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Four-year-old Laney Myskiw gets a kiss after presenting the former governor general Adrienne Clarkson with a bouquet of prairie flowers during the Park150 celebrations in Woodlands on Sept. 14. Clarkson, Canada's 26th governor general, was in the community to plant a tree in honour of Woodlands' upcoming 150th anniversary.

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# Right Honourable Adrienne Clarkson visits Woodlands

By Jo-Anne Procter

Woodlands marked a milestone in its Park150 project on Sunday, Sept. 14, with former governor general Adrienne Clarkson planting a shooting-star northern pin oak — a living tribute to the community's past and its ambitions for the future.

The ceremony capped an intimate dignitary heritage luncheon at the Woodlands Museum, hosted by volunteers and attended by local officials and guests. The gathering set a reflective tone for the afternoon, linking heritage, community service and the vision behind Park150, a public space being developed ahead of Woodlands' 150th anniversary in 2030.

Coun. Bryan Myskiw welcomed Clarkson and highlighted her decades of leadership as a journalist, public servant and advocate whose influence reaches far beyond Ottawa. He underscored Park150 as a "living legacy" designed to honour the past, reflect the present and grow with residents in the years ahead.

"The tree we plant today will stand tall for generations, much like the example you have set for all Canadians through your leadership and lifelong service to our country," Myskiw said. "May the tree we plant grow as a living tribute to your enduring impact and inspire generations to come."

In celebration of Clarkson's visit, local musicians Annette Brown and Steve Hintz performed Northern Light, a song written by Myskiw for the occasion and inspired by Clarkson's affection for the Canadian North. The performance bridged the formalities of the luncheon and the hands-on symbolism of the planting.

Clarkson, who described herself as a proud prairie girl, spoke about the meaning of planting trees as both remembrance and promise. She emphasized that trees encourage communities to look beyond themselves and invest in what endures.

"I am very happy to be here with all of you who have created this idea of planting trees in the prairies," she said. "It is a wonderful thing to do, as the trees will live a lot longer than most of us and it is a remembrance and it's also a hope for the future and a wonderful way to state that you believe in the future and that you have had a stake in the past."

As spades met soil, the oak became the latest marker in Park150's evolving landscape — a physical sign of the project's steady progress and a focal point for future gatherings. Organizers say the park aims to be a welcoming space for celebration, reflection and recreation, shaped by residents' input and sustained by volunteer energy.

The Park150 team will build on Sunday's momentum next weekend. On Saturday, Sept. 20, former provincial and federal leaders and other community members will take part in this year's Honorary Tree Planting, recognizing their contributions to Woodlands while adding new growth to the site. A vendor and farmers' market will run from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Park150, with dignitary remarks at 1 p.m. and tree plantings at 2 p.m.

For more information or to get involved, contact RM of Woodlands office administrator Brooklyn Lauwerysen at admin@rmwoodlands.ca or call 204-383-5679.



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The former governor general Adrienne Clarkson planted a tree at the Woodlands Park150 site on Sept. 14. Pictured left to right: RM of Woodlands Reeve Doug Oliver, Coun. Carl Fleury, Park150 committee member Matthew Stevenson, Clarkson and Coun. Bryan Myskiw.



RM of Woodlands Coun. Bryan Myskiw welcomed Clarkson to a special luncheon held in her honour at the Woodlands Museum.

**Northern Light (Manitoba Version)**  
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Above the fields of snow  
It spills on wheat and frozen creeks  
Where winter rivers flow  
Wild flames roll where rivers wind  
Above the poplar's height  
They glow o'er valleys broad and deep  
In waves of dancing light  
Chorus  
O light, in the northern sky  
Still as winter night  
Guide us o'er prairie plain  
O light, O northern light

They weave between the distant farms

They arc o'er fields and rails  
A bridge of fire from earth to stars  
Where no true compass hails  
Chorus  
O light, in the northern sky  
Still as winter night  
Guide us o'er prairie plain  
O light, O northern light

They blaze above the rolling plains  
From Churchill's winds that blow  
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Where prairie secrets glow  
Chorus  
O light, in the northern sky  
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Guide us o'er prairie plains  
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# Proposed wastewater lagoon on Armstrong Hutterite colony to undergo Clean Environment hearing

By Patricia Barrett

After an earlier decision this year to forgo a Manitoba Clean Environment Commission (CEC) review of a proposed wastewater lagoon to be built on a Hutterite colony in the RM Armstrong, the provincial government reversed course and will ask the CEC to review the file.

The Crystal Spring Hutterite Colony had applied to the province for permission to build a wastewater lagoon after it bought land in Armstrong around the time of the COVID pandemic. The colony is on the west side of Road 15E, which forms the RM of Armstrong-RM of Gimli border. Representatives from the colony had appeared at an Armstrong council meeting in February 2020, saying the colony will have about 100 people, 15,000 chickens and will manufacture parts for hog barns. The province's notice of environment act proposal stated the lagoon will be designed to treat wastewater for an expected population of 250 people (see Feb 20, 2020, online edition of the Express).

In addition to human manure, the lagoon will also treat abattoir waste.

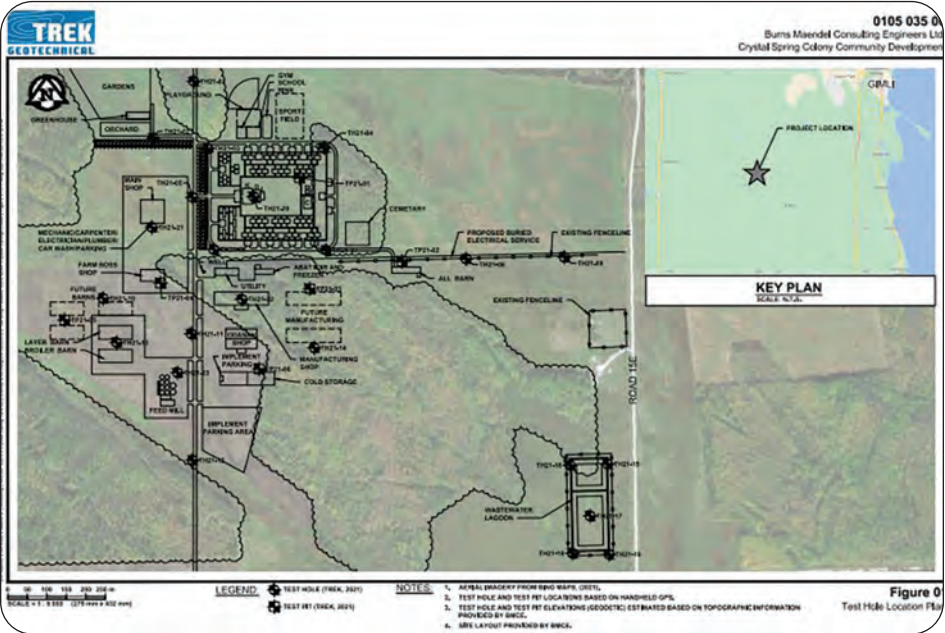
Willow Creek, which flows through the Hutterite colony, runs east into

the RM of Gimli and drains into Lake Winnipeg through a residential subdivision and marshland.

Residents in both Armstrong and Gimli are opposed to the construction of the lagoon, saying through various public statements, the media and letters to the provincial government that the size of the new colony is tantamount to that of a small town and the wastewater effluent will degrade the environment and compromise human health.

Among other effects, they say the lagoon will subject neighbouring residents to noxious odours and airborne contaminants, potentially poison groundwater and surface water through lagoon cell leakage or heavy precipitation events that have habitually flooded Road 106N and the swampy parcel of land on which the lagoon is to be built, destroy fish spawning habitat in Willow Creek and the wetlands into which it drains, and add to the nutrient loading of Lake Winnipeg, causing more toxic and destructive algal blooms.

In April of this year the province allowed people to appeal the minister's



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The proposed wastewater lagoon (lower right side) will be located on the west side of Road 15E, which forms the border with the RM of Gimli.



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# From Stonewall to the stage: Susan Isaac embraces her folk roots

By Annaliese Meier

For Susan Isaac, music has always been a constant.

"My life was filled with music for as long as I can remember," Isaac said. "My mum had left the music industry to farm and have a family, but she didn't stop singing and writing. I remember her practising with friends at our house, singing in church and studying classical guitar."

Born outside Stonewall to folk singer Carol Isaac, Susan grew up surrounded by music and performance. Her parents even formed a community theatre group in town, exposing her not only to stagecraft but also to the confidence needed to perform. Later, she performed in Prairie Rose, a band she formed with her mother and local musicians Shelly Kelly and Kari Kinley.

"For a small community, Stonewall managed to provide lots of opportunities for me to develop my musical skills," she said. "I sang in church and in school musicals, I sang with my best friend Judy Oatway in festival competitions, and later in bands that performed locally. Winnipeg had this coffee house cultural revival thing going on, which was great as a teenager because they often had open mics and other entry-level performance opportunities that

helped me learn how to function on stage."

Isaac's talent was recognized early. She was part of the inaugural Young Performers Program at the Winnipeg Folk Festival, an experience she still treasures.

"I loved the songwriting circles we had in the weeks leading up to Folk Fest and meeting other young musicians. Getting to perform at the Winnipeg Folk Festival was incredible," she said. "There was also coaching on the business side of music, which I didn't fully appreciate at the time. Being a musician means wearing about 15 different hats and trying to accomplish the work of a team of 10 people."

But life eventually pulled her in other directions. Isaac focused on community development work, travelling and raising her two children. It wasn't until the death of her father that she returned to songwriting.

"Losing my dad gave me a grief so profound that the only thing I could do to process some of those feelings was to make music about it," she said. "Grieving gave a sense of urgency to my creativity. It laid down tracks for me to process other things

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Susan Isaac, originally from Stonewall and now based in Edmonton, is embracing her folk roots as a solo artist after years of community development work and performing with The Night Warblers.

## Pumpkin Palooza powers Red Shed fundraiser Sept. 27

By Jennifer McFee

Mark your calendar for a brand new event that celebrates everything pumpkin-themed while raising funds for a good cause.

Pumpkin Palooza will take place on Saturday, Sept. 27 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Red Barn, located off Highway 236 at Road 75. Admission is free and all proceeds will go towards the new building fund for the Red Shed, which

will serve as a secure exhibit space for three seasons of community activities.

The family-friendly event will feature a vendor market, pumpkin sales, a fall photo shoot spot, kids' crafts and activities and a silent auction featuring plenty of great prizes for kids and adults alike. To tempt your tastebuds, the concession will feature homemade soup and pumpkin pie.

Unplain Jayne will be on hand from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. for face painting. If the weather permits, there will be a threshing demonstration at 1 p.m. Representatives from Costco will also be at the event, donating a gift of membership and offering a sign-up deal for new members.

Allison Pauls said the event will help cover the costs for electricity and lighting for the Red Shed.

"The Red Shed is up and we have a start on the electrical for the building. We're already booked for events, and we've got the future we want with farmer markets all summer. That is our goal — to keep the grounds busy for the community."

She encourages everyone to check out Pumpkin Palooza, which will be a great way to kickstart the autumn season.

"We would love everyone to come out to enjoy the lunch," she said.

For more information, contact Allison Pauls at allisonpauls61@gmail.com.



# Versavel marks 45 years in veterinary medicine, 40 with Equi-Tech

By E. Antonio

Dr. Luc Versavel is celebrating two milestones this year — 45 years as a veterinarian and 40 years since opening Equi-Tech Veterinary in Stonewall.

Coming from a farming background, he said he has always been interested in working with animals.

“My career has changed a lot over the years,” he said.

After practising with Stonewall Veterinary Clinic for five years, he opened his own practice, Equi-Tech Veterinary, in 1985 as primarily a pleasure horse facility. At the same time, he filled a veterinary position with the Manitoba Horse Racing Commission until 1993.

In 2009, he diversified Equi-Tech and now cares for all types of pets alongside his staff, including his wife Hilary and son Neil and daughter-in-law Valerie Millette.

“We used to do a lot of work with cattle, but over the years the cattle industry has gone through a bit of attrition. Eventually we began doing small animal work as well. Then we started doing equine,” he said. “Essentially, we have gotten a chance to work with every domestic species.”

Over the last 40 years, he has witnessed several changes in the field, most notably the transition from a male-dominated profession to one with more women, as well as medical



Dr. Luc Versavel celebrates 45 years as a veterinarian and 40 years since opening Equi-Tech Veterinary.

advancements through technology and the emergence of new diseases.

“It seems every decade brings on something new,” he said.

He added that being a veterinarian — or any medical professional — is always a learning process, requiring constant adaptation.

“You will never know everything right off the hop — it’s a continuation of what you know and you just learn to go with the flow. When there are advancements in the medical understanding of conditions and new diagnostic techniques like imaging mo-



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Dr. Luc Versavel with second-generation Equi-Tech owners Dr. Valerie Millette and Dr. Neil Versavel.

dalities in addition to X-rays, when the understanding of disease and surgical processes expands, learning all the nuances that go along with that is an ongoing learning process.”

Other changes include client expectations, especially with the influence

of social media.

“The advent of social media — for better or for worse — is fine to know or understand what is being put out on the internet, but you have to be

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## Rosser council supports Rail Safety Week Sept. 15 to 21

By Jennifer McFee

The RM of Rosser is on track to promoting a safer community by supporting national Rail Safety Week from Sept. 15 to 21.

In 2024, a total of 261 railway crossing and trespassing incidents occurred, which resulted in 68 avoidable fatalities and 58 avoidable serious injuries. Public education about rail safety can help to reduce these incidents between citizens and trains.

It's important for everyone to remember that railway rights-of-way are private property. Pedestrians and motorists should always be looking and listening near railways. Members of the public should obey established traffic laws and be aware of the dangers associated with highway rail grade crossings.

"With the mainline of CPKC running through the entire length of the municipality and CN, Prairie Rail Solutions and the Prairie Dog having tracks and trains moving as well in our RM, rail safety is very important to this council," said Reeve Ken Mulligan.

"Many crossing are uncontrolled and therefore council doesn't want everyone to become complacent with safety. As well, our three major grain terminals and eventually the CentrePort Rail Park will have many movements of trains. We need to keep on top of reminding the public about rail safety."

Council adopted the resolution to support efforts to raise awareness, save lives and prevent injuries — including in the RM of Rosser.

### IN OTHER COUNCIL NEWS:

- Council will not be supporting a rural residential area designation in the area of Meridian Road

and Road 70N. In addition, council is requesting that the South Interlake Planning District remove the designation of this proposed rural residential area from its draft development plan.

"After council heard from some residents in the immediate area voicing their concerns, and after discussing as a council, we chose to take a step back from having the current designation in the development plan," Mulligan said.

"This will allow us in the future to decide how to study the need for rural residential development and to ensure the residents have all the proper information that's needed."

- The RM of Rosser has launched a new permitting portal for all lot grade, culvert, sewer and water permit applications. More info is posted on the RM of Rosser's website at rmofrosser.com.

"The RM is in the process of launching a new permitting system to improve the efficiency and transparency of its permitting process. The online system will enable applicants to submit, track and manage their permits more easily, while also giving staff better tools for processing and record-keeping," Mulligan said.

"This step reflects the RM's commitment to modernizing its services and providing a more accessible and user-friendly experience for residents and businesses."

- Council approved a \$10,497.68 quote from Alcom Electric Communications to buy 10 Motorola UHF R2 portable radios and accessories for the Rosser Fire Department.

- Council is recommending that the Province of Manitoba rename some provincial service roads in an effort to help emergency services to locate addresses. The proposed new names include Holmes Road, Ulster

Road, Angus Road, White Tail Drive, Wavey Way, Badger Road, Lawson Drive, Fieldstone Way and Bridle Path.

"After a few major incidents of challenges ambulance services had in locating addresses on the West Perimeter service roads, the RM began working with the Office of the Fire Commissioner and the province to explore solutions," Mulligan said. "After discussions, renaming these service roads and eventually having these names used by multiple mapping software is believed to be a very positive tool for emergency responders to find addresses more efficiently."

- Council approved a \$300 sponsorship for the Teulon and District Agricultural Society's 32nd Pumpkinfest.

- All of council is authorized to attend the Red River Basin Commission's 10th annual south chapter holiday gala on Nov. 13 in Morris. Expenses will be paid.

- The RM will purchase advertising in the Legion Military Service Recognition Book for \$323.81 plus GST.

- The RM of Rosser is entering into an agreement with Canada Post for the continued operation of the Post Point Dealership (previously called the Pick and Drop) retail location at the municipal office. In addition, Canada Post reviewed addresses within the RM of Rosser and requests amending addresses under the current postal code of R0H 1E0 to be consistent with the rest of the municipality. Council will allow Canada Post to assign mailing addresses for this area and to assign new postal codes if needed.

"The RM entered into an agreement

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able to interpret it in the context of what you are trying to formulate an opinion on."

He explained that too often pet owners arrive with unrealistic expectations after seeing a medical "miracle" online. He wants them to know not everything on social media is true, and just because a treatment worked for one animal doesn't mean it will work for theirs.

"Dealing with public expectations today is certainly different than it was 45 years ago."

While no particular case or patient stands out as a favourite, working with his family has been the most rewarding.

"The three of us are all basically on the same wavelength. So we are a good fit," he said.

Balancing work and family life was sometimes a challenge, but he eventually learned to juggle both. In 2022, he and his wife, Hilary, began to semi-retire, passing ownership of Equi-Tech Veterinary to his son, Dr. Neil Versavel, and his wife, Dr. Valerie Millette. He still helps out around the clinic when needed but says full retirement is on the horizon.

"I think I've done my bit in the last 45 years. The time when I will hang up my stethoscope is drawing closer,



Equi-Tech Veterinary staff cheer on Dr. Luc as he celebrates the anniversary.

so I definitely think it is time to pass it on to the next generation."

Looking back to the start of his career, he offers advice to himself and aspiring veterinarians: "Go with an open mind, learn as you go, adapt as you go and things should all work out for the best."

He is proud of staying progressive and keeping pace with the profession. "That's an accomplishment within itself," he added.

In honour of the anniversary, Equi-Tech is collecting client photos and stories of working with Versavel. The

stories will be turned into a book and gifted to him once he fully retires. Submissions can be emailed to equitech8155@gmail.com or posted in the comments of Equi-Tech's Facebook anniversary posts.

On Saturday, Sept. 27, they will host a customer appreciation barbecue to thank clients and staff for 40 years of support. From 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., the clinic will open its doors for a free celebration.

"It's going to be a fun day for us to give back to the community," he said.

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with Canada Post in 2023 to establish a Pick and Drop retail location at the municipal office following the sudden closure of the Rosser Post Office. This arrangement was put in place to ensure continued access to parcel deliveries in the village of Rosser, instead of being transferred for pickup in Winnipeg. The recent agreement passed by council is a renewal of that service," Mulligan said.

"This year, the postal outlet in Grosse Isle also closed. The RM worked with Canada Post to pilot having the Grosse Isle parcels also come to the RM office instead of Stonewall. We are still under that pilot for Grosse Isle packages. We will make more certain decisions after seeing the Christmas volumes and determining if the municipal office can handle them effectively.

- The RM of Rosser has hired Trevor Wowk as the assistant chief administrative officer and the chief financial officer for the municipality. Wowk started working on July 7 to replace Don Dowle, who has retired from those roles. In addition, Wowk has been appointed as a designated officer.

"While Don has left this permanent position, we are pleased to share that he will continue working with the RM

in a part-time consulting capacity, focusing on special and major projects," Mulligan said.

"Council and the CAO thank Don for his three-and-a-half years of amazing and dedicated work to Rosser as a whole."

At the same time Dowle said it has been a real honour to be part of the RM of Rosser over the past several years.

"I was able to go to work every day inspired by the strong leadership shown by council and our CAO," Dowle said.

"I have enjoyed the privilege of working with a wonderful crew of dedicated municipal employees who care about this community and showed me that every day. While I am looking forward to the opportunities that retirement brings, I will truly miss everyone and cherish my time as part of the Rosser team."

- Council gave second reading to an amended bylaw to establish water and wastewater rates for the Grosse Isle Utility.

CAO Larry Wandowich explained that the RM monitors the financial viability of the utility on an ongoing basis. Rate applications to PUB are made on an as-needed basis on this monitoring or when there is a PUB

order to do so.

In 2020, a PUB order required the RMs of Rosser and Rockwood, who jointly own the utility, to perform a rate review and submit an application for revised rates. The RM of Rosser completed a rate review in 2024 and submitted the application to revise rates.

"This process is a routine part of the general responsibilities for municipalities to manage the utility and comply with PUB requirements," Wandowich said.

- The RM of Rosser will enter into an agreement with Sturgeon Creek Holding Co. Ltd. regarding a conditional use.

In early 2024, Sturgeon Creek Holding applied for conditional use approval to authorize the intensification of an existing communal farm operation (Sturgeon Creek Colony) — including a new boiler and biomass storage building, new welding shop, new residential buildings and new agricultural/farm buildings — as part of their ongoing operations and replacement strategies. Even though Sturgeon Creek had existed for many years, this application was newly required. Council recently passed a resolution to execute the final development agreement.

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### Making Space for Creation's Beauty

*He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul. (Psalm 23:2-3a)*

We're all at the beginning of what can be a very hectic time for families and for people who are involved in their community. School and workplaces are starting a new season of life; churches and community organizations are getting up and running as the fall begins; farmers are working hard to harvest their crops and get ready for winter. We can become overwhelmed very quickly.

I had already decided on the theme of "making space" for this article when a post on Facebook arrived on my phone. Many of you will have seen it or heard about it. One of Schwabe Pumpkin's owners, Melody, shared a heartbreaking post about how stressed she was as the danger of frost was upon them again.

Time was not on their side as the pumpkins and gourds lay in the fields and the temperatures were plummeting. What emerged was a wonderful outpouring of concern and care, but also people springing into action to go to the farm and help. They got all the pumpkins off in time, but most of all, I am sure that the outpouring of support and help was a real lift to their spirits.

If only the hours in a day could be controlled so that we could get everything done! And yet, scripture reminds us to take the time we need to be still and simply be in Creation, so that our souls can be restored and our communities find their balance.

Many who went out to the Schwabe's farm, described the joy they experienced just taking the time to be in nature.

The days feel short again, but there is still time to return to the rhythm of life that restores.

"There must be always remaining in every life some place for the singing of angels, some place for that which in itself is breathless and beautiful." (Rev. Dr. Howard Thurman)

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# Teulon receives grant to improve walking trail

By Jennifer McFee

Happy trails!

The provincial government and Trails Manitoba are investing nearly \$600,000 in recreational trails in Manitoba, and Teulon is on the list of communities to receive funding.

The funds come from the provincial government's Off-Road Vehicle Land and Trail Rehabilitation Grant Program as well as the 2025 Trails Manitoba grant program.

"Trails provide important opportunities for Manitobans to spend time outdoors and enjoy nature all year long," said Mike Moyes, minister for environment and climate change.

"This funding will help improve a number of walking, biking, skiing, all-terrain vehicle and snowmobile trails across the province and ensure Manitobans can continue to explore the great outdoors for many years to come."

Through the Off-Road Vehicle Land and Trail Rehabilitation Grant Program, the Town of Teulon will receive \$50,000 to repair and stabilize the walking trail and add signage.

This grant program provides funding for projects that propose to rehabilitate public lands and trails that have been damaged by off-road vehicle activity. The grant funds come from off-road trail fees collected from the public.

Teulon council approved a quote from Barylski Constructing for the

loading and removing ballast off the railbed as part of this grant.

Other recipients include Interlake Off Road Club Corporation, which will receive \$50,000 for ATV trail rehabilitation, and Grahamdale Community Development Corporation, which will receive \$50,000 for rehabilitation and trail improvements in Steep Rock Beach.

## IN OTHER COUNCIL NEWS:

- Seatbelt awareness will be top of mind in Teulon, where Manitoba Public Insurance plans to rent a message sign board to display in town during September and October. This initiative is part of MPI's initiative to launch a seatbelt awareness campaign in rural Manitoba.

"The Town of Teulon deems the MPI seatbelt initiative as valuable information to have everyone buckle up," said CAO Chris Yuen. "It only takes a few seconds to buckle up, but it could save your life."

- Plans are in the work for Pumpkinfest, which is set for Sept. 20. The back lane east of Main Street between Beach Road and First Avenue SE will be closed from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m., as will First Avenue SE between Main Street and the back lane.

- Council approved a \$31,665 quote to buy a front deck mower and a \$14,990 quote to buy a flail mower from Enns Brothers.

- Council also approved the purchase of a 2020 GMC Sierra for \$40,000 plus tax from a private sale.

- CAO Chris Yuen and assistant CAO Samara Osnach were authorized to attend the Manitoba Municipal Administrators conference in Winnipeg from Sept. 8 to 10, with expenses paid.

- The CAO will sign an agreement with Catalis to provide online meeting management and alert system services for the Town of Teulon.

Yuen said that Catalis provides the online program for municipalities to create, store meeting minutes, agendas, correspondence and more.

"They also provide the online service that sends alert notifications through email, phone, text messages to registered local residents to receive updates on important information," he said.

- The town has received audited financial statements for 2023, which show that the town's utility incurred a \$24,134 deficit due to revenue shortfall. The town will apply to the Public Utilities Board for permission to use funds from the utility accumulated surplus to recover the deficit.

- The town is transferring \$13,486 to the utility reserve fund instead of the budgeted \$28,000.

- The CAO is signing a grant agreement up to \$70,000 on behalf of the town, with the Federation of

Canadian Municipalities, for climate change adaptation. The town's climate change adaption plan will assess climate risks, engage the community and develop a plan to improve the municipality's resilience to the impacts of climate change.

- Council rejected all bids in the request for proposal for an arena manager/attendant tender due to budget considerations.

- Brushfire Signs will replace the town's tourist sign for \$9,042 plus tax.

"The town is replacing the tourist signs because of its condition," Yuen said.

- Council approved wage increases for the Teulon-Rockwood Fire Department to match wages with other fire departments.

- Council decided to defer the WiFi campground project to the 2026 budget year due to budget considerations.

- Volunteers are needed for a TD-sponsored a tree-planting event on Saturday, Sept. 20 from 1 to 3 p.m. During this event, volunteers will plant 225 one-gallon potted trees in Green Acres Park. Volunteers should wear sturdy closed-toe shoes or boots, long pants, weather-appropriate clothing, sunscreen and a hat. For more information or to register, contact Ken Fosty at kenfosty@shaw.ca or 204-963-2209.

## SAMS collision prompts new van replacement for service

By Jennifer McFee

A recent collision resulted in the replacement of a mobility vehicle that serves local communities.

Stonewall Area Mobility Service (SAMS) provides accessible, reliable transportation for residents in Stonewall and the surrounding municipalities. It helps individuals — particularly seniors and people with mobility challenges — travel to medical appointments, community services, shopping and social activities.

On July 7, a SAMS van was involved in a collision in Winnipeg on Wilkes Avenue.

The SAMS coordinator said the incident happened when a westbound vehicle entered the left turning lane and continued through the intersection without stopping, striking the eastbound SAMS van.

"Fortunately, no passengers or staff were severely injured," she said. "Both were checked at the scene."

SAMS operations experienced a

short-term impact since the vehicle was taken out of service. The organization worked to minimize disruption by adjusting schedules and using available vehicles until a replacement was secured.

Manitoba Public Insurance wrote off the vehicle and offered \$14,246.71 plus tax for the damaged 2008 Chevy Uplander cargo van. The Town of Stonewall has now replaced the damaged vehicle so that SAMS service can continue as usual.

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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**  
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# Alan Campbell acclaimed as 2025-26 ISD board chair

By Jennifer McFee

A familiar face will be heading up the local school board as the 2025-26 chair.

Alan Campbell has been acclaimed as the Interlake School Division's board chair for this school year. Campbell previously served as school board chair from September 2013 to September 2024, except for the 2018-19 school year. He also serves as president of the provincial executive for the Manitoba School Boards Association as well as president of the Canadian School Boards Association.

Serving alongside Campbell, Trustee Sally Cook will be the vice-chair this school year.

"It is always a great feeling to be selected by my colleagues around the board table to lead our group both in our governance practices as an effective board but also as the spokesperson for the division in collaboration with the superintendent and CEO, Margaret Ward," Campbell said.

"In keeping with our longstanding policies, the chair takes on the responsibilities right from the inaugural meeting at the start of each year

— basically from the moment they are elected."

Campbell said the ISD school board's priorities focus on supporting students to realize their full potential as contributing and responsible members of society.

"This comes right from our Continuous Improvement Plan, which is foundational to the work of the board and the division as a whole," he said.

"We are extremely proud of the Continuous Improvement Plan and what



Alan Campbell.

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decision to not recommend a CEC environmental review. In June the department of environment and climate change held a "community learning session" about the lagoon in Fraserwood in the RM of Armstrong.

RM of Gimli resident Jeff Smith was one of the people who had written to the provincial government with concerns about its decision to not recommend a CEC review.

Smith said it appears that the number of people who attended the learning session on June 4 and the arguments they raised were "significant enough to warrant a change in the government's approach."

Minister of environment and climate change Mike Moyes wrote to Smith last week, saying he had decided to ask the CEC to hold a public hearing.

"I am writing in response to your email appealing the Director of Environmental Approval's decision not to recommend a Clean Environment Commission hearing for Crystal Spring Colony Farms Ltd's proposal to construct a domestic wastewater lagoon in the Rural Municipality of Armstrong," said Moyes in a letter to Smith with a date stamp of Sept. 2, 2025. "After careful consideration, and in accordance with section 27(2) (a) of The Environment Act, I have decided to request the Clean Environment Commission hold a public hearing on the proposal."

The Manitoba Clean Environment Commission is an arm's-length provincial government agency that was established under The Environment Act (1988) to offer advice and recommendations to the government regarding the management of the environment. Its primary role is to "provide opportunities for the Manitoba public to play a part in ensuring the protection of our environment."

The current CEC membership includes a number of university professors, a cattle and livestock owner,

a former First Nations chief, a climate planner and a former provincial deputy minister, according to the CEC website. The province generally refers projects to the CEC when there is a "great deal" of public concern that can have a significant impact on a large number of Manitobans.

In addition to the many residents opposed to the lagoon, Lake Winnipeg commercial fishers raised concerns in March about the province's decision to not recommend a Clean Environment Commission review. Fishers said the lagoon could pose an environmental hazard to fish spawning grounds and the health of Lake Winnipeg, and urged the government to take a "precautionary" approach before granting a licence for the lagoon (see March 20, 2025, online edition of the *Express*).

Public feedback that had been sent to the province is available online through the provincial environmental assessment and licensing's public registry webpage.

"Lake Winnipeg and the surrounding wetlands, including Willow Creek have already reached a crisis level due to phosphorus and human destruction. I am a permanent resident in this community and I've watched the lake and wetlands deteriorate every year," wrote one resident. "This past year nobody could swim for a large majority of the summer due to algae that results from phosphorus coming from the Winnipeg sewage leakage and runoff of fertilizers from farmer's fields. Dead fish washed up on shore, in addition to millions of zebra mussels, and for the first time this year there were no frogs along the lake. The lake is already in terrible shape, the last thing this community needs is more destruction to the environment, or more nitrogen and phosphorus seeping into the lake and creeks."

Another resident who has lived in the area of Road 15E and Road 106N for over 40 years said the drainage "flows very full and heavy" during

years of excessive precipitation, and it will back up on the corner where the proposed lagoon is to built, leading to possible environmental contamination.

A fourth-generation farmer who lives near Willow Creek wrote that water is "one of our greatest assets" and we "should be protecting it."

Another resident told the government that it knows the lagoon is "not good" for residents.

"[Redacted] proposed lagoon sight [sic] and am totally against it, that discharge will be emptied into willow creek which runs past my place in [redacted] my grand children swim in our channels, we fish in those channels, and we have picnics along the

shore lines [sic], stop this waste water [sic] treatment plant from ever being set up, you know as well as me that it is not good for us," they wrote.

Smith said the letter he received from Moyes does not set a date for the CEC hearing.

The hearing date has not yet been posted on the public registry, which is current to June 23, 2025, and was viewed on Sept. 5.

To view the Crystal Spring Colony wastewater lagoon file, including public comments, the geotechnical review and hydraulic assessment, visit the province's environmental assessment and licensing's public registry webpage and search the name or File No. 6193.00.



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# Rockwood launches community safety officer program

By Jennifer McFee

The RM of Rockwood aims to boost public safety and support local enforcement efforts through its new community safety officer program.

Manitoba Justice's Safety Officer Program launched in 2017 to provide municipalities with the option to provide resources to address less serious criminal issues. Safety officers collaborate with local police to provide support so they can focus on more serious criminal matters.

"Through the employment of community safety officers, the safety officer program delivers low-risk community safety services and an increased uniformed presence. Its intention is to address community safety concerns and support local police agencies," explained Teresa Taplin, manager of protective services for the RM of Rockwood.

"The program forms part of a continuum of policing that adds a flexible, layered approach to enforcement. Given that some situations do not require police officers, layered policing engages individuals with diverse levels of training and authority, allowing law enforcement to focus their expertise on more complex policing and investigations."

The community safety officer can enforce some provincial statutes and attend some designated Criminal Code of Canada offences in order to receive and evaluate information, while also liaising with local police when needed.

"Through the peace officer appointment, safety officers are granted the authority to enforce applicable acts and regulations," Taplin said.

"The RM of Rockwood community safety officer will be working closely with the local RCMP detachment as well as constantly monitored by the RM of Rockwood designated staff. Overall, the program supports a community-driven approach to improving community well-being."

In July, Justin Sowa took the oath to become a community safety officer, also known as a peace officer, after completing the provincial safety officer program at the University of Manitoba. He also received conventional, multi-mode and laser/lidar training through the RCMP. Sowa met all the peace



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Community safety officer Justin Sowa, who also serves as Rockwood's bylaw enforcement officer, began his new role in August after completing provincial training. The RM of Rockwood created the position to address local safety concerns and provide added support to the RCMP.

officer requirements set out by Manitoba Justice's Safety Officer Program. Rockwood's new safety officer position became official in August after two years of working towards its implementation.

Sowa describes his role with the municipality as a hybrid position between a community safety officer and a bylaw enforcement officer since he will be tasked with both functions.

"Our department will be doing work under the Highway Traffic Act such as speeding or cell phone use, but we will also be doing bylaw enforcement such as nuisance, noise, trucks and unsightly properties," he said.

"I have been the bylaw enforcement officer in this area for approximately 18 years and received training from Northwest Law Enforcement Academy for that position. In the past, I have held a peace officer status for the Province of Manitoba for animal

protection. I will continue to do yearly training to further enhance my education in both fields."

The new position was created in response to Rockwood residents' safety concerns, Sowa added. These concerns included everything from speeding to property owners pushing snow into road allowances and causing dangerous road conditions.

"The council and administration for the RM of Rockwood created this program to make the RM of Rockwood a safer place," he said.

"I do believe this program will make the communities of the RM of Rockwood safer, whether it's speed enforcement out on the highways or our school zones in the town sites and even added safety enforcement on our ATV and snowmobile trails. Simply put, there will be more boots on the ground."

In addition to acknowledging the RM's focus on safety, Sowa also expressed gratitude to the RCMP for their assistance in launching the initiative.

"The RCMP have been a huge help in starting this program and also supporting us out in the field," he said.

"Although we are different entities, we share many of the same goals and will continue to support each other as we have in the past."

At the same time, Stonewall RCMP Staff Sgt. Jason Vrooman acknowledged that community safety officers are beneficial to the RCMP.

"They're in a position to take care of the things that we might not always have time to do like highway traffic enforcement for school zones in communities that are having problems," he said.

"We look at it as a benefit to the area, in my opinion. I think it's something other municipalities should consider. It can help to relieve some pressure so we can focus on more priorities. This is a great thing. It's a good community program and we're on board with it."

To contact the community safety officer for a non-emergency matter, you can use the online service tracker on the RM of Rockwood's website ([www.rockwood.ca](http://www.rockwood.ca)) or call the municipal office at 204-467-2272 Monday to Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For emergencies, call 911.

## > ISD BOARD CHAIR, FROM PG. 9

it represents in terms of the incredible work being done in our local public schools in service to students, families and our communities."

Campbell said that in 2025, the school board recognizes that public education must be accessible, equitable and responsive to ensure high-quality learning and strong outcomes for students.

"Of course, all of this is only possible if our school divi-

sion has the necessary resources in place to adequately support our schools. Once again last year, the provincial government's funding for Interlake School Division was far below adequate, which inevitably places a higher burden on our local property taxpayers," he said.

"ISD enrolment continues to hold stable at approximately 3,000 students, and expenses continue to rise in accordance with inflationary pressures and negotiated staff salary increases consistent with the entire public sector. Yet provincial funding continues to make up less

and less of our revenue relative to locally generated revenue. Along with our partners at the Manitoba School Boards Association, we continue to advocate for stronger provincial funding for Interlake School Division. We encourage our community members to do the same."

Partnerships and local collaboration are very important to the school board's success, he added.

"With this in mind, the board is looking forward to meaningful engagement this year with all of our parent advisory councils as well as all of our municipal partners," he said.

"As we continue to push ahead in such turbulent times, it is important that we're working together and communicating clearly for the good of our communities. It is going to be a great year."

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# Stoney Acre salvages pumpkins after crop losses

By Lana Meier

A string of early frosts has cut deep into Stoney Acre Farms' pumpkin and corn crops, capping off what Mike and Kathleen Melnychuk call one of the most challenging growing seasons they've faced.

The Fraserwood couple, who grow strawberries, corn and pumpkins, said their season began with hurdles long before the first frost.

"Our season starts in early May when we bring the strawberries out of dormancy and plant new plants, followed by planting sweet corn and pumpkins," said Mike Melnychuk. "The dry weather that followed planting is when problems started happening. In the strawberries we had sluggish growth, despite irrigation nothing replaces rain. Then severe wildlife damage at the hooves of white-tail deer caused a crop loss of well over 10,000 pounds of fruit."

Pumpkins and corn, seeded on about 1.25 acres, also got off to a shaky start with poor germination and high weed pressure. Still, by late summer, optimism returned.

"Every day we would go out and see positive growth," said Melnychuk. "By early September we had pumpkins ripening and sweet corn ready — some of it only needed a few more days."

That optimism faded quickly. A soft frost June 24 was followed by a hard frost on Sept. 5 and another on Sept. 7.

"Waking up at 6 a.m. and seeing the thermometer showing minus 3, my heart definitely dropped," Melnychuk said. "Still, at the time, I felt confident one frost couldn't stop it all. But by the next day, the corn was wilting and browning. We had to leave over half of our pumpkins in the field and were only able to harvest about 15 per cent of our sweet corn."

Extended family pitched in to salvage what they could, hauling the best pumpkins and gourds into storage, while immature squash were already going soft in the field.



TRIBUNE PHOTOS BY JO-ANNE PROCTER

Pumpkins and gourds salvaged from Stoney Acre Farms will finish ripening off the vine in the barn after early September frosts wiped out much of the Fraserwood farm's crop. Mike and Kathleen Melnychuk and their sons Mitchell and Matthew (pictured) were busy picking what they could on Sept. 6 in anticipation of more frost.



Early September frosts scorched Stoney Acre Farms' sweet corn near Fraserwood, leaving leaves wilted and brown. Mike and Kathleen Melnychuk said they were forced to abandon much of their crop after temperatures dipped as low as -3 C, capping off what they called one of their most challenging growing seasons.

"Luckily we did what we did because that night it dipped down to minus 2 for over four hours, which would have damaged everything that was out there," Melnychuk said.

Despite the loss, he said the support from friends and customers has been a bright spot. "Throughout all of this,

we had lots of offers to help from friends and community, which was greatly appreciated," he said. "The whole north Inter-

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## Coin club prepares for fall show

By Staff

The Manitoba Coin Club is set to host its Fall Coin, Stamp and Collectibles Show later this month, giving the public a chance to learn more about numismatics and connect with collectors.

The event takes place Sept. 27 and 28 at Access Centre in West St. Paul. Organizer Larry Dalman said this year's show will feature more dealers, along with opportunities for attendees to learn about collecting, protecting investments and keep-

ing up with trends.

The Royal Canadian Mint will attend both days from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., offering three new coin varieties — two toonies and one loonie. Each individual will be limited to purchasing five coins of each type.

Dalman said the club has grown considerably since COVID-19, thanks in part to its involvement in Mint exchanges and continued support from local media.

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# Stonewall Terry Fox Run raises \$40,000

By Lana Meier

Stonewall's 45th annual Terry Fox Run raised more than \$40,000 for cancer research on Sunday, Sept. 14, as community spirit was on full display throughout the day.

The day began with a pancake breakfast hosted by the Stonewall Lions Club at Lions Manor with proceeds supporting the Stonewall Terry Fox Run.

Registration opened at noon at Quarry Park Heritage Arts Centre, with the run beginning at 1 p.m. Participants walked, ran, rolled or rode the marked route, which included two water stations manned by the Stonewall Scouts and Terry Fox volunteers.

Quarry Physiotherapy staff Stephanie and Beth led a warm-up session. Jimm and Aileen Simon provided a pipe and drum send-off, while Shelley and Ian Proven carried the Terry Fox banner out of Quarry Park and south down Main Street to lead the parade of participants. The Stonewall Kinsmen barbecued hot dogs and handed out water for all the participants.

Event chair Cathy Goresky welcomed participants with words of encouragement and gratitude.

"Together, we can finish what Terry started, for ourselves, our families and friends, and for those we may never meet," she said.

The Terry Fox Run remains volunteer-driven, with all proceeds going to cancer research through the Terry Fox Foundation.



TRIBUNE PHOTOS BY LANA MEIER

Stonewall's 45th annual Terry Fox Run drew survivors, supporters, walkers, runners, cyclists and volunteers on Sept. 14, raising more than \$40,000 for cancer research. The day included a pancake breakfast, warm-up session, pipe and drum send-off, and a community barbecue, with all proceeds going to the Terry Fox Foundation.





# Autumn sky splendour



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY AINSLEE WILLIS

Quarry Park's fall colours created a spectacular backdrop on the weekend, with golden yellows, fading greens and bright orange leaves standing out against the deep blue sky and drifting clouds. Temperatures reached a high of 26 C and a low of 17 C — about eight degrees above average for this time of year.

# Lousy timing for a downpour



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY JO-ANNE PROCTER

The Stonewall area received four-tenths of an inch of rain during a downpour on the afternoon of Sept. 15. While farmers race to get the remainder of their crops off, Mother Nature had other plans. Help the *Tribune* record this week's weather — send your photos of friends or family enjoying the outdoors to [news@stonewallteulontribune.ca](mailto:news@stonewallteulontribune.ca).

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# Community hunts spark summer fun in Stonewall and Teulon

By Lana Meier

Two Interlake communities found a playful way to bring families together this summer — through dragon and dinosaur hunts that had kids racing through parks, yards and sidewalks in search of hidden treasures.

In Stonewall, Michael and Chelsea Felske launched the Stonewall Dragon Hunt after Michael spotted a Facebook post from someone in the U.S. doing something similar.

"I thought it would be a neat idea and hoped it would get kids out and working together too," he said.

Since then, the couple — often with their children in tow — has made and hidden nearly 300 dragons around town.

"Me and my wife make them mostly ourselves, and she helps when I'm away for work," Felske said. "Then we go out and hide them with the kids."

Community member Becky also pitched in during Quarry Days, creating and hiding a few dragons of her own.

The hunt quickly grew into something bigger than Felske expected.

"I was thinking it would be a few times and be done with it or when I had leftovers to make them," he said.

Instead, families eagerly followed along online, waiting for posts announcing when new dragons had been hidden. Parents have told him their kids couldn't wait to head outdoors.

One of the most memorable moments came when the family hid the first large dragon on a rainy day.

"We got asked to hold off, but the kids said, 'Let's go.' The family that found it told us they would normal-



A 3-D printed dragon peeks out from a Stonewall garden, waiting to be found by young hunters.



Kylan Vandekerkhove with a dragon he found at Helen Montgomery Park in Stonewall.

ly just stay inside, but that day they went out, got wet and used their rain jackets," Felske recalled. "That's what makes it special — seeing families get outside together."

The hunt even inspired a small fundraiser. After helping organize a



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Joselynn and Jasmine proudly show off one of the colourful dragons they hid during the Stonewall Dragon Hunt this summer.

daycare hunt, a supporter decided to raise \$100 to keep the activity going.

"She was just going to give away a little dragon, so we donated the big one to help her out," Felske said.

Felske said the plan is to continue the dragon hunt for as long as the community shows interest. He's already thinking about introducing something new next year to keep it fresh. For those who want to pitch in, he welcomes help.

"If others want to help and they've got a printer, I can send them the file," he said. "Or they can donate filament in their favourite colour and we'll use it for the hunt."

In nearby Teulon, Krystal Brennan, a cousin of Chelsea Felske, took the idea in a prehistoric direction with her Dinosaur Hunt. Inspired by the success of the Stonewall dragons, she teamed up with her "dinosaur helper" Gary Smaldon to begin hiding toys around town.

"When I first started this, I thought,



OK, I'll get 40 dinosaurs from Chelsea and Michael and I'd make a Facebook page called the Teulon Dinosaur Hunters," Brennan said. "I went out and hid 20 dinosaurs the first night, and the next day all 20 were gone."

With demand outpacing supply, Brennan invested in a 3D printer so she could produce enough dinosaurs to keep the game alive. By the end of summer, she had hidden about 400 dinosaurs — usually between 20 and 30 a night.

The response from families has been

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overwhelming.

"Parents message me and tell me how very happy their kids are going on a dinosaur hunt before going to daycare," Brennan said. "The parents enjoy it just as much as the kids do. The mayor of Teulon even sent me a message telling me how wonderful this is for the community."

She said she often sits in town just to watch children discover the hidden dinosaurs.

"The smiles on their faces put a smile on our faces. They are so excited, jumping up and down."

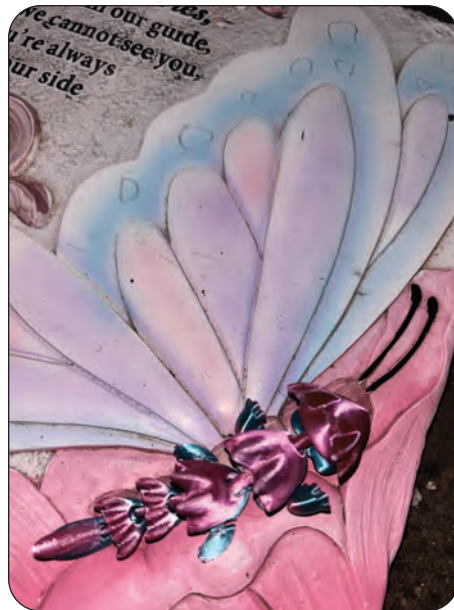
Brennan balances the project with her shift-work schedule but says the joy it brings to kids makes it worth the effort. She plans to continue hiding dinosaurs as long as the weather allows, then shift to seasonal hunts through the winter — starting with a Halloween-themed week in late October.

Her main goal, she said, is simple: to bring people outside together.

"Everybody enjoys it, and everybody gets out into the community," she said.

For families new to the activity, Brennan encourages them to join the Facebook page and get involved.

"The object of the game is we, the Dinosaur Hiders, go out and hide dinosaurs, then the Dinosaur Hunters go out and look for dinosaurs. Absolutely, find one or two, take them



home, keep a treasure you found. But if you find multiples, I would love if kids and adults got into the game and re-hid dinosaurs. Keep the game going."

The Town of Stonewall publicly thanked the organizers online, noting how the creativity and effort helped bring residents together. Comments from parents echoed the sentiment, with many saying the hunts created lasting memories for both kids and adults.

As dragons and dinosaurs continue to roam Stonewall and Teulon, the organizers hope the hunts will remain a summer tradition — blending adventure, imagination and community spirit.

## > LOSSES, FROM PG. 11

lake has been super receptive to us. It's amazing how far people come to buy our produce."

The Melnychuks are already planning for next season. They hope to build a high-tunnel greenhouse to start pumpkins earlier, move up seeding dates and expand to nearly five acres of strawberries.

"This was our first major year of production and I still feel optimistic," Melnychuk said. "You can't really learn to deal with challenges unless you face them. At the end of the

day, farming is farming — no matter what we grow, we are at the mercy of Mother Nature. That's where being a close-knit community really helps, sharing experiences to make us resilient. Stay positive. There's always next year."

For news, updates and to see when and how to purchase their pumpkins, gourds or other produce, follow them on Instagram [stoneycacrefarms](#) or Facebook [@stoneycacrefarms](#)

# Win tickets to Ikons of Rock!

By Lana Meier

Stonewall's own Darren Moore is bringing his Las Vegas-based band Ikons of Rock back to Manitoba for a Canadian tour stop at Winnipeg's Centennial Concert Hall on Sept. 29.

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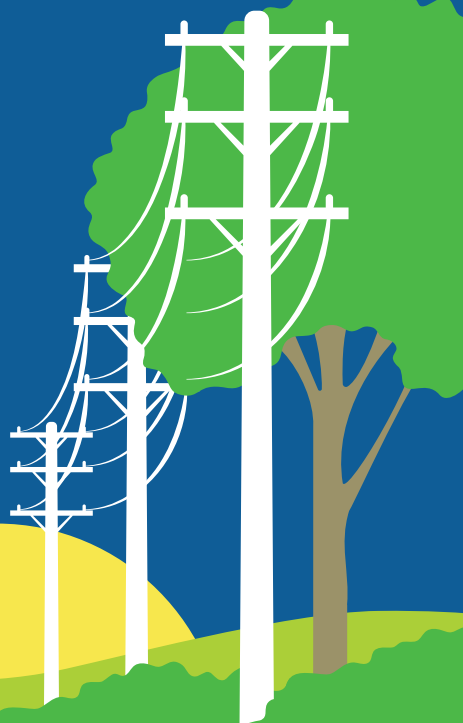
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# Your FARM



## Manitoba farmers compete for national sustainability award

By Lana Meier

When you manage more than 20,000 acres of prairie, your biggest business partner is the soil beneath your feet.

Clayton and Shauna Breault have built their ranch around regenerative practices that have tripled soil organic matter, supported biodiversity and kept their cattle healthy.

The Breaults were recently recognized by Manitoba Beef Producers as the provincial Environmental Stewardship Award (TESA) recipients for their commitment to environmental conservation and sustainable ranching.

"The award recipients show the variety of beef production systems that thrive across Canada," said Jessica Davey of the Canadian Cattle Association. "What sets the Breaults apart is the sheer scale of their herd and grasslands, and their ability to remain sustainable by applying regenerative practices with measurable results."

The couple raised cattle in southern Saskatchewan before purchasing the home of Breault Ranches Ltd. in Manitoba in 2002. As first-generation farmers, they built their own beef herd from the ground up. Today, they manage 4,300 head of cattle, including 2,500 breeding females — 1,800 cows and 700 heifers — on a ranch that spans 22,000 acres of pastureland.



Clayton and Shauna Breault

They also operate a feedlot south of the home ranch with cropland dedicated to producing winter feed.

At the heart of their approach is soil health, which they believe is the foundation of their operation and the key to its long-term success. Over time, they have roughly tripled their soil organic matter, a major improvement that enhances both soil fertility and carbon storage.

"When you run an operation of this size you have to work with nature, because at this scale you cannot work against it," said Clayton. "We've learned over the years that when you work against Mother Nature it drastically increases the challenges."

Rotational grazing is a cornerstone



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Cattle graze in one of the 137 pastures at Breault Ranches Ltd., where Clayton and Shauna Breault use rotational grazing to improve soil health, biodiversity and herd sustainability.

of their system. Cattle are moved through 137 pastures in 11 groups, a highly managed approach designed to mimic the natural movement of keystone grazers like bison. This allows grass to rest and regrow, improving plant health, soil structure and overall biodiversity.

"We are most proud of the increase

of plant diversity on our pastures, as well as the wildlife, insects and birds," said Shauna. "The rapid improvement of organic matter in the soil gives us more structure, water infiltration and water holding capacity. That helps during drought or excessive moisture, keeps water from running into rivers and streams, and stores carbon in the soil."

Over the past two decades, the Breaults have applied six key principles of regenerative agriculture:

- Context – understanding local climate, soil types and natural resources.
- Minimize disturbance – avoiding tillage and chemical inputs.
- Armour the soil – keeping the ground covered with living plants or crop residue.
- Diversity – encouraging a wide range of plant and animal species.
- Keep living roots in the soil – maintaining green cover to support nutrient cycling.
- Livestock integration – using animals strategically to improve soil health.

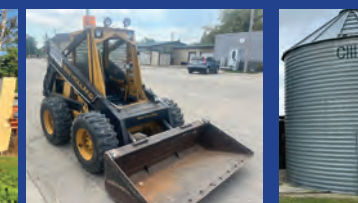
They have also moved away from monoculture crops in favour of diverse polycrop blends, sometimes planting up to 14 different species.

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# Your FARM



## Rare crossbreed reunites Crawford brothers with a one-of-a-kind animal

By Lana Meier

A pair of Manitoba brothers stumbled across a remarkable animal this summer — one they had last seen a decade ago under extraordinary circumstances.

Ten years ago, Ken and Don Crawford were visiting a Hereford cattle operation in Alberta when they heard the story of an unusual birth. A bull buffalo had escaped its enclosure and found its way into a Hereford pasture. In that single day, it bred with a cow.

Months later, the cow struggled during calving, prompting the rancher to call in a veterinarian. A caesarean section was performed, and a very large calf — half buffalo, half Hereford — was delivered.

"It was incredible to see," said Ken Crawford. "Nobody expected the calf would even survive."

Because of genetic differences between the two species, calves like this are almost always sterile and cannot be used for breeding. For that reason, many are kept as novelties or raised for meat rather than as herd animals.

Fast-forward a decade, and the brothers were back in central Alberta, seeking directions to another farm when they noticed an unusually large animal standing in a pasture. Curious, they asked a rancher friend about it the following day.

"He just laughed and said, 'I know exactly which one you mean,'" recalled Don Crawford.

The rancher took them out on a side-by-side to the pasture, where they came face to face with the same calf they had first encountered years earlier. Now fully grown, the rare crossbreed tips the scales at about 2,500 pounds.



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY KEN CRAWFORD

Ken and Don Crawford of Argyle were reunited this summer with a rare buffalo-Hereford cross they first saw as a calf 10 years ago in central Alberta. Now fully grown at about 2,500 pounds, the sterile hybrid has been kept by a rancher as a pet.

What are the odds, the Crawfords mused, of meeting the animal again after so many years — not only alive and thriving, but kept as a kind of pet?

"It was just one of those once-in-a-lifetime things," Ken said. "To see it again all grown up

— you couldn't script a story like that."

### WHAT IS A BUFFALO-CATTLE HYBRID?

Buffalo-cattle hybrids, sometimes known as

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# Stony Mountain volunteer recognized for 20 years of service

By Jo-Anne Procter

Community spirit thrives in Stony Mountain, and at the heart of it is Marcia Desmedt. She was recently honoured during the final community concert of the season at Bison Stage on Sept. 14 for more than two decades of service with the Stony Mountain Community Association (SMCA).

Dave Van Heyst, a longtime SMCA member, introduced Desmedt with warmth, describing her as a familiar face whose commitment to the community is unmatched.

"Marcia has led with vision, compassion and an unwavering commitment to Stony Mountain," he said. "She has poured her heart into every initiative and project that strengthens the community. Her leadership shines through in countless ways, from organizing events to supporting local causes."

Desmedt's journey with the SMCA began 20 years ago as part of a grassroots street party initiative led by Greg Popoff to bring neighbours together. That gathering later evolved into the SMCA in 2007, with Desmedt playing a crucial role in its growth.

Over the years, she has inspired others to contribute, and her influence can be found in events and initiatives that have enriched lives across Stony Mountain.

Eight years ago, she stepped into the role of SMCA president, bringing fresh energy and vision. She has helped organize family festivals, Canada Day celebrations and Stony Mountain's Remembrance Day service. She has also championed youth sports and adult recreation programs, while her insight and hard work have contributed to improvements in community infrastructure.

Van Heyst said each initiative under Desmedt's leadership has helped strengthen the community fabric.



Families enjoyed the final outdoor concert of the season at the Bison Stage in Stony Mountain on Sept. 14. Pictured left to right: Kyle, Graylynn and Meagan Lundale, and Charlene and Murray McRae.

"Marcia, your work has touched every corner of this community — from the bandstand, parks and trails we enjoy, to the sense of connection we feel," he said. "You've helped build not just programs and events but a true sense of belonging."

Desmedt said she was touched and surprised by the recognition.

"I appreciate this so, so much," she said. "This is an incredible team to work with. Being on this committee is being part of an incredible group of people that all take turns running and organizing things — and you learn and you grow. To me this is the best part of living in Stony Mountain, being part of this group and providing for you. When you attend and participate in events like this, it means the world to us."

The inscription on her award reads: "In recognition of your outstanding contributions to our community and the SMCA. Your tireless efforts and volunteering over the last 20+ years have created a positive impact in Stony Mountain. Thank you for your dedication."



TRIBUNE PHOTOS BY JO-ANNE PROCTER

Marcia Desmedt, centre, was honoured for more than 20 years of volunteer service with the Stony Mountain Community Association during the final concert of the season at Bison Stage on Sept. 14.



The band Crush performed the final outdoor concert of the season at the Bison Stage in Stony Mountain on Sept. 14.

## > FOLK ROOTS, FROM PG. 4

that would come along as well."

The song that marked her return — I Didn't Think to Tell Him — became her first single and is now available on streaming platforms.

"It's the song I wrote to my dad that started me back in music," Isaac said.

That return coincided with her time as lead singer of The Night Warblers, a group that helped her regain confidence as a songwriter.

"Working with the Night Warblers felt like a return to music as play," she said. "Having people take my creative endeavours seriously has helped me take myself more seriously."

Now based in Edmonton, Isaac is focused

on her solo career, bringing her multi-instrumentalist skills and rich vocals to new audiences.

"As I continued writing songs, I realized they all fit together in a way that made me want to make an album of my own," she said. "Working as a solo artist means I can more easily take this show on the road."

She's already planning performances in Saskatchewan and Manitoba, including festival and venue dates in the Interlake. Recording new material is also on the horizon.

"When I listen to music where I know the musician is speaking their truth, I feel like I'm brought more in touch with my own humanity," Isaac said. "It's a tall order, but I hope that in some way my music can do the same for others."

## > CROSSBREED, FROM PG. 19

"beefalo" or "cattalo," are rare crossbreeds resulting from a mating between a buffalo and domestic cattle.

While ranchers in North America experimented with creating hybrids in the late 1800s and early 1900s in hopes of producing a hardier animal with good beef qualities, natural occurrences remain uncommon.

Hybrids typically inherit the size and strength of a buffalo along with the temperament and beef traits of cattle. Mature bulls can weigh well over 2,000 pounds.

Because of genetic incompatibility, most hybrids are born sterile and cannot reproduce, limiting their long-term use in breeding programs.

Though some commercial herds of beefalo exist in Canada and the United States, most accidental hybrids are one-off stories that spark local fascination — much like the Crawford brothers' chance reunion.



# The 6th Annual Stonewall-Headingley Community Golf Tournament Committee

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## United capture postseason berth with thrilling victory in season finale

By Kieran Reimer

The wait is officially over.

After a stressful final few weeks of the Manitoba Major Soccer League Division 3A regular season, Stonewall United officially clinched a postseason berth on Sunday.

It came down to the final minutes of the final regular-season match for United, who were taking on the 10th-place Hanover Sting at Stonewall Veterans Memorial Sports Complex.

United went up early off a set-up play from Chris Dobson that reached Kevin Penner, the eventual goal scorer.

Leading 1-nil at the half, United were unable to break open the scoring as they had in their previous meeting with Hanover — a 6-1 win the week before.

It remained a one-goal contest deep into the match until David Deroche finally provided the insurance marker.

Deroche's tally sealed a 2-nil victory and a playoff spot for United.

"A lot of control, a lot of good plays by a lot of different players, we just weren't burying them," said United's Matt Olnick on Monday. "Their goalie was making some saves, but I'm still happy with the effort front to back. I feel like we had a really good game, a complete game, which

was good to see at this time of the year."

United ends the regular season on a four-game winning streak and will be one of the hottest clubs when the playoffs kick off Thursday, Sept. 25.

Had it not been for that string of victories, United would likely be hanging up their cleats as Elmwood and 313FC were also battling for a playoff spot.

Instead, United did what they needed to do and now enter the postseason brimming with confidence.

"We've got a lot of guys clicking, a lot of guys playing really well right now, and we want to continue that momentum and carry it into the playoffs," said Olnick. "We're excited for the test and whoever we might face, but the way we're playing right now we feel like we can beat anybody."

Playoff matchups are still to be determined, but United do know they will get a week off before the action begins.

They will then play Thursday, Sept. 25 in one of two round-one matches that evening, with the winners advancing to the semifinals.

All Div. 3A round-one matches will take place at Ralph Cantafio Soccer Complex in Winnipeg.



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Chris Hunter takes air to push past a Hanover player in his team's 2-0 victory over the Hanover Sting in Stonewall Sept. 14.

## Warren Mercs tee up annual golf tournament

By Lana Meier

The Warren Mercurys senior hockey club is set to hit the links later this month for its annual fundraising golf tournament.

The event takes place Saturday, Sept. 27 at Teulon Golf Course with a 12 p.m. shotgun start. Teams of four can

enter for \$500, which includes dinner. Golfers will also have the chance to compete for various prizes, take part in a putt-to-win contest and a 50/50 draw.

To register, contact Drake Lindsay at 204-513-0056 or Braydon MacDonald at 204-461-3631.

## Juventus preparing for must-win season finale

By Kieran Reimer

The Manitoba Major Soccer League Division 2 playoff picture is still far from settled.

With just one week left in the regular season, three clubs remain in contention for the two remaining post-season berths.

Stonewall's CSSE Juventus are among the three but hold the least leverage heading into the final stretch. Juventus sit seventh, two points back of Scorpions FC and three behind the Kildonan Cavaliers, who currently occupy the last two playoff spots.

All three clubs have only one match left. Juventus face the winless Winnipeg B FC on Thursday at Shaughnessy Park Field, while Scorpions meet third-place FC IPAC-Ukraine the same night, and Kildonan take on eighth-place FCNWNexGen earlier in

the week on Tuesday.

For Juventus, the requirement is straightforward: win to keep their hopes alive. A loss would end their playoff chances.

They will also be playing on turf for the first time this season at Shaughnessy, something head coach Chico Andrade said his squad will need to adjust to.

On paper, Juventus have the advantage in their matchup. But with losses in four of their past five outings, nothing is guaranteed.

Andrade said his veterans will lean on past experiences in high-pressure matches.

"We have quite a bit of players that have been through it," said Andrade. "The younger kids might feel the pressure, but the older kids with the experience we have, plus they know

that the other teams are playing first- and second-place teams, so you just have to play the game.

"We were telling the young kids the other day, 'When you receive the ball, just think of the first thing you've got to do. Where are you going to put the ball? Relax, breathe, and then play, as opposed to getting to the ball, it runs somewhere, and it goes right to the other player. You don't want those. Be calm, be patient, and if you make a mistake, it's OK. We're going to figure out what happened, but don't dwell on it.'"

Last week Juventus went 0-1-1, earning a 2-2 draw with Kildonan on Wednesday before falling 5-1 to second-place Hanover Kickers on Saturday.

Against Kildonan, goals from Danila Shakhov and Dylan Andrade helped

Juventus secure a single point at Buhler Recreation Park.

Offence and defence proved harder to find against Hanover, with Jordan Goetting netting their lone goal in the lopsided loss at Steinbach.

Despite the scoreline, Andrade said there were positives to take away.

"We played super well," he said. "The result does not show how well they played, so that's kind of how I'm looking at it."

While a win last week would have provided a huge boost to their playoff chances, the team's focus is now firmly on Thursday's must-win contest.

The clubs last met in July, when Juventus edged Winnipeg B FC 2-1 at Veterans Memorial Sports Complex.

Kickoff for Thursday's rematch is set for 7:30 p.m. at Shaughnessy.



# Rams sweep Zone 5 golf banners for second straight year

By Lana Meier

Collège Stonewall Collegiate golfers delivered another dominant performance at the Manitoba High School Athletic Association Zone 5 championship on Sept. 10, sweeping both the senior girls and senior boys banners for the second year in a row.

The Rams showed consistency and composure on the challenging Hecla Golf Course layout, continuing a program tradition that has become one of the strongest in the province.

"It's always nice to represent your school well and to come out and play well enough to get both banners again," said the coach. "These kids play a lot of golf all summer and it's nice to see it shine in competition."

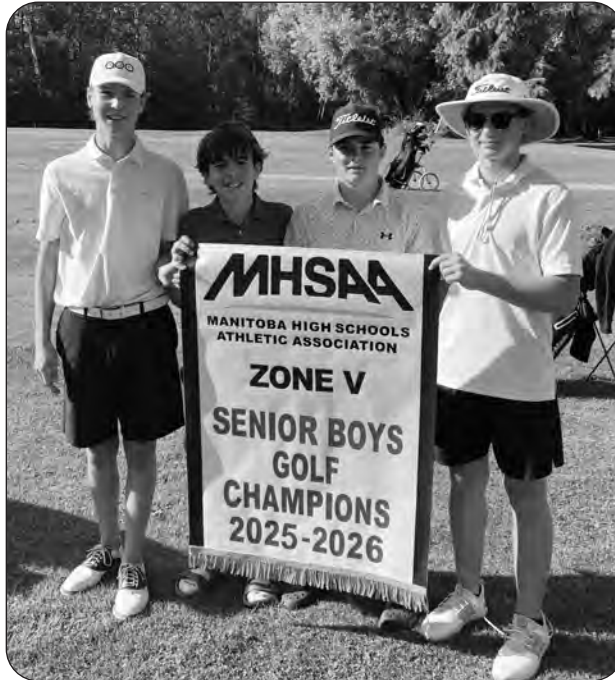
Preparation for the zone championship focused on more than just swings and scores. With Hecla known for tricky conditions, the team emphasized the mental side of the game.

"Prior to the round we talked a lot about the mental toughness required to play a complete round of golf, especially at a course we aren't super familiar with," the coach said. "It can be easy to lose focus or let a few bad shots get the best of you, so we focused a lot on the mental side going into zones."

Among the highlights was Grade 11 golfer Reese Fidler, who finished as the lowest-scoring girl in Zone 5. It was the second straight year a Ram held that title, after Jordyn Chetyrbok's top finish in 2024. Fidler and Chetyrbok, along with teammates Keira Pattie and Olivia Potter, combined to capture the senior girls banner for Stonewall.

On the boys' side, all four Rams — Reese James, Carter McClintock, Nick Turner and Alec Harrisko — fired rounds in the low 80s, a feat that underscored the team's depth.

"We had our lowest-scoring boy hammer his first drive of the day into the woods, and then come back to finish with a score of 80," the coach said.



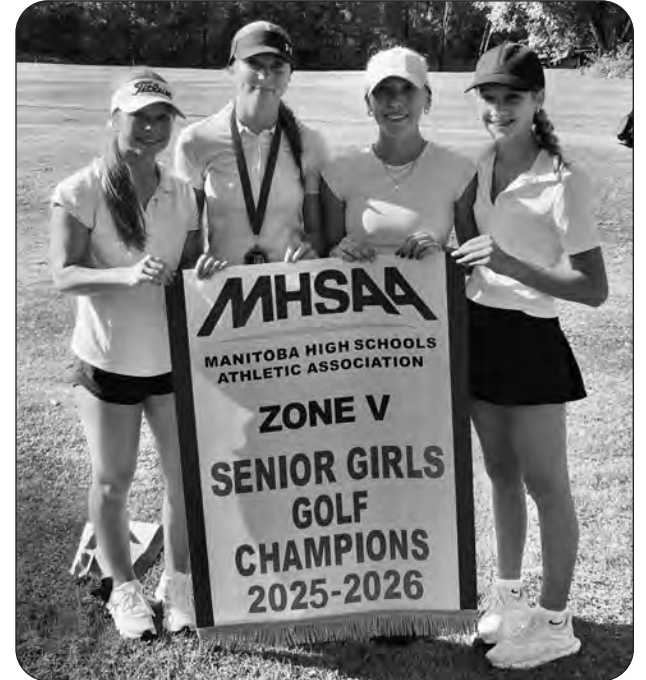
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Collège Stonewall Collegiate's boys golf team — Reese James, Carter McClintock, Nick Turner and Alec Harrisko — combined for consistent rounds in the low 80s to capture the senior boys banner at the MHSAA Zone 5 championship Sept. 10 at Hecla Golf Course.

"That shows a lot of resilience and mental toughness to trust his game and stick to a plan even after a bad first tee shot in front of a crowd of people. We also had two boy rookies both put up an 82. Just a very impressive all-round game from both."

With the girls' roster still young, the Rams are hoping this experience fuels future success.

"Our girl's team is very young so hopefully they can use the experience to continue to do well at these competitions and build their game," said the coach. "And hopefully their success leads to us get-



Collège Stonewall Collegiate's girls golf team — Jordyn Chetyrbok, Reese Fidler, Keira Pattie and Olivia Potter — repeated as senior girls champions at the MHSAA Zone 5 championship Sept. 10 at Hecla Golf Course, highlighted by Fidler finishing as the event's low girl.

ting more girls involved in golf. The boy's team has been strong for a few years and this group in particular has their sights set on sticking together and competing harder than ever at provincials."

Another local highlight came from Warren Collegiate's Jonathan Gilmore, who carded a 79 to finish as the lowest-scoring boy in the field. His steady round showed that Zone 5 remains deep with individual talent beyond the team banners.

MHSAA provincials will be held in Oak Lake on Sept. 19.

## Varsity Thunder: Group effort leads to week two blowout over Sabres

By Kieran Reimer

The Varsity Interlake Thunder continue to flex their muscles early in the Rural Manitoba Football League season.

On Sunday, the Thunder faced two questions: whether they would beat the Southwest Sabres to improve to 2-0 on the season, and whether starting quarterback Jessie Batenchuk would be back sling-ing following an injury in their week one victory.

Both were answered in the week two matchup as the Gimli product threw for 197 yards and four touchdowns in his return, and the Thunder claimed a 55-13 victory on the road at Souris School.

The Thunder struck early with touchdowns on their opening two drives. After extending their lead ahead of the second quarter, they were able to coast through the remainder of the game with nearly their entire roster seeing action.

Usual offensive suspects AJ Nadon and Jamie Dandeneau got much of the game off after both found the end zone to help the Thunder's cause. Kicker/defensive back Mario La Pierre turned out to be one of the busier Thunder players that evening, going seven-for-eight on extra points.

Head coach Christof Hasselfield highlighted the

play of Grade 12 middle linebacker Cooper Ponton for setting the tone on defence, helping the Thunder set a new season-best for points against.

"The biggest takeaway from the first two weeks is that we've started fast both weeks, which is phenomenal because that's something we've struggled with in the past — coming out looking crisp and executing," Hasselfield said Monday. "To start the year like that is very promising for sure."

At this time last year, the Thunder sat 1-1 in a shorter RMFL Urban Division season, which they went on to finish 2-2 in the regular season.

Through just two games this year, they are sharing first place in an eight-team RMFL Doug Steeves Division — a position they plan to maintain.

"We won on the scoreboard. Any win is a good win, but there were definitely lots of things we need to work on going forward," Hasselfield said.

He added they will be working more on their physicality and run game this week, two areas that will be more important when their schedule hits October.

On Sunday, Hasselfield and staff also got another glimpse into the program's future beyond this season with another strong showing from Grade 10

quarterback Colten Leger.

Leger stepped in for the second straight week — this time not because of injuries, but rather the lead Batenchuk and the offence had built.

He threw for a touchdown and went four-for-five for 51 yards during his snaps.

It was also a big evening for Grade 11 rookie Kaiden Reimer, who scored his first career receiving touchdown.

The Thunder receiver finished with 51 yards over four receptions and added three tackles on kickoffs — a standout performance in the eyes of Hasselfield.

"He really took the opportunity that was given to him this week with us getting up big early," Hasselfield said. "I think he earned himself some extra playing time going forward based on the effort and results of what he did out there, so I was very impressed with him."

The Thunder now look ahead to week three as they return to Stonewall for the first Saturday game of the season against the Swan Valley Tigers.

Kickoff is slated for noon at Collège Stonewall Collegiate Field as the Thunder look to extend their winning streak to three games.



# No Shot Racing draws riders to Oak Point for mud and grass drags

By Lana Meier

Quad engines roared and mud flew as No Shot Racing hosted its second Oak Point Mud and Grass Drags Sept. 5 and 6, drawing racers, families and fans to the lakeside community for two days of head-to-head action.

The event featured grass drags on Friday and mud races on Saturday, with competitors ranging from youth riders to seasoned open-class veterans. Jayden Allary, who co-hosted the event with his brother Bryce, said the team's goal was simple: to share the sport they love while building a tradition in Oak Point.

"Our main goal hosting the event is to have our friends and family come and enjoy the sport we love as well as add to the list of events we already attend and give an opportunity for other race teams to compete," Allary said.

Preparation for the weekend began long before the first quad hit the oval track. Allary credited volunteers and sponsors, particularly Waasa Indigenous Services, for supplying equipment and operators to shape a competitive course.

"Without the track we wouldn't be able to race, so the volunteers and sponsors definitely helped us get the track in the right condition," he said.

Unlike most race weekends, Oak Point's event included both grass and mud racing — something Allary hopes will help attract newcomers.

"We are one of the few events that do grass drags, so I feel like that's a unique way that will get more people involved, because not everyone wants to race on the mud track," he said.

Racing was organized in brackets, with riders matched head-to-head in single-knockout heats across about a dozen classes, divided by engine size from youth quads to the high-powered open class. The oval track required two laps to decide each winner, usually with two or three quads running side-by-side. Speeds reached up to 110 km/h on the grass and 75 km/h in the mud, with water depths ranging from eight inches to 2.5 feet. Trophies were handed out to the top



Rogan Pozernick of Poz Boys Racing powers through the course.

three in each class — about 36 in total — and entry fees were paid back out as prize money.

"The open class is the biggest and most sought after to compete in and watch," Allary said. "It has the fastest and most expensive quads, so that makes it the most interesting."

Attendance was smaller than at some other races across the province, but organizers see that as room to grow. Free camping and a live band rounded out the weekend as No Shot Racing worked to make the Oak Point event as much a community gathering as a competition.

"Our races in Oak Point are a little smaller compared to others that we have been to, but this is why we are putting it out there that we want to grow our event into more than just races," Allary said. "Hopefully in the coming years we can grow it into an event that people look forward to every year."

Youth classes, he added, remain the heart of the sport.

"The most loyal group of racers that we have are the youth classes, which in my opinion are the future of our sport," Allary said.

Looking ahead, No Shot Racing plans to expand to two events in 2026 — one in early summer and another in the fall.

"We have already started planning for next year," Allary said. "We hope to see everyone there."

If interested you can follow their Facebook page No Shot Racing.



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Brothers Bryce (left) and Jayden Allary of No Shot Racing co-hosted the Oak Point event.



Stephan Weibe of No Shot Racing (left) and Gyn Sinclair of Heartbreaker Racing fly off the line.



Dominic Abbors of Team Not Normal (left) and Austin Courchene of CPS Racing battle in the mud during the Oak Point Mud and Grass Drags.



No Shot Racing co-hosts Bryce Allary (left) and Stephan Weibe (right) with youth winners, with youth winners, Where's the Finish Racing's Leo Michaleski and Team DGR's Remy Dinwoodie.



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These blends provide a more balanced and nutrient-rich diet for cattle while improving soil biology. The shift has led to healthier animals, reduced disease and improved environmental outcomes, including increased songbird populations and more beneficial insects.

"The most rewarding part has been seeing the overall health of both soil and cattle improve, along with the increase of wildlife, insects and birds," said Clayton. "The hardest part was getting everything to work together. There are a lot of different pieces that have to fall into place."

The Breaults say they've even spotted endangered bird species on their land, a sign that their efforts are creat-

ing real ecological change.

As first-generation ranchers, they also hope to inspire others. "Don't be afraid to ask questions," Shauna said. "Use resources like Manitoba Forage and Grasslands, Understanding Ag, tours, podcasts, and find a mentor. Learn and follow the six soil health principles."

Asked how they balance profitability with their environmental goals, Clayton said it comes back to letting nature lead: "By working in sync with nature, you cut down on crop inputs, and in the long run that leads to healthier plants, healthier cattle and healthier people."

Receiving the provincial TESA has also been affirming.

"It's shown us we're on the right track," Shauna said. "We'll continue

**The Stonewall Teulon Tribune** to practise regenerative agriculture because we've seen large benefits within our soil and cattle health."

And for those still on the fence about whether to make the leap, Clayton is blunt: "Just go for it. You are improving the environment, livestock, human health and your bottom line. It's a win-win for everyone."

Davey added that Manitoba beef producers are leaders in sustainability, preserving endangered grasslands while producing high-quality beef.

"Ranchers like the Breaults provide benefits well beyond their operations, ensuring healthy ecosystems for future generations and earning the trust of consumers," Davey said.

Each year, provincial TESA winners vie for the national award, a partnership initiative between the Canadi-

an Cattle Association, Birds Canada, Ducks Unlimited Canada and the Canadian Roundtable for Sustainable Beef. This fall, the Breaults will join six other provincial nominees in competing for the 2025 national title.

While the award has been presented for more than 26 years, recent years have brought growing recognition of the positive role beef cattle can play in the environment. A national survey conducted in July 2025 found 80 per cent of Manitobans agree beef is an environmentally friendly food choice — among the highest rates in Canada and up seven points since 2023.

The Breaults' commitment to soil health, biodiversity and herd management has created a ranching operation that works with nature, not against it.

# get inspired

> MEAL IDEAS



RED RIVER CO-OP FOOD STORE

## Pumpkin Pie Kefir Smoothie

peptides

- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 teaspoon pumpkin pie spice
- 1/4 cup ice
- ground cinnamon, to taste

In high-speed blender, blend banana, pumpkin puree, 1 cup vanilla kefir, collagen peptides, vanilla, pumpkin pie spice and ice until smooth.

In glass, add drizzle of additional vanilla kefir then layer smoothie on top. Sprinkle with ground cinnamon, to taste.

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- 1/2 frozen banana
- 3 tablespoons pumpkin puree
- 1 cup Maple Hill Creamery Vanilla Kefir, plus additional for serving
- 20 grams unflavored collagen

## Thai Lime Chicken Salad

Servings: 4

- 4 stalks Dandy Celery, sliced on bias
- 1 cucumber, split, seeded and sliced on bias
- 2 carrots, peeled and julienned
- 2 cups Jasmine rice, cooked and cooled slightly
- 1 bunch scallions, green section finely chopped and white ends julienned
- 2 cups poached chicken breast, shredded
- 3 tablespoons avocado seed oil
- 3 tablespoons rice vinegar
- 1 tablespoon palm sugar
- 2 tablespoons toasted sesame oil
- 2 tablespoons lime juice

- 2 tablespoons tamari
- 1 tablespoon fish sauce
- 1/2 teaspoon crushed chili flakes (optional)
- salt, to taste
- pepper, to taste
- 1 cup roasted peanuts or cashews, crushed
- 1 cup fresh cilantro sprigs
- 4 lime wedges

In medium bowl, combine celery, cucumbers, carrots, cooked rice, scallions and shredded chicken.

In another bowl, whisk avocado seed oil, rice vinegar, palm sugar, sesame oil, lime juice, tamari, fish sauce and chili flakes, if desired, until sugar is dissolved. Adjust seasoning with salt and pepper, to taste.

Pour mixture over celery and shredded chicken mixture; toss to mix.

To serve, portion out salad and top with crushed nuts, cilantro sprigs and lime wedges.

## What makes weight loss so challenging for some people?

By Fitness Expert Julie Germaine Coram

After I stepped away from training competitive athletes for fitness contests, it seemed nearly every client who walked through my door had the same goal: weight loss. It's common to struggle to shed fat—especially around the midsection—and research shows it can be more difficult for some people than for others.

Fair or not, genetics plays a major role in body composition and response to food. Some genes are linked to a higher risk of obesity, while others affect fat storage, appetite or metabolic health. Age is another factor you can't control; it influences the rate at which your body converts food into energy (your metabolism). Hormonal imbalances can slow metabolism and lead to weight gain. So can alcohol use, stress, poor sleep and chronic inactivity.

Rather than feel discouraged about what you can't control, use this information as motivation to focus on what you can—your nutrition. Working with an expert can help you identify the dietary choices that support your individual goals.

Regular exercise and healthy daily habits also make weight loss easier. If behaviour change has such impact, it's a no-brainer to build movement into your routine. Environment matters too, but Manitoba offers plenty of options—great hiking trails and fun indoor classes



Fitness Expert Julie Germaine Coram

for all fitness levels. If you're navigating other barriers, such as limited access to healthy food or a tight budget, ask for help. Two brains are better than one when it comes to finding creative ways to get fit and break through plateaus.

Discuss your health goals or fitness challenges by booking a free online consultation: [www.calendly.com/juliegermaine](http://www.calendly.com/juliegermaine), or email me at [julie@juliegermaine.com](mailto:julie@juliegermaine.com).

Coach Julie Germaine Coram is dedicated to lifelong health. She is an active mom, a registered personal trainer, a two-time pro fitness champion, and a certified nutrition expert and fitness specialist. She has helped thousands worldwide improve their health since 2005.



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Dated at Teulon, Manitoba this 17th day of September 2025.

Chief Administrative Officer  
Chris Yuen  
Town of Teulon



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-Love Joan and Marion

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You are invited to join us  
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All the best Alan

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Clayton Frederick Tully

June 24, 1983 - September 19, 2000

Those we love don't go away,  
They walk beside us every day;  
Unseen, unheard but always near,  
Still loved, still missed and very dear.  
We will miss you always.  
We will love you forever.  
As long as we live.  
-Love Mom, Garrett, Elaine, Sierra, Wyatt  
Elliott, Grace, Brooklyn and Eli

IN MEMORIAM



Brian Roche

December 24, 1938 - September 11, 2023

husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather  
Dad we were so lucky to have had your love and guidance in our lives.  
We will always carry your memory in our hearts forever.  
Hope you are having a walk among the angels.  
-Love you forever  
Jeanette and family



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## IN MEMORIAM



**Fred Taplin**

**December 16, 1930 – September 17, 2024**

Missing you every day.  
Our lives go on without you,  
But nothing is the same;  
We have to hide our heartache,  
When someone speaks your name.  
Sad are the hearts that love you,  
Silent are the tears that fall;  
Living here without you,  
Is the hardest part of all.  
You did so many things for us,  
Your heart was kind and true;  
And when we needed someone,  
We could always count on you.  
The special years will not return,  
When we were all together;  
But with the love within our hearts,  
You walk with us forever.

-In loving memory  
Elaine and your family

## IN MEMORIAM



**Dylan Colby Karlenzig**

**February 28, 1993 – September 16, 2024**

If tears could build a stairway to heaven  
We would run straight up and bring you back again.

-Luv your family  
Forever Always

## IN MEMORIAM



**Judith Marlene Willey**

**In loving memory of  
my wife, our mother and grandmother  
who passed away  
September 22, 2017**

Remembering you is easy,  
We do it every day;  
But missing you is the heartache,  
That never goes away.  
If memories bring us closer,  
We are never far apart;  
For you are always in our thoughts,  
And forever in our hearts.

-Always loved and deeply missed by  
her husband Blaine,  
children Damon, Karl, Ryan and Christine,  
and grandchildren Nathan and Keira

## IN MEMORIAM



**Shirley Fleury**

**October 4, 1952 – September 14, 2009**

Letter to my wife and mom  
in heaven

They say there is a reason,  
They say time will heal;  
Neither time or reason,  
Will change the way we feel.  
Gone are the days we used to share,  
But in our heart's you are always there.  
The gates of memories will never close,  
We miss you more than anybody knows.  
Love and miss you every day.  
Till we meet again.

Always and forever.

-Love Carl,  
Melissa, Melanie, Michael  
and families

## OBITUARY

**Lorraine Ann Berard**

Peacefully on September 8, 2025 Lorraine (Gma) passed away at the age of 85.

In accordance with Lorraine's wishes no funeral service will be held. A private interment at Chapel Lawn, Winnipeg, will be held at a later date.



## OBITUARY

**Lori Jennifer Siwak (Brandstrom)**  
**November 6, 1972 to September 7, 2025**

With profound sadness and broken hearts, we announce that Lori passed away on September 7, surrounded by her loved ones. She fought cancer with courage and determination.

She leaves to mourn her beloved husband, Terry, who loves her beyond words and cannot imagine life without her, and her cherished daughter, Kassie, to whom she was not only a devoted mother but also a best friend. Their family was filled with love, laughter, and adventure, which Lori treasured endlessly.

Lori was born on November 6, 1972 in Eriksdale to her parents, Neil and Anna Brandstrom. She grew up in Eriksdale as a friendly, bubbly child whose outgoing nature carried throughout her life. She loved sports, the outdoors, and time with her friends and family.



Later, Lori moved to Winnipeg, where her strong work ethic and vibrant personality opened doors to many opportunities. She was invited to join the Royal Bank, where she built a highly successful career as a Mortgage Specialist, helping countless families achieve their dream of home ownership. Tireless in her efforts, she was also deeply involved in volunteering, giving her time generously to numerous events and causes.

It was in Winnipeg that Lori met the love of her life, Terry. They married in 2002 and, after several moves, made their home in Stonewall. Terry was Lori's world and she was his, and in 2008 they were blessed with their daughter, Kassie - the light of Lori's life. The bond between mother and daughter was unbreakable; they shared adventures, laughter, and an immeasurable love.

Lori supported Kassie in every endeavor - whether on the volleyball court, hockey rink, or ball diamond. She was Kassie's driver, cheerleader, scorekeeper, and number one fan, always present on the sidelines and in the stands. Together they shared countless hours traveling to practices, games, ball camps, Academy, and tournaments across North America, memories both treasured deeply.

Lori and Terry had a special bond, built on love, trust and deep respect for one another. They took care of each other.

Family trips were some of Lori's greatest joys—whether to Disney, Hawaii, Atlanta, or a baseball/volleyball tournament, each one was an adventure shared together. A particularly meaningful journey was a special family trip with Rob and Michelle after her diagnosis, which she cherished deeply.

Lori also had a passion for shopping, always on the hunt for unique gifts and the perfect bargain. Annual back-to-school trips to Fargo with Kassie became a treasured tradition. Her love of shopping extended to plants as well—blessed with a green thumb, Lori's small garden overflowed with beauty and abundance year after year.

Throughout her illness, Lori displayed incredible bravery. She faced cancer with unwavering strength and grace, never complaining and fighting with everything she had.

Lori's love extended far beyond her immediate family. She adored her nieces, nephews, and great-nieces and nephews, always making time to support them at their games and activities. She was a cherished Auntie to all.

She leaves to mourn her devoted husband Terry, her beautiful daughter Kassie, her loving parents Neil and Anna, her sister Leana (Brian), brothers-in-law Merv (Diane) and Dave, sisters-in-law Karen (Gord), Brenda (Larry), and Diane, along with many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, and special friends Rob and Michelle.

A memorial service will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 20, 2025 at the Eriksdale Recreation Centre with Dawn Tober officiating. All in attendance are ask to dress casually (jeans preferred). A luncheon will follow.

We were not ready to say goodbye. Lori, we love you, and we cannot imagine life without you.

Rest easy, fly high, and breathe free.

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In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Lori's memory to CancerCare Manitoba Foundation Inc., 675 McDermot Ave., Room ON1160, Winnipeg, MB R3E 0V9.

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## OBITUARY

### Myrna Lois Hammerberg

It is with great sadness we announce the passing of Myrna Hammer Teulon, Manitoba on Thursday, September 11, 2025 at Selkirk Regional H A private family graveside will take place at a later date.



## OBITUARY

### Gerald (Gerry) Jack Molter December 23, 1939 – July 4, 2025



Gerald (Gerry) Jack Molter passed away peacefully on July 4, 2025 at the age of 85 years young.

He is remembered by his son Jack (Charlene); brothers Ron (Sandra), Doug (Marilyn), Norman and their families.

Gerry was predeceased by his wife Caroline; brother Ken and his parents Jacob and Annette.

He was born and raised in Stonewall, Manitoba. Gerry farmed most of his life when he wasn't working at Versatile. He had a great sense of humour all the way to the end. He was well loved by staff and residents alike, at Betel in Selkirk where he lived.

Funeral service will be held on Saturday, September 27, 2025 at 1:00 p.m. at the MacKenzie Funeral Chapel, Stonewall. Interment will take place at the Stonewall Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to a charity of your own choice.

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## OBITUARY

### Robert William McGregor October 28th, 1971 - September 12th, 2025



It is with great sadness that we share Robert William McGregor passed away on Friday, September 12th at the age of 53. He fought a courageous battle after complications due to his cancer treatment.

Robert was predeceased by his parents Joyce and James McGregor, his brother Jim, his in-laws Mike and Savella Mankewich and sister-in-law Patti Mankewich.

He will be missed by his wife of 32 years Denise, his children Evan, Emily and Owen (Hope), his beloved kitties Buster and Milo, his sisters Judy (Dan) Eluik and Tammy McGregor, his sister-in-law Patricia McGregor. He will also be missed by his many in-laws Marge (Bob) Kohut, Virginia (Ken) Crockatt, Harvey (Allison) Mankewich, Julian Mankewich (Mary Gaddi), Nadine (Blair) Coolidge, Vernon (Joan) Mankewich, and his numerous nieces and nephews.

Robert was a very proud man and will be fondly remembered for his love for his family and friends. Robert was a hardworking man both at work and at home. His work ethic rewarded him with enjoyment in his favourite places Orlando, Florida and many campgrounds (once the camper is parked). "Everywhere Rob" loved calling Stonewall home and the connections he made with friends, neighbours and acquaintances through spontaneous conversations (especially at the car wash).

We would like to send a special thanks to the staff at Selkirk Regional Hospital, the staff in the ICU at the HSC and Dr. Dmytryszyn for the outstanding care of Robert at difficult time.

Service of Remembrance will be held on Saturday, September 20, 2025 at the Canadian Legion, Stonewall, Manitoba.



## OBITUARY

### Kathleen ("Kay") Gladys Richardson



Our loved one passed away at Chinook Hospice in Calgary on September 11, 2025 at the age of 93.

Survived by her three loving children Marlyss (Ron Valiant) of Calgary, Marvin (Terry) of Chicago, and Laura (Dave Loohuizen) of Kenora; her grandchildren Theresa (Rich Zeller), Angela (Neil MacGillivray), Emily (Sam Stucker), Sujeong, Abby, and Darian (Remy); five great-grandchildren Cayden, Kayleigh, Bernard, Hayden, and Nico; sisters Lois Evans and Arlene Gess and so many nieces and nephews.

Predeceased by her loving husband of 56 years, Clifford Richardson, parents Henry and Nina Pederson, brother Vernon Pederson, and grandson Clinton.

Kay was born in Talmage, Saskatchewan in 1932, the eldest girl in a close-knit farming family. One of her formative memories was "driving" three miles to school by horse-drawn wagon or cutter with skis – a very cold trip for the four children during the long Saskatchewan winters. After her education, Kay in turn taught several years in a one room school. She met Cliff at a dance in Moose Jaw and they married in 1954. Together they built a life and raised a family with deep love and commitment, remaining loyal and devoted partners until Cliff's passing in 2011.

Their Bar-CR farm near Teulon, Manitoba was at the center of Richardson family life for 60 years, a place where children, grandchildren, and friends gathered. Kay raised three children while managing a huge garden, canning vegetables and berries, and baking the breads, buns, shortbread cookies, and pies for which she was famous. Kay and the entire family were committed members of the Teulon Gospel Tabernacle. She instilled strong family values, ensured each of her children pursued their own paths, and rejoiced in the stability of seeing them marry and raise families of their own.

Kay was smart, thoughtful, and fiercely independent. She never wanted to inconvenience anyone. She loved birds and flowers, and delighted in bird-watching excursions around the farm and at Oak Hammock Marsh. Her prolific letter-writing, complete with elegant penmanship and remarkably tiny handwriting, is well remembered by all who received her notes.

Her memorial service will be held on Friday, September 19th at 3:00 p.m. at Southview Church: 20200 Walden Blvd SE Calgary, AB. T2X 0N4. Interment will follow at a later date in Erinview Cemetery in Manitoba.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Kay's memory to the Canadian Wildlife Federation (<https://cwf-fcf.org/en/donate/>) or the Heart & Stroke Foundation (<https://www.heartandstroke.ca/>)

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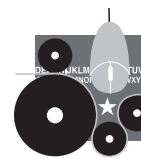
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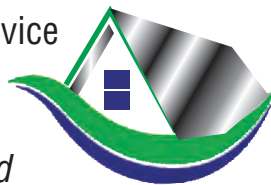
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