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Aviation enthusiast flies high with Lindy Award

By Patricia Barrett

A former Stonewall resident with plane-building knowhow brought home an aviation award after his aircraft caught the eye of judges at the Experimental Aircraft Association's fly-in show in July in Oshkosh, Wis.

George Huntington, who is a retired aircraft maintenance engineer, built his plane from scratch using raw materials such as aluminum sheet metal for the wings and steel tubing for the fuselage.

With his engineering background, Huntington built a Bearhawk model four-place plane that's called a taildragger because it has a third wheel on the tail. The plane can carry four people, has a Lycoming engine with 260 horsepower, a wingspan of 36 feet, an empty weight of 1,532 pounds, a gross weight of 2,500 pounds, a cruising speed of about 135 miles per hour on 50 per cent power, about 145 miles per hour at normal cruise speed (but burning more fuel) and a landing speed of 60 miles per hour. It has about an 800-mile range on 50 per cent power.

"When I was a little kid, I always wanted to build an airplane," said



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Huntington with his Lindy Award. which is named after American aviator Charles Lindbergh.

Huntington, who now lives in Garson, west of Beausejour. "So, finally, years later I've completed it."

Huntington said he and his friends started building the plane in June 2005 when he was living in Stonewall. Because of job commitments, which included moving to Minnesota in the U.S., he completed the plane 17 years later. He also used to carry out structural repairs of glider aircraft for the military's Gimli Air Cadets program. Scratch-building your own aircraft takes time and commitment, ac-



TRIBUNE PHOTOS COURTESY OF GEORGE HUNTINGTON Former Stonewall resident George Huntington was honoured with a Lindy Award for his scratch-built Bearhawk airplane at the Experimental Aircraft Association's fly-in show in Oshkosh, Wis., in July. The award is named after American aviator Charles Lindbergh. Huntington's Bearhawk airplane at the Oshkosh show.

cording to a Bearhawk forum where builders can get advice from others. It can typically take seven to 10 years to build a plane to your own specifications. Some people may be able to complete the job faster depending on how much free time they have or how many extra hands they have to help out.

"The federal government labels these aircraft amateur built and they'll come out and look at your plane before you close everything up and then again when it's ready to fly,' said Huntington, "They want to make sure things are done according to the standards." With a private pilot's licence he

earned in 1977, Huntington flies his

Judges signed off on Huntington's plane for quality workmanship and esthetics, among other things.

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yond.

In July he flew the plane to Oshkosh, Wis., for the EAA's AirVenture fly-in conference, which featured air shows, plane rides, different types of aircraft ranging from antique to contemporary, events for children and awards. It drew about 650,000 people.

Huntington said he registered the plane and put a sign on its propeller, inviting EAA judges to consider it for an award. One of the awards is called the Lindy, named after American aviator Charles Lindbergh. Lindbergh was the first person to fly alone across the Atlantic in 1927 in a plane called the Spirit of St. Louis.

Lindy Awards are given out in six categories: homebuilts, warbirds, vintage, rotorcraft, ultralights and seaplanes. EAA judges look for the

quality of craftsmanship, functionality and appearance of the aircraft, among other factors.

Huntington was handed a bronze Lindy trophy and bragging rights in the homebuilt category after 14 judges signed off on his Bearhawk.

Planes are what brings together the EAA's aviation enthusiasts from aircraft-related industries such as commercial and recreational flying, building, and restoration and maintenance. The EAA is a non-profit organization that was founded in 1953 in Milwaukee, Wis., by a group of people interested in building their own planes, according to its website.

The organization brings together people with interests in antique aircraft (built before Sept. 1, 1945), classics (after Sept. 1, 1945, to 1955), war-



The plane under construction.



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birds, aerobatic aircraft, ultralights (defined in the U.S. as a one-seater with a maximum empty weight of 254 pounds powered and 155 pounds unpowered), helicopters and contemporary aircraft (1956-1970). EAA supports and promotes aviation through its AirVenture events and offers the public opportunities to experience flight. For instance, the EAA took its Second World War B-17 bomber called the Aluminum Overcast - it almost saw action in the war — on tour, with a stop in Gimli in 2016.

Huntington's winning aircraft is just one of four that he and three other people constructed. Two of the planes are flying and one is almost ready to

fly. "We started out with four people but one guy dropped out and we wound up with an extra airplane. We had already started it, and there was no sense in having a half-finished airplane and all the raw materials, so we just kept building the extra one," he said.

Huntington's plane is based at the Oak Hammock Air Park off Highway 67. He flies in all four seasons and can put floats or skis on the plane so that he can land on lakes. He also takes his family on air trips or to fly-ins — the equivalent of car shows — where people can show off their "hot" planes, mingle with other aviation enthusiasts and enjoy a day out.

"Last weekend I picked up my grandkids, Colton and Evy, at a landing strip just east of Teulon and flew



The flight instrument panel at just over 1,800 feet.

them to our landing strip at Seven Sisters," he said. "On Saturday I flew them into Oak Hammock to attend the fly-in."

For more information about the Experimental Aircraft Association, visit www.eaa.org





Planning a Project this Construction Season?

Spring and summer are busy seasons for construction, and it's also a time when many are preparing to enjoy the outdoors.

With this in mind, the South Interlake Planning District (SIPD) would like to issue a reminder that **Development and/or Building Permits** are required for most types of construction, renovations, and structures (pre-built, site-built, temporary or permanent). These include but are not limited to: Pools, Hot Tubs, Decks, Sunrooms, Gazebos, Pergolas, Sheds, Fabric Shelters, Interior/Exterior Renovations or Repairs, Solar Panels, Window and Door Installations (structural only), Basement Developments, etc.

Permits help ensure that buildings and structures meet zoning requirements and the Manitoba Building Code, which makes things safer for everyone!

If you are unsure whether your project requires a permit, or if you have any questions, please contact the SIPD office at 204-467-5587 and we'd be happy to assist you! More information is also available on our website: www.sipd.ca

By Jennifer McFee

A local octogenarian recently pedalled through the scenic Gimli area in support of a cause that's close to his heart.

Ron Hickey recently participated in the MS Bike event in Gimli, which took place on Aug. 24 and 25 with options of a 59-kilometre route and a 91-kilometre route. It was his 24th time participating in the ride, and he also spent 11 years volunteering for the event.

For Hickey, who lives between Stony Mountain and Stonewall, the best part of the experience is reconnecting with riders that he's met over the years while also meeting new people.

"It's an enjoyable weekend. We do get a lot of support from the MS staff as well as the volunteers. When COVID hit, there was a period when we didn't ride. Then numbers dropped off after and they haven't bounced back. It would be nice to see more people participate to get those numbers back up," he said.

"It's good exercise for people as they get ready for this ride. I put on over 2,000 kilometres this summer, so I was ready for the ride. It's usually a very enjoyable weekend and for a good cause."

While preparing to celebrate his 83rd birthday, Hickey set two lofty goals for himself: to cycle 2,500 kilometres and raise \$5,000 for the MS Society. Halfway through the year, Hickey had already achieved his goals.

Several years ago, he biked from Mexico to Stonewall with his son on his old Canadian Tire bike. And as of last year, he had logged a total of 39,000 kilometres so he set a new distance goal of 40,075 kilometres, which is equivalent to biking around the world at the equator. This summer, he achieved this goal on July 12.

And so far this year, Hickey has raised more than \$15,000 for MS Bike, the second-highest in Manitoba. Over



Ron Hickey, right, and participant Allison Mayert Braun, who was one of the guest speakers on Saturday and lives with MS.

the decades, he has raised more than \$61,000 in total.

Hickey has been a dedicated fundraiser for the MS Society since 1998.

He still recalls when he first became aware of the disease about six decades ago when a woman in a rural community had been diagnosed with multiple sclerosis.

"This gave me a first-hand view of the far-reaching challenges that some have to endure. Later in life, I got to know many others living with the challenges of MS — neighbours, co-workers and friends," Hickey said.

"This prompted me to try to help. There are many worthy causes, and I feel this ranked among the more important ones."

He also expressed gratitude to ev-



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Ron Hickey with his trusty Canadian Tire bike have logged a total of 40,075 kilometres and raised more than \$61,280 in 24 years of riding in the MS Bike event.

eryone who has shown support along the way.

"I'd like to send a big thank-you to all of my donors of any amount," he said. "Without them, none of this would be possible."

He notes that Canada has one of the highest rates of MS globally, adding that more than 90,000 Canadians live with MS.

"We are also home to some of the world's top MS researchers, whose work is at risk of not continuing due to the economic crisis," Hickey said.

"My fundraising for MS Bike will help support their ground-breaking work into treatments and ultimately a cure."

Hickey continues to fundraise for the cause, and donations can be made until Sept. 30 by searching for "Ron-



The large box on the back the back of Ron Hickey's bike was donated by Instabox for a ride from Mexico to Stonewall he completed with his son.

ald Hickey" on the MS Bike website at https://msspbike.donordrive.com

Stonewall / Headingley RCMP officer involved in shooting

By Jennifer McFee

Local RCMP are seeking any information about recent vandalism in Stony Mountain.

On Sept. 3 in the afternoon, RCMP received a complaint about damage at the Bison Bandstand stage.

Cpl. Mike Garton of Stonewall-Headingley RCMP said the damage occurred sometime on Aug. 30.

"Electrical plugs and panel were damaged," he said. "Witnesses say

a group of youths were seen in the area."

The investigation is ongoing but there are currently no leads or suspects. Anyone with information can call Stonewall-Headingley RCMP at 204-467-5015.

IN OTHER RCMP NEWS:

A Stonewall-Headingley RCMP member was involved in a shooting near Sanford on Wednesday, Sept. 4. RCMP were called to a report of an assault and disturbance at a home in the RM of Macdonald. They had received information that a 23-year-old man had assaulted a female in the home and tried to light several vehicles on fire.

"The male suspect confronted members with an edged weapon and refused to drop it," Garton said, noting that violent confrontations are on the rise.

The confrontation resulted in an officer discharging their firearm. The 23-year-old man sustained a gunshot injury. He was taken into custody and received immediate medical attention from the officers.

The 23-year-old man was taken by ambulance to hospital in stable condition. He survived and was released into police custody, where he remains. He is facing numerous charges. No other injuries were reported.

The Independent Investigation Unit of Manitoba is investigating.

Countdown to Stonewall's Terry Fox Run on Sept. 15

By Jennifer McFee

Mark your calendar for the upcoming Terry Fox Run.

This year's run takes place on Sunday, Sept. 15. In Stonewall, registration runs from noon to 1 p.m. at the Heritage Arts Centre. Then Quarry Physio will host a warmup at 1 p.m. before participants embark on a five-kilometre route through town.

"The walk is wheelchair accessible and there are options for individuals to shorten the route as necessary," said Cathy Goresky, a member of the Stonewall Terry Fox committee.

"We are very pleased to have Jimm and Aileen Simon bagpipe and drum the start of our run. Stonewall Scouts will be manning the water station near Lions Manor, and Stonewall Kinsmen will be barbecuing hotdogs for after the run."

In addition, the Stonewall Lions will host a pancake breakfast in support of the run on Sunday, Sept. 29 at Lions Manor. The cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for kids aged 12 and under.

In keeping with the theme, Stonewall Regional Library will feature the children's book *Terry Fox and Me* by Mary Beth Leatherdale on their Story-Walk route down Centre Avenue from Sept. 10 to 20.

"We are overwhelmed by the support of our town through donations and T-shirts purchases as we have been set up at various locations around town," Goresky added.

"We look forward to seeing everyone at the run."

To register for the local run or to make a donation, visit www.terryfox. org and search for "Stonewall Terry Fox Run." Further details are posted on the Facebook event page called "Terry Fox Run – Stonewall, MB."

For more information, contact Cathy Goresky at 204-467-5842.



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TRIBUNE PHOTO SUBMITTED Stonewall's annual five-kilometre Terry Fox Run will be on Sept. 15. Registration is at the Heritage Arts Centre at noon with a warmup by Quarry Physio at 1 p.m.







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NDP must explain financial U-turn at MPI

By Lana Meier

The Manitoba Progressive Conservative Caucus recently urged NDP justice minister Matt Wiebe, who is also responsible for the Manitoba Public Insurance Corporation, to reconvene the Standing Committee on Crown Corporations. This step is necessary to address the concerning financial downturns at the provincial auto insurer.

"In March, MPI presented its annual report to legislators and said it was on track to deliver another rebate for Manitobans in line with the near-\$500 million that had been rebated under PCs over the past couple of years,"

said Turtle Mountain MLA Doyle Piwniuk, PC critic for MPI. "Now, we've learned that's not the case. Not only is there no rebate coming, but the Public Utilities Board has been asked to approve a three per cent rate hike combined with a \$10 premium."

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"Somehow, over the last six months, Wab Kinew's NDP have turned a surplus at MPI into a \$130-million loss. This sudden shift raises all kinds of red flags for Manitobans who have questions and deserve answers."

In December of last year, the PUB denied MPI's rate request and instead implemented a five per cent reduction in light of their financial state. However, with the recent changes in leadership under Wab Kinew's administration, a new CEO has been appointed at MPI and the majority of the board members have been replaced.

Piwniuk stated that the interference from the NDP was causing Manitobans to bear a heavy cost. He urged the responsible NDP minister, Matt Wiebe, to promptly reconvene hearings. This would allow officials from MPI to openly discuss the two conflicting narratives they have presented to Manitobans over a period of six months. Piwniuk also demanded an explanation for the sudden and significant change in circumstances.

STARS seeks public assistance in safe drone and laser usage

By Lana Meier

With the growing popularity of drones and laser pointers among the public, STARS is emphasizing the importance of responsible usage to guarantee the well-being of its aircraft, crew and patients.

The use of drones and lasers near aircraft in areas such as helipads, emergency scenes or airports can pose a real threat to aircraft safety. These objects have the potential to distract and disorient pilots, create glare in the cockpit or obstruct the flight path. The risks of unsafe drone and laser usage can impact the crew and cause further harm to the patients STARS serves. Should a situation escalate, under the Aeronautics Act, legal action can be taken against an individual using a laser or a drone close to an aircraft.

According to Frank Eigenbrood, STARS director of safety and quality, our goal is for individuals to have a pleasant experience utilizing drones and lasers while also prioritizing in close proximity to our flight paths can put our crew and patients at risk, which is why we are seeking the support of our community and advocates to spread awareness about these potential hazards.

During a mission, the STARS flight crew can face a variety of challenges such as weather, harsh terrain, dense city landscapes, etc. and although these are aspects of operating an air ambulance that can often be hard to navigate, they are uncontrollable and sometimes unavoidable. Unlike these challenges lasers and drones can and should be controlled and avoided; it is important to ensure that there are no added stressors throughout a mission.

"Our pilots and crew members are highly trained to handle a variety of challenges, but the increased use of lasers and drones, especially this summer, near our aircraft is a growing concern. From night operations to challenging conditions, our pilots try

safety. Irresponsible drone operation to minimize these hazards which can disrupt critical rescue missions and put both our crew, patients and the communities we serve at risk," said Jason Arthur, STARS director of flight operations.

The government mandates registration for all drones weighing between 250 grams and 25 kilograms. After registration, drones must display their unique registration number. While STARS cautions drone and laser operators against using them near airports, helipads or emergency scenes, there are still designated areas where drones may be flown: within visual range (below 122m), at least 1.9km away from heliports, 5.6 km away from airports and controlled airspaces, and avoiding emergency sites and advertised events.

For further information on drone regulations and safely using a laser, please refer to the Transport Canada website.

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TRIBUNE PHOTO BY RENEE KOTELKO

The Criffin and Kotelko brothers were having fun bale-jumping in a field just outside of Warren on Sept. 8. As summer comes to an end, the days are getting shorter with the sun setting around 8 p.m. According to Accuweather, the forecast is predicted to be in the high 20s for the next week with very little to no precipitation. Left to right: Bryson and Reid Criffin and Theodore and Benjamin Kotelko. Help the Tribune record the weather of the week and send in your photos of friends or family enjoying the outdoors. Email: news@stonewallteulontribune.ca

letter to the editor

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Manitoba Stronger Together to hold information meeting Sept. 21

After attending the Town of Stonewall council meeting on Aug. 28, it became apparent to me how much has been withheld from us by the mayor of Stonewall and the reeve of Rockwood regarding WMR Plan20-50. The only information to be gleaned was from an illuminating presentation by Anthony Madden. There was no information forthcoming from the mayor.

Given that Niverville and Selkirk have already voiced their strong opposition to the plan, it's obvious that someone in the know educated them months ago about this plan, which will radically change our lives. Stonewall and Rockwood are not so fortunate. In a quick review of the *Stonewall Teulon Tribune* archives, I was only able to find one very small announcement of WMR public meetings scheduled for last November in the Oct. 26, 2023, edition.

It was presented as a short, interest piece with a small print title, "Open House Events Focus on Plan20-50." This was misleading as it appeared to be a report of a past event rather than an invitation to attend a public hearing. Contrast this with a large advertisement for public hearings on another matter placed by the Government of Manitoba on the same page, which was very clear in intent and presented in eye-catching bold type. Clearly, the WMR was not interested in informing or hearing from the public.

With a little research it became obvious that other towns and cities in Canada are facing identical surreptitious plans, which will see a new level of unelected governing bodies taking over from our municipal governments. The council of Aurora, Ont., was addressed more than 11 months ago by a citizen, Joel Sussmann, who outlined briefly but thoroughly Aurora's fate and ours as we are caught up in the same world plan to restructure how we live.

We need not be kept in the dark much longer. Two individuals from Manitoba Stronger Together have been studying the WMR Plan20-50 in detail and they've been invited to hold an informative meeting at the Stonewall legion on Sept. 21 from 2 to 5 p.m. Everyone is welcome to learn what we've been unable to clarify through regular channels.

> - James Beirnes Rockwood resident

In my last writeups, I sought to look at loneliness and how the acuteness of this situation is a mounting concern. In response to the endemic called loneliness I suggested how friendship/s is an antidote. And, yes, you

In response to the endemic called loneliness I suggested how friendship/s is an antidote. And, yes, you read right. When I call it an endemic, I'm not exaggerating. There are plenty of ways in which friendships can be fostered. We already belong to some socially manufactured groups in our different places of work, leisure and neighbourhoods. The people we relate to in such places are familiar to us(to some degree, atleast!). This familiarity can come in ways of language, culture, ethnicity, orientation etc. Sharing life in these circumstances happens readily. But even that has enough of roadblocks. I come from a South East Asian culture with a diversity of unthinkable proportions. One of the maxims that we hold true to the culture of the land is when we consider guests as "gods". We call it "Atithi Devo Bhava". This plays itself when treating guests come as a responsibility of being hospitable. This culture of welcoming guests has similarities around the world. But, even when we think of such situations we think of right ambiences, preferences to dietary habits, etiquettes etc. We desire to lavish upon our guests the best all that we have come to represent. That still falls within the purview of what is within our comfort levels. Friendships can be fostered in differing ways. But one of the ways in which lasting impressions can be made is through the hospitality we offer. Now, when we think of hospitality, we think of the hospitality industry or we think of getaways (that we use especially during summers) that can offer comfort and luxury. But funnily, when the Christian scriptures speak of hospitality it has a completely different circumstance and tone. "contribute to the need of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers (Romans 12:13)". First and foremost it doesn't ring with a sense of familiarity and is devoid of a sense of comfort for most of us that we are used to. The God of the Bible authors hospitality wherein we are welcomed into God's family first into a community shaped by a radicle love. In this family we are all starkly different in our nationalities, cultures, etc yet we are called to exhibit the same hospitality that God shows us. What a challenge we have, in a world torn by crisis's, to be fostering friendship's by offering hospitality to even strangers.

Rev. James A Gomez.

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Stonewall council news in brief

By Jennifer McFee

Now is your chance to share ideas about the future of Stonewall.

Everyone is invited to take an online survey at www.stonewall.ca to share opinions about the long-term vision for the town's neighbourhoods, parks, recreation spaces and places to work and shop.

The survey is open from Sept. 11 to 30.

IN OTHER COUNCIL NEWS:

• Stonewall council approved a \$415,813 transfer from the capital lot levy reserve to the general operating fund as recovery for the 2023 operating deficit. Last year, the town incurred a \$586,301 deficit due to capital project expenditures. Community members learned more about the plan during a public hearing on Aug. 28.

• The town will contribute \$500 to sponsor the Interlake-Eastern Regional Health Authority's 2024 family medicine resident retreat, which will take place Sept. 20 to 22 in Gimli.

• The mayor and CAO will endorse the capacity support proposal for Red River Métis citizen engagement for the Stonewall water treatment plant and distribution system between the town and MMF.

• The board of revision is scheduled for Thursday, Oct. 10 at 6:30 p.m. in the council chambers. The application deadline is Tuesday, Sept. 24.

• The Sept. 11 committee of the whole meeting was cancelled. The Oct. 2 regular council meeting is changed to Oct. 9. The committee of the whole meeting is changed to Oct. 16. The Oct. 16 regular council meeting is changed to Oct. 23.

• Plans are in the works for open house events in October for the reverse osmosis regional water treatment project. The Town of Stonewall continues to work with the RM of Woodlands to submit environmental applications, finalize designs and test existing infrastructure. Dates and times for the public open house events will be set in the next couple weeks.

• The Town of Stonewall had a positive response to the FoodCycler pilot project, and it will likely be offered again in 2025.

STONEWALL SHARES STATEMENT ABOUT PLAN20-50

The Town of Stonewall posted a message on its website regarding its

stance on the Winnipeg Metro Region's Plan 20-50, which is a regional growth plan.

The post states that for decades Stonewall has been a member of the Winnipeg Metropolitan Region (WMR), formerly known as the Manitoba Capital Region.

"The Town's participation in the WMR was and remains so based on being able to benefit from the opportunities that are available through regional partnerships and coordination," the post states.

"The collaborative spirit of the WMR changed when the province brought in new legislation, Bill 37, identifying municipal participation in the new Capital Planning Region and mandating adoption of a regional plan."

The post continues to provide further details about the town's viewpoint.

"While the Town supports the concept of regional planning to ensure efficiency, opportunities and progress for our town, our area and our province, we also recognize that Plan 2050 is not perfect," it states.

"The vote in favour of first reading was intended to trigger public hearings and obtain public feedback on the plan. The process to date has accomplished the governments' intended purpose; an opportunity to raise concerns and determine solutions to make the regional plan better. Regrettably, the hearing process has been interrupted without clear direction as to the next steps."

There's been a great deal of information and misinformation circulating about Plan20-50, the post adds.

"From the Town's perspective, it has always taken a pragmatic approach to ensure its participation within the Winnipeg Metropolitan Region was beneficial to the community. In determining if it should leave, the Town will use the same logical measured approach," the post says.

"The Council will review the province's proposed new legislation providing an exit ramp for municipalities, when it is introduced this fall to determine the best course of action for the entire community. In the meantime, the Mayor and Council of Stonewall will do what they have always done, continue to work for the betterment of the community, its businesses and its citizens."

To view the Town of Stonewall's statement on plan 20-50, visit www. stonewall.ca. To learn more about Plan20-50, visit the Winnipeg Metro Region website at www.winnipeg-metroregion.ca, email info@wmregion.ca or call 204-989-2048.

Notice of Environment Act Proposal

Manitoba Environment and Climate Change invites public comment on the following proposal:

TOWN OF STONEWALL - REGIONAL WATER TREATMENT PLANT - FILE: 6227.00

The Town of Stonewall proposes to expand and upgrade the existing water treatment plant in Stonewall to serve the communities of Warren and Woodlands in the Rural Municipality of Woodlands. The expansion will include a reverse osmosis water treatment plant with a capacity of up to 80 litres per second, a new concentrate pipeline, new regional water supply lines to Warren and Woodlands, new reservoir at Warren, and other infrastructure upgrades. It will draw water from the newly installed groundwater supply wells located on the plant's property. The plant will discharge the concentrate water to Grassmere Creek Drain from May 1 to October 31 and to the town's existing lagoon cell from November 1 to April 30. The water supply and concentrate pipelines will be routed through the rights-of-way of various municipal roads.

Anyone likely to be affected by the proposal and who wishes to comment should contact Jay Mak, Senior Environmental Engineer, in writing or by email at Jay.Mak@gov.mb.ca no later than October 14, 2024. Further information is available from the Public Registry: www.gov.mb.ca/sd/eal/registries

Information submitted in response to this proposal will be available to the proponent and placed on the public registry per Section 17 of The Environment Act.

> Environmental Approvals Branch Manitoba Environment and Climate Change Box 35, 14 Fultz Boulevard Winnipeg MB R3Y 0L6 Toll-Free: 1-800-282-8069 Fax: 204-945-5229 Website: www.gov.mb.ca/sd/eal/registries

letter to the editor

Don't wait for an accident

I viewed the video on YouTube of the Town of Teulon council meeting regarding the Safe Walking Path in front of the elementary school along Highway 17.

I am a resident of Teulon, and I'm ashamed and embarrassed by the mayor, deputy mayor and one councillor. How can these individuals be so blind, stubborn and petty about this issue?

Does it take an accident or fatality to make them realize the common sense in this proposal?

I hope when, not if, an accident does occur that they can live with themselves knowing it probably could have been avoided for a few measly dollars.

The cost of this project doesn't affect the 2024 budget, as councillors Ansell and Kletke have said they will cover the expenses.

The maintenance cost to remove the snow in winter would be a minor dollar figure.

I believe a child, adult or anyone's life is worth more than the minor maintenance cost. There has been more than enough talk and

stalling on this matter.

Anyone, parents or residents, should call the Town of Teulon office to voice their opinions and concerns.

Action is required now, not after an accident for our children's safety.

-A concerned resident Lynn Lambourne, Teulon





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By Lana Meier

As a new school year begins, CAA Manitoba (CAA MB) is emphasizing the importance of staying alert while driving in school zones. It is the responsibility of all individuals, including parents/guardians and children, to watch out for those around them while traveling to and from school.

"Parents and guardians across Manitoba have reported seeing unsafe driving behaviours in school zones, including double parking, speeding and stopping in moving traffic. Not only are these behaviours dangerous, they also could come with stiff penalties," says Ewald Friesen, manager, of government and community relations for CAA Manitoba.

At this time of year, it is frequently seen that school buses are present in school zones and the surrounding areas. It is worth noting that some motorists may be enticed to overtake a stationary school bus even when its stop sign is out and lights are flashing.

According to Friesen, disobeying a school bus is a serious offense that endangers young lives and may result in the driver being convicted. This violation carries a steep penalty of \$674 and two demerit points.

This school year, CAA Manitoba hopes to educate and inspire the public to make responsible driving choices to protect children as they travel to and from their schools.

"CAA Manitoba continues to advocate for the safety of all road users, including the ones excited to see their friends at school today," Friesen adds.

Here are some guidelines to follow for practicing responsible driving in school zones:

Help reduce traffic with active school travel: Encourage your kids to

walk or wheel to school to ease traffic congestion. If your school is a further distance, CAA MB encourages parents and guardians to park a block away and walk to school to reduce traffic and make school zones safer.

Put away distractions: Pedestrian safety begins with drivers. It's important to put away distractions such as phones and be extra attentive in school zones, whether a parent is driving, or a child is walking to school.

Slow down: Know and respect the speed limit in your neighbourhood's school zones. Give yourself plenty of time to drop off your kids at school to avoid rushing.

Choose a safe spot to drop off and pick up your children from school: Follow your school's rules and avoid double parking or stopping on crosswalks, dropping off or picking up your kids on the opposite side of the street, and stopping in moving traffic as kids rush out. Instead, use the designated drop-off areas or consider a spot a bit farther away from school that is easily accessible and safe.

Make eye contact with pedestrians: With the excitement of going back to school, anticipate that children may not easily see or hear your moving vehicle, so ensure to make eye contact with pedestrians crossing the road.

Stop for school buses: Never pass a stopped school bus with an activated stop arm and flashing red lights as children get on and off the bus. Passing a school bus as it loads and unloads children — not only is this dangerous, but it's also illegal.

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Quarry Park campers invited to time capsule opening

By Jennifer McFee

Quarry Park campers will get a glimpse back in time this weekend when a time capsule is opened to celebrate 30 years of camping.

On Saturday, Sept. 14, the Quarry Park Campground Association will host a time capsule opening celebration, complete with a free barbecue from 3 to 6 p.m. and the official capsule opening at 3:15 p.m.

"This time capsule was buried near the playground in the summer of 1993 by the seasonal families staying in the campground," said Kelly Kimball, Quarry Park manager.

"At this time, a new time capsule will be buried and opened again in 30 years' time. Seasonal campers are invited to select special items that they would like to place in the time capsule. Ideas to add include letters, photos, small toys and local memorabilia."

All past and present Quarry Park Campground campers are invited to attend, and no confirmation of attendance is required.

10 *The Stonewall Teulon Tribune* Thursday, September 12, 2024 All welcome at Rosser Fire Department's 40th anniversary celebration

By Jennifer McFee

Things are heating up for Rosser Fire Department's 40th anniversary festivities.

On Saturday, Sept. 21, all are welcome to attend an anniversary celebration at Rosser Firehall from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The event will feature kids' activities and a hotdog lunch.

It's also an ideal chance to reflect on the four-decade history of Rosser Fire Department, which got its start in 1984.

"We took delivery of our new fire truck on March 10, 1984. Our new firehall opened April 7, 1984. We had 22 guys when we started," said Deputy Fire Chief Rob Manchulenko. "Our first year, we had 11 calls in 1984, up to 170 calls this past year in 2023."

The first fire chief was Carl Simonson, who served from 1984 to 1988. After that, Howard Manchulenko served as fire chief for the next decade from 1988 to 1998.

Les Libello took over as fire chief from 1998 to 2003 after serving as deputy chief from 1984 to 1998. After that, Victor Braun was deputy fire chief from 1998 to 2003.

Today, Mike Palmer is the fire chief and Rob Manchulenko is deputy chief, both having served from 2003 to the present. Two members — captains Don Manchulenko and his brother Ken Manchulenko — have been with the fire department since it opened.





Carl Simonson, who served chief, a position he has held from 1984 to 1988.

The current members of Rosser's fire management team are Fire Chief Mike Palmer, Deputy Fire Chief Rob Manchulenko, Capt. Ken Manchulenko, Capt. Don Manchulenko, Capt. Victor Braun, Capt. Dusty Moore and safety officer Curtis Simonson. Braun and Simonson also lead the department's communications. The public education team is made up of Mark Hagidiakow, Nick Stratuliak and Murray Slagerman.

"Rosser Fire has a very dedicated group of volunteer firefighters," Fire Chief Palmer said. "When we need the help, the firefighters always make the time to attend."

Volunteer firefighting is not just putting out fires, he added. They also respond to motor vehicle collisions (which could be to clean up oil or other fluids) as well as ATV, snowmobile



since 2003

and UTV accidents. They're involved in vehicle extraction to safely remove someone involved in a collision using the jaws of life.

Other duties could include responding to farm accidents and vehicle fires, which could include farm equipment, trains, semi trucks, automobiles and they recently responded to their first electric vehicle fire.

The fire department is on hand for building fire alarm calls, HAZMAT calls for unknown spills, CO2 alarm calls, train derailments, patient assists from rooftops and grain elevators, search and rescue missions for lost or missing people — and, of course, structure fires and grass fires.

"We assist EMS with patient lifts and help when needed. We set up landing zones for STARS helicopter. Over the 20 years as fire chief, we have sent many members to assist the office of the fire commissioner with structure protection and suppression in Vita, St. Laurent and the Ashern/Mulvihill wild fires," Palmer said.

"We assist neighbouring municipal

fire departments when needed under mutual aid agreements, and they reciprocate back to Rosser as well. Rosser Fire Department has always had great support from the council and ratepayers of the RM of Rosser."

Looking back, the fire hall has undergone many transformations over the decades, and it continues to expand and grow.



Rosser's first fire chief was Mike Palmer is today's fire Brothers Don Manchulenko, left, and Ken Manchulenko, right, have been on the Rosser Fire Department for 40 years.

"We started with a pumper and a tanker in a two-bay firehall. In 1998, we expanded the fire hall in Rosser to four bays. We purchased a used rescue truck and a grassfire truck," Manchulenko said.

2013, we purchased "In а mini-pumper and started renting a firehall bay in the CentrePort area. We also had a tanker truck there as well."

Today Rosser Firehall houses a rescue truck, pumper, pumper-tanker, wildland unit and a three-quarter-ton fire truck.

"We are currently building a new firehall in CentrePort," he added. "We have a mini-pumper, pumper-tanker, tanker and a rescue equipment trailer."

In four decades, the Rosser Fire Department has responded to roughly 3,200 calls, including some remarkably large fires.

In the 1980s, a tire fire burned for seven days. Then in the 1990s, Rosser firefighters fought their first BFI garbage fire, which lasted for two days.

In the 2000s, they battled a dairy barn fire, and in the 2010s, they dealt with an explosion at the Dorsey converter station.

In the 2020s, they've faced multiple high value semi tractor fires, as well as a warehouse structure fire.

The team has also grown over the years — and there's room for further growth.

"Currently, we have 30 members," Manchulenko said. "We are always looking for suitable individuals to join our team."

Anyone who would like more information about joining the team can email the Rosser Fire Department at firedept@rmofrosser.com.

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Anyone likely to be affected by the proposal and who wishes to comment, should contact Jay Mak, Senior Environmental Engineer, in writing or by email at Jay.Mak@gov.mb.ca no later than October 14, 2024. Further information is available from the Public Registry: www.gov.mb.ca/sd/eal/registries

Information submitted in response to this proposal will be available to the proponent and placed on the public registry per Section 17 of The Environment Act.

> **Environmental Approvals Branch** Manitoba Environment and Climate Change Box 35, 14 Fultz Boulevard Winnipeg MB R3Y 0L6 Toll-Free: 1-800-282-8069 Fax: 204-945-5229 Website: www.gov.mb.ca/sd/eal/registries

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PHOTOS BY TRACY FIDLER It was an exciting day on the Red River for a group of Community Living Interlake (CLI) clients on Aug. 28. Paul Munroe, owner of CatDaddy Fishing Guide Services, took the group out catfishing for the day on Aug. 28 near Selkirk Park. Sixteen cats were reeled in and the group celebrated with a picnic lunch and games. Left photo: Darrell Dempster is seen kissing his catfish. Right photo: Cory Bowery caught the largest fish of the day.

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Teulon Elementary School students were excited to arrive on their first day of school on Sept. 5. Pictured left to right: Parker T., Easton A., Quinn E., Quinn A., Chloe C., Finlee T., Ellie C., Kaelynn L., Kade L., Drayden M. and bus driver Marilyn Neiser.

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Back to school for students – but not their phones

By Jennifer McFee

Manitoba students are now back in the classroom — but their cell phones aren't, in most cases.

The provincial government is banning cell phone use during school hours, including lunch and breaks, for students in kindergarten to Gr. 8. For students in Gr. 9 to 12, cell phone use is banned during class time but permitted during breaks.

Exceptions are available for students with medical and diverse learning needs, as well as for teacher-directed educational purposes in Gr. 9 to 12.

Interlake School Division Supt. Margaret Ward outlined the new procedures for responsible use of information and communication technologies for students.

"ISD students have the right to learn in environments with limited distractions and where the potentially harmful impacts of cell phones and other personal devices are minimized," she said.

"In alignment with provincial guidelines and our responsibility for fostering safe, caring, respectful and inclusive schools, ISD will be implementing consistent expectations for student use of cell phones and other personal devices across all schools."

For kindergarten to Gr. 8 students across the division, they won't be allowed to use cell phones or other personal devices during school hours, including breaks and lunches.

Interlake School Division students in Gr. 9 to 12 won't be allowed to use cell phones or other personal devices during class time; however, they will be allowed to use them during breaks and lunch.

For all grade levels, students with specific educational or medical needs outlined in a student-specific plan will be granted access by the school principal as needed.

These changes came into effect on the first day of the new school year.

"We look forward to the positive impact this new procedure will have on the learning environment for both students and staff," Ward said.

More information about guidelines for student cell phone use is posted on the Interlake School Division website at www.interlakesd.ca.



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The Manitoba provincial government has recently announced the banning of cell phones in all school classrooms from kindergarten to grade 12 across Manitoba beginning when the school year started last week.

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Correction

By Jennifer McFee

The Sept. 5 edition of the *Stonewall Teulon Tribune* contained incorrect information indicating that Rockwood council adopted a borrowing bylaw for an age-in-place facility. Council did pass a resolution to initiate the borrowing bylaw, but the borrowing bylaw has not yet been passed. The project is still in the planning stages. A public hearing will be held soon when the RM is in a position to do first reading.

The same edition of the *Tribune* also mentioned that Teulon council approved a \$5,570 proposal for campground WiFi; however, the resolution was defeated.

The *Tribune* regrets the errors.



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Ask the money lady

Dear Money Lady Readers: I recently received a question from someone wondering about debt consolidation in retirement and this reminded me of a talk I did a few years ago on the honeymoon phase of retirement.

We all go through this phase when we initially retire. That great moment when you can finally sleep in everyday, no prospecting calls, no angry co-workers and no demanding bosses. You're finally free from the rat race, and you welcome the honeymoon stage of retirement with open arms.

But did you know that four out of five retirees today find themselves in debt only 18 months after they've retired? They may have walked into retirement with no debt, but after the honeymoon stage, they're now in it.

The problem arises from not planning properly. I know you planned all your way to get to retirement, but failure to plan in retirement can be just as problematic — mentally and financially. Many retirees leave work with no plan and no clear to-do list.

Let's face it, your professional identity most likely defined you to the outside world. Once you retire, that identity is lost, along with all the people, culture and community that you were immersed in. So, who are you going to be in retirement?What are you going to do with the next 20-30 years of your life? You must have a new game plan. Fear of being irrelevant and alone has no place in this new phase of your life.

Now I don't suggest you to try to replicate your career by switching to consulting or public speaking. Often this does not work out the way you expect it to. Instead, you need to re-channel your energy into new aspirations, maybe a part-time job you could love, with no stress, (as paid employment or volunteer endeavours). Most people will need to redefine their identity, so below are some questions to ask yourself to get started.

What do you really want to do and what is meaningful to you now?

What things haven't you tried in your life but secretly would like to?

Where will you live in retirement? Could you divide your time between two locations a year?

Could you be a mentor to millennials? Could you start a club to meet more like-mind-ed people?

Have you worked out your financial plan and included travel (even if it's on a shoe-string budget)?

Pure leisure for most retirees



Christine Ibbotson

gradually becomes pure boredom and we've seen a new trend of retirees that are having difficulty adjusting. Many overidentified with their careers and now need to remind themselves that they still have value. Remember, there is so much more to experience in this new phase of your life. Why not go back to school, start a small hobby-business, make a plan to leave a meaningful legacy, become a teacher or tour guide, improve your health, take dance lessons or learn a new skill?

Always keep planning your life. I know you've done a good job planning to get to retirement, so now you must continue that plan to reinvent your life in retirement too.

Written by Christine Ibbotson, author, finance writer, national radio host and on CTV & BNN, syndicated across Canada. Send your questions through her website at askthemoneylady.ca

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Weekend golfer turns dream into reality at RBC PGA Scramble

By Kieran Reimer

Being a weekend golfer typically means playing a fun, maybe competitive, round or two of golf with friends after the work week is over.

That's the case for 25-year-old Carson Ouellette of Stonewall. He is a talented but not professional golfer who enjoys spending his summer weekends on the course, trying to work on his game while having a good time.

Over the past three years, he and a few buddies have begun participating in a couple of team scramble tournaments to see how well their play compares to that of other golfers like themselves.

Entering the annual RBC PGA Scramble events all around Canada, Ouellette and company found they might be better than average and, in fact, might be at the level of the best golfers not on tour in the country.

Ouellette's team won their local qualifying round last year, sending them to the regional finals of the RBC PGA Scramble.

Though they didn't win at regionals, it was an eye-opening experience that made them want to return.

This year, Ouellette joined a new foursome of golfers entering the event who shared the same aspirations of winning regionals and making it to nationals.

As Ouellette's new team began RBC PGA Scramble events this year, they started dominating play, and the national dream quickly became a reality.

A couple weeks ago, Ouellette along with Interlake locals, Matt Glowa, Chris Plishka and Mark Skibinski dominated the local qualifier at Steinbach's Quarry Oaks to advance to regionals.

Then, at regionals last Monday, with the addition of Colwyn Abgrall, a former U.S. Amateur from Winnipeg, the newly formed five-some shot a 17-under, 53, at Rossmere Golf & Country Club to win the tournament and qualified for the 2024 RBC PGA Scramble Nationals in Cape Breton, N.S.

"It's a huge accolade for me and the team," said Ouellette on Tuesday afternoon. "Really not often in my golf career have I got to experience an event with such a competitive environment. It's really the biggest event that a weekend golfer could possibly find. The organization of it, they treat you like absolute professionals out there. I just think it's really cool to compete. As somebody who's not a professional golfer, being able to compete and play against other teams is a fun thing, the competition is what drives me to play."

At nationals, Ouellette and company will take on the fellow top fivesome's from across the country who won their regional events.

Though nationals is entirely new to Ouellette, teammates Glowa and Plishka were on the team that represented Manitoba in 2023.

For Ouellette, having those guys alongside him has helped him know what to expect for the three-round national final.

"Mentality and confidence the most," said Ouellette. "We're texting each other, doing practice rounds, truly believing we're supposed to win this thing rather than just going in their hoping for the best. It was a mentality of we belong there, and our mentality was going to win it for us."

The team will be tried heavily, not just by competition at the national level. The tournament courses at Cabot Cliffs and Cabot Links offer one of the biggest challenges any golf course in Canada offers.

Both courses, listed as the two best non-private golf courses in the country by Golf Talk Canada, are a long and gruelling challenge with a scenic backdrop of the Atlantic Ocean's waters



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The five-man team, left to right, Carson Ouellette (Stonewall), Colwyn Abgrall (pro from Winnipeg), Chris Plishka (Fisher Branch), Matt Clowa (Stonewall) and Mark Skibinski (Fisher Branch)shot a 53 (-17) to win the RBC PGA Scramble Regional Final at Rossmere Colf & Country Club last Monday. With the win, the team qualified for the 2024 RBC PGA Scramble National Final in Cape Breton, N.S., from Oct. 5-9.

Having only played single rounds in each of the two qualifying events, Ouellette knows that the three rounds on such a course will be a physical and mental test.

"You need to sustain the mental focus for a lot longer," said Ouellette. "Myself, I'm not too worried about the physical nature of it but sustaining the mental focus over three rounds is going to be difficult. We did a 36-hole day yesterday to try to sustain both be too much of an issue."

The team will head off to Cape Breton next month for the welcome dinner on Oct. 5 before play begins.

The tournament will wrap up on Oct. 9, and the winning team will be crowned the 2024 RBC PGA Scramble National Champions and awarded a team trip to watch the 2025 RBC Canadian Open at TPC Toronto at Osprey Valley next July.

mental and physical energy over a long period, but just getting the reps and keeping in game shape, and it shouldn't



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Ouellette three-peats at Wild Rides Cash Days

By Jeremiah Knight

When you're hot, you're hot. And Derek Ouellette has been akin to burning rubber on the track this summer.

The Argyle-based drag racer revved up another win at the Wild Rides Cash Days, held at the Interlake Dragway in Gimli on Aug. 24, marking a clean sweep and three consecutive victories in the eight-second index class.

Ouellete and his 1987 Chevrolet S10 truck, which he modified to include a more powerful eight-cylinder engine eight years ago, bested 26 other racers over five rounds on the 1/8th-mile strip and earned \$2,300 in hard cash for his efforts.

It was a nice addition to his \$2,900 in earnings over the two previous events in June and July. Indeed, it's been a profitable summer for Ouellette. Of even greater importance, his three victories were the first three wins of his career.

"It was exciting. You go so long without winning any events and you just take it round by round and it's exciting to get to the finals and actually win these things," Ouellette said.

The 28-year-old, who grew up in Alberta and moved to Manitoba in 2009, has drag raced casually for the better part of the last decade. His interest in the niche sport stems from exactly

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Argyle's Derek Ouellette made a clean sweep on Aug. 24, winning three consecutive victories in the eightsecond index class.

where you'd think — he likes to go fast.

"One day, a couple of buddies just decided, let's go to the drag strip and see what happens. And then you kind of get hooked on it and theses events that they're throwing now, they're right up my alley. It's a good fit for my truck," Ouellette said.

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"I have a buddy with a similar vehi-

cle and we've just built them, we've both swapped them to V8s and it's just one of those things where you like to go fast and it's probably best to do it at the drag strip."

The eight-second index class



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Ouellette and his 1987 Chevrolet S10 truck raced in the Wild Rides Cash Days, held at the Interlake Dragway in Gimli on Aug. 24.

challenges racers to be the first one to reach the finish line, with the caveat being that the winner can not cross in faster than eight seconds. Ouellette, whose truck will reach 144 km/hour in the 1/8th mile race, said winning often comes down to reaction time and a consistent driver who knows how hard to push their vehicle and test the eight-second limit.

Ouellette said he's noticed that the numbers in drag racing have dwindled in recent years, with more people interested in showing up to a periodical event like the Wild Rides Cash Days rather than a weekly or bi-weekly event that counts toward crowning a season-long champion.

The Interlake Dragway extended its longtime partnership with International Hot Rod Association earlier this year, permitting sanctioned drag races to continue at the track. Races are held on weekends throughout the

summer.

"I think it's definitely kind of dwindling. The numbers are definitely going down for drag racing but the events like these bring the other people that aren't there every weekend," he said. "There's a lot of guys that are there but these events kind of promote to bring other people that don't go there every weekend and aren't interested in doing a whole series of them."

Count Ouellette in that group of more casual racers. He has no plans of ever attending the National Drag Race Championship but is adamant about continuing his run of three years at Wild Rides Cash Days.

His friends are into it, and his family has come to accept his participation in the spot, as well.

"I guess they probably appreciate me do it there than on the street."



Thunder Report: Crunchers home opener ends in nail-biter

By Kieran Reimer

CRUNCHERS THUNDER

The youngest Thunder team got their first taste of Manitoba Minor Football Association action on Sunday.

The Crunchers, ages eight and nine, took on the St. Vital Mustangs at Stonewall Collegiate Field and came up one touchdown short in their first game of the season.

After trading touchdowns in the first half, the Thunder entered the second half tied at 12. After another major from each side, it was the Mustangs in the final minutes of the game that were able to make a quick march down the field to score the game winning touchdown and defeat the Thunder 24-18.

Though they didn't get the victory, head coach Kyle Kauk was still impressed with how his team played in what was the first-ever football game for a majority of the squad.

"Our team played great," said Kauk on Monday. "With only three returning players, a majority of our team is brand new to the game of football. Our quarterback went four for six, our defence made an interception, forced two fumbles and had three quarterback sacks."

¹The Thunder will be back in action this weekend for their first road game which comes against the East Side Eagles.

Kick-off will go on Saturday, Sept. 14 at 4:30 p.m. from East Side Eagles Football Club in Winnipeg.

PEEWEE THUNDER

The Peewee Interlake Thunder lost their fourth straight game to open the season.

On Sunday morning, the Thunder lost 51-21 to the St. Vital Mustangs Black at Stonewall Collegiate Field.

Though the loss brings them to 0-4, the Thunder were able to find positives on the offensive side of the ball.

Their 21 points on Sunday beats their combined offensive output from all three of their opening games when the club combined for only 18 points.

Then there is the defensive side where the club struggled to hold down the Mustangs offence. The Mustangs 51 points scored on the Thunder is the most they have given up in a game this season, the previous being 42 in their last game.

The Thunder will have a chance to get back at the Mustangs sooner rather than later as the two clubs are set to



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY LANA MEIER

Interlake Thunder's Radek Fingas tackles a St. Vital Mustang in PeeWee football action in Stonewall last Sunday.

meet again on Saturday, Sept. 21.

The final scheduled matchup between the two clubs this regular season will take place in Winnipeg this time at St. Vital Mustangs Football Club.

Kick-off will go at 1:30 p.m.

Varnes bears Team East flag at Manitoba Games closing ceremony

By Kieran Reimer

The last business from the 2024 Manitoba Games in Dauphin was the closing ceremony on Aug. 17, which celebrated the accomplishments of Manitoba's top young athletes.

For Team East Region, Veronica Varnes received the nod this year as one of three closing ceremony flag bearers.

The 15-year-old from Warren represented the East Region in softball, where she held her team in games with her stellar speed and hand-eye coordination at the shortstop position.

Varnes, who plays locally for the AA Interlake Maroons, said she found out she would be carrying the flag for Team East in a practice just before the team began tournament play in Dauphin.

"It was an honour," said Varnes following the Games. "It was so great. I had a lot of fun with it, especially when I had to take it up to the stage which was kind of cool. I was so happy and excited but also nervous because there was a lot of people there."

But Varnes's nerves didn't get to her as she, along with Kyle Azaransky, a Team East Cycling and Triathlon member, and Quinn Lavoie, a Team East Soccer and Athletics member, entered the stadium waving the East Region's flag high.

Though Team East Softball didn't earn a medal at the games, it was still an event Varnes won't soon forget as she made many memories and lifelong friendships along the way.

Living in the athletes' village solely with team

members offered them a chance to bond closer as a team when they were not competing in high-stakes ball games.

"It was nice; you got to go to your rooms, meet other people, go to the canteen and get a snack, go to the library and play games with your friends, so it was pretty good there," said Varnes. "We had quite a bit of time. We had games to play but had a lot of time there. We bonded a lot and will definitely text back and forth through the next season. I will definitely be seeing them around and playing with them."

As for what's next for Varnes' softball career, she hopes to jump from double-A to triple-A next season with the AAA Interlake Phillies.

Part of her case for a roster spot will come from her ability to play nearly any position on the field which she did this season with the Maroons.

Sticking at shortstop at the Games, one of her coaches, Nikki Mathews, was amazed at how effective she was, even going as far to say she is the best ball tracker she has seen.

For Varnes, that stems from her history of playing a variety of sports growing up, specifically fencing which she competed in at a young age.

"I do track, which helps me because I'm very fast with that, but I used to do fencing and you had to have a lot of hand speed and stuff like that so I definitely learned from other sports."

After the Games, Varnes hopes to share her positive experience with the next generation of Team East softball players.



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Warren's Veronica Varnes was named one of three flag bearers for Team East Region at the 2024 Manitoba Games in Dauphin. The 15-year-old was a standout at shortstop for Team East Region softball.

By Kieran Reimer

The Varsity Interlake Thunder officially began the road back to the Rural Manitoba Football League Championship on Sunday.

The Thunder played the Falcons Football Club in a rematch of their pre-season game on Aug. 24, which the Falcons won 26-15.

Head coach Christof Hasselfield and staff used the tune-up game to identify areas on the field where the team needed to work, and Sunday's game showed that many of the improvements had been made.

The Thunder won 34-12, reaching the endzone five times and disrupting the Falcons' offence for most of the game.

The club now sits 1-0 and will have the next week off from league play.

"We definitely came in better having that experience," said Hasselfield. "We started out a bit slow. The tackle wasn't quite there, but we got better throughout the game. The fourth quarter was the best quarter and there was a lot of positives on defence. I was impressed by the improvement of our offensive line since the exhibition. There is still lots to work on but we shored up a lot of problems. The pass protection was quite good."

As planned, junior quarterback Jessie Batenchuk started at quarterback and had a massive game throwing the ball for the Thunder.

Getting his first win, Batenchuk threw for three touchdowns, all to Luke Robertson, who quickly emerged as Batenchuk's go-to target.

"He did a really good job at implementing the game plan," said Hasselfield. "We had gone through a lot of different plays and how they match up against the coverage we had seen from them in the exhibition game. He did a very good job at trusting his reads and taking what the defence is giving him so I was very proud of him for his first start of the regular season."

The Thunder also found success on the ground, as running backs AJ Nadon and Jamie Dandeneau punched in their first rushing touchdowns of the season while wearing down the Falcons' defence throughout the game.

On defence, the Thunder combined for a stellar five interceptions and one fumble recovery, keeping the Falcons' offence limited and looking sloppy throughout.

Off the field, the Thunder also won over the weekend, as Hasselfield was named the Bud Grant Coach of the Week by the Winnipeg Blue Bombers.

The Bud Grant is an award that recognizes Manitoba youth football coaches for their outstanding commitment to their teams, leagues and communities.

Hasselfield was nominated by a parent and selected by the Blue Bombers as last week's award winner.

He was presented with it at the Blue Bombers vs Saskatchewan Roughriders game at Princess Auto Stadium on Saturday where he was given \$500 for the football program.

"It meant a lot honestly," said Hasselfield. "What meant the most to me is that I was nominated by somebody who's kid I coached. It means the world anytime a parent lets you know they appreciate you because the most important thing to them is their kids and if they are supporting you then they like how you're teaching their kids. Not so much the award, just the validation that people are trusting with their kids and appreciating the work I'm doing makes me feel fulfilled."

With a bye week, the Thunder are looking ahead to their next game, a rematch of last year's championship



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY LANA MEIER

Interlake Thunder Varsity wide receiver, Jamie Dandeneau runs the ball in his team's victory over the Falcon's in Stonewall last Sunday.

game against the St. Vital Mustangs on Saturday, Sept. 21 at 4:30 p.m. from St. Vital Mustangs Field.

Last season, the Thunder's only regular- and post-season losses came to the Mustangs, so Hasselfield and the team's veterans are entering the game with an added bit of motivation.

"We've had the Mustangs circled on our calendar since last season," said Hasselfield. "They are a super talented team, have a lot of last year's core. We're going to be trying a bit of a different look against them."

With the RMFL's recent re-alignment, the Thunder and Mustangs will see each other at least twice this season as they, along with the Falcons, are now in the league's three-team Urban Division.

With the regular season now only four games long, the Thunder plan to use their added bye weeks as intersquad game days.

The Thunder will hire referees for these games, and the team will split into two teams of its players to play against each other.

Hasselfield said this will give the players a more game-like experience and provide the coaches with more game film as they work on adjustments to their team.

This Saturday, the Thunder will play their first intersquad game of the season. The game will go at 1 p.m. from Stonewall Collegiate Field.

United preparing for must-win matches in final week of season

By Kieran Reimer

Stonewall United need points, and they need them now as the regular season heads into its final week.

The Manitoba Major Soccer League Division 3B club got one Tuesday night in a 2-2 draw against WSP FC.

The draw came in comeback fashion as United trailed 2-0 at the half. In the second the club got help from a Brian Penner goal to cut the lead in half early, then another from David Deroche shortly after to tie things up.

Pressing again late but unable to grab a lead, United felt they needed just a few more minutes for a game-winning goal. "Maybe a bit of a hangover from the Thursday night loss," said United's Matt Olnick. "It took probably until the second half and a good halftime chat to kind of spark and rally the troops. A lot of the things we took to heart and executed. We got a lucky goal by Brian Penner and ended up getting the tying goal. With an extra eight minutes, I think we get the lead."

Olnick and United have come up just short of victory a few times this season, which is why they aren't higher in the standings.

Currently in fifth place with a re-

cord of 6-8-3, United sits three points ahead of the closest team behind them in WSP FC but five points behind the closest team in front of them in CA River Plate.

United, which wants to climb the standings as much as possible in their final two matches, will need to win out in matches against Superbia FC and CA River Plate if they want to make the move up.

Olnick and the team know it's not easy, especially at this time of year, but they feel confident they can get it done.

"Playing simple soccer. Don't over

think, just play our game. I'd say stay focused. It's not talking to the ref, I'm guilty of it as well, but at the end of the day, we just got to be focused and play 90 minutes."

United will get a little help in the form of home-field advantage in their last two matches.

Thursday, Sept. 12, United play Superbia at 6:15 p.m. at Stonewall Veterans Memorial Sports Complex.

Then on Monday, Sept. 16, United will conclude their regular season against CA River Plate, also at 6:15 p.m. in Stonewall.



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TOWN OF STONEWALL

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The Board of Revision shall sit to hear applications respecting assessment on Thursday, October 10th, 2024 at the hour of 6:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers of the Town Hall, 293 Main Street, Stonewall, Manitoba.

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Edwin Arnold Woods

May 14, 1929 - September 6, 2024 With great sadness, the family of Edwin Woods announces his passing. Ed died peacefully at the Stonewall Hospital on September 6, 2024, with family by his side.

He is survived by Lorraine, his wife of 68 years and children Brad (Laura), Lindy (Larry), Patty and Derek; seven grandchildren, Jordyn, Nevin (Maddie), Jill (Chris), Troy, Brett (Vika), Cale and Jace and one great-grandchild, Zara; as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

Ed was predeceased by parents, Fred and Martha and his 10 siblings: Ferdie, Connie, Reginald, Isabella, George, Ronald, Albert, Lenna, Gregory and Ernest.

Dad was born and raised in Bowsman, MB where he remained until completion of Grade 12. The following year, Ed began a long

commitment to education by attaining his teaching permit. What followed was time at Normal School and teaching positions in Allenvale and Markham Schools for four years. His decision then to attain a degree in Education would require funding from summer work. It was at a job in Swift Current, SK. where he met Lorraine Agar. Ed and Lorraine were married in December of 1955 and his next position was back in his hometown of Bowsman as the teaching principal of the K-12 school. In 1960, Ed moved his young family to Stonewall where he served as teacher, viceprincipal and principal of Stonewall Collegiate until 1979. After completing his Master's Degree in Educational Administration, Ed worked in various positions for the Manitoba Department of Education. In 1986, Ed assumed the position of Director of Keewatin Community College, The Pas. He retired in 1990.

Dad was an avid woodworker and one of his greatest achievements was construction of a family cabin in Cranberry Portage on Lake Athapap. It has become a place of glorious summer memories for four generations of his family. Baseball was another of Ed's passions and he was very proud of the induction of his team, the Bowsman Maroons, into the Manitoba Baseball Hall of Fame. He was an avid reader and the excellent service provided by the Stonewall Library staff allowed him to enjoy books right up to the end of his life. As a man of faith, Dad was an active member of the Anglican Church of the Ascension for over 60 years. But it was his family for whom he provided and set an example that was his foundation and the motivation for a lifetime of hard work and service. He was, and will continue to be, our family's touchstone moving forward.

A funeral service will be held on Thursday, September 12 at 11:00 a.m. at the Church of the Ascension, Stonewall with Reverends James Gomez and James Bardsley officiating. A reception will follow at the Stonewall Legion.

The family is very grateful to the staff of Stonewall Hospital for the compassionate care given to our dad. We also greatly appreciate all the support we have received from the community during this difficult time.

If desired, memorial donations can be made to the CancerCare Manitoba Foundation at 1160-675 McDermot Avenue, Winnipeg, MB, R3E 0V9, or to any charity of choice.

Rest eternal grant upon him, oh Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon him. Amen

KEN LOEHMER

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IN MEMORIAM



Brian Roche December 24, 1938 - September 11, 2023 husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather

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CELEBRATE THE SPECIAL MOMENTS! Send your special wishes to your friends and family.





Stonewall Teulon

Happy 60th Anniversary to Edwin and Linda Dodd 1964 - September 5 - 2024 We would like to wish our loving parents, grandparents and great-grandparents, Edwin and Linda, a very Happy 60th Anniversary. Thank you for your example of love, commitment and dedication. -Love Blair and Dale, Gary and Ember, Leanne, Rich, Noah and Lauryn and Kyle, Janessa, Raelynn, Alaina and Karina xoxo

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