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# Lighting up Gunton, local resident's outdoor display brings cheer

By E Antonio

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas at Larry Possberg's Gunton home.

For over five years, Possberg has been lifting Gunton's spirits with his impressive light display.

With what started as a light-up and animatronic ferris wheel, his display has expanded to include over 15 moving pieces to celebrate the holiday season.

"Gunton has always been a well decorated town and I wanted to join in on the fun. I started with the ferris wheel, and the display has only grown ever since."

This year, Possberg gave the community a sneak peek of what they can expect at his display. He and his son put together a float for the Teulon Christmas Lights Drive-thru Parade using a select number of pieces that you would find at his Gunton home.

"My son suggested putting a float in the parade, so we jumped on the idea."

He said that the float was more work than he was expecting, but the duo managed to set up the animatronics over the course of two days.

"At the house, we have quite a bit more and we add a little bit to it every year."

Possberg's 2024 display is now officially set up. He explained that it usually takes ten days to assemble, wire,

and display his festive animatronics.

"I do about a week's prep work in the garage getting everything put together. Then I bring out the tractor to put it out. They are all made out of steel so they are very heavy. I normally spend three days placing everything."

He has always had a passion for handy work and likes playing around in the garage. "I like to be kept busy. I will weld and build everything, and my wife does a lot of the painting and artwork."

Possberg can't even estimate how many lights he uses on the display. "The two small light up trees have over 1000 LED. I guess if I ever get bored I could try to figure out how many lights are here!"

Even picking a favourite structure poses a challenge. He receives many comments on the ferris wheel, but when people visit the display they all have a different favourite.

You can visit Possberg's light display at 78 Gunn St., and while you are there, be sure to visit the other decorated homes in the community. "It's worth a drive to see all the decorations here," added Possberg.

His yard lights up nightly from 4 to 9:30 P.M. It will be decorated until Jan. 1, when he will disassemble everything and put it in the shed to store for next year.



TRIBUNE PHOTOS BY LANA MEIER

Larry Possberg's float at the Teulon Christmas Lights Drive-thru Parade gives a preview of what he has set up at his Gunton home on 78 Gunn St.



The merry-go-round is one of 15 moving pieces set up in a Gunton yard.

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# Stonewall RCMP investigating suspicious death

By Lana Meier

Stonewall RCMP responded to the report of found human remains near a residence located in the RM of Rockwood on Nov. 21 at approximately 8:45 a.m.

Officers attended to the scene, an address located off of Highway 7, and secured the area.

Over the two days of Nov. 22 and 23, RCMP officers from Forensic Identification Services, Search and Rescue, Major Crime Services and the Stone-



RCMP are seeking the public's assistance in locating a vehicle described as a gray 2007 Saturn Ion with Manitoba license plate HGL 773.

wall Detachment, with assistance of a forensic anthropology team, conduct-

ed an extensive ground search on the property.

Investigators are seeking the public's assistance in locating a vehicle believed to have been removed from the property at some point in time in the last month. The vehicle is described as a gray 2007 Saturn Ion with Manitoba licence plate HGL 773.

The death is being treated as suspicious and is believed to have occurred within the last month.

The cause of death remains under

investigation as we await the results of the autopsy.

Stonewall RCMP, along with RCMP Major Crime Services and Forensic Identification Services, continue to investigate.

Anyone with information in relation to this suspicious death or missing vehicle is asked to contact the Stonewall RCMP at 204-467-5591, Crime Stoppers anonymously at 1-800-222-8477, or secure tip online at [www.manitobacrimestoppers.com](http://www.manitobacrimestoppers.com)



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY JO-ANNE PROCTER

RCMP officers from Forensic Identification Services, Search and Rescue, Major Crime Services and the Stonewall Detachment, with assistance of a forensic anthropology team, conducted an extensive ground search on a property on the old Highway 7 at the corner or Highway 67. Partial human remains were found on Nov.21 and RCMP say the remains were outside for up to one month and had been eaten by animals. The circumstances were deemed suspicious.

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# Christmas wreath workshop holiday fun



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Jody Collins, co-owner of Petals and Stems Co. (back row, far right) lead a group of enthusiastic participants in a wreath-making course on Nov. 24 at the Red Barn in Stonewall. Each participant created a one-of-a-kind wreath to take home and enjoy for the holiday season. There were multiple textures of greenery, holiday accents, ornaments and a beautiful assortment of ribbon available to create each wreath.



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# Info sessions highlight details about regional personal care home

By Jennifer McFee

Excitement is building for a regional personal care home with information sessions taking place in communities across the region.

Meetings took place in each of the communities involved in the project — Stonewall, Rosser, St. Laurent and Woodlands — and another meeting is scheduled at the Teulon Rockwood Centennial Centre on Dec. 2 in the Town of Teulon, which recently joined the group.

Plans for the 143-bed personal care home have been in the works for several years, and a working group aims to encourage the provincial government to provide the go-ahead for construction to begin. The provincial government would put about \$90 million towards the project, and the working group has committed to raising \$10 million for extra amenities designed to best meet the residents' needs, including a bathroom with shower and lift in every suite. So far, they've raised about \$700,000. The Interlake-Eastern Regional Health Authority would staff and manage the facility.

The personal care home is one part of a future integrated age-in-place campus. Plans for the campus also include supportive housing, assisted living, independent living and commercial space.

At the Nov. 18 meeting in Rosser, Reeve Ken Mulligan and capital campaign chair Ralph Eichler shared greetings with community members that gathered at Bel Acres Golf and Country Club. Eichler noted that the region is currently short about 400 personal care home beds, so there's great need for this facility.

Then Jerald Peters, an architect with ft3, shared renderings and highlighted features of the facility.

To start, a new road will be built to access the Stonewall-based site, which is on Highway 67 across from the Red River Co-op gas bar and adjacent to a mature forest. The site is ready to be serviced with sewer and water utilities.



Ralph Eichler is the capital campaign chair.

Two outdoor amenity spaces will be located on the south side of the property for residents and visitors to enjoy sunshine and fresh air.

"The first one is a ceremonial garden with opportunities for gathering around a fire so our Indigenous brothers and sisters feel welcome and at home and included in this facility," Peters said.

"Then we have our garden that's associated with the central multipurpose space and the common area in the building with some walking paths for residents to use that are paved. There are some seating areas, raised garden beds, enclosed gazebo space and an accessible swing to enjoy some time outside with family and friends. We also think of grandchildren and little ones that might come to visit, so those garden spaces have a little bit of place for children to play."

The front entrance will have a residential feel with a covered porch light and canopy.

"The materials look like many homes and residential-type facilities," Peters said. "We want this place to feel like home."

Through the main entrance will be a large lobby, a central space with lounge seating and a coffee bar.

In addition, a visitation room near the front door will allow family and friends to visit residents during an outbreak so they won't be isolated.

In this area, you'll also find a fam-



TRIBUNE PHOTOS BY JENNIFER MCFEE

A crowd gathered at Bel Acres Golf and Country Club to learn more about the project.



Attendees at the event had the chance to see display boards showing the proposed layout for the three-storey building.

ily dining room and family lounge, which will serve as private spaces where families can enjoy a birthday party, gathering or meal together.

"Hair care and visiting professionals can also come in and meet with folks," Peters said. "That's all part of the street scape."

There will also be a large community room for bigger gatherings, such as performances or special celebration meals with more of residents in one location.

As well, the main floor will be a hub of activity with a large commercial kitchen, commercial laundry area and maintenance facilities.

Overall, the main feature of the personal care home design is that residents would be living in households or homes. In total, there will

be 12 homes— four on each floor of the three-storey building. Each home will have 12 residents, except for one area where there are only 11 rooms to accommodate two larger bariatric rooms. Each resident will have a private bedroom and private bathroom.

Outside the residents' rooms, there will be a cozy living room with a TV and fireplace, dining room with adjustable tables, kitchen, laundry room

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ft3 provided renderings of the exterior of the building.



ft3 also provided renderings of the dining area, living room area and a bedroom.

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For all school boards and municipal councils in Manitoba, October 2024 marked the “halfway point” of their current terms, and therefore, the time has come to start thinking about the next election in October 2026. It might seem early for the electorate at large, but for incumbents and prospective candidates alike, the wheels should already be turning on the topic of seeking or making nominations. Many locally elected politicians who serve as mayor, reeve, councillor or trustee will tell you that their decision to run the first time was one that took months or even years to make – which brings me to the crux of my message.

The first quarter of this 21st century has been tumultuous and challenging, with many democratic institutions stretched to their limits, not only on the global stage, but internationally in the North American context and certainly in the national, provincial and local arenas across Canada as well. General discontent and distrust among citizens have, in most cases, including right here in Manitoba, led to poor voter turnout for all levels of government.

As a point of reference, according to

Elections Manitoba, the average voter turnout for Manitoba’s provincial elections since 2000 has been about 55 percent, while the most recent municipal election for the City of Winnipeg yielded a turnout of only 37.5 percent – the lowest turnout in the last 25 years. While statistics for individual municipalities and school boards in Manitoba are difficult to come by, it is a reasonable assertion that voter turnout for councils and school boards has followed the same alarming trends.

So while discontent and distrust are contributing factors to our collective sluggish attendance at the polls, a lack of candidates and, therefore, a lack of choice undoubtedly make the problem worse. Frustratingly, we can all think of examples of elections where the slate of candidates prompts us to stay away from the voting booth or, in the case of acclamations, has us saying, “You’d think with all of these issues, more people would put their name forward to make things better.”

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The same logic applies for candidacy for election to your local municipal

council. You don’t have to be a land developer, business owner or direct user of public transit, for example, to make a valuable and informed contribution to your local municipal council. While perspectives informed by those backgrounds are important, the same diversity of experience and expertise around the council table is as vital as it is at the school board table.

As a closing thought, I offer an acknowledgment of the obvious and a call to push back at it; few people think they have either the time or the patience for the thankless job of locally elected public life. If we think low voter turnout is a problem, by comparison, low candidate turnout is a crisis. All communities across Manitoba, whether urban or rural, now require stronger and more progressive voices to inform the local governance decisions that impact their citizens most.

Let’s be honest: if you’ve continued reading to this point, your level of interest in the topic almost guarantees that, at a minimum, you know someone who should consider running in 2026. Or, you should consider seeking a nomination. Start having these conversations within your own network of friends and colleagues. If you’d like more information on what elected office entails, don’t hesitate to contact your local school board, municipal council, the Manitoba School Boards Association or the Association of Manitoba Municipalities.

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Mother Nature dumped a blanket of snow across the province last week. Some parts of the province got upwards of 15 cm, forcing school closures last Wednesday. Stonewall got its first snowfall last Friday.

## Public hearing planned for seniors housing construction borrowing bylaw

### Rockwood council news in brief

By Jennifer McFee

Rockwood council will host a public hearing on Wednesday, Dec. 11 at 11:30 a.m. to present a borrowing bylaw for the construction of a seniors housing facility near the junction of roads 75N and 10E in Stony Mountain.

The bylaw includes borrowing a total of \$7 million. In total, the project will cost an estimated \$15 million, with \$3 million from the aggregate reserve, \$4 million to be funded by borrowing issued in 2025 and the remainder to be funded by developers.

The borrowing would be repaid over 10 years at a maximum interest of seven per cent. The annual repayment amount would be no more than \$996,642.53 to be levied annual as part of the general municipal levy.

Council will also give first reading at the same meeting.

### IN OTHER COUNCIL NEWS:

- Council approved a request from property owners on Road 76N (Winfield Road) to host a community drive-through Christmas lights display on Saturday, Dec. 7 with an alternative inclement weather date of Saturday, Dec. 14. The event will also feature hot chocolate and bonfires. Funds raised will be donated to the Association of Community Living.



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Rockwood council approved the property owners on Road 76N (Winfield Road) to host a community drive-through Christmas lights display on Sat., Dec. 7.

- Council gave first reading to a zoning bylaw amendment from MEH (industrial extractive holding zone) to ME (industrial extractive zone) to support aggregate extraction. A public hearing will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 11 at 11 a.m. in the Rockwood council chambers.

- Mountain Ridge Park Developments and Connection Homes requested setback variances on behalf of Connection Homes to build a new single-family home on a Stony Mountain property. They were seeking to vary the minimum north side yard setback from the required 10 feet to five feet nine inches and the minimum south side yard setback to five feet. The 7,700-square-foot property is currently vacant, and the applicant said it has unique characteristics including a smaller width. The

proposed home includes an attached garage with a large overhang, which decreases the side yard setback. The applicant noted that the proposed plans don't adversely affect drainage, light or privacy for future neighbours. South Interlake Planning District had no significant concerns, and council approved the request.

- Rockwood council heard from Gunton residents seeking approval to vary their minimum yard setback from the required 25 feet to 18 feet so they can build an attached deck. Council approved the request.

- The RM will sign an offer to buy a used 2004 heavy rescue truck from Helie Fire Trucks Inc. for \$236,900 plus tax. Council authorized additional options for an electric por-

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When I was a child, I never seemed to be bothered by the shorter days of winter. Likely because I was thinking about things kids think



about, and paying attention to the number of hours of daylight wasn't one of them. As I've gotten older I notice it more, and often dread the shorter days and longer, colder nights of our prairie winters. As Christmas approaches (the numerous Christmas commercials speed that thought along) I am already feeling the effects of our shorter days while at the same time looking forward to celebrating the birth of Jesus. Sometimes the Christmas season can be filled with an overwhelming number of events, celebrations and festivities. However, it can also be a time of loneliness, poignant reflection and perhaps even some level of depression. Over the years I have likely experienced all of these at some point, however I am continually brought back to the reason for the season. Christmas is about celebrating the birth of Jesus; the Saviour of the world. I recognize not everyone may acknowledge Jesus but as Jesus followers, He is the one we celebrate at Christmas. In a world and at a time of year when we may feel the weight of the darkness around us, let me remind us of what Jesus said in John 8:12, "I am the light of the world. If you follow me, you won't have to walk in darkness, because you will have the light that leads to life." Whoever chooses to accept Jesus as their personal Lord and Saviour will never need to walk in spiritual darkness again. Jesus is the light of the world and when we receive Him as our personal Lord and Saviour, we no longer need to walk in darkness. If you are in a season of darkness, consider Jesus this Christmas and allow His light to shine through you for all to see.

Pastor Jo-Ann Porterfield  
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and lounge space that leads outside to a balcony or patio.

"The homes are paired around a neighbourhood, and that neighbourhood allows us to have some shared functions between the two households," Peters said.

"At night when staffing complements are a little bit lower, then you can have staff support going across two households whereas during the day your caregivers will remain in one household."

Each home will also feature large windows with low windowsills so residents can see outside whether they're in bed or in a chair. From their bed, they can also see straight into their bathroom.

"We put a nightlight above the toilet that assists with incontinence issues," Peters said. "If a resident wakes up in the night, they are quickly reminded where the toilet is."

The resident lift will be another important feature in each room.

"One of the significant issues for staff in a personal care home is they're assisting residents often in and out of bed, to the toilet, to the shower, and there are a lot of injuries for staff," Peters said.

"So each of these resident rooms will

have a lift that gets the resident from the bed to the toilet to the shower and over to the chair — anywhere within the room that lift can go."

Hot meals will be brought by cart twice each day in the household.

"Like you would at home, you wake up in the morning when you want to wake up. Then if you want to have a cup of coffee and sit at the island, you can certainly do that. You also have some choices for your breakfast. Maybe you're a person who likes a piece of toast in the morning or maybe a bowl of cereal or eggs. So at your discretion, the caregivers will assist with that and you'll have your breakfast on your schedule," Peters said.

"The lunch and supper meals are brought from the central kitchen in hot carts and there will be choices for you to make. Maybe you want an extra scoop of green beans, so you can. Salad might be prepped at the island and residents can participate in those things just like you would at home. That's quite a bit different than traditional personal care homes.

The household kitchens will be equipped with fridges and dishwashers, as well as dishes. There will also be a nurses' desk tucked in a corner of the kitchen.

"We don't have large nursing stations like you're familiar with in tra-

ditional personal care homes. The nurses are part of the household. It's the residents' home and the nurses are there to support them," Peters said.

"So the nursing desk is discrete. It's like a little computer desk that you would have in your kitchen at home."

Each household will have its own laundry room for the residents' personal laundry. Staff will assist with residents' laundry, and family members might also participate.

"If laundry is part of mom or dad's regular routines, it makes them feel more at home and more comfortable," Peters said. "Particularly if they have dementia, that might be a comforting process for them."

Larger items like linens and towels will be washed in the commercial laundry room.

Between the two households on each floor, there will be common shared spaces. The personal care home will also feature a staff report room with video conferencing capabilities, as well as spa tub room.

The second floor includes staff education spaces, and the third floor will include a suite for family or for staff who might need to stay overnight.

A few bedrooms will also have an adjoining door so couples can stay together in adjoining rooms.

The meeting wrapped up with questions from the crowd and a few closing comments.

Eichler encouraged attendees to write letters to the provincial government to emphasize the need for the regional personal care home.

"We need to be able to show the commitment from the community to take this to the next level so we can get the government's attention," he said.

"We want to show that our community is behind us and we want more beds."

Likewise, Mulligan asked everyone to share details of the project with friends and neighbours who might not have had the chance to attend an information session.

"If you're anywhere near a government official, please talk to them," he said.

"Tell them how badly we need this. That's the most important thing you can do."

For more information about the personal care home or to make a donation, visit [www.ourpch.ca](http://www.ourpch.ca).

Donations can also be made to the fund called "Stonewall & District Personal Care Home Project" through the Interlake Community Foundation at [www.interlakefoundation.ca](http://www.interlakefoundation.ca).

> **ROCKWOOD, FROM PG. 7**

table winch and Holmatro forcible entry tool. The funds will come from the fire reserve.

- Council approved the sale of the Stony Mountain Rockwood's old wildfire system from the grass unit to 204 Pallet & packaging for \$1,000.
- Council gave first reading of a bylaw to close a portion of a government road allowance on 74th Avenue South. Council also approved

a request from the property owners to vary the minimum site area for their property in Stony Mountain from the required 20 acres to 3.652 acres for a proposed subdivision.

- Council accepted the 2023 audited financial statement prepared by Reid & Miller chartered accountants.
- Council approved the transfer of the 2023 general annual surplus to the general reserve.
- Council approved a request to vary a

rear yard setback to build a 2,760-square-foot building on a property on Provincial Trunk Highway 7.

- Council approved a request from residents to build a detached secondary suite at a property on Road 75N.
- Council authorized spending \$1,200 to be a gold table sponsor for South West District Palliative Care's gala dinner, which was held on Nov. 16 at the legion in Stonewall.
- Council also authorized participation in the Teulon Santa Claus Parade, which took place on Nov. 22.
- Inwood Snowmobile Club made a request to council to put temporary structures at the rail crossings that intersect the SnoMan trail. Inwood Snowmobile Club is responsible for having liability insurance, so the RM is harmless against any claims, losses and damages. Council approved the request.
- The South Interlake SnoRiders club made a request to council to complete repairs along the SnoMan trail since the club received \$90,000 in funding from the provincial government. Repairs started the second week of October on damaged sections of the trail between Stony Mountain and Teulon.

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**Al-Anon and AA Meetings Information**

**Balmoral Al-Anon Family Group**  
 Balmoral Community Hall basement  
 6003 E MB-236, Balmoral, MB  
 Contact: (204) 470-8972  
 Meets every Wednesday 7-8 PM  
 Everyone welcome

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**Selkirk Red River Al-Anon Family Group**  
 Christ Church Anglican  
 227 McLean St., Selkirk, MB  
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 Meets every Monday 7-8 PM

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**Teulon AA**  
 Christian Education Building  
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 Meets every Tuesday 8-9 PM

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**Stonewall AA**  
 Parochial Hall  
 291 1st St. W., Stonewall, MB  
 Contact Denis: (204) 981-7747  
 Donna (204) 461-0892  
 Meets every Sunday 7:30-8:30 PM

**Lakeside Progressive Conservative AGM and Christmas Gathering**

**Saturday December 14th 2024**  
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**AGM at 5 PM**  
**Guest Speakers 6:00 pm Dinner 6:30**  
**Tickets \$50.00**  
**Contact Ila 204-461-1491; Trent 204-799-9196 or**  
**Email [trevorking4@outlook.com](mailto:trevorking4@outlook.com)**  
**Please RSVP by Dec 12th, 2024**


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**Clubroom Events for the Week of November 25**  
**Wednesday 4-10 Chase the Queen Draw at 8:30**  
**Pot is over \$4,000**  
**Thursday 4-10 Crib at 7pm sharp!**  
**Friday 4-close Meat Draw at 6:30**  
**Saturday 2-close Meat Draw at 3pm Dinner served at 5pm**  
**Dinner Saturday November 30 - Ham and Scalloped Potatoes Tickets are \$12.50 and available at the bar**  
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# Clear your closets for the holidays

By E Antonio

Do you have any extra home items or clothing you want to donate? Consider donating your goods to Community Living Interlake.

Jennifer Watts, a support worker with Community Living Interlake, is hosting a donation drive to raise funds for Community Living Interlake programming.

"Community Living Interlake is a non-profit organization that supports

adults with intellectual disabilities," said Watts.

Through Value Village's FUNDrive, she is hoping to collect 513 tall kitchen garbage bags and 100 medium boxes full of household goods in exchange for a cheque for Community Living Interlake in December.

"The FUNDrive is a program where Value Village accepts donations and they will give non-profit agencies a cheque a certain amount per pound

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of things they donate."

This is the first time Watts has heard of the program, and she is hoping for a good outcome.

"Our day program is all based off of donations. The money raised will be going towards the purchase of a new wheelchair accessible van that has a

power lift."  
She is currently housing all of the items in her garage before taking them all to Winnipeg to be donated after Dec. 8.

Many items are accepted as part of

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**Clean out your closets for Association for Community Living Interlake!**

Contact Jennifer @ 204-513-0207 on Nov 12 until Dec 8

**We Are Collecting**

**Clothes**  
men's, women's, & children's clothes, coats, shoes, scarves, handbags, wallets, fashion accessories, belts, backpacks, etc.

**Household Textiles**  
bedding, comforters, blankets, sheets, towels, linen, tablecloths, curtains, pillows, etc.

**Small Household Goods**  
kitchen items (such as pots/pans, dishes, silverware, glasses, serving pieces and hand-held appliances), home decorative items, knick-knacks, toys, games, and small electronics

**Books & Media**  
paperback, hard cover - all genres  
*\*media needs to be boxed separately*  
*\*no encyclopedias or text books*

Please use bags for clothes and textiles and tightly pack boxes of small household goods. Separate books from household goods and media. All items must be clean and in sellable condition.

**FUNDrive**  
FUNDRISE is an eco-friendly fundraiser for nonprofit organizations. Collect gently-used items in your community and FUNDrive will buy them.  
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**FUNDrive\* Coordinator**  
Jennifer Watts  
(204) 513-0207

**Our Goal: \$1000**  
513 Tall Kitchen Bags (avg. 13 lbs.)  
100 Medium boxes (household goods)

**Fundraiser Dates:**  
11/12/2024 - 12/08/2024


Community Living Interlake is accepting small household items to be donated for Value Village's FUNDrive. FUNDrive is a program where Value Village gives backs funds to non-profit organizations for each pound of items they donate. You can arrange your donation with Jennifer Watts by texting 204-513-0207 before Dec. 8.

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**Frequent Violence** **14A**

**Coarse Language** **PG**

# Legacy of Murray Sinclair resonates deeply

By Jennifer McFee

Murray Sinclair made an indelible mark across Manitoba, across the country and even across the globe.

The renowned Indigenous judge and advocate had strong ties to the Interlake, since he was a member of Peguis First Nation and he grew up in Selkirk.

Wherever he went, Sinclair found a way to touch the lives of the people he encountered. One of those people is Alan Campbell of Stonewall, who attended Sinclair's celebration of life on Sunday, Nov. 10 at Canada Life Centre.

"Through my work as president of the Manitoba School Boards Association and also as the honorary president of the Youth Parliament of Manitoba, I have had the privilege of engaging in lengthy, frankly unforgettable conversations with the late Hon. Murray Sinclair on a number of occasions," Campbell said.

"Sometimes these conversations included members of his family as well, which made it doubly important for me to attend his celebration of life — both to honour him and to express support and gratitude to his family."

Like most people, Campbell had never attended a celebration of life at the Canada Life Centre, and he didn't really know what to expect.

"Half of the lower bowl of the building was converted into an intimate setting, fitting of the occasion both in terms of setup and atmosphere. My estimation would be that there were likely a couple thousand people in attendance, with the grand chief of the AFN, the Governor General, the prime minister, the lieutenant-governor, the premier and several other Indigenous and non-Indigenous leaders," he said.

"People from all backgrounds and walks of life were there to pay their respects. MCed by Justice Sinclair's son Niigaan, the service was light with laughs and applause and also, at times, extremely moving with powerful speeches and musical performances. Attendees had the opportunity to smudge as they entered the seating area and books of condolences were available in many locations for attendees to sign."

Campbell shared some sentiments on the legacy and lessons Murray leaves behind.

"The lasting legacy of Murray Sinclair is difficult to encapsulate into a few sentences because his impact will be felt for generations to come, by Canadians of all races, creeds and backgrounds. For me personally, Justice Sinclair's work and legacy is most meaningful in the context of the



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Murray Sinclair with Alan Campbell and his wife Alycia at the Manitoba legislature during the 101st session of the Youth Parliament of Manitoba in December 2022.

Truth and Reconciliation Commission and its impact on how the public education system in Canada has been changed for the better and will continue to change and evolve for the better," he said.

"A most tangible outcome of this is the demonstrable understanding

of Canadian youth of the harms and mistakes of the past and the importance of that truth on our collective path to reconciliation — and, more importantly, the capacity for this country's youth to teach older generations on the topic."

## > CLEAR YOUR CLOSETS, FROM PG. 9

**INTERLAKE** SCHOOL DIVISION  
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### KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

**November 18 - November 29, 2024**

INTERLAKE SCHOOL DIVISION requests that all parents/guardians of children eligible to attend Kindergarten in the 2025/2026 school year register their child with their local school between November 18 – November 29, 2024.

Kindergarten enrollment information is essential for divisional planning for the upcoming school year. If you have an eligible student for the Kindergarten class of 2025/2026 it is important that you register with your local school during this registration period.

Please visit our website for school contact and registration information. [www.interlakesd.ca](http://www.interlakesd.ca)

Kindergarten programs are offered at Teulon, Balmoral, Stony Mountain, Rosser, Argyle, Warren, Woodlands, and École R.W. Bobby Bend School in Stonewall.

Brant-Argyle School offers a Multi-level Learning program with all day Kindergarten every day.

French Immersion Kindergarten is offered at École R.W. Bobby Bend School.

Children who will reach their fifth birthday by December 31st, 2025 are eligible to attend Kindergarten in the 2025/2026 school year. Proof of age and address are required.

Value Village's FUNDrive program. If Value Village sells the product on its store shelves, it will be accepted. "Anything smaller than a microwave would be great," noted Watts. "This

includes plates, shoes, clothing, accessories..."

If you have anything you want to get rid of, you can message Watts at (204) 513-0207 to arrange a donation drop-off at her home. She also asks you to package your goods accordingly.

"If you could please put your clothing and anything with fabric in a bag, and put other items in a box so there are no loose items."

Donations are being accepted until Dec. 8.

### CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

Do you or someone you know need a hamper this Christmas?

Please be advised that Christmas Cheer Board hampers can be ordered from now until December 10th. Hamper pick-up will be December 21st. Please call 467-7370 to order a hamper.

Requests for hampers need to be made every year.

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### HOLIDAY PROMOTION

#### Woodlands History Book

The Rural Municipality of Woodlands is having a holiday promotion on our history book "Where We Are". The book contains history of the RM of Woodlands throughout the years 1980 to 2020, including family histories, government, agriculture, business and commerce, sports, tax rolls, and more. It also contains 600 pages in full colour, a hardcover and is printed on 80lb paper.

The cost of each book during the promotion is \$65.00 including tax and can be purchased at the Municipal Office at 57 Railway Avenue in Woodlands while supplies last.

Also available for purchase is the "Yesteryears" history book for \$5 plus tax.

Promotion ends December 20, 2024, after which the book will return to the original price of \$85.00 including tax.

Please note that the Municipal Office only accepts cash, cheque or e-transfer payments.

# Canada Post strike has rural delivery paused, local post offices remain open

By Lana Meier

Over 50,000 postal employees in Canada are now in their second week of a labor strike due to concerns regarding pay and working conditions, causing delays in mail delivery during the hectic holiday season.

According to the union representing staff members at Canada Post, negotiations are still ongoing and have not progressed due to significant differences.

Employees are requesting a pay raise and the option to work weekends for additional compensation, rather than having Canada Post rely on outside contractors.

The operator has faced significant financial losses in recent years and warned that the labour disruption "would affect millions of Canadians and businesses who rely on the postal service."

The work stoppage, which began on Nov. 15, has halted mail and parcel services across the country, including the delivery of bank cards and statements, general mail, new passports and online shopping orders — all when people across Canada are preparing and buying holiday gifts.

A special mediator has been chosen by the Canadian government to assist both parties in reaching a resolution.

The Canadian Union of Postal Workers (CUPW) and Canada Post entered a new round of mediated negotiations on Monday, but both sides have said they remain far away from reaching a deal.

The union is seeking a 24 per cent pay increase for the next four years, which is considerably more than the 11.5 percent offered by Canada Post. Additionally, negotiations will cover benefits, sick leave, job conditions, and security matters.

"Our demands are reasonable: fair wages, safe working conditions, the right to retire with dignity and the expansion of services at the public post office," the union has said.

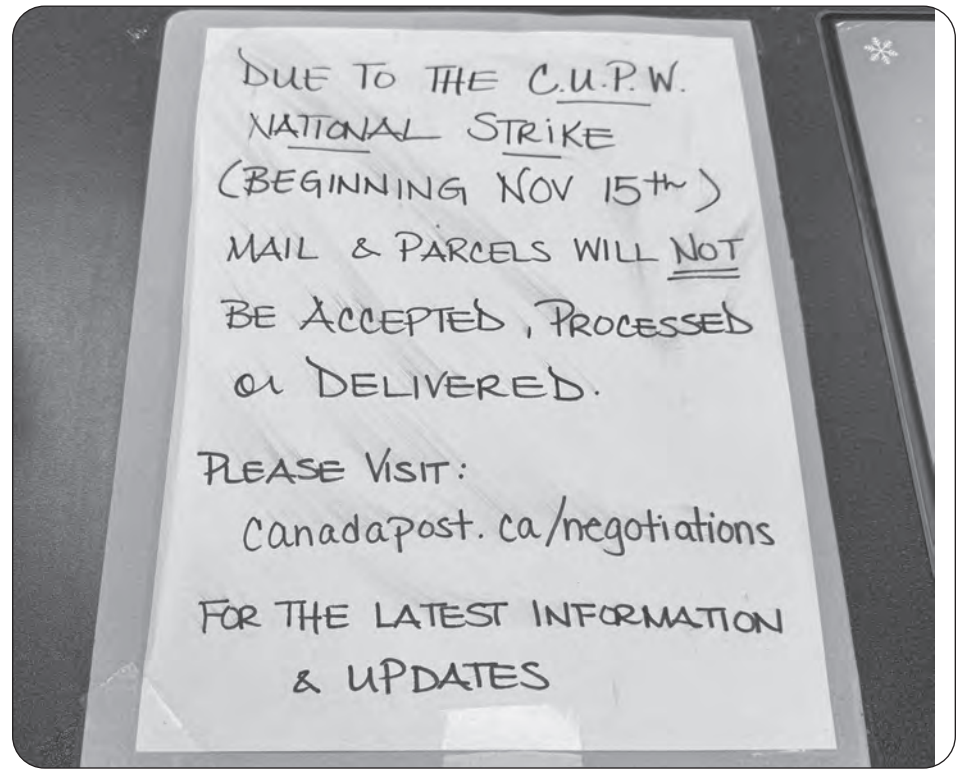
Canada Post has warned that its services will be disrupted even if an agreement with its workers is reached, writing in a statement last week that "a national strike of any length will impact service to Canadians well after the strike activity ends."

According to the statement, the company has noticed a change in business due to the ongoing strike. Customers have either turned to private competitors or completely discontinued use of their services.

Canadian postal workers last walked off the job in October 2018. At that time, rotating strikes lasted more than a month before the federal government mandated that employees return to work through legislation.

That job action cost Canada Post around \$135 million.

The most recent strike coincides with the Crown corporation's struggles of facing significant financial losses totaling \$3 billion since 2016. This decline can largely be attributed to a decrease in letter postage as people have shifted towards alternative



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY LANA MEIER

The Canada Post offices in Stonewall, Warren, Woodlands and Stony Mountain were refusing to accept, process or deliver mail while standing in solidarity with the striking CUPW employees.

means of communication.

Rivals like Amazon, FedEx and UPS have also taken a chunk of Canada Post's business.

In its 2023 annual report, the operator said its financial situation is "unsustainable" and had projected that it will run out of cash unless it borrows \$1 billion and refinances its existing debt.

"Canada Post is at a critical juncture in its history," the report stated, adding that with mounting financial pressures, the publicly-owned mail operator is "under significant threat."

## > ROCKWOOD, FROM PG. 8

- Council approved the hiring of a part-time capital asset management program co-ordinator.
- Council accepted a second change order form JR Cousin Consultants for the Stony Mountain lift station and forcemain project, which is being built by Tallieu Construction. The second change order was to remove the hoist due to the increase cost for the North Propellant Road lift station.
- The RM of Rockwood is entering into a memorandum of understanding for the completion of the

wastewater trash extraction building with Correction Service of Canada for the Stony Mountain Institution. The agreement is for a feasibility study, design and construction contact administration for the building.

- The RM is entering into a municipal agreement with the provincial government for the Canada Community-Building Fund for financial assistance to build and revitalize public infrastructure.

- Council conditionally approved a subdivision request from the owners of Kenaston Development Projects.

Stonewall Anglican Church  
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# Teulon's 26th Winterfest is a smashing success

By E Antonio

Teulon's popular Winterfest Craft Sale welcomed 50 vendors and over 1,500 patrons to its two-day event on Nov. 22 and 23.

"We are so proud to see this event continue to be a holiday tradition that is brimming with holiday spirit," said Winterfest organizer Darci Loehmer.

Over 250 families put on their best holiday smiles for Sweet & Wild's photos with Santa, and Winterfest also brought in immaculate sales for the vendors.

"Many makers said it was their most successful sale of the year, with many having stronger sales than last year." Sale records were not the only thing broken on the weekend. Winterfest brought in more donations for the Teulon Christmas Cheer Board than ever.

They held two 50-50 draws, with a portion of the proceeds donated back to the Cheer Board. Annika Wetherhill of Teulon won Friday's draw, and Pat Schaeffer from Balmoral won on Saturday.

Proceeds from the canteen sales will also be donated to the Teulon Cheer Board.

"The Farmhouse Café did a fantastic job running the canteen. It was their first year running, and they will be back next year."

The final amount raised is still being calculated, and the total is expected to be finalized next week.



TRIBUNE PHOTOS BY LANA MEIER

# Annual gala event benefits local organization

By Jo-Anne Procter

Community members and local dignitaries enjoyed an evening of fine dining, fellowship, fundraising and dancing last Saturday night at the annual South West District Palliative Care (SWDPC) gala event held at the Stonewall Legion.

The annual gala was a remarkable success, with early estimates suggesting over \$23,000 raised for this vital cause. Guests savored a delightful roast beef dinner prepared by dedicated legion volunteers and served by a team of volunteers from Woodlands Childcare Inc.

An exciting online 50/50 draw added to the evening's thrill, contributing an impressive \$3,000 to SWDPC. Congratulations were in order for Debbie Pansky, who walked away as the lucky winner of that same amount.

A heartfelt moment came when Cal Surgenor's family generously donated \$10,000 in his memory. His legacy lives on through the community he loved dearly.

Adding to the night's festivities, Dave Norquay and Dawn Grandmont organized a pool tournament at The Rock in September. With support from local businesses and 28 players rallying together, they successfully raised \$1,740 to be donated to SWDPC.

Sandra Keen was the winner of the golden ticket draw — 10 crisp \$100 bills.

Sandra Smith, SWDPC chairperson and master of ceremonies, guiding the evening. She introduced various dignitaries and community leaders who play vital roles in supporting local



Dave Norquay presents SWDPC chair Sandra Smith with \$1,740 raised at a pool tournament held at the Rockwood Motor Inn in September.

initiatives.

James Bezan, MP for Selkirk-Interlake-Eastman, shared his heartfelt connection to the District SWDPC. Having recently lost his father, he emphasized how every dollar raised contributes significantly to compassionate care during life's final moments.

His gratitude extended not only to healthcare professionals but also to volunteers whose dedication ensures families can remain close during dif-

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TRIBUNE PHOTOS BY JO-ANNE PROCTER Sandra Smith, left, and Lisa Beirnes, right, pranked Debbie Pansky who surprisingly drew her own number for the 50/50 worth \$3,000. Pansky was unaware that her name was pre-drawn before she drew her name at the event.

**December 1st, 3:00 PM**  
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## Strumming a Christmas tune



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Last Thursday was another enjoyable evening of music and fun for the Stonewall Strummers Ukulele Club. Participant numbers continue to grow, with four newcomers joining this past week. The Strummers will perform a Christmas show on Dec. 17 at Rosewood Lodge Personal Care Home in Stonewall. Last week, the group was practicing songs on their set list. The group have also been invited to perform on Dec. 5 at the Quarry Park Heritage Arts Centre in Stonewall and at Oakville on Dec. 20.

"It is a privilege for us to have the opportunity to share our music with others, especially around Christmas time," said organizer Rick Williamson.

### Stonewall United Church Cantata

**December 14, 7:00 p.m**  
Special Guests:  
Stonewall Quarry Choristers

**December 15, 2:30 p.m. or 7:00 p.m.**  
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Lois and Brian Borkowsky tear up the dance floor while Night Train provided the music.



Christie Williams presents Sandra Keen with the golden ticket prize of \$1,000.



South West District Palliative Care board of directors, left to right, back row;; Sandra Smith (chair), Karen Sorenson (vice chair), Angela Emms (R.M. of Rosser), Gail Sorenson (R.M. of Woodlands/Marquette), Tim Williams (treasurer), Jen Beirnes (administration) and Lorraine Schmidt (Town of Stonewall); Front row, Doris Hunter (R.M. of Woodlands/Warren), Maureen Tully (R.M. of Woodlands/Marquette) and Betty Taylor (secretary). Missing Nancy Dumas (Town of Teulon) and Sherry Wood Weaver (R.M. of Rockwood/Balmoral).

### > GALA, FROM PG. 13

ficult times.

Lakeside MLA Trevor King echoed this sentiment, expressing appreciation for SWDPC's services. He recognized both financial contributors

and those who volunteer their time, reinforcing that SWDPC embodies a true commitment to the community's well-being.

The energy of the evening picked up as the band Night Train filled the room with music. Their lively tunes brought smiles and set a joyful atmosphere.

Looking ahead, mark your calendars for Sunday, December 1 at 7 p.m. The SWDPC will host An Evening of Remembrance at Something Beautiful Café in Stonewall. This gathering offers solace during a season that can be challenging for those grieving lost loved ones.

If you'd like to attend, please RSVP via email [s.w.d.p.c@hotmail.com](mailto:s.w.d.p.c@hotmail.com) or phone 204-322-5639. For those wishing to support SWDPC further, donations are always welcome. Memory trees located in local libraries serve as heartfelt reminders of love enduring through loss.


# Stony Mountain students helping those in need



TRIBUNE PHOTOS BY CHELSEA DUTKIEWICH

This month, a class of Stony Mountain students have shown that compassion knows no age and took it upon themselves to make a difference. With big hearts and even bigger ideas, they decided to help those facing homelessness in Winnipeg. The Grade 5 and 6 students rallied support from family members and friends to gather essential items like toiletries, cozy socks, mittens and warm toques. Each package was personalized with a card to uplift spirits during tough times. Pictured left to right: Kimber Wallace and Nora Rasmussen with items prepared for packaging; Liam MacInnis and Carter Davidson organizing items. and the group photo is the students with packaged items ready for delivery.






## Attention: Wonderful Residents of Gunton

**Saturday, December 7th, 2024**  
**11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.**

### Craig Lamm's 2nd Annual Gunton Christmas Cheer Board Food & Toy Drive

I will be traveling the community of Gunton with my Festive Wagon collecting non-perishable food items and toys for the Teulon & Area Christmas Cheer Board

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call: 204-467-5079 or email:  
cuglamm10plus@hotmail.com



# Regional Personal Care Home

## TEULON INFORMATION AND FEEDBACK SESSION

December 2, 2024

*Please join us for an update on the 143-bed facility being planned for our region*

There will be a presentation from the architect ft3 on the building's design and special features, followed by an opportunity for you to ask questions and provide feedback.

**Date:** Monday, December 2, 2024  
**Time:** 7:00 pm  
**Place:** Teulon Rockwood Centennial Centre

### About the presentation:

The people of the Interlake-Eastern Regional Health Authority region have suffered for a long time from having the lowest number of PCH beds per person in Manitoba.

Over the past few years, a working group has been developing plans for a 143-bed personal care home to serve this region.

The group is eager to share the initial plans with the community and to hear your feedback.

*This event is free and open to everyone and is being presented by the Regional Personal Care Home working group and ft3 Architecture Landscape Interior Design.*





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# National Addictions Awareness Week

November 24 to 30, 2024

## Local harm reduction resources are available

Testing resources, naloxone kits and more can be accessed

By Katelyn Boulanger

The Manitoba Harm Reduction Network (MHRN) is an organization in our community that supports our local community with resources that aim to allow everyone to choose safer options. With National Addictions Awareness Week coming up from Nov. 24 to 30, the Selkirk Record spoke to local MHRN Network Coordinator for Selkirk, Tristan Dreilich about local resources and upcoming events to look out for.

"We call ourselves a network of networks. We're province-wide, and we host both networks of service providers and community volunteers who are active around harm reduction and mobilize around harm reduction in the communities. And then, we also host advisor councils which leverage peer leadership in the community about harm reduction knowledge and harm reduction tools, tips, and tactics," said Dreilich.

MHRN has been busy lately as last week they held three days of harm reduction training.

"We had approximately 30 attendees gathered to really deepen not just our (area's) harm reduction knowledge, but some of our capacity and tools around harm reduction," said Dreilich.

He explained that the training wasn't just a how-to but also went deeper into the idea of how we can actively make changes that reduce harm for everyone.

As for upcoming events, Word HIV Day is coming up in December and the MHRN has previously held gatherings around this time of year to acknowledge the event.

"This previous year, we had a very informative (event) and there was a lot of learning about the facts of HIV, which was great. This year, we know that people are learning about the new medicines. We know that people are accessing testing, but there are still gaps," explained Dreilich.

That is why this year they are planning to have a casual event, with some food, to share and a focus on relationship building.

"We're just there to promote real casual conversations on health in general, but we'll have HIV information available if people want it. And really, what we want to showcase is not just the importance of relationships, but how to build those and how important they are in our health care," said Dreilich.

In general, increasing harm reduction in our area is something that people




TRIBUNE PHOTO BY KATELYN BOULANGER

Naloxone kits are excellent harm reduction

ple in our community can all participate in.

"One thing I would really encourage folks to do is, if they're not already, get trained on Naloxone. We distribute it for free at 237 Manitoba Avenue, as well as, some other locations, but that's the main one. If you're interested in getting trained, the training is free, and we really view it as first aid. I don't know if I've said that before,




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n tools.

out it's to us, it's really a continuation  
of that," he explained.

Something else that he feels that  
more people in our community  
should be aware of, is that, for a va-  
riety of reasons, the composition of  
substances in our region has been  
shifting.

"We're actually seeing a few notable  
changes as of late. People are tracking  
drug alerts, (using resources like) saf-

## ALCOHOL, CANNABIS, TOBACCO, OPIOIDS Psychoactive substance use is a costly issue

According to the latest data from the Canadian Centre on Substance Use and Addiction, the total annual cost of substance use in Canada is just over \$49 billion. National Addictions Awareness Week (NAAW) takes place from November 24 to 30, 2024, providing an opportunity to increase awareness about the impact of this issue.

The costs and harms associated with alcohol, tobacco, cannabis, opioids and other substances like depressants and central nervous system stimulants can be categorized into four groups. They are, in order of significance:

1. Loss of productivity at work, including the value of lost work time due to premature death and short- or long-term disability
2. Health care costs, including hospital stays, emergency room visits and prescription drugs
3. Costs related to the criminal justice system, in-

cluding police interventions, court proceedings and correctional services

4. Miscellaneous direct costs, such as research and prevention, vehicle damage and workers' compensation

As a member of society, it's essential to educate yourself. Learning about addictions will help you break down stereotypes and provide much-needed support to individuals battling addiction and their families.

Are you struggling with addiction to a psychoactive substance? Talk to a healthcare professional to find out about the help available in your area.



ersites.ca. A lot of them are out of Win-  
nipeg, but our supply is closely linked  
to the Winnipeg supply. We're seeing  
some shifts, and one of those shifts  
has been the increased contamination  
or even lack of stimulant substances  
in what's being sold as stimulants. So,  
things like the amphetamines, meth-  
amphetamine, speed, crack, and even  
cocaine are now having things cut into  
them," said Dreilich.

Overall, there are things that residents  
can do to keep themselves safe like not  
using substances alone, carrying nalox-  
one, and starting low and going slow  
but in the broader context Dreilich ex-  
plained that safety is also a community  
project.

"Our dream would be that everyone  
identifies as a harm reductionist in  
some way. We all do this work in one  
way or the other. For us, we want to  
encourage folks to be more intentional

around it and how we increase that, not  
just awareness, but our ability and our  
focus around doing actual harm reduc-  
tion work. So, that could be anything  
from distributing supplies, but also  
providing people with a safe place to  
be, providing people food, providing  
people shelter. Those are forms of harm  
reduction too," said Dreilich.

For people looking for online harm  
reduction resources, they can check out  
saferites.ca to keep up to date with area  
drug contamination alerts. An anonym-  
ous way for people to get substances  
tested by mail to see what's in them is  
at [getyourdrugtested.com](http://getyourdrugtested.com). If people  
are using alone they can also call the  
National Overdose Response Service's  
line toll-free at 1-888-688-NORS(6677)  
which is a virtual safer consumption  
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to learn about local resources and nal-  
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**Hot Chocolate** at One Insurance

**Hot Chocolate & Cookies** at Granthams Law

**Craft Sale 6-8:30 pm Korner Kutz** - Hot Chocolate for sale by donations. All proceeds to Main Street Project



**Friday, Dec. 3rd-20th, 2024**

**15th Annual Festival of Wreaths at the South Interlake**

**Regional Library - Stonewall Branch, \$1 per vote** - vote for your favourite all proceeds to the Stonewall & District Christmas Cheer Board



**Saturday, Dec. 7th, 2024**

**9:00 AM - Noon** (Santa leaves at 11:30) Stonewall Legion Hall - Breakfast With Santa sponsored by the Stonewall Kinsmen Club and the Stonewall Legion, Photos with Santa taken by Patricia Chartier Photography



**1 PM and 3PM - Free Childrens Movie**

**at the Flicks Cinema** - Dispicable Me 4 (G)

sponsored by the Stonewall & District Lions Club - No outside food allowed in, Concession will be open. The Lions Club will be collecting non perishable food items for the Interlake Food Bank and monetary donations for Stonewall & District Christmas Cheer Board



**Visit our local merchants for all of your Christmas Shopping this season!**

**Thank You to all of the community groups for great holiday events and special thank you to the Stonewall Teulon Tribune and the 19th Hole for bringing Santa to town!**

## Local pet care business brings comfort to Stonewall's furry friends

By Annaliese Meier

Exciting news for pet lovers in Stonewall! A new service has just launched that promises to bring comfort and care right to your doorstep.

Candace MacMillan, a veterinary assistant with 15 years of experience, has launched Paws and Boots Pet Care, a pet sitting and dog walking service catering to Stonewall and surrounding area. With services designed to provide consistency and comfort to pets, MacMillan's offerings range from drop-in bathroom breaks to feeding, administering medication, and providing socialization for a variety of pets.

MacMillan ensures all animals, from cats and dogs to reptiles, birds, and even aquatics, receive attentive care tailored to their unique needs.

Reflecting on her inspiration, MacMillan shared that her love for animals started early in her life.

"I was raised in a family of dog lovers," she said, recalling her beloved cat, Boots, after whom the business is named. "Boots was my companion for 21 years and shaped my approach to pet care."

Boots' special needs later in life opened MacMillan's eyes to the value of reliable in-home pet care, something she felt was lacking after her move to Stonewall in 2013.

After stepping back from the veterinary field to focus on her family, MacMillan's friends and neighbors often asked her for help with pet care, especially during travel. These experiences led her to officially start Paws and Boots, allowing her to bring her



specialized background to a growing community of pet owners seeking an alternative to boarding kennels.

"This community is full of pet owners who prefer keeping their pets in a familiar environment," she explained.

MacMillan's background as a veterinary assistant gives her a unique edge. She shared that during her tenure at Winrose Animal Hospital, she learned "fear-free medicine," a gentle handling approach that puts pets at ease. By building trust with each pet through a pre-visit meet-and-greet, she minimizes stress and creates a bond, ensuring pets feel safe.

"For dogs, I take them for a short walk around the block during our first meeting," MacMillan noted. "It's important that they see their owners trust me and know I'll bring them back."

When asked what sets Paws and Boots apart, MacMillan mentioned that her experience, insurance, and personal touch make a difference. She's seen many pet owners in the area looking for reliable services beyond boarding facilities, especially those with young puppies or pets with special needs.

Looking ahead, MacMillan hopes to

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# Public hearing for RM of Woodlands development plan Dec. 10

By Autumn Fehr

On Tuesday, Dec. 10 at 11 a.m., the Rural Municipality of Woodlands will hold a public hearing at the Woodlands council chambers at 57 Railway Ave. to receive representation from any person(s) who would like to speak to the amendment to the RM's development plan.

The general intent of the development plan is to redesignate the "AA" Agricultural Area (area shown in red bold dashed line) to the "UA" Urban Area and redesignate the "UA" Urban Area to the "AA" Agricultural Area (area shown below in black bold dashed line).

The areas affected are PT of SE28-13-1W and PT of SE29-13-1W, Rural Municipality of Woodlands.

In the case of this public hearing, the municipality has applied to switch the development plan designations of these two properties so the eastern property can be developed and the western property remains agricultural land, said CAO Kaitlyn Griffith.

The western property (SE 29-13-1W) is already designated UA "Urban Area," but the owner does not

intend to develop it in the near future. This property is used for crop production.

The eastern property (SE 28-13-1W) is designated AA "Agricultural Area" but is owned by a developer who would like to develop it for residential use.

"By exchanging these two designations, the municipality can encourage urban residential growth on the property that is likely to see that growth while preserving the agricultural use of the land that will likely remain agricultural," she said.

In more detail, redesigning the land to an Urban Area means that there is intent to develop that land per the Urban Area policies of the RM's development plan, but it is not the approval of actual land development.

The urban area policies in the RM's development plan are broad and include a variety of uses, including residential, commercial, institutional, recreational, industrial, and public. Redesignating the land is the first of several steps toward actual development.

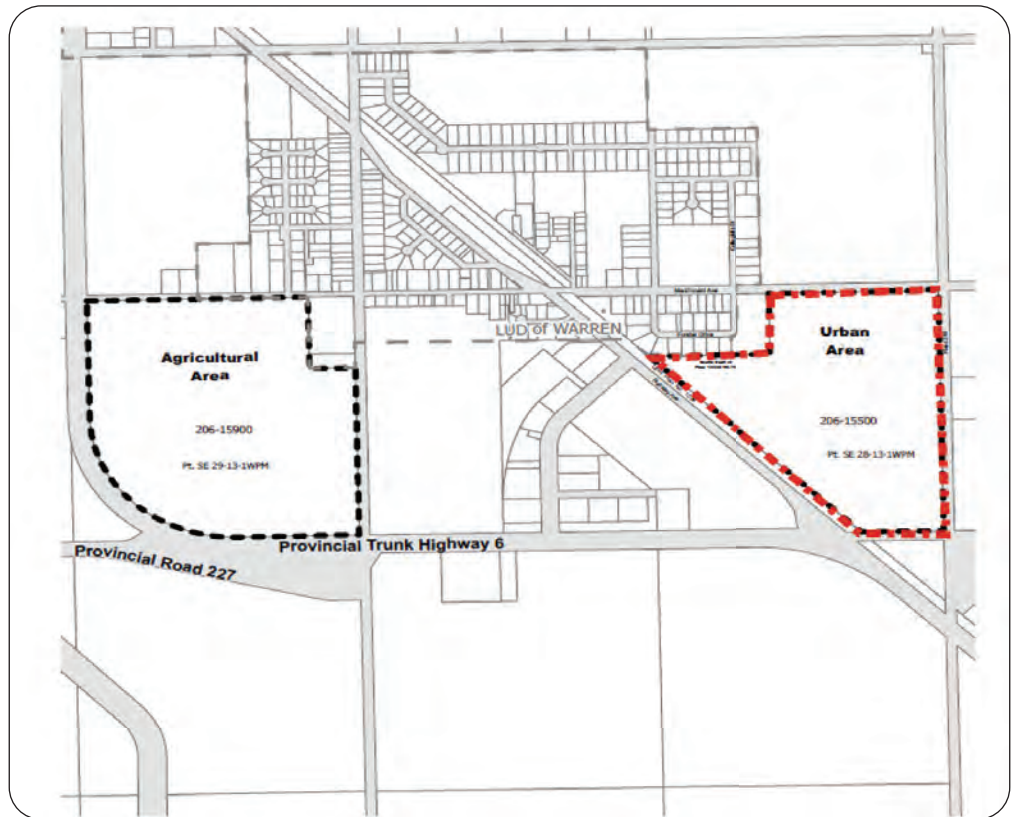


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The RM of Woodlands is hosting a public hearing on Dec. 10 to re-designate the area shown in red bold dashed line from "AA" Agricultural Area to "UA" Urban Area and to re-designate the area shown in black bold dashed line from "UA" Urban Area to "AA" Agricultural Area.

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# 2024 Holiday Events

**Sat. Nov. 30** Lunch with Santa & Mrs. Claus 10:30am - 1:00pm  
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**Sun. Dec 1** Pancake Breakfast with Santa & stories with Mrs. Claus  
9:30am - 11:30am Warren Hall

**Sun. Dec. 1** Quarry Ridge Pony Club Breakfast with Santa 9:00am - noon  
The Red Barn Rd 75N & Hwy 236

**Sun. Dec. 1** Lunch with Santa Lake Francis Rec Centre 12:00pm

**Sun. Dec 1** SWDPC Evening of Remembrance 7:00pm  
Something Beautiful Café - 307 Main St.

**Sun. Dec. 1** Westshore Singers. 3:00pm  
St. Peter Lutheran Church Teulon (\$10/ticket)

**Tues. Dec. 3** Quarry Choristers - Warren United Church 7:00pm

**Thurs. Dec. 5** Quarry Choristers - Argyle Hall 7:00pm

**Fri. Dec. 6** Stonewall Festival of Lights Parade 7:00pm  
Hosted by Stonewall & District Chamber of Commerce

**Sat. Dec. 7** Pancake Breakfast with Santa 9:00am - noon  
Stonewall Legion - Stonewall Kinsmen and Stonewall Legion

**Sat. Dec. 7** Pancake Breakfast with Santa 9:00am - noon  
Grosse Isle Rec. Centre

**Sat. Dec. 7** Free Movie at the Flicks 1:00pm & 3:00pm  
Hosted by The Stonewall & District Lions 'Despicable Me 4'  
Collecting for Interlake Food Bank and Christmas Cheerboard

**Sat. Dec. 7** "Very Merry Winfield Christmas" 5:30pm-8:30pm  
8086 Winfield Road - Admission is by donation in support of Interlake Community Living

**Sun. Dec. 8** - Mary Crafters craft and bake sale 10:00am-3:00pm  
St. Laurent Rec Centre

**Tues. Dec. 10** - Teulon Collegiate Winter Concert 6:30pm

**Wed. Dec. 11** - Stony Mountain School Concert 2:00pm & 6:30pm

**Sat. Dec. 14** - Stonewall United Church Cantata 'Let the Whole World Sing'  
Special Guests - Quarry Choristers 7:00pm  
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**Sun. Dec 15** - Stonewall United Church Cantata 'Let the Whole World Sing'  
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Hutterian Holiday Concerts - open to public

**Thurs. Dec. 12** Mallard School - Keystone Colony (Warren) 7:00pm

**Tues. Dec. 17** Meadow Lane School (Rosser) 7:00pm

**Tues. Dec. 17** Rock Lake School (Grosse Isle) 7:00pm

**Tues. Dec. 17** Prairie Blossom School (Balmoral) 7:00pm

**Wed. Dec. 18** Omega School - Interlake Colony (Teulon) 7:00pm

**Wed. Dec. 18** New Haven School (Argyle) 7:00pm

**Thurs. Dec. 19** Lightly School - Clearwater Colony (Balmoral) 7:00pm

**Tues. Dec. 17** Warren Elementary School 2:00pm & 7:00pm

**Tues. Dec. 17** Grosse Isle School 1:30pm & 7:00pm  
Grosse Isle Hall

**Tues. Dec. 17** Balmoral Elementary School Matinee 2:15pm & 7:00pm

**Tues. Dec. 17** St. Laurent School 6:00pm

**Wed. Dec. 18** Brant Argyle School 2:00pm & 6:00pm  
Argyle Hall - Argyle Lantern Walk Following concert

**Wed. Dec. 18** Rosser Elementary 1:30pm & 6:30pm - Grosse Isle Hall

**Wed. Dec 18** Teulon Elementary 1:30pm & 7:00pm  
Rockwood Centennial Ctr.

**Mon. Dec. 23** Candle Light Service 8:00pm  
St. Peter Lutheran Church - Teulon

## Christmas for the children



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY BRENDA BAWDON

Rick Blunt, left, Linda Fines, middle, and Pam Blunt loading up the back of a pick-up truck on Nov. 18, with 239 Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes that Stonewall's New Life Church congregation filled with small gifts, school supplies and hygiene items to children around the world who may never have received a Christmas gift before. The truck dropped off the shoeboxes along with several large cardboard boxes of extra supplies to the main collection depot in Winnipeg.

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**DEADLINE: Wednesday, Dec. 11, 2024**

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# sports & recreation

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## JV Wildcats claw their way to second provincial title in two seasons

By Kieran Reimer

The Warren Wildcats junior varsity girls volleyball team clawed their way to their second straight A / AA Provincial Championship over the weekend at Immanuel Christian School in Winnipeg.

Coached by Andrea Schutz and led by a strong group of Grade 10 girls with two Grade 9s as well, the Wildcats had to battle for every single point to come out victorious again.

On Saturday afternoon, the Wildcats found themselves in the championship against the top ranked Gabrielle-Roy Les Roys.

After splitting the first two sets, the Wildcats pieced together one final push for glory and came out on top 15-9 in the third set to bring another banner back to Warren.

"It's a real testament of this group and the skill," said Schutz on Monday. "This group of girls was an exceptional group, very very talented on the court. All of them play club volleyball and spend probably 10 to 11 months of the year on a volleyball court of some kind so knowing they could do it, I'm just very proud of them and what they were able to accomplish two years in a row."

The win against Gabrielle-Roy came after a three game round robin and two playoff victories that kept the Wildcats tested all the way.

Their tournament opened on Friday with a round robin loss to Gabrielle-Roy that gave them an idea of the work that lied ahead if they wanted to reach the championship.



WCI captains Paige Seidl, Julia Oliver, torie Galbraith accept the MHSAA Provincial banner from Llody Grenkow, on behalf of the Dairy Farmers of Manitoba.

After the loss, the Wildcats followed it up with two straight set victories over the Gilbert Plains Trojans and Wawanesa Warriors to earn them second in Pool 1 and bye in round one of the playoffs.

Their next scare didn't come until a semi-final rematch with the Trojans that went to a third set after splitting the opening two.

That's when a few on court adjustments and a sudden spurt of dominance from the Wildcats top line took



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Warren Collegiate girls won the MHSAA "A/AA" JV Girls Volleyball Champion 2024-2025 banner last Saturday after beating Gabrielle-Roy. Pictured left to right, back row: Kristen Legault, Natalia Lavallee-Tang, Mackenzie Boonstra, Mya Richard, Danika Shaver, Brooklyn Voth, Cadence Huard, Andrea Schutz (coach); front row, Chyler Grenkow, Jessica Chrusch, Julia Oliver, Torie Galbraith, Paige Seidel and Sofie Walsh.



Danika Shaver responds



Tournament MVP was awarded to Julia Oliver.



Paige Seidel bumps the ball while libero Jessica Crusch looks on.

over and the Wildcats stormed out to a 15-8 victory in the final set.

"It came down to those six girls who were on the court," said Schutz. "I tried to get all of them on in the semi game and almost all in the final but just going back to basics, making sure that our serves were over, and communication was a huge piece for us. We've been pushing to communicate better in the ladder half of the season and they really came together. Communication was the best in the semi-fi-



Mackenzie Boonstra goes high to slam the ball.

nal game but when it came down to it, it was getting back to what we do well which is kills, finding holes, shaking things up, and trying not to do the same things over and over to capture the other team off guard."

In the final game against Gabrielle-Roy, the Wildcats top line continued the same level of dominance they had shown in the clutch semi-final victory.

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Setter Julia Oliver and power hitters Mya Richard and Paige Seidel became nearly unstoppable in the finals as the Wildcats went on to provincial glory.

Following the tournament, Richard and Seidel were both named tournament all-stars while Oliver went on to receive most valuable player of the tournament honours.

"Julia was fabulous," said Schutz. "She is an amazing setter, she can put a ball into play that you think is completely out of play, she 100 per cent deserved the MVP award. Just her ability to push the ball out to the hitters and then also she's very good at faking out the other team and catches them off guard nine times out of 10. She knows her position so well and was essential to our win on Saturday. Paige and Mya as well, they were both very crucial hitters on the court all weekend."



The fan support was amazing for the provincial championships.

The trio, along with the seven other grade 10's on the Wildcats will now all move out of the junior varsity level following the school year and will likely be huge pieces for the future of the Wildcats varsity girls team.

Meanwhile, the Wildcats have two grade nines eligible to return from this year's team, along with a



The Wildcats were nearly unstoppable in the finals.

strong group of other grade nines going into grade 10 next year that played on the Schutz's developmental team this season.

With Schutz planning to return, the Wildcats will hope to make it three in a row next season and cement themselves as a dynasty.

# Mercs winning streak snapped in weekend split

By Kieran Reimer

The Warren Mercs picked up a split in their first two-game weekend of the South Eastern Manitoba Hockey League season.

On Friday, the Mercs defeated the St. Anne Aces 5-3. Drake Lindsay led the way with a goal and three assists.

Jesse Korytko also contributed a

goal and two assists, while James Maxwell, Riley Vautour, and Dylan Cassie scored the other Mercs goals.

Following the win that extended their wins streak to three games, the Mercs got a reality check in the form of a 10-4 loss to the Winkler Royals on Sunday.

The Royals scored four unanswered

in the second period to take an 8-3 lead into the third period in Winkler and then piled two more on the Mercs in the third to officially put their winning ways to an end.

The Mercs' goals came from Riley Vautour, Jesse Korytko and Dexter Kuczek, who scored two in the loss.

Following the weekend split, the

Mercs sit third in the SEMHL with a 4-2 record.

They now get set for just one game next weekend, against the ninth-place Portage Islanders at home on Saturday.

The puck drop on Saturday will be at 8 p.m. from Access Credit Union Arena in Warren.

# Warren's Cowan named WHL Goaltender of the Week

By Kieran Reimer

Warren's Dawson Cowan has been named the Western Hockey League's Goaltender of the Week for the week ending Nov. 17.

The 19-year-old Spokane Chiefs net-minder posted a 35-save shutout in the Chief's 3-0 triumph over the Red Deer Rebels last Saturday and was also named first star of the game.

The shutout is Cowan's second of the young season and the fourth of his WHL career.

He now has 40 wins in his WHL career, which began in 2021-22 with the Winnipeg Ice before he joined the Chiefs midway through the 2022-23 season.

He is currently 10-6-0 this season, with a 3.00 goals against average and a .898 save percentage, which has helped the Chiefs to fifth place in the Western Conference.

In his WHL career, he holds a 40-43-3-3 record with a 3.52 goals against average, a .895 save percentage, and a



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Spokane Chief's goaltender Dawson Cowan was named the Western Hockey League's Goaltender of the Week for Nov. 17.

goalie goal scored, which he scored in the 2023-24 season.

He was also a free agent invited to

the San Jose Sharks rookie camp in September.



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# Lightning Report: U18s bringing 'recipe for success' into doubleheader

By Kieran Reimer

The U18 AAA Male Interlake Lightning is currently on the upward trend in the Manitoba U18 AAA Hockey League after a slower, rougher start to November than they had hoped.

Earlier this month, head coach Aaron Katz said the team was still working on establishing its identity despite a busy schedule and some losses against some of the league's best teams.

Now, after a busy start to the month, the Lightning have seemingly found the identity they were looking for and have cruised to wins in three of their last four games, including an 8-0 win over the first-place Brandon Wheat Kings.

"They've found a bit of a recipe for success right now," said Katz. "They are playing the right way, competing hard on every puck and every game, and winning the little battles, I'd like to say. When they do that, the big things, such as the score, kind of takes care of itself, and we end up getting a few wins that way."

The Lightning's recent victories have brought them back up to the middle of the pack to sit ninth with an 8-7-1-2 record through 18 games this season.

After a nine-day break from games in late November, the Lightning are getting ready to cap off the month with a doubleheader weekend against the Parkland Rangers, with both games on the road in Dauphin.

The Rangers, who currently sit fifth in the MU18HL, beat the Lightning in their lone season meeting in October after they tied the game up late and

eventually won it in a shootout.

For this weekend's doubleheader, the Lightning know they will need a 60-minute effort in both games if they want to earn a full four points. Winning both could potentially move them into the top half of the league standings, and they still have games in hand on most teams.

"We'll have to manage the puck properly and be efficient with our playmaking," said Katz. "Having more quick strikes and being sure that pucks are managed properly. If we got to get them deep, we've got to get them deep; if we got to throw them at the net, we've got to throw them at the net. It's nothing of getting into trouble trying to make fancy plays or giving up turnovers instead of making a sure play. That's something we will have to do on the road. It will be a typical road game, north-south, fast and efficient, and shoot the puck."

The first of the two games at Credit Union Place is on Saturday at 7:30 p.m., and the doubleheader will be wrapped up on Sunday at 1:30 p.m.

The U13 AA Female Interlake Lightning lost 3-1 to the Eastman Selects on Wednesday night in Niverville. They currently sit seventh with a 3-5-0-1 record.

Next game: Sunday, Dec. 1, vs Titans, 3:30 p.m. at Stony Mountain Community Centre

The U13 AA Male Interlake Lightning lost both weekend games, 5-1 to the Eastman Selects Grey on Saturday, and 8-2 to the Eastman Selects



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY JO-ANNE PROCTER

Interlake Lightning U17 AAA player Brody Slatcher got two assists in his team's 4-2 loss to the Winnipeg Wild last Saturday night in Warren.

White on Sunday. They currently sit 15th with a 3-4-0-1 record.

Next game: Saturday, Nov. 30 at Winnipeg Bruins Brown, 2:10 p.m. at Dakota Community Centre

The U15 AA Male Interlake Lightning scored none and gave up none for a 0-0 tie with the Winnipeg Wild White on Sunday in Lundar. They currently sit 11th with a 3-5-2-1 record.

Next game: Thursday, Nov. 28, vs Winnipeg Bruins White, 7:30 p.m. at Veterans Memorial Sports Complex

The U15 AAA Female Interlake Lightning picked up two wins and a tie at the Rivalry Cup in Minnesota over the weekend. They currently sit seventh with a 1-10 record.

Next league game: Saturday, Dec. 21 at Central Plains Capitals, 5 p.m. at BDO Centre

The U15 AAA Male Interlake Lightning had the week off after losing to the Southwest Cougars last Saturday. They sit fifth in the Central Division with a 3-10 record.

Next game: Friday, Nov. 29 at Winnipeg Thrashers Blue, 7:15 p.m. at Gateway Recreation Centre

The U17 AAA Male Interlake Lightning lost both weekend games, 4-2 to the Winnipeg Wild on Saturday and 3-1 to the Winnipeg Hawks on Sunday. They currently sit seventh with a 3-9-3 record.

Next game: Tuesday, Dec. 3 at Winnipeg Wild, 7:40 p.m. at Hockey For All Centre

The U18 AAA Female Interlake Lightning went 3-1-1 to take Silver at the Wickfest Tournament in Calgary over the weekend. They currently sit ninth with an 0-8-0-0-1 record.

Next game: Saturday, Nov. 30, vs Westman Wildcats, 8 p.m. at Veterans Memorial Sports Complex

The U18 AAA Male Interlake Lightning lost 3-1 to the Winnipeg Bruins on Wednesday night at Southdale Community Centre. They currently sit eighth with an 8-7-1-1-2 record.

Next game: Saturday, Nov. 30, at Parkland Rangers, 7:30 p.m. at Credit Union Place

## First goal of the season



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Stonewall's Gavin Holod, left, shows off the puck for his first Manitoba Junior Hockey League goal alongside Steinbach Pistons' linemates Cole Cairns, middle, and Ryan McDonald.

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continue growing Paws and Boots with strong community support.

"I've already had requests for overnight care, and if the demand continues, I'd consider bringing on someone to help."

For now, her goal is to spread awareness and provide a trusted option for pet care in Stonewall.

For pet owners considering pet care services, MacMillan advis-

es choosing a reputable, insured provider familiar with the specific needs of their pets. With Paws and Boots, she's committed to providing the kind of care that gives owners peace of mind and pets the comfort of staying in their own homes.

For any and all inquiries, contact Candace via email at candace.Mac14@gmail.com or via phone number 204-461-1135

# Jets near perfect in busy weekend slate

By Kieran Reimer

The Stonewall Jets are heading into a new week after picking up five of a possible six points in three games over the weekend.

On Thursday the Jets put up eight in their victory over the Pembina Valley Twisters at home.

Cole Emberly and Peyton Bateman led the way with two goals apiece while Riel Chartrand, Karson King, Jack Derrett and Steven Coutris also tallied in the 8-4 win.

The Jets then took to Century Arena on Friday for a date with the red-hot Ft. Garry/Ft. Rouge Twins that saw the Jets go up 3-0 early on goals from Cohen Cheung, Peyton Bateman and Cole Kennedy.

Bateman tallied again in the second to put the Jets up 4-0 but the Twins started to pick up momentum after scoring a shorthanded marker late in the period.

After leading for over 40 minutes, the Jets suddenly saw their lead get away quickly as the Twins went on to score four unanswered of their own to

tie things up at 4.

With things still not settled after 60 minutes, the two clubs took to overtime where it was Darien Medwick of the Twins scoring to end it just a minute into the sudden death frame.

The loss put the Jets back into the search for a full two points in Sunday's game against the River East Royal Knights at Terry Sawchuk Arena.

Again, the Jets scored first and continued to maintain their lead this time going on for a 3-1 victory.

Peyton Bateman, Karson King, and Alex Kaczorowski all scored for the Jets as they picked up their second win of the week and improved to 9-7-2 this season.

They now sit sixth in the Manitoba Major Junior Hockey League heading into two games this week on Friday at home against the Raiders Jr. Hockey Club and on Sunday in Transcona against the league leading Railer Express.



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY JO-ANNE PROCTER

The Jets' Cole Emberley scored two goals against the Pembina Valley Twisters last Thursday.

## UPCOMING GAMES:

Friday, Nov. 29 vs Raiders Jr. Hockey Club, 8 p.m. at Veterans Memorial Sports Complex

Sunday, Dec. 1 at Transcona Railer Express, 2 p.m. at East End Arena

# Wildcats sending both varsity volleyball clubs to provincials

By Kieran Reimer

The Warren Collegiate Institute Wildcats will have twice the chance of winning a provincial volleyball championship next weekend, with the varsity girls' and varsity boys' teams heading to the big dance.

The varsity girls were the first to qualify last weekend, taking first place at the Provincial Qualifiers on home court in Warren.

The girls cruised to a 3-0 record in the round-robin, defeating both the Fisher River Hawks and the Boissevain Broncos in straight sets and the Prairie Mountain Predators in three sets to take first place.

By finishing first in the round-robin, they automatically qualified for

provincials and avoided the second vs. third game, which determined the second of two available qualifying spots.

The second-vs.-third-place game was eventually won by the Predators, who defeated the Broncos in two sets to take the second qualifying spot.

With Warren and Prairie Mountain's qualifications, they will both head to Rosenort School on Thursday, Nov. 28 for the start of Manitoba High Schools Athletic Association AA Provincials.

Warren will compete in Pool 2 in the round-robin alongside the Killarney Raiders, Green Valley Pirates, Hapnot Kopper Kweens and the host Rosenort Redhawks.

They will need to finish in the top

four in Pool 2 to earn a spot in the eight-team single-elimination playoffs, beginning with the quarterfinals on Sunday, Nov. 30.

The tournament gets going at 3 p.m. on Nov. 28 against the Killarney Raiders.

As for the varsity boys' qualification for provincials, it came in a much grittier fashion.

After defeating the Ebb and Flow Thunderbirds and the Prairie Mountain Predators in straight sets in their opening two games, their hopes of finishing first were halted by the host MacGregor Mustangs in three sets in their round-robin finale.

This set them up for a second- or third-place game against the Thun-

derbirds, which would determine the final qualifying berth to provincials.

After splitting the first two sets, the varsity boys played to a 15-9 victory in the third set to secure their provincial berth.

The win also sends them to MHSAA AA Provincials at Morris School from Nov. 28-30.

They will compete in Pool 2 with the host Morris Mavericks, the Margaret Barbour Spartans, the Immanuel Christian Falcons, and the MacGregor Mustangs.

Like the girls, the boys will need to finish top four in Pool 2 to earn a quarterfinal berth.

Their tournament opens at noon on Nov. 28 against Morris.



## Stonewall Jets Player Profile

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## UPCOMING GAMES

Friday, Nov. 29 at 8 p.m.  
Raiders Jr. Hockey Club at Stonewall Jets  
Veterans Memorial Sports Complex

Sunday, Dec. 1 at 2 p.m.  
Stonewall Jets at Transcona Railer Express  
East End Arena

# Rockwood residents express concern about snowmobiles on rail trail

By Jennifer McFee

A group of Rockwood residents shared their concerns with council about council's decision to open access to the railway trail right-of-way for snowmobile use.

Ian Kilpatrick, Lyle Cook, Rory Cook and Ron Melnychuk all own property that's directly adjacent to the railway right-of-way. They attended the Nov. 13 council meeting and brought regrets from Jim Poole, Karin Kilpatrick and Rod Campbell, who were unable to attend.

On behalf of the group, Kilpatrick noted there was a lack of consultation and notification about the decision.

"Most of the landowners and rate-payers adjacent to the right-of-way had no notice that the decision was being made until the work was being done to open access and widen and level the rail bed," he said.

He also expressed concerns since the communities of Balmoral and Gunton are located along the right-of-way, directly adjacent to the snowmobile trail.

"These properties and the occupants will be directly affected by increased noise and traffic volume, potentially at all hours of the day and night," he said.

"Also, many individuals and families in the two communities currently use the railway right-of-way as a walking trail for families and pets. This will not be possible if it is being used as a busy snowmobile trail. Increased safety risks will also be an issue at the crossing of Road 89 in Gunton and the crossing of 236 at Balmoral."

Kilpatrick questioned how Snoman and Rockwood council would control access of vehicles to the right-of-way, particularly during the eight months of the year that the trail wouldn't be used by snowmobiles.

"Currently, the boulders placed at crossing to restrict large vehicles from entering the right of way have been removed. The spacing of the boulders at crossings caused ATV and snowmobiles to slow down at road crossings," he said.

"With the boulders removed and the crossing wide open, there will be traffic that will not slow down or stop at road crossings. The rail bed ballast has been levelled off and widened out, allowing for faster speeds than before when it was rough and uneven. Private property signage that was on the right of way previously has been removed."

Expressing similar concerns, Melnychuk shared a letter with council regarding a right-of-way agreement with South Interlake Snoriders snow-

mobile club.

"I, as a taxpayer and owner of land directly adjacent to the railway bed, have concerns about this agreement and the manner in which the RM council has gone about entering into it without full consultation with RM residents or, at a minimum, property owners that have property directly adjacent to the railway bed," he wrote.

"The agreement is changing the use of this property from private RM property to a parcel of land that will be converted to recreational property and maintained by a corporate entity."

Melnchuk recalled when the RM of Rockwood took over the railway bed, they hosted a public form at Balmoral Community Hall to discuss its future use. At the time, Garnet Thievin was the reeve.

"The area Snoman association presented a proposal, and after the presentation, the attendees were able to speak. By the end of the meeting, it was made clear to council that turning the railway bed into a Snoman trail was not welcome or wanted. The council assured attendees that this would not happen," Melnychuk said.

"Over the following years, discussions continued but always directed towards a non-motorized use for the railway bed. When the section between Stonewall and Stony Mountain was completed as a non-motorized trail, Rockwood residents were led to believe that this was Phase 1 and the rest of the railway bed north of there was slated to be the same. Council's decision to back away from a non-motorized future for the railway bed that runs north from Stonewall is very disappointing."

However, Rockwood administration said the paved trail from Stonewall to Stony Mountain was never intended as a non-motorized trail. Instead, it was intended for everyone to use, with motorized vehicles to stay off to the side so the pavement could be used for walking, biking and more.

Like Kilpatrick, Melnychuk also expressed concerns about unrestricted access to the railway bed, potential safety risks, noise and security, as well as impacts to access the back of his property.

"I cannot express enough my disappointment in this council on the way it has handled this change of use for the railway bed that passes through our community. I am only one of 15 homeowners from the housing community of Gunton who have property that adjoins the railway bed and will be directly affected by this decision," he said.



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY JENNIFER MCFEE

A group of Rockwood residents expressed concern about council's decision to open access to the railway trail right-of-way for snowmobile use.

"I am certain Rockwood council will be hearing from more people like me in the very near future, and I hope that Rockwood council will listen and take appropriate and meaningful action to address the issues that will be caused by their choice."

Reeve Wes Taplin told the group of residents that they've always talked about using the rail bed as a recreation trail.

"It's no different than the Prime Meridian Trail (Interlake Pioneer Trail) that runs through Argyle and has been running for years. ... They had the same concerns when it was put it in, but it's been running great," he said. "We never hear complaints in the office about that."

He also noted that the trail will be patrolled, and a community safety officer will be coming soon to the area.

Coun. Lana Hintz supported the idea of putting the boulders back in place after snowmobile season to limit vehicle access to the trail.

"We're not really a snowmobile family, but I support the idea of getting them off of the highway. As you're driving down the highway and you pass somebody and you've got these conflicting lights coming at you, it's a little bit distracting," she said.

"And I think no matter where we decide that we want to send these snowmobilers down, there's always a risk of injury and accident. ... I know it's maybe not fun putting the boulders back when snowmobile season is done, but I do like the idea of putting the boulders back and limiting vehicle traffic on the trails. It's going to be an issue if we don't do that."

Coun. Miles Tarrant noted that they would deal with any potential problems if they arise.

"Right now, I think it would be nice to see how it turns out," he said. "If there's an issue, we're not going to just turn a blind eye. We're going to

have to deal with it."

Taplin suggested that they arrange a meeting again a year from now to revisit the topic.

Joe Thievin, grooming co-ordinator for South Interlake Snoriders Club, explained to the Tribune that Snoman is an umbrella organization that carries club liability insurance and is a mechanism for funding. Each of Manitoba's 53 snowmobile clubs is independent and they report to the Snoman board. Thievin is also the president of the regional snowmobile association and he serves on the Snoman board of directors as the vice-president. In addition, he's the president of the Canadian Council of Snowmobile Organizations, encompasses 729 clubs across Canada.

"That trail probably runs from Stony Mountain all the way to Arborg. Our area of responsibility or the section that we are going to manage is from Stony Mountain to Teulon, but this is part of a bigger picture," Thievin said by phone.

"I've been working for a couple years in our region to have the trail connected from Stony Mountain to Teulon. Then through Teulon, the Inwood Snowmobile Club takes over the trail. So the trail will go right through the Town of Teulon and it will cut across to Fraserwood and then go straight north to Arborg where the Interlake Snow Trackers is the snowmobile club up there that looks after their section of trail."

The local club has been working to develop a recreation corridor that enables riders to go through those communities away from highways, including the one discussed at the Rockwood council meeting.

"Using these abandoned rail beds is a golden opportunity because it is about a 60- or 70-mile corridor that's

# Stonewall council news in brief

By Jennifer McFee

Stonewall students know their snow-clearing zone — and they shared their knowledge in colourful and creative ways.

The Town of Stonewall organized a “Know Your Zone” colouring contest with RW Bobby Bend School, where students coloured their own snow zone to enter to win a prize.

During the Nov. 20 council meeting, Stonewall council tackled the difficult task of choosing the three winners from more than 150 entries.

The lucky winners are Sophie (Gr. 3), Monique (Gr. 1) and Tessa-Rae (Gr. 1), who each won a snow sled.

## IN OTHER COUNCIL NEWS:

- Council gave first reading to a bylaw to regulate smoking and vaping on or near Town of Stonewall outdoor facilities and properties, including the distance from the entrance to indoor facilities.

- Council also gave first reading to a bylaw to establish and regulate a code of conduct for council members.

- Council gave second and third readings to a bylaw to establish new criteria and guidelines for the installation and construction of residential driveways on to public streets. This is administrative changes to make the wording the same for the driveway and lot grade bylaws. This bylaw doesn’t apply to the annexed lands. The requirements for installing, constructing or establishing a new driveway — or modifying or reconstructing an existing driveway — including a maximum new driveway width of nine metres at the

street property line. Lot owners need to complete the driveway within two years of getting their driveway permit. The full bylaw is posted on the Town of Stonewall website at [www.stonewall.ca](http://www.stonewall.ca).

- Council gave second and third readings to a bylaw to regulate and control animals within town limits. Council was looking to extend the time an animal could be held before a final decision must be made regarding euthanizing the animal. Owners of impounded animals have 20 business days to pick them up. The bylaw includes multiple regulations, such as limits to the number of animals allowed. Anyone who would like to keep more than the allowed number of three cats and two dogs needs to apply for an excess animal permit, which is valid for one year if approved. In the annexed area, three dogs are allowed and there’s no specific number for cats. Pet owners can’t allow their dog or cat to run at large, bark or howl to disturb the quiet of others, damage public property or go on school grounds or playgrounds. An owner of a registered guide dog is not subject to all the restrictions. The full bylaw is posted on the Town of Stonewall website at [www.stonewall.ca](http://www.stonewall.ca).

- Council gave first and second reading to a bylaw related to the operation, maintenance and proper care of the cemetery. As part of the rules, visitors to the cemetery must stay on avenues or walkways, and no off-road vehicles are allowed. Cyclists can’t ride over graves or lean their bike against a monument or marker. People are not allowed to deface or destroy any



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RW Bobby Bend vice-principal Celine Doll awarded Sophie, Monique and Tessa-Rae with their snow sleds as prizes for winning the “Know Your Zone” colouring contest organized by the Town of Stonewall.

property in the cemetery. All monuments, headstones and markers must be made from granite or bronze. The Field of Honour is an area reserved for the burial of veterans, and there is no cost for a plot in the field of honour if a veteran is a Stonewall resident when they die. The full bylaw is posted on the Town of Stonewall website at [www.stonewall.ca](http://www.stonewall.ca).

- Council approved a policy for the community grant program, which aims to provide grants and funding to organizations that seek to improve the quality of life for Stonewall residents.

- Council approved a policy for the Stonewall Program for Rental Unit Construction and Expansion 2025 (SPRUCE 2025), which provides incentives to encourage the construction and operation of multi-family rental housing in town.

- The CAO will sign a snow removal agreement between the provincial government and the Town of Stonewall.

- Yard waste pickup is now over for the season and will resume again in the spring.

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continuous,” Thievin said.

“There are actually two that our club manages. One is the Manitoba Pioneer Trail, which we manage right now in the wintertime and the other one is this trail. The section we’ve got is about 40 kilometres long.”

The rail beds provide a safe corridor that allows riders to enjoy the outdoors, he added.

“They link communities, so we’ll go by Stony Mountain and Stonewall. We’ll go through Balmoral and Gunton, and our portion will end in Teulon, which is a huge benefit not only for snowmobilers but for peo-

ple who like to enjoy the outdoors. We’ve spent probably \$25,000 to \$30,000 developing this trail, putting permanent signage on it to ensure that it’s safe,” he said.

“With the work that we were doing on the trail this fall, you see a lot more people out with their ATVs, walking, walking dogs, using fat tire bikes, off-road adventure bikes. Our goal is that we want a snowmobile trail, but it’s much more than that. It’s a real benefit to the community.”

The local club launched in 2001 and has been involved for 23 years with the Interlake Pioneer Trail that goes through Argyle.

“In that section of trail, we have

walkers, a dog sleigh, horses, skate-skiers and cross-country skiers. And at the Argyle school, we have little kids who are out doing their school programs during the daytime. Everybody has the same level of respect,” he said.

“So contrary to what people might believe, snowmobilers are actually quite courteous and they will move over. To be perfectly honest, I have never ever had a single complaint in Argyle about a snowmobile. Although we don’t police it, it’s something that’s never ever been an issue. The Prime Meridian Trail or the Interlake Pioneer Trail is a multi-use trail, and we have multi-use trails across the province that are of

no issue. The only time it might be a concern is if someone is walking at night without wearing reflective clothing.”

Thievin also noted that the snowmobiling demographic has changed over the years and it’s more family-oriented now.

It costs a lot of money to develop the trails, he added, including to relocate the trail from along Highway 7 to the rail bed between Stony Mountain and Teulon.

“We’ve taken the initiative and we have the money to spend on it and relocate the trail,” he said. “The timing was right and it’s just the right thing to do.”

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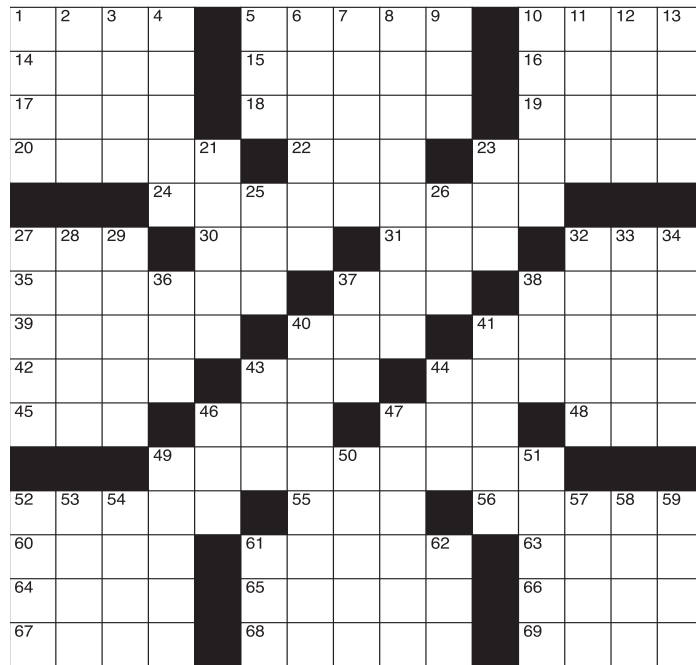
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27. Check
30. Cigarette (slang)
31. Arctic explorers (abbr.)
32. Yearly tonnage (abbr.)
35. Delivered a speech
37. A place to bathe
38. Postmen deliver it
39. Surface in geometry
40. More (Spanish)
41. \_\_\_ and Venzetti
42. Exclamation at the end of a prayer
43. Hawaiian dish
44. Aggressively proud men
45. Fellow
46. Mark Wahlberg comedy
47. Mock
48. When you expect to get somewhere
49. Songs
52. Pair of small hand drums
55. Play
56. Sword
60. Evergreens and shrubs genus
61. Filmed
63. Italian Seaport
64. Ancient kingdom near Dead Sea
65. Pores in a leaf
66. U. of Miami mascot is one
67. Snakelike fishes
68. Pretended to be
69. Body part

**CLUES DOWN**

1. Piece of felted material
2. Ancient Greek City
3. Aquatic plant
4. Potentially harmful fungus (Brit. sp.)
5. Body art (slang)
6. One who follows the rules
7. Ordinary
8. Honorably retired from assigned duties and retaining one's title
9. Relaxing space
10. Japanese socks
11. Indian city
12. Rip
13. Icelandic book
21. Satisfies
23. Where golfers begin
25. Small amount
26. Snag
27. Determine the sum of
28. A distinctive smell
29. Exposed to view
32. Stain or blemish
33. Small loop in embroidery
34. River herring genus
36. Large beer
37. Deep, red-brown sea bream
38. Partner to cheese
40. At a deliberate pace
41. Gurus
43. Of each
44. Angry
46. Popular beverage
47. Flower cluster
49. Blocks
50. Those who benefitted from efforts of relatives (slang)
51. Polio vaccine developer
52. A (usually) large and scholarly book
53. Popular soap ingredient
54. NBAer Bradley
57. Popular movie about a pig
58. Musician Clapton
59. Not a sure thing
61. Recipe measurement (abbr.)
62. Father



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**THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF ROCKWOOD**

## PUBLIC HEARING

**REGARDING GENERAL BORROWING BY-LAW #10/24**

In accordance with Section 162(2) of The Municipal Act, the Rural Municipality of Rockwood shall hold a **PUBLIC HEARING** to present the Borrowing By-Law #10/24 for the Construction of a Seniors Housing Facility near the Junction of Road 75N and 10E in the Stony Mountain Area at:

**11:30 a.m.**  
**Wednesday, December 11, 2024**  
**RM of Rockwood Administrative Office**  
**285 Main Street**  
**Stonewall, Manitoba**

The Rural Municipality of Rockwood Borrowing By-Law consists of:

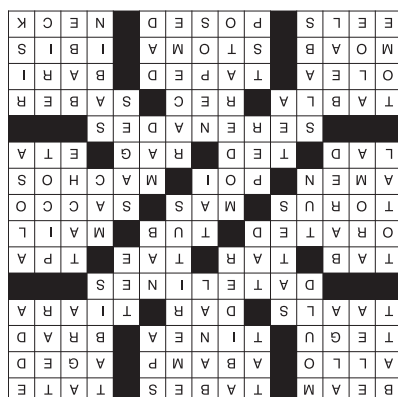
1. \$3,000,000 to be borrowed from the Aggregate Reserve
2. \$4,000,000 to be funded by Borrowing

The purpose of the **PUBLIC HEARING** is to allow any interested person to make representation, ask questions, or register an objection in respect of the Rural Municipality of Rockwood Borrowing By-Law #10/24.

Any person who wishes to make a Presentation, Ask a Question, or Send a Letter to Council must provide a copy of the presentation and/or documentation no later than 4:00 p.m. on December 6, 2024.

Copies of the Borrowing By-Law #10/24 are available for review at the Municipal Office, Monday to Friday between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Chris Luellman, CMMA  
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 The Rural Municipality of Rockwood

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### PART-TIME ASSISTANT

**EMPLOYER:** Western Interlake Planning District

**OFFICE LOCATION:** St. Laurent, Mb

**Full Job Description**

The Assistant Office Administrator will assist with duties such as receiving and examining various forms of proposed and existing development applications including but not limited to development permits, re-zonings, subdivisions, variances, conditional uses, etc. to determine compliance with respective zoning by-laws, development agreements and development plans.

The AOA will interpret zoning and development by-laws, investigate property history and perform zoning analysis in order to process a development proposal, and perform other duties as assigned.

**As the Assistant Office Administrator, you will:**

- Receive and examine various forms of development applications to verify compliance with the respective zoning by-laws, development/zoning agreements. Investigate property history, use GIS programs and perform zoning analysis to process the application.
- Work with the building inspector to approve plans and issue building/development permits.
- Provide information to the general public, professionals, developers, contractors, other levels of government, and perform other duties as assigned.
- Work closely with staff and council from member Municipalities in the Western Interlake Planning District.
- Provide advice and information to Municipal Councils and Administration.
- Provide general administrative support to the Board of the Planning District.

**Your education and qualifications include:**

- Experience applying/interpreting zoning by-laws (preferred).
- Knowledge and/or experience working with or for a Municipality or Planning District.
- Knowledge and experience with GIS would be an asset.
- Understanding in land development process would be an asset.
- Ability to read and interpret building plans and specifications would be an asset.
- Ability to read legal descriptions of properties and to identify the property on zoning maps.
- Ability to comprehend and interpret by-laws, agreements, and to convey such information to architects, developers, contractors and the general public.
- Written communication skills with the ability to prepare concise and accurate correspondence.
- Verbal communication skills with the ability to effectively communicate information to others.
- Ability to work in a multi-task environment.

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**To apply for this opportunity send your resume to: [wipd@mymts.net](mailto:wipd@mymts.net) or drop off at the Western Interlake Planning District office at #16 Veterans Memorial Rd in the Recreation Centre, St. Laurent, Mb, during regular office hours.**

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## RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF ROCKWOOD UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF THE PLANNING ACT NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

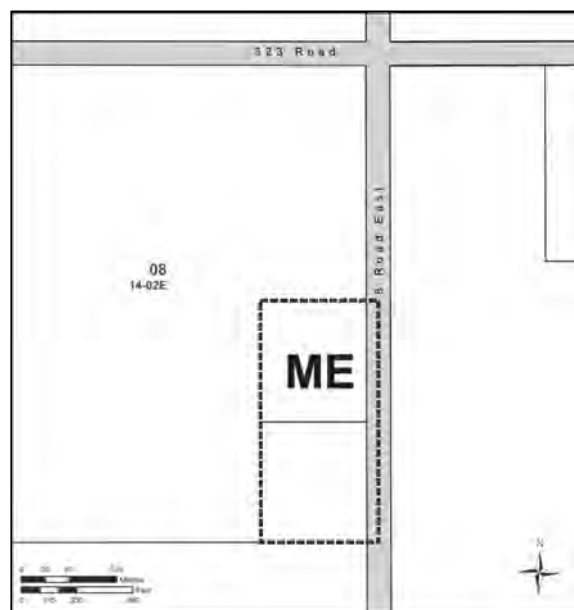
On the date and at the time and location shown below, a PUBLIC HEARING will be held to receive representations from any person(s) who wish to make them in respect to the following matter:

**R.M. OF ROCKWOOD BY-LAW NO. 15/24**  
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 11, 2024, at 11:00 AM

**GENERAL INTENT:** To re-zone Pt. NE ¼ 8-14-2 EPM from "MEH" Industrial Extractive Holding 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,  
R.M. of Rosser, MB, R4B 0A3  
Phone: 204-467-5587

A copy of the above proposal and supporting material may be inspected at the location noted above during normal office hours, Monday to Friday. Copies may be made and extracts taken therefrom, upon request.

**Note: Property Owners are responsible for notifying lessee**

## RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF ROCKWOOD UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF THE MUNICIPAL ACT NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The R.M. of Rockwood hereby gives notice pursuant to Section 290 of The Municipal Act (Manitoba) regarding a Public Hearing to receive public representation on a proposed by-law to close a public road:

**R.M. OF ROCKWOOD BY-LAW NO. 16/24**  
Being a BY-LAW to CLOSE A PUBLIC ROAD in the R.M. OF ROCKWOOD

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

**DATE & TIME:** Wednesday, December 11, 2024, at 10:30 AM

**GENERAL INTENT:** To receive representations from any person on the proposed **Public Road Closure By-Law No. 16/24** concerning a portion of 74th Avenue South in Stony Mountain, R.M. of Rockwood, as shown below:

**AREA AFFECTED:**

**FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:** Eric Shaw, General Manager  
South Interlake Planning District, 5-15 Davis Way,  
R.M. of Rosser, MB, R4B 0A3  
Phone: 204-467-5587

A copy of the above by-law and supporting material may be inspected at the South Interlake Planning District offices (5-15 Davis Way, R.M. of Rosser, or 285 Main Street, Stonewall), during normal office hours (8:30 AM to 4:30 PM), Monday to Friday. Copies may be made and extracts taken therefrom, upon request.



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### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

On the date and at the time and location shown below, a **PUBLIC HEARING** will be held to receive representation from any person(s) who wish to make them in respect to the following matter:

RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF WOODLANDS BY-LAW NO. 2804/24  
BEING AN AMENDMENT TO RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF WOODLANDS DEVELOPMENT PLAN BY-LAW NO. 2643/14

**LOCATION:** RM of Woodlands Council Chambers  
57 Railway avenue, Woodlands, Manitoba

**DATE & TIME:** 11:00 A.M., Tuesday December 10, 2024

**OWNER:** 10054642 Manitoba Ltd. and R.G Hamilton Farms

**APPLICANT:** Rural Municipality of Woodlands

**GENERAL INTENT:** To re-designate the area shown below in red bold dashed line from "AA" Agricultural Area to "UA" Urban Area and to re-designate the area shown below in black bold dashed line from "UA" Urban Area to "AA" Agricultural Area.



**AREA AFFECTED:** PT of SE28-13-1W and PT of SE29-13-1W  
Rural Municipality of Woodlands

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:** Chad Green, Building and Development Officer  
[planning@rmwoodlands.ca](mailto:planning@rmwoodlands.ca)  
Phone No. 431-292-0003

A copy of the above proposal and supporting material may be inspected on the RM of Woodlands website (<https://rmwoodlands.ca>), or by contacting the RM Office during regular office hours

**CONTACT CHAD GREEN AT ABOVE NUMBER OR EMAIL TO REGISTER TO ATTEND.**

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### NOTICE OF APPLICATION TOWN OF STONEWALL REVISED WATER AND WASTEWATER RATES STONEWALL WATER AND WASTEWATER UTILITY November 15, 2024

The Town of Stonewall (Town) has applied to the Public Utilities Board (Board) for revised water and wastewater rates for Stonewall Water and Wastewater Utility (Utility) as set out in By-law No. 16-24, read the first time on August 28, 2024. Rates were last approved in 2023 in Board Order No. 132/23, with current rates coming into effect January 1, 2024.

The current and proposed rates are as follows:

	Current Rates	Proposed Rates
	By-Law 08-23	By-Law 16-24 Year 1
Quarterly Service Charge	\$ 22.50	\$ 22.50
Water (per cubic meter)	\$ 1.01	\$ 1.04
Wastewater (per cubic meter)	\$ 0.88	\$ 0.91
Minimum Quarterly Charge*	\$ 48.28	\$ 49.10
Minimum Quarterly Charge - Wastewater Only Customers**	\$ 69.25	\$ 70.85
Wastewater Disposal Tipping Fee (per cubic meter)***	\$ 4.35	\$ 4.50

\*Based on 13.64 cubic meters

\*\*Based on 53.13 cubic meters

\*\*\*Charged based on vehicle capacity at the time of licensing

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

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

Questions or comments should be sent on or before December 30, 2024.

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

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

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

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

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

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

*J. Dubois*

Jennifer Dubois, CPA, CMA

Assistant Associate Secretary  
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IN MEMORIAM



Colleen, Mom, Ma, Soos  
We remember and miss you in all the little things that meant so much to you - a cup of coffee, a laugh, some cuddles, storytelling and daily chats.  
"If there ever comes a day when we can't be together, keep me in your heart. I'll stay there forever."  
---- Winnie the Pooh ----  
-Sharing in loving and missing you  
Jack, Raelyne, Lance and Kenzie, Bradon, Jenn, Callie and Kylee, Lisa, Darryl and family, Sonny, Arlie and family

OBITUARY



**Edward Francis "Neill" Ryan**  
March 31, 1966 - November 15, 2024

We are deeply saddened to announce the sudden passing of Edward Francis "Neill" Ryan on November 15, 2024 at the age of 58.

Left to cherish his memory are Lisa Pilkington and sons Ethan and Cole Matthews. Also mourning his loss are sisters Sheilagh, Nancy (Marc) Arbez, brother Chris (Renee), nephews Pierre (Nina Walker) and Jacques Arbez (Aja Ethier), nieces Haley and Keira Ryan, Lisa's father Gordon, sisters Lynn (Donald) Dyker, Lana (George) Moir, and brother Sheldon (Erin) and their families, as well as his cousins and numerous friends.

Neill was predeceased by his parents Colleen and Keith and brother-in-law Nick Marks.

Neill was born on March 31, 1966 and raised on the family farm in Rosser, Manitoba. He made his first group of lifelong friends while attending school in Rosser, Grosse Isle and Warren Collegiate.

With a little persuading from his father Neill attended U of M graduating in 1991 with a Diploma in Agriculture. His next batch of lifelong friends developed while attending University, and to this day he always said how glad he was that his father had pushed him in that direction.

As a young farmer helping on the family farm, he held numerous other jobs such as with the City of Winnipeg Weed Control, running his garden center on the family farm (with help from his mom of course), and with Rutherford Farms.

Farming full time alongside his father and brother became a reality in 2003, giving Neill many memories of the challenges and successes that came along with a family farm.

Retiring from farming in 2013 led him straight to a job as a Project Manager for Native Grass Solutions. This job gave Neill the opportunity to "keep things growing." Young university students were hired each summer to work on projects, Neill always referred to them as "My" summer students. He guided them and they kept him young at heart. He retired once again in 2022 and many of those young people stayed connected with Neill right up to now. Some were looking for a job reference, but most were calling to celebrate with him their achievements in life. He was most proud of the few that became his avid fishing partners.

The saying "You can't take the farm out of the boy" could not have been truer when it came to Neill after his move into the big city. Many comments were made about how much he missed farming. Close friends gave him the opportunity to jump in a combine at harvest the last few years and help, bringing him so much happiness.

Neill was not one to sit idle for long, so he took two part-time jobs, with Enns Brothers and with his friend's yard care business Garden Bed Girl, both of which employed Neill until his passing.

In his younger years he enjoyed playing baseball, hockey, motocross and playing the drums. His "Older" years gave him new hobbies like watching the Jets play (as a couch coach), naps, breakfasts with the boys and of course fishing. One weekend of fishing at Lake of the Prairies was all it took for Neill to be "hooked." In-depth research started when he got home and before long there was a boat in the driveway and numerous fishing rods and tackle quickly followed. His favorite trips taken with friends included Baker's Narrows and Viking Lodge in Northern Manitoba, searching for the biggest lake trout he could reel in.

Neill had a smile that could light up a room, a booming voice, and the personality to go with both. Our home was filled with a whole lot of laughter and a little bit of chaos with him in it. He kept us grounded, was our biggest supporter, and the voice of reason. Truly ONE OF A KIND! He loved everybody but more importantly WE LOVED HIM.

Celebration of Life will be held Saturday, November 30, 2024 at 2:00 p.m. Thomson "In the Park" 1291 McGillivray Blvd.

If friends so wish memorial donations can be made in Neill's memory to Harvest Manitoba

Your memory will live forever - Engraved within our hearts.

CARD OF THANKS

Grey Cup Pool winners for Stonewall Lodge #49 were: 1st quarter: Dave Norway, Reverse: Jo-Anne Kukurudz; 2nd quarter: Jordy Adamchuk, Reverse: Darrell Vesa; 3rd quarter: Al Delbaere, Reverse: Jocelyn Hamill; Final: Andre Bonin, Reverse: Darrell Vesa.  
Thank you for your support.

CARD OF THANKS

Stonewall & District Lions Club Grey Cup winners 2024 are: 1st quarter: John Pattie, \$100 & reverse: Suzanne Morin, \$50; 2nd quarter: Suzanne Morin, \$100 & reverse: Kelsey Hinds, \$50; 3rd quarter: Tricia Tyerman, \$100 & reverse: Todd Armstrong, \$50; final score: Phyllis Van Haut, \$200 & reverse: Cathy Winchar, \$100. Thank you for all that supported our fundraiser and our organization.

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Sudoku Answer

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SUDOKU

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Level: Intermediate

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## OBITUARY



**Marc Hubert Fontaine**  
June 29, 1961 – November 18, 2024

It is with deep sadness and heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Marc Fontaine on November 18, 2024 after a short but courageous battle with pancreatic cancer.

Marc will be forever remembered and greatly missed by the love of his life Teresa; brothers Real (Doris), Guy (Bonita), Luc; nephews Remi (Trish), Paul (Shay), Jules (Brandi), Jeremiah; brothers-in-law Jeff (Corlie), Wade (Morgann); nieces Kendall and McKenzie; along with his great nieces and nephews.

Marc was predeceased by his father Joseph-Marie (1977), mother Lilliane (1984), brother Louis (1998) and in-laws Ken (2003) and Iris (2011).

Marc grew up on the family farm east of St. Laurent and was very proud of his roots. His passion for hockey was evident as he played the game on various teams and competed in many tournaments.

Marc worked in the pipeline industry for the past 20+ years on various projects across Canada. He was well known in the industry for his physical strength and strong work ethic. Marc was a man of his word and wasn't afraid to voice his opinion whether you liked it or not.

Marc was an avid outdoorsman and relished in all that nature had to offer. He loved listening to the birds, observing wildlife and breathing in the clean fresh air. He enjoyed being out in the elements and took advantage of every opportunity he had to go fishing whether it be on the ice, in the boat or along the shore. He also liked to go quadding, snowmobiling, playing cards and spending time with family and friends.

Anyone who knew Marc will remember his keen eye for detail. His love for woodworking and taking on building projects was a self-taught skillset, and he was looking forward to being able to do more of it in retirement.

As per Marc's wishes, cremation has taken place and there will be no formal funeral service. A private Celebration of Life will be held in the summer of 2025.

Special thanks to the staff at the Selkirk Regional Health Centre for the care and compassion that was provided and shown towards Marc right from diagnosis in July to his final days.

Marc - you were such a good man and loved by so many. I was so blessed to be a part of your life. Until we meet again my love - there are no goodbyes for us. Wherever you are, you will always be in my heart - Love Teresa

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## OBITUARY



**Julia Hodge**  
March 20, 1931 – November 19, 2024

Peacefully at Betel Home in Gimli on November 19, 2024, Mom passed away at the age of 93 years.

Mom was predeceased by her husband Ned; infant son; parents Olga and Josef Valka; brother Joe (Nettie); sisters Emily (Jerry), Betty (George), Mary and Anne (Ed).

She will be remembered by her children Lyle (Rosemary), Myles (Jean), Gwen (Chris) and Cory (Marie). Her grandchildren Alison (Dean), Owen; Curtis (Jake); Tim (Lauren), Scott (Ashlee), Michelle (Ben), Joel (Chelsea) along with 11 great-grandchildren and 1 great-great-grandchild. As well as Godsons Larry Valka and Barry Hudyma and special friends Alice Boychyn and Delores Darowany.

Mom was born in Fraserwood and then the family moved to Teulon where she resided until April 2019.

Mom enjoyed crafting, baking, cooking, gardening, sewing and knitting.

She was first employed as a school teacher at Skogan School. After raising her children, she took a healthcare-aid course and worked at Goodwin Lodge in Teulon for 21 years. But she most enjoyed looking after her grandkids, visits from them, phone calls or facetime with them.

We would like to thank all staff at Betel for making Mom feel welcome and also for the care she received especially in her final days. Words cannot express our gratitude to the staff. There are too many to mention by name.

Funeral service will be held on Wednesday, November 27, 2024 at 11:00 a.m. at Gunton - Greenwood Community Hall, Gunton, MB., viewing at 10:30 a.m. with interment at Windsor Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, Mom's wish was for donations to the Windsor Cemetery c/o John Logan, Box 246, Teulon, Manitoba, R0C 3B0.

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