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Spooky family fun

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Family Halloween dance party returns in Woodlands



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The Woodlands Rec Club revived its popular Family Halloween Dance Party last Sunday, inviting local families to dress up, dance and enjoy crafts and treats together. Clockwise from top left: Olivia Sigurdson with her mom Maegan; Remi Fisher; Lovella Bolun with her brother Petru and mom Bobbi-Jo; Ella Van Hulle with her little brother Kasen.

Town to present updated garbage and service levies

By Jennifer McFee

The Town of Stonewall will host a duo of public hearings on Nov. 19 to present special service proposals, which would require a levy to be paid by certain properties within the nine original quarter sections of the town.

One proposed bylaw aims to set a

rate for urban services for the town for 2026, excluding the annexed lands. If approved, the special services could include street lighting, parks and arena services, police protection and snow removal. The annexed lands aren't required to pay for services they're not receiving or that are paid

for through a different funding arrangement. The 2026 mill rate for the urban services levy would be 1.083.

Another proposed special service plan will set up rates for waste and recyclable curbside collection, removal and disposal for residential and institutional properties for 2026 and 2027, replacing the plan and rates set up for 2025. Schools, hospitals, churches and vacant lots are excluded. The proposed fee for properties with one to 80 dwellings would be \$184.95 in 2026 and \$194.63 in 2027 per dwelling. For

properties with more than 80 dwellings, the cost would be \$110.95 for 2026 and \$116.80 for 2027 per dwelling.

"Application for the special service levies have almost become an annual occurrence. The town has a special levy for garbage and recycling pickup as well as the one we call 'urban services,' which deals with the mill rate on annexed lands. Both levies were in place in 2025 and the hearing on

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the 19th is to discuss 2026 levies. We would ask people to attend to hear the details,” CAO Wally Melnyk said. “When the town and RM negotiated the agreement on the annexation, the town agreed that as long as the annexed lands use remained the same after the annexation as before, the RM would continue to provide services and the town would ensure that its at-large mill rate was close to the RM’s at-large mill rate. In order to meet that commitment, the town created an urban services levy.”

IN OTHER COUNCIL NEWS:

- The canteen at Veterans Memorial Sports Complex officially opened on Oct. 29. Offerings include a variety of warm and cold beverages, breakfast sandwich, burgers, chicken fingers, fries, poutine, popcorn and more.
- The Town of Stonewall and the RM of Rockwood are entering into a mutual aid memorandum of understanding to support each other when either community is affected or threatened by a peacetime emergency.
- Council accepted a \$7,192.50 quote from Vieville Building Movers Inc. to relocate the lifeguard shack to a new location in Quarry Park.

“The shack is being relocated because it is being replaced. A new facility is being built for the lifeguards that is more appropriate,” Melnyk said. “The current building, while not suitable as a lifeguard building, has value as a storage facility. The current shack is being relocated within Quarry Park.”

- Waring Enterprises will provide services to clear the parking lot and haul snow from the site for the new daycare at 509 2nd St. West this winter. The town has also entered into a memorandum of understanding with Push No More Grass & Snow for grass cutting and clearing snow from sidewalks at the same location.
- A special exhibit called *A Small Town’s Sacrifices: Stonewall in World War II* will be on display at the Heritage Arts Centre from Nov. 1 to 10 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. The exhibit will showcase the impact of the war on the local community.
- A free 90-minute canning workshop will take place at the Heritage Arts Centre on Nov. 2 with two time slots available starting at 1 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. Participants will learn how to prepare, can and store their won foods at home. For more information or to register, call 204-467-7980.

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Auditor general says CRA's service to taxpayers needs improvement

Canadians trying to get help with their tax questions are still facing long wait times and receiving inaccurate guidance from the Canada Revenue Agency's (CRA) call centres, according to a new report from Canada's auditor general.

The performance audit, titled Canada Revenue Agency Contact Centres and released Oct. 21, found that most callers could not get through to an agent within the agency's own service standards, and that when they did, the information they received was often incomplete or incorrect.

"The Canada Revenue Agency has a duty to help individuals and businesses meet their tax obligations and access benefits," auditor general Karen Hogan said in a news release. "I am concerned that in spite of a new telephony system and other improvements, Canadians are still waiting too long to get answers to their tax questions."

The auditor general's office examined eight CRA contact centres between February and May 2025 to assess how quickly agents were responding to calls and how accurately they were answering general tax, business tax, and benefits questions.

In the 2024-25 fiscal year, the CRA's target was to answer 65 per cent of calls within 15 minutes or less. The audit found that only 18 per cent of callers reached an agent in that timeframe. In June 2025, just five per cent of calls met the 15-minute standard. On average, callers waited about 31 minutes to speak to someone, nearly double the wait time from the previous year.

The report also found that 12 per cent of taxpayers waited on hold for more than an hour. Of the roughly 32 million calls made to CRA call centres in 2024-25, only about 10 million reached an agent. Roughly 8.6 million calls were "deflected," meaning callers were diverted to online self-service tools and not given the option to speak with a person. For the remaining calls, it is unclear how taxpayers ultimately had their questions resolved.

The audit also highlighted issues with the accuracy of the information taxpayers received once they did get through. Responses to general individual tax questions were accurate only 17 per cent of the time, meaning

Exhibit 6—Responses to non-account-specific calls we made to the Canada Revenue Agency contact centres had low rates of accuracy and completeness

Areas of enquiry	Accuracy of response	Completeness of response
Individual taxes	17%	17%
Benefits	56%	33%
Business taxes	54%	31%

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Canada's auditor general found CRA agents providing a high percentage of inaccurate information.

83 per cent of answers contained errors or lacked necessary information. Responses to business tax and benefits questions were accurate just over half the time.

"Canadians are trusting the Canada Revenue Agency to provide answers to their tax and benefit questions that are accurate and complete," the report states. "Errors in taxes and missed deadlines can be costly to taxpayers."

Call centre staff receive feedback from "quality evaluators" who review selected calls and provide written assessments. However, the auditor general found that these evaluations tended to focus more on meeting performance targets — such as call length — than on the accuracy or completeness of the information being provided. As a result, errors were often overlooked and not addressed in training or coaching.

The CRA's artificial intelligence tool, known as Chatbot Charlie, also fell short. When auditors asked it six general tax questions, Charlie provided accurate information only one-third of the time. The report noted that the chatbot provides only general guidance and cannot assist with account-specific inquiries.

The report recommends that the CRA improve staffing levels at its call centres to reduce wait times, revise training and evaluation processes to prioritize accuracy, and refine the tools agents use to gather information. It also recommends separating questions related to MyAccount — the agency's online portal — from broader tax and benefit inquiries to better direct callers.

In its response, included in the audit findings, the CRA said it is undertaking service improvements and plans to transition to a new contact centre engagement platform in fall 2026. The agency said it has already begun reviewing processes and technology "to allow better alignment of resources and the reduction of wait times," including expanded use of artificial intelligence.

To improve the accuracy of information provided to callers, the CRA said it will strengthen training and coaching for call centre staff and revise performance evaluation frameworks "to ensure more focus on completeness and accuracy versus other evaluation criteria."

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In The Middle

If look back to the story of the Israelites shortly after they leave Egypt they get stuck. Stuck in the middle between The Red Sea and the Egyptian army. They have a choice to make while stuck in the middle. Will they choose to follow God or go back to the captivity God has rescued them from? Spoiler Alert! They choose to trust God and to move from the middle to following the direction of God by going through The Red Sea.

We all get stuck in the middle of choices that we have to make. Choices like going to work or sleeping in, watching the next episode of a TV show or spending time with friends, going to rake leaves or having a nap, going back to the thing we know is bad for us or running toward God. We end up makes choices like these every day and in the end we always make a choice. Because even staying in the middle is still a choice.

Now if you're like me you know that we often can get stuck not making a choice because making the choice feels stressful because what if you make the wrong choice? Perhaps this doesn't apply to the small decisions but it certainly applies to the big decisions. Just like the Israelites we get stuck in the middle. In the end if you choose not go anywhere you will also go nowhere.

God knows this and is calling us not to choose the middle but to choose to follow Him. He also calls us to choose not to go back to the things He saved us from but instead to flee from those things that often feel like they chase us down. God says choose to get out of the middle and to follow Him wherever He will take you. "...Choose this day whom you will serve." Joshua 2:15

Written by Dan Brewer

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Woodlands council gives first reading to borrowing bylaw

By Jennifer McFee

The regional water project continues to flow forward.

Woodlands council re-conducted first reading of a borrowing bylaw to provide for the expenditure and borrowing of funds for the construction of a new reverse osmosis water treatment plant. The borrowed funds would also go towards new water supply reservoirs in Stonewall and Warren, new supply wells in Stonewall and a water supply pipeline from Stonewall to Warren.

The Municipal Board wasn't satisfied with the notice provided for a previous first reading of the bylaw so the RM of Woodlands re-issued notice of the first reading and did it again on Oct. 14 to comply with Municipal Board requirements and the Municipal Act.

Council has resubmitted an application to the Municipal Board for the borrowing application.

IN OTHER COUNCIL NEWS:

- The RM of Woodlands is seeking funding through the provincial government's Manitoba Growth Renewal and Opportunities and Municipalities Program, which aims to help Manitoba municipalities address critical infrastructure needs. The RM of Woodlands will apply for funding towards the construction of a high-volume well in Warren for fire

protection and community services. The RM will commit to cover 50 per cent of the \$291,973 cost of the project from the general reserve in 2026.

"The primary water source serving the RM of Woodlands Fire Department is located on the Whispering Winds of Warren golf course. While we are grateful that the owners of the property provide the municipality access to the well, this is disruptive to golf course operations, and we risk access to the well being inhibited," said CAO Kaitlyn Griffith.

"The municipality is working towards developing a new 12-inch well on municipal property to ensure the fire department has access and control of a high-volume water source that can resupply water tankers with adequate speed to support fire suppression efforts in the municipality, and which will also be available for use by agricultural producers."

- The South Interlake Rec Centre met with council to provide a general update on their operations for the past year, to talk about future plans of the organization and to answer any questions council might have about their organization.

- The Nature Conservancy of Canada presented a proposed partnership with the municipality to ensure some of the land in the community pasture is conserved as an ecologically important area.

- Silver Bridge Land Develop-

ment presented a conceptual plan for seniors and multi-family housing in Warren.

- Council approved Valley Fiber's request for a service extension along Road 82N.

- The RM of Woodlands sponsored the youth prize in the 2025 Woodlands Waterfowl Shoot for \$800. However, no youth teams entered the event this year. Council decided to add another \$200 to the contribution to authorize a gold sponsorship instead for the Oct. 18 event.

- The RM of Woodlands will also apply for funding through the Green Municipal Fund's Safe and Active School Routes program. Near Woodlands School, there are currently no sidewalks, which is a safety concern so council has been prioritizing sidewalk installation. The Interlake School Division and Woodlands School also support the initiative. The RM is transferring land from the Interlake School Division to widen the road allowances around Woodlands School to develop sidewalks in the future. The RM will apply for funding from the Safe and Active School Routes program to develop sidewalks along Porteous Avenue and Parker Street along the Woodlands School property.

- The RM of Woodlands is a recipient of the scholarship for the 2026 Canadian Association of Municipal Administrators Conference. The mu-

nicipality will receive free registration to the conference but will need to cover the costs of travel and accommodations. CAO Kaitlyn Griffith is authorized to attend the conference from May 25 to 27 in Whistler, B.C.

"I'm excited to attend the CAMA conference next year," Griffith said. "It's a great opportunity to explore national best practices, strategies and solutions while building connections that benefit the municipality."

- Council will attend the Association of Manitoba Municipalities fall convention from Nov. 25 to 27 in Winnipeg. The Nov. 25 council meeting will be cancelled due to the convention.

- The RM of Woodlands supports an annual increase to the Manitoba Water Services Board's capital budget, beginning in 2026, to \$100 million from its current \$24 million.

- Council approved an extension of the completion of Erinview Hall to Sept. 5, 2026. Construction is now complete, but the contractor is experiencing delays due to inspection timelines. As a result, there have also been delays with the occupancy permit.

- The Nov. 11 council meeting will be changed to Nov. 12 at 9:30 a.m. The Nov. 25 council meeting will be cancelled and not rescheduled.

Stonewall Odd Fellows return from provincial seminar in Flin Flon

By Lana Meier

Several members of the Stonewall Odd Fellows Lodge travelled to Flin Flon at the end of September to take part in the provincial Fall Seminar, an annual event bringing together Odd Fellows and Rebekahs from across Manitoba for education, fellowship and committee reports.

For many Stonewall members, the weekend was as much about connection as it was about business.

"Fellowship, meeting with friends we haven't seen for several months and some members who are not able to travel to other functions in the southern parts of the province," stood out most for longtime member Al Nixon, who noted the seminar offered a chance to reconnect across distances.

Dorian Sherman said hosting the seminar in the north brought meaningful participation from members who don't always have the chance to attend provincial functions.

"The Fall Seminar is usually held in the southern part of the province," he said. "It was nice to be able to travel north and enjoy the hospitality of our northern members and to have more of them being able to participate. The friendship, food and entertainment presented to us by our northern members was fantastic and proves that our Order still has a lot to offer when we all work together."

Sherman added that the Lodge was grateful to Alpha Odd Fellow Lodge in Winnipeg for sponsoring a bus that made travel easier, with pickups in Portage la Prairie, Brandon and Rapid City.

One of the key presentations of the weekend came from the Odd Fellow and Rebekah Memorial Eye Foundation of Manitoba, which has been providing financial support for eye health programs and hospital equipment across the province for nearly 40 years.

The foundation's history dates back to the 1969 Amblyopia Project, a volunteer-led screening program for kindergarten and preschool children. Known as "lazy eye" testing, it was conducted by trained Odd Fellows and Rebekahs using CNIB-approved methods. Between 1969 and 1990, an estimated 3,000 to 6,000 Manitoba children were screened each year.

In 1985, the Odd Fellow and Rebekah Memorial Eye Foundation was formally established, later assuming responsibility for the annual car draw that raised about \$200,000 over two decades. Funds from membership donations and fundraising initiatives have since supported a long list of Manitoba hospitals, including Misericordia, Brandon, Portage and the Health Sciences Centre.

Since its inception, the foundation has contributed more than \$852,000 toward specialized eye-care equipment and programs. Most recently, the committee approved a \$10,000 donation to Brandon Hospital for a new tonometer, which measures eye pressure.

Nixon, who serves as committee chair, said the foundation's focus has always been accessibility.

"With more advanced equipment being made available, making the specialist's life much easier to per-

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Manitoba student tackles climate finance at national youth summit

By Lana Meier

Manitoba student Abby Procter of Woodlands brought a Prairie perspective to a global conversation on sustainability earlier this month, sharing her vision for an equitable green economy at the Local Conference of Youth (LCOY) in Toronto.

Procter, president of the University of Manitoba Economics Society, delivered a presentation titled *Green Growth in a Gray World: Navigating Environmental and Economic Challenges in a Changing Global Landscape* to youth delegates preparing for the upcoming United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP).

Her talk explored major gaps in Canada's climate-finance system and outlined policy tools to help accelerate the renewable-energy transition. She stressed that economic growth and environmental protection must advance together — not in opposition.

"During my two co-op terms with the Government of Canada, I worked on initiatives related to funding programs and Indigenous reconciliation," said Procter. "With my background in economics, I was drawn to the intersection of these fields through economic reconciliation. The passion my generation holds for a sustainable future motivates me every day to champion a green economy. Manitoba now stands at a pivotal moment to advance sustainable development in the North through Indigenous-led collaboration."

Procter said equity and justice in climate financing are essential to ensure no community or region is left behind

in the transition to cleaner energy. She emphasized the role of economic reconciliation in supporting Indigenous leadership and northern development.

"Economic reconciliation is the real location of resource wealth," she said. "By supporting Indigenous-owned projects, we can promote sustainable development in the North, create meaningful employment and strengthen Manitoba's overall economic growth. These initiatives also present a unique opportunity to enhance Manitoba's international standing through strategic projects such as the Port of Churchill and the Northern Corridor."

The LCOY is part of an international network of youth conferences organized through YOUNGO, the youth constituency to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change. The annual event gathers young leaders for training and dialogue ahead of global climate negotiations.

This year's Canadian event focused on empowering youth to advocate for climate justice and develop policy recommendations for federal decision-makers.

Procter also helped craft the national youth statement that was formally presented to federal Environment and Climate Change Minister Julie Dabrusin.

"Over the past six years, I've dedicated myself to advancing youth engagement in the green economy, and contributing to the national youth statement for COP30 marked a mean-

ingful culmination of that work," she said. "During the summer, I served as a student analyst with Environment and Climate Change Canada under Minister Julie Dabrusin. I remember preparing research on vegan airport options for her ministerial tour in July, so sharing a conference stage with her was an unexpected and meaningful honour."

A central message of Procter's presentation focused on the need to incentivize Indigenous-owned private capital in the renewable-energy sector and embed equity within public policy. During her time with Environment and Climate Change Canada, she contributed to northern policy initiatives, including the Inuit Nunangat Policy, which affirms Inuit rights to their lands and resources.

She said aligning private investment with renewable-energy goals will be critical to Canada's success.

"A common misconception about the transition to environmentally sustainable projects is that they are inherently unprofitable. In reality, industries such as mining, energy and construction gain competitive and operational advantages from integrating environmental considerations like Indigenous consultation and sustainable resource management," said Procter.

"To ensure market profitability and accelerate this transition, public-private partnerships are essential for mitigating risk and mobilizing large-scale investment. Predictable government policies and robust environmental regulations provide the certainty investors need to commit to renewable resource development."

Procter believes one of the most urgent challenges is improving understanding and accessibility within the field of climate finance itself.

"Ensuring equitable access to edu-



TRIBUNE PHOTO SUBMITTED
University of Manitoba student Abby Procter speaks at the Local Conference of Youth (LCOY) in Toronto, where she presented her talk *Green Growth in a Gray World* and contributed to Canada's national youth statement for COP30.

cation and learning opportunities is essential," she said. "Climate finance remains a relatively new concept, one that even experienced professionals are still learning to navigate. To move forward, Canada must engage the next generation of policymakers and support initiatives such as the Local Conference of Youth."

Reflecting on her participation at the conference, Procter said contributing to Canada's national youth statement and engaging alongside peers from across the country reinforced her optimism about the future.

"Over the past six years, I've dedicated myself to advancing youth engagement in the green economy," she said. "Being part of this national conversation showed how passionate and informed young Canadians are about shaping a more sustainable future."

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form more surgeries without the patients having to travel long distances for treatment," he said.

Glenn Bernardin said seeing the long-term outcome of those efforts is meaningful.

"It feels great to know that we have had an impact on health care in Manitoba," he said.

For Stonewall members, supporting the Foundation is part of living the Order's values.

"Part of the teachings of our Order is to help people in need," Nixon said. "It makes it an easy fit to continue our support for the Memorial Eye Foundation."

Sherman noted that the motivation is lasting and community-focused.

"We know how much of a difference the Lodge can make to a community by supporting the endeavours of others to build a better world for those following us through life,"

he said. "Just a simple thanks for a job well done and words of encouragement can be enough to motivate people to help each other."

Bernardin agreed.

"The reason we are members is for an opportunity to contribute to our community in a meaningful way," he said.

When asked what they would share with younger community members considering getting involved, Bernardin called Odd Fellowship both meaningful and social.

"Odd Fellowship is a great way to help the community and enjoy regular social interaction with friends and family," he said.

Stonewall lodge members who attended the seminar included Larry O'Dell, Ross Thompson, Doug Livingston, Dorian Sherman and Jocelyn Hamill.

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The federal government has also announced new measures to simplify tax filing for some Canadians. Beginning with the 2026 tax year, the CRA will introduce a pre-filled return option for about one million lower-income Canadians with simple tax situations. The program is expected to expand to about 5.5 million people for the 2028 tax year.

In an Oct. 21 joint statement responding to the auditor general's findings, Minister of Finance and National Revenue Francois-Philippe Champagne and Secretary of State (CRA) Wayne Long said the agency is making progress.

"In early September, we directed

the CRA to implement a 100-day service improvement plan designed to strengthen services, improve access, and reduce delays," the statement said. "As we near the midpoint of this plan, we're pleased to announce that it has already yielded significant progress. Since Sept. 8, the CRA has extended term contracts and hired more employees."

The CRA said a quality monitoring program launched in 2024 is helping improve response accuracy.

"This program has already led to significant improvements in the accuracy of taxpayer-specific responses, which make up 80 per cent of all calls," the ministers said.

Carbon monoxide alarms – we love them and you should too!

By Lana Meier

Carbon monoxide is known as the silent killer — a colourless, odourless and tasteless gas you can't detect without help. If you have a carbon monoxide alarm, one beep can mean the difference between life and death.

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- Use only approved electrical equipment.

- The transfer switch — required by the Canadian Electrical Code — sits between your essential loads panel and main service panel. It ensures the generator cannot feed power back into hydro lines, which could endanger Manitoba Hydro crews working on them.

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10 TIPS FOR A SAFE AND CHEERFUL HOLIDAY SEASON

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- Have a certified heating contractor inspect your natural gas appliances annually.

- Use space heaters only temporarily, and plug them directly into the wall — never an extension cord.

- Don't overload electrical outlets. Faulty or overloaded wiring causes many holiday fires.

- If you smell rotten eggs, leave immediately — it may indicate a natural gas leak. Call 911 or Manitoba Hydro at 1-888-MBHYDRO.

- Use indoor/outdoor lights and cords only as rated on the package and never exceed recommended wattage.

- Keep vents, flue pipes and chimneys clear of snow, ice and debris. If your gas meter is covered, gently clear it with a broom or your hand.

- Maintain a family emergency kit with flashlights, extra batteries, water, candles, matches and a portable radio.

- Turn off tree lights, decorations and heaters before leaving home or going to bed.

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Day-long search ends with arrest after break-and-enter in Rockwood

By Lana Meier

A 27-year-old Selkirk man is in custody following a day-long series of vehicle thefts, property damage and a residential break-and-enter in the Interlake on Oct. 20.

Gimli RCMP first received a report at 12:15 p.m. of a stolen white Ford F-250 from a property along Highway 9 in the RM of Gimli. When officers arrived, they found another vehicle abandoned at the scene — one that had itself been reported stolen earlier that morning from Britannia Close in Selkirk.

Throughout the day, multiple sightings of the stolen F-250 were reported as the truck was driven dangerously and caused damage to properties across the region.

Around 5 p.m., the F-250 was left on a property in Fisher Branch, where

a GMC Sierra was then stolen. An hour later, police received a report of a stolen Ford F-150 from the same area, and the GMC Sierra was located abandoned nearby.

Officers later located the stolen F-150 in the RM of Rockwood, but the driver refused to stop.

At 8:37 p.m., Stonewall RCMP were called to a break-and-enter in progress at a home on Road 87N in Rockwood. Police from Stonewall and Selkirk detachments, along with Police Dog Services, responded.

Investigators say an unknown male attempted to force his way into the residence by kicking in the back door. The homeowners were inside at the time and discharged a firearm toward the suspect, who then fled on foot after attempting unsuccessfully to enter vehicles on the property.

Police located the damaged stolen F-150 near the home. Police service dog Stewie and a drone tracked the suspect to a brush line on a neighbouring property, where he was arrested without incident.

James Rundle-Hobden, 27, of Selkirk has been remanded in custody. No injuries were reported.

He is charged with two counts of motor vehicle theft, three counts of possession of property obtained by crime, two counts of dangerous operation of a conveyance, failure to stop after an accident, mischief, flight from police, break and enter with intent, and failing to comply with a release order.

RCMP detachments in Stonewall, Selkirk, Fisher Branch and Gimli continue to investigate.

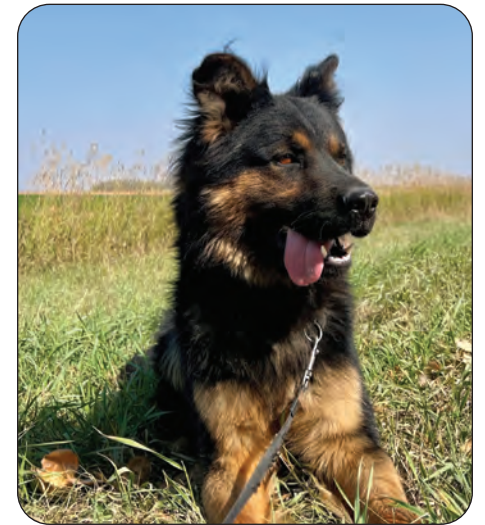


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Police Service Dog Stewie and a drone were able to quickly track the suspect and located the male hiding along a brush line at a neighbouring property.

Extra hour of sleep coming for Manitobans Sunday

By Lana Meier

Manitobans will get an extra hour of sleep this weekend as daylight time comes to an end.

Clocks will move back one hour at 2 a.m. on Sunday, Nov. 2, marking the return to local standard time across most of Canada.

The seasonal time change — often called “the end of daylight saving time” — was first introduced in Germany during the First World War as an energy-saving measure. The idea was later adopted in many countries to make better use of daylight during the longer days of spring and summer.

By shifting the clocks forward in March, people gain more evening sunlight and potentially reduce electricity use. When daylight hours grow shorter in the fall, clocks are set back to align daily routines with the available daylight.

Most Canadians continue to observe the twice-yearly time change, although some jurisdictions, including Yukon and most of Saskatchewan, remain on standard time year-round.

Daylight saving time will return again on Sunday, March 8, 2026, when clocks spring forward one hour.

Correction

Staff

In the *Stonewall Teulon Tribune* Oct. 23 article “Teulon Day Care celebrates 50 years of caring,” we incorrectly referred to Herb Solumundson as the late husband of Moira Solumundson. In fact, Herb Solumundson is living. The sentence should have read:

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.

The *Tribune* regrets the error.



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Local excellence celebrated at Chamber business gala

By Haley Cvar

Saturday night marked the beginning of a new tradition in the community, as the Stonewall & District Chamber of Commerce held its inaugural Business Awards Dinner at the Quarry Park Heritage Arts Centre.

The event gathered local business owners, volunteers, families and supporters to celebrate dedication, service and the shared pride that comes with building community together. The evening was sold out, reflecting strong interest in recognizing the people and enterprises who shape the region's identity and strengthen its local economy.

The awards highlighted not only business success but also the values that help define the region — commitment to customer care, community involvement, volunteerism and leadership in both established and emerging enterprises.

The **First Impressions Award** opened the evening, celebrating businesses that contribute to the overall appeal of the community through exterior presentation, landscaping, signage and property maintenance. The recognition highlights how a business's visual presence can foster welcoming, vibrant neighbourhoods.

Finalists included Willow Grove Orchard, The Kiln, Stonewall Florist and Waring Landscape & Supply.

Presented by Stonewall Mayor Sandra Smith, the award went to Waring Landscape & Supply.

The **Customer Service Award** recognizes a business that consistently provides positive, knowledgeable and memorable service experiences that encourage customers to return.

Finalists were Southside Service, Stonewall Home Hardware, The Rockwood Motor Inn and Sig's Grill.

Presented by Town of Stonewall



Merle Balsillie accepts the Community Volunteer Award from Bob Beck at the Stonewall & District Chamber of Commerce's inaugural Business Awards Dinner on Saturday night.

CAO Wally Melnyk, the recipient was Stonewall Home Hardware.

The **Community Service Award** honours a business that gives back through sponsorships, partnerships, event involvement and ongoing support of local initiatives.

Finalists included Rockwood Wrecking & Recovery, *The Stonewall Teulon Tribune* and the South Interlake Regional Library.

Presented by Chamber President Rob Price-Lewis, the award went to Rockwood Wrecking & Recovery.

The **Community Volunteer Award** celebrates individuals and groups whose dedicated service strengthens the spirit and well-being of the community.

Finalists included Stony Mountain Community Association, Merle Balsillie, Stonewall Rockwood Fire Department and Communities in Bloom.

Presented by long-time community

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TRIBUNE PHOTOS BY LANA MEIER AND HALEY CVAR

The Stonewall Teulon Tribune was recognized as Business of the Year at the Stonewall & District Chamber of Commerce's inaugural Business Awards Dinner, honouring the newspaper's commitment to community storytelling and local journalism. Pictured: Corrie Sargent, Jennifer McFee, Nicole Kapusta, Lana Meier and Christy Brown.



Ralph Eichler presents the New Business of the Year Award to Branden Meier, owner of The 19th Hole.



The Employer of the Year Award was presented by Chamber president Rob Price-Lewis to Something Beautiful/Association for Community Living Interlake.



Sandra Smith presented the first Impressions Award to Waring Landscape & Supply.



Stonewall Home Hardware received the Customer Service Award.



Rockwood Wrecking & Recovery received the Community Service Award.

> BUSINESS GALA, FROM PG. 10

volunteer Bob Beck, the award was presented to Merle Balsillie.

The **Employer of the Year Award** recognizes leadership in creating supportive, collaborative and respectful workplaces that encourage employee growth and well-being.

Finalists were Stonewall Glass, Biggz Scoops, The Kiln Drive-In and Something Beautiful/ Association for Community Living Interlake.

Presented by Rob Price-Lewis, the recipient was Something Beautiful/ Association for Community Living Interlake.

The **Farm of the Year Award** honours agricultural operations that demonstrate excellence in production, stewardship and community involvement.

Finalists included Boonstra Berry Farm, Old Cramb Farm and the Rock Solid Growing Project.

Presented by Rockwood Reeve Wes Taplin, the award was presented to Boonstra Berry Farm.

The **New Business of the Year Award** recognizes businesses established within the past five years that show strong growth, community engagement and commitment to local economic development.

Finalists were SBC Lashes, The 19th Hole and Biggz Scoops.

Presented by former Lakeside MLA Ralph Eichler, the award went to The 19th Hole.

The Business of the Year Award, the final award of the evening recognized leadership, growth, service excellence and ongoing community impact.

Finalists included Stonewall Home Hardware, *The Stonewall Teulon Tribune*, The Rockwood Motor Inn and Quarry Ridge Pharmacy.

Presented by Chuck Davidson, president and CEO of the Manitoba Chambers of Commerce, the award was presented to *The Stonewall Teulon Tribune*.

Publisher Lana Meier accepted the award on behalf of her team.

"This award belongs to my staff and my family just as much as it does to our business," Meier said. "Our purpose has always been simple: we connect people through stories, to build stronger communities. Local journalism matters. Telling our own stories matters. And we could not do that without the support of the businesses and organizations in our region."

She added: "There are businesses in this room who have believed in us since the beginning.

Your support is the reason we can record our local history as it happens — to celebrate accomplishments, share the news and shine a light on the people



Organizers of the Stonewall & District Chamber of Commerce's inaugural Business Awards Dinner, left to right: Christy Brown, Kaylin and Rob Price-Lewis.

and moments that make this region home."

Chamber president Rob Price-Lewis closed the evening by acknowledging the strength and character of the local business community.

Council backs accessibility grant, rejects cottage variance

By E. Antonio

The Rural Municipality of St. Laurent council met Oct. 1 to address zoning matters, infrastructure planning and regional development projects, including a proposal linked to the community's Dinosaur Park site.

Council voted against a zoning variance request from resident Adam Dalman to reduce the required minimum cottage floor area from 600 square feet to 96 square feet for a structure at 42 Poplar Bay. The application was denied because the building had already been constructed before council approval and the size was deemed too far below the municipality's zoning standards.

Chief administrative officer Billie Jean Oliver said the proposed structure was too small and the variance too great to be approved. Council plans to review minimum size requirements for cottages in future zoning bylaws.

Council also endorsed a Community Collaboration Grant application to Age-Friendly Manitoba to fund the installation of an automatic door and wheelchair-accessible ramp at the community library site, in partnership with the South Interlake Regional Library and other stakeholders.

Council is currently developing its budget and has not released any figures at this time.

With Canada Post workers previously on strike, councillors approved the purchase of a Munisoft email ex-

tension that will allow for electronic delivery of tax receipts, newsletters and other documents to residents. Although the strike has since ended, council plans to continue using the software to save time and money on administration. More information will be posted on the RM website, in the newsletter and on community bulletin boards once the system is active.

Other resolutions included approving a \$1,665.16 insurance payout for the St. Laurent Co-operative Recreation Centre to repair the water-fill station at the Laurent Kerbrat Arena, and correcting a bylaw number to renumber the Municipal Heritage Committee Establishment Bylaw from No. 11/2025 to No. 12/2025 to avoid duplication.

Two new probationary firefighters — Sydney Russell and Adrien Car-

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Dogs at Halloween: keeping your dog calm

Does your dog feels anxious with the loud noises and costumes? Here is some advice to reduce stress for dogs at Halloween.

Halloween can mean a steady stream of doorbell rings and knocks which can make your dog feel anxious. Painted faces and masks make people look strange and stressful for your pup. Some signs of stress in dogs can include slow tail wagging, spinning, cowering, wide eyes, withdrawal, stiff posture, rigid tail, snapping, and crouching. Recognize your dog's stressors to avoid incidents.

Techniques to help them through the stresses of Halloween:

- Take them for an early walk avoiding strange Halloween sights. Give them plenty of exercise before trick or treating starts.

- Distract them from loud noises outside with the radio or TV.

- Practice distraction from the doorbell ringing. Do trial runs with ringing the doorbell and offering a treat when they remain calm. Or practice placement on their mat when they hear the doorbell. If the doorbell is too stressful, consider turning it off.

- Prepare a Kong with treats/food, freeze it, and give to them to distract them trick or treaters.

- Get your pup familiar with your costume. If people in your household are dressing up for Halloween, encourage your dog or puppy to smell and investigate the costumes. Put any masks on in front of them and turn strange into a nice experience by giving them a few treats.

- Ask children or adults that are visiting Not to stand over your dog or suddenly approach them as this can be intimidating and potentially stressful.

- Keep some treats handy. Consider having a pot of dog treats by the door and if your dog does say hello to visitors nicely and happily, you could ask your Halloween visitors to give them a dog treat, if they're comfortable doing that.

- Only dress them in their collar. Most dogs don't enjoy wearing costumes and make them anxious. So, rather than a costume, you could consider getting a Halloween-style collar and lead if you want to involve your dog in some dress-up fun.

Safety tips for dogs at Halloween

- It is important to keep chocolate, sweets and their wrappers well away from your dog. Many sweets, especially those containing chocolate or xylitol (an artificial sweetener), are toxic to dogs.

- Candles in pumpkins and around the home can be dangerous around wagging tails and flowy costumes, so swap them for battery powered ones to reduce any risk.

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Inclusive hiring strengthens workplaces across the Interlake

By Jennifer McFee

October is Disability Employment Awareness Month — and it's also an ideal opportunity to acknowledge the win-win-win of workplace inclusion for employers, employees and the overall community.

In the Interlake, Connections to Employment is an employment support agency run by Inclusion Selkirk that supports the success of inclusive workplaces.

Funded by the provincial and federal governments, Connections to Employment launched in August 2020 to help Interlake residents with any disability to build the skills they need to gain meaningful paid employment. Clients can include people living with intellectual, learning and psychiatric disabilities, as well as mental health issues, who are ready for employment. At the same time, the organization supports people with disabilities and employers to ensure their success.

Cheryle Bacon, director of community development for Inclusion Selkirk and Connections to Employment, said they usually work with about 55 to 75 clients each year across the Interlake in communities that include Arborg, Marquette, Gimli, Stonewall, Selkirk and St. Andrews.

"We've discovered that many people want to work but there are a lot of barriers that we have to help overcome, and there's also a lack of opportunity depending on some of those barriers. If you're in a rural community and you don't have a drivers licence, you're relying on family and other supports to help you get to work," she said.

"The other piece that we do is network and build relationships with



TRIBUNE PHOTOS BY JENNIFER MCFEE

Oct. 22 was Take Your MLA to Work Day. Left to right: 204 Pallet and Packaging's general manager Steven Herzog, Jesse Redhead, Owen Jones, Lakeside MLA Trevor King and 204 Pallet and Packaging's production manager Ron Buchanan.

businesses. We find our best outcomes by understanding what the workplace culture is. The business needs to be willing to be able to provide support. We can support through the process, but we can't be a one-on-one job coach."

She acknowledged 204 Pallet and Packaging in Stony Mountain as a business that's excelling in inclusion. The local company creates custom packaging, including everything from pallets to crates to specialty designs.

"They're amazing. They build that capacity from within. They're committed to extra training and extra support as required. They carve out opportunities and they retrain whenever necessary," Bacon said. "They are constantly in communication with us to make sure that not only do they

obtain the employment but they retain the employment."

The company found out about the Connections to Employment program after being approached Bacon and employment coordinator Natalie Ross about five years ago.

Production manager Ron Buchanan said they were interested in participating since they were challenged by a lack of employees.

"We were really busy during COVID. It was probably the period of time when we were the furthest behind," he said. "On some orders, we were close to six months behind, and we were struggling for employees."

Programs like Connections to Employment helped the company get

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to its current two- to four-week lead time, added general manager Steven Herzog.

The company previously hired a worker through Connections to Employment who has since moved on to other opportunities.

Today, they employ two workers through the program. Owen Jones is a Warren Collegiate graduate who lives with an intellectual disability. Jesse Redhead is a Collège Stonewall Collegiate graduate who lives with FASD. For more than a year, they've both proven to be reliable employees who are making a difference through their hard work.

Jesse works on a resaw that converts 2-by-4s and 2-by-6s into 1-by-4s and 1-by-6s. Owen loads a saw that cuts wood for a machine that builds pallets. His other tasks include stamping and strapping the pallets.

"It's awesome to work here," Jesse said. "The best part is that I get to hang out with my best friend, Owen."

Likewise, Owen offered a succinct description of what he likes most about the job: "Everything."

They both look forward to employee appreciation lunches when the company treats its workers to a barbecue or pizza.

On Wednesday, Oct. 22, Lakeside MLA Trevor King visited 204 Pallet and Packaging and met with Jesse and Owen as part of Take Your MLA to Work Day. This event takes place across the Manitoba during Disability Employment Awareness Month to highlight the positive outcomes of hiring people with disabilities.

"It sounds like great work that you're doing," King told the duo during a tour of the Stony Mountain



Jesse Redhead has worked at 204 Pallet and Packaging in Stony Mountain for more than a year. Connections to Employment helped to facilitate the opportunity.

facility.

Looking ahead, Bacon hopes more businesses across the Interlake will consider hiring a worker with a disability.

"For Jesse and Owen to be offered full-time work and to retain it, that is huge. Now they're earning money, contributing back to the economy and they're part of a team," Bacon said.

"We really tip our hats to businesses like 204 Pallet. It's important and valuable work."

To learn more about Connections to Employment, visit <https://inclusionelkirk.ca/connectionstoemployment/>. To learn more about Disability Employment Awareness Month, visit <https://www.supportedemployment.ca/>.

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Spooktacular night in Warren brings kids together



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Warren Minor Ball hosted a Halloween dance for more than 50 students in grades 5 to 8, complete with a costume contest. Winners were: Funniest Costume — Joseph Vanasse; Creepiest Costume — Zoey Dew; Most Creative Costume — Wade Bennett and Xander Kaplar; and Best Costume — Emily McKinnon and Lily Fung.



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The BOOM to rock Balmoral community fundraiser

By Jennifer McFee

Mark your calendar for a fun-filled new fundraising event coming to Balmoral next month.

On Saturday, Nov. 22, Balmoral Community Hall will host a new event called Rockin' the Hall, which will replace the Flight Night events held in previous years.

This much-anticipated event will feature a fully stocked cash bar (rather than craft beer), and it will also include a door prize, catered snack, 50/50 draw and silent auction.

Doug Carter, who serves on the Balmoral Community Hall board with his wife Lisa, highlighted some of the evening's entertainment.

"The BOOM, a very fun and entertaining band, will perform covers of classic rock songs providing plenty of opportunities to test your dance moves. The band is fronted by local musician Dave Trach of Teulon. They performed two shows earlier this year at the Silver Spike in Transcona as well as at South Beach Casino," he said.

"Tickets are \$25 per person and include a chance at a door prize, great music and a catered snack of your choice courtesy of local catering powerhouse Prairie Fusion Catering. The

event will also feature a 50/50 draw and a silent auction boasting an impressive variety of prizes."

The outing aims to raise funds towards several projects at the community hall.

"The main floor of the hall is in need of refinishing, and the sign on the front of the building has not yet been replaced since re-siding occurred several years ago," Carter said.

"We are optimistic that both can be accomplished in 2026 with the help of fundraising events such as this."

At the same time, Carter extended gratitude to the individuals and businesses that make it all possible.

"We would like to thank patrons and local businesses who continue to support the hall and our fundraising efforts," he said.

"A specific thank you for silent auction donations will be published directly following the Nov. 22 fundraiser."

Rockin' the Hall is set for Saturday, Nov. 22 from 7:30 p.m. to midnight. Tickets are available by contacting any board members including Lisa Carter at 204-461-4046 or Doug Carter at 204-461-0489 (call or text).

Looking ahead, other upcoming events at the Balmoral Community



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Members of The BOOM, fronted by Teulon musician Dave Trach, will keep the dance floor hopping at Balmoral Community Hall's Rockin' the Hall fundraiser on Nov. 22. The high-energy band performs classic rock covers and promises a night of lively entertainment in support of hall upgrades.

Hall include the second annual family-friendly free kids' Halloween party on Oct. 26 from 1 to 4 p.m. For more information, contact Craig Lamm at 204-467-5079.

The community hall will also host a fundraising bingo on Monday, Nov. 3. All ages are welcome with doors opening at 6 p.m. and games starting at 7 p.m.

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riere — were accepted into the St. Laurent Fire Department, pending background checks and training requirements. The department now has 18 active members who regularly attend training and respond to calls.

Two of the department's units — Tanker 105 and Pumper 102 — recently underwent safety inspections. Unit 105 did not pass the initial check but has since been repaired and cleared

for use.

In her report, CAO Oliver noted meetings with neighbouring RMs to coordinate bylaw enforcement and progress toward crown land acquisition for lagoon expansion. The RM has conditional approval to purchase the property, dependent on whether it can obtain an Environment Act licence.

Oliver said the license is not expect-

ed until mid to late 2026, and the RM is working with Manitoba's Water Services Branch to complete the proposal.

The economic development report highlighted a productive joint site tour with Manitoba Transportation and Infrastructure (MTI) and Manitoba Hydro, where officials reviewed 12 potential business properties — in-

cluding Dinosaur Park, where a frontage-road design is being explored. Developers were advised that any future builds along provincial highways will require traffic-impact studies and may be responsible for additional roadway improvements. Council is waiting to hear back from MTI with recommendations.



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St. Laurent joins South Interlake Regional Library

By Jennifer McFee

The RM of St. Laurent is embracing a love of literacy by joining forces with the South Interlake Regional Library.

Andrea McCrimmon, executive director of South Interlake Public Library, said the RM approached the provincial government's Public Library Services about having a library in their community. They suggested that South Interlake Regional Library make a proposal to St. Laurent to join the existing regional library, which currently serves Stonewall, Teulon, Rockwood and Rosser.

"The RM of St. Laurent loved the proposal and has spent the last year going through the application processes with the province, Municipal Board and their own RM council," she said.

"We just signed the agreement to have the RM of St. Laurent officially join South Interlake Regional Library. We are all very excited to be partnering together."

St. Laurent residents can now use the Stonewall branch and Teulon branch libraries. In addition to books, they can also borrow DVDs, e-books and e-audiobooks. Adding to the excitement, the Bookmobile will soon be visiting St. Laurent twice every three weeks.

Looking ahead, Reeve Richard Chartrand said the RM plans to renovate

and upgrade the former municipal office into a fully operational library within the next two years. Built in 1902, the historic building is currently undergoing upgrades to add an accessible washroom, wheelchair ramp and up-to-date electrical and lighting.

"We are currently working at requesting funding and grants to assist us in completing this effort. We look forward to this service as long term. The Bookmobile, at this time, will provide a variety of options while the RM is working on establishing a library," Chartrand said.

"This is important to our community as it provides access for all residents. This is especially true to our students and our seniors. When the library is completed, it will be a place to gather and socialize."

McCrimmon agrees that it's a positive addition to the St. Laurent community to have access to library services.

"The St. Laurent library will be the first trilingual Michif-French-English public library in the world and will have library material, services and programs available in all three languages," she said.

"It will be an important way to facilitate sharing knowledge, culture and language within the community. It will also give people access to free WiFi, public computers, printing and



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The RM of St. Laurent plans to renovate and upgrade the former municipal office into a fully operational library, which will make history as the first trilingual Michif-French-English public library in the world.

other technology services."

In addition, South Interlake Regional Library will benefit from increased provincial funding now that St. Laurent is joining.

"The province's funding formula incentivizes having more participants in a regional library system," McCrimmon said.

"The province will now match the levies contributed by the other par-

ticipating towns and RMs at a higher rate, so it means better funding for all SIRC branches."

Representatives from the South Interlake Regional Library will be in St. Laurent at the RM office on Nov. 4 and 5 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. to help residents get their free library card so they can start enjoying all that the South Interlake Regional Library has to offer.

The difference dental implants made for Lynne

BY ELISHA VANDOR

"I'll be able to eat again" exclaimed Lynne as she felt her lower denture snap into 3 lower dental implants for the first time; "oh, and they're so natural-looking too!" With built up emotion, Lynne hugged and thanked Denturist Brock saying, "it was worth it".

We wish you could hear the SNAP as Lynne pushed down on her lower denture securing it into her three dental implants like snapping together a button tightly. For us, it's the successful sound of a tight-fitting lower denture, but for Lynne it's the sound of freedom. Freedom from struggling with a loose lower denture. She says, "to go from not being able to eat anything but soup and yogurt, being embarrassed and holding up my hand in front of my mouth to now being able to eat normally again and smile at people, it's been an excellent, excellent experience and I would suggest having it done to anybody." So, the big question ev-

eryone wants to know is, what is the dental implant procedure like? Lynne says, "I was petrified. I wasn't sure if was going to work properly. Now, feeling the way they fit properly and being able to take them in and out, it's been worth it. If the person can afford it, then definitely get it, even if it's 2-3 posts like I was able to get done. It feels natural, it really does."

A dental implant should feel natural! After all, the purpose of the dental implant is the same as a tooth root - anchoring the teeth for chewing purposes. Without an anchor, the ship floats away... the same can be said for a lower denture (specifically). Trying to chew with force and accuracy with a lower denture will not be as successful without it being snapped into at least two dental implants. Natural teeth can bite using a substantial amount of force and mulch food with ease because of the teeth's stability being rooted into the jawbone. The difference with dental implants is an anchored denture providing greater chewing force,

accuracy, and stability. All three combined will provide you with the ability to successfully and easily eat with a denture. As Lynne so excitedly said to us that she's trying out steak for the first time in a while because she's now confident in her chewing again like she once was with natural teeth.

For Lynne, the total amount of time it took to have the denture snapping into the dental implants from the time of the procedure was 3.5 months. In contrast, some dental implant procedures allow for the teeth to be secured onto the dental implants the same day. The wait period or no waiting period is dependant on the procedure, which can be discussed with our Denturists Brock and Matthew. Our consultations are free of charge! As Lynne says, "I always felt like it was family working with me here, you were excellent that way. To know I can eat properly again and smile, it feels natural. You all have been excellent."



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Lynne (pictured right) celebrates her new teeth with her friend Anna and Denturist Brock.

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Dundas, Senff rinks capture Stonewall MJCT titles

By Lana Meier

The annual Manitoba Junior Curling Tour bonspiel brought top young talent to the Stonewall Curling Club from Oct. 17 to 19, with 12 junior women's and 12 junior men's teams competing for the title.

In the women's division, Team Dundas — featuring Cassidy Dundas, Lauren Evason, Eryn Czirfusz and Tessa Terrick — captured the championship with a win over Team Samantha Eagles in the final.

On the men's side, Team Senff (Nicolas Senff, Nolan Ross, Colin Desaulniers and Justin Arbez) earned top honours after defeating Team Tyler Graham in the final. Stonewall's own Darren Legault curled with Team Graham, while fellow local curler Blake Good skipped his rink to a quarter-final finish.

The next major event on the Stonewall Curling Club calendar will be the Ladies Manitoba Curling Tour stop, scheduled for Nov. 21–23.



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Teams Dundas (left) and Senff earned top honours at the Stonewall Manitoba Junior Curling Tour bonspiel held Oct. 17–19 at the Stonewall Curling Club. Team Dundas, featuring Cassidy Dundas, Lauren Evason, Eryn Czirfusz and Tessa Terrick, won the women's division, while Team Senff — Nicolas Senff, Nolan Ross, Colin Desaulniers and Justin Arbez — captured the men's title.

Stonewall karate athletes dominant on national stage

By Lana Meier

Three members of the Stonewall Ka-

rate Club returned home with national podium finishes after competing at the Canadian National Karate Tournament in Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., held Oct. 17–19.

The Stonewall club, a member of the International Karate Daigaku (IKD), was represented by Laura Prystupa and her children, Kaleb and Hailey. They were among seven competitors and two judges who travelled from Manitoba to take part in the event, which brought together athletes from across Canada.

Laura delivered a strong performance throughout the weekend, earning gold in Individual Kata, silver in Individual Kumite and silver in Team Kumite.

Kaleb secured a bronze medal in Individual Kata, placing third in a competitive division.

Hailey earned a pair of national titles, finishing first in both Individual Kata and Individual Kumite.

In overall standings, Team Manitoba placed third among participating provinces.



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Laura, Kaleb and Hailey Prystupa of the Stonewall Karate Club brought home multiple medals from the Canadian National Karate Tournament held Oct. 17–19 in Sault Ste. Marie, Ont.

The Stonewall Karate Club continues to train local athletes of all ages under the IKD system, which focuses on traditional Shotokan karate and

values of respect, perseverance and discipline.

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Wildcats split week with loss to Huskies, bounce-back win over Gophers

By Annaliese Meier

The Warren Collegiate Wildcats earned a split in Manitoba Women's High School Hockey League Division 1/2 West play last week, falling 4-0 to the Sturgeon Heights Huskies on Tuesday before responding with a 5-3 win over the Garden City Gophers on Thursday at the Access Credit Union Arena.

Sturgeon Heights opened the scoring midway through the first period in Tuesday's matchup and added goals in each of the following frames. Despite the loss, Warren outshot the Huskies 19-17. Wildcats goaltender Joslyn Tetlock made 13 saves, while Huskies netminder Amy Brennenstuhl recorded the shutout.

Warren turned the page quickly on Thursday, using a strong third-period push to secure the win over Garden City. Mackenzie Boonstra and Nicole Hutchinson scored in the second pe-

riod to give the Wildcats a 2-1 lead, but the Gophers answered with two quick goals early in the third to move ahead 3-2. The Wildcats responded with three straight to close out the game.

Blake Darragh tied the score at 6:27 of the third, with assists from Maria Riddell and Annika Reesink. Hutchinson followed with her second of the game just over a minute later, and Lilly Skinner added an insurance marker in the final seconds. Hutchinson finished the night with two goals and an assist, while Riddell and Reesink each recorded two helpers. Tetlock stopped 20 shots for the win.

Warren outshot Garden City 33-23.

The Wildcats host the VMC Trojans on Tuesday, Oct. 28 at 3:15, before travelling to Winnipeg to face the Westwood Warriors on Friday, Oct. 31 at 4 p.m.



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Warren's Mackenzie Boonstra scores the opening goal against the Garden City Gophers during second-period action last Thursday at the Access Credit Union Arena. The Wildcats went on to win 5-3.

Saints take Teulon title



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The Teulon Saints won their home tournament after going undefeated in round-robin and playoff play, finishing the day with a 25-17, 25-14 straight-sets victory over Fisher River in the final. Pictured left to right, back row: Coach Derek C., Lily S., Lilly M., Mya M., Scarlett W., Avery M., Annah C., coach Mike R.; front row: Jaielyn T., Olivia P., Lanaya T., Kate R., Ainsleigh H. and Zuri C.

Wildcats dominate in Price Division shutout

By Annaliese Meier

The Warren Collegiate Wildcats put together a commanding performance in WSHL Price Division action on Oct. 21, rolling to an 8-0 shutout win over Kildonan East at the Gateway Recreation Centre.

After a scoreless first period, the Wildcats exploded with five goals in the second, taking full control of the game. Ty Olson led the charge with a four-goal night, including three at even strength and another early in the third to complete a natural hat trick. Braeden Ivany had a standout game as well, recording a goal and four assists, while Lexon Hogg added two goals — one at even strength and one on the power play.

Kaelen Ivany capped off the scoring with a power-play marker late in the third. Rhet King and Ashton Baldwin each finished with three

assists as Warren's forward group moved the puck efficiently and controlled the offensive zone.

At the other end of the ice, goaltender Mason Klassen turned aside all 15 shots he faced to earn the shutout, while the Wildcats' defensive core kept Kildonan East to limited chances throughout.

The win reflects Warren's balanced team play early in the season — strong puck movement, disciplined zone coverage and contributions across all four lines.

UPCOMING GAMES:

Warren returns home Monday, Oct. 27 to host Murdoch MacKay at the Access Credit Union Arena at 3:15 p.m. The Wildcats then continue Price Division play on Monday, Nov. 3 when they travel to face Pinaawa.

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Interlake picks up momentum with sweep

By Annaliese Meier

The Interlake Lightning put together one of their strongest weeks of the season, earning a 6-2 road win over the Central Plains Capitals on Wednesday before rolling to an 8-1 victory over the Kenora Thistles on Friday in U18 AAA action.

On Wednesday in Portage la Prairie, the Lightning controlled the pace early and were rewarded when Mad-den van Kemenade opened the scoring midway through the first period. Interlake broke the game open with three goals in the second, including a power-play marker from Thoren Corbett and a shorthanded strike by Damon Marquart.

Jacob Keck also found the back of the net, while van Kemenade capped off his three-goal performance with tallies in the first and third periods. Mathias Sibilleau was a factor throughout, finishing with three assists, and defencemen Sam Corbett, Ben den Teuling and Logan Jacobson each chipped in helpers from the back end.

Goaltender Grayson McDonald turned aside 34 shots for the win as Interlake edged the Capitals 38-36 on the shot clock.

The Lightning carried that momentum into Kenora on Friday, overwhelming the Thistles 8-1 and

outshooting them 68-26 in a commanding performance. Jacobson stole the spotlight with a rare defenceman's hat trick, scoring once in each period — including a power-play marker in the second.

Van Kemenade added two more goals, bringing his weekly total to five, while Corwyn Bear, Elijah Rempel and Lucas Miller rounded out the scoring. Sibilleau (two assists) and Reid Toporoski (three assists) continued to drive Interlake's transition game, and Huver and Kyler Zulyniak added helpers from the blue line.

McDonald once again stood tall, stopping 25 shots to earn his second

win of the week.

Special teams played a significant role across both games. The Lightning finished 6-for-11 on the power play and killed 11 of 12 penalties over the two-game stretch.

The Lightning look to keep rolling with three games this week:

- Wednesday, Oct. 29 at Winnipeg Thrashers, 7:15 p.m., Seven Oaks CC
- Friday, Oct. 31 at Brandon Wheat Kings, 7:30 p.m., J&G Homes Arena
- Sunday, Nov. 2 vs. Yellowhead Chiefs, 1 p.m., Teulon-Rockwood Arena

Warren continues search for first win in HTJHL play

By Annaliese Meier

The Warren 67's dropped two games in Hanover Tache Junior Hockey League action this past week, falling 4-1 to the Ste. Anne Aces and 4-1 to the Springfield Xtreme.

On Oct. 23, Warren hosted Ste. Anne and got on the board late in the first period when Owen Shymko scored on the power play, assisted by Ethan Shymko. That cut the Aces' lead to

2-1 after 20 minutes. Ste. Anne added two more in the second and held Warren off the scoresheet the rest of the way. Warren was 1-for-7 on the power play. Goaltender Preston Laschyn turned aside 42 shots in the loss.

On Oct. 26 in Springfield, the Xtreme opened the scoring with a shorthanded marker and then added three in the third before Warren answered late. Shymko scored again for the 67's,

this time on the power play, assisted by Justin Braid and Brennon Chartrand at 18:32 of the third. Springfield sealed the game with an empty-net goal in the final minute. Dallas Shaver made 44 saves in the loss. Warren finished the night 1-for-5 on the power play, while Springfield went 0-for-4.

With the pair of defeats, Warren sits 11th in the HTJHL standings at 0-6-0, with 14 goals scored and 41 allowed.

The 67's continue league play this week:

- Wednesday, Oct. 29 – vs. Red River, 8 p.m., Access Credit Union Arena, Warren
- Saturday, Nov. 1 – vs. Springfield, 8 p.m., One Insurance Arena, Springfield

Lightning fall in pair of league matchups; sit eighth in standings

By Annaliese Meier

The Interlake Lightning were shut out in two Manitoba Female U18 AAA games this week, dropping a 5-0 decision to the Winnipeg Avros on Sept. 27 and an 8-0 result against the Eastman Selects on Oct. 26.

Against the Avros, the Lightning kept the opening period scoreless before Winnipeg scored three times in the second, including two on the power play. The Avros added two more in the third. Interlake was outshot 47-13, with goaltender Joslyn Tetlock mak-

ing 42 saves in the loss.

On Oct. 26, Eastman built a 5-0 lead in the first period and went on to outshoot the Lightning 51-4. Tetlock and Eleanor Sugimoto split the game in goal and combined for 43 saves.

Interlake sits eighth in the league

standings at 1-7-0, with 8 goals for and 46 against.

The Lightning return to play on Tuesday, Nov. 11 when they visit the Winnipeg Ice at the Hockey for All Centre in Winnipeg at 6:15 p.m.

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Thunder, Mustangs set for trilogy championship clash

By Kieran Reimer

It's the matchup many expected to see in the first weekend of November.

The Interlake Thunder varsity squad, undefeated this season, will take on the St. Vital Mustangs, the reigning back-to-back champions. The two teams will meet for the Rural Manitoba Football League championship this weekend in Stonewall — the third consecutive final between the rivals, with kickoff set for 2 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 2.

St. Vital has held the upper hand in previous years, and Thunder players and staff are eager for a different outcome this time around.

Many on Interlake's roster were part of both earlier finals losses and came into this season with a chip on their shoulder. The Thunder also hold the

head-to-head advantage this year, having defeated St. Vital 47-32 in Week 1.

Now, much later into the season, both teams have developed into polished, playoff-ready contenders.

"We've changed a lot since then — we'll find out how much they've changed," said Thunder head coach Christof Hasselfield. "I'm quite confident that our team has grown immensely since Week 1. Our defence didn't really form up and come together to become the machine that it was through the year until maybe Week 3 or 4, and lots of lessons go into that."

"I trust the way our guys have responded. We know we're in for a heck of a game, and I'd be lying if I said there wasn't part of me that wouldn't

have it any other way than to go through the Mustangs and do it in a way that leaves no doubt."

Both clubs rolled through their semi-finals last week — Interlake defeating Moosomin 50-34 on the road, and St. Vital cruising past Dauphin 48-14.

This time, the Thunder will have home-field advantage, with the championship set for Stonewall.

Interlake opened the scoring on an A.J. Nadon touchdown before Moosomin answered. The Thunder trailed 8-7 after the first quarter but took control with a 13-1 second quarter to lead 20-9 at halftime.

Their offence broke the game open in the third, as quarterback Jessie Batenchuk connected with his familiar targets. Jamie Dandeneau and Dylan

MacLean each found the end zone, while Christian Mozdzen scored late to seal the win.

Hasselfield credited Moosomin for putting up one of the toughest challenges Interlake has seen this season.

"They gave us the biggest challenge we've had so far this year," he said. "That's how playoff football goes. Their offensive line and their defensive line punched us in the mouth a couple of times. But I appreciate the way our guys fought back, regained their composure and really put it on them in the third quarter."

The RMFL championship will kick off at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 2 at Stonewall Collegiate Field.

Jets soaring after bounce-back domination of Twins

By Kieran Reimer

It was a tale of two games for the Stonewall Jets last week.

Riding a three-game win streak heading into Charleswood on Friday, the Jets couldn't maintain their momentum, falling behind 3-0 to the Hawks before Peyton Bateman put them on the board in the second period. The Hawks added three more in the third, while Alex Kaczorows-

ki replied for Stonewall, as the Jets dropped a 6-2 decision to snap their streak.

On Sunday, however, Stonewall's offence roared back in a big way.

The Jets exploded for a 10-3 win over the Ft. Garry/Ft. Rouge Twins on home ice, marking their largest margin of victory this season. Evan Deprez, Karson King and Bateman each scored twice, while Kaczorows-

ki, Adam Newcombe, Wylie Garchinski and Rylan Slatcher rounded out the scoring to push Stonewall into double digits.

Goaltender Spencer Hunnam stopped 21 of 24 shots to earn his fourth win of the year.

The Jets now sit fourth in the Manitoba Major Junior Hockey League standings with a 5-3 record and 10 points.

Stonewall returns to action Thursday at home before visiting the Raiders Jr. Hockey Club on Sunday.

Upcoming games:

Thursday, Oct. 30 vs. River East Royal Knights, 8 p.m., Veterans Memorial Sports Complex

Sunday, Nov. 2 at Raiders Jr. Hockey Club, 2 p.m., Seven Oaks Sportsplex

Rams look to regroup in Winnipeg Free Press Division play

By Annaliese Meier

The Stonewall Rams dropped a 7-2 decision to the CLR Lakers on Oct. 21 in Winnipeg High School Hockey League action, as part of the Winnipeg Free Press Division schedule.

CLR opened the scoring early and carried the momentum through the second period, where they struck for four goals to build a lead the Rams couldn't close. Stonewall's offence sparked late in the middle frame

when Alec Harrisko buried a setup from Banx Chartrand and Matthew Hawryluk to put the Rams on the board.

Hawryluk added a goal of his own in the third, finishing a play from Aaron Orsulak and Dustin Campbell, but CLR responded with two more to seal the win.

Goaltender Tyler Loehmer turned aside 26 shots in the loss, battling through a busy night in the crease.

Stonewall also had difficulty establishing momentum during stretches of penalty trouble in the third period.

The game followed a weekend split with JH Bruns, which included a 3-2 shootout win at home on Oct. 17, showing Stonewall is capable of grinding out tight games when they dictate pace and structure.

The Rams now aim to regroup as the schedule continues to settle in.

Stonewall returns home Wednesday, Oct. 29 to host CPET at the Stonewall Veterans Memorial Sports Complex at 4 p.m. The Rams then head on the road Tuesday, Nov. 4 to face Springfield in Oakbank, before returning home Wednesday, Nov. 5 to take on Gab Roy in another divisional matchup.

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

COMMUNITY AND RECREATION SERVICES COORDINATOR - 21 MONTH TERM

The Town of Stonewall is seeking applications from qualified individuals for the term position of Community and Recreation Services Coordinator.

Under direct supervision of the Quarry Park Manager, the Community and Recreation Services Coordinator shall be responsible for implementing the Town of Stonewall and Quarry Parks' recreational needs and lead programming, providing opportunities that build a healthy, vibrant, and strong community for all ages. This position will also provide administrative support to Quarry Park.

Hourly wage will be commensurate with education, qualifications and experience. This position includes an excellent employee benefit package

The preferred applicant must be detail oriented, will have excellent communication, interpersonal and organizational skills, sound administrative skills, be self-motivated, able to work independently, follow oral and written instruction, and take charge/direct others in an emergency, as well as maintain an effective working relationship with co-workers and the public. Experience in leadership and problem-solving or decision-making are preferred. Social media, marketing and program development skills would be an asset.

A detailed job description can be obtained by email at ashleym@stonewall.ca.

Procedure for Applying:

Qualified Applicants are invited to submit a cover letter summarizing relevant experience, a resume, plus three (3) references to:

Town of Stonewall
Attention: Kelly Kimball
293 Main Street, Box 250
Stonewall, Manitoba
Email: ashleym@stonewall.ca

Deadline for applications: 4:00 PM on Friday, November 7, 2025

Start date: January 6, 2026

The Town of Stonewall thanks all applicants, however only candidates interviewed will be contacted.

PRAIRIE ROSE SCHOOL DIVISION Operational 2026-2027 Budget Community Consultation

Each year, Prairie Rose School Division's (PRSD) Board of Trustees consults with parents/guardians and community stakeholders of PRSD as they develop the annual Operational Budget for the following school year. This year, PRSD is hosting an in-person/virtual General Community 2026-2027 Operational Budget Consultation at St. Laurent School on November 19, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.

If you are interested in joining the conversation on what should be the Board's focus in the 2026-2027 Operational Budget, please register online by visiting our website at www.prsdmb.ca or contact us by email at prsd@g.prsdmb.ca. A virtual meeting link will be sent via email to those who pre-register. The questions will be posted online prior to the consultation date.

The suggestions and recommendations shared with the Board each year by our parents/guardians and community stakeholders are greatly appreciated. We look forward to hearing your voices on November 19th.



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McRae Family - Our family would like to thank everyone for there kindness and condolences on the passing of our mom, Donalda McRae. Your kind words, flowers, cards, along with the baking were very much appreciated. Thank you to Mary for presiding over the service and giving our family closure and peace of mind. Darryl for going out of his way to play and sing for us. To Ashley for the beautiful power point memories of mom. To Rhonda Manchulanko and Donald Slocombe for the memories of mom. You summed up mom to a T. Whitney, your memories of mom were totally as true as it could have been. It was like replaying life. You put a lot of time and feelings into everything you said. All we can say is it was incredible, so full of love and honesty. We were overwhelmed by the attendance and appreciate everyone of you. Thank you is not enough.

IN MEMORIAM



Joanne O'Dell
October 2, 1953 – November 1, 2021
A Smile

...costs nothing, but gives much. It enriches those who receive without making poorer those who give. It takes but a moment but memory of it lasts forever. None is so mighty that he can get along without it. And none is so rich that he cannot be made richer by it. A smile creates happiness in the home, fosters goodwill in business...and is the countersign of friendship. It brings rest to the weary, cheer to the discouraged, sunshine to the sad and is nature's best antidote for trouble. Yet, it cannot be bought, begged, borrowed or stolen. For it is given away. Some people are too tired to give you a smile. Give them one of yours – as none needs a smile so much as he who has none to give.

-Ernest R. Conrad

This is an excellent description of how Joanne lived her life.
We miss your beautiful smile every day.
-With all our love,
Larry, Steve, Ernie and Ron

CARD OF THANKS

Thank you to the Vintage Locomotive Society and The Prairie Gunslingers who raised \$1229.80 and the Stonewall Small Business Spotlight who raised \$247.50 and donated their fundraising contributions to this years' Coffeehouse to End Cancer bringing the 2025 show's running donation total to over \$29,000! We are so grateful for the incredible community support.

-Paige Procter
Founder, Coffeehouse to End Cancer

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**REGARDING SPECIAL SERVICE PROPOSAL- BY-LAW NO. 01-26
FOR THE RESIDENTIAL WASTE AND RECYCLABLE
CURBSIDE COLLECTION, REMOVAL AND DISPOSAL
SERVICE WITHIN THE TOWN OF STONEWALL**

The council of the Town of Stonewall has scheduled a public hearing at Town Hall, 293 Main Street, Stonewall on the **19th day of November, 2025 at 6:30 PM** to present **special service proposal 1-2026**.

A written objection may be filed with the Chief Administrative Officer, at the Town Office via email to info@stonewall.ca prior to the commencement of the hearing. At the hearing, Council will hear any potential taxpayer who wishes to make a presentation, ask questions or register an objection to the special service proposal.

All objections, written or verbal, must be filed prior to the adjournment of the hearing and must include the name, address and property description of the person filing the objection and the grounds of their objection.

Copies of the special service proposal are available on the Town municipal website at: www.stonewall.ca.

Dated at the Town of Stonewall this 17th day of October A.D. 2025 and issued pursuant to Section 318 of The Municipal Act.

Wally R. Melnyk
Chief Administrative Officer
Town of Stonewall
204-467-7979 | wmelnyk@stonewall.ca



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**REGARDING SPECIAL SERVICE PROPOSAL- BY-LAW NO. 02-26
TO IDENTIFY URBAN SERVICES OUTSIDE OF THE
GENERAL MILL RATE TO BE LEVIED AGAINST A SET OF
SPECIFIC ROLL NUMBERS WITHIN THE NINE ORIGINAL
QUARTER SECTIONS OF THE TOWN OF STONEWALL**

The council of the Town of Stonewall has scheduled a public hearing at Town Hall, 293 Main Street, Stonewall on the **19th day of November, 2025 at 6:40 PM** to present **special service proposal 2-2026**.

A written objection may be filed with the Chief Administrative Officer, at the Town Office via email to info@stonewall.ca prior to the commencement of the hearing. At the hearing, Council will hear any potential taxpayer who wishes to make a presentation, ask questions or register an objection to the special service proposal.

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IN MEMORIAM

Lois Ritchie
July 29, 1938 – October 27, 2022
I miss your words of wisdom,
I miss your laughter too;
Nothing will ever compare again,
To my years of loving you.
I'll hold onto you forever,
Deep within my heart;
And though you are not here, my love,
I know we'll never part.
I wish I had just one more chance,
To see that tender smile;
To laugh with you again, my love,
Just for a little while.
No man could wish for better,
To share in love and life;
I count myself lucky, every day,
To have called you my wife.

-Love Bill

Mom,
Time passes,
Memories stay;
Loved and remembered,
Every day.

-Heather and Bryan

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

IN MEMORIAM



Thomas George Kowalchuk
December 15, 1942 - November 3, 2019
Gone yet not forgotten,
Although we are apart,
Your spirit lives within us,
Forever in our hearts
-Missing you, Dad and Eddie every day,
with love from your whole family

OBITUARY



In Loving Memory of
Katherine Griffin (Mailman)
January 7, 1962 - October 15, 2025
Katherine Griffin passed away peacefully at the age of 63 in Stony Mountain, Manitoba.
She was a loving mother to Garret Griffin, Lynnea Faschauner and Cierra Faschauner; a proud grandmother to Kate, Jayce and Elayna; and a loving sister to Martin, Marvin and Vance.
Katherine had a gentle heart and a deep love for her family. She found joy in gardening, being outdoors and spending time with friends. Her kindness, laughter and nurturing spirit touched everyone around her.
A service to celebrate her life will be held at New Life Church on Sunday, November 2 at 2:30 p.m.
Her light will continue to bloom in the hearts of all who loved her.

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