 6.75	\$ 11.40	\$ 11.40	\$ 11.40

\*Based on 15 cubic meters  
\*\*Current rates based on 10 cubic meters, proposed rates based on 45 cubic meters

Details of Rosser and Rockwood's application are available for review at the Municipalities offices or the Public Utilities Board's office. Any questions concerning the application for revised rates, or the operation of the Utility, should be sent directly to the RM's.

If you have concerns/comments regarding the Rosser or Rockwood's application for water and wastewater rates, please go to [www.pubmanitoba.ca](http://www.pubmanitoba.ca) and provide your comment. Please note all comments will be forwarded to the RM's.

Questions or comments should be sent on or before September 20, 2025.

The Public Utilities Board is the provincial regulatory agency that reviews and approves rates for water and wastewater utilities in Manitoba, with the exception of the City of Winnipeg. The Board's review process involves:

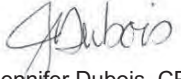
- the Utility filing a rate application to the Board,
- a public notification of proposed rate changes,
- the Board's review of the application through a public hearing or paper review process, and
- the issuance of an Order which outlines the Board's decision on the rate application and the rates to be charged.

The Manitoba Ombudsman has privacy guidelines for administrative tribunals. The Board is mindful of its obligations under those guidelines. Its decisions in respect of the application being considered will be sensitive to the guidelines. Personal information will not be disclosed unless it is appropriate and necessary to do so. However, the Board advises participants that these proceedings are public and that as a result, personal information protections are reduced.

The Board will then decide whether any further notice is required and whether to proceed with a public hearing or paper review process. All concerns received by the Board will be considered in the Board's decision on rates to be charged.

PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT IN CONSIDERING THIS APPLICATION, THE PUBLIC UTILITIES BOARD MAY OR MAY NOT FIND IT NECESSARY TO DETERMINE RATES DIFFERENT FROM THOSE APPLIED FOR BY THE APPLICANT.

Note: All proceedings will be conducted in accordance with the Board's Rules of Practice and Procedure, which the Board may vary in order to constrain regulatory costs. The Rules are available at [www.pubmanitoba.ca](http://www.pubmanitoba.ca).

  
Jennifer Dubois, CPA, CMA, CTAJ  
Assistant Associate Secretary  
Manitoba Public Utilities Board

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THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF ROCKWOOD  
PUBLIC NOTICE

BOARD OF REVISION  
GENERAL ASSESSMENT &  
PERSONAL PROPERTY ASSESSMENT  
2026 AND 2025 SUPPLEMENTARY  
PROPERTY TAXES

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that the 2026 General Assessment, Business Assessment and Personal Property Assessment Rolls to be revised was deposited in the Municipal Office and is open to Public Inspection, during regular business hours.

THE BOARD OF REVISION will sit to hear complaints of the various assessments on **WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2025** at the hour of **3:00 p.m.** in the Council Chambers of the Rural Municipality of Rockwood at 285 Main Street, Stonewall, Manitoba.

ANY PERSON who believes that an assessment ought to be revised may make application in accordance with Sections 42 and 43 of *The Municipal Assessment Act* hereinafter referred to as "The Act" which provides as follows:

**APPLICATION FOR REVISION:**  
Section 42(1) A person, including an assessor, may make application for the revision of an assessment roll with respect to:

- a) liability to taxation;
- b) amount of an assessed value;
- c) classification of property; or
- d) a refusal by an assessor to amend the assessment roll under Subsection 13(2).

Before filing an application against the amount of the assessment, liability to taxation, or classification of the property, Applicants should:

- a) examine municipal assessment rolls for comparable properties;
- b) select comparable properties from the rolls; and
- c) discuss the matter with the Provincial Assessment Branch, Selkirk, 204-785-5092.

**APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS:**  
Section 43(1) An application for revision must:

- a) be made in writing;
- b) set out the roll number and legal description of the assessable property for which a revision is sought;
- c) state the grounds on which the application is based; and
- d) be filed by
  - i) delivering it or causing it to be delivered to the Municipal Office indicated in the Public Notice given under Subsection 41(2); or
  - ii) serving it upon the secretary,

**AT LEAST FIFTEEN (15) DAYS BEFORE THE SCHEDULED SITTING DATE OF THE BOARD AS INDICATED IN THE PUBLIC NOTICE; DEADLINE FOR APPEALS IS 4:30 P.M., LOCAL STONEWALL TIME, MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2025 - NO LATE EXCEPTIONS WILL BE ALLOWED. PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION 43(2), APPLICATIONS WHICH DO NOT COMPLY WITH THE ABOVE WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED BY THE BOARD.**

Applications should be addressed to the Secretary, Board of Revision, the Rural Municipality of Rockwood, Box 902, Stonewall, Manitoba R0C 2Z0, email to [info@rockwood.ca](mailto:info@rockwood.ca), or fax to: 204-467-5329. Where an application is received in accordance with this Notice and of The Municipal Assessment Act, applicants will be notified in writing of the date, time and place of the hearing of their application.

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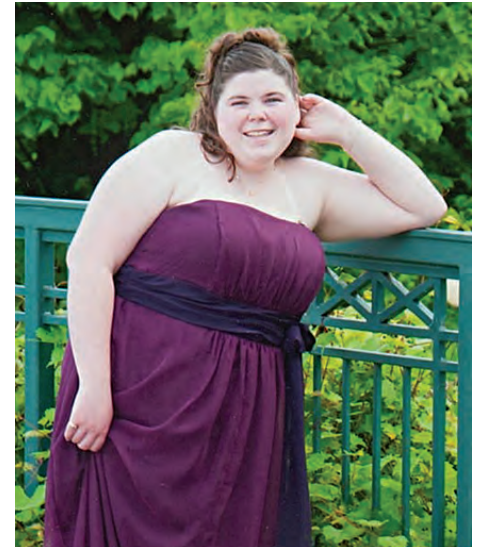
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**Heather Unger**  
February 5, 1948 – August 27, 2021  
No longer in our lives to share,  
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-Always remembered and deeply missed by,  
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Dana (Dean),  
Darcy (Jenn),  
Kelly (Kris),  
and grandchildren,  
family and friends



**Casandra Lynn Mailman**  
January 3, 1993 – August 22, 2013  
Twelve years of missing your hugs and  
vivacious smile.  
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Fiercely missed.  
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Winnie the Pooh  
-Love your family

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OBITUARY



Wayne Arnold Enberg

It is with absolute heartache that we share the sudden passing of Wayne Enberg at his home in the Norris Lake area, August 7, 2025 at the age of 62. He brought happiness, laughter, and unwavering love to everyone he knew.

Wayne was the beloved and cherished husband to Carol for 29 years. We were married July 27, 1996, leaving beautiful memories with some sadness too. We were a team and we helped each other through tough times to be strong.

He was a devoted son to Agnes Enberg and caring brother to sister Marlene (William and Jemiah), and to sister Tracey (Mike), Laura and Nicole. He was devoted to his entire family, and large circle of lifelong friends.

He was predeceased by his father Edward, sister Cheryl, brother Barry, mother-in-law Emily, grandfather Emil, many young cousins,

relatives, special friends and extended family.

Wayne was born in Gimli, MB on May 28, 1963. Living on the farm in the Norris Lake area, Wayne attended school in Teulon, and graduated in 1981. He also attended night school at the National Institute of Broadcasting in Winnipeg in 1981 and 1982, receiving a diploma. He had many jobs locally, as a young man - the Inwood sports grounds, cemetery, hall, and Olsen's store. Between 1981 and 1985 he worked at Northern Goose and PromoWear in Teulon. His broadcasting knowledge led him to working at a radio station in Selkirk for awhile and discovered that wasn't quite what he wanted to do. His voice and personal charm led to MCing at many local events and weddings. The stories he could tell..... He was told he should write a book about all the goings on with everyone he connected with. His impressions of famous personalities and quick humor always were a crowd pleaser, and a laugh. Wayne was a natural artist. He created many pencil, and charcoal drawings of different people. He made them cartoonlike. One was even published. They are very impressive. His neat and perfect penmanship as a "lefty" was always being complimented.

His career changed direction, and he was hired on at Drummond McCall now known as Russell Metals in Winnipeg in 1985. He worked there until 2021, when he retired. The friendships made there over 36 years, are still strong today.

In 1989 he invested in a partnership at the Inwood Golf Course with friends Ed, Frank, Joan and brother Barry, working very hard to build a golf course, while also working in Winnipeg. He couldn't manage both, so he chose his job in Winnipeg and sold out in 1993. He ran and played in the men's golf league there until 2008, and started the Drummond McCall annual golf tournament in 1990. The tournament combined with the Inwood Sports Club this year in July for another successful year, the longest running tournament at the course.

Wayne was a great athlete all his life, playing boys hardball, men's soccer with the Teulon Tornados, men's fastball with the Teulon Reds, mixed baseball with the Harperville Hooters out of Inwood, mixed slow-pitch in Teulon with the Spoilers and the Inn-mates, and men's hardball with the Chatfield Cardinals. Our friend Henry convinced him to join in 2015, and oh, the stories of so much fun they had.

Broomball was also a huge life passion. Coaching, playing on many, many mixed teams, and men's teams, leading to many provincial and national championships. In 1992 the Inwood Sharks men's broomball team was formed. They hosted the provincials in Teulon. The Sharks even qualified for the Western Canadian Broomball championship in Hay River, NWT in 1999. A trip well planned and remembered.

His love for hockey, baseball and football led us to many Jets, Bombers and Blue Jays games, having a great time. He was a huge collector of sports memorabilia and nostalgia.

Music of course was also a huge part of his life. Listening, collecting and knowing every classic rock band, who played where and who become who. Always a "book of knowledge" for everything. So many big name concerts we attended with great memories of each one. He would read book after book of music artists, hockey legends or anything of interest to him.

Wayne was a huge presence everywhere. He looked after maintaining the Norris Lake Pioneer Cemetery, and also helping at the Norris Lake Cemetery when needed. He enjoyed the last few years volunteering at the Inwood Sports Club and fundraising with Henry, for maintenance to the nostalgic Inwood Arena and sports grounds. His gentle, kind manner, big laugh and big smile was known by all who knew him. The most honest, true to his word man, never saying a harsh word against anyone. He was willing to give a helping hand and do anything asked of him.

He was very sentimental and was grateful for being able to live on his grandfather's farm, and call it home. He was also very proud of having Norwegian and Swedish family ancestry.

Knowing him for 35 years, the life we built together was special. So many great times together, supporting each other all the way.

His legacy lives on in the lives he touched and the family he held so dear. Play a tune, go to a hockey, baseball, or football game and think of Wayne.

His gentleness and kindness will continue to inspire us everyday. "Our Gentle Giant" Wayne will be lovingly remembered by all of his relatives, his community and his many life-long friends.

"My love, my wonderful husband, my best friend, my soulmate. It was truly a blessing to have you in my life. I will love you for the rest of mine."

Please join us for a remembrance of Wayne's life on Saturday, August 23, 2025 at 2:00 p.m. at the Teulon - Rockwood Hall.

If you like, please wear your favorite music band t-shirt, or sports jersey if you have. Interment to follow at the Norris Lake Cemetery.



OBITUARY

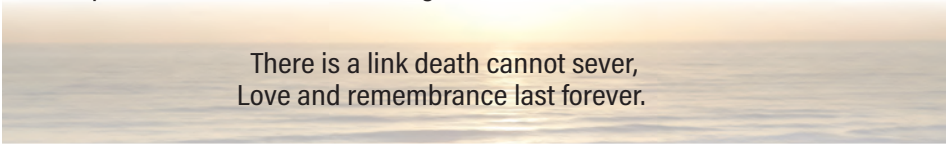
Gerald William Harvey

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Gerald William Harvey on July 20, 2025.

He was predeceased by his loving wife Kathleen Harvey.

Gerald is survived by his children Tommy (Caroline) and Trish and grandchildren Mandy and Steven.

Rest in peace Gerald. Give Kathleen a hug from all of us!



There is a link death cannot sever,  
Love and remembrance last forever.

OBITUARY

Leona Weisz (nee Swayze)

On August 6th, 2025, we lost a phenomenal woman, Leona Weisz (nee Swayze).

Leona leaves behind three daughters Donna, grandchild Devon - great-grandchildren Jude, Reese and Elliot. Grandchild Courtney (Shaun), great-grandchildren Nova Lee and Bennett. Grandchildren Allissa and Chelsea.

Roxie, grandchild Josh (Christina), great-grandchildren Carter and Jade. Grandchild Cheyenne, great-grandchildren Layla, Julian and Lyric. Grandchildren Destiny and Britney. Angie, Tasha-grandchildren Jameson and Toby.

Leona also leaves behind the love of her life and soul mate Robert Bouvette and his three children, Willy Bouvette (Allison), grandchildren Dayna Muron (Brett) great-grandchild Kinsley. Grandchild Carley Beardy (Wilford) great-grandchild Xaviour.

Colleen Bouvette (Paul) grandchild Richard and grandchild Justin (Nikeeya) great-grandchildren Takoda and Paloma. Robert Bouvette Jr. (MaryAnne) grandchild Brendan Bouvette (Morgan) great-grandchildren Barrett and Ansen, grandchild Rebecca and Haley (engaged to Ryan Marsch).

She will also be missed by many nieces and nephews and numerous friends.

Leona is predeceased by her mother Henrietta Swayze (nee Lachance), her father Roderick Peter Swayze, six siblings - Gloria (Arnold), Alan (Betty), Leonard (Ret), Dale (Yvonne), Marie, and Ronald (Maryjane). Her grandson Nolin Bouchard in 2017 and her other grandson Russell Warcup 2021.

Leona was a lover of animals, she will be missed by Rio and greeted in Heaven by her most precious fur babies Trixy and Missy.

Blooming flowers represent the cycle of nature, of life, death, and rebirth.

She is a Rose

She is a Sunflower

She is a Daisy

With Jesus who has made Leona just the way she is supposed to be....and I will bloom a thousand times for him

In lieu of flowers donations can be made to the Humane Society.

Our deepest thoughts and regards to all the doctors and nurses at HSC who went way out of the way to talk, care and comfort our dear mother.

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## OBITUARY



Earl William Irving

It is with sadness that we announce the passing of Earl Irving on August 4, 2025 at the Teulon Hunter Memorial Hospital in Teulon.

Earl was born in Star City, Saskatchewan on January 26, 1928, the second child of John Irving and his wife Susan (Leatham) Irving. The family was raised on a sawmill operation near Fern Lake community in Northern Saskatchewan. Earl attended public school in Nipawin, Saskatchewan. He finished high school in Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan. He then embarked on a working career with time spent in the Bank of Nova Scotia and the British American Oil Co. before finally settling into a career in general accounting with C.P. Rail in Winnipeg. He transferred into Winnipeg in 1959. He retired in 1986 then for the next years ran his own business as C.V.S. Services in Stonewall and also did some part time work as bus driver and tour guide with the Paddle Wheel River Boats out of

Winnipeg. He also started the Seniors Fellowship Group from Alive Family Church and served there until just these last few months.

He was predeceased by his first wife Lillus in 1974, and his second wife Irene in 2014, by his brother Edward in 2008 and sister Margaret in 2020.

He is survived by his son Lyndon, his daughter April, grandchildren Nicholas and Kailyn, his sister Marion, several nieces and nephews and step-grandchildren.

A memorial service for Earl will be held on Wednesday, September 3, 2025 at 2 p.m. in the fellowship hall of the Anglican Church in Stonewall. Following the service a light lunch will be served.

## OBITUARY



Roger Mervin Allard

November 28, 1957 - August 6, 2025

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Roger Mervin Allard on August 6, 2025 at the age of 67.

Roger will be deeply missed by his sons, Cory (Julia) and Chris, and by his beloved grandchildren Alexis, Olivia, Fiona, Benita, and Silas, who were the light of his life.

Proud of his dedicated career as an ironworker, Roger took great satisfaction in the work he did and the friendships he built along the way. Outside of work, he found joy in the freedom of the open road on his Harley and in spoiling his grandchildren every chance he got.

Cremation has taken place and a celebration of life will take place at a later date.

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