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The McKay family had some festive fun with Santa and Mrs. Claus in Balmoral last Sunday during the third annual Lunch with Santa & Mrs. Claus, hosted by the Balmoral Childcare Centre.

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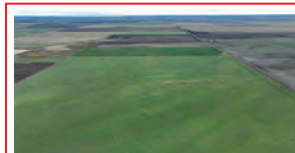


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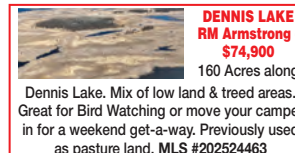


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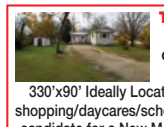


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Anglican Church of the Ascension welcomes community for Christmas Tea



By E. Antonio

Hundreds of community members gathered at the Stonewall Anglican Church of the Ascension on Nov. 29 for the church's annual Christmas Tea, Bake and Craft Sale.

Kathy Turner of the Church of the Ascension said this year's turnout surpassed expectations.

"An empty seat could not be found at the Church of the Ascension Annual Christmas Tea," she shared. "The organizers, Phyllis Barclay and Jeanette Sheasgreen, are proud to organize the tea not only for parishioners but for our greater community and beyond."

Volunteers from the parish and surrounding area spent days preparing baked goods, fancy sandwiches and handmade crafts for the event, welcoming guests from both near and far. Turner noted many attendees trav-



elled long distances to take part and mark the beginning of the Christmas season.

"People came for the warmth of others and departed with a feeling of gratitude," she said.

One highlight for Turner was seeing how the event



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Community members celebrated the start of the holiday season at the Stonewall Anglican Church of the Ascension on Nov. 29 for their Christmas Tea, Bake and Craft Sale.



made newcomers feel welcome.

"A new resident to Stonewall was out for a walk, dropped in and loved our event," she explained. "She left

with a love of Stonewall, baked goods and a smile."

Several draws were held throughout the day, including a food hamper

draw won by Kay Blais and Cynthia Klohn and an afghan draw won by Diane Trafiaak.

Turner said it's important to the church to continue this tradition each year, since it offers a chance for the community to reminisce, reconnect and share the spirit of the season.

"There is always tremendous community attendance and support," she added. "Those who attend leave with a feeling of fellowship, connectedness and warmth."

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Holiday spirit blooms



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It's the time of year for holiday cheer at Rosewood Lodge. Chad Senek from the maintenance department helped to make a five-foot Christmas wreath from a recycled tractor tire, reclaimed plywood, galvanized pails and some Christmas lights. The creative décor brings smiles to residents, staff and visitors alike.

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Manitoba Hydro will be collecting new unwrapped toys, local gift cards, & monetary donations along the parade route for the Stonewall & District Christmas Cheer Board

Friday, Dec. 1st - 19th, 2025
 16th Annual Festival of Wreaths at the South Interlake Regional Library - Stonewall Branch,
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Saturday, Dec. 6th, 2025
 9:00 AM - Noon (Santa leaves at 11:30)
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3:30 PM - Free Childrens Movie at the Flicks Cinema - Sonic 3 sponsored by the Stonewall & District Lions Club - No outside food allowed in, Concession will be open. Simba and The Lions Club will be collecting non perishable food items and monetary donations for Stonewall & District Christmas Cheer Board & Interlake Food Bank

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

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



Christmas in Balmoral



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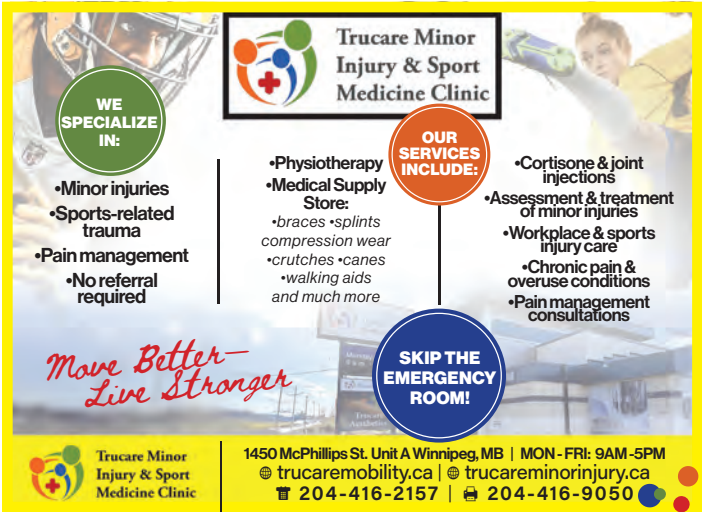


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The Balmoral Childcare Centre brought holiday cheer to the community hall with its third annual Lunch with Santa & Mrs. Claus. Families gathered for a festive afternoon filled with activities. A team of dedicated volunteers worked tirelessly in the kitchen, serving a meal of perogies and sausage, topped off with cake for dessert. Tiny Fox Photography captured magical moments as children shared their Christmas wishes with Santa and Mrs. Claus. Craft stations encouraged little hands to get creative, offering opportunities to make unique holiday gifts. Thanks to donations from Madeline's Closet, children could also secretly shop for special presents for their parents. Pictured clockwise from top left: Leighanne, Jameson and Cole Fisher at the craft table; Leo Parsons ready to enjoy his dessert; brothers Everett and Austin MacDonald visiting with Mrs. Claus and Santa; sisters Vivian and Eilidh Imrie spinning in their Christmas dresses; and Sarah, Declan, Gabriel, Matthew and Wren Sebo with their perogie lunch.



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Rockwood Wrecking and Recovery needs your help to fill giant Christmas ball

By E. Antonio

If you've driven through Stony Mountain lately, you may have noticed a larger-than-life decoration on Main Street. Rockwood Wrecking and Recovery has placed a five-foot-tall Christmas ball on its property — and the company hopes to fill it with toys and clothing for the Stonewall and District Cheer Board.

The metal structure was built by D & M Welding. Rockwood Wrecking and Recovery owners Dawn and Steve Green then added paint, lights and decorations to transform it into what they hope will be a beacon of community generosity.

"Last year, we began collecting gifts for the Cheer Board and put the presents under their tree," Dawn Green said. "This year, I thought, how cool would it be if we made a giant Christmas ball and filled it with presents? So, D & M Welding said they could make it, and once it was built I painted it, added some lights and some decorations — I am so happy with how it turned out."

Green's goal is to collect enough toys to completely fill the ball. If donations exceed that, she hopes to fill the back of one of their tow trucks as well.

The plan is to wrap the ball in plastic to secure the toys, then fasten and hang it on the back of a tow truck for delivery. While the details are still being finalized, Green said she's excited to see how it all comes together.

"Whatever we get, we will find a way to bring it

to them," she said.

Supporting the Cheer Board is important to the Greens, who see the project as a way to give back.

"Not everyone has the ability to give back, but we can, and we like to do it in different ways," she said. "We grew up in a community where we weren't always surrounded by community support, so now it's important to us to ensure everyone in our community can have these opportunities. Not only throughout the holiday season but the entire year. We like to help out when and where we can."

Rockwood Wrecking and Recovery is accepting unwrapped toy donations until Dec. 15 at 12 Main St. in Stony Mountain from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday to Friday. Donations outside business hours can be left in the bin on the front step or arranged in advance by calling 204-392-4892.

The first 25 people to donate a toy will receive a free Rockwood Wrecking and Recovery toque as a token of appreciation. Donors are also invited to take a photo in front of the Christmas ball and share it on the company's social media pages, where staff plan to create a collage of all contributions.

Delivery is set for Dec. 16 — one more way the Greens hope to spread holiday cheer.

"Thank you for your support this holiday season," Green added. "Your support means everything, and we're already planning something fun for next year's donation."



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Rockwood Wrecking and Recovery's five-foot-tall Christmas ball is ready to be filled with toy and clothing donations for the Stonewall and District Cheer Board. The Stony Mountain business is accepting unwrapped gifts until Dec. 15.

Stonewall man charged after alleged truck theft, fraud

By Lana Meier

A 33-year-old Stonewall resident, Ryan Cathro, was arrested Nov. 19 and charged with multiple offences following a pickup-truck theft reported two days earlier in the Rural Municipality of Springfield.

According to a news release from Oakbank RCMP, officers were called Nov. 17 after a red pickup truck was reported stolen from a business on Gunn Road. Surveillance video captured the truck leaving the property at about 12:33 p.m.

When the owner discovered his credit card was missing — the card had reportedly been left in the vehicle — police tracked use of the card to various businesses. Video from those businesses later showed a man exiting a different truck, a black Ford F-150, which was identified as stolen from Winnipeg.

On Nov. 19, Oakbank RCMP located the stolen red pickup truck parked at an arena on Almey Avenue in Oakbank. A 32-year-old female from Long Plain First Nation, found sleeping inside the vehicle, was arrested and charged with possession of property obtained by crime.

Cathro was arrested that same day. He faces three counts of possession of property obtained by crime over \$5,000; two counts of conspiring to commit an offence; two counts of failing to appear in court; and one count

of using a credit card knowing it was obtained by the commission of an offence. He was also arrested on two outstanding warrants and remains remanded in custody.

Oakbank RCMP said they appreciate the public's assistance after previously asking for help identifying a suspect seen in the surveillance video. Oakbank RCMP continue to investigate.

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Manitobans urged to stay vigilant as online shopping scams surge

By Lana Meier

With holiday shopping in full swing, Manitoba RCMP are warning residents to be cautious online as fraudsters ramp up their attempts to steal money and personal information.

"Most Manitobans look forward to the holiday season, with many shopping online to find the perfect gift for loved ones," said Staff Sgt. Kevin Cavanagh of the RCMP's Cyber and Financial Crime Unit. "Unfortunately, there are criminals lurking online who are using increasingly sophisticated methods to take advantage of that goodwill and steal people's money and personal information. We strongly encourage Manitobans to be educated about the dangers lurking online, so they can be vigilant in protecting themselves."

Police say scams can range from simple phishing texts claiming a package

is delayed to convincing ads on social media that lead shoppers to fake websites impersonating real retailers and travel companies. Fraudsters have also been known to create sham charities to exploit holiday generosity.

The Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre urges shoppers to watch for spelling mistakes in messages and on websites, vague references to "the item," overseas buyers wanting to purchase sight-unseen, and sellers using brand-new social media accounts. Manitobans should also be wary of "blow-out" deals or drastically low prices — the product may be counterfeit or never arrive at all.

RCMP recommend several steps to reduce the risk of being scammed:

- Know the market value of the product you're searching for.
- Verify the seller's contact information before purchasing.

- Check customer reviews and ratings from independent sources.
- Use payment methods that include fraud protection, such as credit cards.
- When possible, pay in person.
- Confirm emails are from legitimate senders before clicking links.
- Avoid clicking on ads that seem too good to be true — instead, use a trusted search engine to find the retailer.

Anyone who has been defrauded is encouraged to contact the RCMP or their local police service. Reporting helps investigators identify patterns, link cases and prevent further fraud.

Incidents should also be reported to the National Cybercrime and Fraud Reporting System, which compiles reports from across Canada. Reports can be submitted online at the federal reporting portal.

RCMP reaches 98 per cent deployment of body-worn cameras across Manitoba

By Lana Meier

The Manitoba RCMP says it has nearly completed its provincewide rollout of body-worn cameras, with 98 per cent of front-line officers now equipped with the technology as part of ongoing efforts to boost transparency and accountability.

The only remaining detachment still to receive cameras is Berens River, where a new building — complete with the required technical infrastructure — is scheduled to open next week.

In a statement, the RCMP said the cameras have already proven invaluable in day-to-day policing, evidence gathering and improving public trust.

"The body-worn camera has provided us with many useful tools that make everyday policing a lot easier,"

said Cpl. Jenelle Hulan of the Manitoba RCMP Major Crime Unit. "Taking statements and obtaining photos of scenes, victims and suspects is extremely easy, and the apps are excellent in tracking our movement during an investigation."

"Overall, this is a tool we needed in front-line policing to increase transparency and trust for both police and the public. Having concrete evidence that is uploaded and stored in such an easy manner also makes life easier when completing court packs."

The cameras are supported by a digital evidence management system that stores and organizes the growing volume of footage. With 638 cameras currently in use, the Manitoba RCMP has already collected 174,369 pieces

of digital evidence, including videos, images, audio statements and documents. The service has also shared 1,510 digital case files with Manitoba Prosecutions — figures the RCMP says are increasing daily.

Assistant Commissioner Scott McMurchy, commanding officer of the Manitoba RCMP, said the cameras have already strengthened investigations and helped modernize police work.

"Without a doubt, body-worn cameras have quickly become an incredibly beneficial and important tool for our officers," he said. "The evidence collected through video footage has directly contributed to numerous investigations and has helped our organization become more transparent."

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Health Canada issues recalls for Ibuprofen, hair dye

By Patricia Barrett

Health Canada issued recalls last weeks for an ibuprofen pain reliever and hair dye, among a number of product recalls.

The federal health agency issued a recall on Nov. 24 for Apotex brand Extra Strength Ibuprofen Liquid Gel Capsules 400 mg in affected lots 1570619, 1570621 and 1570623 with a drug identification number (DIN) of 02376601.

Health Canada issued the recall because of the “presence of cloudy capsules in affected lots due to crystallization of ibuprofen into the gelatin shell.”

Crystallization can render a medication unstable as the active ingredient may no longer be evenly distributed. Medication compromised by crystallization can either be ineffective or potentially unsafe.

On Nov. 26, Health Canada recalled various Everpro Gray Away root cover-up products in aerosol containers because of a missing mandatory hazard labelling.

Consumers should immediately stop using the recalled products and return them to the place of purchase for a refund, states the agency.

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Presence of cloudy capsules in affected lots due to crystallization of ibuprofen into the gelatin shell.

HEALTH CANADA
Health Canada issued a recall of Apotex brand Extra Strength Ibuprofen Liquid Gel Capsules with specific lot numbers shown here.

“These products do not meet the Cosmetic Regulations in Canada. Specifically, the products are missing bilingual English/French labelling, as well as the required hazard symbols, signal words, and safety information, which could result in misuse and potential harm to consumers,” said Health Canada.

The following products affected are: Everpro Gray Away Root Cover Up Spray - Black, Everpro Gray Away Root Cover Up Spray - Dark Brown, Everpro Gray Away Root Cover Up Spray - Dark Brown, Everpro Gray Away Root Cover Up Spray - Medium Brown and Everpro Gray Away Root Cover Up Spray - Medium Brown.

The manufacturer of the product

is Inspired Beauty Brands Inc. from New York.

The company reported that 4,572 units of the affected products were sold in Canada from June 2025 to November 2025. As of Nov. 18, the company had received no reports of incidents in Canada, and no reports of injury.

The hair-dye recall is also posted on the OECD Global Portal on Product Recalls website.

Consumers are encouraged to report to Health Canada any health or safety issue by filling out its Consumer Product Incident Report Form on the Health Canada advisories-warnings-recalls webpage.

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ASSEMBLE

Christmas is my favourite time of year. Not because of the presents but because of the presence of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. It is a time to focus on the majesty of our Father God leaving heaven to come and commune with us here on earth. A time to reflect on the meaning of that and WHY he came.

When I look at scripture there are many times people would come and gather to hear the words of Jesus. Everywhere he went the people followed waiting to hear spiritual truths that would enlighten their souls and fill their hearts with hope and love. One time while he was speaking in a home, one sister Mary, sat at his feet to hear his word while the other Martha, kept busy in the kitchen. It troubled Martha that her sister was not helping her. Jesus answered, “*Martha, Martha, you are worried and troubled about many things. But one thing is needed, and Mary has chosen that good part which will not be taken away from her.*” Luke 10:41 He came to be present with us and teach us the meaning of life and how to love. Mary was in a place of receiving, wanting to hear from the Word Himself. Her work in that moment was to listen and believe and it pleased Jesus very much. Perhaps Martha couldn’t see the more important role in this moment.

If I’m honest there are many times I miss it too. To busy thinking of everything that needs to get done and miss spending time with Jesus. This season don’t miss it! Stop and look to Jesus and listen to what he is telling you. Believe that he came that you would have life and have it more abundantly. John 10:10 Christmas is a time to pause and reflect on the One who was sent by God so the world would know of His redeeming love and goodness. Make time to draw near to Jesus. Assemble with others and look to the One from which your hope comes from. Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together as is the manner of some but exhorting one another and so much the more as you see the day approaching. Hebrews 10:25

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letter to the editor

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Finding the true spirit of Christmas in kindness

It was a calm Christmas Eve, the stars twinkling high in the sky as he strolled down the busy street, watching people purchase gifts for their loved ones. As he gazed into the store windows, he wished he had

the means to buy presents for those in need. He was alone now, and he knew too well what it felt like to be forgotten.

He closed his eyes and prayed for those struggling this Christmas. Suddenly a thought came to him: “I can give what money cannot.” He realized he could offer his time, his love and simple acts of kindness. He could volunteer.

A warm glow filled his heart. After all, isn’t that what the One who

came to Earth that first Christmas taught us? With renewed purpose, he stepped into a nearby shelter and helped serve those in need. Later that night, he shovelled his elderly neighbour’s sidewalk. On Christmas Day, he shared a wonderful dinner with that same neighbour, no longer feeling alone.

Merry Christmas to all, and may you have a healthy and happy New Year.

— By Judy (McCormick) Boyce

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St. Laurent council approves bylaws, receives project updates

By E. Antonio

The Rural Municipality of St. Laurent council moved ahead with a series of policy updates, project reviews and board appointments during its regular meeting on Nov. 5, while also hearing several delegations on local services, enforcement and regional programming.

Chief administrative officer Billie Jean Oliver reported progress on tax collection, with 73.1 per cent of levied taxes received by the Oct. 31 deadline — an increase from the previous year.

“We have offered multiple ways in which the ratepayers can pay their taxes,” she said. “Aside from the previous methods — online through their bank, cash, cheque or debit — we’ve now included the e-transfers and credit cards as methods of payment. We’ve also advertised that we will be implementing the TIPP (time installment payment plan), which required taxes to be paid in full prior to qualifying for the services.”

She explained the TIPP program allows the municipality to automatically withdraw specified amounts from the ratepayer’s bank account on a monthly basis and that it is a budgeting tool that people are relying on to ensure payments are made on time, like many other automatic bill payment services.

In regard to tax payment, municipal staff have been training to use the MuniSoft software to digitalize services. Oliver added they are still in the preliminary stages of rolling the service out. They have been sharing information with ratepayers as they come to the office. Going forward, the municipality will be sending receipts

out via MuniSoft by January 2026.

Council discussed the ongoing lagoon expansion planning, including financing options.

Oliver said lagoon financing is taking into account annual contributions to reserves as well as provincially and federally funded grants and addition to the continued collaboration with the Manitoba Water Services Branch (MWSB).

The lagoon is currently in the pre-design stages as the municipality, MWSB and MPE Engineering work together to the complete the Environmental Act Proposal — a formal document that will be submitted to the Province of Manitoba for review and approval. Once completed, the RM will begin to work with the Crown Lands to purchase the property around the existing lagoon.

Manitoba Transportation and Infrastructure officials met with council to discuss winter service agreements on provincial roads within the municipality as well discussed which road repairs need to be prioritized in next year’s budget.

“The prioritization comes from the foreman and his expertise,” Oliver said. “We are developing an asset management plan to identifying each road in the RM and the type of road, when the road was developed, what was done last and when. This allows us to create a maintenance plan to ensure that roads don’t become neglected.”

Council approved several resolutions, including updates to the financial policies and procedures manual, the municipal services standards roads and drainage policy and the community grant application policy.

The St. Laurent and District Recreation Commission will transition into an advisory board under the RM following a unanimous decision by the commission in late October.

The recreation director under the commission will be transition to an employee position and Oliver said

there will be no changing of programming.

“Our recreation director does an amazing job ensuring that there are a variety of programs available for all ages,” she added.

The RM has hired an animal control officer who is aware of the current bylaws, policies and internal processes marking a smoother transition for staff. Oliver explained, based on interviews and discussions with the officer, she expects them to have a positive impact on the community from their education of the processes and procedures and the reasons that these regulations exist.

Economic development officer Denise Allard reported on multiple grant applications related to accessibility improvements. This includes installing a ramp at the library — something that is extremely important to the RM’s long-term planning according to Oliver.

“This RM is an aging community and aging in place is a key focus of this council. Any project that we are working on that provides a service requires the accessibility lens be applied.”

She also noted growing inquiries related to donations for the library and museum, upcoming stakeholder sessions, and meetings with developers exploring housing and cultural site proposals.

Oliver said the municipality is trying to offer their support where ever it is needed, including with partnering with local organizations such as the Manitoba Métis Federation and the Assisted Living Centre.

“We are looking to continue to develop and strengthen these partnerships. We are willing to work with all community groups. Should any of the community groups have a project that they would like to see and requires the RM’s support, they can let us know in the office. We would be happy to help,” she added.

IN OTHER COUNCIL NEWS FROM NOV. 5:

- Representatives from the South Interlake Regional Library outlined upcoming library services, including a bookmobile visit scheduled for Nov. 20 and new library card availability for all RM ratepayers at the St. Laurent office.

- Council appointed Reeve Richard Chartrand and Sandra Chartrand to the South Interlake Regional Library Board in accordance with the municipality’s recently passed library services bylaw.

- A \$200 charitable donation to support Christmas hampers was accepted and reallocated, and the municipality approved a \$100 contribution to Manitoba Crime Stoppers.

- Council had a public hearing a variation application from residents Barbara and Mike Futros. The application, which sought to increase the permitted height of an accessory building from 15 to 20 feet for a storage structure on Wagon Wheel Road, was approved.

- Two new probationary members were accepted into the St. Laurent Fire Department, pending final checks. The department reported 53 calls to date in 2025, including recent alarms, vehicle collisions and an ambulance assist. Firefighters also participated in public education sessions and winterized equipment.

- Council endorsed continued weed control measures for 2026 through the Interlake Weed Control District and approved attendance for selected members at upcoming Association of Manitoba Municipalities and Association of Manitoba Bilingual Municipalities meetings, along with several local community events.

- Council received confirmation that BellMTS will be installing a cell tower in St. Laurent with construction to commence spring of 2026.

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Old Farmer's Almanac predicts above-average winter temperatures

By Jennifer McFee

It's nearly time to dig out our winter boots and snow-blowers, but Manitobans might be pleased to hear weather predictions for this winter.

Tim Goodwin, senior editor at *The Old Farmer's Almanac*, shared some insights on what we can expect across the province this fall and winter.

"As Manitobans brace for the onset of winter, a bright spot can be found in the warmer-than-normal temperatures forecasted over the coming months. While there will be many cold stretches — including the coldest periods in late November, early December and early February — almost every month will see above-average temperatures on the whole," he said.

"Precipitation is predicted to be above average in the southern areas of the province, while snowfall is expected to be below normal — but, again, that doesn't mean there won't be snowy times with plenty of showers and flurries expected in December and January following the snowiest periods in late November and early December."

When *The Old Farmer's Almanac* formulated its predictions for the 2026 edition, like it does every year, its long-range weather forecasts extend from November through October.

Drawing on that information, Goodwin shared some details about the local forecast for next spring and summer.

"For the spring of 2026, those who call Manitoba home will experience slightly cooler temperatures overall with drier conditions expected," he said.

"The summer will be the opposite, with above-average temps — the hottest periods in late June and early to mid-August — and more precipitation than normal."

Besides the weather, there's plenty that people can look forward to in the 2026 edition.

"I like to think that there is something for everyone in *The Old Farmer's Almanac*. We have stayed true to the foundation set by Robert B. Thomas when he put together his first almanac in 1792, with many pages remaining essential the same in our 234th edition. The calendar pages, which provide astronomical data and highlight what to see in the night sky for the year, are what make it a true almanac, or a calendar of the heavens," he said.

"But we also have to adjust and evolve to remain relevant and provide stories that people not only find useful and interesting but told in a

way that speaks to each reader. You will find winning recipes that have been tasted and tested, learn about the growing concern around space trash and how Canadian farmers are turning their focus on improving the soil under foot. Furthermore, you can dive into the idea of rewilding your garden, the importance of the sugar bush to the Canadian agriculture economy and the shape-shifting ice hills that dot the Arctic. And that only scratches the surface of what is inside the 2026 edition."

At the same time, Goodwin points to other publications that readers might be interested to peruse.

"It is important for people to know that *The Old Farmer's Almanac* brand is more than just the oldest continuously published periodical in North America with that iconic yellow cover," he said.

"We have an annual Garden Guide, an OFA for Kids, calendars, a daily planner, gardening handbooks (with the fourth in the series hitting the shelves next October) and a website that serves as a trusted resource for gardeners, home cooks and amateur astronomers."

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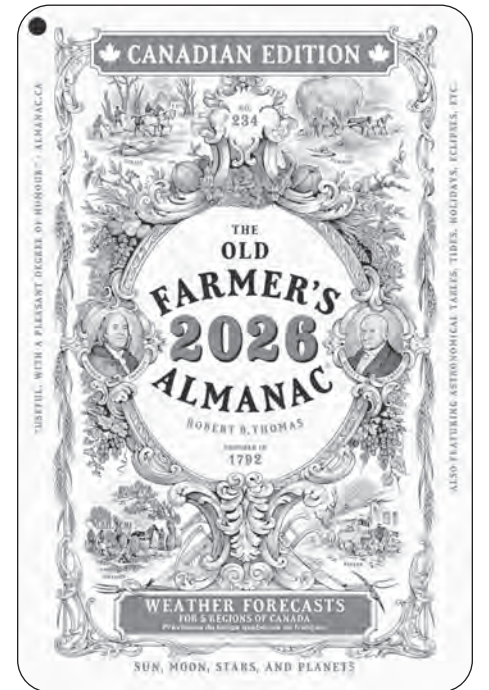


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The Old Farmer's Almanac 2026 edition offers long-range forecasts, sky-watching guides and seasonal insights for Manitobans.

of stores is available at Almanac.ca/Wheretobuy, and they encourage readers to shop local. Print copies are also available through Amazon, and digital editions can be purchased at Almanac.ca/Shop.

Sticks and Stones film crew working in Warren

By Lana Meier

Film trucks parked at the Warren Community Hall last week were part of the production of *Sticks and Stones*, a feature film currently shooting across Manitoba. The movie, based on the curling career of U.S. Olympic skip John Shuster, is filming at rural and urban locations between Nov. 17 and Jan. 23.

Casting notices confirm that Paul Walter Hauser — known for his roles in *I, Tonya*, *Richard Jewell* and *Black Bird* — is portraying Shuster. Other announced cast members include Heather Hemmens and Corey Cott, with Winnipeg actor Kaelyn Yoon-MacRae appearing in a sup-

porting role.

The film dramatizes Shuster's decades-long journey in American curling, from early challenges and rebuilding years to his team's historic gold-medal victory at the 2018 Olympic Winter Games. Directed by Winnipeg filmmaker Sean Garrity, the production is employing a large Manitoba crew and numerous local businesses.

Residents in Warren saw a full unit base set up in the community hall parking lot as scenes were shot nearby, marking another high-profile film choosing Manitoba communities for authentic winter sports backdrops.



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Film trucks for *Sticks and Stones* — a feature film starring Paul Walter Hauser as Olympic curler John Shuster — filled the Warren Community Hall parking lot last week during location shooting.

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RM of Woodlands offers holiday sale for local history book

By Jennifer McFee

Looking for holiday gift ideas?

The RM of Woodlands is reducing the price of its history book *Where We Are* to \$65 including GST as a Christmas promotion. Printed in 2021, this history book details the municipality's history from 1980 to 2020.

The promotion will end on Dec. 24, 2025.

Purchasers will also receive an edition of the older history book *Yesteryears* for free. *Yesteryears* is the municipality's prior history book from 1978.

The municipal office accepts cash, cheque or e-transfer payments. For more information, call the office at 204-292-5679.

IN OTHER COUNCIL NEWS:

- Council approved the purchase of four portable radios for the fire department for \$16,432 plus tax. The expense is more than the budgeted amount, so the additional cost will be covered by accumulated surplus.

- The RM of Woodlands office at 57 Railway Ave. is accepting donations until Dec. 10 for the Interlake Food Bank and the Stonewall and District Cheer Board. Donations can include non-perishable food items, new unwrapped toys, new unwrapped pyjamas and cash donations.

- The RM of Woodlands hosted three Grade 9 students for Take Our Kids to Work Day on Nov. 5. They had the chance to learn about public works operations in the municipality.

- Council gave second and third readings of an updated administrative penalties bylaw. The resolution passed was to include more municipal bylaws under the scope of the existing administrative penalties bylaw. Councillors Darryl Langrell and Bryan Myskiw were absent from the vote.

- Several Woodlands representatives were authorized to attend the Manitoba Disaster Management Conference in Winnipeg from Nov. 28 to 30.

- Council has authorized another \$10,000 for contracted drainage work in 2025, on top of the \$25,000 budgeted amount. Costs are nearing the budgeted amount, but a current ditch project is not yet complete. Looking ahead, the RM expects to be under budget in other drainage areas.

- Council approved a request to vary a minimum side yard setback for a shed and quonset on a property.

- Council conditionally approved two requests for a used mobile home to be used as a second dwelling. One request was for a property on Road 75N and the other was for Road 15W.

- Council approved a request to vary the minimum site area for a livestock operation to 69.5 acres from the required 80 acres.

- Council conditionally approved a request to subdivide a 97.3-acre property to create a 4.08-acre yard site and 33.19-acre parcel. The residual would be 59.3 acres.

- Arrowquip Holdings requested a reduction in security to \$80,000 from \$500,000. Arrowquip Holdings has developed a rural residential neighbourhood in part of NE 28-14-2W. This development consists of 11 lots varying in size from two acres to 27 acres, plus two new municipal roads (Northwood Drive and Oakwood Cove). The initial subdivision took place in 2022.

"A security deposit refers to funds held by the municipality during the course of a development to ensure all work is completed in accordance with the development agreement," said CAO Kaitlyn Griffith. "As work is completed, the developer can request a reduction in security, meaning some of those funds are returned to them."

- Council approved a request to put a 32-square-foot double-sided for-sale sign on a municipal right-of-way between Railway Avenue and Provincial Trunk Highway 6 near the intersection of Parker Street. The applicant also needs to consult with Manitoba Transportation and Infrastructure for any required approvals. The sign must be removed by Oct. 31, 2026, or within 30 days of the sale, whichever is sooner.

- Council defeated a resolution to allow public works to gravel a portion of Road 73N between roads 6W and 8W so that Rock Lake Colony can move their cattle from adjacent properties this fall and spring. Currently, that stretch of the road is not an all-weather road and isn't suitable for travel unless gravelled. The RM's road maintenance policy is to only add gravel to seasonal roads on request, subject to budget constraints

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The RM of Woodlands is offering its 2021 history book *Where We Are* at a reduced holiday price of \$65 including GST until Dec. 24, 2025. Each purchase also includes a free copy of the municipality's earlier history book *Yesteryears*, published in 1978.

and not more than once every four to five years. Requests must be received in early spring, and all-weather roads are the first priority. This request may be reconsidered following completion of the regular road graveling program.

- Council sent a letter to Manitoba Transportation and Infrastructure to request the reconstruction and abandonment of Railway Avenue. This street is currently under the jurisdiction of Manitoba Transportation and Infrastructure, and council is interested in taking it over as a municipal roadway instead, providing it is repaired.

"The municipality sees benefit in having control of the use and maintenance of this street and has requested the province 'abandon' it to municipal jurisdiction," Griffith said. "However, the municipality also notes that the street requires some repairs and has requested that it be resurfaced prior to abandonment."

- Council approved a request for an additional approach to properties on Road 9W and Road 15W.

- Council approved a \$1,235 quote from Rising Home Renovations to replace the deteriorating concrete on the office steps with treated wood.

- Council approved a \$36,750 quote from Muys Construction to install a water fill station at Erinview Hall.

Muys Construction was awarded the contract to rebuild the hall after the previous structure was destroyed by a fire in 2023. However, the initial contract didn't include the development of a water fill station on site, which was part of the fire loss and is included in the insurance claim.

- The Nov. 25 council meeting is cancelled and won't be rescheduled. A special meeting of council took place on Nov. 18.

Rockwood council considers Stony Mountain development

By Jennifer McFee

Rockwood council learned more about a subdivision application from Landmark Planning and Design.

The first phase of the proposed subdivision would create 72 new lots as well as a public reserve in Stony Mountain. Several public service roads would also be opened for future development. The configuration would be 43 single-family lots, 24 duplex lots, four multi-family lots and one planned unit development lot.

The second phase would create 82 new lots, 12 public reserves and several public roads for future development. Of the 82 lots, 29 are north of Old Highway 7 (Municipal Road 75N). The remaining 53 lots would be south of Old Highway 7 (Municipal Road 75N). Proposed uses include commercial, single-family, two-family and multi-family residential, as well as parks and open spaces.

Landmark Planning and Design also requested authorization to develop a three-storey 50-unit independent living facility on a Stony Mountain property on Road 10E. All floors would be served by elevator, units and common areas to meet accessibility. The site, which has about 1,400 feet of frontage onto Road 10E, is one of the proposed lots in Phase 1 of the development. There would be 105 parking stalls, including eight accessible stalls, with pedestrian paths and landscaping. Council conditionally approved the request. The proposed lot also has the potential to add a second independent living facility in a future phase.

Several people attended a recent public hearing in support and for information about the proposal. There were no objections.

IN OTHER COUNCIL NEWS:

- Council considered a request to establish a cannabis retail store within a closed-in area with its own access in the back of the existing Pick 'N Pay convenience store in Stony Mountain. The store is already licensed for retail liquor sales. Access to the proposed cannabis store would be limited to those who meet the age requirement, and it would have its own point-of-sales system.

The proposed cannabis store would also have its own video surveillance system, and the owner lives in a residential dwelling in the basement of the convenience store. Hours of operation would be 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday to Saturday and 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Sundays. Manitoba Liquor and Lotteries and the Liquor, Gaming and Cannabis Authority of Manitoba (LGCA) regulates cannabis retail.

"I am excited about the opportunity to contribute to the local community by providing licensed cannabis products authorized and approved by LGCA and to support Interlake business," said the applicant's letter of intent.

"Any employees of the cannabis store will be fully trained in the sale of cannabis. I also aim to educate customers about the responsible use of

cannabis, its potential effects and benefits."

The location of the proposed store is a short distance off a main highway running north and south, he added.

"I am dedicated to being a good corporate citizen and I have actively participated in and donated to community events," states the letter of intent.

South Interlake Planning District had no significant concerns with the application, and council conditionally approved the request.

- An agreement is now in place between the RM of Rockwood and the Interlake Off-Road Club. The club will maintain a portion of the Rockwood Rail Trail from Road 82N to Road 102N.

- Council authorized public works to patch Road 8E from Road 93N to 94N in the 2026 budget.

- Council approved a request from Stony Mountain Community Association to put up fencing around the ball diamond in Stony Mountain.

- The RM contributed \$1,200 as a gold table sponsor for the South West District Palliative Care gala dinner and dance on Nov. 22 in Stonewall.

- Council authorized a \$3,000 sponsorship towards the Presents for Parents program offered by Madeline's Closet.

- Council authorized a \$500 donation towards the Warren Collegiate track revival project.

- Council authorized the property owners on Road 76N (Winfield Road) to operate A Very Merry Winfield Christmas on Saturday, Dec. 6 from 6:30 to 9 p.m. The event will feature a community drive-through Christmas lights display, complete with mini donuts, hot chocolate and wagon rides. Funds raised from the event will be donated to Interlake Community Living.

- Reid and Miller Chartered Professional Accountants will be the RM of Rockwood's municipal auditors for 2026 and 2027.

- The RM of Rockwood is applying for \$165,550 in funding from the provincial government's GRO grants towards restoring the roof at the Stony Mountain Community Centre. The total cost of the project is \$347,655, which would leave a municipal contribution of \$182,105 if the grant request is successful.

- Council gave first reading to amend the zoning bylaw to rezone an area from industrial extractive holding area zone to an industrial extractive zone at a property north of Provincial Road 323 about halfway between Provincial Trunk Highway 7 and Provincial Road 236. Glacial Stone has applied for the rezoning to support aggregate extraction over a two- to four-year period, based on an extraction rate of 500,000 tonnes per year. The property is currently vacant and cultivated, and the lands to the north, east and west are mainly used for agriculture with a mix of cultivated and uncultivated lands.

To the south, a rural residential property is surrounded by cultivated lands. There are about nine rural residential properties within one kilometre of the property. Once the extraction phase is complete, then rehabilitation of the lands would begin.

"The RM of Rockwood is identified as one of the most important sources of non-renewable mineral deposits to support the construction industry in the Capital Region," states the letter of intent. "The proposed development further supports the construction industry and cost-effective infrastructure development, both locally and regionally."

Glacial Stone has also applied for rezoning of another property to enable extraction over a 10-year period based on an extraction rate of 500,000 to 600,000 tonnes per year. This proposal would also require conditional use approval for part of the property that's currently zoned as agricultural limited and is not designated for mining.

The lands to the north, east and south are mainly used for agriculture with a mix of cultivated and uncultivated lands. The lands immediately to the east and south are also owned by Glacial Stone. The site to the east includes a rural residential property surrounded by berm built as part of an active quarry that also encompasses the quarter section to the south. This quarry is being developed and progressively rehabilitated with future phased expansion planned to the east. There are approximately 12 rural residential properties within one kilometre of the subject property. Council also gave first reading to this rezoning request.

A public hearing is scheduled for Dec. 10 at 10:30 a.m.

- Council gave first reading to a bylaw to establish a community development corporation to regulate the RM's business and affairs. A community development corporation aims to promote its community within the municipality by achieving goals set out in the economic development strategic plan. The first phase of the plan is to build a 50-unit seniors housing facility.

If it is well received in the community, the RM may want to invest in another economic venture; however, it will be up to future council members to decide. The RM has hired Municipal Mentors Inc. to oversee the project in its financial capacity. In addition, designers, architects, engineers and builders have been selected. There was no public hearing to register the community development corporation since the Municipal Act did not require it.

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Stonewall Cantata returns with new local script

By Jennifer McFee

Get ready to ring in the holiday season with a much-anticipated Christmas tradition.

This year's Christmas cantata, called *A Ceremony of Candles*, will take place on Dec. 13 and 14 at Stonewall United Church.

Music director Cathy Horbas said the 26-person choir has come together to share their love of singing Christmas music.

"The core of the group is the Stonewall United Church choir with community members joining us just for this production," she said. "We have a small cast and narrators to round out our presentation."

Adding to the excitement, this year's Cantata is an original script written by Stonewall resident Catie Peterson.

"Catie has taken the theme of the music and written a contemporary companion drama that brings in a modern take on the reason for the season," Horbas said.

"She has done a wonderful job of embedding the importance of holding onto family traditions. We are excited to showcase Catie's work and provide a venue for the world premiere of Catie's script."

For Peterson, the Christmas Cantata marks the first time she's written anything on this large scale, although she has spent years honing her skills in the performing arts.

"I've always loved writing stories, whether for school or on my own time, and I had a bit of practice while

attending university — I have a bachelor of arts in theatre and film from the University of Winnipeg — but this was brand new," said Peterson, who has been involved in the Cantatas as a dancer and performer over the years.

"A couple years ago, alongside Cathy, I did do a script for the Cantata but this year it was all me. I'm usually the actor, so it was a new experience, for sure, but a wonderful one. I'm very thankful she gave me this chance and believes in me."

However, the writing process was easier than she anticipated.

"The inspiration came very easy — maybe a bit too easy. I wanted the story to be one that was relatable to the audience, and right now that is worrying over aging and financials," she said.

"Things are hard right now, and we can over stress ourselves into forgetting what Christmas is about. Almost like *How the Grinch Stole Christmas* ended: Maybe Christmas doesn't come from a store. Maybe Christmas perhaps means a little bit more."

The audience can look forward to an evening or afternoon of music and warmth, she added.

"Our choir is so amazing, so memorable, and they really do put you in the mood for the season," Peterson said.

"It feels like Christmas when you leave. Hopefully the audience feels seen and that they aren't alone — there are others just like them feeling



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY JO-ANNE PROCTER

Choir members rehearse for *A Ceremony of Candles*, this year's Christmas cantata at Stonewall United Church, running Dec. 13 and 14 with shows at 7 p.m. on Saturday and 2:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. on Sunday.

the same way."

Looking ahead, Peterson said she'd love to see the script performed again.

"It would be fascinating to see another group of actors perspective on my work and words, see what direction they take it," she said. "That's the beauty of performing and writing."

Born and raised in Stonewall, Peterson is happy to share her talents in her home community.

"I've gone to school here, danced, sang, attended 4-H and summer camps. I was a Quarry Chorister from 2009 to 2012 throughout high school. My best friends from kindergarten are still my best friends to this day, and I have made countless others over the years," said Peterson, who works at the Co-op grocery store in town.

"I have a community within this

community and it's so special. We have a beautiful town. I'm proud to live and work in Stonewall. So, if people aren't a fan of my script, hopefully they will be of the sweet treats I make in the bakery department here at the Co-op — which may have a small mention in the show."

A Ceremony of Candles will take place on Saturday, Dec. 13 at 7 p.m., as well as Sunday, Dec. 14 at 2:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. The cost is \$20 for adults and \$10 for children.

Tickets are available by contacting the church office at 204-467-5469 and leaving a message or emailing unitedc@mymts.net. Tickets are also available from any choir member.

All proceeds will go towards supporting Stonewall United Church.

Stonewall and District Cheer Board accepting donations

By Jennifer McFee

'Tis the time of year to share holiday cheer by ensuring local families have gifts under the tree.

The Stonewall and District Christmas Cheer Board is an organization that collects unwrapped gifts and cash donations to help make the holiday season a little brighter for those in need. The local organization serves people in Stonewall, Stony Mountain, Balmoral, Argyle, Grosse Isle, Rosser and Warren.

"We want our families to have a little less stress throughout the holiday season so they can enjoy their Christmas," said Nancy Hoff of the Stonewall and District Christmas Cheer Board.

"Last year we gave out 129 hampers to families. These have a gift card to a local grocery store. There is also a hamper for children under 18. These will have things like pyjamas, mitts, toque, school supplies, books, games

and toys."

The local cheer board doesn't collect any food items but they encourage people to give directly to the Stonewall Food Bank.

"We have been very lucky in the past years that many local people, businesses, organizations and sports teams have supported us," Hoff said, adding that they don't collect donations along the Festival of Lights parade route anymore.

"People can donate all year long. We encourage anyone interested to challenge their friends, family and businesses to collect donations."

The most needed items this year include gifts for teens such as gift cards, toiletries, bags, wallets, backpacks, pyjamas, hoodies and sweatpants. For wee ones, gifts could include socks and toys. Gifts for all ages include "stay-dry" mittens and warm toques, water bottles, board games, crafts and school supplies.

"This year, people can donate by scanning our new QR code," Hoff said. "They can also drop monetary donations off at Access Credit Union in Stonewall or with Nancy at CIBC."

Donations can also be mailed to Box 1991, Stonewall, MB, R0C 2Z0 or e-transfer to stonewallcheerboard@gmail.com. In addition, many local businesses have boxes where people can drop off unwrapped items until Dec. 16. In Stonewall, these businesses include Co-operators Insurance, Quarry Physio, Complete Physiotherapy, TD Bank, CIBC, Stonewall Hair Source, Red River Co-op Food Store, IDA Pharmacy and the library. Donations can also be dropped off at Warren Chiropractic and at 204 Pallet and Packaging in Stony Mountain.

The cutoff to request a hamper this year is Dec. 10. The phone number for hamper requests is 204-467-7370.

Hamper pickup will be Dec 20, 2025. Learn more at <https://www.facebook.com/share/p/1AFFEp3cCs/?mibextid=wwXIfr>.



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The Stonewall and District Christmas Cheer Board is collecting unwrapped gifts and monetary donations to support local families this holiday season. Donation boxes are available at businesses across the region until Dec. 16.

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Bobby Bend teacher celebrates No. 1 new release with debut children's book

By Lana Meier

A Stonewall teacher is earning national attention for her work outside the classroom. Randi Paton, an educator at École R.W. Bobby Bend School, is now a published author — and her debut children's book has already climbed to No. 1 in new releases on Amazon.

Paton's book, *Donut You Dare (Say That Out Loud)*, launched this fall and tells the story of a Little Donut navigating big feelings, sticky situations and the challenge of deciding which thoughts should stay inside his "little frosted head." With word-play, warmth and humour, the story encourages young readers to pause, think and communicate with kindness.

The idea, Paton said, grew directly from home and classroom life.

"This book was inspired by my three-year-old daughter, whose unfiltered honesty often appears at the most unexpected moments," she said. "It was also shaped by my experiences with my students, who — like many children (and adults) — sometimes need gentle reminders about choosing the right words for the right situations."

Paton began drafting the story about nine months ago, balancing the work between teaching and parenting. She ultimately chose to illustrate the book herself.

"I spent many evenings drawing

after my daughter went to bed," she said. "Later, I decided to publish the finished work through Amazon."

Seeing the book reach No. 1 in new releases was a moment she didn't anticipate.

"It has been incredibly rewarding," Paton said. "The honour came as a wonderful surprise, and I am truly grateful for the enthusiasm readers have shown — after so much hard work, seeing it all come to fruition has been so sweet."

Intended for readers ages four to eight, the book uses humour to help children understand which thoughts are appropriate to share and which are best kept to themselves. Paton hopes families see it as both a teaching tool and a fun read-aloud.

Although she illustrated most of the book, Paton said she didn't work alone. Her best friend provided guidance and helped illustrate several images, her brother assisted with the interior layout, and colleagues at Bobby Bend offered steady encouragement.

"I'm incredibly fortunate to have such a supportive network," she said. "Samantha Evans, who is a published author herself, and Sandra Millar, whose unmatched knowledge of picture books was just the icing on the cake — or donut."

Inside the school, the reaction has been just as enthusiastic.

"My colleagues and students have been incredible," Paton said. "They



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Randi Paton reads her debut children's book, *Donut You Dare (Say That Out Loud)*, with her daughter Hazel at home. The Stonewall teacher recently celebrated the title reaching No. 1 in new releases on Amazon.

love the book and it has even inspired some of my students to make their own books. They ask me to read it regularly, and they casually drop lines from the story throughout the day. It's become a fun bonding experience and a class 'insider joke.'"

Paton hopes this is only the beginning. She already has other story ideas drafted in her journal.

"I would absolutely love to write more books," she said. "*Donut You Dare* is the first in a series that currently lives in my journal — and in my head — but I'm excited to see how this one does and how much time

I'll have to keep creating. Getting to bring this book to life truly feels like a dream come true."

Copies of *Donut You Dare (Say That Out Loud)* are available on Amazon.

For Paton, one moment stands out above all others: reading the finished book to her daughter for the first time.

"When I finished, she immediately asked me to read it again," she said. "In that moment, I knew every bit of hard work had been worth it. It was truly the sweetest feeling — the kind that makes you think, 'Donut give up.'"

Festival of Wreaths voting now open at Stonewall Library

By E. Antonio

The South Interlake Regional Library-Stonewall Branch is celebrating a community tradition once again as it launches the 16th annual Festival of Wreaths, running now until Friday, Dec. 19.

The library hopes to top last year's 31 entries, and library assistant Tara Glaspey said staff are eager to see what the community creates.

"We invite everybody to come swing by and vote for your favourite wreath. We have a ton of unique entries on display, and it's not something you're going to want to miss," Glaspey said.

The fundraiser follows a simple model — every dollar donated equals one vote. All proceeds go directly to the Stonewall & District Christmas Cheer Board, supporting local families during the holiday season. Voters can cast a single vote or hundreds during the library's operating hours. There is no limit as long as donations are made.

Each wreath is clearly numbered,

and once visitors decide on their favourite — or favourites — they can head to the circulation desk to record their votes and submit their cash or cheque donation. Tax receipts are available upon request for contributions over \$20.

Glaspey said the event has become a highlight for both staff and community members.

"The staff here are just exemplary community members who want to give back and bring in some extra creativity to the library," she said. "Since the first year, everyone latched on to this celebration and it has just kept getting better and better."

Voting closes early on Dec. 19, a few hours before the library hosts its awards and cheque-presentation open house at 2 p.m. The top three wreaths will be announced and awarded certificates — along with community bragging rights — before the library presents its fundraising total to the Christmas Cheer Board.

Glaspey hopes residents will contin-



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The Festival of Wreaths is underway at the South Interlake Regional Library-Stonewall Branch. Each dollar donated to the Stonewall & District Christmas Cheer Board equals one vote. Voting closes the morning of Dec. 19.

ue to support the long-running holiday event.

"We want everybody to come in, take in the festive spirit and vote for

their favourite wreath," she said. "Drop a loonie and know you're supporting a great cause."

Stonewall kicks off the holidays with weekend fun Dec. 5 and 6

By E. Antonio

Christmas is right around the corner, and Stonewall is ready for its most festive weekend of the year. From community-wide celebrations to sweet treats and a visit from Mr. Claus himself, there will be plenty of fun for the whole family.

Santa Claus Parade

The Stonewall & District Chamber of Commerce Festival of Lights Santa Claus Parade will make its way down Main Street at 7 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 5. Chamber secretary Christy Brown expects more than 40 floats to take part in the long-standing tradition.

“There are a lot of new floats registered this year that we have never seen before, plus the Coca-Cola float and, of course, Santa Claus will also be returning — two floats everyone always loves,” Brown said.

She’s excited to see the town come alive with holiday spirit as Christmas Day inches closer.

Businesses along the parade route — including One Insurance, Grantham Law and, following the parade, the Rockwood Motor Inn — will offer hot chocolate and treats for spectators in need of a warm-up. A bring-your-own-mug warming station, sponsored by Firewood Manitoba, will also be available in the Southside Service parking lot. The library will be open to visitors.

The South Interlake Regional Library is also inviting residents to stop in and vote in its 16th annual Festival of Wreaths, where every dollar donated to the Stonewall & District Christmas Cheer Board counts as one vote.

Manitoba Hydro will collect new

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TRIBUNE FILE PHOTO BY LANA MEIER

Santa Claus waves from the brightly lit *Tribune* float during last year’s Festival of Lights Parade in Stonewall. This year’s parade rolls down Main Street on Friday, Dec. 5 at 7 p.m., with organizers expecting more than 40 floats and thousands of spectators to fill the route.

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St. Laurent Light Up Our Town Contest returns Dec. 13

By E. Antonio

Get ready to light up the night with St. Laurent's annual Light Up Our Town contest on Dec. 13, beginning at 5:30 p.m.

Hosted by the St. Laurent and District Recreation Commission, residents are invited to register their decorated properties for a chance to win one of three gift card prizes from a local business within the municipality.

Recreation director Tammy Hiebert says the event is a fun and festive way to kick off the holiday season.

"We are looking forward to bringing this festive event to the community, as Christmas is a time to come together and foster community spirit," she said. "This event has built a sense of connection among our community and has become a cherished tradition

that brings joy during the holiday season."

Hiebert added that the contest was created to inspire a cheerful, unified atmosphere and encourage social connection among both residents and visitors. "

The event has been well received in our municipality, so we continue to host it."

All registered participants will be entered into a random draw for \$100, \$75 or \$50 gift card prizes. Hiebert noted that taking part is simple.

"Community members show their Christmas spirit by decorating their properties with Christmas lights."

To register, property owners must email rec@rmstlaurent.com by Dec. 8.



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St. Laurent welcomes residents to register their properties for the annual Light Up Our Town contest on Dec. 13. All entered properties will be included in a draw for one of three gift cards to a local business. Pictured are winning properties from previous events.

Holiday giving sparked



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Amaya Dawson delivered carts full of toys, crafts, games and beauty items to the Child Life Program at HSC Children's Hospital after raising funds through her family's Magic for Amaya garage sale this summer. The Stonewall youth spent \$450 on gifts that will help brighten the days of kids staying in hospital, providing prizes, birthday surprises and daily craft activities. The family encourages the community to continue supporting Child Life, which relies on donations to bring comfort, joy and normalcy to young patients.

Drop the Gloves for Good

Come cheer on our local Jets as they heat things up on and off the ice!

Game Day: Sunday, Dec. 14 at 7 p.m.

When they take on the St. James Canucks on home ice.

Fans are encouraged to bring toques, mitts, socks, scarves, blankets or anything that helps keep neighbours warm this winter. Items must be bagged and can be tossed onto the ice after the Jets first goal.

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Add some Christmas greens to your home with Stonewall Florist workshops

By E. Antonio

Stonewall Florist invites the community to bring their holiday spirit — or even their holiday skepticism — to its annual wreath and Grinch tree-making classes this December.

The popular hands-on workshops will run on Dec. 6 and 13, offering two creative opportunities for anyone looking to decorate their home, try a new craft or simply spend a cozy afternoon with friends.

From 1 to 2 p.m., participants can take part in a create-your-own wreath session before the festive DIY Grinch tree workshop takes the spotlight from 2 to 3 p.m.

Each class is led by Tami Couch, owner of Stonewall Florist, who has watched the annual tradition grow steadily as more people look for ways to personalize their seasonal décor. While Couch guides participants through the basics, she encourages everyone to add their own flair.

“This is the perfect opportunity to get people into the festive spirit and inspire them to decorate for Christmas,” Couch said. “People just love these classes as it is such a good way to spend an afternoon with friends.”

For \$85 per person, Stonewall Florist provides all the materials needed, including fresh pine and cedar sourced from Canadian growers. A wide selection of ribbons, baubles, pine cones, berries and other embellishments will also be available for those who want to add extra sparkle. To make the atmosphere even warmer, staff will have a spread of tasty treats, hot tea and other beverages so participants can snack while they create.

Couch notes that handmade wreaths and Grinch trees aren’t just fun to build, but practical as well. Once assembled, the decorations can last a couple of months, making them durable enough to brighten homes throughout the holiday season.

“We have everything here to make you — or a family member or friend — smile,” Couch added. “These make great gifts and they are easy to make.”

The classes aren’t just for adults, either. Stonewall Florist welcomes younger creators, and Couch says her youngest participant so far has been 10 years old. The sessions, she says, offer a rare chance for families to sit down together and enjoy a creative winter activity away from screens.

“Come out, have fun and hone your talent of being creative,” she said. “This is a fantastic winter activity that makes everything feel so much more Christmassy.”

Pre-registration is encouraged for the workshops. Those interested can call or text Stonewall Florist at 204-461-2172 for more information or to reserve a spot.

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Armstrong landowners flooded by beaver dam on Fish Lake Drain

By Patricia Barrett

The Fish Lake Drain in the RM of Armstrong has long been a source of flooding woes for some landowners living along the lengthy drain that runs from an eponymously named lake in the RM of Armstrong to an outlet near Camp Morton in the RM of Gimli.

For the past month they say their land is being flooded by a beaver dam and compounded by high water levels in the drain, which was built by and is operated by the provincial government.

Evita Kalski owns agricultural land between municipal roads 117 and 118, near the junction Road 8, which is a few miles west of Highway 7. The Fish Lake Drain has been flooding her land — and that of her neighbours' land — since the 1960s when the drain was built.

In addition to flooding agricultural land, the drain causes water to spill over and saturate Road 118, a municipally owned gravel road, as there's only one ditch on the north side of the road and that ditch can't handle significant flows.

Kalski and her fellow farmers have been trying for decades to get the mu-

nicipality and the province to come up with a solution to chronic flooding along the drain.

About a month ago, they noticed a "trickle" of water in the drain to the east of Road 8 and discovered a beaver dam was backing everything up to the west. That's also flooding their land.

"[The province] usually empties the Fish Lake Drain during the summer and it flows all summer. This summer they didn't open it. The drain to Gimli was dry. Then they opened it about a month ago and let it run, and it was right up to the top. Now the beavers have built dams in the drain so the water isn't flowing anywhere past Roads 118 and 8," said Kalski last week. "That's where the flooding is. Past that, the drain is basically a trickle. Everything west of that, the water is really high. It's also backing up into the old Rembrandt Drain. Anywhere the water can go, that's where it's going. And, of course, it's flowing back onto our land again and we're under water, as usual."

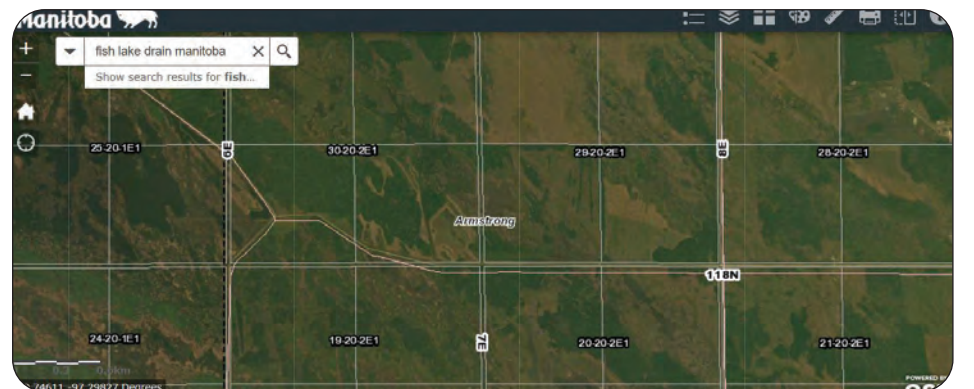
In 2021, Kalski estimated that she lost 70 per cent of her family's land

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A beaver dam is shown in the RM of Armstrong near Road 229.



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The Fish Lake Drain runs east along Road 118 in the RM of Armstrong. It floods landowners near the junction of Road 118 and Road 8, a few miles west of Highway 7.

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Planning for a safe
ride home makes a
party more merry

By Katelyn Boulanger

With gatherings and the celebration of the many holidays that take place in December and early January coming up, Local Community Policing Officer Cst. Paul Human hopes that residents will consider how they are going to get home safely before they head out to have fun this festive season.

"We don't want any impaired operation accidents or collisions this season. We don't want them at all, but because we're coming into the Christmas season, more and more people are going to events. We want to prevent those situations where people may think, 'You know what, I've just had a couple of drinks,'" said Human.

He explained that because people are getting out a little more this time of year, unfortunately, the RCMP does tend to see more instances of people being intoxicated and getting behind the wheel.

"There are a lot more people on the road and a lot more get-togethers and things like that. They're happening at all times of the week, it's not only just happening on a weekend, and depending on when Christmas lands or New Year's

lands, there are lots of events that are happening throughout the season. More vehicles are going to be on the road. I would say, yes, it increases. That I hope for, for Christmas ways, is I want zero impaired drivers," said Human.

Human's biggest tip this season is what he reminds people to do every year. Have a place for a safe home, and then have a backup plan if your first plan falls through.

"If you're going out to a party, somebody's place this year for a celebration or something like that, plan for things like) 'Can you bring a car, or can you bring a taxi? Sure, you would plan for that. What are you planning to do to get home safely? And, something I've discussed with people about your plan B?" he explained.

Some options for plans to get home safely are having a friend or family member pick you up after the party, making sure that you have a ride service or the number for a taxi company already on your phone so that you can conveniently call for a ride.

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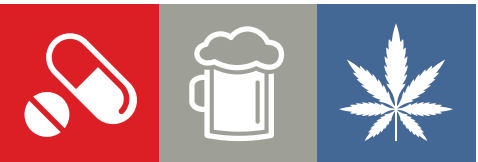
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It's widely known that drugs and alcohol impair your judgment. Despite this reality, some individuals who've consumed these substances may believe they're fit to drive when actually they're not. In short, if you've had any amount of alcohol or smoked or ingested cannabis, it's not safe to rely on your own judgment.

Plan ahead! No one wants to be part of another statistic or have someone's death on their conscience for the rest of their life. In 2023, there are no excuses for driving under the influence. You have plenty of choices to avoid putting your own safety and that of others at risk.

Here are a few options to consider for a safe holiday season and new year:

- Use public transportation
 - Arrange to sleep at the party venue or stay somewhere within walking distance
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can also make everyone's night a little bit easier by providing rides by having some people be designated drivers who agree to take people home, making sure everyone has a safe plan to get home in advance, or having people spend the night. Having the stress of figuring out how to get home afterwards might even make the party a little more merry.

Something else that Human mentioned is that we often think of alcohol when we think of impaired driving, but that other substances, or even prescription medication, can affect people's ability to drive. If you are using anything that could potentially impair your ability to drive, it's best to find an alternative.

"If you're going to be consuming something different, say, cannabis, now that it is legal. How does it affect you? If you have made the decision that you are going to be consuming this, how does it affect your ability to drive? And if you are consuming it, you shouldn't be operating a vehicle," he said.

As always, there will be check-stops set up by the RCMP this holiday season to hopefully stop impaired drivers before they hurt themselves or others.

To prepare for the checkpoints, it's best to have your driver's license and registration easily accessible.

Planning ahead doesn't just keep people safe. It is also a financially responsible choice.



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Let's all make getting home safely a priority this holiday season.

"In the event that you are caught, say you do a breathalyzer or a hand-held unit, which is actually at those check stops, and you blow a warning. You could lose your license for a day. You could lose it for three days. You may be too high, and you may have to come back and give another sample of your breath at the detachment. Your vehicle will be towed, which means you've got to pay for that tow. You've got to pay for the impoundment of that vehicle, and then you've got to wait for your court case, which means more money, because you're really likely going to have to get a lawyer to help represent yourself. So, look

at all these costs. You can prevent that. I've talked about check stops. I've talked about planning, but let's go with the worst-case scenario. What if you hit someone? What if you get into an accident or a collision with somebody else? That cab ride home will be a lot cheaper than inflicting damage on another family," said Human.

He hopes that there will be no intoxicated drivers on the road and that everyone enjoys their gatherings. That comes down to just a few basic steps.

"Planning your event, enjoying the season and getting home safe," he said.

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 \$1 per vote - vote for your favourite wreath. All proceeds go towards purchase of books for Cheer Board Hampers

Saturday, Dec. 6th, 2025
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Quiz Night champions



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The Masters of Meridian were presented with the Bird Cup for earning the most points at Grosse Isle's Quiz Night, held at the community hall on Nov. 22. Twelve teams raised just over \$2,000 to support maintenance and upkeep at the Grosse Isle Hall. Pictured left to right: Gay Sul, Lee Garfinkel, Max Garfinkel, Ava Garfinkel, Corey Nichol, Alicia MacFarlane, Diane Johnson and Lisa Van De Kerckhove.

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TO BUY LOCALLY

this holiday season

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You secure your future options

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unwrapped toys, monetary donations and local gift cards for the Stonewall & District Christmas Cheer Board to help ensure every family has a gift under the tree.

The Festival of Lights is still looking for volunteers to assist with crowd control.

"It helps keep people off the streets so we can have a safe and enjoyable time at the parade," Brown noted.

To volunteer, email info@stonewall-chamber.com or call 204-467-5836.

"Thank you to everyone who supports the parade each year, and a special thanks to the *Stonewall Teulon Tribune* and the 19th Hole for helping bring Santa to town," she added.

Buddy the Elf visits Sig's Grill

Ahead of the parade, Buddy the Elf will stop at Sig's Grill from 5 to 7 p.m. on Dec. 5, bringing his enthusiastic North Pole personality and sugary diet to diners.

"We want to make this a fun event for people of all ages," said owner Nicole Palsson. "Especially for the younger crowds so they can come in and see what Sig's is all about."

This marks Buddy's first official visit to the restaurant, and he's bringing a special menu featuring pancakes with syrup, cookies with dip and candy-themed appetizers. He'll also make balloon animals, sing and have fun with guests.

"We can't wait to ramp up the excitement before the parade," Palsson

added.

Breakfast with Santa

Families are invited to start their Saturday with a classic holiday tradition: Breakfast with Santa at the Stonewall Legion on Dec. 6, beginning at 9 a.m.

Sponsored by the Stonewall Kinsmen Club and the legion, Santa will visit with guests until 11:30 a.m. Breakfast includes pancakes, sausage and a drink for \$5 per plate, or free for children under five. Young diners will also receive a bonus Tim Hortons Smile Cookie.

Kinsmen co-chair Martin Mailman said the event remains a highlight for both the club and the community.

"It's one of our projects that is always very well received," he said. "People can get out, see who we are and what we do. After all, we are here to raise money for the community and other people."

All proceeds will support the Stonewall & District Christmas Cheer Board.

Patricia Chartier Photography will be on site to take family photos. Photo packages are not included in the breakfast price, but guests are welcome to take their own pictures with Santa.

The Kinsmen's Christmas trees have also arrived at Home Hardware Stonewall, where members will sell them on weekday evenings and all day on weekends leading up to Christmas.

Mailman said the club remains grateful for the community's strong support, especially from the Kinettes.

"Without the support of the Kinettes, our lives would be a little tougher," he said. "They've always been huge supporters of our projects — they are some of the best things that have ever happened to us."

Hair Source Stonewall Open House

Hair Source Stonewall will host its annual holiday open house Friday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Everyone is welcome to stop in and browse a wide selection of products, many of which make ideal stocking stuffers.

Owner Cindy Emberton said she looks forward to celebrating the season with clients and community members.

"This is important to us because we get to be in the Christmas atmosphere not only with our staff and clients, but other businesses in the community," she said. "We love where we are, we love our returning customers and we love welcoming new ones too — Stonewall is the place to work, play, sleep, live and be."

The salon is offering a holiday promotion: purchase a \$100 gift certificate and receive a \$10 bonus certificate.

"We think it's important everyone can be treated to a little bit of pampering this holiday season," Emberton added.

Quarry Choristers Christmas Show

The Quarry Choristers are halfway

through their Interlake holiday tour and have two remaining concerts this season. On Thursday, Dec. 4 at 7 p.m., 30 choristers will fill Warren United Church with festive music. Their final show is set for Tuesday, Dec. 9 at 7 p.m. at Teulon Lutheran Church.

Both performances run about 45 minutes. Chair Julie Leduchowski said audiences can expect a blend of classics and new additions.

"We have a bunch of familiar favourites on our program, plus a couple new songs to add to the mix," she said. "It will be fun for everyone."

Admission is free. Warren's silver collection will support both the church ministry and the Choristers, while Teulon's proceeds will go to the Teulon Cheer Board.

"Thank you so much to everyone who supports us throughout the year," Leduchowski said. "We do this for you."

Sonic 3 at Flicks Cinema

To wrap up the weekend, the Stonewall & District Lions Club is sponsoring a free showing of *Sonic the Hedgehog 3* at Flicks Cinema at 3:30 p.m. on Dec. 6.

The concession will be open, and outside food is not permitted. The Lions Club will collect non-perishable food items and monetary donations for both the Stonewall & District Christmas Cheer Board and the Interlake Food Bank.

> ARMSTRONG, FROM PG. 17

over the years to chronic flooding. A neighbour of Kalski's, whom the *Express* spoke with a number of years ago, said he estimates he's lost a couple of hundred acres to chronic flooding caused by the Fish Lake Drain and that he's been asking for 40 years for upgrades. The province brought out [culverts, pipes] to an area where the drain was supposed to be upgraded after a major flood over a decade or so ago, but the project never proceeded and equipment has sat there since then.

Kalski said it baffles her that no drain was ever built along the south side of Road 118, which the Fish Lake Drain follows, and that she's asked for what seems like a century to have another ditch constructed along the road to handle the water and allow farmers to reclaim their lands.

With regard to the beaver dam backing up the water in the Fish Lake Drain and flooding her and her neighbours' land, she said she called Armstrong municipality about a month ago and spoke with the reeve (Garry Wasylywski) and also left messages for other staff.

"[Garry] said he'd look after it. That was about a month ago," said Kalski.

Armstrong reeve Garry Wasylywski told the *Express* he and the RM reached out to the province after hearing from Kalski.

"The province is opening up the [beaver] dam. But the beavers plug it again so they've got to trap them," said Wasylywski.

The Fish Lake Drain is an "ongoing issue" that landowners and the RM have been dealing with for decades, he said. The reason the province built it was that the water naturally ran to the Icelandic River and could flood Arborg.

"They put a dyke in and made the drain to save the town of Arborg, which was the right thing to do. Now we have to make sure we control it properly," he said.

Because it's been a dry year, flooding hasn't been "as bad as it could be" but the drain, nevertheless, does not operate properly.

"The water in Fish Lake is being stored too high and can cause problems. We as a council want that water drained. We've got to look at

both ends of the drain. The water on Fish Lake is very high. If we get any amount of snow over the winter, the height of the water on Fish Lake will cause problems — bigger problems than beavers plugging that drain," he said.

"They [the province] are holding the water at the upper limit and we don't have a lower limit set. We used to have those limits set long ago, but we're going to have to work with the province to get that operating level set for both upper and lower limits. If you're holding it at the upper limit, and you get spring runoff, you'll obviously be creating floods because it breaches the dyke."

With regard to the stalled upgrade project the province was supposed to carry out long ago, Wasylywski said the culverts/pipes the province was going to use to upgrade the drain have been sitting near the drain since 2006. But there's hope this current government will start the project.

"Twenty years ago, they hauled some culverts out there and were supposed to re-build the whole drain," said the reeve. "Since I've been back on council, we're working with the

province, and we were told that this year is the design year. Next year they'll be acquiring land. And in 2027 they'll start re-building the Fish Lake Drain. It's got to be done. It was supposed to be done 20 years ago and the province didn't move on that."

A spokesperson for Manitoba transportation and infrastructure said the department has been dealing with the dams and working on lowering water levels in the drain since summer.

"Manitoba transportation and infrastructure has been working since summer to mitigate beaver dams and gradually reduce water levels in the Fish Lake Drain while also preventing overland flooding," said the spokesperson. "Water levels have been sufficiently reduced and the department has removed the dam. The department is communicating with the Rural Municipality of Armstrong regarding this work."

Kalski followed up with the *Express* on the weekend, saying she got a call from a neighbour near Meleb who reported the water in the drain was now flowing east.

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Deadline to register and pay: Thursday, February 12
Members \$85, Non-members \$90

Charlie Major

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Members \$30, Non-members \$35 plus the cost of lunch
Deadline to register and pay: Tuesday, January 6

Lunch at Bull & Filly in Winnipeg

Friday, January 23
Leave Lions Manor at 10:30 am and South Interlake 55 Plus at 10:45 am
Members \$20, Non-members \$25 plus the cost of lunch
Deadline to register is Thursday, January 15

American Rock Legends

Tribute to Fogerty, CCR, Springsteen & Seger
Friday, February 27
Leave Lions Manor and South Interlake 55 Plus at 4:00 pm
Deadline to register and pay: Thursday, February 12
Members \$85, Non-members \$90

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Leave Lions Manor and South Interlake 55 Plus at 4:00 pm
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Three-peat complete: Wildcats return to glory at provincials

By Kieran Reimer

It would only make sense for the Warren Wildcats to be celebrating a provincial volleyball championship at the end of November. It has now happened three straight years for a majority of the current varsity girls roster, who capped their run with a straight-sets win over the Gabrielle-Roy Les Roys on Saturday at Prairie Mountain High School in the Manitoba High Schools Athletic Association's 2025 Provincial AA Girls Volleyball Championship.

Both teams entered the final as top seeds out of their respective pools and carried undefeated records into the matchup. Warren, however, took control from the opening serve and powered to a 25-14, 25-16 victory to secure the title.

For head coach Tyler Oliver, the win marked a third championship in three seasons for him and for most of the players who captured back-to-back junior varsity titles before stepping into varsity dominance this fall.

"They wanted to make it a three-peat for them at provincials," Oliver said Monday. "Right from the end of August, beginning of September, they had a goal in mind, and that was to not just qualify and make provincials, but to win it. That was right from the start — a very driven and motivated group to go get the job done."

The Wildcats dropped only two sets all tournament, both in round-robin play. Warren finished 4-0 in Pool 1 with wins over the Green Valley Pirates (25-14, 25-17), Goose Lake Angels (23-25, 25-8, 15-3), Landmark 96ers (26-24, 25-12) and Rosenort Redhawks (25-19, 21-25, 15-11).



Warren Wildcats all-stars Torie Galbraith, left, and Paige Seidel, right, along with tournament MVP Julia Oliver, were recognized for their outstanding play at the 2025 Provincial AA Girls Volleyball Championship.

They kept rolling through the play-offs, defeating the Carberry Cougars in straight sets in the quarter-finals (27-16, 27-25) and the Hapnot Kopper Kweens in the semifinals (26-24, 25-11).

Their most dominant performance came in the championship match.

"Going into the final, I'm not sure I've coached a team that was so focused on the task at hand," said Oliver. "They were so excited, so prepared both mentally and physically. There was not going to be anyone denying them what they wanted. They were absolutely outstanding — probably the best complete game I've had the opportunity to watch them play all season. They proved they were the



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The Warren Wildcats pose with their banner after capturing the 2025 Provincial AA Girls Volleyball title, their third straight provincial championship. Pictured left to right, back row: Tyler Oliver (coach), Mya Richard, Katie Atchison, Mackenzie Boonstra, Danika Shaver, Chyler Grenkow, Cadie Huard, Jessica Chrusch, Brooklyn Voth. Front row: Kiera Schutz, Camryn Oliver, Julia Oliver, Torie Galbraith, Paige Seidel and Natalia Lavallee.

best team in the province that day, for sure."

Warren's Torie Galbraith and Paige Seidel were named provincial all-stars, while Julia Oliver earned the tournament's Most Valuable Player award. Galbraith, Seidel, Oliver and Mackenzie Boonstra had also been named game stars during round-robin play.

Seidel and Boonstra both battled back from injuries suffered in the tournament opener to return later in pool play. Galbraith also played through injury but remained in the lineup throughout the entire week-end.

"It just speaks volumes to their character, their work ethic and their desire to win and be a part of that team," Oliver said. "It blows my mind what they're capable of doing — those four girls, all of them for that matter."

The four will all be eligible to return in 2026 as Grade 12 athletes, where they will chase a remarkable fourth straight provincial title. The Wildcats will graduate only two players this year: Camryn Oliver and Kiera Shutz.

Camryn Oliver will represent the Wildcats one final time at the Volleyball Manitoba A/AA/AAA Graduating All-Star Game and Banquet this Friday in Winnipeg.

Varsity boys Wildcats bow out in provincial quarters

By Kieran Reimer

The Warren Wildcats varsity boys volleyball team's season came to an end last Saturday at provincials from Major Pratt School.

The Wildcats reached the quarterfinal round of the Provincial AA Boys Volleyball Championship after plac-

ing third in Pool 2 during the round robin.

In the quarters, Warren fell in three sets (14-25, 27-25, 11-15) to the Elton Sabres as their season officially came to a close.

The Carberry Cougars eventually went on to win provincials with

a three-sets win (18-25, 25-15, 16-14) over the Goose Lake Raiders on Saturday night.

Warren's provincial run lasted five total games. They began the tournament with a loss to the Immanuel Christian Falcons (22-25, 25-27) before bouncing back against the Morris/St.

Jean (Co-Op) Mavericks (25-22, 25-19).

Warren then split the remainder of their round robin games with a loss to Goose Lake (18-25, 27-25, 9-15) and a win over the Margaret Barbour Spartans (25-20, 25-23), before falling to Elton in the quarters.

Stonewall Stingers divisional volleyball champs

By Jo-Anne Procter

The Stonewall Centennial Stingers girls' and boys' teams capped a strong season by capturing the 2025-26 Interlake Divisional junior high volleyball championship banner on Nov. 25.

The Stingers' Grade 8 Team Black boys edged Warren 15-13 in a tight third set to clinch the divisional title, earning their spot in the final after defeating Woodlands in the semifinal. Woodlands rebounded with a straight-sets win over Teulon to finish third.

In the girls' division, Stonewall Gold put together an undefeated run to claim the championship. They downed Grosse Isle 25-19 and 25-15 in the final after knocking off Teulon in the semifinal and Balmoral in the quarter-final. Their round robin included wins over Woodlands, Stony

Mountain and Stonewall Team Black. Teulon secured third place with a win over Warren.

Fresh off their divisional title, the girls travelled to Winnipeg for the Volleyball Manitoba Grade 8 provincials at Maples Collegiate over the weekend. Stonewall's run ended in the quarter-final with a 15-25, 26-28 loss to the Charleswood Celtics.

Earlier in the tournament crossover, the Stingers dropped their opening set to the Grant Park Pirates 20-25 before rallying to take the next two 25-18 and 15-10. In round robin play, they split with the Holy Ghost Blazing Spirits — winning 25-23 before falling 25-15 — and with the Leila North Lions, earning a 25-19 win before an 11-25 loss. Stonewall also fell to the Edward Schreyer Barons 19-25 and 11-25.

Rams seniors make final push for provincial titles

By Kieran Reimer

The Stonewall Rams varsity boys' and girls' volleyball teams battled for provincial glory last week in what marked the final games as Rams for their graduating Grade 12 athletes.

Neither squad came home with a medal, but both delivered determined performances in their final outings of the season.

The varsity girls came closest to the podium, advancing to Saturday's bronze-medal match at Linden Christian School before falling to the Neelin Spartans.

The varsity boys, meanwhile, saw their run end Friday morning with a playoff-round loss to the Dauphin Clippers at Springs Christian Academy East.

Girls finish fourth at AAA Provincials

Stonewall entered AAA Provincials as one of the top four ranked teams and opened in Pool 1. The Rams dropped all three pool matches on Thursday, falling to the W.C. Miller Aces (14-25, 16-25), Neelin Spartans (25-16, 16-25, 11-15) and Westgate Wings (17-25, 23-25), placing fourth in their pool.

Their pre-tournament ranking earned them a bye into Friday's quarterfinal, where they rebounded with a straight-set win over the St. John's-Ravenscourt Eagles (25-18, 25-20) to secure a semifinal berth.

Stonewall met W.C. Miller again in the Saturday morning semifinal, with the Aces repeating their earlier result (14-25, 14-25). That set up a bronze-medal rematch with Neelin.

After dropping the opening set, the Rams forced a third with a strong second-set performance. Neelin, however, regained control in the decider and claimed bronze with a 19-25, 25-13, 15-6 victory.

Graduating players completing their varsity careers on the girls' side included Lucy Hoff, Jordan Hudon, Kamryn Hunnam, Rhea Myers, Kenzi Porter, Adria Vandersteen and Morgan Walker.

Boys bow out in playoff round

The varsity boys opened AAA Provincials in Pool 3 with losses to the St. Maurice Patriots (10-25, 19-25), Steinbach Christian Flames (14-25, 19-25), and St. John's Tigers (23-25, 25-20, 5-15), finishing 0-3 in pool play.

That placed them fourth heading into Friday's playoff round, where they faced the Dauphin Clippers for a spot in the quarterfinals. The Clippers closed out the match in straight sets (25-1, 25-15), ending Stonewall's season.

Six Grade 12 athletes wrapped up their Rams volleyball careers: Nathaniel Greenidge, Cai James, Ben Kavanagh, Easton Killbery, Jack Palmer and Carson Schaeffer.



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Stonewall Stingers Team Gold won the divisional championship in Warren on Nov. 25. Pictured left to right, back row: Monaco Gederon, Eva Learmond, Gemma Garton, Ediwar Garton, Rachel Hughson, Hunter Dwyer and Tim Lee (coach); front row: Abigail Osborne, Kahlie Minnie, Brooklyn Chetyrbok, Grace Ward, Kayla James, Tamsen Killbery and Devynn Van Hussen.



Stonewall Stingers Team Black captured the boys' divisional championship on Nov. 25 in Stonewall. Pictured left to right, back row: Jett Adamik, Avin Wedel, Asher Santos, Layne Vandersteen, Crew Corbett, Henry Gemmill and coach Leanne Corbett; front row: Jagger Ray-Tesluck, Rainn Santos, Ryder Smart, Jake Nychuk and Tripp Warburton. Missing are assistant coaches Ava Favreau, Adria Vandersteen and Quinn Adamik.

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Local coaching spotlight: Fines balances school and softball to give back

By Kieran Reimer

Maddy Fines grew up with a strong support system in the Interlake Phillies AAA softball program — a positive experience she now works to pay forward.

After aging out as a player, Fines stepped immediately into a coaching role, and she's now been with the program for four years. This past season, she served as an assistant coach with the U17 Phillies, who captured a provincial bronze medal. She has been balancing her coaching duties while pursuing a master's degree in physiotherapy at the University of Manitoba.

Fines was recently named the recipient of the Softball Manitoba Ashley Neufeld Memorial Bursary, awarded annually to an athlete or coach who demonstrates exemplary sportsmanship and dedication to the sport.

"It was a huge honour to get it," Fines said. "It was presented by Ashley Neufeld's parents, which was really encouraging to meet them because they're a big part of the softball community, so it was really nice to have it presented from them specifically."

Fines credits three former coaches — Taylor Stud-

ler, Courtney Kwasnitza and KC Roy — as major influences and role models.

"Growing up we always had one or two female coaches, and it was a lot of fun having them," she said. "I feel like you learned a lot more from them just because they had played and had that experience. That is something I wanted to do, and then the group of girls that I have are just really awesome, so they keep me coming back."

Her favourite moment from the 2025 season was the U17s' provincial run in Stonewall. Entering the tournament as the fourth seed, the Phillies pulled off an upset win over Central Energy en route to the bronze medal.

The U17s are already preparing for the 2026 Manitoba Premier Softball League season with indoor training.

"They work super hard, which is always awesome," said Fines. "It makes it so encouraging to go and be with them. Now I feel like they're old and they know everything, so it's just fun to go and hang out with them and get to stay active. And I feel like I'm learning stuff from them — they're getting so good, they're better than I was."



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U17 AAA Interlake Phillies assistant coach Maddy Fines, middle, received the Softball Manitoba Ashley Neufeld Memorial Bursary from Phil and Bev Neufeld.

Balmoral Ladies Bonspiel crowns three event champions



TRIBUNE PHOTOS SUBMITTED BY KELSEY SIGFUSSON

The Balmoral Curling Club hosted its annual Ladies Bonspiel over the last weekend of November, with rinks capturing titles in the A, B and C events. The A Event was won by the team of Jodine MacDuff, Mackenzie Stewart, Leah Hawryluk and Brennley Vodden, who went undefeated to secure the top prize. In the B Event, Donna Anderson, Norine Yanke, Kelly Rapke and Lori Emilson took home the title after a strong playoff run. Rounding out the winners was the C Event champion rink of Arlene Deprez, Phyllis Klimpke, Brenda Joel and Paulette Foy, who closed out the weekend with a decisive victory.

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Ice & Iron Classic draws 20 teams for first annual event



TRIBUNE PHOTOS BY LANA MEIER

Twenty teams blended golf swings and curling shots at the first annual Ice & Iron Classic, held Friday and Saturday at the 19th Hole golf simulator and the Argyle curling rink. Teams of four played 18 holes of scramble-format golf on the simulator and hit the ice for two six-end games under a skins format that kept the competition tight from start to finish. The event opened Friday evening and wrapped up Saturday with a beef brisket dinner and entertainment by Stonewall's Burned Stone band. Team Turney, Kevin Turney, Jared Turney, Jordan Turney and Brent Eliason, captured the overall title with 81 points. The team led by Riley Buchanan — with Carter Ives, Jace Guilford, Auston Storey and Logan Storey — finished second with 78 points, while Matthieu Meier's foursome of Rhett Woods, Cole Emberley and Kobe Davies placed third with 76 points. The "most honest team" distinction went to Dave Ives and the crew from Enns Brothers. Organizers say the inaugural Ice & Iron Classic will return next year after the strong turnout and enthusiastic feedback from participants.

Jets scorers helping club stay in MMJHL's top five

By Kieran Reimer

The Stonewall Jets recent offensive success has led to them sitting fifth in the Manitoba Major Junior Hockey League entering December.

The Jets have now scored five goals in three consecutive games, which have helped them win two of the three.

Last week the Jets split games with the River East Royal Knights and Ft. Garry/Ft. Rouge Twins as their record moved to 9-8-1.

Thursday night they got two points in a 5-1 win over River East at Veterans Memorial Sports Complex.

Stonewall's Rylan Slatcher led

the charge with a hat trick over the game's final two periods.

The game began with Adam Newcombe opening the scoring for Stonewall in the first.

After River East evened things to make it 1-1 through 20, Slatcher netted his first of the game which kicked off four unanswered goals for the Jets.

Karson King made it 3-1 in the middle frame before Slatcher got his second.

He then capped off the hat trick in the third as the Jets picked up their ninth win of the season.

Stonewall finished with a 40-28 edge in shots as Spencer Hunnam was cred-

ited with the win, making 26 saves on the evening with Stonewall's Everett Winters also coming in and stopping the lone shot he faced.

The Jets then played another offensive duel on Friday at Century Arena where the Twins took it in an 8-5 final.

Five goals were scored in the first period with Stonewall's Kale Chipman and Kai Smith tallying for the Jets.

Twins' Drew Russell and David Balshaw led the game offensively with hat tricks apiece that powered them to victory.

Stonewall's Alex Kaczorowski, Dylan Vitelli and Gavin Holod also netted goals in the loss helping the

Jets win the shots battle 43-26.

Winters finished with 18 saves in the game while Twins' Kennedy Kerr finished with 38 and was credited with the win.

Stonewall now look ahead to December where they will play seven games including four at home before the Christmas Break.

UPCOMING GAMES:

Thursday, Dec. 4 vs Raiders Jr. Hockey Club, 8 p.m. at Veterans Memorial Sports Complex

Sunday, Dec. 7 at Transcona Railer Express, 2 p.m. at Transcona East End C.C.

Mercs overpower Beavers with 10-goal outburst

By Lana Meier

The Warren Mercs erupted offensively on home ice, scoring four times in the first period and never looking back in a 10-4 win over the Carman Beavers in SEMHL action.

Warren took control early on special teams. Braydon MacDonald opened the scoring on a power play at 7:50, followed by even-strength mark-

ers from Dasek Sobkow and Patrick D'Amico just 10 seconds apart. Stephen Kleysen added another power-play goal at 17:42 to send the Mercs into the intermission up 4-0.

Carman showed pushback in the second, cutting the deficit to 4-3 with goals from Brock Wood, Dean Gorchynski and Mikol Sartor in an eight-minute span. But Warren stead-

ied the game and reclaimed the momentum in the third.

Just three minutes into the final frame, Eric Swanson buried the eventual game-winner to restore a two-goal cushion. From there, the Mercs exploded for five more: Gianluca Esteves at 3:59, D'Amico at 8:00, Kleysen with his second at 11:16, Darrin Husak at 16:56 and Johnny Lazo at

18:02.

Esteves finished the night with a goal and four assists, while D'Amico, Kleysen, MacDonald and Drake Lindsay all delivered multi-point performances. Goaltender Evan Baty stopped 30 shots for the win.

Warren looks to keep rolling when they host the Springfield 98's on Saturday, Dec. 6 at 8 p.m.

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67s celebrate first win of the season Dec. 4

By Lana Meier

The Warren 67s wrapped a busy stretch in the Hanover Tache Junior Hockey League with a win and two hard-fought losses, highlighted by strong goaltending performances, timely scoring and some heated special-teams battles.

The 67s opened the week with a tough outing against the first-place Macdonald Swarm, falling 12-4 despite an early lead and multi-point nights from several players.

Ben McKenzie put Warren on the board at 5:43 of the first period, finishing a setup from Logan Gilkes and Brennon Chartrand. The Swarm responded with two before the intermission, then struck for four goals in the first seven minutes of the second to take control.

Warren continued to chip back. Colton Bruce scored at 1:52 of the second, and Gilkes added another midway through the frame. Affiliate player Matt Hawryluk scored Warren's fourth at 4:43 of the third, assisted by Ethan Corbett and Dylan Riddell.

Goaltenders Dallas Shaver and Preston Laschyn split duty, combining for 45 saves. Macdonald went 1-for-1 on the power play while Warren finished 0-for-4.

The 67s rebounded with one of their most complete efforts of the season, doubling the Landmark Blues 6-4 on the strength of a pair of power-play goals and a 34-save win from Laschyn.

Justin Braid opened the scoring on the man advantage at 5:31 of the first period, followed by goals from Colton Bruce and Evan Roy for a 3-0 lead. Landmark scored in the dying second of the period, but Warren regained momentum when Gavin Winram buried a rebound midway through the second to make it 4-1.

Landmark climbed back within one in the third before Braid struck again on a power play at 12:08 — his second of the night and the eventual game-winner. Kaydyn McMahon added insurance at 16:59 to seal the win.

Warren finished 2-for-10 on the power play and killed off six of seven Landmark opportunities.

The 67s closed the week with a fast-paced 7-4 loss to the Mitchell Mustangs, who pulled ahead late in the second period and rode a hat trick from Lucas Jolicoeur.

Chartrand opened the scoring at 2:57 of the first before Mitchell responded with two. Aiden Prystupa tied it 2-2 at 15:32, but the Mustangs grabbed



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Goaltender Dallas Shaver makes a save against the Macdonald Swarm during HTJHL action.

a 3-2 lead with 27 seconds left in the period.

Warren kept pace in the second. Bruce made it 3-3 at 10:20 and Chartrand netted his second of the night at 13:00 to tie the game 4-4. Mitchell regained the lead 45 seconds later and added two more in the third, including a shorthanded marker.

Laschyn was outstanding in the loss, facing 63 shots and making 56 saves to keep Warren within reach.

UPCOMING GAME:

The 67s are back on the road Saturday, Dec. 13 when they travel to Grunthal for an 8 p.m. matchup with the Red Wings at Grunthal Arena.



Warren's Gavin Winram takes a faceoff against the Macdonald Swarm.

Blues' Hofer stones Mammoth for 18-save shutout

By Kieran Reimer

Saturday's National Hockey League slate featured another shut-out performance for 25-year-old Joel Hofer.

The St. Louis Blues netminder with ties to New Haven Colony and Keystone Colony stopped all 18 shots he faced in the Blues' 1-0 win over the Utah Mammoth at the Enterprise Center in St. Louis, Mo.

The clean sheet is the second of the season and fourth total for Hofer in NHL.

Dylan Holloway scored in the second period off assists from Phillip Broberg and Robert Thomas for what proved to be the game winner.

The Blues record jumped to 9-10-7 with the win for 25 points and seventh place in the Central Division.

Hofer's season numbers have steadily improved throughout the season, now boasting a 3.45 goals against average, a .877 save percentage, and a 3-5-2 record in 12 appearances.

Wildcats earn win over John Taylor after tough losses to Westwood and SMA

By Annaliese Meier

The Warren Wildcats women's high school hockey team put together a strong response at the end of a challenging week, rebounding from back-to-back losses with a 2-0 win over the John Taylor Pipers in Division 1/2 – West action.

Warren opened the week on Nov. 25 with a tight 3-1 loss to the Westwood Warriors at Access Credit Union Arena. After a scoreless first period, Annika Reesink gave the Wildcats a 1-0 lead at 8:05 of the second when she finished a pass from Mackenzie Boonstra. Westwood equalized late in the period, then added two more in the third at 4:56 and 4:15. Warren generated 18 shots but couldn't find another goal, while goaltender Emma Cassils made 19 saves.

The following day at Hockey for All Centre, Warren ran into one of the division's top teams, falling 7-0 to the third-place SMA Flames. SMA scored four times in the opening period and added three more in the third. Despite the lopsided result, goaltender Joslyn Tetlock turned aside 41 shots in a standout performance under constant pressure. Warren finished 0-for-3 on the power play.

The Wildcats recovered well on Nov. 28, controlling key moments in a 2-0 shutout victory over John Taylor. Nicole Hutchinson opened the scoring at 6:09 of the first period, burying a pass from Ella Riddell, who added her second assist of the game in the third when she helped set up Daisy Ducharme at 7:08. Warren protected the lead with disciplined defensive play and timely clears, while Tetlock posted a flawless 19-save shutout.

The Wildcats now sit at 5-6-0-2-1 for 17 points, holding sixth place in the

Division 1/2 – West standings after 14 games. Warren has scored 20 goals and allowed 39 while showing signs of tightening its defensive zone play.

Warren returns home Tuesday, Dec. 2, when the SMA Flames visit Access Credit Union Arena at 3:15 p.m.

WARREN SPLITS GAMES WITH LORETTE AND PINAWA, HOLDS THIRD IN PRICE DIVISION

The Warren Wildcats faced two very different results in Price Division action last week — a 5-2 loss to first-place Lorette on Nov. 24, followed by a convincing 3-0 shutout win over Pinawa two days later.

Warren opened the scoring early when Ashton Baldwin buried a setup from Ty Olson at 14:40, but Lorette answered with three straight goals in the first period, including a power-play tally that pushed the hosts into a 3-1 deficit after 20 minutes.

The Wildcats clawed back in the second when Olson struck at 1:38, finishing a pass from Layne Noren to make it 4-2. But that was as close as Warren would get. Lorette added an insurance marker in the final frame to close out the win.

Despite the loss, goaltender Mason Klassen turned aside 27 shots, keeping Warren within reach through long stretches of sustained Lorette pressure.

Two days later, the Wildcats delivered one of their most complete defensive performances of the season, shutting out Pinawa 3-0 at the Lac du Bonnet Sports Arena.

Olson continued his strong week with a dominant first period, scoring twice — including the game-winner



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY JO-ANNE PROCTER

Warren's Annika Reesink battles Payton Procter behind the net during a 7-0 loss to St. Mary's in Manitoba Women's High School Hockey action.

at 10:16 — and assisting on Landon Tully's marker at 2:37. Baldwin and Lexon Hogg each added two assists, giving Warren a 3-0 edge after 20 minutes.

From there, goaltender Josh Tristram took over, turning aside all 15 shots he faced for the shutout. Warren also killed off a parade of second- and third-period penalties, including multiple head-contact calls and a late-game slashing minor, to preserve the clean sheet.

At 8-1-0, Warren remains one of the division's top teams, sitting third with 24 points, trailing only undefeated Niverville (24 pts in 8 GP) and Lorette

(28 pts in 11 GP). The Wildcats boast the division's third-best defensive record, allowing just 11 goals through nine games.

Growth from Olson, Baldwin and Hogg continues to power Warren's offence, while Klassen and Tristram have combined for an elite 1.22 team goals-against average.

Upcoming games:

Mon, Dec. 1 – Linden Christian vs. Warren, 3:50 p.m., Sam Southern Arena

Fri, Dec. 5 – Windsor Park vs. Warren, 4:30 p.m., St. Vital Centennial Arena

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> MEAL IDEAS

Sweetpotato Blueberry Baked Oatmeal

Recipe courtesy of Sarah Schlichter on behalf of the North Carolina Sweetpotato Commission

Prep time: 10 minutes

Cook time: 30 minutes

Servings: 6

Butter, oil or nonstick cooking spray

2 cups uncooked rolled or old-fashioned oats

2 teaspoons cinnamon

1/4 teaspoon salt

1 1/2 teaspoons baking powder

1 1/2 cups 1% milk

2 large eggs

1 cup mashed sweetpotato

1 1/2 tablespoons butter, melted

1/3 cup maple syrup, plus more for drizzling

1 teaspoon vanilla extract

2/3 cup blueberries (fresh or frozen)

Preheat oven to 350 F.

Coat inside of 2-quart baking dish with butter, oil or nonstick cooking spray.

Mix oats, cinnamon, salt and baking powder.

Beat in milk, eggs, sweetpotato, butter, 1/3 cup maple syrup and vanilla extract.

Mix together, saving blueberries for last to prevent staining or crushing, and spread inside dish.

Bake 30-35 minutes until oats are tender and moisture has been absorbed.

Drizzle with maple syrup, to taste.



Recipe courtesy of "Cookin' Savvy"

Servings: 4-6

1 package slider buns

8 slices Swiss cheese

8 slices salami

8 slices ham or other deli meat

1 stick butter, melted

1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce

2 tablespoons brown sugar

1 tablespoon grated Parmesan cheese

1 teaspoon onion powder

1 teaspoon garlic powder

everything bagel seasoning (option-

Simple Salami Sliders

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Heat oven to 350 F.

Halve slider buns, creating top and bottom portions. Set top portion aside, leaving bottom portion in original container. Place bottom portion and container in baking dish to prevent sticking.

Layer Swiss cheese, salami and ham then cover with top buns.

Mix melted butter, Worcestershire sauce, brown sugar, Parmesan cheese, onion powder and garlic powder. Pour over sliders.

Cover with foil and bake 15 minutes then remove foil, sprinkle with everything bagel seasoning, if desired, and bake, uncovered, 10 minutes.

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION
TOWN OF STONEWALL
REVISED WATER AND WASTEWATER RATES
STONEWALL WATER AND WASTEWATER UTILITY

November 21, 2025

The Town of Stonewall (Town) has applied to the Public Utilities Board (Board) for revised water and wastewater rates for the Stonewall Water and Wastewater Utility (Utility) as set out in By-Law No. 12-25, read the first time on October 8, 2025. Rates were last approved in 2025 in Board Order No. 8/25, with current rates coming into effect January 1, 2025.

The current and proposed rates are as follows:

| | Current Rates | Proposed Rates |
|--|---------------|---------------------|
| | By-Law 16-24 | By-Law 12-25 Year 1 |
| Quarterly Service Charge | \$ 22.50 | \$ 22.50 |
| Water (per cubic meter) | \$ 1.04 | \$ 1.09 |
| Wastewater (per cubic meter) | \$ 0.91 | \$ 0.95 |
| Minimum Quarterly Charge* | \$ 49.10 | \$ 50.33 |
| Minimum Quarterly Charge - Wastewater Only Customers** | \$ 70.85 | \$ 72.97 |
| Wastewater Disposal Tipping Fee (per cubic meter)*** | \$ 4.50 | \$ 4.70 |
| Emergency Lagoon Dumping Fee**** | \$ - | \$75/instance |

*Based on 13.64 cubic meters
**Based on 53.13 cubic meters
***Charged based on vehicle capacity at the time of licensing
****Fees charged for Emergency Lagoon Dumping outside of Operating Hours – Monday through Saturday from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

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

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

Questions or comments should be sent on or before **January 6, 2026**.

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

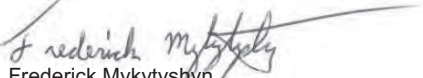
- the Utility filing a rate application to the Board,
- a public notification of proposed rate changes,
- the Board's review of the application through a public hearing or paper review process, and
- the issuance of an Order which outlines the Board's decision on the rate application and the rates to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

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

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


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

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


Frederick Mykytyshyn

Assistant Associate Secretary
Manitoba Public Utilities Board

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RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF WOODLANDS
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
RESIDENTIAL WASTE, RECYCLING COLLECTION, HAULING AND PROCESSING

The Rural Municipality of Woodlands is requesting Proposals for waste and recycling collection and hauling service for the Local Urban District of Warren, Twin Lakes Beach and the Woodlands Transfer Station. The agreement will commence on January 1, 2026 to December 31, 2027.

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

For more information contact the R.M. Office in Woodlands at 204-383-5679 or email finance@rmwoodlands.ca.

Bids must be received on or before December 18, 2025 at 4:00 p.m.



RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF WOODLANDS
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
UNDER THE MUNICIPAL ACT
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING OF CLOSURE OF PUBLIC ROAD

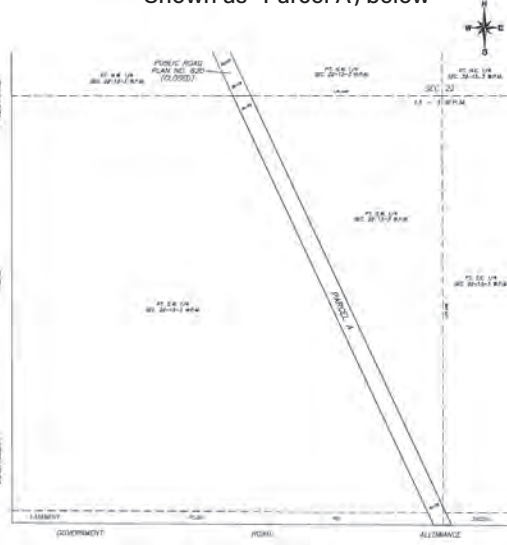
On the date and at the time and location shown below, a **PUBLIC HEARING** will be held to allow any interested person to make a representation, ask questions, or register an objection in respect to the following matter:

The Closure of Public Road Plan No. 620

HEARING: Council Chambers, Rural Municipality of Woodlands Office, 57 Railway Avenue, Woodlands, Manitoba

DATE & TIME: 9:35 A.M., Tuesday, December 9, 2025


AREA AFFECTED: S ½ of 22-13-3W, RM of Woodlands Shown as "Parcel A", below



CONTACT FOR MORE INFORMATION:
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Full-time Permanent

Requisition #: 00639 Closing Date: Dec 8, 2025
To view this and other employment opportunities, visit rrc.ca/employment.

We thank all applicants for their interest, but only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE

Warren Senior & Multi-Family Housing Project

Date: Monday, December 8
Time: 7 to 10 p.m.
Location: Warren Community Hall

DATE CHANGE

Silver Bridge Land Development is hosting a public open house to present Phase 1 of the Warren Senior and Multi-Family Housing Project, on South Interlake Rec Centre lands.

Come learn about:

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For more information, contact:
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OBITUARY



Dewey Jesse Harrison

December 20, 1933 – November 26, 2025

Peacefully surrounded by his family, Dewey passed away at Selkirk Regional Health Centre at age 91.

He is survived by his wife Elizabeth; his children: Jeanette, Vernon (Tamara), Sammy, Teresa, Tricia (Adam); and numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren and nieces and nephews.

He was a proud gardener and enjoyed time in the garden sharing his life experiences with his children, grandchildren, customers and friends from far and wide.

He was baptized as a Jehovah Witness and dedicated his life to serving Jehovah and attending many meetings and conventions.

Cremation has taken place, and a celebration of life will be held on Monday, December 8, 2025, 1:00 p.m. at Gilbert Funeral Home, Selkirk with Richard Downing Jr officiating.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to areas which impacted Dewey such as Fibromyalgia Association Canada, Anxiety Disorders Association of Manitoba or Chronic Fatigue Syndrome.

Tributes: www.gilbartfuneralhome.com

Gilbert Funeral Home, Selkirk in care of arrangements.



OBITUARY



Lydia Ambrose

On the morning of November 28, surrounded by the love of her family, Lydia continued on her journey from this world to the next.

She will be sorely missed by her husband of 57 years, Tom, their darling children and their families: Dave and Sherrie (Nick and Julia), Chrissie and Chris (Ben and Sam), and Mike (Lilia), and her sister, Anne, nephews Dan, Andrew, and their families. Awaiting her on the other side are her parents, Osypa and Wasyl Lysak and many in-laws.

Displaced by war, Mom was born in Germany and immigrated to Canada at 18 months old. The Lysak family settled in Komarno and worked hard to create a homestead on the land. After high school in Teulon, Mom moved to Winnipeg for Teacher's College. She met her husband, Tom, at a dance and they married a few years later.

She taught at Peguis and Carpathia schools before taking a hiatus to raise her family. Once the kids were old enough, Mom went back to work, teaching K-2 in Inwood, until her much deserved retirement in 2008.

All her life, Mom was strong, determined, and hard-working. Although it was challenging at times, Mom enjoyed many aspects of farm life, like driving the combine and grain truck. She was an amazing gardener and sustained her family year round with her preserves. After retirement, she enjoyed having more time 'patskting' around in her garden and flowers, visiting her grown children, chatting with her sister, and meeting friends for 'harbatka.' The meals she prepared from scratch when we were all gathered together were feasts!

Above all else, Mom loved her family. As we combed through pictures following her passing, there were so many happy memories captured over the decades, a testament to wonderful home she created. She was such a proud and caring Baba to her five grandkids. We all feel so grateful to have had her in our lives and will miss her terribly.

We would like to express our thanks to the nurses and doctors at the ICCU at St. Boniface who cared for Mom during her brief stay in hospital.

Prayers will be held December 4 at 7:00 p.m. at MacKenzie Funeral Chapel in Teulon. Funeral will be on her birthday, December 5, 10:00 a.m. at Holy Trinity Church in Komarno. Interment and lunch to follow.

Thanks for everything, Mom. We love you.



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The Stonewall Anglican Church of the Ascension would like to thank everyone who helped make our Christmas Tea a great success. Raffle Winners were: Afghan – Diane Trafiak; Grocery Hamper 1 – Kay Blais and Grocery Hamper 2 – Cynthia Klohn.

OBITUARY

Joyce Stewart

It is with sadness we announce the passing of Joyce Stewart formerly of Balmoral, MB on Saturday, November 29, 2025 at Rosewood Lodge Personal Care Home in Stonewall.

A private family graveside service will take place at a later date.



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

OBITUARY



Carol Anne (Jones) Schott
October 4, 1947 – November 20, 2025

With sadness and gratitude, we announce the passing of Carol Anne Schott (née Jones) on November 20, 2025 at the age of 78.

Carol was born in Winnipeg to Eileen and Thomas Jones (both deceased) and was one of five siblings.

She is predeceased by sisters Patricia and Nona and survived by her brothers Ray and John (Lee).

In 1967, Carol married Wade Schott, beginning a 58-year partnership rooted in loyalty, love, and humour. They raised two children, Michael (Jana) and Bonnie and later welcomed Carol's niece Genevieve, who joined the family at age five.

Carol worked in Winnipeg for BMO and Motorways, and later in Roblin, where she and Wade were managing partners of McMunn & Yates Building Supplies. While working at BMO, the branch was

robbed at gunpoint three times. During the final robbery, while employees were on the floor, Carol quietly prayed, "Please God, don't let them shoot the tellers." Her faith and concern for others remained constant throughout her life.

In semi-retirement, she continued serving the community as bookkeeper for Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church.

Carol loved old movies, gardening, crosswords, and the companionship of her dog Zulla. She often said, "It's a good day... to be happy." a sentiment that reflects the way she lived and continues to guide those who loved her.

She will be deeply missed and lovingly remembered.

A private family service will be held.



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OBITUARY



Marjorie Amy

September 16, 1947 – November 28, 2025

On Friday, November 28, 2025 Marjorie Amy age 78 years passed away at the Health Sciences Centre in Winnipeg.

Marjorie was born in Teulon and attended high school in Teulon until Grade 11. Grade 12 commercial class was based in Stonewall, MB. Marjorie started dating Charlie Amy in August 1964 and married him on October 18, 1969 (56 years married – 62 ½ years together).

In 1965 she went to work at the Winnipeg Free Press as account payable clerk until December 1970 when daughter Sherry was born. In 1972, Marge went to work for Blackwood Beverage (which was later purchased by Pepsi) as accounts payable. In January 2021 her job was transferred to Calgary. She then worked for Bel Acres mowing grass on the fairway, retiring in 2022. Marge enjoyed

mowing grass, when we wanted a zero turn mower she wouldn't buy one unless it had a steering wheel so we bought a Cub Cadet.

In 2012 we started winters in Arizona except 2013 when we went to Florida. We missed one year because of COVID. In 2019 land was purchased for the museum. Marge helped with hole digging to fence the property. She also mowed grass at the museum.

Marge was also involved with the family farm along side her husband Charlie.

One of her enjoyments was doing word search puzzles.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Sunday, December 21, 2025 at 1:30 p.m. at Argyle Community Hall. Interment will take place at a later date at Argyle Cemetery.

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OBITUARY



Edith Annie Bird (MCLAREN)

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of our mom, Edith, on Sunday, November 23, 2025 at the age of 92.

Edith was predeceased by Robert (Bob) her husband of 64 years; her son Mark; her parents Thomas and Edith; her brothers Joe (Alma), Tom (Norma), Bill (Olive), and Robert (Mamie); her sister Isobel (Don).

She is survived by her children Lynn (Gary), Laura (Ken), Christine (Peter), Andrea (Alex) and daughter-in-law Lisa, 13 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Edith was born the youngest of six children, and grew up in the West End of Winnipeg, attending Principal Sparling and Daniel McIntyre schools. She married Bob in July of 1953 and worked as head teller at the Royal Bank until the babies started to arrive and she became a stay at home mom. Mom and Dad lived in Winnipeg

until 1969, when they bought property in the Lilyfield area of Rosser and Dad built a house big enough for the growing family.

Mom was an accomplished pianist, and used her talents and love of music often. She sang in the Sparling Church choir for over 25 years, and in later years often played piano for Rosser Church. She took part in numerous musicals, and surprised us many times around the campfire with her repertoire of silly songs!

Mom was also a math whiz, and could tally large sums in her head very quickly. She seemed to quite enjoy the challenge of doing taxes manually, and was once offered a job by an accounting firm based solely on her ability to navigate complicated tax forms for the farm. She also took her turn at both Sparling and Rosser Churches as the Finance chair.

While the kids were growing up she still had time to participate in numerous activities. She was a Sunday School teacher and an Explorer leader, bowled in a weekly league, and was a member of the Mt Lildon UCW.

Most of all Mom will be remembered for her hospitality. If you walked in the door, you knew you would be fed. Her freezer always had a couple of casseroles or meals "just in case" they were needed. Thursdays were always baking day and the house would be filled with the smell of fresh bread and cookies when we got home from school.

Her welcoming smile, her energy and her offbeat sense of humour will be greatly missed.
Love you Mom.

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OBITUARY



Alan Robert Nixon
November 30, 1944 –
November 14, 2025

After a courageous battle with Pulmonary Fibrosis, our beloved husband, father, brother, brother-in-law, uncle and best friend was forced to leave us. Al did not lose his battle with Pulmonary Fibrosis, rather he won the battle, but in the only way left to him - by escaping its grasps, and forever and finally leaving it behind. It is with deep sorrow that we announce his passing, 17 days short of his 81st birthday.

Al will be lovingly remembered by his wife of 58 years Gayleen (Essex), children Alan and Grant, sister Marian Ulyatt (Norm), brother-in-law Ken Essex (Pat), sister-in-law Margaret Beauchamp (Lorne), many nieces and nephews, as well as extended family and friends.

He was predeceased by his parents Thomas and Margaret (Peggy) Nixon, brother Tom Nixon, niece Terri Essex, nephews Tommy Nixon and Brian Nixon.

A Celebration of Life will be held December 6th, 2025 at the Stonewall United Church, 369 First Ave N, Stonewall, at 11:00 a.m., with a lunch to follow at the Odd Fellows Hall, 374 First Street W, Stonewall.

In lieu of flowers, if friends so desire, donations may be made to the Canadian Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation for research into eliminating this disease, or a charity of one's choice. Canadian Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation, 3250 Bloor Street W, East Tower, Suite 600, Toronto, ON, M8X 2X9, or online at cpff.ca.

The family would like to thank Dr. L. Homik, Debbie Homik and the Pulmonary Fibrosis Support Group family for their caring and support throughout this journey.

Thank you to the Stonewall RCMP and EMS for their kindness and support. A special thank you to Ken Loehmer for his gentle guidance as we face our new tomorrows.

Full obituary may be viewed on the Ken Loehmer Funeral Services website at klfuneralservices.ca.

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