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# Smile Cookie campaign surpasses goal for Stony Mountain Child Care Centre

By Lana Meier

A week of smiles has turned into a major boost for child care in the Interlake, as this year's Tim Hortons Smile Cookie campaign exceeded expectations in support of the Stony Mountain Child Care Centre.

The campaign, held April 27 to May 3 at Tim Hortons locations in Stonewall and Stony Mountain, raised \$25,307.74 after more than 12,600 cookies were sold — far surpassing the original goal of 10,000 cookies.

Funds raised will go toward improvements to the centre's infant outdoor play space, including new landscaping, as well as the addition of another infant room to help meet growing demand for child-care spaces.

Daria Lukie of the Stony Mountain Child Care Centre said the level of community support exceeded expectations.

"In my perspective, it's a big news story because of how much the community rallied together," she said. "I was worried since this year's cookie fundraiser was a Stony Mountain recipient that Stonewall residents would be less inclined to support, but they absolutely showed up."



Lukie said she visited both locations throughout the week and was encouraged by the steady turnout and enthusiasm from customers and volunteers alike.

Volunteers played a key role in the campaign's success, helping decorate cookies, promote sales and support staff at both locations.

"We worked with Tim Hortons managers at both locations to ensure we had volunteers every night to decorate every single cookie — pre-orders and drive-thru — and we had parents, grandparents and even daycare staff come out after their shifts to help," she said.

Volunteers were also stationed at drive-thrus and front counters to encourage sales, while children from the daycare contributed handmade posters to promote the campaign.

Local schools also contributed to the effort, with Bobby Bend School, Collège Stonewall Collegiate, Centennial School, Stony Mountain School and Grosse Isle School organizing pre-orders for students and families.

"It was very worth it. We're so lucky



TRIBUNE PHOTOS BY DARIA LUKIE

Representatives from the Stony Mountain Child Care Centre and local Tim Hortons locations celebrate the success of the 2026 Smile Cookie campaign, which raised more than \$25,000 to support daycare expansion and outdoor space improvements.

everyone was so open to helping us with the campaign," Lukie said.

She added that the support of local ownership and staff was instrumental in managing the busy week.

"We are so grateful for the owner, Jamie Pope, her store managers and all the staff," she said. "It's an incredibly busy week for them — handling regular operations, coordinating volunteers and helping decorate cookies when needed."

With funds now secured, the centre



is preparing to move forward with planned upgrades and expansion.

"We'll officially be able to hire landscapers for our infant yard and open another daycare room to accept more children," Lukie said.

"What a whirlwind, but worth every penny."

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The Brant-Argyle School and the Brant-Argyle Parents Advisory Council celebrated a milestone May 8, hosting the 80th annual Argyle Tea at the Argyle Community Hall. What began as a Second World War fundraiser in support of the Canadian Red Cross has grown into a multi-generational community tradition. The event featured a bake sale, silent auction and entertainment by the school's 46 students. Skits performed included The Substitute Teacher, Washington's Dream, The Airport and Cinder-really, a retelling of the Cinderella story. Yuli and Lina Simonson also performed violin solos. Following the entertainment, students in grades 6 and 7 served sandwiches, dainties and beverages to guests attending the tea.



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# Stonewall to launch pilot project to revitalize Main Street

By Jennifer McFee

Temporary enhancements are underway for Stonewall's main drag.

The Town of Stonewall is launching a pilot project to make Main Street more vibrant and pedestrian-friendly.

It all began back in 2024 when a group of University of Manitoba landscape architecture students stayed at the Heritage Arts Centre for a weekend and mulled over design concepts for Main Street, facilitated through a connection with Scatliff + Miller + Murray.

At the same time, Rural Manitoba Economic Development Corporation completed a separate case study to examine revitalization efforts and economic development opportunities in Stonewall's downtown.

Since then, the conversations expanded to also include input from local businesses and community members. Town staff continued to refine the concepts to identify an area for the temporary pilot project to allow the ideas to be tested with minimal disruption.

Work will begin this week on Main Street focused on the area between 1st Avenue North and 2nd Avenue North.

Brittany Isfeld, the town's economic

and tourism development officer, said the pilot project intends to test some of the ideas in a temporary, low-cost and community-focused way.

"The studies identified opportunities to create a more inclusive, accessible, vibrant and economically resilient downtown," she said.

"Recommendations focused heavily on improving the pedestrian experience, strengthening place-making initiatives, supporting local businesses, encouraging tourism and enhancing Stonewall's identity and sense of place."

Some of the students' recommendations included enhanced pedestrian crossings and safer intersections, as well as temporary curb bump-outs and place-making features. Other ideas focus on event spaces, street furniture, landscaping, public art and interactive spaces.

"The University of Manitoba report also identified Main Street's strengths, including its limestone architecture, strong sense of place, historic character, local businesses, Quarry Park connection and community amenities," Isfeld added.

One goal of the project is to encourage people to spend more time downtown and to support local busi-

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The Town of Stonewall is launching a pilot project to revitalize Main Street to make it more vibrant and pedestrian-friendly. The ideas behind the temporary enhancements are based in part on a report created by University of Manitoba landscape architecture students.

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nesses through increased foot traffic. The revitalization efforts could also strengthen tourism and bolster Stonewall's identity. In addition, residents and visitors might be able to experience Main Street in a different and more interactive way.

The pilot project will official launch on Friday, May 29 during the Spring in Stonewall event, which will run on Main Street from 4 to 8 p.m. Supported by Interlake Tourism Association and the Town of Stonewall, the event will feature local shopping, family activities, food, entertainment and new experiences. Other highlights include horse rides by BK Clydesdales, a community photo booth, a seed swap, planting activities, line dancing demonstrations, face painting, a kids' corner sponsored by Rockwood Wrecking and Recovery and many more activities.

Attendees can also look forward to the Stonewall Sunflower Challenge hosted by Jasperson's Greenhouse, a

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visit from the Bookmobile, a vendor market organized by Country Girls Market, free Prairie Putt mini golf courtesy of Stonewall Family Foods and much more. Lavender Farms Tea House will be on site serving picnic-style food.

“Spring in Stonewall will also mark the debut of a brand-new tourism attraction unlike anything else currently offered in Manitoba — ClueSolvers. Without giving too much away, ClueSolvers is an immersive outdoor experience that combines puzzles, exploration, teamwork, mystery and technology into one interactive adventure through the community,” Isfeld said.

“Think scavenger hunt meets escape room meets downtown discovery experience. Participants will use their phones to unlock clues, solve challenges and uncover secrets hidden throughout Stonewall. More details will be revealed soon.”

At the same time, community members will have the chance to share their feedback about the pilot project.

“Community feedback is one of the

most important aspects of this pilot initiative. Because the project is temporary, the town wants residents and visitors to experience the space firsthand and provide meaningful feedback about how the area functions and feels,” Isfeld said.

“QR codes will be placed throughout the pilot area, allowing people to quickly access surveys and share their thoughts, ideas, concerns and experiences directly with the town throughout the activation period. The goal is not to impose permanent change but rather to create conversation, gather feedback and explore possibilities together as a community.”

Stonewall Mayor Sandra Smith also expressed council’s enthusiasm for the initiative.

“This project is about testing ideas, creating conversation and exploring possibilities together as a community,” Smith said.

“We want to create spaces where people feel encouraged to slow down, gather, support local businesses and enjoy downtown in a different way.”

# Sharing love of line dance



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Residents and staff at Rosewood Lodge Personal Care Home were treated to an afternoon of music, movement and smiles last week as the South Interlake 55 Plus Line Dancers stopped by to perform a lively selection of well-rehearsed routines. The visit gave dancers a chance to share their love of line dancing while bringing plenty of energy and entertainment to the home. If you are interested in giving line dancing a try the group welcomes all experience levels and meets every Tuesday and Thursday from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Oddfellows Hall in Stonewall.

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### 14. Sports Complex

At the opposite end of Main Street as Quarry Park there is a the Veterans Memorial Sports Complex. This sports complex includes a ice rink and a curling club.



Figure 11: Satellite imagery of South Main Street and important sites in Stonewall.



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## Turning trade talk into action



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By Cam Dahl, Manitoba Pork

Canadian governments and industry have responded to trade interruptions and global uncertainty with a common refrain: diversify our markets. This is the response in the face of disruptions with our largest trading partner, the United States. It has also been a response to tariff disputes with China. To its credit, the Government of Canada is actively seeking multiple new trade agreements (some might not make sense, but that is another commentary). The problem is not that this is the wrong pathway. The problem is that we often treat diversification as a slogan instead of strategically enabling farmers, processors and exporters to achieve the objective.

To be clear, the responsibility for realizing diversification is not only the job of government. Industry has a responsibility to step up to the plate as well.

Hog production and pork processing in Canada are critical components of the national GDP. In Manitoba alone, the industry annually contributes \$2.3 billion to the provincial GDP and supports 23,000 jobs in both rural and urban centres. Almost all of this contribution is driven by exports. Ninety per cent of the 8.5 million pigs raised in Manitoba are exported, either as live animals to be finished in the U.S. or as pork products shipped around the world. To say that hog farmers pay attention to international markets would be a massive understatement.

The exposure to the whims of U.S. trade policy is significant. We are nev-

er going to replace U.S. demand for our weanlings, but what do we need to do to limit this risk? The answer is almost a cliché. We need to finish more pigs and process more pork here at home.



Cam Dahl  
GM Manitoba Pork

The opening paragraph of Manitoba's recent Economic Development Strategy states that "In the face of economic uncertainty driven by tariffs, it's especially important for Manitoba to have a plan to develop our economy in a way that takes our future into our own

hands, and also invests in Manitoba businesses, producers, workers and families." Manitoba Pork believes that hog farmers, pork processors and supporting stakeholders can significantly contribute to this objective if the hurdles to growth can be overcome.

Manitoba Pork also wholeheartedly agrees with the provincial government's commitment "to fostering a growing and competitive agriculture and agri-food industry as a key driver of the provincial economy." How do we turn this aspiration into reality?

With the right conditions in place, the level of investment in plant and barn expansions in Manitoba could exceed \$1.5 billion. With a new hog finishing site costing in the range of \$15 million, the ability of producers to access long-term, stable and affordable financing is a significant barrier to accomplishing the goal of growing our capacity.

Announcements have been made about the development of capital

funds. For example, Farm Credit Canada recently announced a \$5-billion fund to be created in conjunction with private-sector investors. The federal spring economic update also revealed the creation of a \$25-billion sovereign wealth fund. These announcements are all well and good, but they will not unleash the growth waiting to happen if capital remains unavailable to farmers. Governments need to move beyond catch-phrases. Industry stakeholders need to be brought to the table to ensure the policies are in place to deliver capital to the farm gate.

Investment to increase hog finishing and pork processing in Manitoba will not only reduce reliance on U.S. markets, but it will also create jobs in rural and urban areas, open up additional local opportunities for other sectors of the agricultural economy such as feed producers, and increase the resilience of our rural communities in uncertain markets.

Current global instability and concerns over our trade relationship with the U.S. have been a wake-up call for Canadians. But trade diversification should not just be a reaction to crisis. It should be a permanent component of economic strategy. The countries that will succeed in the new global trade environment are the ones that invest steadily in relationships, infrastructure and competitiveness long before problems emerge.

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# Koch donation supports Rosewood Lodge

By Lana Meier

A major donation is helping improve comfort and care for residents at Rosewood Lodge Personal Care Home.

Local donor Irv Koch has contributed \$30,870 toward new furniture for resident rooms at the Stonewall personal care home, replacing dressers and nightstands that have been in use for more than 20 years.

The donation will help furnish 22 resident rooms with durable, health-care grade furniture designed to improve both quality of care and quality of life for residents. Staff said the existing furniture no longer met current infection prevention and control standards and was in urgent need of replacement.

For Koch, the donation is part of a long-standing desire to give back to the community and local health-care services that have helped him over the years.

Koch first met Averill Stephenson a few years ago after a visit to the Ashern Hospital emergency room for stomach pain. It turned

out he needed emergency surgery and was sent to Selkirk for care. After that experience, Koch wanted to give back and made a donation to Ashern Hospital.

In recent years, he also supported the Sunshine and Peace Patio connected to the palliative care space at Stonewall Hospital.

When Stephenson reached out again to ask whether he could help Rosewood Lodge, Koch said he was happy to do so.

"If they need help, and I can help, I'm happy to do it," he said. "Stonewall is my home community. I've been fortunate in life, and I believe when you can help, you should."

Officials said the upgrades are about more than simply replacing furniture.

"For the residents who call Rosewood Lodge home, this is about comfort, dignity, safety and creating spaces that feel warm and welcoming for both residents and their families," representatives noted in a statement.

Rosewood Lodge representa-



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Tanya Lindsay, Marie Drohan, donor Irv Koch and Cindy Fudali are pictured following Koch's \$30,870 donation toward new resident room furniture at Rosewood Lodge Personal Care Home.

tives said Koch's continued generosity is helping ensure local care spaces remain compassionate, comfortable and community-focused.

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When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established; what are humans that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them? (Psalm 8:3-4)

I've been fascinated by the Ar-timus II mission and all that the astronauts have said about the fragility of the earth, so apparent from space. Only a few humans have seen the world for what it is – our only spacecraft in a vast universe.

I can't help but think that their viewpoint from the capsule is God's view too. Our Creator sees the totality of creation with one glance and asks us to be earth's caretakers.

Marshall McLuhan, coined the phrase: "There are no passengers on spaceship earth. We are all crew." Ar-timus II astronaut, Christina Koch, reframed it by saying, "Planet Earth, you are a crew." In fact, all of the astronauts remarked in their own way about how seeing the earth from space was a stark reminder of our need to be unified in our care for it. There is no plan B for finding another place to live, even if we do find life on Mars!

The experience this crew had has lit a fire in them to advocate for the care of Creation – not just for humans, but for all God's creatures. Scientists tell us that we don't have all long to act, and that our actions must be more intentional and faithful.

Perhaps the best part of the Ar-timus mission was the name they chose for their capsule – Integrity. How wonderful that so many people saw this team prepared to live with Integrity – trusting one another for their very survival.

That is what caring for the earth is all about for people of faith. It's a way of life marked by living with integrity in creation. As the growing season arrives in our province, let's go out to be crew on God's spaceship earth - living with Integrity and hope, caring for the earth with unwavering commitment, love and joy.

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## letter to the editor

Letters to the Editor: news@stonewallteulontribune.ca

### Resident questions quarry expansion location

I am responding to the article "RM of Rockwood shares statement about quarry decisions" that appeared in the *Stonewall Teulon Tribune* on May 14. This is nothing more than an attempt to save council members' jobs this fall. They know they made a bad decision because of the public outcry they received.

No one is disputing the fact that

quarries are important to the RM. It is the location that is upsetting voters.

The facts and figures used in the article are followed by words such as "estimated" or "proposed." Saying the decision would hurt public services and increase taxes by 20 per cent is very disappointing. This is nothing more than council's way of justifying a poor decision.

The quarries could expand into other areas that council may not even know about yet, which could bring in new revenue over the next 20 years.

As for the comments about a five-year battle and lawyer fees, a lawyer is not needed to fight appeals. Council already has the facts and could handle it themselves. In doing so, they could also give Stonewall time to increase its buffer zone.

This is the most attention quarry expansion has received, mainly because of the location and not because people are against quarries themselves. Just remember, this was the council that started quarry expansion west of Highway 236.

Thank you for your time.

— Bruce Huewan

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# Local woman celebrates milestone 104th birthday

By Jennifer McFee

It's not every day you get to celebrate a 104th birthday.

For Mary Kowalchuk, that special day came on May 7 at Middlechurch Home in West St. Paul, where she marked the occasion with her family.

With more than a century of memories to look back on, Mary's story began in 1922 when she was born to John and Anna Baron in the small community of Zbruch. John was a widower when he married Anna Buchkowski, bringing with him his seven-year-old adopted daughter Sophie.

After Mary was born, next came her brother Joe followed by sisters Pauline, Jean (Jenny), Katherine, Frances, Rosie and a set of twins who were stillborn. Katherine and Frances also died as young children.

In March 1930, their 46-year-old father died of cancer and tuberculosis, leaving Anna alone with five young children.

"When my father passed away, that was the saddest time in my life," Mary recalled. "I always missed him."

Soon after, eight-year-old Mary and her younger brother Joe started school in Komarno. It was difficult at first because they needed to speak English,



Mary Kowalchuk (centre) with her children Tom, Eddie, Rosalie and Lucy.

but they didn't know the language yet — only Polish and Ukrainian.

"We had to walk to school three and a half miles," she said. "We had to walk a long way because nobody had a car. It was different then — everybody walked a lot."

In the fall of 1933, Mary and her siblings Joe and Pauline started going to Zbruch School, which was closer to home.

That same year, Mary's mother married widower Nick Kowalchuk and they all moved into his house. Together, Anna and Nick increased their family when Pearl (Polly) was born in 1934 followed by Adeline, John, Bill, Mike, Donnie and Harry. In such a big family, they never felt lonely and en-

joyed plenty of fun times together.

"We were always treated very well," Mary said. "We were blessed. I was always blessed."

In the 1930s, money was scarce, so Mary's mom made meagre earnings by selling cream, chickens and cordwood, as well as the occasional cow or pig. Nonetheless, they ate well with plenty of fresh veggies from their large garden, as well as bread from homegrown grain that was made into flour in Teulon, topped with tasty homemade jam.

"What I liked most was when they'd buy a gallon of Beehive corn syrup and mother would dilute it with hot water and soak our bread for school," Mary said. "That was an envy of some kids as some of them only had dry bread."

In those days, Mary and her siblings did lots of work around the farm, such as tending to animals and raking hay. The younger kids still found time to play, often pretending to be farmers with their cows or bouncing a ball against the barn wall.

"We always had lots of ducks, geese



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY JENNIFER MCFEE  
Mary Kowalchuk celebrated her 104th birthday on May 7.

and chickens. The feathers were saved, and in winter people had feather bees when a few neighbours were asked to come," Mary said. "The men played cards and the women stripped feathers. The mothers were expected to have pillows and perenas (feather quilts) for their daughters when they got married."

By the time she was 14, Mary began to spend more time on household responsibilities and less time at school, although she was a good student and enjoyed her classes.

In 1940, Nick's youngest brother George Kowalchuk asked Mary to be his wife. They wed on Aug. 3 in a celebration complete with music, dancing and a feast.

Soon after, George had to return to work at a gold mine in Pickle Crow, Ont., and he brought Mary with him. In her new community, she developed friendships with other women.



A family photo from 1931, Sophie and Baba with Pauline, Mary, Jean and Joe in the front.

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# Powerful windstorm brings dust, damage and dangerous fire conditions

By Jo-Anne Procter

A powerful low-pressure system swept across southern Manitoba on May 14, bringing historically strong winds, widespread blowing dust and dangerous fire conditions that kept emergency crews busy across the region.

Environment Canada issued a rare dust warning as severe winds reduced visibility and created hazardous driving conditions throughout southern Manitoba.

"A strong low-pressure system caused severe winds in southern Manitoba on Thursday. The severe winds caused power outages, tree damage and reduced visibilities in blowing dust," Environment Canada stated in a weather summary released Friday morning.

According to Environment Canada, Deloraine recorded the province's strongest wind gust at 119 kilometres per hour. Minto reached 113 km/h, while Brandon recorded gusts of 106 km/h. Communities in the Interlake experienced wind gusts ranging from 70 to 90 km/h.

The weather event caused power outages, damaged trees and increased the risk of rapidly spreading fires due to extremely dry conditions across the southern Prairies.

Fire departments throughout the Interlake responded to multiple incidents overnight as the winds intensified fire risks and downed hydro lines sparked grass and brush fires.

The Woodlands Fire Department responded to five separate incidents between the night of May 14 and the early morning hours of May 15, including providing mutual aid to the Portage la Prairie Fire Department. Officials said some of the incidents were either caused or worsened by the extreme winds and downed power lines.

Fire crews from Stonewall, Rockwood, Rosser, Stony Mountain and Teulon were also called out to battle fires and assist neighbouring departments where needed.

While Rosser firefighters were responding to a fire caused by a tree falling onto hydro lines, crews received another emergency call in the Rockwood area. Rosser remained on scene to assist Rockwood firefighters until approximately 3 a.m. The fire that was southwest of Stonewall, believed to have been caused by hydro lines, quickly escalated into a crown fire due to the high winds. Crown fires spread rapidly through the tops of trees and are considered among the most dangerous types of wildfires be-



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY JO-ANNE PROCTER

High winds brought down a large spruce tree onto John Medwid's home on 5th Street West in Stonewall around midnight on May 14.

cause strong winds can push flames from treetop to treetop.

Fire officials across the region are urging residents to use extreme caution as dry conditions continue. Although no official burn ban has been issued in many areas, departments are advising residents to avoid outdoor burning, including the use of burn barrels.

Emergency officials also reminded residents that simple actions, such as discarding cigarette butts from vehicles, can quickly lead to serious fires

under current conditions. They are encouraging the public to report fires and emergencies immediately.

The unsettled weather pattern continued through the May long weekend, with a mix of sun, cloud, showers and cooler temperatures.

Environment Canada said a cold front moved through the province Friday, allowing a cold Arctic air mass to push southward. Daytime highs fell to around 4 C in some areas, with the possibility of rain mixed with snow expected early next week.

## > BIRTHDAY, FROM PG. 8



Mary and George Kowalchuk.

"I learned so much from the ladies there — how to bake and knit and make things. We took turns at each other's houses to knit for the army," said Mary, who also rolled bandages for the Red Cross during the Second World War. "My job was mitts. Others made sweaters and toques. We had tea after, so I copied recipes from others."

In 1942, in Pickle Crow, Mary and George had their first child, Tom. Then in 1945, they returned to Manitoba. Eddie was born that summer,

followed by Rosalie in 1949 in a two-room log house on farmland in Komarno.

In 1950, they moved to a two-room house with electricity in the town of Komarno. This is where Lucy was born in 1957. They lived together on a mixed farm with cows, pigs and chickens.

"Every season was exciting and busy when we were younger," Mary recalled. "Winter was easy, just look after the cattle and play cards."

Throughout their lives, the family was involved in the church and the community, and Mary became known for her ability to crochet colourful afghans. Holidays bustled with activity, particularly Christmas Eve, New Year's Day and Easter.

In 1995, they sold their farm in Komarno and moved to Teulon for an easier life.

George and Mary remained married for 63 years until 2003 when George passed away after a brief battle with cancer. Sadly, Mary also had to grieve the passing of her sons Eddie in 2013 and Tom in 2019, and as well as her

siblings who also passed, leaving Mary as the last remaining Baron.

Today, family life continues to be important to Mary, who enjoys visits from her daughters, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and her great-great-granddaughter.

And with astounding strength and speed, Mary manually rolls her wheelchair through the halls of Middlechurch Home for her current comings and goings.

"My arms are still strong from raking all that hay," she said with a laugh and a sparkle in her eyes. "I'm a farm girl, and I always will be."

Throughout all her decades, Mary has maintained a positive perspective — and it's still the way she chooses to look at life.

"My life is very, very good. I have lots of good memories," she said.

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Christ Church Anglican  
227 McLean St., Selkirk, MB  
Contact: (204) 482-6287  
Meets every Monday 7-8 PM

**Teulon AA**  
Christian Education Building  
3rd Ave. SE, Teulon, MB  
Contact: (204) 461-0155  
Meets every Tuesday 8-9 PM

**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

# Teulon Tractor Pull reaches the end of the road

By E. Antonio

After more than five decades of roaring engines, summer crowds and community fundraising, the Teulon Tractor Pull has come to an end.

Longtime organizer Bert Campbell, 76, confirmed that last year's event marked the final chapter for the long-running tradition, citing rising insurance costs and increasing regulations as key factors behind the decision.

"It's a killer," Campbell said of insurance requirements. "We've been doing it forever and we've never had a problem, but the liability is becoming too much."

The annual event, which ran for approximately 55 years — taking place every year since 1972 aside from a brief pause during the pandemic — became a staple of summer in Teulon. It drew competitors and spectators from across the region while quietly supporting a wide range of community initiatives.

Campbell got involved in 1976 or 1977, first as a committee member, then as an announcer and eventually as chair alongside his longtime helper, Garry Dola. He explained the Teulon Tractor Pull found its roots with a group of local farmers and businessmen — including Ed Helwer, Irvin Helwer, Bill Skogan, John Skinner and Alec Dawson — who wanted to see who had the strongest tractor.

"It was pretty antique from the very beginning," he said. "And it only grew to be a huge operation as the years progressed."

In the early years, tractors pulled stone boats, with men stepping onto the boat every five feet to add more weight while competitors attempted to pull the load 300 feet.

Later, as tractors became bigger and

more powerful, sleds became the preferred — and safer — object to pull.

Over time, high-powered specialty tractors became a major draw, including the four-engine Kernel of the Wakshinsky Brothers, the twin-engine Farmers Dream of Dola Farms and The Randy Canadian, powered by twin Allison aircraft engines producing more than 6,500 horsepower from a combined 2,300 cubic inches.

Several pulls featured a variety of additional events, including a heavy horse pull, combine crunch, dances, beer gardens and demolition derby to "add a little bit of spice" to the programming, Campbell said.

"The pull just kept getting bigger and bigger each year."

He said crowds reached as many as 1,500 spectators each day, totalling around 3,000 over the weekend.

Many of the guests — and competitors — came from the United States, as the Teulon Tractor Pull was part of the Red River Valley Pullers Association, a tractor-pulling league made up of communities from Manitoba, North Dakota and Minnesota. Approximately two-thirds of competitors were American, and many had travelled to Teulon to participate in what Campbell said Americans called the "best tractor pull of the association" for two decades.

He said he will miss the camaraderie of visiting with his American friends, having formed several close friendships over the years.

One of his closest acquaintances is Don Dufner, more commonly known as "Mr. John Deere" in the tractor-pulling community. He often



Longtime organizer Bert Campbell.



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A look back at last year's Teulon Tractor Pull, which marked the final edition of the long-running community event after more than 55 years of roaring engines, fierce competition and summer tradition.

stayed at Campbell's home while competing in Teulon.

"He just lives to be on a John Deere tractor," Campbell said. "He's quite the character — like many of the competitors who come up north. They just live to pull."

Campbell said he remains in touch with many of his friends and knows they will miss the event, just as he will miss watching those relationships grow.

"They are just a bunch of friends. And although they compete, they are all there to help and care for each other in the pit."

He credits the success of the pull to a dedicated group of volunteers and sponsors who returned year after year.

"It was never a money-maker," Campbell said. "But it was something for the community."

Over the decades, the tractor pull raised what Campbell estimates was a couple thousand dollars annually for several local organizations, including the Lions Club, curling rink, fire department, Wish Foundation, museum, cheer board, food bank, local health groups and community park.

The event also featured its fair share of sponsorships throughout the years, including support from Leo's Sales

and Service for nearly four decades.

While the event itself operated on tight margins, it also provided significant fundraising opportunities for other groups. The Lions Club, which ran the concession, relied on the weekend as one of its largest annual fundraisers. Other groups managed the beer gardens and gate, keeping proceeds to support their own initiatives.

Attempts to offset rising costs proved difficult. Campbell said increasing gate admission from \$15 to \$20 did not generate additional revenue.

"We had fewer people come, so it was the same at the end."

Despite the financial and logistical challenges, Campbell said the decision to step away was not taken lightly.

He said he looked for someone to take over, but no one expressed interest, leading to the end of the Teulon Tractor Pull era.

Looking ahead, he said he will miss the chaos and noise that came with the weekend, though he also acknowledged the relief of stepping back from the responsibility.

"It was great while it lasted, but now I will be able to sleep easy without the added stress that comes with organizing this year after year."

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# Stonewall Art Group refreshes Heritage Art Centre display

By Lana Meier

The Stonewall Art Group has unveiled a new exhibition at the Stonewall Heritage Arts Centre featuring food and travel-themed artwork.

Refreshed on May 11, the latest lobby display includes 46 works created by 16 artists using a variety of mediums, including acrylics, oils and watercolours.

Many of the featured pieces are available for purchase, and several members also accept commissioned work.

The exhibition will remain on display until the fall, when the group completes its next seasonal rotation. The Stonewall Art Group updates the lobby display three times each year.

In addition to the Heritage Arts Centre exhibition, the group also continues its rotating display at the Stonewall Hospital Palliative Care Suite through a partnership involving Age Friendly Manitoba and the Interlake-Eastern Regional Health Authority. Members say the artwork helps brighten the space for patients and families.

Located in Quarry Park, the Heritage Arts Centre is open daily from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The Stonewall Art Group has been meeting weekly at the Heritage Arts Centre since the facility opened and has supported the local arts community for more than 30 years.

Members gather Mondays from noon to 4 p.m. to create and collaborate, taking a break during the summer months before resuming meetings in September.

New members of all skill levels are always welcome. Those interested in joining can contact the group at stonewallartgroup@gmail.com.



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Members of the Stonewall Art Group refresh the latest exhibition at the Stonewall Heritage Arts Centre on May 11. The new display features 46 works by 16 artists and highlights food and travel themes. Inset photo: One of the featured pieces in the Stonewall Art Group's newest exhibition at the Stonewall Heritage Arts Centre depicts a still-life arrangement of bread and grapes as part of the display's food-themed collection.

## The new era of dentures is here and it's far superior in 5 big ways

By Brock Vandor - Denturist

It's been decades and generations since dentures have evolved. The most notable advancement was the development of acrylic resin, which became popular for denture fabrication in the 1940's and is still being used today, not surprisingly, due to the acrylics beauty and adaptability to match patients' gums, but there was always one major drawback...Acrylic always needed to be heated up and baked to fully cure, and when it cooled down it shrunk and distorted, losing the best fit! For example, when you bake a cake and take it out of the oven, it cools and pulls away from the pan. Well, dentures used to do the same thing, no matter how perfect we would take an impression, the denture would always warp when we cooked it, it was always a major drawback, until now!

Now we can use the same great proven acrylic we love, but with no more warpage because we use

technology to design the denture on a computer and then have a machine cut out (or mill) the denture from an already cured piece of acrylic. What does this mean you ask? Well, I wasn't fully sure either until we started experimenting with them last year, and the results are something I have never seen before! The dentures we can now make (with our computer scanning software and milling machines) are better fitting than anything I have ever seen, and every patient has noticed the difference right away!

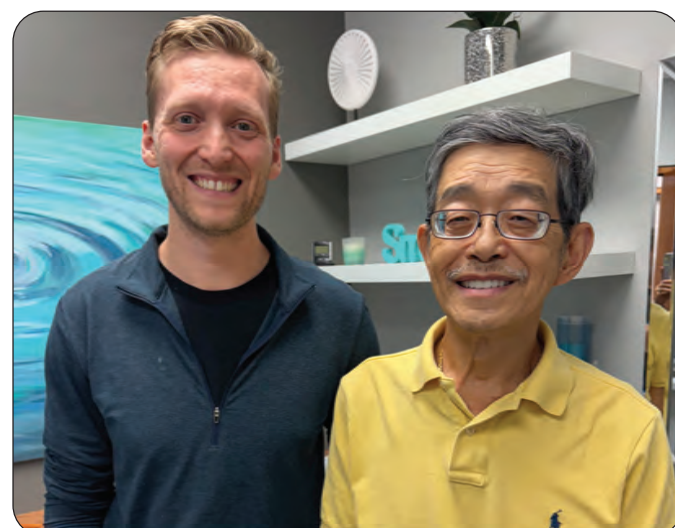
What are patients noticing?

1. Immediately more noticeably COMFORTABLE with a better fit and less sore spots! On delivery day of a milled denture, I am excited to hear the response when the patient puts them in for the first time. Last week was denture delivery day for Hong and he said, "when you put them in for the first time it fits really good, you can feel it right away. I notice that the biting is a lot better

too. They are very comfortable. I am really happy now."

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# Warren Collegiate teams to compete in Envirothon provincials

By Jennifer McFee

Warren Collegiate Institute is proving to be a powerhouse in environmental education.

Two teams of students are heading to the provincial level of the Manitoba Envirothon competition this week after excelling at the regional event.

Envirothon is an environmental education competition that challenges Grade 9 to 12 students to test their knowledge in ecology and natural resource management. The annual competition encourages teamwork, problem-solving and public speaking while also focusing on current environmental issues.

Teacher Amanda Dion was one of the coaches, along with Gaelen Fehr and Melissa Anderson.

"Teams have five members, and each person becomes an expert in a different core area. The topics include soil ecology, aquatic ecology, forestry, wildlife and a current environmental issue," Dion said.

"This year, the theme is land use and management. Students compete in a hands-on field test and an oral presentation."

Prior to the regional event, the two WCI teams took part in group sessions to hone their skills, but they mainly prepared on their own.

"There is a lot of material they need to study and practise," Dion added.

The first team is made up of students Sarah Goodwill, Sawyer Park,

Jess Chrusch, Mason Klassen and Kade Schedle. The second team includes Michaela Monforton, Kiera Schutz, Austyn Scott, Katelynne Defoort and Chyler Grenkow.

On April 23, they competed at the regional event at the Tourond Discovery Centre in the RM of Hanover. They are now preparing to compete at provincials from May 21 to 23 at Tim Hortons Camp in Whiteshell Provincial Park.

Dion said one of the main benefits of the competition is that students gain hands-on field skills that are difficult to replicate in a classroom.

"They get to work with equipment that we just don't have the budget to purchase. Students not only connect with peers who have similar interests, but they can also network with professionals in various environmental fields, including conservation, water stewardship and government," she said.

"Through the field test and the presentation, students have to work together to think critically. It's always interesting to see how they are able to balance their respective core areas to solve problems."

The two-and-a-half-day provincial competition includes a larger field test and a separate oral competition. The top team at the provincial competition will have the chance to represent Manitoba at the National Conservation Foundation Envirothon in July.



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After excelling at the regional level of the Manitoba Envirothon competition, two groups of Warren Collegiate students are heading to the provincials to test their knowledge in ecology and natural resource management.



Warren Collegiate students are looking at water samples and identifying the chemical components such as pH and phosphorous content.



Students tested their knowledge by identifying bird specimens.

## CentrePort Provincial Highway Network Functional Design Study

Manitoba Transportation and Infrastructure (MTI) has initiated a study that will inform the design of the provincial highway network within the CentrePort lands. The study will help to identify future road and intersection needs as the CentrePort area is developed and provide guidance on where future roads, intersections and key connections will be located.

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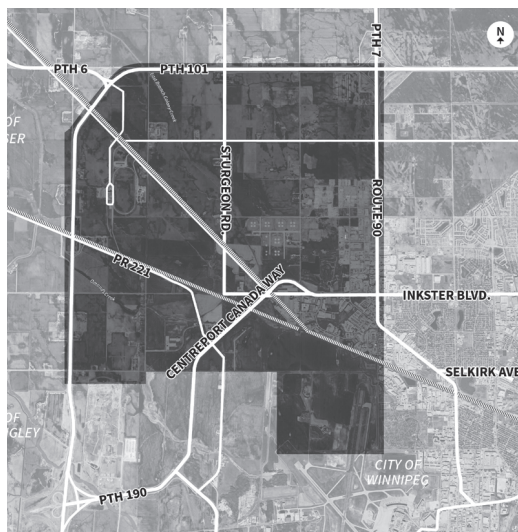
### Open House Details:

**Date:** Thursday, June 4, 2026

**Time:** 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

**Location:** Sandman Signature Winnipeg Airport, Hotel, 1760 Sargent Ave., Winnipeg, MB  
Wolseley AB Room (main floor, fully accessible)  
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### Questions?

If you have any questions in advance of the open house, please reach out to [brett.hampton@wsp.com](mailto:brett.hampton@wsp.com) or 431-485-0765.

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# Interlake family runs after daughter's rare diagnosis

By E. Antonio

An Interlake family is raising funds and awareness for the HSC Winnipeg Children's Hospital this May through the Million Reasons Run.

Million Reasons Run participant Dana Robinson and her family recently moved to East Selkirk after previously residing in Warren. This will be her third year taking part in the run following her three-year-old daughter Nellie's diagnosis with Xia-Gibbs Syndrome in December 2023.

"Nellie is a super happy girl who loves to be with and watch others," Robinson said. "She loves to swing, swim and play with bubbles, and has taught our family to slow down and enjoy the small things in life."

Xia-Gibbs Syndrome is a rare genetic disorder caused by a mutation of the AHDC1 gene. First identified in 2014, the Xia-Gibbs Society estimates only about 390 diagnoses have been made worldwide since its discovery.

Xia-Gibbs Syndrome affects the entire body, with symptoms including developmental delays, low muscle tone and intellectual impairments, although symptoms and severity vary from person to person.

Robinson first noticed Nellie's low muscle tone when she was three months old after she was unable to sit or hold her head up independently. While prenatal testing identified that Nellie would have some differenc-



Three-year-old Nellie lives with Xia-Gibbs Syndrome, a rare genetic condition impacting approximately 390 people worldwide.

es, doctors were not completely sure what the diagnosis would involve.

After she was born, Nellie spent one week in the NICU at HSC Winnipeg Children's Hospital and underwent genetic testing, which showed she had some genetic differences. When she was three months old, further advanced testing led to the Xia-Gibbs diagnosis.

"At first, it was relieving knowing we finally had answers and had a

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The Robinson family — from left: William, Andrew, Dana and Nellie — is supporting the Million Reasons Run this May to raise funds for the Children's Hospital Foundation of Manitoba following Nellie's diagnosis with the rare genetic condition Xia-Gibbs Syndrome. Scan the QR code to support their fundraiser.

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# Your FARM



## EMILI invites producers to upcoming Grosse Isle event

By Jennifer McFee

Calling all local producers — this event is just for you.

On Wednesday, June 10, EMILI is hosting Producer Day with Keystone Agricultural Producers. The event takes place at EMILI's Innovation Farms in Grosse Isle from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

EMILI works collaboratively with producers, industry, investors and innovators who share the vision of Canadian agriculture leading the world through transformative innovation.

As an industry-led non-profit, EMILI provides innovators with access to leading-edge equipment, technology and production practices, along with unbiased feedback on how their innovation works on a full-scale farm.

"EMILI was founded 10 years ago, in 2016, and launched Innovation Farms powered by AgExpert in 2022 to create space for innovation on a full-scale farm. EMILI's Innovation Farms provides innovators with access to leading-edge equipment, technology and production practices to increase productivity, sustainability and profitability across the agriculture and agri-food sector," said Leanne Koroscil, EMILI's Innovation Farms manager.

"EMILI's Innovation Farms currently operates in two locations in Grosse

Isle and MacGregor. EMILI's Innovation Farms Grosse Isle site is located on Rutherford Farms, a 5,500-acre grain and oilseed farm. Crops include spring and winter wheat, oats, barley, corn, canola, soybeans, field peas and forage peas. EMILI's Innovation Farms MacGregor site, which launched in 2025, is located at J.P. Wiebe Ltd., a 10,000-acre potato and grain farm with approximately 3,000 acres dedicated to potatoes."

The producer-only field tour aims to create space for farmers to ask questions and share insights about what matters to them.

"EMILI Producer Day is one of several field tours that EMILI hosts throughout the season to showcase new agricultural technologies, expand innovation opportunities, and increase understanding and adoption of digital tools," she said. "EMILI Producer Days are unique in that they are producer-only events."

During these events, producers get a firsthand look at how EMILI's Innovation Farms is advancing digital agriculture in the Prairies. They focus mainly on technology that's close to commercial-ready to ensure discussions and demonstrations are relevant to attending farmers, since they might be thinking about adopting new tech on their farms.



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EMILI Innovation Farms manager Leanne Koroscil shares a presentation on ag-tech innovation with farmers at EMILI Producer Day.

Attendance is limited to producers to provide them an opportunity to learn about EMILI's work to reduce risks related to agricultural technology. At the same time, they can connect with other producers interested in ag tech, while also having the chance to ask and answer questions about the demonstrated technology without anyone trying to sell them products.

In 2026, EMILI will host two Producer Day events. The first will take

place on June 10 in Grosse Isle. The other event will take place on June 18 in partnership with Elmer's Manufacturing at their site in Altona.

The Grosse Isle event will feature a half-day workshop featuring a producer panel that will share real-world experience and practical insights about adopting new on-farm technology. Attendees will also have the chance to exchange ideas with other producers and enjoy a free barbecue lunch.

The panel discussion will focus on adopting technology and driving innovation on the farm, while also highlighting how producers with different operations approach new technologies and how they believe these technologies make their operations more productive and sustainable.

Koroscil will moderate the panel with Andrew Doerksen, Hailey Jefferies and Jake Ayre. Doerksen is a partner at Beaver Creek Farms Ltd., a family-owned third-generation potato and grain farm near MacGregor. Jefferies is the co-founder and president of Prairie Fava, a Manitoba-based agri-food company. Ayre is vice-president of KAP and a producer at Southern Seed Ltd., a family-owned and operated pedigreed seed farm and retail business near Minto.

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# Your FARM



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ees gained insight into how sensors benefit production practices, learned about the future of remote crop imaging and monitoring, and heard how EMILI uses drones to gain insight into crop health throughout the season," Koroscil said.

"At our 2025 event, producers learned new ways to optimize harvest and took part in a free combine clinic in collaboration with Bushel Plus."

At last year's event, organizers also took the time to ask producers what type of topics they'd like to focus on for future events.

"Our 2026 planning has centred around this feedback and is one of the reasons we are hosting two events this

year. Our event in Altona will provide producers an opportunity to get behind the scenes at a made-in-Manitoba equipment manufacturer while learning about the results from EMILI's collaboration with them over the past few seasons," Koroscil said.

"Our event at Grosse Isle will include panel discussions and ag-tech demonstrations centred around adopting new on-farm technologies, financing innovation and improving productivity — topics that we have heard are top of mind for farmers in our community."

In addition, Grosse Isle attendees can look forward to ag-tech demonstrations that highlight projects EMILI is working on this season with Crop Intelligence, TerraWave, John Deere and Redekop Manufacturing.

These demonstrations will showcase how their technology improves farm productivity and sustainability.

EMILI Producer Day is free, but space is limited and fills up quickly. Producers are encouraged to register

as soon as possible to avoid missing out.

Producers can visit [emilicanada.com/fieldtours](http://emilicanada.com/fieldtours) to learn more and register for EMILI Producer Day with Keystone Agricultural Producers.

## > MILLION REASONS, FROM PG. 13

direction we could head in for supports," Robinson recalled of receiving the diagnosis. "It was also really scary because we didn't know anyone who had gone through this. We felt alone and it was really tough navigating through this life-impacting information."

Nellie participates in physical, occupational and speech therapy every six to eight weeks and is working with staff at the Specialized Services for Children and Youth centre to receive adaptive equipment such as a walker, stander and ankle-foot orthoses (AFOs). She only recently began sitting up unassisted and still needs to be carried or pushed in a stroller to get around.

Despite the delays, every milestone she reaches is a moment to celebrate.

"It's shown us to celebrate the positives in each day, whether big or small," Robinson said. "Every time she shows us she can do something is exciting and motivates us to keep working hard for her. Even though it's taken three years, her journey has been really inspiring."

Much of Nellie's testing has taken place at HSC Winnipeg Children's Hospital, including appointments with several specialists and surgery. Robinson said the support they have received from the health-care team has been phenomenal, and she wants to give back to the foundation any way she can.

"Right from the beginning, they've

been there for us, and now it is time for us to be there for them. Anything that can help make the experience better is really important to me."

As a full-time teacher, Robinson said she has always felt drawn to supporting charities and fundraisers benefiting youth. After receiving Nellie's diagnosis, she said it made sense to enrol in the Million Reasons Run, a Canada-wide fundraising event supporting local children's hospitals.

Participants set fundraising and distance goals for the month of May, rallying support from friends, family and community members. Robinson has pledged to run 75 kilometres and raise \$1,500 this month. Since first joining the Million Reasons Run in 2024, she has raised \$4,255.98 for the Children's Hospital Foundation of Manitoba. She said the support she has received has already exceeded her expectations, and she is striving to surpass the goals she set.

"I think about how hard Nellie works each day, and it pushes me to work hard," she said. "Everyone knows someone who has been impacted by Children's Hospital. This is our time to support Nellie and other kids who need their services."

The Million Reasons Run continues until May 31, with all funds raised in Manitoba donated to the Children's Hospital Foundation of Manitoba. To make a donation and support Robinson's personal fundraiser page, visit Dana Robinson fundraiser page.



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Childhood cancer survivor Kwintyn Dziedzic is helping raise funds for CancerCare Manitoba Foundation's Challenge for Life through a lemonade stand fundraiser during the Stonewall Town-Wide Garage Sale this Saturday. Residents can also scan the QR code to donate directly.

By Lana Meier

What began as a difficult journey through cancer treatment has grown into a friendship rooted in resilience, gratitude and a desire to give back.

Kwintyn Dziedzic, 11, of West St. Paul and Abigail Snyder, 8, of Winnipeg first met while receiving treatment for Burkitt lymphoma at the Children's Hospital at Health Sciences Centre. Now both cancer-free, the pair is teaming up with their families to raise money for CancerCare Manitoba Foundation's Challenge for Life.

The children and their mothers will host a lemonade stand from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. during the Stonewall Town-Wide Garage Sale this Saturday in the

École Centennial School parking lot, rain or shine. Homemade cookies, chocolate bars and lemonade will be available.

"Kwintyn was diagnosed with stage three Burkitt lymphoma," said his mother, Kimberly Dziedzic. "It's a fairly rare form of cancer. Very fast-growing. Very aggressive."

Shortly after Kwintyn's diagnosis in August 2025, Abigail was diagnosed with the same rare cancer. As the two children underwent nearly identical treatment plans on the oncology ward, they formed a close friendship while navigating months of hospital

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Childhood cancer survivors Kwintyn Dziejdzic and Abigail Snyder attend a Winnipeg Jets game courtesy of The Dream Factory.

stays, chemotherapy and time away from school, sports and family life.

Kwintyn said he remembers the quiet of the hospital most.

"Some days it was great, but at the beginning it was really boring and kind of lonely," he said.

He and Abigail first connected after

their mothers met in the hallway. The children later met while visiting with Finnie the therapy dog.

"It was nice to meet another kid around my age, and then she had the same cancer as me," Kwintyn said. "It was kind of weird yet cool."

Kimberly said the connection was

## > CANCER, FROM PG. 17

more meaningful than she initially realized.

"It honestly wasn't even on my radar at the beginning. I just wanted my son better," she said. "But in walked this little girl one day on the unit, and she was just exuding all this sass and fun that Kwin had only a few weeks before. The diagnosis really got him down, so I was incredibly happy to hear them both laughing again."

Kwintyn has been cancer-free since Nov. 5 and has returned to many of the activities he loves, including school, badminton and soccer. He said returning to school was difficult at first because he felt behind, but his teacher and friends have helped.

His mother said being cancer-free means their family gets their son back.

"He's back to playing with his little sisters and being a loving pest to his big sisters," she said. "It honestly means the world to have them together again."

Kimberly said cancer forced Kwintyn to grow up quickly.

"He's grown up a lot, which is good but also sad," she said. "A parent wants their child to remain a child and play, learn and grow in their time. Cancer forces something different."

During treatment, Kwintyn said one of the things he missed most was his dog, Dean.

"Dean is like my best buddy," he said. "The first time I got to go home, all I did was lay on the couch, and he lay on top of me to get cuddles."

Now that he is recovering, he is looking forward to summer camp — something he was supposed to attend before his diagnosis.

"I was about to leave for camp when I was diagnosed, so I was pretty bummed," he said. "I'm really excited to go have fun this summer."

Kimberly said community support played a major role throughout treatment and recovery.

"The support from my hometown area, family, friends, Kwintyn's friends, classmates and teachers — both past and present — was nothing short of a heaven-sent answer to prayer," she said.

The family also received support

from organizations including The Dream Factory and Candlelighters Childhood Cancer Support Programs, which assists families of children battling or recovering from cancer.

Kimberly described Candlelighters as a vital support network that helped families stay connected and provided practical assistance, including parking passes, financial support and events for children and siblings.

"They made sure you didn't fade into the background, and that your family had some normal experiences while navigating such a crazy time," she said. "Connections and support build better foundations for better care."

The lemonade stand also has a personal connection for the Dziejdzic family. Kimberly said Kwintyn and his sister used to hold lemonade stands almost every summer when they lived in Teulon.

"I feel like this was just a comfortable continuation of that," she said.

Kwintyn said he wanted to take part because CancerCare has done so much for him.

Raising money for Challenge for Life is important, he added, "because it helps me think about others, and it's a way to give back."

Kimberly said the fundraiser is about more than raising money.

"I just hope it brings people together," she said. "It gives our kids the ability to learn that even though they went through something terrible, it doesn't need to define their entire life but rather give them cause and a purpose to help others fight."

Kwintyn said he hopes people who stop by the lemonade stand think about "how good the lemonade is and that they want more."

"And how strong we are when we are fighting together," he added.

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# sports & recreation

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## Wheddon powers Nighthawks to National Championship

By Haley Cvar

The Niverville Nighthawks are Centennial Cup champions after defeating the Summerside Western Capitals 4-1 in Sunday's national championship final in Summerside, P.E.I.

Stonewall's Hayden Wheddon scored twice while Gimli's Adam Vigfusson added an assist as the Manitoba Junior Hockey League champions completed an unbeaten run at the 2026 Centennial Cup.

Wheddon opened the scoring at 8:07 of the first period, finishing off a set-up from Vigfusson and Merik Boles.

Summerside answered with a short-handed goal by Jordan Shaw just over two minutes later to tie the game 1-1.

Wheddon restored the Nighthawks' lead midway through the second period with his second goal of the night off an assist from Boles.

Niverville added insurance late in the third period when Marlen Edwards scored at 14:34 off assists from Evan Panzer and Jase Konecni before Tyler Bernier sealed the victory with an empty-net goal.

Niverville goaltender Austin Dubinsky turned aside 34 shots in the win as the Nighthawks were outshot 35-20.

"I think it's just surreal right now," said Wheddon following the championship win. "We've been working for this all year. This is what we've been talking about all year, and it's the most amazing feeling ever."

Wheddon, who was part of the Nighthawks during the organization's inaugural season, said the championship was the result of years of work from the entire organization.

"It's been a lot of work from every-



Hayden Wheddon receives a game star award following the Niverville Nighthawks's 7-6 round-robin victory over the Rockland Nationals at the 2026 Centennial Cup in Summerside, P.E.I. Wheddon scored twice and added two assists in the win.

one — the staff, the coaches, the players, recruiting and the hard work we put in," he said. "It feels amazing that it finally paid off."

Wheddon also embraced head coach Dwight Hirst's comparison of the Nighthawks to the expansion-era Vegas Golden Knights.

"I guess so," he said. "If teams didn't want us or whatever it was, I think we all found our way here and bonded well over that kind of stuff. I think that's one of the reasons why this team is so special."

He added the celebration waiting back home in Niverville was already on the players' minds.

"It's going to be amazing when we get back there," said Wheddon. "We know the fan base there is amazing,



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Wheddon celebrates after scoring his second goal of the game during the 2026 Centennial Cup championship game against the Summerside Western Capitals in Summerside, P.E.I. Wheddon scored twice in Niverville's 4-1 victory to help the Niverville Nighthawks capture the national title.

The support we have is awesome."

Vigfusson, who was named tournament MVP following the game, said the Nighthawks embraced the pressure throughout the championship run.

"Coach Dwight says pressure's always a privilege," said Vigfusson during a second intermission interview. "It's just kind of staying calm, keeping cool and focusing on the task at hand."

He also praised Wheddon's performance in the final.

"He was our leading point scorer all year," said Vigfusson. "He can sure put the puck in the net. He scored two nice ones today. He brings so much to the group and he's great in the locker room."

Vigfusson also credited Dubinsky for another strong performance in goal.

"It goes to show why he's the best goalie in the CJHL," he said. "He's always standing on his head for us and we couldn't be happier to have a guy

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## Rams in fine-form through early-season tournaments

By Kieran Reimer

The Stonewall Rams Varsity Girls Softball Team kept their strong start going last week with another two wins at the Panther Softball Tournament last week.

The Rams are entering the 2026 season looking to make it even further than their bronze medal run at the Manitoba High Schools Athletic Association AAA Provincials last year, and so far look like one of the teams to beat.

Last Thursday they played to an 8-4 win over the Vincent Massey (Brandon) Vikings, which they then followed up with a 14-4 win over the Prairie Mountain Predators later that afternoon.

Their 2-0 record earned them the top seed in Pool 3 at Glenboro School before Friday's playoff round was forced to a cancellation due to the high winds in southwest Manitoba.

Despite not getting the opportunity to go for gold, the Rams kept their

near-perfect record intact, improving to 13-1 through 14 tournament games.

So far they have racked up gold medals at both the PCI Saints Softball Classic and the GVC Invitational Softball Tournament since the season's start back on May 1.

This year's team has a similar flavour to the 2025 squad, with grade 12's Lucy Hoff, Paige Powroznik, Kassie Siwak and Sierra Slatcher making up their senior core.

The club also have a strong Grade 11

regiment in Avery Deprez, Abi Minnie, Keira Pattie, Peyton Rinn and Riley Swanson, along with Grade 10s Katie Braid, Jordyn Chetyrbok and Sara Vande and Grade 9 rookies' Lily Hammond and Brynn Williams.

The players, along with head coach Curtis Grieve and his staff of Brenda and Denis Woods make for a team poised for another strong campaign.

Next for them is regular season action in which they are still awaiting their schedule release.

# Interlake Smash captures silver at volleyball nationals

By Jo-Anne Procter

The 14U Interlake Smash volleyball team returned home with a silver medal after competing at Volleyball Nationals in Edmonton, Alta., from May 7 to 10.

The team, made up of players and coaching staff from Warren, Rosser, Stony Mountain, Stonewall, Teulon, Marquette and Gimli, competed against teams from across Western Canada.

Interlake opened the tournament by winning two of its three round-robin matches on the first day of competition. On Day 2, the team faced tougher opponents and secured a key victory over an Alberta squad in its final match to advance to the quarter-finals.

In quarter-final action, the Smash defeated Manitoba rival Club West Rage in straight sets, 29-27 and 25-22, to earn a spot in the semifinals.

The team then battled the Calgary

Bulls of Alberta in a hard-fought semifinal match, rallying after dropping the opening set 7-25 to winning the next games 25-11 and 15-13.

Interlake faced another Manitoba team, Skyline, in the championship final. Skyline claimed the national title in three sets with scores of 25-15, 9-25 and 15-8.

The final day of nationals brought plenty of emotion and intensity. "The girls improved their ranking by 14 spots at nationals and played their best volleyball of the season at nationals," head coach Darcy Olson said.

Assistant coach Payton Janke was pleased with the steady improvement that the team showed throughout the season. "The girls worked so hard this season to get better and there was such a big improvement from our very first tournament to the end at nationals," she said. "It is so great for the girls to go home with a medal. They deserved it."



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The Interlake Smash 14U volleyball team are national silver medallists. Pictured left to right; back row: Kennley Monforton, Abby Osborne, Rachel Hughson, Piper Tataryn, Solomiia Levystka, Brooklyn Steinbeisser. Front row, left to right: Maisie Westwater, Monaco Gederon, Brooklyn Tully, Ashlyn Yaremkiwich, Danica Klassen and Eden Baker. Missing from the photo are Darcy Olson (head coach) and Payton Janke (assistant coach).

# HBH Charity Golf Tournament set for July 24

By Jennifer McFee

An annual golf tournament offers a double dose of goodness by honouring the memory of a much-loved woman while also raising money for an important cause.

This year's HBH Charity Golf Tournament will take place on July 24 at Whispering Winds Golf Course in Warren to raise funds for CancerCare Manitoba.

At the same time, the event honours the legacy of Hailey Belluk Hunt, who lost her battle with breast cancer in September 2022 at the age of 31. Hailey left her mark as a daughter, sister, wife, mom and friend.

"A group of Hailey's friends and family started the tournament the year after she passed. We wanted something to honour her memory as well as raise awareness and proceeds for CancerCare Manitoba," said Kristin MacCuish, one of the event organizers.

"Over the last three years, we've been able to raise

\$72,100. It's always been a great day where we honour her memory. She once golfed barefoot — we have a hole where each golfer tees off with no shoes for that hole, just like Hailey would do."

Registration costs \$800 per four-person team, which includes 18 holes, a shared power cart, lunch, dinner, snacks, a welcome gift, prizes and more. Sponsorship opportunities are also available.

"There are lots of creative ways for companies to get involved through sponsorship. It's a great cause to support," she said.

"We've opened the tournament to 38 teams this year due to the increase in interest over the years. There will be lots of fun activities and sponsors to make a great day on the course at each of the holes."

Registration is now open at <https://forms.gle/4CdJFHjAFFY7f9Ve6>. For more information, or to inquire about sponsorship opportunities, email [hbhcharitygolf@gmail.com](mailto:hbhcharitygolf@gmail.com).



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Left to right: Hailey Belluk Hunt's family includes Daniel Hunt (husband), Harvey Hunt (son) and Donni Hunt (step-daughter), Janet Belluk (mother) and TJ Belluk (father).

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back there."

The championship victory came one day after the Nighthawks rallied from a 3-0 deficit for a 4-3 semifinal victory over the Toronto Patriots.

Evan Panzer, Marlen Edwards, Calyb Moore and Merik Boles scored for Niverville in the comeback win, with Boles netting the winner late in the third period.

The semifinal berth came after Niverville earned a bye by finishing first in the round-robin standings with a perfect 4-0 record.

The Nighthawks closed out the preliminary round with a pair of high-scoring victories over the Canmore Eagles and Rockland Nationals.

Niverville defeated Canmore 6-4 in its third game of the tournament.

Vigfusson led the way with a hat trick while Wheddon recorded two assists and St. Andrews product Dawson Zeller added an empty-net goal

late in the third period.

The Nighthawks followed that up with a 7-6 win over Rockland in a back-and-forth contest.

Wheddon and Zeller each scored twice for Niverville while Vigfusson added a goal and two assists.

Through six games at the Centennial Cup, Vigfusson and Wheddon each finished with 12 points. Vigfusson recorded seven goals and five assists and was named tournament MVP, while Wheddon tallied six goals and six assists. Zeller finished the tournament with five goals for the Nighthawks.

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> MEAL IDEAS

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## Rainbow Tuna Bowls

3 tablespoons shelled edamame  
1 avocado, sliced  
1/4 cup shredded red cabbage  
2 tablespoons thinly sliced scallion  
furikake, for serving  
Sriracha, for serving  
In two shallow bowls, layer rice on bottom then evenly divide radish, tuna, mango, edamame, avocado, cabbage and scallion. Sprinkle with furikake and Sriracha.

Servings: 2  
2 cups cooked sushi rice  
2 radishes, sliced  
1 can Bumble Bee Snackers Sweet Heat Tuna  
1 mango, cubed



## Bang Bang Tuna Sliders

2 tablespoons sweet Thai chili sauce  
1 can Bumble Bee Snackers Thai Chili Tuna, included whole chili minced and reserved  
4 slider buns  
In small bowl, mix cabbage, lime juice, oil and salt.  
In another small bowl, mix mayo, chili sauce and minced chili from tuna can.  
On bottom of each bun, evenly divide layer of coleslaw followed by tuna. Drizzle sauce over top, to taste. Cap with top bun and serve.

Servings: 2  
8 ounces tri-color shredded cabbage (coleslaw mix)  
2 tablespoons fresh lime juice (1 lime)  
2 tablespoons olive oil  
1/2 teaspoon sea salt  
1/4 cup mayo



## Sheet Pan Pancakes

1 1/4 cups milk  
1 large egg  
2 tablespoons unsalted butter, melted  
1/2 cup sliced strawberries  
1/4 cup blueberries  
1/4 cup mini chocolate chips  
Preheat oven to 425 F. Cover baking sheet with parchment paper and spray with nonstick cooking spray. Set aside.  
In large bowl, mix flour, baking powder, sugar and salt. Add milk, egg and melted butter; mix until smooth.  
Pour batter onto prepared baking sheet and smooth into even layer that covers pan. Top with strawberries, blueberries and chocolate chips.  
Bake 5-7 minutes, or until cooked and golden brown. Let cool slightly before cutting into squares.

Recipe courtesy of the Healthy Family Project  
Prep time: 10 minutes  
Cook time: 5 minutes  
Servings: 6  
Nonstick cooking spray  
1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour  
3 1/2 teaspoons baking powder  
1 tablespoon sugar  
1 teaspoon salt

## Five steps to keep kids sun-safe for Sun Awareness Month

By News Canada

May is Sun Awareness Month, and it's also when soccer and baseball games and long bike rides kick into full gear. Active days have a way of stretching longer than you planned. You pack the water bottles, the extra socks, the snacks, and then the sun creeps up on you. For family fun that includes movement, sunscreen is an essential part of staying protected all day long.

### Here are five things to remember before you head out the door.

Prepare before leaving the house. Start by applying sunscreen 15 minutes before you go outside.

"When families are heading out for sports, field trips or active summer plans, the best time to think about sun protection is before walking out the door," says dermatologist and mom of two Dr. Katie Belezny. "Start by applying a generous layer of SPF, about two tablespoons for the whole body and rub it in well so that you're well protected from the start."

Plan for sweat. If your kids are running drills, climbing or racing scooters, they're sweating—even if it doesn't look like it. Choose broad-spectrum UVA/UVB protection with SPF 30 or higher, and remember that towels and shirts can rub sunscreen off. Sunscreen should be reapplied after 80 minutes if they've been sweating.

Don't forget the grown-ups. Kids take their cue from you. When you top up your own sunscreen, they're more likely to cooperate with theirs. Using water and sweat-resistant sunscreens like Banana Boat Ultra Sport Sunscreen Spray SPF 50+ is an option for parents who are out-



side cheering or playing alongside their kids.

Build reapplication into natural breaks. Between games, do a quick scan of noses, cheeks, ears, backs of necks as well as shoulders. Use snack time or bathroom breaks as another opportunity to reapply sunscreen. Don't go longer than two hours before reapplying, or 80 minutes if they've been sweating.

Dress for the sun. Finish with simple add-ons for the family: brimmed hats, lightweight long-sleeves and shade breaks when the sun is strongest. Sun safe family fun doesn't have to be complicated. You just need something you can stick to consistently.

A little preparation can go a long way on busy summer days. By making sunscreen, reapplication and sun-smart habits part of the routine, families can stay focused on the fun while helping protect their skin outdoors.

## Healthy Sausage Breakfast Muffins

Recipe courtesy of the Healthy Family Project

Prep time: 3 minutes  
Cook time: 23 minutes  
Servings: 12  
Nonstick cooking spray  
1 onion, diced  
1 pound turkey sausage  
4 eggs  
1/2 cup shredded cheddar cheese  
1 cup protein pancake mix  
Preheat oven to 350 F.  
Spray 12-cup muffin pan with nonstick cooking spray; set aside.

Spray large skillet with nonstick cooking spray.

In prepared skillet over medium heat, cook onion until translucent. Add turkey sausage and cook until no longer pink. Remove from heat.

In large mixing bowl, lightly beat eggs. Add shredded cheese, pancake mix and sausage and onion mixture; mix well.

Fill prepared muffin cups about 3/4 full with mixture.

Bake 18-20 minutes, or until golden brown on top.

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The project includes playground design, equipment supply, installation, poured-in-place rubber surfacing, and compliance with current CAN/CSA Z614 Playground Standards.

RFP Closing Date: June 2, 2026 at 12:00 noon

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- Training will be provided for ideal candidates

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Under the direction of the Operations Manager, the position will be required to assist the Operations Department and perform general municipal related work, as well as vacation fill in for the Grader operators.

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8. Salary Range \$21.90 - \$32.59 / Hr - dependent on qualifications

Applications should be marked "**Application for Operations Employment**" and should contain a cover letter and full resume with three references.

**Forward applications to the undersigned, posting will close June 5, 2026 or once suitable candidate is found:**

Attention: Ian Tesarski - Director of Operations  
The Rural Municipality of Rockwood  
285 Main Street, Box 902, Stonewall MB R0C 2Z0  
Telephone No. 204-467-2272  
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## TOWN OF STONEWALL UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF THE PLANNING ACT NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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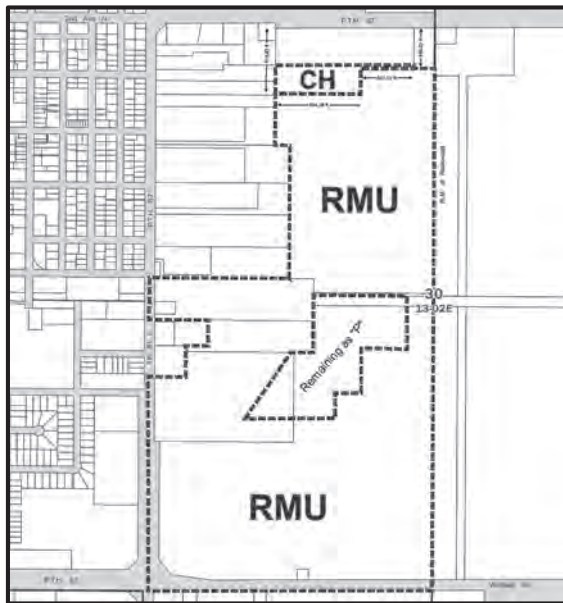
**TOWN OF STONEWALL BY-LAW NO. 05/26**  
Being an AMENDMENT to the TOWN OF STONEWALL  
**ZONING BY-LAW NO. 6/16, as amended.**

**HEARING LOCATION:** Town of Stonewall Council Chambers, Municipal Office  
293 Main Street, Stonewall, MB

**DATE & TIME:** Wednesday, June 10, 2026, at 6:30 PM

- GENERAL INTENT:**
- To introduce the new "RMU" Residential Mixed-Use Zone to the Zoning By-law
  - To amend the following sections of the Zoning By-law:
    - Part Three – Zones
    - Part Four – Use Regulations
    - Part Five – Development and Design Standards
    - Part Six – Signs
    - Part Seven – Parking and Loading
    - Part Eight – Zoning Map
  - To rezone the following:
    - Pt. W ½ 30-13-2 EPM, Being Lot 4, Plan 18778, Parcels A, B, & D, Plan 72610, Pt. Parcel C Plan 72610, Lot 1, Plan 26683 WLTO from "DR" Development Reserve Zone and "RM" Residential Multiple-Family Zone to "CH" Commercial Highway Zone and "RMU" Residential Mixed-Use Zone.

**AREA AFFECTED:**



**CONTACT INFORMATION:** 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 lessees*



## RM of Rockwood Strategic Plan Survey



The RM of Rockwood invites residents to complete a short public engagement survey as part of our Strategic Plan process. The survey is being independently facilitated by GovFox.  
Find the survey at [www.rockwood.ca](http://www.rockwood.ca)  
Survey closes: June 25th, 2026

## R.M. of ARMSTRONG UNDER THE PLANNING ACT NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Council of the R.M. of Armstrong under the authority of the Planning Act will hold a PUBLIC HEARING at the date, time and location listed below:

**Tuesday May 26, 2026**  
**1:00pm.**

**Armstrong Municipal Office**  
**Civic # 1094 Lot 55 PTH 17, Inwood MB R0C 1P0**

Property owners are being notified in order to give them the opportunity to speak in support of or objection to the proposed conditional use and/or variation order.

**CONDITIONAL USE:** # 2026-A-09

**ROLL NO:** 0068170.000

**OWNER:** Teri Nicholson & Boris Wessner

**APPLICANT:** Teri Nicholson & Boris Wessner

**AREA AFFECTED:** Legal Description: SE14-19-2E  
Civic Address: Lot 1, Plan 73236  
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**ZONE:** Agriculture Limited Zoning District

**SUBJECT:** R.M. of Armstrong Zoning By-Law No. 6/04  
Part 11.3 23 Tourist Campsite

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Cori Audet – Permit & Planning Services Phone: 1 (204) 278-3377  
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## R.M. of ARMSTRONG UNDER THE PLANNING ACT NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Council of the R.M. of Armstrong under the authority of the Planning Act will hold a PUBLIC HEARING at the date, time and location listed below:

Tuesday May 26, 2026  
1:00pm.

Armstrong Municipal Office  
Civic # 1094 Lot 55 PTH 17, Inwood MB R0C 1P0

Property owners are being notified in order to give them the opportunity to speak in support of or objection to the proposed conditional use and/or variation order.

CONDITIONAL USE: # 2026-A-08

ROLL NO: 0076260.000

OWNER: Trevor & Brenda Barnes

APPLICANT: Trevor Barnes

AREA AFFECTED: Legal Description: SE23-19-2E  
Civic Address: 10097 PR231  
FRASERWOOD, MANITOBA

ZONE: General Development Zoning District

SUBJECT: R.M. of Armstrong Zoning By-Law No. 6/04  
Part 9.3 45 Non-Accessory Parking

**NON-ACCESSORY PARKING:** A development providing vehicular parking which is not primarily intended for the use of residents, employees or clients of a particular development. Typical uses include surface parking lots and parking structures located above or below grade.

**CONDITIONAL USE REQUESTED:** To allow for an overflow parking lot for the Fraserwood Pub.

**WE REQUIRE ANYONE ATTENDING THE PUBLIC HEARING TO PRE-REGISTER BY NO LATER THAN 4:30 pm FRIDAY MAY 22, 2026, by calling or emailing the below email and/or number.**

### For further information, please contact:

Cori Audet - Permit & Planning Services Phone: 1 (204) 278-3377  
Rural Municipality of Armstrong Fax: 1 (204) 278-3437  
Box 69, Inwood, MB R0C 1P0 e-mail: planning@rmofarmstrong.com

Documents related to the matter to be considered at the hearing may be inspected or copied at the RM of Armstrong Office during normal office hours 8:30-4:30, Monday to Friday.

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-Love from the family



## NOTICE OF APPLICATION RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF ROCKWOOD AMALGAMATION OF THE BALMORAL WATER AND WASTEWATER UTILITY AND THE GUNTON WATER AND WASTEWATER UTILITY REVISED WATER AND WASTEWATER RATES

May 8, 2026

The Rural Municipality of Rockwood (RM) has applied to the Public Utilities Board (Board) to approve the amalgamation of the Balmoral Water and Wastewater Utility (Balmoral) and the Gunton Water and Wastewater Utility (Gunton). The RM has also applied for revised water and wastewater rates for the amalgamated Utility as set out in By-law No. 30/25, read the first time on June 12, 2025.

Rates for Balmoral were last approved in 2025 in Board Order No. 7/25, with current rates coming into effect January 1, 2025. Rates for Gunton were last approved in 2024 in Board Order No. 133/24, with current rates coming into effect January 1, 2025.

The current and proposed rates are as follows:

	Current Rates		Proposed Rates		
	Balmoral	Gunton	By-Law 30/25 Year 1	By-Law 30/25 Year 2	By-Law 30/25 Year 3
Quarterly Service Charge	\$ 22.50	\$ 23.50	\$ 23.00	\$ 23.28	\$ 23.59
Water (per cubic meter)	\$ 3.50	\$ 3.00	\$ 4.23	\$ 4.10	\$ 4.10
Wastewater (per cubic meter)	\$ 4.25	\$ 2.53	\$ 2.57	\$ 2.48	\$ 2.51
Minimum Quarterly Charge*	\$ 138.75	\$ 106.45	\$ 125.00	\$ 121.98	\$ 122.74
Bulk Water Sales (per cubic meter)**	\$ 3.94	\$ -	\$ 5.54	\$ 4.90	\$ 4.90

\*Based on 15 cubic meters  
\*\*Plus, a flat fee of \$100.00 per fill

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

If you have concerns/comments regarding the RM'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 RM.

Questions or comments should be sent on or before **June 22, 2026**.

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**IN MEMORIAM**



**Nicholas Palmer**

December 27, 2006 - May 21, 2025

Nicholas, you are remembered. In everything we do, your voice echos, I was here, I was here. You are missed in every moment of everyday. We miss hearing your music in the car. We miss sharing new foods with you. We miss having the best conversations with you. We miss playing board games together at the cabin. We miss giving you hugs. We miss saying goodnight to you. Your smile, your laugh, and your heart are always with us. We miss you. We love you. Forever our Nicholas.

-Love, Mom, Dad, Sydney, and Caris

**Afterlife**

Where do they go?

To the sky and the waves and the birds and the trees.

But they also build little homes and heavens inside us.

They burrow beneath our ribs because our heartbeats feel more like theirs than ours now. They live in our hands because we feel them every time we help a stranger who's fallen or feed an animal that's hungry.

They're alive under our eyelids because we see their face every time they close.

They are in our nails and hair as they grow, a reminder that time passes and we are that much closer to being together again.

They dance in our veins and sing in our lungs. I think they are within us as much as they are around us.

I think we are actually the life in their after.

Sara Rian

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

**IN MEMORIAM**



**Winnie Johnson**

January 9, 1929 - May 21, 2025

In Loving Memory of Mom

You left us beautiful memories,  
Your love is still our guide;  
Although we cannot see you,  
You are always by our side.

-Love your family

**IN MEMORIAM**



**Nick Neumann**

June 10, 1933 - May 23, 2014

Gone are the days we used to share,  
But in our hearts you are always there.  
The gates of memory will never close,  
We miss you more than anyone knows.  
With tender love and deep regret,  
We who love you will never forget.

-Forever in our hearts,

Justina,  
Cheryl, Tray and Cassidy,  
Deb, Stu, Mason and Hayden

**OBITUARY**

**Myrna Lynn McNabb (nee Kwasny)**

With broken hearts and profound sadness, the family announces the unexpected death of our sister and aunt, Myrna, on December 30, 2025 at the St. Boniface Hospital at the age of 75.

She was predeceased by her husband Joseph (1997), parents Peter (1988) and Mary (1981), all grandparents, all aunts and uncles and cousins.

She is survived by her twin brother Merle, sisters Gale (Jean Guy), Frances, nephew Glenn and children Brody and Annastyn, niece Karen (Scott), cousins, and special friend Rita.

Myrna was born May 16, 1950 at the Teulon Hunter Memorial Hospital. She was married in September 1976. Myrna loved shopping store sales.

She was raised on the family farm and at an early age went to Winnipeg where she worked different jobs. She remembered people's birthdays and special occasions by always sending a card or phone call.

In keeping with Myrna's wishes, cremation has taken place and there will be no formal service.

A private family graveside service was held at Windsor Cemetery with Shirley Williams officiating.

Rest in peace dear sister until we meet again.



204-886-0404

**OBITUARY**

**Alexander Krawec**



It is with profound sadness that we announce Alex Krawec passed away peacefully surrounded by family after a brief illness.

Alex is survived by his wife of 69 years, Shirley, children Alan (Mary Ellen) and Allyson, grandson Kieran Wallace, and brother Sam, and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by parents Michael and Michalina; brothers John, Harry, Marvin, Martin, Steve, Nick, Peter, Terry, Stanley; and sisters Sylvia, Helen, Mary, Anne, Olga, Jean, Vicky.

Alex was born the 12th of 18 children on May 10, 1934 on the family homestead in Weiden, Manitoba. He spent hours tending to the farm and livestock, fondly saying that some of his happiest times were spent milking the cows.

Music was essential in Alex's life, starting with playing fiddle and guitar in the community hall in Weiden. He often entertained friends and family with his trusted guitar for hours on end, whether we wanted it or not. That love of music lives on through his children and grandson.

Alex was one of the first of his family to receive a Bachelor of Education degree from the University of Manitoba. He went on to teach in several different communities in southern Manitoba, finally settling in Stonewall in November 1965. Alex advanced through the education sector: the Executive Director of Teacher's Certification, Principal of the Correspondence Branch, and Assistant to the Deputy Minister of Education.

Service to church and community was of utmost importance in Alex's life. Along with Allyson, he led singing the mass in Church for many years, was an ecumenical minister and a member of the Knights of Columbus.

In the community, Alex was a member of the Kinsmen Club. He also served as a town councillor in Stonewall for four years, followed by another four years as mayor. During his time in office, Alex was responsible for the beautification of the streets in Stonewall and the development of the Interpretive Centre in Quarry Park. In fact, as you enter the park, that street is named in his honour. He was a founding member of the Interlake Community Foundation and the Stonewall Senior's Centre.

His retirement years were spent doing consulting work, enjoying time with family and friends, and tending to the house he and Shirley built so many years ago. And although that big lottery win never happened, he did receive some tickets for his 92nd birthday. He never got a chance to check them, so we did. He won \$102. Nice to go out on a winning note.

Funeral services will take place on Thursday, May 21 at 1 p.m. at Christ the King Catholic Church, 315 2nd Street East in Stonewall.

In lieu of flowers, if friends so desire, please make a donation to Christ the King Catholic Church or the Heart and Stroke Foundation.

The family cannot express sufficient gratitude to the staff of Rosewood Lodge over the last few months, and the aides, nurses and doctors at The Stonewall and District Health Centre for their care and compassion.

*When I am gone, release me, let me go, I have so many things to see and do  
You mustn't tie yourself to me with tears, be happy we had so many years  
I have you my love, you can only guess how much you gave me happiness  
I thank you for the love you each have shown but now it's time I travel alone  
So grieve a while for me if you must, then let your grief be comforted by trust  
It's only for a while that we must part so bless the memories within your heart  
I won't be far away for life goes on, so if you need me call and I will come  
Though you can't see or touch me, I'll be near, and if you with your heart, you'll hear  
All of my love around you soft and clear, and then, when you must come this way alone  
I'll greet you with a smile and say "Welcome Home"*

Or as Alex would say, "See all you again,  
God willing and the creek don't rise."



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