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Blayke Thievin-Andres, centre, enjoyed a shopping date with her aunt Brooke Ogilvie, left, and her mom Megan Thievin-Andres at the Small Business Spotlight held at the Stonewall Legion last Saturday. The trio left the event with bags full of local treasures.

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The 16th annual Small Business Spotlight showcased local talent and entrepreneurship at the legion on Oct. 18. A total of 356 enthusiastic shoppers wandered through aisles filled with creativity, discovering unique products from 36 dedicated vendors. Beyond shopping, the event made a meaningful impact on local charities. The Stonewall Christmas Cheer Board received a record donation of \$860 — the largest in the event's history. The Coffeehouse to End Cancer also benefited, receiving \$247.50 to support its mission. Justin Torcia won the \$50 door prize, redeemable at any vendor booth. Pictured, clockwise from top right: Stonewall's Gaia Turner and Lacey Learning with their crochet and sewing items; Saucy Suds' Robyn Knapp and her daughter Joey of Balmoral with their handcrafted bath products; Awender's Garden Treasures' Heather Awender and her daughter Evelyn of Warren with their variety of crafts; event hostesses Kerrie Holm and Tanya Swanson demonstrating the Motion 360 video experience; and Kendra Good with her homemade bracelets.



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Guinea fowl gathering



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Sunny skies and a high of 9 C greeted the Inwood area on Oct. 19. While out for a drive just outside town, a passerby captured this group of Guinea fowl — hardy, social birds known for their loud calls and appetite for ticks and insects — enjoying the fall sunshine along a rural roadside.

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Community grieves for well-respected physician

By Jennifer McFee

The Stonewall community shared heartfelt tributes, fresh flowers and fond memories of a doctor who made a difference in the lives of many.

Dr. Majid Zahiri died in the evening on Tuesday, Oct. 14 surrounded by people who cared for him, including Stonewall health-care staff who worked alongside him.

Zahiri received his medical training in Iran and graduated in 1995. After moving to Manitoba, he completed the medical licensure program for international medical graduates and launched his local career with family practice in The Pas. Over time, Zahiri relocated to the Interlake.

In 2016, he worked under Dr. Michele Matter's supervision in Selkirk's emergency department. Soon after, he agreed to help provide coverage in Arborg for family practice and in the emergency department to cover a two-week planned vacation leave.

Later that year, he began his practice at Stonewall and District Health Centre, where he served as a family physician and emergency care provider.

For Matter, she looks back fondly on the time she spent working with Zahiri.

"I felt so sad when I heard of his passing. I remember him fondly, especially how excited he was at the birth of his son, which occurred in his early 40s. We had a lot of fun working together in the Selkirk ER where he was loved by staff and patients alike," she said.

"I found him to be a true empath as he would go out of his way to help his patients, whom he considered like family. His passing is a loss to Stone-



The Stonewall community is mourning the loss of Dr. Majid Zahiri, shown here in a photo from 2017. Dr. Zahiri died on last week surrounded by people who cared for him.

wall, the IERHA and the province of Manitoba. Majid, you will be very much missed."

Dr. Scott Gregoire, vice-president of medical services and chief medical officer, said Zahiri left a mark by providing exceptional care to patients in the Interlake-Eastern region for the past nine years.

"Dr. Zahiri has been an integral part of the care team in Stonewall, and we can't thank him enough for his contributions to our region and our province," Gregoire said.

"His dedication to providing compassionate care to his community alongside his colleagues will not be soon forgotten. We offer our deepest condolences to Dr. Zahiri's family and friends, his patients and every-



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY LANA MEIER

Community members placed flowers and cards at a memorial for Dr. Majid Zahiri in the Stonewall and District Health Centre following his passing on Oct. 14. Zahiri, a longtime family physician and emergency doctor, was remembered for his compassion, dedication and impact on countless lives in the Interlake.

one who knew him."

On social media, tributes flooded in with shared memories and appreciation for the hard-working doctor. One person, who dropped off flowers at the hospital, expressed gratitude for Zahiri's years of care in the community.

"We are here to show our support to our Stonewall hospital staff and our love we had for such an amazing soul," she wrote.

It's a terrible loss for the Stonewall community, noted another person on social media.

"I'll miss seeing his big truck parked outside the hospital and his assortment of hats," she wrote. "Dr. Zahiri was such an intelligent man and an incredible doctor."

Another person described Zahiri as an extraordinary individual who touched countless lives, including her own.

"Your kindness, compassion and generosity inspired me to be a better person," she wrote. "I'll carry your memory with me always."

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Members of the Stonewall Lions Club present a \$1,500 cheque from their September Pancake Breakfast to the Stonewall Terry Fox Run. Pictured, left to right, back row: Mel Harrison, Wally Finbogason, Debbie and Jim Webster. Front row: Holly McAuley, Pat Moldowan, Mary Beck and Alice Cain.

Something Beautiful closes; Stonewall council updates projects

By Jennifer McFee

Stonewall's mayor reflected on the impactful contributions that Something Beautiful has made to the community.

The café and gift shop closed its doors on Sept. 26 after operating for more than a decade as a social enterprise through Community Living Interlake.

"We are deeply grateful to Community Living Interlake for their vision and commitment," Mayor Sandra Smith said. "Something Beautiful truly lived up to its name, enriching lives and strengthening our community through compassion, creativity, and inclusion. We applaud their continued service as they focus on core programs that support individuals and families more directly."

Something Beautiful and Community Living Interlake will also not be running the canteen as planned at the Veterans Memorial Sports Complex for the 2025-26 season. As a result, the town is current looking at alternative options for canteen operations.

IN OTHER COUNCIL NEWS:

- Council authorized a Thunder Hill Drive resident to keep three dogs for companionship through an excess animal permit for a one-year period. After that, the permit will need to be renewed.

The applicant moved to Stonewall from Winnipeg in January and wasn't aware that a maximum of two dogs is allowed per household in town. She recently got a puppy through her job at a veterinary clinic, which works closely Manitoba Underdogs Rescue.

"The idea was a slow transition because we have an 11.5-year-old and a 7.5-year-old who are very, very bonded together," she said in reference to her other two dogs.

Mayor Sandra Smith welcomed her to Stonewall and thanked her for following proper procedures by obtaining the permit.

- The Town of Stonewall continues to work with the property owner who purchased the former Texaco gas station site across from The Kiln. The property owner's plan is to put a Dairy Queen on the site.

- Construction is underway at

Archie Gray Park to install new base material around the play structure for accessibility.

"By changing out the pea gravel, we will improve the accessibility for those with physical barriers," said CAO Wally Melnyk.

- Council gave second and third readings to a bylaw related to the borrowing and spending of funds for a roadwork project to upgrade about 560 metres of Limestone Bay from gravel to asphalt. The town is looking to borrow \$500,000 at an estimated 5.5 per cent interest per year from 2026 to 2035. The total estimated cost of the project is \$600,000 and the remainder would be covered through the town's Canada community building reserve fund.

"To pay the debenture, the funds will be generated from the increased assessment that has occurred due to the recent investments made by a number of businesses in the industrial park," Melnyk said.

- The town is participating in the 100 Radon Test Kit Challenge.

"It's free. It's an awesome thing to do," said Coun. Kimberly Newman, who is putting up posters around town. "As a homeowner, it gives you that peace of mind."

- Council also gave first reading to a bylaw to establish new water and wastewater rates and to regulate fees for licensing septic haulers. They plan to resubmit the request to the Public Utilities Board due to the recent change in the PUB linking rate increases to the Bank of Canada rate.

- The Town of Stonewall is applying for funding through the provincial government's Growth, Renewal and Opportunities program, which aims to address critical infrastructure needs under the themes of renewal, innovation and climate resiliency. The town will apply for 50 per cent funding of a project to expand its multi-use active transportation infrastructure in an effort to improve safety, climate resiliency and accessibility while also fostering physical activity. The other half of the funding would come from the town's Canada community building reserve.

- Stonewall's mayor, council-

lors and CAO are authorized to attend the annual Association of Manitoba Municipalities fall convention from Nov. 25 to 27 at the RBC Convention Centre in Winnipeg.

- The Town of Stonewall will enter into a licence renewal agreement as well as a lease and easement with Rogers Communications Canada.

- Council conditionally approved a request from the Stonewall Kinsmen to hold a Christmas food drive in support of the Stonewall food bank using a truck, trailer, inflatables and music.

- The town supports an annual increase to the Manitoba Water Services Board's capital budget to \$100 million from its current \$24 million.

"This is a request from the Manitoba municipal administrators and they're looking for support," Smith said.

- Council had previously approved a change in plan for the kiln project, which involves demolishing the two kilns that haven't been restored. The project will also create public space and develop an amphitheatre. The town will accept a \$74,000 proposal from Scatliff + Miller + Murray to provide architectural advisory services and to complete design work for the public space and amphitheatre portion of the kiln redevelopment project.

"Over the course of the winter, they'll do the rest of the design work for the amphitheatre, walkway, green space ... and then hopefully we'll be able to go to tender in spring and the work can be done as part of the 2026 construction season," Melnyk said, adding that a provincial grant will help to cover the costs.

In addition, the town will accept a \$22,100 quote from Crosier Kilgour for consulting engineering services related to removing the two unrestored north kilns. Council also approved an application for a municipal heritage permit for the Quarry Park interpretive area and kilns.

- The town will accept a proposal from Parkka for professional services supporting the capital campaign for the Stonewall and district

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Province sees progress in hip, knee surgeries at Selkirk hospital

By Haley Cvar

The Manitoba government says it's making steady progress on reducing surgical wait times, with nearly 400 hip and knee replacements now completed through the new outpatient program at Selkirk Regional Health Centre.

As of Oct. 16, the program has performed 399 procedures — nearly halfway to its target of 800 by the end of the fiscal year — Health, Seniors and Long-Term Care Minister Uzoma Asagwara announced this week.

"This investment is about helping more Manitobans live free of pain so they can get back to what they love," said Asagwara. "Too many Manitobans have had to wait a year or more for a relatively simple hip or knee replacement, but we are helping the 'long waiters' by investing in the Selkirk program. We're seeing progress as our waitlist drops, but we know we have to keep going."

The province invested \$5.7 million in March to launch the outpatient surgical program, expanding operating

space and hiring additional staff. Provincial data shows the number of patients removed from the hip and knee waitlist rose sharply this year — from 104 in February to 378 in June.

Asagwara said more Manitobans are now receiving surgeries than being added to the waitlist. In September 2024, the list grew by 167 patients, but this September, 213 patients received their surgeries, marking another decline.

Dr. Ed Buchel, provincial surgery specialty lead for Shared Health, said the program's success reflects strong collaboration between Selkirk and Winnipeg surgical teams.

"By adding 800 surgeries — about 11 per cent of the roughly 7,000 joint replacements in Manitoba — we are taking a major step toward reducing the wait list and helping people access care within recommended timelines," said Buchel. "We're already seeing the number of people waiting and the time they wait going down."

The government has also expanded

health-care capacity across the Interlake-Eastern region, adding 30 medicine beds, a 15-bed transitional care unit and funding for seven-days-a-week discharge at the Selkirk hospital. Construction is also underway on a new 95-bed personal care home in Lac du Bonnet, with additional projects planned for Arborg and Winnipeg's Transcona neighbourhood.

For Selkirk resident Ronald Borecky, the expansion made all the difference.

"I didn't expect to be the first hip replacement after the expansion, but then in March I got the call," he said. "Everything went smoothly from the moment I walked in. The doctor and nurses were kind, they explained everything, and the hospital looked impressive. I couldn't believe I walked out of the hospital hours after my operation."

Since October 2023, the Manitoba government has added more than 3,400 net new health-care workers provincially, including 285 physicians and over 1,100 nurses.

Farmers invited to safely dispose of old pesticides, animal meds

By Lana Meier

Manitoba producers will have an opportunity to safely dispose of unwanted farm chemicals and expired livestock medications later this month through Cleanfarms' free collection program, running Oct. 27 to 31 at 20 sites across the province.

The initiative, supported by the Canadian Animal Health Institute and crop protection industry partners, helps farmers responsibly manage hazardous materials and reduce environmental risks.

"This is one of our longest-running programs and continues to provide meaningful environmental benefits across the country," said Barry Friesen, Cleanfarms' executive direc-

tor. "We're proud to offer Manitoba farmers a free drop-off and a trusted way to dispose of these materials."

Local collection sites include:

- Arborg – Oct. 27: Nutrien Ag Solutions, 55 Main St. S.
- Gunton – Oct. 28: Paterson Grain – Crop Inputs, 89113 PTH 7.
- Meadows – Oct. 29: Ag Advantage Ltd., 68156 Rd. 6 W.
- Beausejour – Oct. 30: Nutrien Ag Solutions, 73010 Rd. 40 off Hwy. 44.

Drop-off hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day.

Farmers can bring obsolete agricultural pesticides with a Pest Control Product number and livestock or equine medications bearing a DIN,

serial number or notification number.

Items not accepted include treated seed, sharps or needles, medicated feed, aerosol containers and household pesticides or medications. Cleanfarms reminds producers to ensure materials are clearly labelled and securely packaged before drop-off.

More details, including a full list of Manitoba collection sites and preparation guidelines, are available at cleanfarms.ca/materials/unwanted-pesticides-animal-meds.

Cleanfarms operates across Canada, recovering and recycling agricultural plastics, packaging and products to support a more sustainable farm environment.

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Manitoba Hydro inspecting Natural Gas meters and regulators

By Patricia Barrett

Manitoba Hydro employees and contractors will be visiting homes and businesses over the next 12 to 14 months to conduct a province-wide audit of natural gas meters and regulators.

The audit will take place in communities across Manitoba — both urban and rural — and will include about 90,000 residential and commercial customers, the utility said.

If Hydro personnel need to enter a premises to inspect a meter, customers will not have to provide their names, account numbers or any other type of personal information. Personnel will also be displaying a Manitoba Hydro identification badge.

"Meters measure the volume of natural gas consumed. Regulators control the pressure. The meters and regulators may be located together or in separate places outside or inside a residence or business," said Manitoba

Hydro in an Oct. 9 news release. "This audit is critical for the continued safe and reliable delivery of natural gas to our customers. It is a separate process from meter reading."

In addition to their identification badge, Manitoba Hydro employees and contractors will be wearing specific Hydro-branded high-visibility shirts or vests.

"The personnel will inspect natural gas meters and regulators if they are readily accessible, but if necessary, they will come to the door and ask to be directed to the gas meter and regulator," states the release.

Customers should be aware that Manitoba Hydro employees or contractors performing this work will display their identification, be working from sunrise to sunset (as adjusted to the season) and may also work later hours in rural areas, may ask to enter a private residence or business for the purpose of auditing gas meters

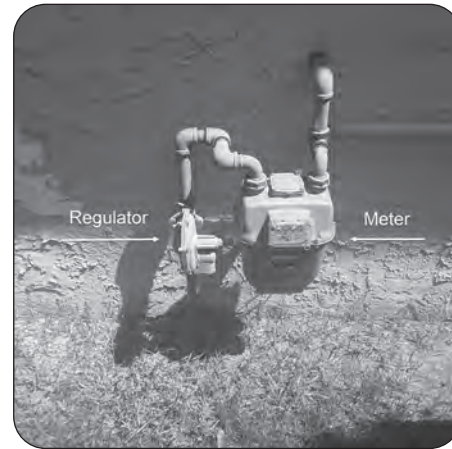


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A gas meter and regulator located outside a building.

and regulators, and will not ask for names, account numbers or any other personal information.

Customers can contact Manitoba Hydro at 1-888-624-9376 with any questions about the gas meter and regulator audit.

Federal funds to boost Manitoba's manufacturing sector

By Jennifer McFee

Nine Manitoba manufacturers received a funding boost from the federal government, including one in the heart of the Interlake.

Eleanor Olszewski, minister of Emergency Management and Community Resilience and minister responsible for Prairies Economic Development Canada (PrairiesCan), recently announced more than \$21 million in federal investments for nine Manitoba-based businesses. These investments will help companies expand, improve productivity and remain competitive on the global stage.

"Manitoba's innovators are turning bold ideas into real opportunities for their businesses, their communities and our families," Olszewski said.

"The Government of Canada is not only investing in these projects, but we are also investing in the people behind them as they take their innovations to the next level. This is how we are helping businesses grow, create high quality jobs and strengthen one Canadian economy."

Northquip Inc. in Woodlands is receiving PrairiesCan support to commercialize a line of zero-turn mowers by investing in advanced manufacturing equipment and undertaking market development activities, including equipment demonstrations.

Northquip is receiving \$3,331,700 in funding.

In Winkler, Schnell Industries Inc. is receiving \$423,699 in federal funding to design, build and market a fully electric transloader, which is engineered to facilitate the loading, unloading or transferring of granular materials.

Also in Winkler, ICON Technologies is receiving \$4,998,688 in funding. The company will use the support from PrairiesCan to expand their recreational vehicle plastic component manufacturing capacity through investments in equipment and personnel. The funds will also support marketing activities to increase both domestic and export revenue, leading to the creation of more jobs.

In Morden, Decor Cabinets Ltd. is receiving \$3,221,003 to increase manufacturing capacity and efficiency to enable Decor to supply new markets, increase market share and grow revenue.

In Portage la Prairie, Manitoba Organic Alliance Inc. is receiving a PrairiesCan investment of \$278,438 to create a digital marketplace to grow the organic grain industry in Manitoba by connecting producers and buyers. This project will improve trade readiness and industry growth by providing critical business information and trade insights regarding the factors

that will influence future supply and demand.

In Crystal City, PhiBer Manufacturing Inc. is receiving a \$4,135,000 PrairiesCan investment to expand their manufacturing capacity to scale up production of innovative agricultural equipment to meet a growing demand.

In Glenboro, Prairie Fava Ltd. is receiving \$1,501,178 in funding to optimize their processes and expand the grower network to meet the increasing demand for fava beans.

In Notre Dame de Lourdes, UKKÖ Robotics Inc. is receiving \$529,284 to expand production of automated agricultural equipment and carbon soil sensor technologies to meet current unmet demand and to position the company for future growth in both domestic and international markets.

In Winnipeg, Security Glass Ltd. is receiving a Prairies Can investment of \$2,705,000 to expand their flat glass manufacturing capacity, which will boost local manufacturing and job creation in Manitoba.

In 2024, Manitoba's manufacturing sector employed approximately 63,000 people, about 10 per cent of the province's total workforce. These new investments are expected to support about 285 new jobs.

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Another visit to Israel

In just two weeks, I'll be making my 23rd trip to Israel, the land of the Bible, as I am hosting a tour group of 18 folks. I must say that I still greatly enjoy these trips, even if I've been there so many times.

One reason is because on each trip I still get to see something new. Many of these are recent archeological discoveries that've been made. For example, on my trip in November 2014, I made my first visit to Magdala, a fishing village that had been situated on the western shores of the Sea of Galilee. Magdala was the home of the well known follower of Jesus Christ, Mary Magdalene (lit. "Mary of Magdala").

The site of Magdala was only recently uncovered, in 2009. Magdala was built in about 30 BC and then destroyed in 66 AD by the Romans during the First Jewish Revolt. And then it lay covered by debris, untouched for 20 centuries.

When archeologists began digging, they uncovered the city's original synagogue. You can still see the mosaic floor tile and the stone seats used by worshippers. As I stood there looking at those tiles and stone seats, I realized that Mary Magdalene, as a worshipper of God, would have regularly attended that synagogue. She would have walked on those very tiles and sat on one of those same seats! And, no doubt, when Jesus had spoken there (we are told in the Bible that He preached in all the synagogues around Galilee), she would have decided to follow Him.

So for me, my faith was once again strengthened. I appreciate that because almost daily you can read skeptics scoffing and ridiculing people like myself for believing a "Book of Myths", called the Bible.

And yet, every turn of the archeologist's shovel brings more and more confirmation of the truthfulness, accuracy and reliability of that very same Book.

And that refreshes me and my faith.

So I can hardly wait to get back to Israel, once again!

Henry Ozirney

Rockwood advances 'aging in place' housing project

Rockwood council news in brief

By Jennifer McFee

The RM of Rockwood is taking steps towards a project that will provide an opportunity for seniors to age in the community.

Council approved architectural and design build plans by Mistecture Architecture for the project in the Stony Mountain area.

"There's going to be two-bedroom units, single-bedroom units and, as far as I know, two bachelor suites. It's a need for our aging citizens. This will give them an option if they don't want to stay in their houses and they still want to be part of the community," Reeve Wes Taplin said.

"The lift station that it's going to be tied to is being worked on as we speak. The excavator is in the field north of Allard Place."

In addition, council authorized the South Interlake Planning District to approve and issue the required building and development permits prior to the required application for conditional use.

IN OTHER COUNCIL NEWS:

- The RM of Rockwood is withdrawing from JohnQ Public, which is a voluntary Municipal Participation Corporation. Founded in 2018, the co-

operative organization supports community infrastructure development and economic growth in and around Winnipeg.

"We've had some great projects from them like the daycare and climate resiliency. But lately their direction and our direction have been getting farther apart with what their priority and their visions are," Taplin said.

"Council has talked about this numerous times. At this time, council is choosing to withdraw from it."

- Council authorized selling two old recycling sheds from the Winfield Transfer Station to a bidder for \$4,100.

- The RM of Rockwood will preserve trees and remove ballast from the rail line south of Balmoral for about 200 metres. Council also ordered the removal of all structures and personal items from residents who are encroaching on the rail trail property.

"Where the old elevator used to be in Balmoral, that's where we're going to remove the ballast and some of the obstacles there," Taplin said. "People have started to treat the property as their own and we don't want to get into a liability problem if a snowmobile or an ATV happens to run into a private homeowner's garden shed or fire pit, so we sent out a notice to them to please respect the property line."

- Council conditionally approved a request to vary a minimum side setback from the required 50 feet to 14.2 feet to allow for the construction of a new detached garage.

- Council authorized fire-works to be set off at the Vincent family farm



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The RM of Rockwood is moving forward with plans for a new "aging in place" development in Stony Mountain, designed by Mistecture Architecture. The project will feature one- and two-bedroom units, as well as bachelor suites, giving local seniors the option to remain in their community as they downsize.

field on Saturday, Oct. 25 at 7 p.m. If there is a fire ban at the time, permission will be revoked.

- An agreement between the RM of Rockwood and the provincial government will allow for the installation of a 50-millimetre diameter water supply pipe and a 150-mm diameter sewer line and encasement pipe across and under a portion of Provincial Road 236.

- The RM will enter into an agreement with Interlake Potato Farms for a right-of-way over Rockwood land to access the farm's land.

- The RM entered into an agreement with property owners to prohibit a new residence from being located on a residual parcel of agricultural land.

"You have to start with an 80-acre piece to

subdivide a yard-site off of it. Then when you subdivide a yard off, there is a restriction that nothing else can be built on the residual," Taplin said. "It's to protect farmland."

- The Nov. 26 committee of the whole meeting is rescheduled to Wednesday, Nov. 19 at 9 a.m. in the council chambers. In addition, the committee of the whole meeting on Wednesday, Dec. 24 is cancelled.

- Those with curbside garbage pickup can set out unlimited yard waste in paper bags on their regular collection day on Oct. 23 and 30.

- Council reminds visitors and residents to practise safe and respectful hunting by following all provincial hunting regulations. This includes having the proper licences and permissions, respecting private property and obtaining landowner consent. Council also reminds everyone to be careful of safety zones near homes, trails and public spaces.

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Teulon Day Care celebrates 50 years of caring

By E. Antonio

The Teulon Day Care Centre marked a remarkable milestone on Thursday, Oct. 17, celebrating 50 years of nurturing and supporting local families. Families past and present, staff, board members and community leaders gathered to honour the centre's legacy and the people who helped build it. The evening included speeches, cake and presentations recognizing decades of dedication to early childhood education in Teulon.

"It makes me so full of pride to reach this milestone," said Lori Malcolm, director of Teulon Day Care. "It is so important that we are able to allow young children to be brought up in a small community, and for it to be 50 years is just amazing."

A highlight of the celebration came when Selkirk-Interlake-Eastman MP James Bezan presented a commemorative plaque to acknowledge the centre's 50 years of service. Joining him for the presentation were staff member Roxanne Pawluk; Sharon Waluk Green; Nienke Kolster, the centre's first director; Malcolm; Mayor Todd Campbell; current board chair Niki Strick; and former chair Brittany Phill.

A special moment was shared between Patti Solumundson and her mother, Moira Solumundson, whose family helped found the daycare. Moira and her husband Herb were among the original visionaries who brought child care to Teulon, and Patti holds the distinction of being the very first child ever enrolled at the centre.

What began as a program caring for eight preschoolers and one staff member out of the Christian Education Building has since expanded to care for four infants, 37 preschoolers, 35 before-and-after-school program participants and an average of 14 staff. The centre moved into a new building in 2007 and also operates out of Teulon Elementary School.

"We began so small, and to see how much we've grown just takes the words right out of my mouth," added Malcolm. "It's obviously a great place to work and be. Our standards



Over the past 50 years, the Teulon Day Care has had only two directors — founding director Nienke Kolster and current director Lori Malcolm.



Patti Solumundson and her mother, Moira Solumundson. Moira and her husband, Herb, were founding members of the Teulon Day Care, and Patti was the first child enrolled at the centre.



A cake made by Blue Skies Bakery helped celebrate the 50th anniversary.



TRIBUNE PHOTOS BY NICOLE STRICK
Selkirk-Interlake-Eastman MP James Bezan presents a plaque commemorating 50 years of the Teulon Day Care. Pictured from left: Roxanne Pawluk, Sharon Waluk Green, Nienke Kolster, Lori Malcolm, Bezan, Town of Teulon Mayor Todd Campbell, Niki Strick and Brittany Phill.

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Kolster, now retired, said she never expected the daycare to grow into what it has become when she started offering programs in 1975. The inspiration came from a group of parents who saw a need for a nursery school and daycare to help socialize their children.

"It's amazing how we came from something so small and have come to be a fantastic day care," she said. "We've seen many children grow up with us and be a part of our making."

In her first year of operation, one memorable story stands out — a "toilet paper forest." For the first two months, everyone had to use an out-house. One time, Kolster sent a child there alone, and they proceeded to decorate the surrounding bushes with five rolls of toilet paper. Kolster quickly made bathroom use a group

activity but still laughs about the moment to this day.

Over five decades, Teulon Day Care has had only two directors — Kolster and Malcolm — a testament to the centre's stability and community connection.

"They say it takes a village to raise a child, and the community support we've received has been absolutely vital," Malcolm said. "Often it is the community stepping up to help make our dreams come true with their generous donations."

Kolster echoed Malcolm's gratitude, noting it's the people who make the job rewarding.

"It's the children and their families who kept me motivated," she said. "The fact that there are no two days that are the same — you get to learn, play, grow and evolve with the community and see that the services you provide are needed."

The centre has faced its share of challenges, particularly in balancing its budget. Malcolm said they strive to pay staff a livable wage while maintaining enough funds to continually buy supplies for the centre. Thankfully, during the pandemic it became clear how essential child care was, and funding was increased annually after a freeze from 2016 to 2023.

"When the world changed, it became clearer than ever," said Mal-



Children and staff from the Teulon Day Care Centre gathered with Selkirk-Interlake-Eastman MP James Bezan during the centre's 50th anniversary celebration on Oct. 17.

colm. "Essential workers couldn't do their jobs, so daycare centres started getting the recognition they deserved — it was a positive ripple effect that brought more investment and more accessible funding."

Looking forward, Malcolm said she hopes the centre will always be there for local families and continue to receive strong community support, noting there will always be a need for child care.

The evening closed with the cutting of a beautifully decorated anniversary cake, made by Blue Skies Bakery,

which added to the festive atmosphere as attendees reminisced and looked ahead to the next chapter.

Attendees expressed their gratitude to everyone who has helped the centre thrive since its beginnings in 1974 — from founders and early educators to today's teachers continuing the legacy of care.

"Thank you to everyone who has been a part of our family — including our volunteer board of directors — we couldn't have done this without you," said Malcolm.

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Pam Norquay, president of the Stonewall Kinettes, presents a cheque for \$960 to Karen Chaboyer of the Interlake Food Bank. The donation represents proceeds from the Kinette Club's recent Bud, Spud and Steak fundraiser held at The Rock.

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Collège Stonewall Collegiate students receive academic awards

By Jo-Anne Procter

Collège Stonewall Collegiate students, along with their families, friends and community members, gathered at the school last Wednesday evening to celebrate students' academic achievements from the 2024-25 school year.

Interlake School Division (ISD) Merit Award certificates were presented to students who maintained averages between 80 and 89.99 per cent throughout the year. Merit Awards with Honours certificates and ISD Medals of Excellence were presented to students who maintained averages of 90 per cent or higher.

Grade 9 Merit Awards with Honours and Medals of Excellence recipients: Athan Appleyard, Brooklyn Barkley, Chloe Beaulac, Kaitlyn Braid, Jady Buchanan, Jordyn Chetyrbok, Scarlett Cornwell, Gabrielle Couture, Lillian Curry, Daniel Dix, Payton Farthing, Anna Freidt, Sophie Fumerton, Isla Gemmill, Kathleen Hallock, Jessie Highmoor, Easla Isfjord, Dafne Kaemingk, Trinity Kanteluk, Addison Karlenzig, Reese Karpinsky, Maddox Keeping, Maiya Krahm, Cole Lamy, Lane Lowry, Chloe McMurren, Makayla Medeiros, Lilah Munson, Danielle Park, Chase Pawlyshyn, Dru Ponton, Brady Precourt, Mason Reimer, Duncan Schaeffer, Evan Searcy, Graeme Slatcher, Shiloh Steyn-Nagorski, Jaxon Taplin, Sarah Toews, Eli Uhres-Todd, Sara Vandekerckhove and Olivia Wirgau.

Grade 10 Merit Awards with Honours and Medals of Excellence recipients: Kole Beresford, Deandra Bernard, Carter Bevan, Kyla Birtwhistle, Paul



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2024-25 Grade 11 Interlake School Division Merit Award with Honours and Medals of Excellence recipients

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White and Ethan Zagrodnik.

Grade 11 Merit Awards with Honours and Medals of Excellence recipients: Emory Barsanti, Keenan Bonekamp, Raya Bosek, Penelope Cacao, Christian Campbell, Summer Chartrand, Ashley Conrad, Lacie Daun, Elle Dodd, Elisabeth Evans, Abigail Garton, Jarek Grantham, Kristen Greigson, Sadie Heinzelmann, Lucy Hoff, Jordan Hudon, Kamryn Hunnam, Reid Ives, Cai James, Connor Kitkowski, Sadie McMurren, Heidi Millar, Rhea Myers, Sydney Palmer, Maya Persoage, Aiden Peterson, Kassie Siwak, Sierra Slatcher, Dallas Slater, Jack Sullivan, Grace Thomas, Ali Thompson, Morgan Walker, Emma Walton and Juliana Windross.



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Lakeside MLA calls for urgent repairs to crumbling rural roads

By Lana Meier with files from Patricia Barrett

The deteriorating condition of provincial roads in the Lakeside constituency is raising serious concerns about safety, accessibility and economic impact, says Lakeside MLA Trevor King.

King told the legislature earlier this month that residents have been "raising the alarm" for months about the state of several key routes, including provincial roads 323 and 220. Both are vital transportation links for farmers, businesses and families in the region, he said, yet have become almost impassable after rainfall.

"PRs 323 and 220 are key routes for hauling grain, delivering supplies and getting kids to school. Yet they remain in such poor shape that even basic travel is becoming dangerous," said King.

King said the roads are plagued by deep ruts, soft shoulders, standing water and washouts that appear faster than they can be repaired. The conditions affect not only local commerce but also emergency services, school transportation and workers commuting to nearby Hutterite colonies.

"The roads are the veins of rural Manitoba and vital connectors between communities, farms and busi-

nesses," King said. "Yet, despite how important they are, these roads are falling apart while this government looks the other way."

In his Oct. 8 grievance, King listed "most" of the provincial roads in his riding that require attention, including PRs 321, 424, 334, 332, 322, 518, 427, 227 and 241. He emphasized that the problem is not with the provincial maintenance crews but with leadership at the ministerial level.

"It is with the priorities and leadership at the ministerial level," he said. "All of these roads lack material to maintain them properly, to withstand any amount of rain or spring thaw."

King tabled photos in the legislature showing extensive rutting and pooling water after a recent rainfall, and questioned Transportation and Infrastructure Minister Lisa Naylor about why "critical provincial roads" have been allowed to deteriorate throughout Lakeside and the rest of Manitoba.

Naylor responded that the poor conditions stem from years of neglect under the previous Progressive Conservative government.

"If members opposite think that these roads have fallen into disrepair over one year or two years, they are



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Provincial Road 323 is shown a few weeks ago after it rained. The gravel road turned into a slurry in spots, trapping vehicles and causing dangerous driving conditions. High ridges of earth and gravel were formed by the passing of vehicles and, when they dried out, formed ruts.

sorely mistaken," she said during question period. "This is the result of years of neglect by members opposite."

Naylor added that the government is "fully focused" on infrastructure renewal and pointed to new rural investments announced earlier this summer.

Well-maintained roads are essential to Manitoba's rural economy, King said, enabling the movement of agricultural products, goods and services that sustain small towns and local industries.

"Without reliable infrastructure," he added, "rural Manitoba simply can't move forward."



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New endowment fund honours longtime Stonewall and Stony Mountain couple

By Lana Meier

The Interlake Community Foundation has announced the creation of the Katherine and Ron Mollard Community Fund, a new endowment established by their daughter, Merilee Mollard, to honour her parents' lifelong dedication to their community.

Ron, known as "Tex," and Kathy — or "Kay" to many — spent their lives rooted in Stonewall and Stony Mountain, raising three children while giving generously of their time and talents. Tex owned and operated Mollard Moving and Construction, while Kathy served as principal of Stony Mountain Elementary School from 1960 to 1986. Her years at the helm left a lasting mark on generations of students, and one of her proudest accomplishments was overseeing the school's expansion.

"To quote Tex, he was sure that Kathy's van knew how to drive to Stony Mountain on its own," the foundation shared.

After Kathy's retirement, the couple fulfilled a shared dream of breeding and raising horses — something that brought them both joy and kept their family connected through long days spent working together on the farm.

Mollard said she was inspired to create the fund by her parents' love of their community and by the power of endowment giving.

"Working with non-profits, I have seen firsthand the positive impact of endowment funds in communities," she said. "I wanted to honour my parents and recognize the love they had for Stonewall and Stony Mountain. To honour their memory, the Katherine and Ron Mollard Fund will be there in perpetuity to help offer stability of funding for organizations with their projects."

The newly established community fund will provide ongoing support for activities and initiatives specific to the Stonewall and Stony Mountain areas, continuing the Mollards' legacy of service and connection.

When asked what stands out most about her parents' legacy, Mollard said their community spirit was unmatched.

"It would be difficult to think of what they weren't involved in," she said. "Both Mom and Dad were active in the community, and I remember the biggest thing that they did was give of their time. I no longer live in Stonewall, but I am, and always will be, a Stonewall girl — and this is my way of giving back to two pretty amazing towns."

She added that her parents would be proud to see their names supporting local causes for years to come.



Katherine (Kay) and Ron "Tex" Mollard of Stonewall and Stony Mountain devoted their lives to community service and family.

"Mom and Dad would be pleased that the fund will help to continue to make Stonewall and Stony Mountain great places to live and raise a family," she said. "I believe they would be supporting the Interlake Community Foundation themselves if they were still with us. If you knew my mom, she would be directing what causes could benefit from support, and my dad would smile and agree."

Tracy Holod, executive director of the Interlake Community Foundation, said the fund will have a lasting impact on the area.

"It means that every fall when we make our community grants, we will have more money to grant every single year," Holod said. "It's an added boost for the area. The ICF permanently invests the donations, and we make grants from the income earned on the funds. To pay for our operations, we charge a small fee to each fund, which again comes from the income earned, not the principal."

Holod said the foundation works closely with families like the Mollards to ensure their legacy continues to benefit the community in meaningful ways.

"We are here to help," she said. "I love talking with people, businesses and organizations to help meet their philanthropic goals. Once all the details are decided, we draft a fund agreement with the particulars of the fund. With permission, we also create a page on our website to share photos and stories about the people being honoured."

On a personal note, Holod said this fund holds special meaning for her.

"Mrs. Mollard was my principal all through elementary school," she said. "I remember her passion for music



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Charlie Birt, Merilee Mollard and Interlake Community Foundation executive director Tracy Holod mark the creation of the new Katherine and Ron Mollard Community Fund.

and horses. She was strict but fair. I remembered Merilee as a child, and it has been so great to reconnect with her and meet her husband, Charlie."

Holod encourages others who may wish to honour loved ones to consider setting up a community fund of their own.

"The first step is to think about the legacy they want to leave," she said. "Are scholarships important? Is there a cause that was close to their hearts? Do they want to support local charities but don't have a specific recipient

in mind? We have many options depending on those answers — and if people don't have answers, I'm here to help figure it out. It's the most rewarding part of a very rewarding job."

Donations to the Katherine and Ron Mollard Community Fund can be made online through Endow Manitoba, by mail, e-transfer or in person at the ICF office in the Town of Stonewall Building at 293 Main St. For more information, visit www.interlakefoundation.ca or call 204-467-5634.



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Interlake Eastern Health Foundation celebrates record year of community impact

By Annaliese Meier

The Interlake Eastern Health Foundation (IEHF) is celebrating a record year of community investment after directing more than \$524,000 toward local health-care facilities and programs in 2024-25 — a 52-per-cent increase over the previous year's \$344,000.

The milestone was announced at the foundation's annual general meeting on Oct. 1, where leaders highlighted growing donor support, new fund-raising initiatives and expanding partnerships across the Interlake-Eastern Regional Health Authority (IERHA).

"These investments are only possible because of our donors," said Terri Otto, chair of the board of directors. "Every dollar helps ensure care is available close to home when it's needed most."

Funding supported specialized medical equipment, facility upgrades, staff training and community wellness initiatives such as Camp Stepping Stones, a grief camp for children. The top five grants in 2024-25 included:

- Clinic Equipment for Eriksdale Wellness Centre — electronic scale, electronic exam table and vital-stats monitor — \$23,032.09
- Specialty Mattresses for Selkirk Regional Health Centre (x5) — \$17,229.04
- Bladder Scanner for Pinawa Hospital — \$17,070.16
- Bladder Scanner for Gimli Hospital — \$17,070.16
- Saebo Hand Treatment Kit for Beausejour Hospital and Rehab — \$16,000

In total, 151 initiatives received funding for equipment, training and renovations benefiting patients, staff and communities across acute care, rehabilitation, long-term care and community wellness.

New initiatives such as the KinKar Raffle, One Great Lottery and a new 50/50 Payday Payout helped fuel the record growth. KinKar and One Great Lottery raised \$4,230.08 (net), while the Payday Payout, launched in 2025-26, is expected to net about \$40,000 this fiscal year.



The foundation's \$5 Club, a staff-led giving program, raised \$25,000 and distributed the funds evenly among 13 community programs, each receiving \$1,923: Teulon Elementary School Breakfast Program; Lac du Bonnet and Area Food Bank — Satellite Food Bank (Pine Falls); Our Daily Bread Soup Kitchen; Big Hearts Christmas Hamper Program; Interlake Sexual Exploitation Educators; Wings of Power; Community Bridges (Gimli); IERHA basic equipment; Hero's Youth Mentorship Program; Growing Years Family Resource Centre; Camp Stepping Stones; Lord Selkirk RFM Pipe Band; and Selkirk Friendship Centre Daycare.

For the first time, IEHF also distributed grants from its endowment funds, marking a major step toward sustainable, long-term support for regional health care.

At March 31, 2025, the endowed principal totalled \$518,358, with a 4-4.5 per cent disbursement rate based on board policy.

THIS YEAR'S ENDOWMENT FUND GRANTS INCLUDED:

- Cynthia Turner Fund — \$940.93 for a Chester Chest training mannequin and palliative-care lunch-and-learn programs.
- McLeary Dalman Fund — \$1,000 for a full-body training mannequin.
- Barbara Buffie Fund — \$1,553.51



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IEHF 2025 board of directors Chris Saunders, Averill Stephenson (executive director), Debbie Fiebelkorn (IERHA board liaison), Kevin Tordiffe, Tracey Epp, Ted Lewis (treasurer), Terri Otto (chair), Julius Joseph. Missing from the photo: Judith Cameron (vice-chair), Brent Wynnyk (past-chair) and Christy Ring-Snell.

for CPR mannequins to support staff training.

- Cathy and Roger Coss Fund — \$1,000 to support patients at Selkirk Mental Health Centre.
- McLeary Family Fund — \$1,000 for shade canopies and Memory and Aging Program supports at Selkirk Regional Health Centre.
- Interlake Eastern Health Fund — \$3,898.90 for a replacement cast cutter for Stonewall Hospital.
- Bill and Susan Rivers Fund — \$570 for rehabilitation equipment to assist patient recovery.
- Gaynor Family Children's Fund — \$664.23 to support Camp Stepping Stones.

Otto noted that some fund holders top up their contributions to enable additional purchases or training opportunities.

Audited statements confirm total fund balances of \$1,974,261, verified by Gislason Targownik Peters, Chartered Professional Accountants, LLP on Aug. 14, 2025, with a clean audit opinion.

PROJECTS PRIORITIZED FOR 2025-26 INCLUDE:

- Stonewall Palliative Care Patio (Sunshine and Peace) — completed



Kelsey Haresign, director of health services at Selkirk Mental Health Centre, joins Interlake Eastern Health Foundation executive director Averill Stephenson and donors Cathy and Roger Coss of Warren, who contributed \$1,000 through their family fund to support patients at Selkirk Mental Health Centre.

September 2025

- Camp Stepping Stones — June 2026
 - Courtyard Planting Program for all personal care home recreation departments — June 2026
 - Specialized equipment for allied health, including a TIMS system upgrade for swallow-analysis diagnostics (approx. \$40,000) — January 2026
 - Specialized audiology equipment for the birthing centre to screen newborn hearing (approx. \$25,000) — December 2025
 - REALITI360 patient device simulator for training on monitors, defibrillators and ventilators (approx. \$17,000) — March 2026
- Other priorities will depend on operational needs and include equip-

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MTYP brings drama classes to Teulon youth

By Lana Meier

Young performers in the Interlake now have the chance to learn from some of Manitoba's top theatre educators — without leaving town.

The Manitoba Theatre for Young People (MTYP) has launched weekly drama classes in Teulon, offering local children a fun and creative outlet to explore acting, movement and imagination.

The classes run Wednesday evenings at Teulon Collegiate, with sessions for ages 5 to 8 from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. and for ages 10 to 13 from 5:40 to 6:40 p.m. The program continues until Dec. 14, and registration remains open.

Drama Outreach Coordinator Cora Matheson said the Teulon program came to life thanks to a partnership with the Green Acres Art Centre, which reached out to MTYP in hopes of bringing theatre to local youth.

"For these current classes, the Green Acres Art Centre is organizing all the registrations and funding the classes," Matheson said. "They've been wonderful partners in helping us make this happen."

Students in the weekly sessions can expect to get up on their feet, use their bodies, voices, and imaginations, and explore all kinds of creative exercises.

"We do movement activities where students learn to embody different characters — or even animals or ob-

jects — and we help them find confidence in their speaking voices," Matheson said. "There are plenty of chances to be silly, to tell stories and to create scenes together."

Beyond creativity, theatre helps young people build confidence, communication skills and self-awareness.

"Theatre is incredibly connected to confidence and communication," Matheson said. "Our facilitators create a safe, supportive space where every idea is celebrated and applause is given for every act of courage. Creating theatre is very much a team sport, and every student leaves feeling their unique self was a big part of making it all happen."

While MTYP is just getting started in Teulon, the outreach team has already seen success in other communities, including Stonewall, Carberry, Kenora, Niverville, Gypsumville, Lorette and Selkirk.

"The common feedback we hear is, 'We don't get anything like this here!' or 'This is so different from other things our kids can do here,'" Matheson said. "People tell us they wish it



were more available."

She added that bringing arts programming to smaller communities is essential.

"Youth should have the same opportunities as those in larger centres, especially for programs that build confidence and let their

unique selves shine," Matheson said. "High-calibre arts education should be available to all — it helps build a healthier world in mind, body and soul."

MTYP, based at The Forks in Winnipeg, is one

of Canada's leading professional theatres for young audiences. Its outreach programs make arts education accessible to children across the province, regardless of location.

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personal care home.

- Council accepted a \$182,268 quote plus taxes from Prairie Heart Mobility for hybrid minivans for SAMS. The cost of the vans will be covered by a grant.

- The Oct. 15 committee of the whole meeting was cancelled.

- Council accepted a quote from Global Electric Ltd. for Phase 2 electrical work in Quarry Park Campground. Melnyk noted that the cost will not be covered by taxpayers. Instead, it will be covered through increased seasonal camping fees.

- Unlimited yard waste will be picked up until Nov. 5. After Nov. 5, only three bags of yard waste are allowed each week at residences until snow or freezing weather.

- The Stonewall-Rockwood Fire Department is seeking volunteer fire fighters. Applicants must be age 18 or older. More information, including other requirements, is available on the Town of Stonewall website at stonewall.ca. Applications can also be downloaded on the town's website or picked up at town hall. The deadline to apply is Friday, Oct. 24 at 4 p.m.



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Rosser residents reminded about wildlife safety precautions

By Jennifer McFee

Rosser residents are reminded to take precautions after coyote sightings in the community.

To help keep people and pets safe, Rosser residents are warned not to feed wildlife.

"Feeding coyotes or leaving food sources (like garbage, compost or pet food) outdoors can attract and habituate them to humans," states a notice on the RM of Rosser's website.

Other tips from Manitoba Natural Resources include keeping pets on a leash, supervising them outside and making noise when walking to alert wildlife. Garbage, compost and fallen fruit should be secured.

If approached by a coyote, residents are warned not to run. Instead, they should make themselves appear large and loud.

CAO Larry Wandowich said coyotes are not currently a bigger problem in the municipality, adding that they behave the same way every year.

"The reason we decided to send out some messaging is that there were a few recent sighting reported in more populated areas," he said. "We feel it's important to keep our residents informed and encourage or remind them to take general safety precautions around this type of wildlife."

Report aggressive or unusual coyote behaviour to 24-7 to the Manitoba Conservation tip line at 1-800-782-0076. The Conservation Officer Service's district office is at 14 Fultz Blvd. in Winnipeg and can be reached at 204-945-7273.

IN OTHER COUNCIL NEWS:

- Rosser council conditionally approved an application by Lilyfield Quarry to expand the current limestone aggregate quarry. Operations will begin in 2025, with the first full year of operation in 2026. The quarry is expected to be complete in 2035, but two five-year extensions could be allowed. No quarrying, blasting or aggregate transportation can begin until the long list of conditions is met and approved. These conditions help formulate the final development agreement for the expansion.

- Council gave first reading to a bylaw to regulate CentrePort lot grade and drainage. The bylaw is to provide for the protection of the surface water drainage system for the CentrePort lands within the RM of Rosser and was an update from the RM's previous Bylaw 2-17.

"The revisions made to the bylaw were more an administrative exercise to ensure the current legal and administrative standards and processes were applied in the bylaw," Wandowich said. "The study, which had been adopted in 2017, did not change and has stayed in force."

- The reeve is appointed as the presiding officer of the board of revision and the CAO will be the appointed secretary. Councillors and Bob Brown are appointed as members.

- Four staff members are authorized to attend the Safe Work Leadership Conference at the Victoria Inn in Winnipeg on Nov. 5.

- Council is requesting an in-

crease to Manitoba Water Services Board's annual capital budget starting in 2026 to \$100 million from the current \$24 million.

"The Manitoba Water Services Board (MWSB) has been constantly oversubscribed with project requests from municipalities throughout Manitoba. An effort, led by municipalities involved in the Cartier Regional Water Cooperative, has been started to reach a target of at least 100 municipalities to sign on (by gaining adopted council resolutions) to lobby and influence the provincial government's budget discussions and inform the appropriate departments and ministers of the collective need of Manitoba municipalities," Wandowich said.

"Our council passed the resolution to express our support, alongside other municipalities, for an increase. The goal is to ensure that MWSB can continue to provide the financial, professional and subject matter expertise required to support all aspects of water and wastewater projects and initiatives. This support is essential for the long-term sustainability and development of infrastructure in our municipalities."

- Council gave third reading to a bylaw to regulate the proceedings and conduct of council and commit-

tees. This bylaw was recently updated to reflect changes to the meeting times. Committee of the whole meetings will now take place on the first Tuesday of each month from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The evening council meeting will follow on the Wednesday after the committee of the whole meeting from 4:30 to 8:30 p.m. Additionally, the daytime council meeting is now scheduled for the third Tuesday of each month from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

- Council approved acquiring an easement from the South Mollard project to construct a drain to prevent and control flooding in the municipality.

"The easement related to the South Mollard project is part of a broader drainage initiative aimed at controlling flooding and managing stormwater in the area," Wandowich said.

"The proposed drainage ditch is designed to provide relief to the BrookPort subdivision

during major storm events, while also contributing to overall detention storage capacity for the RM. To move the project forward, the RM has been working with property owners to secure the necessary land."

- Council nominated Coun. Angela Emms to stand for election with the Interlake Tourism Association's board of directors.

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ment purchases, continued staff training, and facility renovations.

During the AGM, Otto also welcomed new board members and recognized two long-serving directors for their outstanding service.

Ted Lewis, involved since the Foundation's inception, was thanked for stepping in as treasurer during a transition year.

"Ted's willingness to do whatever is needed and his thoughtful leadership have been invaluable," Otto said.

Tracey Epp, who chaired the nominations and governance committee, was also honoured for her role in board development.

"Tracey's insight, steady hand, and commitment to good governance helped shape this board into what it

is today," said Otto.

"The foundation's strength lies in the generosity of our communities and the dedication of people like Ted, Tracey and our many donors and volunteers," she added. "Together, we're building healthier, stronger communities."

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Local health workers recognized with Interlake-Eastern RHA Board Chair's Awards

By Jennifer McFee

Six health-care workers are earning recognition for their commitment to the community.

Interlake-Eastern Regional Health Authority's virtual annual general meeting on Oct. 6 saw 124 staff and community members log in virtually to hear the region's planned activities and a summary of the past year.

Cyndi Typliski, vice-chair of the board of directors, was the master of ceremonies. Speakers included board chair Michele Polinuk; Dr. Tim Hilderman, medical officer of health for Interlake-Eastern RHA; Lorianne Kowaliszyn, IERHA's executive lead of corporate services and chief financial officer; and chief executive officer Marion Ellis.

Polinuk presented six Chair's Awards, which recognize those who repeatedly go above and beyond to reflect the health region's vision, mission and values through exceptional patient care, leadership or teamwork.

Jaycee Seenie received a nomination from Jamie Boyer, manager of Indigenous Health. Based out of Selkirk Regional Health Centre, Seenie has evolved in his role as an Indigenous Health skaabe. Through this role, he helps Indigenous patients and clients to navigate the health system, care planning and health education, while being mindful of language and cultural differences. As Seenie makes his rounds through hospital rooms, he demonstrates compassion, integrity and respect with both patients and staff. The Indigenous Health team continues to grow, and Seenie has made an impact through his efforts to improve culturally safe and appropriate care in the health region.

Ursula Hammerstedt is making an impact in her role as an admitting clerk at Selkirk Regional Health Centre. Nominator Leanne Passante Case, supervisor of health information services, said Hammerstedt always goes above and beyond to help out.

She also serves as a trainer for new staff, and she is bolstering her French skills on her own time to better assist patients. Staff and patients alike comment on her ability to quickly and professionally triage patients and to prepare all the necessary paperwork.

Michele Staszkievicz is an outstanding ambassador for cancer navigation services, with a focus on psycho-social oncology social work. Nurse navigator Michelle Rosentreter nominated Staszkievicz, describing her as a kind and compassionate person who provides support to patients on their cancer journey. She has been a mentor to social work students and is always willing to lend a helping hand to other team members to help troubleshoot unique situations, solve barriers to care and seek out solutions to practical needs. Based in Selkirk, Staszkievicz helps out with cancer screening in the region, while also participating in health education and promotion.

Clinical mentor Erin Hertz has been a dedicated nursing leader at Beausejour Hospital for many years. Nominator Tanya Cheetham said Hertz consistently contributes to nursing practice and policy committees and constantly strives to enhance health-care quality. She spearheaded Interlake-Eastern RHA's first internationally educated nursing onboarding pilot project and has mentored three internationally education nurses to transition to permanent roles at Pine Falls Hospital. She has now taken on the role of clinical mentor in Beausejour, where her experience and approach will help to recruit and retain nurses in the region.

Receptionist Susan Gunderson is the first smiling face people see when they walk into Interlake-Eastern RHA corporate office in Selkirk. Nominator Averill Stephenson, executive director of Interlake Eastern Health Foundation, said Gunderson is a fantastic representative of IERHA's values who treats every individual with genuine care and respect. She has a great depth of knowledge, is calm under pressure and leads by example. She takes time to learn about her colleagues' lives and provides service with professionalism, kindness and compassion.

Physiotherapist Brett Mason has worked at Interlake-Eastern RHA since 2000. Nominator Karen Wood, health services manager at Gimli Community Health, said Mason drew on his 25 years of experience to help out during a time of transition for the allied health team at Selkirk Regional Hospital. In 2024 and 2025, staff numbers increased from eight to 26 employees, therapy services increased from five to seven days a week, and the orthopedic unit was set up to provide 800 surgeries per year. During this time, Mason picked up extra shifts to cover vacancies in Gimli and Pine Falls, while also collaborating with Concordia staff to develop the therapy portion of orthopedic surgeries. At the same time, he supervised and mentored two newly graduated



Physiotherapist Brett Mason, left, has worked at Interlake-Eastern RHA since 2000.



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Michele Staszkievicz, right, is an outstanding ambassador for cancer navigation services.



Clinical mentor Erin Hertz, left, has been a dedicated nursing leader at Beausejour Hospital.

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Gathering Thunder: Interlake to play Moosomin for RMFL championship berth

By Kieran Reimer

The time is nigh for the Varsity Interlake Thunder.

On Sunday, the Thunder will head into the Rural Manitoba Football League (RMFL) playoff semifinals as the No. 1 seed, taking on the fourth-ranked Moosomin Generals.

The season has been everything they'd hoped for and more: an undefeated regular season, a revenge win over the defending champion St. Vital Mustangs, steady growth from the entire roster, and home-field advantage secured throughout the playoffs.

Now, they're just two wins away from an RMFL championship — something they've come close to, but never fully achieved in recent years.

"We've got two left and then hopefully we're holding that trophy up, and I can breathe a big sigh of relief," said head coach Christof Hasselfield. "Looking forward to giving all those guys the hug and thanking them for everything they put into the program — all the off-season stuff they put in, everything they've done for me and the coaching staff and for the Thunder."

"That's always been the goal and we're getting closer to achieving it, but there's lots of work to do still. It would mean everything to get those guys a championship in their Grade 12 year for all the work they've put in for me, no question."

In his third season as head coach, Hasselfield admits he's grown alongside the program and its players.

The Thunder's best regular season together has come as no surprise to him, given their talent and tight team bond.

The challenge of playoff success still remains, however, with three other quality teams also in contention.

Despite finishing fourth, Moosomin boasts the second-best defence in the RMFL. Just a few weeks ago, the Gen-

erals stood with the Thunder as the league's only other undefeated club. The Thunder kept rolling while Moosomin suffered a few losses, partly due to injury trouble.

The two sides were slated to meet in Week 7 of the regular season in Moosomin, but injuries forced the Generals to forfeit ahead of the match — leaving both teams with an element of unfamiliarity heading into Sunday.

On the other side of the bracket, the St. Vital Mustangs and Dauphin Clippers are also vying for a spot in the finals.

The Mustangs, who defeated the Thunder in last year's Urban Division title game, once again lead the league in points scored this season. The Thunder, however, hold bragging rights after beating them in Week 1.

Interlake also downed Dauphin in dominant fashion in their lone regular-season meeting in Week 4.

On Sunday, quarterback Jessie Batenchuk is expected to lead the Thunder offence. One of the league's top passers, he'll have plenty of passing and handoff options available. The Thunder have also prepared to adapt their game plan based on whatever weather conditions arise.

Defensively, the Thunder allowed the fewest points in the RMFL during the regular season.

"We know that we are the top team and people are gunning for us and they're going to bring their all," said Hasselfield. "But for so many of these guys who've spent three years coming up as the underdog, we've got a mentality of 'bring it.'"

"We've been preaching to them the whole time — it's not about the other teams. We're playing against ourselves all the time. That's why we finished a couple games with blowouts and I probably didn't have the nicest post-game talk because we were sloppy in a couple areas, but that's what

being a championship team is.

"We've told these guys the whole time that really we're playing against perfection. Regardless of who shows up, what colour they're wearing or where the game's played, you've got

to do your job. We've got to take care of business."

Kickoff against Moosomin is slated for 1 p.m. Sunday at Stonewall Collegiate Field.

Saints battle to silver



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY JO-ANNE PROCTER

Teulon Saints' Alivia Drohomereski spikes the ball past a Fisher River Hawks defender during the Saints' home tournament Oct. 17. The Saints finished second overall after falling to the undefeated Morweena Raptors in a close three-set final, winning the opener 25-21 before dropping the next two 25-18 and 15-13. Teulon reached the final with a 25-22, 25-22 semi-final win over Fisher River. Earlier in the tournament, the Saints downed the St. Laurent Hawks 25-22 and 25-17; split with St. Laurent's Aurele-Lemoine, losing 23-25, winning 25-19 and falling 7-15 in the tiebreak; defeated Fisher River 25-20 and 25-13; and opened pool play with losses to Morweena 11-25 and 16-25.

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Camps, growth follow leadership change for AA Maroons

By Lana Meier

The Interlake Maroons AA Softball Program is entering a new chapter as longtime leader Jeff Kisiloski steps aside and a new board prepares to guide the club's next phase.

Momentum remains strong heading into 2025, with new off-season skill camps, expanded coaching support and greater outreach to players and families across the Interlake.

"We've got a strong base to build on, and the next step is continuing that player development piece while reaching more Interlake communities," said new director Amanda Donovan. "We want to make the program visible, inclusive and focused on growth from the youngest age groups up."

Kisiloski, who served as AA director for the past two years after coaching at the U15 level, leaves the program on firm footing.

"When I started, there was only a U13 team. Two years later, we've had teams at U11, U13, U15 and U17 and built a real organizational culture," he said. "We rolled out off-season development camps, secured tremendous community support through sponsorships, and created a strong base of coaches and team managers. It's the right time to hand things over to new leadership that can keep advancing the program."

Kisiloski also helped connect the Maroons with local AAA clubs, enabling nearly 20 AA players to move on to higher-level competition. The program's Strike Out Cancer winter fundraiser generated more than \$2,500 for CancerCare Manitoba, and players organized community food drives and youth clinics across the region.

"Seeing players smile, develop new skills and friendships, and move up to the next level — that's what makes

all the work worthwhile," said Kisiloski. "The AA Maroons have built something truly special."

Now stepping into the director's chair, Donovan says her focus is on player development, team culture, and program visibility. The new board aims to keep growing participation while preserving the community feel that sets the Maroons apart.

This fall, the program will launch a pitcher-catcher development camp in early November, followed by a comprehensive player development camp beginning in January 2026. Both sessions will be open to all age groups, welcoming A-level athletes as well as returning AA players.

"The camps are about giving every girl a chance to build skills and confidence," said Donovan. "AA is a bridge between community and high-performance softball, and by supporting players at every level, we strengthen the whole Interlake system — from A to AAA."

Coaching development is also front-of-mind. The Maroons plan to involve coaches early, using the off-season to build relationships with players before tryouts. The board will also promote National Coaching Certification Program (NCCP) training and Softball Manitoba clinics, while bringing in current and former AAA players as guest clinicians.

"We want our coaches to feel supported and confident," said Donovan. "That means giving them access to education and mentorship opportunities right from the start."

While most off-season programming will remain based at Fines Fields in Stonewall's Quarry Park, Donovan said the Maroons hope to reach further north and east in coming years.

"We're seeing growing interest from families in West St. Paul and

the Northern Interlake," she said. "If there's enough demand, we'll look at hosting pop-up clinics or regional practices. The goal is to keep the program accessible — no matter where a player lives."

That focus on accessibility also extends to cost management. After tryouts, once teams are formed, the Maroons pursue sponsorships to help offset travel and equipment expenses.

"Sponsorships are key," Donovan said. "They allow us to keep registration affordable and ensure that financial barriers don't prevent anyone from playing. The community has always been incredibly generous."

The 2025-26 Maroons board includes six directors representing a wide mix of experience, both on and off the diamond:

Amanda Donovan, director — Longtime team manager and parent with experience leading youth softball programs; passionate about player pathways and positive culture.

Chris Arbez, director of facilities/equipment — Veteran A-level coach in Stonewall; committed to growing the game region-wide.

Nikki Mathews, director of player and coach development — Two-year AA head coach, U of W kinesiology graduate and advocate for inclusive, athlete-centred coaching.

Amy Coggan, treasurer — Finance professional and longtime community softball coach dedicated to sport accessibility.

Tyson McMurren, secretary — CPA bringing organizational and systems expertise.

Karen Hutchinson, registrar — Warren-based administrator with years of experience in minor ball and multi-sport youth programming.

"We have a small but dedicated team that loves the game," Donovan said.

"Everyone brings something different to the table — and that's exactly what this program needs to keep thriving."

The Maroons plan to align closely with Softball Manitoba's AA pathway, ensuring clear progression from community (A) teams through to high-performance AAA. Players must try out for AA while remaining registered with their A clubs, with gameplay restrictions lifted after the A-level provincials.

Indoor tryouts are being considered for spring 2026 to help coaches finalize rosters early and begin outdoor practices as soon as diamonds are ready.

Donovan emphasized that the program welcomes multi-sport athletes and newcomers to softball.

"AA does require a strong commitment, but many of our players balance hockey, basketball and other sports," she said. "With supportive families and good communication, it works. What matters most is that players feel they belong here and are supported to grow."

As he steps back, Kisiloski said he's confident the Maroons are poised for another leap forward.

"Amanda and her team bring fresh ideas and real enthusiasm," he said. "They understand that this is about building not just ballplayers but leaders and teammates. I'm proud of how far we've come — and excited to see what's next."

Kisiloski added that he plans to stay connected, helping out when needed and cheering from the sidelines.

"I'll always be a Maroon," he said with a smile. "To everyone who's volunteered, coached, or sponsored over the past three years — thank you. You've helped make this program one of the strongest in the province."

Jets continue parade of wins with Sunday thriller in Stonewall

By Kieran Reimer

A perfect start to the week was capped by an overtime thriller Sunday at home as the Stonewall Jets rocketed up the Manitoba Major Junior Hockey League standings.

The Jets went 3-0 over games Thursday, Friday and Sunday to improve to 4-2 and move into fourth place in the league.

They opened the week with a 3-0 shutout Thursday night at home against the St. James Jr. Canucks, backstopped by goaltender Spencer Hunnam, who stopped all 37 shots he faced. Rylan Slatcher scored twice, while Peyton Bateman added a

first-period marker that stood as the game winner.

Everett Winters took over the crease Friday in Morris and also found success, backstopping Stonewall to a 6-3 win over the winless Pembina Valley Twisters. Winters made 28 saves on 31 shots, while the Jets fired 42 at Twisters goalie Rowan Cherkas.

Alex Kaczorowski opened the scoring in the first and added his second of the night in the middle frame. Karson King, Gavin Holod, Slatcher and Adam Newcombe rounded out the offence with one goal each. Stonewall led 6-1 early in the third before the

Twisters scored twice late to narrow the gap.

The Jets then returned home Sunday for a matinee against the St. Vital Jr. Victorias at Veterans Memorial Sports Complex, where things remained scoreless through 20 minutes.

St. Vital struck twice early in the second before Slatcher, Austin Lourenco and Cohen Cheung responded with three straight goals to give Stonewall a 3-2 lead heading into the third. The Victorias tied it midway through the period to force overtime.

After a St. Vital penalty in extra time, Kaczorowski netted the game-winner

on the power play to seal a 4-3 victory and the Jets' third win in four days. Hunnam earned his second win of the week, stopping 37 shots in the overtime triumph.

The Jets now hit the road Friday to face the Charleswood Hawks before returning home Sunday to host Ft. Garry/Ft. Rouge.

UPCOMING GAMES

Friday, Oct. 24 — at Charleswood Hawks, 7:30 p.m., Eric Coy Arena

Sunday, Oct. 26 — vs Ft. Garry/Ft. Rouge Twins, 7 p.m., Veterans Memorial Sports Complex

Lightning Report: Interlake clubs all in action last week

By Kieran Reimer

The U13 AA Female Interlake Lightning opened their season with a pair of losses, falling 4-1 to the Winnipeg Avros Black on Saturday and 3-1 to the Winnipeg Avros Red on Sunday. The team sits at 0-2. They'll look to rebound this weekend when they visit the Central Plains Capitals on Saturday, Oct. 25 at 5:45 p.m. at the BDO Centre for the Community before hosting the Brandon Wheat Kings on Sunday, Oct. 26 at 12:15 p.m. at Stony Mountain Community Centre.

The U15 AAA Female Interlake Lightning also faced a tough stretch, dropping all three games last week against the Winnipeg Avros Red, Winnipeg Avros White and Winnipeg Ice White. Sitting at 0-3, they'll aim to earn their first win when they host the Winnipeg Ice Blue on Saturday, Oct. 25 at 3:30 p.m. at the Arborg & District Arena.

The U18 AA Female Stonewall Blues battled to a 3-3 tie with the Winnipeg Ice on Tuesday before falling 4-1 to the Eastman Sharks on Sunday. With an 0-1-1-0 record, they'll visit the Winnipeg Ice on Tuesday, Oct. 21 at 7:45 p.m. at Eric Coy Arena, then return home to face the Winnipeg Avros on Saturday, Oct. 25 at 4:30 p.m. at Access Credit Union Arena.

The U18 AAA Female Interlake Lightning found better success south of the border, earning two wins, a

loss and a tie over four games at the NIT Tournament in Blaine, Minn. In league play, they sit at 1-6 and return home for a pair of games — Saturday, Oct. 25 against the Central Plains Capitals at 8 p.m. and Sunday, Oct. 26 versus the Eastman Selects at 4:30 p.m., both at Veterans Memorial Sports Complex.

The U15 AA Male Interlake Lightning dropped a 5-2 decision to the Wild Red on Saturday, sitting at 0-1 to start their campaign. They'll play three games this week — Thursday, Oct. 23 at Thrashers Blue (8:15 p.m. at Gateway Recreation Centre), Saturday, Oct. 25 at Bruins Brown (4:15 p.m. at Transcona East End Community Club), and Sunday, Oct. 26 at home against Thrashers Grey (3:45 p.m. at Stony Mountain Community Centre).

The U15 AAA Male Interlake Lightning were blanked 12-0 by the Brandon Wheat Kings on Saturday, falling to 0-7-1-0. They'll host the Norman Northstars next on Saturday, Oct. 25 at 5:15 p.m. at Veterans Memorial Sports Complex.

The U17 AAA Male Interlake Lightning went winless in three outings last week, leaving them at 1-5-0-1. They'll host the Thrashers on Thursday, Oct. 23 at 7:30 p.m. at Veterans Memorial Sports Complex before visiting the Cougars on Saturday, Oct. 25 at 7:30 p.m. in Souris.



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY JO-ANNE PROCTER

Interlake Lightning U15 goaltender Connor Lemieux stood on his head, turning aside one of many shots during a home game against the Brandon Wheat Kings in Warren on Oct. 18. Lemieux finished with 74 saves in the 12-0 loss. The Lightning are back in action Oct. 25 at 5:15 p.m. in Stonewall when they host the North Stars.

The U18 AAA Male Interlake Lightning also continue to search for their first victory after dropping all three of last week's games, leaving them at 0-8. They'll visit the Central Plains

Capitals on Wednesday, Oct. 22 at 7:30 p.m. at Stride Place, then head to Kenora to face the Thistles on Friday, Oct. 24 at 7:30 p.m. at Moncrief Construction Sports Centre.

Rams battle Broncos through extra time for first win of the season

By Kieran Reimer

The Stonewall Rams boys hockey team battled hard to even the score with the J.H. Bruns Broncos on Friday during their first week of Winnipeg High School Hockey League action.

Earlier in the week, the Rams fell 7-6 in overtime to the Broncos. Matthew Hawryluk scored twice for Stonewall, while Alec Harrisko, Daniel Halleux, Chase Corbett and Liam Cox also netted their first goals of the season.

The overtime loss earned the Rams a single point in the standings, but they were still in search of their first win heading into Friday's rematch — which also served as their home opener.

Playing at Veterans Memorial Sports Complex, the Rams went down early and didn't tie the game until the third

period when Cox scored to make it 1-1. After the Broncos regained the lead moments later, Banx Chartrand answered back with five minutes left to force overtime.

Goaltender Tyler Loehmer stood tall for Stonewall, making 26 saves to push the game to a shootout — where he came up big again to secure the Rams' first win of the season, a 3-2 victory over J.H. Bruns.

The win earned Stonewall two points and levelled the season series between the two teams.

The Rams continue Winnipeg Free Press Division play Tuesday, Oct. 21 at 4 p.m. against CLR at Notre Dame Arena, and Wednesday, Oct. 29 at 4 p.m. when they host CPET at Veterans Memorial Sports Complex.



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Stonewall Rams' Alec Harrisko battles through the J.H. Bruns' defence during his team's 3-2 shootout win at home on Oct. 17. Harrisko scored the deciding goal. Earlier in the week, the Rams dropped a 7-6 overtime decision to the Bruins.

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The Rural Municipality of Rockwood hereby gives notice that the date of the following Committee of the Whole Meeting of Council has been CANCELLED:

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-Sincerely, Denise, Evan,
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Broker/Carman Families - Our families would like to thank everyone for their kindness and condolences on the passing of our mom, Anne Marie. Your kind words and cards of condolences were greatly appreciated. Thank you to Father Vijay for presiding over the service and giving our family closure and peace of mind. Thank you to Aunt Vicky for the reading of the verse at the graveside. Thank you to Lori Benn for her beautiful voice that will always be remembered and our mom would have been so pleased you were coming to give her a perfect send off to a new life. We were overwhelmed by the attendance and appreciate your support during this difficult time.

IN MEMORIAM



Ethan Boyer
February 1, 2000 to October 25, 2019
Five years have passed, feels like yesterday
We didn't know that morning
God was going to call Your name...
In life we Loved you dearly
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It broke our hearts to lose You
You didn't go alone
For part of us went with You
The day God called Your name
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Your Love is still our guide
And though we cannot see You
Your always by Our side
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And nothing seems the same
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Our chain will link again

-Love and Miss You
Mom and Dad and Critters

IN MEMORIAM

Lynn Langrell
January 24, 1956 – October 21, 2011
If we could write a story,
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Of a kind and loving wife, mom and grandma,
Who had a heart of gold.
We could write a million pages,
But still be unable to say;
Just how much we love you and miss you,
Every single day.

-Sadly missed,
Harold and family

IN MEMORIAM



Ethan Boyer
Those special memories of You
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If only I can have You back
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OBITUARY



Jared John Peter Hickson

It is with great sadness to announce Jared of St. Andrews, MB, passed away suddenly on October 3, 2025, at the Selkirk Regional Health Centre.

He is survived by his beloved wife Amy (nee Miles) and three young children, Sawyer (7), Cadence (5) and Everette (3). He is survived by his parents, James and Deborah Hickson, sisters Kelly Rasmussen, Jaime Taggart and brother Colin Hickson and their families. He also leaves behind in-laws Tim and Penny Miles, sisters-in-law Amanda Williams and Addie Miles-Abbott and their families.

A celebration of life service will take place Saturday, October 25, 2025 at 2:00 p.m. at New Life Church, 6106E Hwy 67, Stonewall, MB.

If you have a memory or story you'd love to share with Jared's family, please send your thoughts via email to the church at office@newlifestonewall.com

In lieu of flowers, a donation account has been set up for Amy and the kids. <https://www.gofundme.com/f/jared-hickson>

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Gilbart Funeral Home, Selkirk in care of arrangements.



OBITUARY

Katherine Griffin (nee Mailman)

January 7, 1962 – October 15, 2025

It is with deep sadness we announce the passing of Katherine Griffin age 63 years of Stony Mountain, MB on Wednesday, October 15, 2025.

Funeral arrangements pending, with longer obituary in next weeks edition.



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OBITUARY

Celia Ann Wirch

Celia Ann Wirch was born on March 13, 1957 and passed away peacefully, on October 7, 2025, at the young age of 68.

Celia was a shining light in the lives of all who had the privilege of knowing her.

Celia is survived by her loving husband Marven Wirch, two children Benjamin Wirch (Sadie Williams) and Amelia Jameson (Kevin Jameson). She is also survived by five grandchildren and many other family and friends.

Celia enjoyed reflexology for the past 15 years, she had many hobbies like making wine with friends and also enjoying a good potluck with family and friends.

The celebration of life to honor Celia will be held on October 25, 2025 at 2:00 p.m. at the Willow Grove Orchard (79 121 Hwy 322, Google Map Willow Grove Orchard) followed by a potluck and music.



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