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Snake Oil to perform at Balmoral Rec Centre fundraiser

By Jennifer McFee

Mark your calendar for an entertaining evening to support a good cause!

On Saturday, April 27, the band Snake Oil will perform a fundraising show at Balmoral Rec Centre. The band is known for its impressive impersonations of rock musicians from the '70s, '80s, '90s and more.

Travis Williams, one of the event organizers, said Snake Oil performed at Quarry Days last year and fans left the event super excited.

"So, brought back by popular demand, we felt this would be a fantastic fundraiser for the Balmoral Rec Centre," Williams said.

"The Snake Oil concert is an important fundraiser for all of those who enjoy our community centre as the

funds will go towards a new artificial ice plant condenser."

Doors open at 7 p.m. on April 27, and the performance will start at 8:30 p.m.

"Fans can expect an awesome show filled with your favourite songs and rock bands. It is an all-age licensed event and food will be available. You may bring your own chair, but be prepared to stand as the arena floor will quickly become giant dance floor. It is going to be a blast," Williams said with a laugh.

"To make this event a success, we'll need volunteers, sponsorship and, most importantly, fans in the stands. Your support is very much appreciated."

Snake Oil features Darren Moore,

who grew up in Stonewall and now lives in Las Vegas. The other band members are also from Manitoba and are currently based in the province.

For Moore, the upcoming Balmoral concert brings back memories from yesteryear.

"When I was a young kid living in Stonewall, I used to perform with my dad's band in Balmoral for various dances and socials quite often," he said.

"Although it wasn't really my kind of music, that's how I learned about live performing and got a great music education that led to a career."

Now with Snake Oil, Moore continues to look forward to every performance. The band offers four completely different shows. The Balmoral show will be "Snake Oil Ikons of Rock," which features the music of classic rock icons such as Kiss, Van Halen, Heart, Joan Jett, Ozzy and more.

"We love what we do. A part of the fun for us is, although the songs are well rehearsed, what we do or say on stage is not — so it's a different show every night," he said.

"And we have so many characters we do, we can't fit them all into a sin-

gle show. So the set list varies from performance to performance as well."

The audience will have plenty to look forward to, with a mix of cover songs and originals.

"The band has an original album distributed through a European record label," Moore said. "We will do a few original songs and the rest will all be songs any classic rocker will know."

If anyone would like to preview the original music, they can visit http://snakeoilrock.com/music. Snippets of the live show are also posted online at www.snakeoilrock.com.

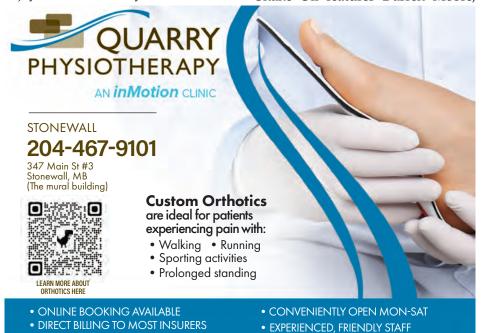
Moore expects the Balmoral Rec Centre fundraiser will be filled with music, laughter and fun.

"The audience will witness a variety of classic rock era characters in full costume performing their hit songs as close to the original albums as possible," he said.

"We've been told by many industry professionals we do some of their songs better than the original artists did live."

Looking ahead, Snake Oil has a full calendar of upcoming performances,

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Manitoba eggs rule the roost

By Jennifer McFee

Last weekend, visits from the Easter bunny likely filled many households with eggs that are colourful and chocolatey — but the best variety remains fresh Manitoba eggs.

Claire McCaffrey, communications specialist at Manitoba Egg Farmers, explained that eggs are one of nature's most nutrient-dense foods.

"Eggs are an excellent source of high quality protein and they provide many vitamins and minerals, including vitamin B12, riboflavin, vitamin D, folate, choline and iron. Eggs are considered a complete protein as they contain all nine essential amino acids along with a wide array of other vitamins and minerals," she said.

"The natural protein from an egg is best absorbed and utilized by the body; therefore, egg protein is considered to be the gold standard of protein quality. Eggs are an affordable, nutritious and highly versatile protein, making them a great choice for any meal of the day."

Hens lay about one egg per day on regulated egg farms, amounting to an average of 330 eggs per year in Man-

"On our regulated egg farms, laying hens are fed a nutritious diet of grains such as corn, soybeans and canola to meet their energy and protein requirements. These diets are formulated by a poultry nutritionist and produced in a commercial feed mill," McCaffrey said.

"In Manitoba, eggs travel from the farm to the grading station, then to the grocery store within a week of being laid. All eggs purchased at grocery stores in Manitoba —or anywhere eggs are sold — are produced here in the province by egg-farming families."

Depending where they live, some Manitobans can keep their own chick-

ens even if they don't live on a regulated egg farm.

In the RM of Rockwood, residents can keep three or more chickens in an agricultural zone, depending on the acreage they own. In residential-designated areas, residents need to seek council's permission to keep chickens, which are considered livestock. Looking ahead, the approved area might be expanded in future zoning bylaw updates.

Meanwhile, in the Town of Stonewall, backyard chickens are currently not allowed within town under the animal control and zoning bylaws. However, the newly annexed lands are an exception since any property that was allowed to have livestock under the RM of Rockwood's bylaws is still allowed to have those same types of animals until the area is rezoned or redeveloped.

For the Town of Teulon, livestock including chickens — is not permitted in town limits.

Likewise, in the RM of Woodlands, backyard chickens are also not permitted. Residents would need to apply to council to seek permission if they're interested in keeping chickens.

In the RM of Rosser, livestock — including chickens — is only permitted in agricultural zones. However, within these agricultural zones, the RM's zoning bylaw sets out additional specific clauses related to poultry that must be followed. For example, no more than six hens can be kept on properties that are less than four acres. In addition, no chickens are allowed in Rosser's settlement centre zones. Anyone who is considering keeping chickens in the RM of Rosser should refer to the section on animal keeping in the zoning bylaw and also review the municipality's livestock control bylaw.



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Many factors need to be considered before raising backyard chickens, including whether they're allowed in your municipality.

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According to Earth911.com, which encourages people to reduce their environmental impact, backyard chickens can help households to reduce waste and carbon emissions, provide natural pest control and create opportunities for reuse.

However, McCaffrey said that raising livestock is a big responsibility with many factors that need to be considered.

Manitoba Egg Farmers — which represents the 170 regulated egg farmers in the province — has developed a fact sheet in collaboration with provincial veterinarians to highlight important factors to consider for hens' safety and well-being.

According to the fact sheet, enti-

tled "Urban Egg Farmer: Top 10 List of Chores," anyone looking to raise backyard chickens should ensure they purchase feed from a specialized supplier rather than a pet food store. In addition, chickens need clean water, protection from predators and an appropriate shelter to protect them from the weather.

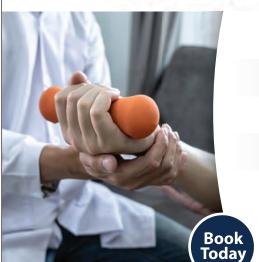
All livestock can carry disease that can be transmitted to humans, and eggshells can also absorb bacteria if not handled properly.

As well, hens require vaccinations and health-care from a qualified veterinarian, especially if they're ill.

The fact sheet also notes that it's im-

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Ethics Bowl team takes on 'hot-button' issues

By Clara Hoff, Grade 12 CSC student

The Collège Stonewall Collegiate Ethics Bowl team competed at the Provincial Ethics Bowl Competition at the University of Manitoba on Friday, Feb. 23.

The seven-student team, made up of five panellists and two alternates, journeyed to the University of Manitoba to debate "hot-button" moral issues of the world. The CSC team played three rounds against high school competitors from around the province.

Students faced off in an opening match against Garden City Collegiate on the topic of "Bystanders in Action." Grade 12 panellists Clara Hoff, Tanner Petri, Lexi Glowacki, Maze Debreuil and Nicholas Palmer came out with strong arguments but were not able to clinch the round.

Ethics Bowl is not just about winning. The goal is to show that your team has considered more viewpoints while respecting the opposing perspectives.

"The goal of the Ethics Bowl team is to improve a number of skills," says Mrs. Voth, who has previously coached the team to a national level. This year she was assisted by M. Hourie and Mme Kaur.

"Students refine their research skills, their collaboration skills and their critical thinking skills. They learn to become more open-minded and be-

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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 come aware of new perspectives and viewpoints. Students also learn a lot about important and relevant issues facing the world today."

The team has been working diligently since October to build a strong group dynamic. Early on, the team struggled to make room for every opinion — but with practice, members learned to play to one another's strength. The team has been able to develop a considerate, resourceful and enthusiastic front.

"Teachers see student growth in a lot of areas — sometimes it's hard to consider viewpoints that diverge from your own. It's rewarding to see students develop better communication skills and to see them take many opinions into consideration," adds Mrs. Voth.

Lexi Glowacki, who has been an Ethics Bowl member since Grade 9, agrees. "Ethics Bowl teaches valuable skills for youth to apply in their everyday lives. I would encourage Ethics Bowl even for adults."

The CSC team lost incredibly close matches to École Secondaire Kelvin High School and Nelson McIntyre Collegiate in their second and third rounds. Veteran members are disappointed with the competition outcome but optimistic about the team's future

Tanner Petri remarks that the team has seen a promising increase in the number of Grade 9 and 10 panellists. A Grade 9 alternate described his first Ethics Bowl experience as positive and hopes more people sign up next year. "I think it's important to have these experiences from a young age," says Tanner Petri.

Grade 12 student Nick Palmer says, "Debating issues is great practice for university. It's exciting." He adds, "I would highly encourage people to participate."



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The CSC Ethics Bowl team has been working together since October to build a strong group dynamic.

Stonewall students launch school newspaper

By Jennifer McFee

Hot off the presses — there's a new publication in town!

A group of students at Collège Stonewall Collegiate launched a school newspaper called *Scribe* and published the first edition in March.

Scribe features coverage of wide-ranging topics including arts,

sports, news, profiles and more.

The *Tribune* is teaming up with *Scribe* to publish articles and photos submitted by student contributors.

Keep an eye on the *Tribune* to see creative contributions from the next generation, including a story published in this edition.



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY JENNIFER MCFEE

Members of the CSC Scribe team include Kristen Greigson (Gr. 10), Shannon Bodnarus (Gr. 11), Elia Grosselle (Gr. 11), Mia Smart (Gr. 10), Clara Hoff (Gr. 12) and Daisy Uhres-Todd (Gr. 11).







TRIBUNE PHOTO BY BRITTNI CARTER

The Stonewall & District Lions donated \$500 to Community Living Interlake to help with the Community Spring Fashion Show they are hosting on April 11 at the Ouarry Park Heritage Arts Centre in Stonewall. Local models and retailers will showcase outfits while guests enjoy sweet and savoury charcuterie boards. Tickets are on sale for \$20 at Something Beautiful Café & Gift Shop in-store or online. Pictured left to right: Len Kolenech (Stonewall & District Lions Club) with CLI clients Gary, Stephanie, Stephanie, Angela, CLI director of operations Tracy Fidler and Eden in the front.

> EGGS, FROM PG. 3

portant to develop a plan to dispose of chicken manure. Each hen excretes about two pounds of manure per week.

Older hens need to take a break from egg production from time to time. Similarly, areas where animals are housed also need downtime with no poultry living in the area in order to break the cycle of potential bacteria,

> SNAKE OIL, FROM PG. 2

both near and far. On Friday, April 26, the night before the Balmoral concert, the band will perform the Snake Oil '90s Rock Circus show, which features classic rock from the '90s and early 2000s at the Burton Cummings Theatre.

"We are also aligned doing shows with Royal Caribbean Cruise Lines to do an Ikons of Rock cruise," Moore said. "We have shows this year from California to New York City, so we're everywhere."

The high-energy performance has all the makings of a rock 'n' roll party.

"We are all proud Canadians, more so Manitobans, sharing our 'flatland

intestinal roundworms and viruses.

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To learn more about egg farming in Manitoba, visit www.eggs.mb.ca or the social media pages for Manitoba Egg Farmers.

mafia' pride — there's a good handful of Manitoba-born professional musicians performing all over the world and that's our shared handle," Moore added. "And we share that pride globally."

Tickets to the Balmoral Rec Centre fundraiser cost \$40 each and are available by contacting Don Slater at 204-513-1515 or Travis Williams at 204-899-8277. Tickets are also being sold at the Rockwood Motor Inn, Home Hardware, Korner Kutz and the Balmoral Rec Centre.

"It will be a fun and historic event," Williams said. "Please join us for Snake Oil. We're going to blow the roof off the old arena!"

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April 1 carbon tax hike felt across every Manitoba industry and household

This week, Manitobans will wake up to a 23 per cent federal carbon tax hike, with support from Premier Wab Kinew and his Manitoba NDP government. From farm to truck to dinner table, the effects of the NDP-Trudeau carbon tax hike on April 1 will be felt by every household and industry in Manitoba.

Let's start with our pork industry, which contributes more than \$2.3 billion a year to the provincial economy and employs more than 22,000 Manitobans.

Manitoba is the largest supplier of hogs in Canada, with 624 farms exporting to over 30 countries. Hog barns are heated by natural gas or propane, and hogs are usually fed soybean meal and corn.

From buying their feed to keeping on the heat, pork producers will be impacted by the 23 per cent carbon tax hike in their barns and at the farm where they grow the crops, as will the companies that dry the grain using natural gas or propane. A soybean crusher paying \$150,000 per year in carbon tax today will pay \$185,000 starting April 1, which increases the cost of raising a hog in Manitoba.

Can customers of Manitoba pork stomach a 23 per cent increase in prices so that Manitoba producers can break even on the carbon tax? Or will they just find another supplier who doesn't have to pay the carbon tax instead?

Either way, the carbon tax hike will cost Manitoba a lot of bacon, and the same equation can be applied to beef, poultry and just about any products from Manitoba's agriculture industry. But it's not just producers who will

be hit by the hike. Manitoba truckers, who bring most of our goods from the farms and factories to our tables, will bear the burden of the carbon tax hike. Local companies not only haul in Manitoba but across North America. How can they possibly sustain themselves without passing cost hikes on to customers?

In short, they can't. And just like farmers and industry, all Manitobans will be hit with increased food prices, increased fuel

costs and increased heating costs as a

result of the carbon tax hike. When will it end? The carbon tax is set to keep rising until 2030, costing

every Manitoban and Canadian more money to live, year by year.

Meanwhile, Wab Kinew has yet to join seven other premiers across party lines in openly calling on Trudeau to scrap his outrageous carbon tax hike

on the backs of hardworking Manitoba families. Kinew instead deflects the topic by evoking the temporary gas tax "holiday." However, the fact is that the 23 per cent hike will bring the carbon tax to \$0.17/litre at the pump. Not only does the carbon tax cost more than the provincial gas tax but, unlike the NDP's temporary stunt, the carbon tax is here to stay.

These fuel costs have an impact on food prices. Kinew promised that the fuel tax pause would drive prices down, but the stats show otherwise as Manitoba food prices are set to rise another 4.5 per cent this year. Despite the NDP premier threatening action in November against grocery chains if savings aren't passed to consumers, Manitobans haven't heard a peep about the topic since December.

Manitobans need to know what this premier is doing for long-term affordability because so far Kinew has proven to be more of a showman making idle promises than a statesman who has plans to take action.

From industry to household, the 23 per cent carbon tax increase is no April Fool's joke. Manitoba's premier must stand up to Ottawa and ensure real solutions and real relief for Manitobans.

- Jeff Bereza MLA for Portage la Prairie and Progressive Conservative Critic for Agriculture

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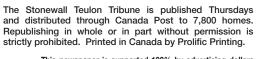
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Two-year-old Christopher Hueging was out helping with chores last Sunday, feeding one of the calves on his family's farm west of Woodlands. Calving season has just begun, with a few hundred cows yet to calve. Mother Nature has been kind with the mild spring weather, with temperatures hovering around 0 degrees C. over the weekend. However, according to AccuWeather, this coming week we should see higher temperatures, even reaching 16 degrees by the weekend and, with that, some form of precipitation is predicted. Help the Tribune record the weather of the week and send in your photos of friends or family enjoying the outdoors. Email: news@stonewallteulontribune.ca

Access Credit Union members rewarded with \$13.5-million cash back payout

By Lana Meier

The board of directors of Access Credit Union announced a \$13.5-million cash return via their Member Rewards profit-sharing program to their members.

The Member Rewards program is the credit union's way of showing appreciation to its members for their continued relationships and patronage. Because Access Credit Union is a co-operative, members are true owners of the organization and are eligible to share in the annual profits. After satisfying requirements for equity reserves, the board of directors may set aside a portion of earnings for members who have borrowed and saved at the credit union. The amount a member receives is based on interest earned on non-registered deposits and interest paid on lending products.

Board chair Curt Letkeman expressed gratitude to Access Credit Union members for their ongoing support during another year of growth. He reaffirmed the organization's dedication to providing the best possible service to its members and emphasized their desire to be present wherever members may need them.

"We are very pleased to share our success with our members through

this year's Member Rewards payout," says Larry Davey, President and CEO of Access Credit Union.

As the leader of Access Credit Union, Davey is pleased to announce that they experienced robust growth in their business and achieved impressive financial results for 2023. This success is a direct result of their ongoing commitment to investing in innovative solutions and forming valuable partnerships.

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If Christ is Not Raised

"And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified about God that he raised Christ, whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised." (1 Corinthians 15:14-15)

One mistake that many people make when assessing Christianity is that they think that the primary claim of the faith is a religious one such as the assertion that there is a God. But "there is a God" is not the primary claim of Christianity. If it was, that claim would be shared with every major world religion which believes in a god or group of gods.

Christianity, rather, rises and falls on a historic claim. Jesus Christ, a man who lived in the Middle East 2000 years ago, was crucified but rose again from the dead. Christians believe that this really happened, in history, in such a way that it belongs in a history textbook alongside the facts about every other historical figure from Alexander the Great to Genghis Khan to John F. Kennedy.

The Apostle Paul, in the quote above, believes this so strongly that he asserts that if Christ was not raised from the dead, the whole Christian faith is in vain. It is worthless. It ought to be ignored. If, however, Jesus Christ got up out of His tomb after three days, all of the religious claims of Christianity are established. It seems both wise and logical to me to believe the man who was able to rise from the dead; He might just be divine.

Easter Sunday has just passed, the day when Christians around the world celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Have you ever considered the historical claims of Christianity? They may just change your mind on the whole religion. If you're willing to take the risk of digging into the claims, I would recommend the books of Lee Strobel, Mike Licona, or Gary Habermas. Who knows, the most important claim of Christianity might actually be true.

Daniel Bredin

Teulon Tractor & Motor Ltd. under new ownership

By Becca Myskiw

After 55 years in the family, Teulon Tractor & Motor Ltd. is changing ownership.

A familial trio with roots in Manitoba has bought Teulon's one-stop ag shop. Jimmy Sandhu, Prabhjot Sandhu and Ginny Singh officially took over the automotive and agricultural parts store on Monday, April 1 with plans to keep everything running as before.

Teulon Tractor & Motor started as a service shop in 1969 when Alec and Carol Dawson opened the doors. Until 1978 or 1979, it was also a Chrysler Dodge Plymouth dealer and was a Massey Ferguson dealer, among other things, throughout the years. Twenty-five years after Teulon Tractor & Motor opened, Chris Dawson and his wife, Sarah, bought the family business.

In 2002, Chris and Sarah completed an extensive renovation of the busi-

ness, refocusing their efforts on parts rather than service. Alec Dawson fully retired from the company that year, having worked in the shop until then. In 2004, Teulon Tractor & Motor started selling Stihl brand parts, an extremely positive addition to the shop.

Today, Teulon Tractor and Motor is the trusty local parts shop authorized to sell equipment made by Stihl, Simplicity, Ferris, Snapper, Masport, Briggs & Stratton, Honda, Farm King, Westfield, Wallenstein and more. The shop services what it sells and sells parts for its equipment, too, working on brakes, suspension, small engines, belts and batteries. It also takes custom orders and works with customers to accommodate their needs.

This year, the business celebrated 55 years under the name and family ownership, and for owners Chris and Sarah, it seemed time for something new. With a young family and grand-children coming, the couple wants



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Chris and Sarah Dawson, middle, officially handed over the keys to their family-owned and operated business Teulon Tractor & Motor to the new owners Jimmy Sandhu and Prabhjot Sandhu on Monday, April 1.

time to enjoy the fruits of their life's labours.

"We've been working for 30 years, six days a week," said Chris. "You never really shut down when you're a business owner."

So when Prabhjot and Jimmy Sandhu saw the listing for the business when visiting family in Manitoba, they went to look at it. The brothers have experience running trucking companies and overseeing staff. Growing up in a small town, they felt excited by the idea of owning a business in a place to put down roots.

"We want to be part of this small community where people know us," said Prabhjot.

The brothers liked what they saw at Teulon Tractor & Motor, and feeling confident in their abilities, they decided to acquire it. At this time, Singh, their cousin, already lived in Manitoba, so they joined forces with him and owned the business collectively. Jim-

my Sandhu has moved to Winnipeg to live with Singh, and they plan to move closer to Teulon once they can.

"It's a family venture, kind of like farming," said Prabhjot. Teulon Tractor & Motor employs

Teulon Tractor & Motor employs five people, and the Sandhu brothers and Singh offered each to keep their positions — everyone accepted.

"We're not changing anything," said Prabhjot. "We want to try to fill Chris's shoes to the best of our abilities."

He added that if they can meet more of the community's needs, they'll add those services as they go. He said the plan is to learn from the existing businesses and serve the community as best they can.

If anyone in the community is looking for work, Prabhjot said to contact Teulon Tractor & Motor, as they'll be looking for more employees soon. People of all skill sets and backgrounds are welcome to reach out.







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Minds in Motion is returning with a new spring session

Program for those with dementia and their care person to get out and have fun

By Katelyn Boulanger

The Alzheimer Society of Manitoba's Minds in Motion program is starting up again for its spring session and the usually packed program has a few spots left for people with dementia and their care partners.

"The Minds in Motion program is an eight-week program for individuals with mild to moderate dementia and a partner. It could be a spouse, an adult child, another family member or a friend, and it is a time where we can come together and connect with others who just get it and who are on the same path," said Samantha Holland, first link regional team lead for the Alzheimer Society of Manitoba.

The program varies from week to week but starts with a chair fitness class to get everyone warmed up. Then there is a coffee break and time to chat together. After socializing for a bit, the larger group breaks into smaller groups to do an activity. Sometimes the activities are things like word puzzles or memory games and sometimes there are more traditional games like bocce and Jenga.

Holland says that all components of the program help people with dementia and their care partners continue to live well and be involved in the community. She emphasized that the program isn't just for the people with dementia but creates space for both individuals.

"We've had people participate, really, until they transition to personal care. For example, I've had participants who have been in the program since I started five years ago, and they're still coming back time after time. Why they come back is the connections that they form with others and the time that they just get to come and have fun in their community without thinking about dementia. We're all here to connect, reminisce and chat and just feel that sense of normalcy," said Holland.

This program is a space that is designed to be dementia-friendly.

"People that might not quite understand what the individual or the couple is going through. And there may be a little bit of judgment or perceived judgment. So we want to create that space where people can come and interact with those who understand what they're going through. We have volunteers in the program who, when your person is having a hard day, can step in and give you that time to just hang out with other care partners. You don't have to worry about what's

going on with your [person. We're just that] safe space to get away for a couple of hours every week and really let your hair down," said Holland.

The program started April 3 and runs until May 22 at the Gordon Howard Centre. Participants will be able to enjoy the two-hour sessions from 1 to 3 p.m. every Wednesday.

Holland says even if you don't know if it's for you and your partner, it's worth giving a shot.

"We've had many couples that have been hesitant or maybe don't know what to expect. We would always encourage people to register and see what they think of it the first week. If it's not for them, that's fair. But I think they'll see that once they walk into the door, it's a safe space with friendly faces. There's no judgment and there's always laughter to be had. So, really, regardless of whether you like the activities or not, it is just a fun afternoon out of the house," she said.

To sign up, residents can call the Gordon Howard Centre at 204-785-2092 or stop by during their open hours to sign up with the front desk staff. The program is \$65 for both people.

Volunteers to help with the program are also needed.

"If there are individuals that have a general understanding of dementia and who are passionate about helping participants enjoy a quality program, I would encourage them to reach out to me directly," said Holland.

Holland can be reached at 204-268-4752 or by email at sholland@alzheimer.mb.ca. Visit Alzheimer Society of Manitoba online at https://alzheimer.mb.ca/ to learn more.



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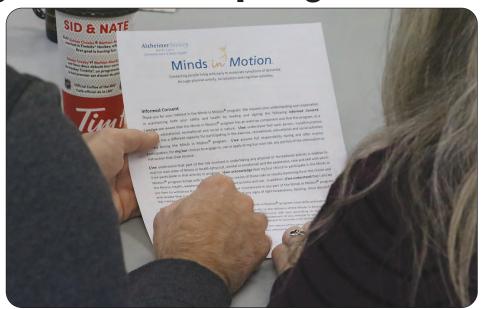
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There are still spots left to join the spring Minds in Motion session.



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Friends of SIRL looking for used books for April 23-27 drive

Bv Lana Meier

Get started on your spring cleaning by weeding out all those no-longer-read books.

The Friends of the South Interlake Regional Library are gearing up for their spring book donation drive at the Stonewall library from April 23 to 27.

The Friends of the SIRL is a volunteer organization that works to support the Stonewall, Teulon and Bookmobile libraries through community fundraising and advocacy efforts. Since 2017, they have been successful in raising funds for various improvements, such as enhancing the Bookmobile, providing junior seating at our libraries, supporting summer reading programs and acquiring a branded outdoor canopy and flags. New members are always welcome to join the Friends and contribute to their cause for a membership fee of only \$10.

The spring book sale welcomes donations of books that are clean, undamaged and pest/mildew-free. Preference is given to newer publications from the past decade. Any books that do not meet our library's collection standards will be sold at the Quarry Days Used Book Sale in August, with all proceeds directly supporting our libraries.





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According to library director Clint

Curle, the main goal of the regional library is to promote literacy in South

Interlake communities. To achieve

this mission, the Friends of the South

Interlake Regional Library play a piv-

"Donating used books or volunteer-

ing with the Friends is a great way to

Books to be donated can be dropped

off at the Stonewall library during its

otal role.

give back," he said.

The Friends of the South Interlake Regional Library will host a book donation drive at the Stonewall library branch from April 23 to 27.

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GAAC Summer Funtastics looking for campers

By Emily Antonio

Green Acres Art Centre (GAAC) hosted an action-packed spring break camp for 10 youth in Teulon from March 25 to 28.

Students did arts and crafts, played games and explored the outdoors. The camp gave campers a sneak peek at the upcoming Access Credit Union Summer Funtastics camps, which will take place over six weeks in July and August.

GAAC president Lana Knor was excited to offer the four-day camp for the first time. The children from the community met up daily at the Teulon United Church.

GAAC partnered with the church, and Knor said they were fortunate to offer most of the programming in the newly renovated basement.

"It is an incredible space. It is so cool seeing the kids be excited when they

enter the room," said Knor. She explained that the basement is a big open space. Students can run, watch movies on the projector or play on the Xbox. There are new carpets, comfy chairs, freshly painted walls and bright lights. This makes the basement an ideal location to host GAAC programming. The centre also has 5,000 Lego pieces for students to

"Kids love all that stuff," Knor added. She explained that the students are always excited to return.

Over the week, the children were kept entertained. They walked to Teulon-Rockwood Green Acres Park and visited the elementary school's playground. They had opportunities to work hands-on with crafts and Lego building and had time to relax and watch movies.

Knor's goal is to get kids off the couch and use their imaginations to play. Activities at the camp are struc-

Campers exploring the trails at Green Acres Park.

tured around what the kids want to do. Knor encouraged natural play techniques such as playing with items found outdoors instead of toys inside.

"The world is too structured," explained Knor. She wants youth to explore and play freely without needing exact instructions.

Knor is excited for the summer and is busy getting ready for an action-packed journey.

Registration is open now for students at the Access Credit Union Summer Funtastics camp. This is the earliest registration has opened, allowing families to make summer plans.

Children six to 12 years old have a choice of 10 unique camp themes. Each week offers an Aspiring Artist camp or an Education and Exploration topic. Green Acres has a theme to suit everyone's interests. For dancers, there are two separate weeks of Discover Your Inner Dancer camp with Miss Elena Modrzejewski and Miss Alycia Campbell. For scientists, there is a Super Science camp.

The different themes allow for exploration. Knor added that the unique topics let families sample the yearlong programming that GAAC offers.

All camp dates and themes can be found on the website. Camps will run out of Teulon Collegiate Institute, Teulon United Church and the Green Acres Art Centre. Many campers will also go on field trips. Sports Fans: Indoor Edition will take a trip to the Arborg Water Park. Participants in the Outdoor Adventures camp will visit the Assiniboine Park Zoo.

Field trip dates and locations are in the camp theme descriptions online.

Certain weeks will also feature special guests. Engineering for Kids STEM Winnipeg will join campers during S.T.E.A.M. Camp week.

Knor is excited for S.T.E.A.M. Camp.



Julia Chartrand sharing the cupcake she made at Kids in the Kitchen camp.



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Interlake Community Foundation presented a total of \$6,600 in grants to Green Acres Arts Centre to purchase audio-video recording equipment as well as a computer for the music, theatre and dance programs. The allocations came from ICF's unrestricted fund, as well as from the RM of Rockwood fund, the Town of Teulon fund, the Community Builder Club Teulon and the Herb and Helen Kletke Fund. Pictured left to right: Billy Trach, Gareth McNichol-Briggs, ICF's Michael Hepples, ICF's Linda Lamoureux, Lori Benn and Callia Benn.

"It provides kids with the opportunity to put art into the science," said Knor. She explained that S.T.E.A.M. allows students to focus on the design aspect of the science, technology and mathematics fields.

"This camp will be very different from the science camp and acts as a great introduction into S.T.E.A.M."

Knor thanks Access Credit Union for its continued funding of the summer camps.

"Access has been very supportive of Green Acres' initiatives," she said.

GAAC won a contest a few years ago through Access (formerly Sunova) Credit Union, granting them \$20,000. The funds were used to purchase supplies for their program-



Campers doing a science experiment at Super Science camp.

ming, including musical instruments and craft items. Access has continued to provide grants each year to help support the centre's costs.

The Manitoba Métis Federation also supports GAAC and its Métis participants with different grants and funding. Knor encourages Métis families to apply for camp funding through the Manitoba Métis Federation. The federation provides up to \$350 per child.

Funding through Canadian Tire's Jumpstart is also available.

Applications for funding support is found online at each organization's website.

Camps run Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dropoff begins at 8:30 a.m., and pickup is by 4:30 p.m.

Transportation will be available for campers coming from Stonewall, Gunton and/or Balmoral for \$50 per child per week. Transportation must be arranged in advance.

Knor wants Access Credit Union Summer Funtastics camps to be accessible to all. Registration is open until June. Knor encourages families to register as soon as possible to reserve their spot.

Limited single-day camp spots will be released after week-long registrations are finalized.

All camp fees must be paid by the end of June, and payment plans are available to families.

For more information, visit greenacresartcentre.ca/camp.

Stonewall artist proceeds to finale in CBC pottery competition

By Jennifer McFee

Stonewall artist Jen Sonnenberg continues to stand out week after week in a nationwide pottery competition airing on CBC.

The Great Canadian Pottery Throw Down is an eight-week competition series that started off with a group of 10 amateur potters from across the country. Each week, they've been competing in a main pottery task as well as a skill-testing challenge.

Then at the end of each episode, one potter is asked to pack up and leave the show.

Last week, Episode 7 showcased the final four potters' skills in the semifinal task to create a water fountain.

"I have never made a fountain but was really excited to do it for this week's main make. I love making big work, so it was nice to be able to make something with larger height requirements," Sonnenberg said.

"When I was coming up with my idea for this make, I thought about the kind of fountain I would want in my home and kept coming back to something with a very organic feel, like something that would be found in nature. Hot springs and the gorgeous painted thermal pools became my inspiration, with a funnel-like shape that would fill with water and flow over the top, then collect in the reservoir below."

Competition was steep among the remaining potters in the semifinal episode.

"The potters that were left were so talented, as they were throughout the whole competition, and the water features that were being created were just amazing," Sonnenberg said.

"I was blown away in every episode how people can be given the same task but come up with such vastly different designs — and the fountains were no different."

While the fountains were being dried and bisque fired, the competi-



Jen Sonnenberg will proceed to the finale in the CBC pottery competition. tors faced off in a throw-down challenge.

"This week's throw-down was to see who could throw the largest cylinder out of the same amount of clay in 20 minutes. It was a very close call, but I ended up coming away with the win. I was extremely excited," said Sonnenberg with enthusiasm.

"It's hard to know how much the throw-down or spot test can help, but I always feel that it certainly can't hurt. And this was my fourth throw-down/spot test win. I couldn't believe it. I am a pretty competitive person, so I'm always going to push myself to do the best that I can. I see a challenge and say, 'OK, let's go!"

After the throw-down challenge, the potters had the chance to decorate and glaze their water features.

"Once they were out of the glaze firing, I was even more relieved that I had won the second challenge, as there was a crack around the base



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The Stonewall artist won the throw-down challenge in the semifinals.

of my fountain, the part that would catch the water. I made a pretty risky decision to throw such a big base," Sonnenberg said.

"Pieces that are bigger or thicker are prone to cracking or even exploding, as we saw tragically with Thomas's piece this episode. His piece was likely not completely dried when it went into the bisque firing, and once the kiln reaches boiling temperature, the clay with moisture in it explodes as the gases are released."

In the end, Sonnenberg was satisfied with her creation, even though it didn't turn out exactly how she had originally envisioned.

"For me, I always seemed to want to go big or go home rather than play it safe. In the end, I loved the concept of my fountain, that the funnel portion had worked just like I had planned, as well as the glazes, but I would have loved it more if the reservoir hadn't leaked," she said.

"But it was enough to get me through the semifinal and into the finale. Thinking about being in the finale was incredible. If anyone would have told me in the first week of the competition that I would be in the finale, I would have laughed in disbelief. Such an amazing experience, and I made it to the finale!"

Who will be crowned the best potter? Tune in to find out. The finale of *The Great Canadian Pottery Throw Down* airs on CBC on Thursday, April 4 at 8 p.m. or you can watch it on the CBCGem app.





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Prairie Blaze win the MWJHL Provincial Championship

Submitted by Mike Steciuk

Congratulations goes out to the Prairie Blaze, who won this year's provincial championship. It took all five games before the champions were crowned as this final series lived up to everyone's expectations with a tightly contested series where each team showed signs of dominance and determination.

Leading up to the finals, the third place Prairie Blaze first had to survive a quarterfinal scare by losing Game 15-0 to Maggie Medock (Selkirk) and her sixth place Manitoba Blizzard. Taylor Morden (Stonewall), Kenady Christensen (Lundar) and Haley Steciuk (St. Andrews), along with their Prairie Blaze teammates, rallied to win games 2 and 3, advancing them into the semifinals to face last year's champions Silvertips. Kiera Dawson (St. Andrews) and her Silvertips teammates had to contend with a shortened bench due to some key injuries. As a result, the Tips were no match for the surging Blaze, who prevailed by winning the best of five in three straight games.

The first place Northern Stars awaited the winner of the other quarterfinal as they earned a first round bye, finishing the regular season with an impressive 18-6 record. Coach Rod Goetz (East Selkirk) and his Northern Stars also experienced a scare as the last place Polar Ice took them to Game 5 before Rayley Goetz (East Selkirk) and her Northern Stars decisively beat them 5-0 to advance to the finals. Goetz, who had an exceptional regular season amassing 33 points finishing second overall in the league, helped propel her team into the finals.

The championship best of five started with the Prairie Blaze, winning Game 1 by a score of 2-1. The Northern Stars rebounded with a Game 2 win (4-1). With each game, the crowds became larger and more boisterous urging their teams to victory. The Prairie Blaze won a hard-fought Game 3 by a 3-2 score. With their backs to the wall, Northern Stars roared back by shutting out the Blaze 4-0 in Game 4. The fifth and deciding game — winner take all. The crowd erupted at the Hockey For All Centre



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The Prairie Blaze won the 2024 Manitoba Women's Junior Hockey Championship on March 27.



Stonewall's Taylor Morden played for the Prairie Blaze.

when Steciuk opened the scoring in the second period, but that lead was short-

blueline found its way to the back of the net, giving

the Blaze a 2-1 lead heading into the third period. This would turn out to be the game-winning goal as the Blaze would add another goal late in the third period to make the final 3-1. However, the final few minutes of the game did have some controversy as each team, initially the Blaze then the Stars, had goals disallowed due to the play being whistled down prior to the puck crossing the goal line. Blame the crowd noise in the building, which made it very difficult to hear the whistle.

When asked after the game if winning championships ever gets old, head coach Dale Bear's smile said it best. He responded by saying that you never know if this will be your last one, so he



lived as the Stars tallied to Left to right, Dale Bear (head coach), Jacinta Bear (manager), Hannah Pales even the score. Jenna Mc- (assistant coach), Kevin Monkman (assistant coach), Jamie Johnson (assistant Lennan's shot from the coach and Tina Keeper (trainer).

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enjoys the moment by taking it all in with the players, coaches and management. This was the Prairie Blaze's second win in the last three years and third win in the last five (excluding the year lost due to COVID restrictions). Bear continued by saying that he was very proud of how his team responded to each and every setback throughout the season. He concluded by sharing that once his team survived the initial onslaught of Northern Stars pressure in that final game, he knew his team stood a very good chance of outlasting their opponent and coming out on top. Congratulations to Blaze goalie Abegael Glass, who was named Playoff MVP and the entire Prairie Blaze organization for their championship season.

Club volleyball rapidly growing in the Interlake

By Brian Bowman

Club volleyball has really increased in popularity in recent years.

The Interlake Volleyball Club has six teams — 13U, 14U, two 15Us, 16U and a 17U team this season.

"This year, just through word of mouth, we grew to where we are to-day," said organizer Tyler Oliver on Sunday afternoon. "This is a massive thing. Where we are now, we're in some pretty massive competition with AAA hockey so this has given some kids different opportunities to try out some different sports. It's not just the stereotypical hockey and baseball. Club is definitely growing, that's for sure."

Interlake is producing some great players that are very competitive against the much larger clubs.

"We have some really strong players," Oliver said, noting the 16s placed eighth out of 32 teams at a tournament.

The provincials will take place at the end of this month and then there are



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY TYLER OLIVER

Club volleyball in the Interlake is growing and becoming very competitive. The Interlake Volleyball Club has six teams this season.

the nationals in Edmonton to wrap

up this season. The experience for the girls will be invaluable.

Lightning forward Sigurdson selected to roster of POE spring selection camp

By Hockey Manitoba

Hockey Manitoba announced the roster for the 2024 Male Under-16 Program of Excellence Spring Selection Camp that will take place from April 5 to 7 at the Hockey For All Centre in Winnipeg.

One of those players is Interlake Lightning forward Tavyn Sigurdson. He led the Lightning with 10 goals and added four assists in 28 regular-season games.

The Spring Selection Camp is the first stage of the 2024 Male U16 POE team selection process. Following the Spring Selection Camp, the Male U16 POE Top-40 Camp will take place from May 9 to 12 in Brandon at J & G Arena.

Male U16 Team Manitoba's Head Coach is Jordan Wohlgemuth (Landmark), who is currently on the coaching staff with the Winnipeg Bruins U18 AAA. This will be Wohlgemuth's first year as head coach of U16 Team Manitoba but his third year with the program as he was an assistant coach for U16 Team Manitoba in 2019 and 2021. Wohlgemuth is joined by assistant coaches Devin Himpe (Dauphin) and Aaron Kaatz (Winnipeg). Director of operations for Male U16 POE is Bernie Reichardt.

The Male U16 Program of Excellence is the first step in the Hockey Canada



Tavyn Sigurdson

Male Program of Excellence. Athletes who participate in the U16 POE begin to receive the exposure to skills and concepts that are vital for success at the Major Junior, NCAA, USport and National levels. Many athletes from the U16 Program of Excellence go on to success with the U17, U18 and World Junior Teams as a part of the Hockey Canada Program of Excellence.

The POE is a high-performance program that offers developing athletes who are on track to be elite with the opportunity to represent their province while providing a solid development path to the national and international stages.

Softball spring training



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Four local girls, left to right, Lucy Hoff, Danica Chaske, Kassie Siwak and Emma Wirgau (Stony Mountain) from the Regional Skills Development Academy (RSDA) recently made the U17 travel team after participating in winter weekend softball training. The girls recently traveled to Kansas City for The United States Specialty Sports Association (USSSA) Kansas City Season Opener on March 22-24 and achieved a record of one win, one tie and two losses. This tournament marked their first experience playing on grass this year. Chaske of Stony Mountain plays for the Winnipeg Smitty's and pitched the whole game RSDA won with no runs scored while Stonewall's Hoff, who plays for the Interlake Phillies, caught behind the plate. Stonewall's Siwak, who plays for the Winnipeg Angels, also had an impressive seven strikeouts with Hoff behind the plate. The team displayed strong defence throughout the tournament.

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THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF ARMSTRONG

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

The Rural Municipality of Armstrong is accepting applications for the position of Chief Administrative Officer.

Found in the heart of the Interlake region of Manitoba, northwest of Teulon on Hwy #17, the RM of Armstrong is home to a number of small hamlets offering a mix of urban and quiet country lifestyles.

Under the direction of Council, the CAO is responsible for the overall management of the operations of the municipality including: administration, supervision of staff, policies and planning and financial management.

Key responsibilities of the position include:

- Recommends new initiatives, programs, policies, and plans for Council to consider.
- Advising Council as to current and future policies, programs and budgets.
- Acting as the coordinator and team leader of the administration in areas of staff, personnel, policies, plans and programs.
- Develops and implements a process for preparation of annual capital and operating budgets.
- · Assisting Council in determining the future vision of the Municipality.
- Working closely with all levels of government

Skills & Qualifications

- Ability to communicate effectively with the public, employees and external stakeholders.
- · Ability to develop, interpret and administer agreements, statues and by-laws.
- A graduate of the University of Manitoba Continuing Education Division Certificate Program for Municipal Administrators (CMMA), or equivalent education.
- A background in Accounting is considered and asset.
- Ability to read and understand Municipal Financial Statements and manage a budget.
- · A minimum of three years direct experience in municipal administration.
- · Computer experience with a municipal software program, preferably Asyst, and demonstrated abilities with Windows, Microsoft Office 365: including Work, Excel, Power Point.

Salary is commensurate with experience and qualifications. The RM of Armstrong provides an excellent group benefits and pension program. A detailed job description is available upon request.

Please submit your resume and three reference to:

RM of Armstrong Box 69, Inwood, MB R0C 1P0 Fax (204) 278-3437 Email: cao@rmofarmstrong.com

Deadline to apply for the position is Friday, April 19, 2024 at 4:30 P.M. If a candidate is not found by the deadline date the position will remain open until filled. We thank all that apply and advise that only those selected for further consideration will be contacted.



PUBLIC NOTICE

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)

The Rural Municipality of Woodlands is requesting Proposals for waste and recycling collection and hauling services for the Local Urban District of Warren, Twin Lakes Beach and the Woodlands Transfer Station. The agreement will commence on May 1, 2024 to December 31, 2025.

Bidders are advised to obtain a copy of the "Residential Waste, Recycling Collection, Hauling and Processing" RFP Package. A copy of this RFP Package can be obtained from the Municipal Office during regular office hours or found on our municipal website www.rmwoodlands.ca.

For more information contact the R.M. Office in Woodlands Bids must be received at the Municipal Office on or before April 19, 2024 at 4:00 p.m.



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THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF ARMSTRONG

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

Engineering and Project Management Services

The Rural Municipality of Armstrong (RM) is soliciting bids for Engineering and Project Management Services for Restoration of Approximately 1.6 km length of road embankment and ditch on the west side of Meridian Road between Road Mile Road 125 N and 126 N. The location is approximately 16.6 km west of PTH 7 and approximately 6.5 km east of PTH 17.

Please contact the office at clerk@rmofarmstrong.com or Merx. com to obtain details of the services required.

Ken McMahon **Public Works Coordinator** RM of Armstrong Lot 55 Highway 17 Box 69, Inwood, MB R0C 1P0 Phone: 204-278-3377

THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF ARMSTRONG

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Meleb Waste Disposal Ground Operator

The Rural Municipality of Armstrong invites applications for the position of a permanent, part-time operator for the Meleb Waste Disposal Grounds.

Under the supervision of the Public Works Coordinator, the Disposal Grounds Operator operates the site in compliance with the Waste Disposal Ground Operating Permit, Municipal By-laws and policies, and applicable federal and provincial

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The operator will be required to take the Manitoba Landfill Operator Certification Program and be responsible for various recycling programs.

Deadline to submit applications will be Friday, April 19, 2024. Posting will remain open until a suitable candidate is found. We appreciate your interest in the position, however, only those applicants chosen for an interview will be contacted. This position commences as soon as possible.

Interested candidates should submit a resume with three references to:

> **RM of Armstrong Office** 1094 Highway 17 Inwood P.O. Box 69, Inwood, MB ROC 1PO Fax: 204-278-3437

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THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF ROCKWOOD

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Rural Municipality of Rockwood hereby gives notice that the date of the following Regular Meeting of Council has been changed:

From: Wednesday, April 10, 2024 starting at 9:00 a.m.

To: Wednesday, April 17, 2024 starting at 9:00 a.m.

At the Administration Office,

285 Main Street, Stonewall, MB

Rural Municipality of Rockwood

THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF ARMSTRONG

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Public Works Coordinator (Term Position)

The Rural Municipality of Armstrong invites applications for the position of Public Works Coordinator (Term Position)

Under the direction of the Chief Administrative Officer, the Public Works Foreman is responsible for the direction, coordination, efficient operation, construction, repair, and general maintenance of all municipal infrastructure.

Qualifications - Public Works Coordinator

*Minimum of five years related experience, three of which were in a foreman or supervisory capacity.

*Experience in construction and maintenance of various municipal infrastructure.

*The ability to operate and maintain various types of heavy equipment. (tractor/mower, compact track loader, grader, loader, tandem)

*Valid Manitoba Drivers Class 3 License, air brake license or an air brake endorsement.

*Above average organizational skills.

*Ability to multi-task and supervise numerous staff and projects simultaneously.

*Above average skills to manage and direct staff.

*The ability to perform physical labour.

*The ability to work outside in all weather conditions

The Rural Municipality of Armstrong offers a competitive salary and benefits package including health/dental and pension.

Applications must contain a resume, covering letter and three references. Application deadline is 4:30 PM on Friday April 19, 2024. Only those candidates chosen for an interview will be

Please forward applications marked "Application for Public Works Coordinator (Term Position)" Chief Administrative Officer at:

RM of Armstrong

Box 69, Inwood, Manitoba R0C 1P0

Fax: (204)278-3437

e-mail: cao@rmofarmstrong.com

To view a full job description please visit www.rmofarmstrong. com or call the Municipal Officer at (204) 278-3377.

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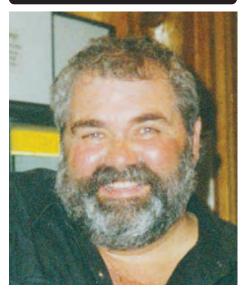
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The family of Maureen Johnson would like to thank everyone for their kindness and condolences at the time of her passing. Thank you to Ken Loehmer for all your help.

-Tara and Kevin, Blair and Janet. Barbara, Betty Ann

IN MEMORIAM



Fred Tully July 3, 1949 - April 8, 2014 The loss you feel when a loved one dies, Is not the worst feeling in the world... Missing them for the rest of your life. Is the worst.

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> -Love Maureen, Garett, Elaine, Sierra, Wyatt, Elliott, Grace, Brooklyn, Eli

IN MEMORIAN



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TOWN OF STONEWALL 2024 FINANCIAL PLAN PUBLIC HEARING

In accordance with Section 162(2) of The Municipal Act the Town of Stonewall shall hold a PUBLIC HEARING to present the 2024 Financial Plan for the Town on:

Wednesday, April 17, 2024 at 6:30 PM **Council Chambers, Town Hall**

A virtual meeting link is also available on the Town website: www.stonewall.ca

The Town of Stonewall 2024 Financial Plan consists of:

- 1. The 2024 Operating Budget
- 2. The 2024 Capital Budget
- 3. An estimate of the Operating Revenue and Expenditures for the following fiscal year (2025), and
- 4. A five (5) year Capital Expenditure Program (2025-2029)

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 Town of Stonewall 2024 Financial Plan.

Copies of the financial plan will be available for review and may be examined by any person on the Town of Stonewall website at www. stonewall.ca, or at the Town Office at 293 Main Street, Stonewall, Manitoba during the regular office hours as of April 8, 2024.

Dated this 28th day of March 2024

Wally R. Melnyk, CMMA, CPA, CGA Chief Administrative Officer

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THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF ST. LAURENT BY-LAW NO 2/2024 **Being an AMENDMENT TO** THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF ST. LAURENT BY-LAW NO 5/05, and AMENDMENTS THERETO:

HEARING RM of St. Laurent Council Chambers.

LOCATION: **Recreation Centre**

#16 Veterans Memorial Rd, St. Laurent, MB

DATE & TIME: April 17th, 2024 at 10:30 a.m.

GENERAL INTENT: To add "Camping and Tenting Grounds" as

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Residential Zone

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Rural Municipality of St. Laurent

CONTACT:

FOR INFORMATION Cherie Millar, Office Administrator, Western Interlake Planning District Box 269, St. Laurent, MB ROC 2SO,

(204) 646-2615, Fax: (204) 646-4150,

Email: wipd@mymts.net

THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF ARMSTRONG

INVITES REQUEST FOR QUOTATION FOR

2024 Class A Quarried Limestone Hauling and Spreading

The Rural Municipality of Armstrong (RM) is seeking quotations from qualified bidders for Hauling and Spreading of Limestone; to be deposited on municipal roads throughout the RM, as directed by the RM.

Quotation packages including submission documents are available at the RM Office at 1094 Highway 17, Inwood Manitoba, and MERX

Sealed submission clearly marked "2024 Class A Quarried Limestone Hauling and Spreading" will be received at the RM Office up until 12:00 p.m., local time on Friday April 5, 2024. Late and incomplete submissions will not be accepted. Quotes will be opened Friday April 5, 2024, at 3:00pm at the RM office, members of the public may attend.

All inquires related to the Request for Quotation should be directed to: Ken McMahon at 204-390-6175

Quotations may be submitted to:

RM of Armstrong 1094 Highway 17

Box 69, Inwood, MB ROC 1PO

Phone: 204-278-3377

Or dropped off at the RM office.

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OBITUARY



Dean William Davidson January 12, 1948 – March 27, 2024

It is with heavy hearts we announce the passing of Dean Davidson.

On the morning of March 27, 2024, at the age of 76, after a long and courageous battle with cancer, Dean passed away peacefully in Stonewall hospital with his wife by his side. Dean's unwavering faith in the Lord was evident as he daily faced the struggles of his illness with a smile and his renowned quote, "Keep Encouraged".

Dean was born January 12, 1948 in Stettler, Alberta. He was a husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle, friend, teacher, youth leader, Sunday school teacher, director, vice principal and bus driver.

Dean will forever be cherished by his beloved wife, Leona, of 54 years; children Corinna Crush (Kim), Coralee White (Brian), and

Carleen Doerksen (Steve); grandchildren Janina (Dante), Jacklyn, Annalee, Ariah, Hailey, Madilyn and Jaxson; siblings Doreen Jaycock (Sid), and Dixie Smyth (Jim) and many treasured nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by his parents, Jim and Mina Davidson, and brothers Jack and Doug.

A celebration of life will be held April 6 at 2 p.m. at New Life Baptist Church in Stonewall, MB. The family would like to thank CancerCare, Home Care as well as Stonewall Hospital for the care Dean received.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to One Hope Canada Manitoba camps or Silver Bay Bible Camp.

OBITUARY



Frances Jean Courtney
February 23, 1942 - March 30, 2024

Fran Courtney, loving mother of Jean (Gayle) and their children Cassandra (Brian), Lucas, Abigail; Victoria (Devan); Rod (Shelley) and their children Kyle (Jolene), Madison, Carter; Kevin (Kelsey) and their children Jacob, Landyn, Alexis, Meredith; Kolten (Daryl) and their children Deegan and Quinn; Jim and his children Devon (Desiree), Alexa; Zachary, and Jessica; Ken (Lisa) and their children, Kenneth John (Emily), Liam; Jake. Fran passed away peacefully on March 30, 2024. She is survived by two sisters, Sharon (Jim) and Isla. Fran also leaves behind numerous

nieces and nephews and special daughter Roberta (Kelly), all deeply loved by Mom.

Celebration of life to be held on July13, 2024 at the Stonewall Legion Club Room.

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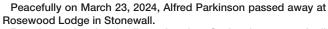
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OBITUARY

Alfred Parkinson



Born into a farming family at Avonlea, Saskatchewan on April 18, 1928, Alf was the youngest of four and at an early age felt the hardships of the great depression in what was the heart of the Canadian dustbowl. He would recollect that for 10 years there was scarcely a drop of rain and if anything did grow it was quickly devoured by grasshoppers. It was here that he learned resilience and the value of family and community from his parents. He liked to joke that his family was so poor they could not afford to give him a second name.

Upon completing high school he was told by his mother to seek employment at the bank because as she put it, "They took our farm so they should have money". Taking her advice, he was

employed with the C.I.B.C. for over 35 years managing branches in Virden, Fisher Branch, Winkler, Stonewall, and Winnipeg. At the age of 55 his job was abruptly terminated and although devastated he did whatever was needed to make ends meet. Considering that he received over 40 years of monthly severance payments he may well have had the last laugh.

He was courageous and always willing to try new things. He drove a car, navigated a boat, and camped in his beloved motorhome long after he should have. He loved the outdoors, hunting, fishing, and family gatherings. His grandchildren could not have asked for a better grandpa. Nothing put a smile on his face like a visit from his great-grandchildren.

It would be a surprise to many that Alf made it to the threshold of his 96th birthday considering his penchant for a thick steak, a stiff drink, and a bowl of popcorn swimming in so much butter that it had to be eaten with a spoon. But survive he did! His extroverted personality was fueled by social interaction and it was only when in 2015 his beloved wife of 60 years, Margaret died that his family saw him at his lowest due to the resulting loneliness. He spent his last five years at Rosewood Lodge and appreciated the companionship and care provided by the staff who affectionately called him Alfie.

He was the last survivor of his siblings and sadly was predeceased by his son Brian in 2019.

He is survived by his twin daughters, Sandra Nitzsche (Bill) and Shelley Matheson (George), 10 grandchildren: Kayla, Micah, Spencer (Julie), Mallory, Erin (Brandon), Kirsten (James), Graeme (Kylie), Madeline (Jordon), Austin (Megan) and Hannah; and six great-grandchildren: Heidi, Greta, Blaire, Maisie, Charles, and Ellis.

When saying good-bye he always said, "Cheerio".

A memorial service will be held at Stonewall United Church on April 12 at 7 p.m. with Rev. Tammy Bleue officiating.

OBITUARY

Brian Kenneth Campbell

Brian Kenneth Campbell, age 62 passed away on March 26th, 2024. His family is profoundly saddened by the unexpected loss.

Brian is survived and will forever be missed by his loving partner Barbara, his oldest son Vincent and daughter-in-law Danielle, his daughter Lisa and son-in-law Adam, his youngest son Lorne, and the mother of his three children Kathy. Brian was the oldest sibling, survived by his brother Kevin and sister- in-law Tina, his sister Teresa and his father Kenneth. Brian was a loving uncle to his nephews John and Kurtis (Kristine). He is predeceased by his loving mother Della.

Those who were close to Brian know that his family was the most important thing to him. He was the best father, brother, son, uncle and loyal friend. Brian loved his animals and being at home in the country. He will be missed.

As per Brian's wishes, cremation has taken place and a private graves at a later date.



204-886-0404

OBITUARY





Neil Allan MacMillan (Sonny) July 9, 1936 - March 22, 2024

It is with profound sadness that we announce the passing of our beloved father, with his children by his side, on March 22, 2024 at the age of 87 years.

Predeceased by his parents Neil Sr. and Gladys Downing; his wife and partner in life Faye MacMillan (Windsor); his half siblings and his brother Kenneth.

Left to mourn his passing, his (Doug), children Tammv (Melissa): grandchildren Alana. William, Jackson and Westley: sister

Chrissy; sisters-in law Alice, Sharon (Dave), Gladys (Bob); brothers-in-law George (Bobbie), Arthur (Cheryl), Glenn (Kanchana), Les; numerous nieces, nephews and cousins, as well as special pets Badger, Sam and Jenny,

Dad was born the 9th child of Neil Sr. and the 3rd child of Gladys. He was born in Stonewall and spent his life on the family farm in Marquette. Dad remembered as a young child being thrown onto the back of the work horses for his nap. He attended school at Poplar Heights one room school until grade 8. He was paid a pittance to light the fire in the wood stove for the start of the day. He played hockey and baseball. He also curled, but he hated that one to this day. He remembered the long walks to the rink with frozen feet to then proceed to skate. He was an active 4-H member in the swine club. Being the youngest of a large family, he was called back to the farm at a young age as his older siblings had moved on to start their own lives. As he grew older he also enjoyed hunting and riding motorcycle with his cousins. He worked one day of his life off the farm at the gravel pits on the screener, but he figured farm life was better than that was. Dad married Mom when he was 30 years old in 1967 and took over the operation of the farm with his young wife. In 1969 their daughter Tammy was born. Ten years later they welcomed son Greg to complete their family. Together we all worked on a mixed farm including cattle, pigs and grain. He enjoyed having a bit of a hobby farm. There were always turkeys, chickens, ducks and geese, leaving many a scarred visiting child. He and Mom purchased a donkey in the early 2000's and she became part of the family. There were always families and extended families coming home to the farm for meals and gatherings. Dad always made sure that everyone had lots to eat. In 1997, Greg graduated and stayed home to become Dad's partner in farming. Together they increased the cattle herd and expanded crop rotation. Dad's life was dedicated to the farm and his family. He was thrilled to start welcoming his grandchildren. Alana was the first, daughter of Tammy and Doug. Next born to Greg and Melissa were William, Jackson and Westley. Dad enjoyed giving his grandchildren rides on his side by side around the farm. He enjoyed our family gatherings and time around a bonfire. Dad was always somewhat of a tease and smart aleck. We think he was a master creator of silly limericks as he would always come up with new ones never to be heard again.

Dad enjoyed his time on the farm right until he fell ill. He passed away of cancer at the Portage District General Hospital.

A private family service at Dad's request was held at Meadow Lea United Church, with burial at Meadow Lea Cemetery. Pallbearers were Kristy Torcia, Justin Torcia, Kaley Hiebert, Alyssa MacMillan, Sheldon Allard, Bradley Ostertag, Brent MacMillan.

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