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Cadet Reineke hands a wreath to Lucy Campbell, who lays it in honour of Canada's fallen — including her great-grandfather Alan Campbell and great-great-uncle Hugh Campbell, both Second World War veterans — during Teulon's Remembrance Day service, as her grandpa Bert Campbell looks on.

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Grandmas Gone Wild packs the Stonewall Legion

By Lana Meier

The Stonewall Legion was transformed into the lively “Soggy Bottoms Retirement Home” on Nov. 7 as the Interlake Harlequins welcomed guests to a hilarious Grandmas Gone Wild Ladies Night Out in support of Ducks Unlimited Canada.

A total of 160 tickets were sold, and guests enjoyed a catered chicken dinner prepared by Blue Water Whole Hog. By the end of the night, \$12,580 had been raised for conservation efforts.

It was a full-blown sea of grey hair, housecoats and hilariously creative costumes as party-goers took part in games, auctions and plenty of good-natured mischief. The light-hearted theme didn’t overshadow the evening’s purpose: raising awareness and support for conservation.

Ducks Unlimited Canada volunteer coordinator Tracey Machan also took a moment to honour several long-serving volunteers. Patti Taylor and Roberta Baker were recognized for an impressive 10 years of volunteer service with DUC,

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A pair of granny cheerleaders prove age is just a number as they dip low in the limbo game during the Grandmas Gone Wild Ladies Night Out.



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Teulon bonspiel to support local boy facing cancer diagnosis

By Lana Meier

The Teulon Curling Club will host a youth bonspiel next month with proceeds supporting a young local boy recently diagnosed with brain cancer.

Curl Manitoba, the Teulon Curling Club and the Jonathan Watson Memorial Bonspiel (JWMB) committee are partnering to present the Teulon Youth Spiels from Dec. 5 to 7. The event will feature an Open U13 division with an \$80 entry fee and an Open U15 division with a \$100 entry fee. In keeping with the purpose of the long-running memorial bonspiel, funds raised through the silent auction, 50/50 draws and other activities will go directly to the family of Revan Louis, a Teulon youth currently undergoing treatment.

Organizer Brenda Watson said the partnership with Curl Manitoba allows the competitive side of the bonspiel to run seamlessly while the JWMB committee focuses on fundraising, a role they know well.

"As you know, we hold the JWMB each year and some years,

unfortunately, we have families who we need to help directly and other years we give to CancerCare pediatrics in some way, shape or form," Watson said. "We now do the JWMB in conjunction with Curl Manitoba, so they run the bonspiel and the JWMB committee runs the fundraising, and the Teulon Curling Club runs the canteen and the bar."

Watson said the fundraising slate will be extensive again this year.

"We will have a silent auction, and we canvas businesses in Teulon through the Teulon Chamber of Commerce. We also send letters to businesses not involved in the chamber, as well as other businesses in the Interlake who give us ongoing support," she said. "Our silent auction is usually out of this world, and I expect it to be no less this year."

Daily 50/50 draws will be held, along with the return of the popular "Toonie Broom," where participants buy a \$2 ticket — with half going to the pot and the other half taped to a broom that becomes the prize. Direct donations

for the Louis family will also be accepted throughout the weekend.

Teams can register online through Curl Manitoba, but Watson stressed that community support doesn't depend on being on the ice.

"If people do not curl, they can come to the Teulon Curling Club Dec. 5 to 7 and buy tickets to support the family — maybe they will even win," she said. "Or they can make a monetary donation that will go directly to the family."

For Watson, supporting Revan and his family is deeply personal. Her son Jonathan, for whom the memorial bonspiel is named, passed away from cancer in 2005.

"As you know, we lost our son Jonathan to cancer in 2005," she said. "During his sev-



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Free seminar helps grieving individuals to navigate the holidays

By Jennifer McFee

The holidays can be challenging for those who are experiencing grief.

An upcoming GriefShare seminar aims to provide encouragement, support and tools to help grieving individuals to navigate the holiday season. The Nov. 30 event at New Life Church in Stonewall will be a two-hour dessert night with a 40-minute video as well as some time for sharing.

“Surviving the Holidays is a one-time GriefShare event. Whether this is the first, second or 10th holiday after your loved one’s death, the emotions that may arise in the days ahead can blindside you,” said Allison Emmer of Heroic Family Mission.

“Surviving the Holidays is meant to guide you through

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Allison Emmer of Heroic Family Mission is helping organize “Surviving the Holidays,” a one-night GriefShare seminar at New Life Church in Stonewall on Nov. 30.

the rough patches and curves of the holiday season by providing support and direction to navigate the holidays in a healthy way.”

The Nov. 30 event is geared for those who have been bereaved or who are supporting someone who has experienced this type of loss.

Emmer said her friend Shirley Thiessen, who wrote *Little Black Funeral Dress: 5 Things I Wish I Knew About Grief*,

explained that holidays are difficult because intact families are gathering yet some families are missing a loved one — and the gap they leave behind is bigger than anticipated. Friends are often silent or unsure if they should acknowledge the loss.

For those who are supporting others, Emmer points to Thiessen’s web-site <https://cornerbend.com> for some useful resources. She also suggests several strategies to help people cope.

“While everyone is different and we grieve differently, for some coping means skipping the ‘normal’ things that are done on a holiday — maybe going on a trip instead of being at home,” Emmer said.

She said Thiessen skipped Christmas the first year after she lost her son. The second year, she found comfort in adding ornaments to the tree that represented her son, while also lighting a candle and talking about him.

Yet for Emmer, the path looked different after the loss of her husband Paul, who died in December 2023 after a three-year cancer battle.

“Unlike Shirley, as my family has navigated a few holidays without Paul, I have found it helpful to do similar things to what we used to do. We love to celebrate in ways that Paul would have enjoyed,” she said.

“The goal of Surviving the Holidays is to give a variety of ideas so each participant can figure out what might work best for them where they are at.”

If you’re unsure how to support a grieving friend, Emmer suggests a few options.

“Choose to invite them to Christmas gatherings. Don’t say their ‘no’ for them. Grief needs to be dosed with some social interaction. Give the griever freedom to arrive late and leave early or not attend at all. Remove expectations. Say the name of their loved one who died. Give the gift of sharing a story, a picture or memory of their person. Remind your grieving friend that they are loved and their person will not be forgotten,” she said.

“Be patiently present. Offer to do the Christmas baking, shovel the driveway all December, string the house lights or buy gifts. Ultimately, being sensitive means not ignoring their sorrow or pretending their loss didn’t happen.”

Surviving the Holidays runs from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 30 at New Life Church (6106E Highway 67, Stonewall). The event is free but pre-registration is encouraged so that the organizers can prepare. Registration can be done online at GriefShare.org or by calling the church office at 204-467-5529.

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Economic development tour highlights communities along Highway 7

By Jennifer McFee

Communities along Highway 7 had the chance to showcase economic initiatives, local businesses and must-see attractions during a recent tour.

A group of visitors recently made the trip to Stonewall and Teulon to participate in a Manitoba Chambers of Commerce (MCC) economic development tour. This one-day tour connected participants with local chamber representatives, business leaders and elected officials.

After leaving Winnipeg bright and early on Oct. 29, the tour headed to

Teulon for its first stop at the castle sign, followed by a presentation and breakfast at Teulon's Farmhouse Café. Familiar faces greeted the crowd, including Teulon Mayor Todd Campbell, Jan Lambourne on behalf of the Teulon and District Chamber and David Leduchowski on behalf of the Teulon Community Development Initiative.

From there, the group headed to Vidir Solutions to tour the local manufacturing hub, followed by a visit to

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Tour participants visited Vidir Solutions in Teulon, where they learned about the company's manufacturing operations and ongoing expansion.



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Teulon Mayor Todd Campbell greets participants during the Manitoba Chambers of Commerce economic development tour on Oct. 29, welcoming visitors as they stopped in Teulon to learn about local business initiatives and community projects.

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Teulon Remembrance Day ceremony honours past and present soldiers

By E. Antonio

Hundreds of community members gathered at the Teulon Rockwood Centennial Centre on Nov. 11 to honour the past and present soldiers who sacrificed their lives for our country.

Alan Campbell was the master of ceremonies at the Teulon Remembrance Day service and spoke on behalf of guests, offering gratitude, support and sympathy for the Canadian veterans.

"On Remembrance Day, we acknowledge the courage and sacrifice of those who served for their country, and acknowledge our responsibility to work for the peace they fought so hard to achieve," he said. "On Nov. 11, especially — but also throughout the year — we, as Canadians, have the opportunity to remember the efforts of all of the special people that I talked about. In remembering, we pay homage to those who respond to their country's needs."

Pastor Claire Speary delivered the Call to Remember and opening prayer to those who attended. She expressed the impact wars had on Canadians.

"These wars touched the lives of Canadians of all ages. All cultures, all social backgrounds fathers and sons, mothers and daughters — they were killed in action, they were wounded, and thousands who returned were forced to live the rest of their lives with the physical and mental scars of war," she said.

Campbell continued to speak to the importance of Remembrance Day, before heading into the reading of *In Flanders Fields* by Jocelyn Chamaillard, Colbie Cook and Callia Cook, listening to the Last Post and the two minutes of silence.

"The two minutes of silence provides another significant way of remembering wartime while thinking of peace. Two minutes are scarcely enough time for thought and reflection. As we pause and bow our heads, we remember those brave men and women who courageously volunteered for the cause of freedom and peace. Just think about that person," he said. "In the scope of our day-to-day lives, think about how quickly two minutes will pass without even knowing it. And think about what we're thinking about here today. For those who lived through these wars, remembering means thinking of comrades, evokes memories of men and women who never returned home. Those born after the wars might picture the youthful soldiers who eagerly joined up from high schools, businesses and farms across the country, only to meet death while fighting against the enemy. They may imagine the anguish of a man leaving a new wife, a young family, an elderly mother. The important thing for all of us to remember is that they fought to preserve



a way of life, Canadian values and the freedom we enjoy today and often take for granted."

Active and former service members and family and friends laid their wreaths at the front of the hall, paying tribute to the lives lost.

The ceremony concluded with an honorary candle lighting, Words of Remembrance, and the song *White Cliffs of Dover* by Vera Lynn.

"It's important that the message that we will take away from today, continues to inform how we engage and how we talk with our fellow Canadians on the other 364 days of the year," Campbell added.

Other Teulon Remembrance Day events included a pre-ceremony pancake breakfast fundraiser hosted by the Teulon & Area Lions Club, free dainties and drinks post-service, and wreath laying at the cenotaph.



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Community members gathered at the Teulon Rockwood Centennial Centre on Nov. 11 for the annual Remembrance Day service, where local youth read *In Flanders Fields* and wreaths were laid in honour of Canada's fallen. The ceremony featured reflections from master of ceremonies Alan Campbell and Pastor Claire Speary, along with an honorary candle lighting and two minutes of silence before participants moved to the cenotaph for additional wreath laying.



St. Laurent council reviews grants and infrastructure plans

By E. Antonio

The Rural Municipality of St. Laurent council met for its regular meeting on Oct. 15, 2025, addressing a range of municipal matters from charitable grants to infrastructure and surplus equipment.

Council approved its agenda and the minutes from the Oct. 1 meeting before moving to committee reports.

Council noted that ropes have been installed at Meindl Park to reinforce no-fishing regulations and discussed the removal of signage at Twin Beach. Chief administrative officer Billie Jean Oliver said the rope was necessary to help limit trespassing and litter throughout the park. Regarding the sign, she said high volumes of people were turning down Venice South and stopping abruptly to read it, creating a traffic hazard.

"Currently this is in discussion stages and a review of the zoning for the area would need to be reviewed to determine if the regulation would need to be amended," she added.

Council also reported that the waste transfer site truck is in for maintenance and noted the need for ad-

ditional storage space at the public works building. While an expansion is not being considered at this time, extra shelving has been added to increase storage capacity.

Coun. Yves Combot attended meetings on community futures and climate adaptation in St. Laurent, while Coun. Tom Johnson worked on drainage tenders and community event planning. Coun. Perry Gaudry reported that drainage tenders are now complete and highlighted ongoing concerns from landowners along Gravel Ridge and Stony Ridge roads.

Oliver said the RM has reviewed the affected areas and established a plan based on priority needs, with many of the identified projects already completed. She does not expect construction to significantly affect residents, as the work is taking place in the east end of the municipality, away from high-traffic areas.

On infrastructure matters, council declared a 1992 Freightliner rescue van, a Snuffer Pump system and an older set of vehicle-extrication equipment as surplus and approved their

sale. Council also authorized proceeding with a real property application and survey work tied to planned road extensions on Leighton Avenue, Weather Lane and Francis Street.

In a notable motion, council voiced its support for increasing the Manitoba Water Services Board's (MWSB) capital budget from \$24 million to \$100 million annually, citing province-wide delays in water and wastewater infrastructure due to oversubscription and limited funding.

"There are many projects across Manitoba that cannot move forward due to the insufficient funding of the MWSB," Oliver said. "In St. Laurent, we are working towards expanding our lagoon. Support from the MWSB is crucial for our project to move forward."

The MWSB is currently completing the lagoon's pre-design work and the environmental impact assessment report needed for licensing. Once licensing is in place, the RM will be able to begin construction.

Council also met with its lawyer to sign documents tied to the land trans-

fer of 35 Sandpiper Cove, a property acquired through the tax-sale process.

"It was then determined to be surplus assets and we accepted a bid on the property and subsequently sold it," Oliver said. "Once the property is transferred over, the roll number goes back onto our assessment. Other than the process after any property is sold, there is no further resolution required."

Oliver also addressed ongoing challenges related to collecting school taxes. The RM currently covers the cost of printing and mailing tax statements and receipts.

"It is this council's belief that municipalities should be appropriately compensated for their critical role in facilitating the school tax levies," she said.

Under economic development, Oliver reported progress on climate-adaptation stakeholder sessions. Two more meetings are expected with the Federation of Canadian Municipalities. After sessions conclude, a con-

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Green Acres Park to learn about plans for a proposed recreation and event pavilion.

For lunch, they headed to Oak Hammock Marsh where they also learned more about local communities through a presentation featuring insights from Stonewall Mayor Sandra Smith, Stonewall CAO Wally Melnyk, Stonewall economic and tourism development officer Brittany Isfeld, Rockwood Reeve Wes Taplin, Lakeside MLA Trevor King, and Stonewall and District Chamber president Robert Price-Lewis.

Next up, they toured family-run business Stonewall Glass and wrapped up the day with a networking reception at the Quarry Park Heritage Arts Centre.

Reflecting on the experience, Jan Lambourne said one of the event's

main benefits was the chance to network with fellow chamber members and business leaders.

"The best part was enjoying the opportunity to speak with other members and touring local businesses," she said. "Vidir Solutions was fascinating. We learned about the process and how they have expanded their business over the years."

She said it was also a great experience to share the community with representatives from the Manitoba Chambers of Commerce.

"Teulon Chamber is a member of the MCC, and we utilize and support our local chamber members with the benefits offered," she said.

"Having them come out and hear about a few of our industrial, agricultural and initiative projects before touring our area opened up a positive window for networking ideas. Combining Teulon and Stonewall on this one-day tour was an MCC initiative

— and we enjoyed having them."

Echoing similar sentiments, Robert Price-Lewis said the Stonewall and District Chamber of Commerce maintains a strong relationship with the Manitoba Chambers of Commerce. He added that the local chamber was delighted to have been included as partners during the development and execution stages of their economic development tour.

"I had the pleasure of speaking at the luncheon held at Oak Hammock Marsh about some of our recent success stories and our plans for the future. I'd encourage everyone to go and see the wonderfully updated Oak Hammock Marsh facility," Price-Lewis said.

"Having the MCC include us in this venture was another example of how this umbrella Chamber of Commerce

cares for its regional members. I look forward to touring some other communities next year."



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Churchill port expansion strengthened by joint funding

By Haley Cvar

Prime Minister Mark Carney and Manitoba Premier Wab Kinew said Ottawa and Manitoba are deepening their partnership to advance major economic projects, with a particular focus on the Port of Churchill and related northern infrastructure.

In a joint statement on Nov. 16, the two leaders said they are aligned on expanding Canada's trade capacity through new "nation-building" infrastructure — including ports, mines and northern trade corridors — and emphasized the importance of involving Indigenous communities early in project development.

Manitoba's proposed Crown-Indigenous Corporation (MCIC), which aims to ensure Indigenous participation and leadership in major projects, fits squarely within those goals, they said.

The Port of Churchill Plus initiative is one of seven national "transformative strategies" identified by the federal Major Projects Office. Both governments say expanded export capacity through Hudson Bay will strengthen links between Churchill and the rest of Canada, while opening new pathways for trade with Europe and other global partners.

Since the strategy was added to the federal list on Sept. 11, Manitoba and Ottawa have been working on a project charter and business case to move the file forward. Once the MCIC board is established, the corporation will become a full partner in planning and development.

Carney and Kinew said the work is advancing quickly, with governments reviewing business cases for infrastructure needed to support private-sector investment, competitive

economic development and long-term national interests.

As part of the joint effort, the federal government will fund a feasibility study by the Arctic Research Foundation on the future use of specialized icebreakers, ice tugs and research vessels at Churchill.

Kinew also announced \$51 million for the Arctic Gateway Group to upgrade the Hudson Bay rail line and build a new critical-minerals storage facility at the port. The province has now committed \$87.5 million to Churchill-related projects. Combined with federal dollars — including \$175 million announced in March — the total joint investment over five years is \$262.5 million.

Carney and Kinew said they plan to release the full strategy and plan for Churchill in the spring of 2026.

Nearly 1,000 Manitobans have cut back on nicotine – now it's your turn

By Haley Cvar

Manitobans looking to quit smoking or vaping are being encouraged to take part in a free provincewide challenge aimed at helping residents break nicotine addiction ahead of the holiday season.

The Manitoba Lung Association is launching its Quit Nicotine for the Holidays Challenge on Nov. 15, offering a guided 30-day program through ManitobaQuits that combines expert advice, daily motivation and community support.

"Quitting isn't just about willpower — it's about support, strategy and community," said Juliette Mucha, the association's president and CEO. "When people join this challenge, they're not doing it alone. They're part of a movement of Manitobans choosing to breathe easier and live better."

Participants receive daily messages from certified quit coaches, access to proven craving-management strategies, coping tools and an online support group of people quitting together. Weekly prize draws and a grand-prize giveaway are also part of the month-long program.

"Whether you've tried quitting before or are just ready to take the first step, this challenge gives you practical tools and encouragement to finally make it stick," said Hailey Coleman, a certified tobacco educator with the association.

Nearly 1,000 Manitobans have already reduced or quit nicotine through previous challenges. Testimonials highlight the value of having support during the process.

"Over the years, I tried to quit so many times but only made it a few days," one participant said. "With



this group, I reached day 21 — and it amazed me how supportive everyone was."

Another participant said the program helped them quit long-term: "I quit a year and two months ago through this challenge, and I still join the group to stay quit."

Registration is now open at mb.lung.ca/fallquitchallenge. Participation is free, and the program is open to anyone looking to quit smoking or vaping or support someone who is.

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Province launches midwifery services in Interlake-Eastern region

By Lana Meier

The Manitoba government is expanding access to prenatal and family health care with the launch of midwifery services in the Interlake-Eastern Regional Health Authority (IERHA).

Premier Wab Kinew and Health, Seniors and Long-Term Care Minister Uzoma Asagwara were in Selkirk this week to announce the new program, which will operate out of the Interlake-Eastern Health Services building at 100 Easton Dr.

"Our government is committed to making sure every Manitoban can access the health care they need, closer to home," Kinew said. "We are fixing our health-care system by staffing up and expanding services like this midwifery program to support pregnant people and new families province-wide. This launch in the IERHA is a great step forward in delivering better care and better support for families in rural and northern Manitoba."

The program will begin with two full-time midwives who will provide a full spectrum of care, including prenatal visits, labour and birth support, newborn care, postpartum follow-up and reproductive sexual health services. The program is fully integrated with the region's existing primary care and obstetrical teams.

"Midwives offer personalized support, expertise and care that will greatly benefit pregnant people and new parents in IERHA," Asagwara said. "By integrating midwifery into primary and obstetrical services, we are creating a more seamless and supportive experience for families throughout pregnancy, birth and the postpartum period."

For the first time in 25 years, families in the Interlake and eastern regions will have access to midwifery services, noted Sarah Harpe, president of the Midwives Association of Manitoba.

"This announcement is momen-

tous," Harpe said. "We are hopeful for a future where Manitoba families can receive equitable access to excellent sexual, reproductive and newborn midwifery services close to home."

The new service is designed to support those who face barriers to prenatal care, said Beckie Wood, IERHA's midwifery access and co-ordination lead.

"Midwifery services work with each pregnant person and their family to identify their unique physical, social and emotional needs, and to support them in having their needs met," Wood said.

Pregnant women in the IERHA can access prenatal intake by speaking with their family doctor or nurse practitioner. Self-referrals are also accepted by calling 204-482-2150 or emailing prenatalintake@ierha.ca. The IERHA will connect all callers or referrals to either a midwife or family doctor for prenatal care.

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sultation group will prepare a plan for council's approval by resolution. The RM plans to engage residents by inviting individuals to participate in the adaptation planning sessions, and this group will attend remaining meetings.

IN OTHER COUNCIL NEWS:

Council approved several charitable donations, including \$200 from the Laurentia Beach Association for the 2025 Christmas hampers and \$200 in memory of Grace Appleyard, all di-

rected to Oak Point Community Hall.

The RM has held interviews for an animal control officer and will ratify the results at its next meeting.

The South Interlake Regional Library administrator has resigned, delaying the opening of the bookmobile. A board member has stepped in to maintain services during the transition. Council is also seeking new members for the board.

Council selected Isaac & Denchuk to conduct surveying on properties

in Oak Point and discussed plans for opening new roads in the area.

Council reviewed grant applications for community projects, including a 10-suite and common-area renovation at the Neil Gaudry Centre and multiple room renovations at the Michif-French Heritage Centre.

Public works staff are preparing municipal roads for winter. Residents with concerns are encouraged to contact the RM office directly.

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en-year battle, the Town of Teulon and the Interlake area held many fundraisers for us. We always appreciated it so much and always said that we would give back to this community as best we could. When a friend of Jonathan's wanted to organize a bonspiel to honour him, we saw our chance and have been holding the JWMB for 20 years now."

Watson said being able to help another family facing a childhood cancer diagnosis "means everything."

"We remember the burden of the extra cost of travel, parking, the

cost of meals — and mostly the lost wages," she said. "So if we can help out the Louis family by easing the financial burden a little, that leaves mom to focus on Revan and his treatment."

Community generosity is already starting to show, she added.

"The donations for the silent auction have started to come in, as well as the monetary donations for Revan and his family," she said.

All proceeds — after expenses and a small contingency fund — will go directly to the Louis family to help

with travel, meals, parking and the income lost during treatment.

Watson said she hopes the bonspiel not only eases financial strain but also reinforces the community's support for Revan.

"Our hope is that the JWMB brings awareness to childhood cancer to the Interlake, and that these funds will help with the extras," she said.

Residents who wish to donate but cannot attend the event can call or text Watson at 204-886-0333 to arrange pickup of silent auction prizes or monetary donations.

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Northern Lights

I grew up on a farm and we walked from the house to the barn on a regular basis. On the cold, dark nights of winter I would often watch



the big dipper as I walked back and forth. I was fascinated it was always to the north. I also remember sitting in the back seat of our vehicle and occasionally seeing the northern lights make their dreamy appearance as I stared out the window. I have since learned the big dipper can always be found in the northern skies, however the northern lights are still a somewhat unpredictable. Since I've lived in cities most of my adult life, I treasure the times I see either of them. Psalm 19:1 says, The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands. And Psalm 147:4 says, God determines the number of the stars and calls them each by name. The universe was created and is known by God and at the same time He also knows and loves each one of us. As vast and majestic as the skies are, each person on our planet is valuable and they matter to Him. Recently my husband and I saw the northern lights and the stars were shining through them; it was remarkable. While the northern lights were moving and dancing above us there was the big dipper, a stable backdrop to the north, twinkling during the light show. I felt so small compared to what was overhead, and yet I was reminded of how important and valuable I am to God. 1 John 4:9 says, God showed how much he loved us by sending his one and only Son (Jesus) into the world so that we might have eternal life through him. And Romans 3:22 says, We are made right with God by placing our faith in Jesus Christ. This is true for everyone who believes, no matter who we are, what we've done, or where we live. If you haven't already, consider Jesus.

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Teulon's Christmas Lights Parade returns to Main Street with new Saturday format

Two-day handmade market returns to Teulon's Rockwood Centennial Hall

By Lana Meier

Teulon is gearing up for one of its busiest holiday weekends of the season, with the Christmas Lights Parade returning to Main Street and two major craft markets drawing shoppers into town on Nov. 21 and 22.

The Teulon Christmas Lights Parade is making its return to Main Street this year — with a new look, a new day and renewed community support.

After shifting to a stationary parade model in recent years due to limited float participation and a shortage of volunteers, the Teulon & District Chamber of Commerce surveyed businesses again in September to determine whether a traditional moving parade was viable for 2025. Chamber president Jan Lambourne said the response was overwhelmingly positive.

"Participation and volunteers were limited in the past, which is why we moved the event to a stationary format at the park," Lambourne said. "It was a great way to host a steady two-hour event that justified the cost

when a 15-minute moving parade didn't. But this year's survey showed the community was ready to bring it back — especially with it being held on a Saturday."

The parade will take place Saturday, Nov. 22 at 7 p.m., travelling the full length of Main Street to 8th Avenue (Arena Road) before turning left toward Green Acres Park. While the floats return to the roadway, the chamber is keeping one of the community's favourite additions — the Interactive Winter Wonderland — which will run from 7:30 to 9 p.m. at the park.

The evening will also include fireworks at 8:30 p.m.

Families can visit Santa Claus at the Winter Wonderland east of the arena, where he will hand out goody bags and greet children after the parade. The Christmas Cheer Board will also be on site collecting donations to support local families.

A family-friendly movie and bonfire will run throughout the evening, accompanied by free hot chocolate and

popcorn. The zipline and Hot Wheels bus — a hit with children last year — will return as well.

Lambourne said the chamber is grateful to the businesses that embraced the stationary parade model and are now bringing their lights, inflatables, and displays to enhance the Winter Wonderland experience.

"To add to the evening, a wonderful lights display will be set up, and we're thankful to the businesses who loved the stationary parade and are bringing back their light show," she said. "It really enhances the Christmas spirit."

With multiple craft sales in town and local shops preparing for a busy weekend, residents are encouraged to come early, support local businesses and enjoy the holiday festivities.

Children are also reminded to bring their letters for Santa. Canada Post will be collecting them in the park — and names and addresses are needed to ensure a reply.

"We look forward to a busy weekend in town," Lambourne said. "It's a great way to come together and celebrate the season."

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The 27th annual Winterfest Craft Sale returns to Teulon Hall on Friday, Nov. 21 from 2 to 8 p.m. and Saturday, Nov. 22 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Shoppers can browse from 50 makers offering 100 per cent handmade goods, enjoy Santa photos, and support the Teulon Christmas Cheer Board. Vendor applications are now open at winterfestcraftsale.net.

TEULON MÉTIS BUILDING HOSTS FESTIVE CRAFT SHOWCASE

Holiday shoppers can also browse handmade gifts and home-baked treats at the Local Crafter's Market on Saturday, Nov. 22.

The event runs from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Teulon Métis Building, located at 76-3rd Ave. SE. Admission is free, and visitors will find a variety of unique crafts, baking and locally made items. Organizers encourage the community to stop in, support small vendors and kick off their holiday shopping close to home.

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while Marie France Baker and Brenda Barnes were acknowledged for reaching the five-year milestone.

Event organizer Breanna Perron said the night exceeded

expectations.

"I had a brand new volunteer manager this year and I worked with and taught him as the night carried on," she said. "I think the night went off extremely well. It was very successful in all aspects of hosting an event. We have our post-event windup where we will choose our theme for next year's event and talk about bringing

in some new fundraising ideas."

Perron added a heartfelt note of appreciation to the businesses and residents who helped make the night possible, offering "a huge thank you for our community support in sponsorship and donations to our basket raffles and event night games and giveaways."

Next year's Ladies Night Out is already scheduled for Friday, Nov. 6, 2026.

The blend of laughter, camaraderie and community spirit made for a memorable night — proving that when "grandmas" go wild, they do it for a great cause.

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Provincial legislation focuses on early reading screenings

By Jennifer McFee

New provincial legislation aims to ensure every young learner receives early reading screenings in an effort to identify and address potential reading difficulties.

The provincial government has passed Bill 225 — the Public Schools Amendment Act (Universal Screening for Learning Disabilities) — which creates a universal early reading screening framework that applies to all students in kindergarten to Grade 4. The early reading screenings will use standardized evidence-based tools to meet established criteria. Students will get two screenings per year in at least three of the five early years to identify students at risk of future reading difficulties including dyslexia.

Parents will receive communication through report cards on their child's progress. For students who are identified as needing extra help, they will receive ongoing supports and progress monitoring.

"We know parents and teachers want kids to excel in school. We supported and strengthened Bill 225 to focus squarely on early reading, which is the foundation of all future learning," said Education and Early Childhood Learning Minister Tracy Schmidt.

"By acting early, we can support students before reading difficulties become learning barriers. This bill will ensure educators have the right tools and families have the right information to help children thrive."

In the Interlake School Division (ISD), a research-based screening program has already been in place since 2020. The division's early literacy program starts with screening but also includes targeted instruction in structured literacy for all students based on the screening results.

ISD uses the Early Years Evaluation (EYE) screening tool with all kindergarten students, which tests school-readiness parameters and is also a good indicator of reading readiness. In addition, ISD uses the Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills (DIBELS) program to screen students in kindergarten to Grade 4.

Colony schools also participate in the same early literacy program, but the kindergarten EYE screening tool is delayed slightly to allow time for colony students to learn English prior to screening.

The screening tools generate data that the division monitors, and ISD has already seen improvement since it was implemented five years ago. The school division also collects report card marks and provincial literacy assessments to monitor the progress in early literacy.

Teachers attend workshops during professional development days to learn how to implement this program. As well, new ISD teachers receive an introduction to the early literacy program at the start of the school year. Detailed instructions about ISD's early literacy program are posted on an internal website for all staff to access.

In addition, ISD has allocated staffing in the form of early literacy co-teachers who spend 30 minutes each day in every Grade 1 classroom to help with early literacy screening and teaching. The early literacy co-teachers meet regularly with a divisional literacy support teacher, who also visits schools to support teachers.



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École R.W. Bobby Bend School kindergarten student Jack Gemmill goes through some of the Early Years Evaluation screening activities with kindergarten teacher Mrs. Randi Findlay.

This year in the Interlake School Division, there are 1,050 students in kindergarten to Grade 4, all of whom will be screened. In Grade 1, the early literacy co-teacher and classroom teacher share the work of the screenings. In other grades, classroom teachers do the screenings.

Across the Interlake School Division, all students receive structured literacy instruction. These lessons are based on research-based literacy instructional programs and include small group instruction to meet students' diverse needs. In a small number of cases, the learning support teacher might pull out a student to provide individualized instruction. However, the majority of students receive reading instruction in the classroom.

Some students take a bit more time to achieve the goal of reading at grade level. ISD's early literacy program helps to identify these students early in their schooling, which allows teachers to tailor instruction to meet their needs.

Details are still forthcoming regarding the new provincial government regulations. Supt. Margaret Ward said ISD will closely examine the new regulations to ensure the division's existing program is compliant but expects that few modifications, if any, will be needed.

"We are very pleased with the success our youngest students have been experiencing in our early literacy program," she said, "which is designed to close learning gaps wherever they occur in the Interlake School Division."

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Teulon Collegiate Institute hosted a Remembrance Day service on Friday, Nov. 7. The high school band, along with some Grade 8 band students, performed "Abide With Me." Principal Kristin Smith spoke at the event, and students Alayna Toth, Kenadi Sherred, Reese Wiwchar and Maya Trippier shared some poems for the occasion.

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Finding freedom through faith and community support

By E. Antonio

Nov. 16 to 22 marks National Addictions Awareness Week, and Pastor Dylan Chambers visited Ashern on Nov. 1 to share his story of addiction and recovery, hoping to inspire others to believe that change is possible.

Chambers was a guest speaker at an evening concert hosted by Conrad and Sherry Anderson of Anderson Family Funeral Home. The event, originally scheduled to feature U.S.-based southern gospel group Soul'd Out, shifted unexpectedly when the group was unable to cross the border. Local musician David Bracken stepped in on short notice, and Chambers delivered a message of faith and recovery as part of the evening program.

"Dylan grew up in Winnipeg, was involved in drugs, and today he's a pastor at the church just down the street from where he grew up," Anderson said. "He has a great story to share of how God set him free from a life of addiction."

Born and raised in central Winnipeg, Chambers began experimenting with cocaine and marijuana at age 12, just two years after his father passed away. By 16, he had started using methamphetamine.

"The neighbourhood is a dark and depressed place that is engulfed in alcoholism and drug addiction," Chambers said. "Even though I was raised in the inner city, I like to say I was brought up in the best of both worlds, in both a stable and unstable way in terms of parenting."

His family lived near Believer's Church, and while his mother attended services, Chambers said he never felt personally connected to God or faith growing up.

By junior high and high school, he was smoking and selling marijuana before progressing to cocaine. As a young adult, he dropped out of school and experienced recurring episodes of drug-induced psychosis.

"It was not a good season of my life," he recalled.

At age 22, he attended an evening church service that marked a turning point.

"I had a radical encounter with the presence of God. It was like a veil was torn from my eyes and the blinders were taken off — I knew I needed to get help."

Chambers began engaging with church programs and his faith community. While he saw early progress, he later relapsed and struggled with addiction for another three years.

"I found myself at rock bottom again, so I reached out to my church and the pastor encouraged me to go into a program," he said.

With support from his pastor and his doctor, Chambers began formal treatment but said his faith continued to be the strongest force in his recovery.

"I was in a place where I was surrounded by drugs. In the neighbourhood where my peers were all doing them, it was hard to get out of that environment," he said. "I always tell people that a tool God gave me to get me out of



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY EMILY THORLACIUS
Pastor Dylan Chambers shares his testimony of addiction and recovery during a sold-out concert event in Ashern on Nov. 1.

the environment was my church community. My sobriety and me not using drugs is because of my higher power — Jesus Christ."

Chambers first completed a 28-day program through the Addictions Foundation of Manitoba, followed by two years in a sober living home with other men rebuilding their lives. He later lived independently at AFM's River Point Performance apartments, where he worked and finished his high school courses.

He said the biggest difference between his first and second attempt at recovery was access to support and accountability.

"I knew I needed to be sober; I just didn't have the tools to do it," he said. "The second time around I had those

supports."

He encourages others to take the first step, even when it feels overwhelming.

"Initially anyone who is addicted and bound to drugs just wants to get their life back," he said. "We know the barrier everyone struggles with is they think they will be judged. But it's really that first step of recovery — admitting you need the help and seeking it."

Chambers believes complete abstinence has been key to his long-term recovery. After trying a methadone program, he found that structured abstinence-based treatment combined with strong community support was the best fit for him. For Chambers, that support came from his church.

"Church family is more family to me than my real family. We go where the need is and want to support everyone who needs it."

In 2018, Pastor Wayne Bustard began mentoring him, a relationship Chambers now describes as paternal.

"Since I lost my biological father, I consider him to be like a dad and I actually call him Dad now," he said.

In 2020, Chambers was ordained at Believer's Church, and last year he accepted a full-time pastoral role.

"It's been a great journey with a lot of community support. It's almost been like a movie — I never thought any of this would be possible."

Now 31, Chambers continues to serve full time while pursuing a bachelor of social work, with the goal of working directly in addiction support.

He encourages anyone seeking help to contact agencies such as the Addictions Foundation of Manitoba, Main Street Project, Salvation Army, Bruce Oake Recovery Centre, local health teams or faith-based organizations.

"If there is a hope for recovery, there is help," he said. "There's a ton of resources available both spiritual and non-spiritual. Jesus is real, God is real and he does have a plan for us — and we can find freedom and victory in this."

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South Interlake Bookmobile hits the road with renewed excitement

By Lana Meier

The South Interlake Regional Library's newly renewed Bookmobile rolled into its first stops of the school year last week, marking the return of a service that has connected rural residents with books and literacy programs for more than five decades.

Bookmobile branch manager Pam Palcat said she was thrilled to be back on the road. Her last school visit was in May, and staff have spent the months since preparing the revamped unit for its debut.

"We've had so many people stop in just to take a look and say hi," Palcat said. "Seeing their reactions to the Bookmobile — the smiles, the excitement — it's been amazing."

The South Interlake Regional Library has operated Bookmobile service since 1968, beginning with a used milk truck before transitioning through a series of buses and now a Freightliner equipped with modern technology and wheelchair access.

Today, the Bookmobile serves communities in the RM of Rockwood, RM of Rosser, RM of St. Laurent, Town of Teulon and Town of Stonewall. It runs four to five days per week, visiting or delivering to about 30 locations every three weeks. Library staff estimate the service receives between



1,400 and 1,500 visits each month. The Bookmobile also offers Storytime programming at four stops each cycle and continues to provide delivery service to locations the unit cannot reach.

The goal of the Bookmobile remains the same as when it first hit the road: enhancing literacy and access for South Interlake residents.

"Our mission is to enhance communities through literacy by providing innovative, accessible and dynamic library services," Palcat said.

Junior chapter books and children's picture books remain the most popular items borrowed during stops, but the collection extends far beyond that. Patrons can browse English and French books for all ages, large-print titles, magazines, DVDs, audiobooks, puzzles, disc golf kits and even radon testing kits. If an item isn't available on board, staff can request it from another branch for the next visit.

Demand and circulation have changed dramatically since 1968. Palcat said everything was once done manually, but computer systems now allow faster checkouts and larger borrowing limits. The new Bookmobile's wheelchair lift has been particularly well received, opening access to more residents



École R.W. Bobby Bend Grade 4 French immersion teacher Mme Paton and her class were the first to step aboard the South Interlake Bookmobile last Wednesday.



TRIBUNE PHOTOS BY LANA MEIER

Bookmobile branch manager Pam Palcat stands beside the South Interlake Regional Library's newly wrapped, brightly coloured Bookmobile as it returns to the road for the new school year.

— especially seniors and people living with mobility barriers. Staff also visit seniors' complexes and offer delivery services where needed.

"Our unpredictable Manitoba weather and road conditions can be challenging," Palcat said. "But being able to reach people who may not otherwise visit a library branch makes it worthwhile."

The Bookmobile is funded by the Town of Teulon, Town of Stonewall, RM of Rosser, RM of St. Laurent, RM of Rockwood and the Province of Mani-



Palcat helps a student check out a book using the Bookmobile's updated technology during last week's school visits.

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Interlake Community Foundation distributes more than \$60,000 in grants

By Jennifer McFee

There was plenty to celebrate at the Interlake Community Foundation's annual community grant celebration. On Tuesday, Nov. 4, more than 80 people gathered at Warren Memorial Hall when Interlake Community Foundation (ICF) recognized the important contributions of charities in the community while also presenting the 2025 community grants.

ICF serves the communities of Woodlands, Rosser, Rockwood, Teulon and Stonewall. The organization currently has more than \$11 million in assets, which continues to grow thanks to gifts made by supporters.

Cheryle McClure, chair of the grant committee, said the community granted a total \$60,057 this year.

"A wonderful boost to our community grants was helped by a payout from the Thomas Sill Foundation Fund. We also had a number of new funds start paying out this year," McClure said.

"We looked at our community grant history, and since 2020, we have paid out \$237,175 in grants to local charities. This is a direct result of donations to the ICF and the power of endowments."

South Interlake Regional Library

received \$17,618, which was one of the largest grants. The funds will go towards 17 new computers and a cell phone. This funding will come from the Town of Stonewall Fund, Lauritz and Georgina Jensen Fund, Bel Acres Community Fund, Stonewall Family Foods Fund, All Communities Fund of ICF, the Beck Family Fund, Town of Teulon Fund, Community Builders Club Undesignated Fund and the Thomas Sill Foundation Fund. Since 2020, the South Interlake Regional Library has received \$35,511 in grants through the ICF.

The Grosse Isle Memorial Park and Recreation Club received a \$5,397 community grant to buy a boiler unit for their skate shack. This funding comes from the RM of Rosser Fund and the Thomas Sill Foundation Fund. Since 2020, ICF has granted \$15,961 to Grosse Isle Memorial Park.

Stony Mountain Community Association received a \$5,000 community grant for fencing at their baseball diamonds. This funding will come from the RM of Rockwood Fund, the Percy and Mary Durham Endowment Fund, and the Thomas Sill Foundation Fund. Since 2020, their community grants total \$18,390.

Inclusion Teulon, which is a division



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South Interlake Regional Library received \$17,618 for 17 new computers and a cell phone. Pictured: Sherry Wood-Weaver, June Makowski, Debbie Pansky, Pam Palcat, with Lloyd Jensen representing the Lauritz and Georgina Jensen Fund, Mary and Bob Beck for the Beck Family Fund, and Sandra Smith presenting the award.

of Inclusion Selkirk, received a \$5,000 grant for a variety of tools to be used in their programming and services in Teulon. The grant money comes from the Town of Teulon Fund, the Jack Moore Memorial Community Fund, the All Communities Fund of ICF and the Thomas Sill Foundation Fund.

Balmoral Community Hall received

a \$2,000 grant for repairs and refinishing the floors after their recent construction of their entrance. These funds come from the RM of Rockwood Fund, the Leona and Larry Baker Endowment Fund, and the Thomas Sill Foundation Fund. Since 2020, their community grants total \$7,500.

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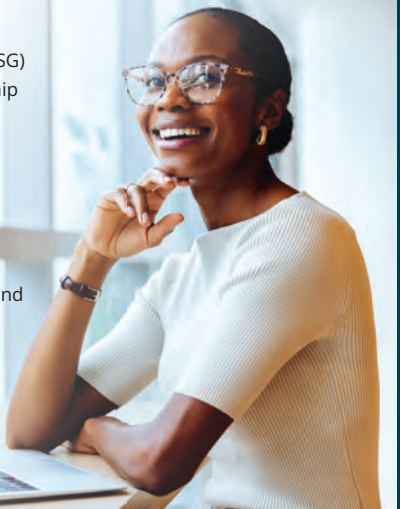
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Alyssa Kleven and Dave Van Heyst, representatives from the Stony Mountain Community Association, accept a \$5,000 community grant from ICF board member Michael Hepples.

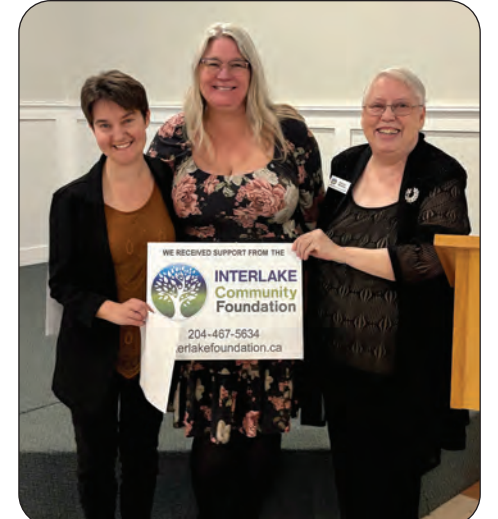
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OTHER GRANTS INCLUDE:

- \$1,518 to the South Interlake Seniors Resource Council for electric presentation equipment, with the funds coming from the Boonstra Farms Community Fund, Community Builders Club Stonewall Fund, the Guttman Family Fund, the Lynn and Wally McMartin Fund, the Sexton Family Fund and the Stonewall Family Foods Fund.
- \$4,283 to Settlers, Rails and Trails for outdoor interpretive materials and metal animals, with funds coming from the RM of Rockwood Fund, the George and Grace Willox Memorial Fund and the Thomas Sill Foundation Fund.



Fallon Campbell and Monica Baldwin of the Grosse Isle Memorial Park and Recreation Club accept a \$5,397 community grant.



Maria Freeman and Brittany Hargreaves of Inclusion Teulon accept a \$5,000 community grant from Cheryl McClure.

with funds coming from the Town of Stonewall Fund.

- \$962 to Stonewall Children's Centre for a Free Little Library for children's mental health, with funds coming from the Town of Stonewall Fund.
- \$2,000 for the St. Stephen Ukrainian Orthodox Church for material to replace the decking at the Pleasant Home Hall, with funds coming from the RM of Rockwood Fund

for two play kitchens for the new site,

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Intense solar activity brings bright auroras

By Lana Meier

Manitobans are witnessing an unusually active stretch of solar weather this week, creating widespread displays of northern lights and prompting renewed attention to a rare space-weather phenomenon.

A cluster of powerful solar storms has reached Earth over the past several days, the result of multiple coronal mass ejections (CMEs) erupting from the sun. When these charged particles interact with Earth's magnetic field, they generate geomagnetic storms strong enough to push auroras far beyond their typical northern range. This week, the lights have been visible across southern Manitoba, including areas where sightings are far less common.

Remarkably, the same solar event has caused auroras to appear much farther south than usual in the United States. Meteorologists report that residents in Florida were able to glimpse the northern lights during the early-morning hours of one recent night.

The sun is currently approaching the peak of Solar Cycle 25, an 11-year

cycle marked by increased sunspots, flares and eruptions. Scientists note that while solar maximums occur regularly, the intensity and frequency of this week's activity make the current stretch particularly unusual. Several CMEs have arrived in rapid succession, amplifying geomagnetic effects and contributing to brighter, more widespread auroral displays.

In addition to the colourful skies, solar storms can influence technology and infrastructure. Strong geomagnetic activity has the potential to affect radio communications, GPS accuracy and, in severe cases, electrical grids. Manitoba Hydro has been monitoring conditions throughout the week, though no disruptions have been reported.

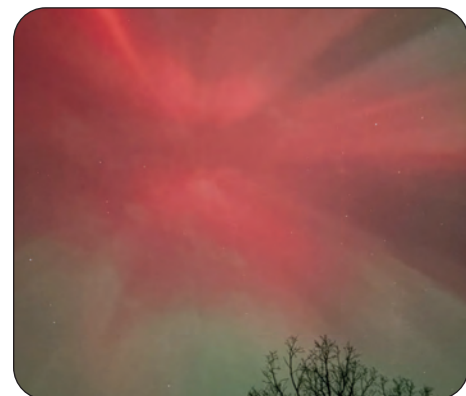
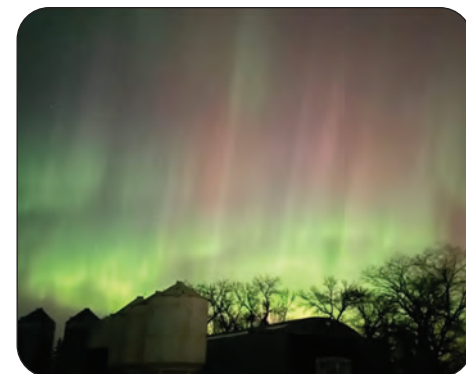
Clear evening skies across much of the province have given residents ideal viewing conditions for the phenomenon. Rural areas with minimal light pollution have seen especially vivid colours, with greens, purples and reds appearing shortly after nightfall.

The heightened solar activity is expected to continue as long as sunspot



regions remain active. Forecasters suggest there may be additional opportunities to view auroras over the coming days when skies cooperate.

For many Manitobans, the rare stretch of solar activity has offered a striking reminder of the province's northern location and the natural forces at work far beyond Earth's atmosphere.



TRIBUNE PHOTOS BY JESSICA HOLOD, WESTYN STANLEY AND JO-ANNE PROCTER
Brilliant northern lights ripple over rural Manitoba this week as an unusually strong series of solar storms pushes the auroral oval far south, creating vivid displays visible across the province — and even as far as Florida.

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- \$800 to the Grosse Isle Heritage Site for lawn mowers and site care equipment, with funds coming from the RM of Rosser Fund.
- \$1,650 to the Teulon and District Seniors Resource Council for buying six folding tables for community use, with funds coming from Town of Teulon Fund, the Ralph Eichler Legacy Fund and the All Communities Fund.
- \$2,000 to Oak Park Lodge for materials to repair the heating system, with funds coming from the Thomas Sill Foundation Fund
- \$1,205 to Teulon and District Handivan Service for

buying cameras for three vans, with funds coming from the Town of Teulon Fund, the Herb and Helen Kletke Fund and the Community Builders Club of Teulon Fund.

- \$2,441 to South West District Palliative Care for iPad Pro and accessories for Nav-CARE, with funds coming from the RM of Rockwood Fund, the RM of Rosser Fund, the Town of Teulon Fund, the RM of Woodlands Fund, the McClure Family Fund, the Nestor Myska Memorial Fund, the Stephanie Oland Duncan Memorial Fund, the Slagerman Family Fund and the Thomas Sill Foundation Fund.
- \$136 to Interlake Eastern Health Foundation for recreation equipment at Rosewood Lodge, through a grant from the Edith and Arthur Morrison Fund.

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Charity volleyball event to support local food bank

By Lana Meier

Collège Stonewall Collegiate is preparing to host its annual holiday-themed volleyball fundraiser next month in support of the local food bank. The “Passing on the Cheer” charity tournament is set for Dec. 5 and invites teams of six to 10 players to register at a cost of \$30 per person, which includes a tournament T-shirt.

Registration is open now, with teams asked to sign up using the event QR code by Nov. 27. Teams registered by Nov. 24 will also be entered for a chance to win a Christmas treat basket. Organizers note there is no cap on the number of teams.

The tournament is open to Grade 5 through adult, and anyone can register — not just Stonewall residents. Multiple divisions will be offered, including Grade 5/6, Grade 7/8, high school girls, high school boys, high school co-ed and adult co-ed. All co-ed teams must follow co-ed rules.

Games will be timed rather than played to a set point total, with match length determined by the number of registered teams. Each team is guaranteed a minimum of four games. A minimum of six players is required to register.

Teams must provide a team name



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A QR code makes it easy for teams to register for Collège Stonewall Collegiate’s “Passing on the Cheer” charity volleyball tournament, set for Dec. 5 in support of the local food bank.

and T-shirt quantities and sizes upon registration, and all players are encouraged to bring at least one non-perishable food item. The public is welcome to attend with free admission for spectators.

Additional fundraising elements include a canteen, a Christmas basket raffle and a food-donation bin.

The event supports the school’s annual holiday drive and helps fill shelves at the local food bank during a time of heightened seasonal need.

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National Addictions Awareness Week (NAAW) is November 16–22, 2025.

NAAW highlights solutions that help address the harms related to the use of alcohol and other drugs.

~ Anchoring Hope ~

Every year, Manitoba Substance Use and Addictions Awareness Week provides an opportunity for Manitobans from all walks of life to engage in meaningful discussions and explore solutions for addressing the harms caused by substance use and addictions.

In 2025 the Manitoba Substance Use and Addictions Awareness Week runs from Nov. 16-22 and the theme is Anchoring Hope. Working in the substance use health field and addressing its challenges can result in different experiences, ideas and opinions for individuals, families and communities. At times, it can be challenging to agree on the best ways to address these issues in Canada. Hope is an optimistic state of mind that holds expectations for positive outcomes.

Exploring and discussing substance use health can lead to positive outcomes such as connections and growth. Yet the challenges and grief in the field cannot be unstated. In recent years, tens of thousands of people from across Canada have died because of the unpredictable drug supply. We need effective, holistic, whole-of-government and community action that is rooted in evidence and compassion. We need to work together to identify and reach common goals. And more than anything else, we need hope — hope for a brighter future with improved health and wellness of people living in Canada.

Finding help for addiction

Anyone thinking about seeking help for addiction should know that they are not alone. The 2022 United States National Survey on Drug Use and Health indicates 46.8 million Americans age 12 and older battled a substance use disorder in the previous 12 months. In addition, 10.5 percent of Americans 12 and older had an alcohol use disorder in the past year.

Alcohol is the most commonly abused drug in Canada, followed by nicotine/tobacco and cannabis. An estimated 3 percent of Canadians have used one of five illegal drugs in the past year, and that rate increases to 4 percent among youths between the ages of 15 and 19.

Substance abuse is not only expensive, but also dangerous. Addiction can cause health problems and damage relationships. Use of illicit substances and alcohol also can cause death. Taking the first step to enter treatment is seldom easy, but it can prove beneficial in the long run. Here's how to start the journey to recovery.

- Be honest with yourself. The first step to recovering from a substance use disorder is to recognize you have a problem. You are not alone in this battle, and it can take great courage to admit your missteps. Be proud of yourself for wanting to get help, even if you haven't quit just yet.
- Reach out to friends and family. WebMD says a close family member or friend can be one of your biggest supporters as you take steps to recover. Although you cannot be entirely sure how they will react to the news, family and close friends may already suspect a substance abuse problem.
- Be receptive to an intervention. Sometimes it takes the collective efforts of friends and family to help addicts realize they have people in their corner willing to help them recover. Sometimes interventions are surprises, other times they are not. Listen to what others have to say and how they may be willing to help you change patterns that lead to continued substance abuse.
- Work with an addiction professional. The Mayo Clinic says an addiction professional is usually a licensed alcohol and drug counselor, social worker, psychologist, or psychiatrist. Medical experts have realized that addiction is an illness and not just a matter of bolstering one's willpower. Therefore, enlisting a professional to suggest the best approaches to treatment and follow-up can lay a foundation for a successful recovery.
- Speak with a doctor. It may be intimidating to admit you need help, but if you don't feel comfortable talking with family, you can consult a doctor. A doctor is required to hear anything you say to him or her in confidence. A doctor may refer you to substance abuse professionals or prescribe medications that could make it easier to stop using a substance and ease withdrawal symptoms.

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Multi-use trail improvements planned for Rockwood



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY CALVIN SEDLESKI

Trail improvements are in the works in Gunton thanks to a partnership between the RM of Rockwood and the Interlake Offroad Club.

By Jennifer McFee

Rail trail improvements are on track through a partnership between the RM of Rockwood and the Interlake Offroad Club.

This collaborative approach aims to enhance safety and accessibility while also creating a better space for all to enjoy.

Reeve Wes Taplin shared enthusiasm for the partnership arrangement. "Our trail system is one of Rockwood's greatest community assets, and its success depends on all of us working together. By sharing these spaces with respect and cooperation, we ensure they remain safe, welcoming and enjoyable for everyone — whether you're walking, biking, riding or snowmobiling," Taplin said.

"Our trail system thrives because of the strong relationships built between local groups — from ATV and snowmobile organizations to others who will join in the future. By working together and respecting one another's use of these shared spaces, we're creating a connected network of trails that everyone can enjoy safely and sustainably."

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Remembrance Day ceremony draws crowd in Stony Mountain



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About 300 people gathered Monday for the community's annual Remembrance Day service, hosted by the Stony Mountain Community Association with support from the RM of Rockwood, the Stony Mountain Métis Local and the Stony Mountain Community Centre. The service was held inside the community centre before participants made their way to the cenotaph in a procession led by bagpipes. Dozens of families took part, with many children and grandchildren helping to lay wreaths in honour of local veterans. This year's program featured special guest fiddler Morgan Grace, whose performance added a poignant musical tribute to the morning.



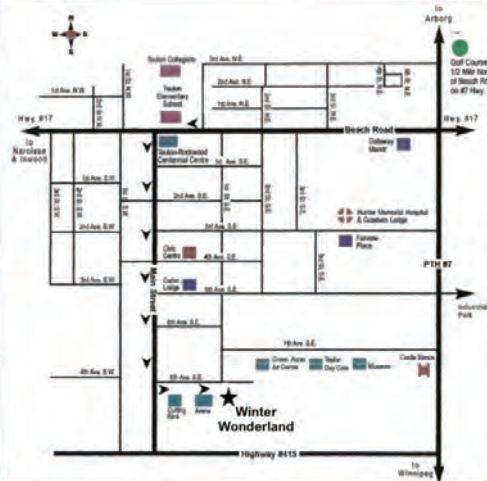
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Tim Hortons cookies raising funds for Interlake food bank



By Lana Meier

Tim Hortons' annual Holiday Smile Cookie campaign returns this week, and local volunteers are hoping the community will help turn festive treats into meaningful support for families in need.

From Nov. 17 to 23, Holiday Smile Cookies will be available at participating Tim Hortons restaurants across the region, including Stonewall, where 100 per cent of proceeds will be donated to the Stonewall Kinsmen and Kinettes in support of the Interlake Food Bank charity.

This year's cookie is a white-chocolate sugar cookie with red and green sprinkles baked in, each hand-decorated with a perfectly imperfect white smile. At \$2 each (plus tax), every purchase helps local volunteers strengthen food security at a time when many families are feeling the pinch.

The Stonewall Kinsmen and Kinettes are incredibly grateful that Tim Hortons has once again chosen to support local service clubs, adding that every cookie purchased helps them put food on the shelves and hope in the hands of people right here in the community.

Nationwide, last year's Smile Cookie and Holiday Smile Cookie campaigns raised a combined \$10.7 million for more than 900 charities, community groups and Tim Hortons Foundation Camps. The Holiday Smile Cookie program is expanding again in 2025, supporting 400 new charities across



Canada in addition to long-time partners like the Tim Hortons Foundation Camps, which offers leadership programs for underserved youth.

Customers can buy cookies in-store, through the Tim Hortons app or by placing a large order using the downloadable pre-order form available online. Delivery partners will also be offering Holiday Smile Cookies throughout the week. A map of participating restaurants and their supported charities is available at timhortons.ca.

The Stonewall Kinsmen encourage residents to spread kindness early this holiday season — one smile at a time.

Photos can be shared on social media using #HolidaySmileCookie.



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY AMANDA CLARKE

Rayden, Emersyn and Haleigh teamed up in Stonewall on Sunday to help decorate Holiday Smile Cookies alongside Kinettes volunteers Vicky, Pam, Marilyn and Sheri, with Angeni from Tim Hortons also lending a hand to support the Interlake Food Bank campaign.

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Local Arborg shepherd and his sheep bring poetry to Holiday Alley

Holiday Alley brings four days of creativity, culture and community to downtown Selkirk

By Lana Meier

One of the most popular attractions at the Interlake's largest cultural festival owes its success to a sheep farmer from Arborg.

Three years ago, organizers of Holiday Alley in Selkirk approached Arik Lindal, Interlake director of the Manitoba Sheep Association, to help launch a new art project called Sheep Poetry. Since then, it has grown into one of the festival's signature activities. Holiday Alley runs Nov. 19 to 22 in downtown Selkirk.

Lindal transports eight sheep from his farm, provides the pen and helps fasten bibs around each of the animals. Each bib features a festive word. Visitors of all ages are encouraged to write poems inspired by the words on the sheep as they wander the enclosure. The poems are then displayed on the pen fence as public art, with this year's installation led by artist Claire Boning.

Lindal says he didn't expect to enjoy the role as much as he does.

"Originally I was just going to bring the sheep down and stand back, but I now spend a lot of time answering questions from children and adults



Sheep in festive bibs mingle during the Sheep Poetry installation at Holiday Alley in Selkirk, where visitors write poems inspired by the words on each animal.

about sheep farming," said Lindal, who comes from a long line of cattle farmers.

The event blends culture, creativity and agriculture — a hallmark of Holiday Alley.

"The enchanting thing about Holiday Alley is the fine balance it creates between dreaming up new and creative ideas every year and bringing back fan favourites," said Lois Wales, president of Red River North Tourism. "The team gets a bit wacky — like who would think 200 people every year would write poems based on



TRIBUNE PHOTOS SUBMITTED

Sheep Poetry on Holiday Alley is made possible by Arborg farmer Arik Lindal and his handsome sheep.

words on sheep — but it works and is a visitor favourite."

She noted that Travel Manitoba named Holiday Alley the Best Event in Manitoba in 2023.

New programming this year reflects contributions from youth, community members and newcomers across the region.

Eight newcomers from Ukraine, Ni-

geria and India have collaborated on the Newcomers' Storytelling Café, taking place Saturday, Nov. 22 at 10 a.m. at Knox Presbyterian Church on McLean Avenue in Selkirk.

A new culinary workshop hosted by Nobüz Market will explore the art of crafting non-alcoholic cocktails on

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Losing teeth? Here's how to keep your smile and confidence

BY ELISHA VANDOR

I have heard that first-time denture wearers lose a significant amount of weight during the waiting period between extractions and getting dentures. If you were to ask me, the mashed potatoes and smoothie diet in conjunction with no teeth for months and months is one way to lose weight, but not ideal. The good news is that you don't have to endure the waiting period before wearing a denture because the denture(s) can be made and ready BEFORE your teeth are pulled so you never have to be a day without your smile, self-confidence and teeth to chew. These dentures have a specific name called Immediate dentures because they go in immediately after extractions.

There are a lot of benefits of an immediate denture too!

- The denture acts like a Bandaid right over the extraction site to help stop the bleeding. In addition, the denture prevents food from going into the sockets. As you eat, you're simultaneously

getting used to wearing a denture, which brings me to my next point.

- The more you wear the denture, the easier it is to get used to, so starting right away is the best way. If you were to wait months without a denture, then it can be easier to ditch the denture and make do like you've always done, which makes the transition to dentures much longer and more difficult to get used to.
- Yes, it's a big deal going from your natural teeth to a denture. There's a lot of differences to get used to; however, the look of your smile shouldn't be one of them. Your smile is unique to you, from the shape of your teeth to the size and colour, we know that looking like you is important, which is why we create the denture to your liking. Some patients even bring in pictures of their former smile so we can recreate their look.

Our profession is all about dentures, and in our denture opinion, the most successful way to transition from natural teeth to dentures

is found in the aftercare process. You see, as your gums heal, they shrink, but the denture doesn't automatically shrink with your gums, so it starts to feel loose. A loose denture is probably the top 3 denture frustrations of all time and a big contributing factor to the weight loss situation, so before the frustration of ill-fitting dentures sets in, we will already have your next series of appointments booked to re-fit the denture(s) with a temporary lining so it's as snug as can be. Our Denturists Matthew and Brock have helped hundreds of people, like yourself, with immediate dentures. Everyday we see people for their aftercare appointments and know you will benefit from seeing us before your extractions too. All aftercare appointments are already included into the price of the denture(s) for up to 2 years. All you have to do is call and book your free consultation appointment and we will be here for you every step of the way.



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Patients come in for their aftercare appointments at Vandor Denture Centre to ensure their transition from natural teeth to dentures is seamless.

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Your FARM



Linear Grain purchases Fannystelle grain elevator from Bunge

By Haley Cvar

A long-time local grain company has expanded its footprint in southern Manitoba with the acquisition of the Fannystelle grain elevator.

Linear Grain Inc., based in Carman, confirmed this week it has purchased the elevator from Bunge. The transaction closed Nov. 5 and operations are already underway under Linear Grain ownership, with both existing employees retained to ensure continuity of service.

President and merchandising manager Ryan McKnight said the acquisition aligns with the company's long-term growth plans and strengthens delivery and marketing options for producers.

"We have been wanting to expand our storage capacity over the past few years in Carman and have plans to do so in the future," McKnight said. "When this opportunity came up, we were very interested. We have also been looking to get on the CPKC rail line for many years, and this gave us that opportunity. This will add additional marketing options for us and for the customers we purchase grain from."

Linear Grain currently ships on the CN through Central Manitoba Railway and also has access to BNSF. McKnight said adding CPKC broadens the company's ability to reach new markets and offer additional program flexibility.

The Fannystelle location will work closely with the company's Carman facility.

"This location being close to Carman will allow us to share company resources, equipment and staff very easily," McKnight said. "The catchment area will allow us to purchase from further north and along Highway 2 from new customers we are currently either not working with or seldom working with. We'll leverage each facility's advantages, including which commodities are handled where, and offer flexibility and farm pickup options to keep grain moving."

Both staff members previously employed at the elevator have been retained, including the new facility operations manager who brings 24 years of experience in the grain industry and 10 years working at Fannystelle.

Linear Grain expects to add an additional employee as operations ramp up.

"The elevator is currently in good shape and we will repair, maintain and replace equipment as needed," McKnight added. "We will likely add storage capacity and look at increasing receiving and shipping capacity. There is room on the site for expansion."

McKnight emphasized that local ownership remains central to Linear Grain's identity and approach.

"Local service means the owners and decision makers live and work here and care deeply about our communities," he said. "My family has deep roots in this region going back six generations. When you do business with a company like Linear Grain, you can get hold of the decision-makers and build working relationships that you might not be able to with a larger or foreign corporation. If our company continues to be successful, we are investing money back into our business locally, donating to community causes and keeping jobs and economic benefits in the region."

McKnight said maintaining a competitive grain handling sector means ensuring space for privately owned Manitoba companies.

"The agricultural commodities business is dominated by large multinational organizations," he said. "To continue to have a vibrant and competitive marketplace, it's important that local entrepreneurs can compete and add value — rather than the industry continuing to consolidate."

For McKnight, the move also comes with personal connection to the community.

"We have many customers in the Fannystelle area that we have purchased grain from for many years. We look forward to cultivating more business in the area and have an additional tool with the Fannystelle elevator to meet their needs," he said.

Producers interested in receiving Linear Grain's bid texts and emails may contact the Carman office.



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Ryan McKnight, president and merchandising manager of Linear Grain Inc., at the Fannystelle grain elevator following the company's Nov. 5 purchase from Bunge.



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Firefighters Ball another great success

By Jennifer McFee

The annual Firefighters Ball warmed hearts while also raising funds for the Stony Mountain Rockwood Fire Department.

On Saturday, Nov. 1, community members gathered at Stony Mountain Rec Centre for the much-anticipated event.

Debbie Pansky and Curtis McClintock presented 10-year service recognition pins to Lt. Ryley Wytinck and Capt. Kristina Knapp. In addition, Deputy Chief Kevin Knapp and Deputy Chief Cam Stewart received their 20-year plaques.

Fire Chief Marcel McIvor said they also acknowledged members who have reached five years of service with the department: Robert Delaney, Scott Miskiewicz, Michael Sagriff, Ty-

ler Thorne and Riley Vautour.

"This year's Firefighters Ball, we sold 270 tickets and all had a great evening. Abas Catering provided a fantastic meal, as always. There was great music, and we even slid in the last innings for the Bluejays game on the big screen during the evening," McIvor said.

"We would like to thank all of our sponsors for their generous donations. We could not have a successful silent auction without their support. On behalf of our entire crew, we thank everyone for attending and we'll see you all again next year."

In total, the fundraiser is expected to clear \$9,000. Part of the funds will be used to buy new firefighting nozzle technology for both structural and wildfire applications.

> SHEPHERD, FROM PG. 22

Saturday, Nov. 22 at 5 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.

Students and educators are introducing three new art pieces exploring reconciliation through lanterns, hand drums and ceramic tiles. An Indigenous ribbon skirt fashion show will take place on the outdoor stage Saturday, Nov. 22 at 1 p.m.

For visitors seeking a slower pace, Glow Fitness will host a sound bath

on Friday, Nov. 21 at 8 p.m.

Holiday Alley will also feature two choral performances at the United Church on McLean on Thursday, Nov. 20 at 7 p.m. and Saturday, Nov. 22 at 4 p.m.

Fire on the Red III returns to the Selkirk waterfront Saturday, Nov. 22 at 7 p.m., where two giant straw sculptures created in collaboration with local students will be set ablaze.

It remains the only public straw-burning art installation of its kind in Manitoba.

Back by popular demand, Easel Wars will run Saturday, Nov. 22 from noon to 3 p.m. at the Gwen Fox Gallery, where friends and family compete to complete paintings in rapid-fire rounds. Spots fill quickly.

Santa will also make multiple appearances, including selfies on the street Friday evening and Breakfast with Santa at the Mighty Kiwi in the Riverside Grill on Saturday, Nov. 22 from 9 to 11 a.m.

The full Holiday Alley schedule is available at holidayalley.ca.



Deputy Chief Cam Stewart and Deputy Chief Kevin Knapp were honoured with 20-year plaques during the annual Firefighters Ball on Nov. 1 at the Stony Mountain Rec Centre. Pictured: Stewart, Knapp and Fire Chief Marcel McIvor.



Coun. Curtis McClintock, Deputy Chief Kevin Knapp, Coun. Debbie Pansky, Lt. Ryley Wytinck and Fire Chief Marcel McIvor presenting the 10-year service medal from the RM of Rockwood.



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Rockwood Coun. Curtis McClintock, Deputy Chief Kevin Knapp, Rockwood Coun. Debbie Pansky, Capt. Kristina Knapp and Fire Chief Marcel McIvor presenting the 10-year service medal from the RM of Rockwood.



Stonewall U13A1 Jr. Jets Fundraiser

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Join the Jr. Jets for a fun evening of music, prizes and community spirit. No music knowledge required — it's just like regular bingo, but with songs.

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More Secret Santas for Seniors in demand

By Jennifer McFee

The holiday season is right around the corner, and we all have the chance to bring a little joy to local seniors through a heart-warming initiative.

For the eighth year, the Secret Santa for a Senior program aims to share Christmas gifts with seniors in facilities in the community.

Donna Grieve of Stonewall was inspired to launch the program after her sister started something similar in Alberta. This year, more than 260 local seniors in Stonewall, Balmoral, Stony Mountain and Teulon will receive a gift through the initiative — about 40 more than last year.

"I contact the various facilities in Stonewall and surrounding communities to see if they are interested in participating," Grieve said.

"Year after year, they are happy to be included as many of the seniors would not receive a gift were it not for this program."

To make those Christmas wishes come true, about 30 more Secret Santas are needed to cover the demand.

In addition to individual Secret Santas, sponsors can also get involved.

"In the past, a dealership in Selkirk presented me with \$1,000 cheque, which sponsored 25 seniors. I am delighted to say that I have recently received a generous donation that will help sponsor some seniors, but we still have about 30 more seniors who need a Secret Santa," Grieve said.

"We would certainly appreciate monetary donations and I will even do the shopping for you."

The types of gifts vary depending on the facility. Ideas could include unscented lotions and body wash, lip balm, deodorant, socks with grips on the bottom, shawls or small blankets. Other possibilities include a small Christmas ornament, stuffed animal, manicure kits, puzzles, picture books, hats, scarves, mittens, Kleenex and calendars.

The deadline to turn in gifts is Sunday, Nov. 30, which will give Grieve and her team of volunteers

enough time to inspect and organize the gifts before distributing them.

This year, the gift drop-off location has changed to a residence in Stonewall.

"Unfortunately, we could not use the same space as previous years, so I posted on the Secret Santa for Seniors Facebook page that we urgently need a new space or we would not be able to move forward," Grieve said.

"Within 24 hours, I had several people message me offering a space. One couple has graciously offered their place for drop-off and storage of the gifts — and, for that, I'm so grateful."

Another change this year is that the gifts need to be given in strong plastic or vinyl bags with handles.

"Going forward, we prefer not to use the traditional paper-type gift bags because they tear easily and the handles break if they are heavy," she said. "So we are going with reusable bags with sturdy handles instead."

For Grieve, the impacts of the initiative are clear to see.

"I believe this program is important because it brings such happiness and joy to the seniors. They are so grateful to receive a visit and a gift at Christmas," she said.

"I have been told by several facilities that many of these seniors would not receive a gift at all if not for this program. Some seniors don't have family nearby or, in some cases, have outlived their family and have no one. There's so much focus on Christmas for children that often our seniors are left out."

Anyone who would like to get involved can join the Secret Santa for Seniors Facebook group and sign up to become a sponsor. Another option is to help with distributing gifts at a facility.

After joining the Facebook group, gift-givers can request to be assigned a senior by Grieve. Grieve will provide the gift-giver with an identification



TRIBUNE PHOTO SUBMITTED
Donna Grieve's Aunt Hilda was happy to be a recipient of a Secret Santa gift in previous years. More Secret Santas for Seniors are still needed this year.

number for their senior. They'll buy the gift and put it in a strong reusable bag labelled with the senior's ID number, which corresponds with the facility. Grieve recommends checking the Facebook page often for updated information.

And for anyone who doesn't feel they have time to do the shopping, they can still sponsor a senior and arrange for Grieve to do the shopping for them.

"I am so grateful to the Stonewall community for stepping up whenever needed," she said.

Learn more through the Facebook group Secret Santa for Seniors.

> MULTI-USE TRAIL, FROM PG. 19

Manitoba for development and maintenance of multi-use trail systems.

Calvin Sedleski, president of the Interlake Offroad Club, said the local club will be undertaking upgrades to the railbed from Komarno through Fraserwood to Silver. The club is incorporated and has liability insurance.

"For our club to put insurance on the trail, we have to have a legal footprint and an agreement with whoever is controlling the property. Then we put liability insurance on that trail and we can receive funding for it," Sedleski explained.

"So we approached the RM and told them that our club will put liability insurance for a multi-use trail system. We'll put up the signage, we'll maintain it, and we'll give the RM updates on everything that we do."

To start in the RM of Rockwood, the Interlake Offroad Club is working on the portion of the trail from Road 80

to Komarno. They're also working with the RM of Armstrong on the top part of the railbed from Komarno north to Silver.

"We've already put about \$45,000 into it. It's pretty awesome. We're putting down crushed asphalt, which is better for cycling and ATVs. In the RM of Armstrong, we've also already put up about 108 signs with posts," he said.

"Right now in Gunton, we have signs up and we're hoping to drop crushed asphalt and spread it out before winter. It's been too soft to go in there, but hopefully it will clear up. We've had a lot of good feedback in the RM of Armstrong, and we're hoping it's going to be the same in the RM of Rockwood."

Looking ahead, the Interlake Offroad Club plans to hold another community meeting to provide an update on the project.

> BOOKMOBILE, FROM PG. 13

toba. The renewal project was supported by numerous community partners, including Rockwood Wrecking and Recovery, the Stonewall Teulon Tribune, Stonewall & District Lions Club, Teulon & Area Lions Club, Interlake Community Foundation and the Friends of the Library.

"Many people helped plan, build and launch the renewed Bookmobile," Palcat said. "We truly appreciate each and every one of them."

Like many non-profits, the library continues to welcome volunteers and new members for its Friends of the Library group, which supports programming across all branches.

For Palcat, the most memorable moments of the first week were

the small, heartfelt interactions — the honks and waves from drivers passing by, the hugs from patrons who had missed the Bookmobile, and the excitement of children discovering the bright new wrap.

"The comments, the smiles, the feeling of being welcomed back — that's the icing on the cake," she said.

With strong early turnout and a growing collection, the renewed Bookmobile is poised to continue its long legacy of connecting rural residents with books, programs and community spirit.

"My hope is that families and residents will continue to visit and enjoy the services we provide," Palcat said. "We're so happy to be back on the road."

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Warren Wildcats junior varsity teams headed to provincials

By Jo-Anne Procter

The Warren Wildcats girls' and boys' junior varsity volleyball teams are set to showcase their hard work and talent at the Manitoba High Schools Athletic Association's A/AA provincial championships Nov. 20-22.

The girls' team secured its berth after a competitive qualifier tournament in Île-des-Chênes on Nov. 8. The Wildcats opened with a tough match against the Major Pratt Trojans, dropping the first set 25-15 before rebounding with 25-6 and 15-8 wins. They followed up with decisive victories of 25-11 and 25-20 over Ga-

brielle-Roy Les Roys, then defeated the MacGregor Mustangs 25-18 and 25-23.

In the final, the Wildcats found themselves in a rematch with Major Pratt. They took the first set 25-12, fell 25-12 in the second, and sealed the championship — and their trip to provincials in Birtle — with a thrilling 16-14 victory in the deciding set.

The junior varsity boys' volleyball team also earned its place at provincials after emerging victorious at the provincial round-one qualifier in Boissevain on Nov. 8.

The Wildcats opened with a straight-

set win over the Fisher Branch Cougars, 25-20 and 25-21. They then defeated the Boissevain Broncos 25-10 and 25-19, followed by another solid performance against the Immanuel Christian Falcons, winning 25-19 and 25-22.

Warren clinched the championship in a rematch against the Broncos, taking the title with 25-23 and 25-21 wins to cap a perfect day on the court.

The junior varsity boys will now travel to Hamiota for their provincial playoff.

Strong super spike



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY MONICA JAMES

École Stonewall Centennial School girls' volleyball team turned in a strong showing at the Leila North Lions Pride Super Spike tournament, finishing second overall in a 16-team field. The squad played 16 sets throughout the day, winning 11. They topped their round-robin pool with victories over Steinbach, Lockport and Sargent Park. In the playoffs, Stonewall Centennial defeated Meadows West, St. Mary's Academy in three sets, and Isaac Newton in another three-set battle to reach the final. They met the host Leila North team in the championship match, falling 25-19 and 25-17. It was a valuable tune-up as the Stingers prepare for the divisional tournament on Nov. 25 in Warren. Pictured left to right, back row: Tim Lee (coach), Abi Osborne, Gemma Garton, Edie Garton, Rachel Hughson, Hunter Dwyer; Front row, Kahlie Minnie, Kaylah James, Brooklyn Chetyrbok and Monaco Gederon. Missing from the photo are Grace Ward, Tamsen Killberry, Devvyn Van Hussen and Eva Learmond.



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The Warren Wildcats junior varsity girls' volleyball team won the Manitoba High Schools Athletic Association Provincial Round 1 qualifier on Nov. 8, earning a berth in the MHSAA provincials in Birtle from Nov. 20 to 22. Pictured, back row from left: coach Cara Gulay, Sofie Walsh, Lexi Schutz, Katryna Atchison, Everly Sherry, Emma Cassils, Addalyn Grandmont, Ashlyn Huard and coach Kim Cassils; front row: Arianna Sadowski, Mya Good, Mackenzie Boonstra and Ashlyn Hoas.



The Warren Wildcats junior varsity boys' volleyball team won the Manitoba High Schools Athletic Association Provincial Round 1 qualifier on Nov. 8, earning a berth in the MHSAA provincials in Hamiota from Nov. 20 to 22. Pictured, back row from left: coach Cody Hearn, James Knutson, Adam Ball, Caleb Voth, Burke Johnson, Matthew Estensen, Yaseen Ball, Cree Redhead and coach Gaelen Fehr; front row: Lee Hearn, Rylan Robert, Lucas Riddell, Charlie Beachell, Kieryck Scheffer and Cameron Koss.

Wildcats boys and girls qualify for AA provincial championships

By Lana Meier

Both the varsity girls' and boys' Warren Wildcats volleyball teams have secured their spots at the AA Provincial Top 10 championships after weekend qualifiers that saw the girls dominate on home court and the boys battle through a competitive field in Roblin.

The Warren Wildcats varsity girls are headed to the Provincial Top 10 weekend after a commanding performance at their AA Provincial Round 1 qualifier on Nov. 15.

Playing in a best-of-three round-robin format, the Wildcats wasted no time asserting themselves. Warren opened with a decisive 25-9, 25-7 win over the Treherne/Notre Dame Co-op, powered by strong serving and steady ball control.

Their toughest test of the day came against the Landmark 96ers. Warren took the first set 25-9 before Landmark responded with a tight 25-22 win to force a third set. The Wildcats regrouped, tightened their defence and capitalized on key swings to close out the match 15-11.

Warren finished the day with a composed 25-14, 25-17 victory over the Major Pratt Trojans, completing an undefeated round robin to secure the region's automatic berth to the Provincial Top 10 weekend. Landmark later claimed the second available spot, defeating Major Pratt 25-16, 25-

15 in the qualifier playoff.

The Wildcats now advance to provincials, hosted by Prairie Mountain High School from Nov. 27-29. Teams competing include the Prairie Mountain Predators, Rosenort Redhawks, Green Valley Pirates, Landmark 96ers, Carberry Cougars, Goose Lake Angels, Warren Wildcats, Gabrielle-Roy Les Roys and Immanuel Christian Falcons.

BOYS CLINCH FINAL ROBLIN QUALIFIER SPOT

The Warren Wildcats varsity boys are also headed to the AA provincials after a resilient showing at the MHSAA AA Provincial Round 1 qualifier in Roblin on Nov. 15.

The Wildcats opened the round robin with a tight three-set win over the Ebb and Flow Thunderbirds, taking the first set 25-22 before dropping the second 18-25. Warren regrouped in the tiebreak, closing out a 15-11 victory.

Their second match brought another three-set battle, this time against the host Goose Lake Raiders. Warren fell 18-25 in the opening set, rallied to edge the Raiders 26-24 in the second but couldn't complete the comeback in a 15-8 deciding-set loss. Goose Lake went on to finish the round robin undefeated and claim the first provincial berth.



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY JO-ANNE PROCTER

Wildcats' setter Julia Oliver sets up Mackenzie Boonstra for the kill in the first set of their match against the Landmark 96ers in MHSAA provincial round 1 qualifier action in Warren on Nov. 15.

vincial berth.

Needing a win to stay alive, Warren responded with a composed straight-sets victory over the Boissevain Broncoes, posting back-to-back 25-20 scores to secure a place in the crossover playoff.

Facing Ebb and Flow for a second time, the Wildcats produced one of their most confident outings of the day. Warren controlled the playoff match from start to finish, winning 25-17 and 26-24 to claim the final

qualifier out of the Roblin site.

The Wildcats advance to the MHSAA AA boys' provincial championship hosted by Major Pratt School from Nov. 27 to 29. Other competitors include the Elton Sabres, Major Pratt Trojans, Rosenort Redhawks, Green Valley Pirates, Carberry Cougars, Goose Lake Raiders, Immanuel Christian Falcons, Morris/St. Jean (Co-Op) Mavericks and Margaret Barbour Spartans.

U15 AA Lightning 'getting better by the week'

By Kieran Reimer

The U15 AA Interlake Lightning's latest win is a testament to how quickly the young squad is progressing.

Interlake defeated the Kenora Thistles 7-5 in Warren last Friday for their third win of the campaign, improving to 3-6 on the season. Goaltender Liam Einarson earned the victory, while the Lightning attack was powered by goals from Damion Johnson, Jaxson Keeley, Brody Ivany (2), Jayden Chartrand, Drake Coutu and Cohen Scully.

With just two returning players from last year's team — which hovered around the .500 mark — the Lightning are steadily adjusting to a higher level of competition. Many players have made the jump from the A1 ranks, and for the team's 13-year-olds, this season marks their introduction to body contact.

"It's been a bit of a process but overall I'm pretty happy with the effort and improvement from everyone. We've got a good group of kids and just working on getting better," head

coach Cody King said Monday.

King and his staff have taken a similar approach with this year's team as they did last season, establishing systems early while exercising patience as players learn the demands of the AA game.

Friday's result was Interlake's second win of November, bringing their record this month to 2-2.

"We actually have seen improvement right from day one to now — it's totally different — so everyone's been working hard," King said. "I don't really have much negative to say. We've been in every game except for the one against Brandon, but we've been in every game, pulled a goalie a couple times, got an empty-net (goal). Pretty happy with the effort."

Interlake now turns its attention to the Winnipeg Bruins Black, whom they'll face for the first time this season on Sunday evening in Transcona. The teams will meet twice more later



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY LANA MEIER

Interlake Lightning forward Brody Ivany scored twice against the Kenora Thistles during Friday night's 7-5 win in Warren.

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U18 Lightning teams outmatched in recent slate

By Kieran Reimer

Both the male and female U18 AAA Interlake Lightning teams came up short in last week's action.

After being shut out 4-0 Friday by the Pembina Valley Hawks, the boys pushed much closer on Saturday in Steinbach against the Eastman Selects.

Interlake led 3-1 in the second period on goals from Mathias Sibilleau, Lucas Miller and Reid Toporoski. The Selects eventually drew even and then took the lead shortly after to go up 4-3 heading into the third.

Sibilleau scored early in the third to tie the game 4-4, but Eastman continued their late offensive push, netting two goals in under two minutes to regain a 6-4 edge. The Selects later added one into the empty net to seal a 7-4 final and hand Interlake its third straight loss.

The boys now sit 11th in the Manitoba U18 AAA Hockey League with a 3-13-1 record. Their next league game is Sunday against the Winnipeg Wild at 2:30 p.m. at the Hockey For All Centre.

FEMALE LIGHTNING DROP THREE STRAIGHT IN U18 AAA PLAY

The girls, meanwhile, dropped three contests this past week, beginning with Tuesday night's meeting against the Winnipeg Ice at the Hockey For All Centre.

Interlake didn't score until late in the third when Keirlyn Nohlgren broke the goose egg in an eventual 5-1 win for the Ice.

The Lightning then moved into a weekend road slate that began with a 6-2 loss Friday to the Yellowhead Chiefs. Kashlynn Kiesman put Interlake on the board midway through the third, cutting the deficit to 4-1 at the time. Blake Darragh added Interlake's second goal with just over two minutes left in the third in the eventual Chiefs victory.

Interlake continued on to another road matchup Saturday evening against the Westman Wildcats, who built a 3-0 lead in the first. After a scoreless second period, the Wildcats made it 4-0 midway through the third. Lily MacGregor eventually broke through for Interlake in what



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY DARRYL GERSHMAN

The Lightning's Kashlynn Kiesman battles for the puck on the faceoff during U18 AAA action.

became a 4-1 Wildcats win.

The loss dropped the Lightning to 1-11 through 12 games, placing them eighth in the Manitoba Female Hockey League U18 AAA standings. They

will look to get back in the win column Friday when they host the Yellowhead Chiefs at Veterans Memorial Sports Complex. Puck drop is scheduled for 8 p.m.



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY JO-ANNE PROCTER

The Lightning's Mathias Sibilleau rushes the Pembina Valley Hawks goaltender during their 4-0 loss to the Hawks in Teulon on Nov. 14.

> U15 AA, FROM PG. 27

in the season.

With the season nearing the quarter mark, here's where the Lightning stack up in league play. The Lightning now sit seventh in the 12-team U15 AA standings at 3-6, with 30 goals for and 44 against. Thrashers Blue and the Wheat Kings share top spot with 14 points each, followed closely by Bruins Brown and Thrashers Grey.

Wild Red rounds out the top five, while Wild Green holds sixth place just ahead of Interlake. Thrashers White, Bruins Gold and Wild Gold are tightly grouped in the middle of the pack, while the Thistles sit 11th and the Bruins Black remain winless at the bottom of the table.

Puck drop Sunday is set for 7:15 p.m. at Transcona East End C.C.

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Bombers hand Mercs a lopsided loss on home ice

By Annaliese Meier

The Warren Mercs ran into a red-hot Morden Bombers squad on Saturday night, falling 10-2 in a rough outing on home ice.

Morden's Evan Wuerch opened the scoring at 3:37 of the first before Braydon MacDonald responded for Warren midway through the frame, converting a feed from Jesse Korytko to tie the game 1-1. But the Bombers quickly took control, restoring the lead 25 seconds later and adding another before the intermission to go up 3-1.

The second period proved to be the turning point as Morden struck four times in just under 12 minutes. Jory Mullin completed a natural hat trick by the 14:54 mark of the period, while Tyler Campbell and Collin Shirley each chipped in multi-point nights. Warren's lone marker of the frame came off the stick of Drake Lindsay at 6:50, with assists to Gianluca Esteves and Brett Brooks.

Morden continued to roll in the third with goals from Mullin, Logan Christensen and Jessi Freund to round out the scoring. Mullin finished with four goals, while Christensen added a goal and two helpers.



Mercs forward Braydon MacDonald scored once in the Mercs' matchup against the Morden Bombers.

Despite the lopsided result, Mercs goaltender Evan Baty was heavily tested, turning aside 46 shots in the loss. Morden netminder Reed Peters made 41 saves to earn the win.

Special teams played only a small role in the game, with the Bombers going 0-for-2 on the power play and



TRIBUNE PHOTOS BY LANA MEIER

Warren Mercs goaltender Evan Baty kicks out a pad save during SEMHL action Saturday night. Baty faced a heavy workload in the game, turning aside 46 shots for the Mercs.

Warren not receiving a man advantage opportunity.

The Mercs, now 2-2 on the season,

will look to regroup when they return to home ice on Friday, Nov. 21 to host Red River at 8 p.m.

Selkirk, Maulers Boxing score international fight card in 2026

By Kieran Reimer

The biggest boxing event in Selkirk's history was announced last week.

Canada and El Salvador's national boxing teams are set for an international clash on Saturday, July 4, 2026, at the Selkirk Recreation Complex.

Organizer Devin Tomko of Maulers Boxing in Selkirk confirmed the 12-fight card last week as Maulers Boxing's Fight Night V.

"It's Canada Day weekend, so we've got the best finish of the week to have Team Canada versus Team El Salva-

dor at the rec centre," Tomko said last Thursday.

"We're hoping to make it a big event with VIP tables available and to fill up that rec centre, so it's just closing out Canada Day weekend with a bang here in Selkirk."

Fight Night V will also include several local bouts, including one featuring Maulers prodigy Damir Kudusov.

The remainder of the fighters — including national team members — have yet to be determined.

Tomko secured the event through

discussions with Canadian national team members, along with his connections from his own fighting days to Sammy Contreras, president of Fesalbox, the Salvadoran Boxing Federation.

Fight Night V will be the fifth card Tomko and Maulers have hosted since launching the series in 2024 — and it will be their largest venue yet.

"It's essentially just bringing the community together," Tomko said. "Obviously, we like to help as many people as we can with boxing — get-

ting them off the streets and getting them in — but at the same time, we want to create a great pastime for everybody in the town. So we're hoping to get as many people out as possible and spread boxing around."

Tickets will go on sale in March 2026 at Boston Pizza Selkirk, Iron Image Barbell Club and potentially more locations.

General admission tickets are \$20, while reserved ringside seats are \$40.

Doors on July 4 will open at 6 p.m., with fights starting at 7 p.m.

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Jets split midweek set with win over Twisters, loss to Canucks

By Annaliese Meier

The Stonewall Jets earned a solid home-ice victory Thursday before running into a hungry St. James squad on Friday, finishing their two-game MMJHL stretch with a split.

Stonewall came out flying at Veterans Memorial Arena, scoring three times in just over two minutes during the first period. Alternate captain Brody Stovin opened the scoring at 10:06, followed by captain Karson King's seventh of the season and a marker from Rylan Slatcher to put the Jets up 3-0.

Pembina Valley cut into the lead late in the frame with a power-play goal from Ayden Lazarenko, but Stonewall regained momentum in the second thanks to a well-placed shot from Cohen Cheung at 17:10.

The Twisters pressed back with two goals in the third from Lucas Thomas and defenceman Rhett Peters, making it a one-goal game with just over 10

minutes remaining. Stonewall held firm, and King iced the win with an empty-netter for his second of the night.

Everett Winters stopped 23 shots to earn the win, as the Jets outshot the Twisters 35-26.

One night later, the Jets couldn't find the same early jump. St. James opened the scoring in the final minute of the first period and never trailed on home ice at Ab McDonald Arena.

The Canucks extended their lead to 3-0 midway through the second on goals by Cole Warsaba and Tyson Kuntz. Stonewall generated more pressure in the third and was rewarded when Gavin Holod scored twice — both assisted by different linemates — as the Jets attempted to claw back.

But St. James pushed right back, with Adrien McIntosh scoring twice in the final five minutes, including an empty-netter, to seal the victory.

Stonewall outshot the Canucks 33-



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY LANA MEIER

Stonewall's Cohen Cheung slips a shot past the Pembina Valley goalie during Thursday night's 5-3 win at Veterans Memorial Arena. Cheung scored once and added an assist as the Jets jumped out to an early lead and held on for the victory.

Blues capture bronze



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The Stonewall Blues U15A1 female team earned bronze at the Brandon Female Hockey Challenge, defeating the Winnipeg Rockets 4-2 in the medal game. The Blues went 1-1-1 in the round robin with a 1-1 tie against the Regina Rebels, a 2-1 loss to the Winnipeg Storm and a 5-0 win over the Borderland Badgers in an eight-team field. Pictured, left to right, back row: Kyle Barylski, Marc Van Hussen, Tamsen Killbery, Kendra Zaretsky, Aubri Porter, Kaelle Kuzmik, Maddy Marsden, Lilly Slobodzian and Gabby Woodhouse. Front: Carissa Sanderson, Annaliese Arbez, Gracy Harden and Devynn Van Hussen. Missing from the weekend was Alyvia Da Silva.

46, with Spencer Hunnam making 41 saves in the loss.

UPCOMING GAMES:

The Jets (7-8-0) sit in the middle of

a tight pack in the MMJHL standings and return to action Nov. 20 on the road against the St. Vital Jr. Victorias. They'll be back home Nov. 23 to host the Charleswood Hawks.

Wildcats take fifth in Carman Cougars Tournament

By Kieran Reimer

The Warren Wildcats took home fifth place at the Carman Cougars High School Hockey Tournament last week.

The Wildcats went 1-1-1 in the 53rd rendition of the tournament with the host Cougars going on to win the gold.

Warren opened up against the Cougars on Friday morning where they fell 6-1 the final from Carman Arena.

The Cougars took an early lead and continued to build on it throughout. Warren's Braeden Ivany scored their lone goal in the third period to ruin the Cougars' shutout bid.

The Wildcats then played to a 2-1 loss on Friday afternoon to the Prairie Mountain/Notre Dame/

Miami/Gilbert-Rosset (Co-Op) Mountain Mustangs in a game that needed overtime after the Mountain Mustangs tied in the third.

Warren's lone goal of the game went to Ashton Baldwin who tallied during the second for the Wildcats.

After going 0-1-1 through two Pool 1 games, the Wildcats were bound for a fifth place game matchup on Saturday against the Portage Collegiate Trojans.

The Wildcats got out to an early 3-0 lead in the game and continued to pour on the offence throughout.

They took it 6-2 the final to finish out the tournament. Wildcats goals went to Rhet King, Liam Boonstra, Benett Bergthorson, and Ivany, who netted a hat trick.

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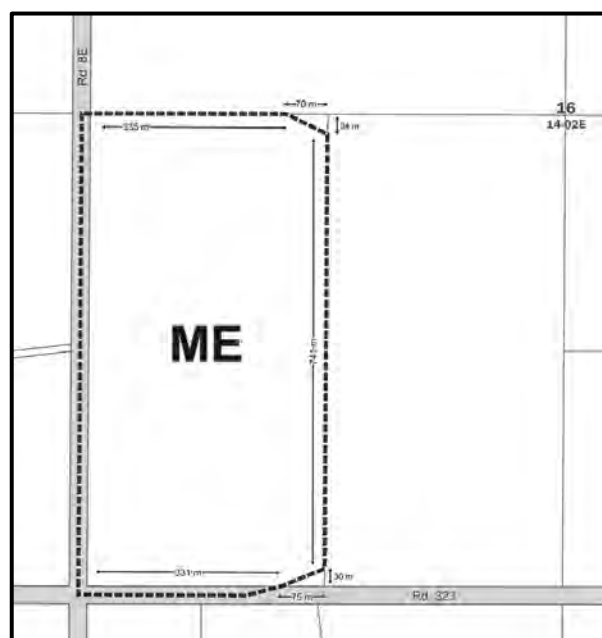
**R.M. OF ROCKWOOD BY-LAW NO. 34/25
Being an AMENDMENT to the R.M. OF ROCKWOOD
ZONING BY-LAW NO. 20/19, as amended.**

HEARING LOCATION: Rural Municipality of Rockwood Council Chambers
285 Main Street, Stonewall, MB

DATE & TIME: Wednesday, December 10, 2025, at 10:30 AM

GENERAL INTENT: To re-zone the Pt. W ½ of the SW ¼ 16-14-2 EPM from "MEH" Industrial Extractive Holding Area Zone to "ME" Industrial Extractive Zone to support aggregate extraction.

AREA AFFECTED:



FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Eric Shaw, General Manager
South Interlake Planning District, 5-15 Davis Way,
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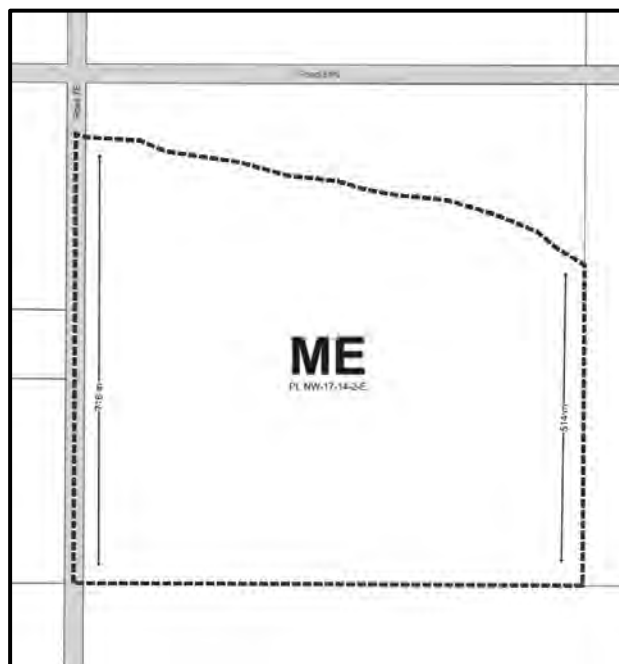
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Alan Robert Nixon
1944 – 2025

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A longer obituary will follow with Celebration of Life details.



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OBITUARY



Daniel (Donald) Peter Ledarney
July 1, 1950 – November 7, 2025

With sorrow we wish to announce the passing of our brother, uncle and friend, Daniel (Don) Ledarney.

He was predeceased by his parents Peter and Irene Ledarney, sister-in-law Maria Ledarney.

He leaves behind his brothers Murray and Larry, sister Maureen (Vic) Medwid. Also, nephews and nieces and their families.

Daniel enjoyed traveling with his nephew to Jamaica and Vegas. He was very intelligent, in 1974 he received a Diploma in Biorhemiral Technology, in 1993 a certificate in Building Construction Technician, 1998 a Diploma in Multimedia Computer Applications Specialist Program.

He worked also as a graphic designer which he loved and did until retirement.

His hobbies were gardening flowers and vegetables which he liked to share with others. He enjoyed berry and mushroom season when Daniel and his Dad would sneak out to their secret patches.

Due to Dementia he spent the last few months in Selkirk Mental Hospital. We wish to thank the staff for all the love and care they showed Daniel during his stay.

Rest in Peace dear brother we love you.

-The Ledarney family



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Brenda Louise Beauchamp
March 23, 1966 – November 10, 2025

Surrounded by her family, it is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Brenda Beauchamp on November 10, 2025 at the age of 59. She passed peacefully, after a courageous battle with cancer, with her loved ones by her side.

Brenda was predeceased by her parents, Cally and Helen Beauchamp.

She leaves behind her beloved daughter, Brandi (Peter), and her cherished granddaughter, Callie, who was the light of her life. Brenda will also be deeply missed by her brothers, Craig (Kim) and Jim (Laura), as well as by her many nieces, nephews, and all her other family members. She will also be profoundly missed by her best friend Jen, as well as all of her friends who she loved spending time with.

Born on March 23, 1966, Mom was a lifelong resident of Woodlands, Manitoba, a place she proudly called home. She was deeply rooted in her community and will be remembered for her infectious smile and her ability to find joy in every moment. Mom spent many summers on the baseball field - whether she was playing, coaching, or simply cheering from the sidelines. You could often find her with an ice-cold beer in hand, enjoying the game she loved. In the winter months, she was known for her stellar dance moves on the social dance floor. In her final days, Mom even made sure to brag to her doctors about her dancing skills, always keeping her humor and spirit alive.

Mom was an active and dedicated member of her community, serving on the Woodlands Rec Centre Board for many years. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the Woodlands Minor Ball in Brenda's memory, a cause close to her heart.

A service to celebrate Brenda's life will be held on Friday, November 28th at 1:00 p.m. at the Woodlands Community Hall.

The family would like to extend their heartfelt gratitude to the doctors and nurses at Selkirk Hospital for the compassionate care Mom received during her stay.



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Elizabeth Agnes Chartrand (Liz)

It is with great sadness that we announced the passing of beloved daughter, sister, mother, aunt, cousin, and friend Elizabeth (Liz) Chartrand. She passed away peacefully on October 8th, 2025 at age 60. She will be missed greatly by all that knew her.

Left to mourn are her sons Gary (Amanda) and Darryl, grandchildren Tyler and Cole, father Ed, brothers Ray (Christina), Dennis (Diana), Bob, and Murray (Carla), many cousins, nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

She was predeceased by her mother Agnes.

Liz was born on September 10th, 1965 in Winnipeg, Manitoba where she spent her early years of life attending school at St. Charles Elementary School. In 1976 Liz along with her parents and brothers moved to Balmoral, Manitoba. She attended Balmoral School and graduated from Stonewall Collegiate in 1983. She eventually moved to Teulon where she bought her house and had her two sons.

Her work ethic was evident from her many years working at various businesses throughout her life including Tutta's Snack Shack, Bill and Bee's, Manitoba Metis Federation, Bee Clean, and the WRHA.

Throughout the years, her family and friends were able to enjoy her company at dinners, game nights, bonfires, and random get togethers. She brought her energy and humor everywhere she went, filling rooms with joy and happiness that will be greatly missed. She had great love for her two grandchildren who often had sleepovers at her house when younger. As they got older, she loved to tell stories about how amazing they are and all the activities that they did together.

To have her here in the same old way,

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