

OCTOBER 2023

NEIGHBOURS of Stonewall

HAPPY
HALLOWEEN



Happy
Thanksgiving

MEET THE FAREBROTHERS

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THE FAREBROTHERS

The Farebrother's have resided in the RM of Rockwood for over 3 decades. It was in 1990 that they chose the community of Stonewall in which to relocate from Thunder Bay Ontario and raise their young and growing family. Shortly after their purchase of a home within the townsite of Stonewall both Blayne and Christine felt their boys needed more outdoor space. It was then that the long-standing connection with Lawrence and McKillop Realty was born. Maggie Lawrence, with her experience and expertise, navigated this busy family through their purchase of a rural property on Summit Road in the early 90's. The Farebrother's, along with their four sons, enjoyed the many advantages of country living including dirt bike tracks, tree houses, large gardens, and forest trails. As the family grew to six children the Farebrother's once again looked to purchase a larger home that would accommodate the needs of this family of eight. In 2003 the Farebrother's moved to Poplar Drive in the RM of Rockwood just miles from their former Summit Road residence. They remained there for over ten years seeing all six of their children graduate from Stonewall Collegiate and move on to careers with Apple, Manitoba Hydro, Exploration Drilling, Cummins, and Fire/Paramedic, some of their children also acquiring properties in the surrounding communities. When the opportunity to purchase 144 Memorial Boulevard, affectionately known as "Maggie's House", was realized Blayne and Christine made the decision to move into the community of Stony Mountain. Their decision to move into this small and quiet community would allow them to be close to the city of Winnipeg where they both are employed, Blayne in the Exploration Industry, and Christine an educator. Stony Mountain was also a great place to explore with numerous bike trails, walking paths, and quarry nature preserve to enjoy. The town's atmosphere is both friendly and welcoming and the town itself is rich in history which peaked the interest of this couple. They had always wanted an era perfect backdrop for their treasured antiques and collectables, and "Maggie's House" seemed just perfect! It was a home they were familiar with and had always admired any time they passed by. Their home today continues to be a work in progress. With renovation plans always being mindful of the history of this 100 year old house, the Farebrother's have found a very special place here, and a great community in which to live.



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COMMUNITY GROUPS OR
VOLUNTEER ORGANIZATIONS

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Hey there October! Happy Thanksgiving

Welcome October - This month we're celebrating the feeling of the seasons changing, fall festivals, porch pumpkins and spooky vibes. One of my favourite months of the year! We hope you've been well - We're excited to share what's going on in our town, communities and the local real estate market. As always, if there's anything we can assist with, send us a message, we're always happy to help!



When do you decorate for fall?!

- This month we're looking forward to celebrating fall, spending time with family and friends creating costumes, carving pumpkins, embracing great food, and enjoying cooler temperatures - finally!]. We're looking forward to attending the Fireman's social in Stonewall and Stony Mountain's Fireman's Ball . What are you going to do for thanksgiving and halloween? When do you typically decorate for the season?
- On a professional front, In September I saw 40 years in real estate and completed our mandatory education required. October brings a seminar with a keynote speaker, offering a chance for growth. Adaptability has been key to our long-standing success in this ever-changing industry. Cheers to a fantastic October!
- What's happening around town? Stonewall will be embracing October with a handful of local events and happenings. Keep reading for more information below!

Susan & Brandt McKillop



90 PERCENT

OF HOMEOWNERS SAW AN
INCREASE ON THEIR INSURANCE
PREMIUM THIS YEAR

If you're part of the 90%, here's what you can do about it:

First, know that lowering your homeowners insurance rate typically involves taking steps to reduce the risks associated with your property and demonstrating responsible homeowner behavior.

A few ways to keep tabs on your insurance:

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| ✓ Raise your deductible | ✓ Reinforce your property |
| ✓ Drop non-essential coverage | ✓ Bundle policies |
| ✓ Don't make small claims | ✓ Maintain good credit |
| ✓ Shop around every year | ✓ Ask about discounts |



Halloween COSTUME CONTEST



KIDS

PRIZE:
FAMILY PASS TO MURRAY'S MAZE
@ BOONSTRA FARMS - STONEWALL

VALID FOR ADMISSION OF 2 ADULTS & 2 CHILDREN. INCLUDES 4 HOTDOG MEALS



ADULTS

PRIZE:
4 TICKETS TO THE STONEWALL
ROCKWOOD FIREFIGHTERS ASSOC.
HALLOWEEN SOCIAL - OCT. 27TH

8PM-1AM @ STONEWALL LEGION HALL.
MINORS UNDER 18 MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY ADULT



FAMILY

PRIZE:
FAMILY PASS TO MURRAY'S MAZE
@ BOONSTRA FARMS - STONEWALL

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Send us your halloween costume photos for a chance to win! Enter one category or enter them all! Deadline is Monday, October 16th. Submissions will be posted to our Facebook page after the deadline. Our Facebook community will vote and select the winners based on the number of likes and comments they receive!

Email your submissions to: contest@mckillop.ca or private message our facebook page!



Make sure to like and follow our facebook page: @mckillopteam



**Please note: by submitting your photos you hereby give us permission to post your photos online to our McKillop Team Facebook page.*

Business OF THE MONTH



Boonstra Farms started the in 1988 milking 50 cows. They planted 20 rows of strawberries in 1990 and thought it would create some extra income for their 4 kids. After many hardships and a long learning curve they began to grow more and more strawberries. As demand grew for the berries so did the acres and by the year 2000 they had 10 acres of strawberries. Once they started doing school tours and a corn maze the work load was becoming too great so they sold the dairy cows. Boonstra Farms now has 35 acres of strawberries, 4 acres of raspberries and a 10 acre halloween corn maze. Be sure to check out the maze, take a tour on the hay ride, and last but not least, visit all your favourite animals in the petting zoo!

Murray's Maze is open every Saturday & Sunday 12:00pm-6:00pm. Halloween Maze begins October 14th!





Fall HOME MAINTENANCE CHECKLIST

EXTERIOR

- ✓ Clean gutters and downspouts frequently
- ✓ Check windows and doors for cracks
- ✓ Fertilize lawn
- ✓ Trim shrubs and trees
- ✓ Check the dryer vent and clean if necessary
- ✓ Inspect roof, attic and crawlspace for signs of moisture or damage
- ✓ Remove outdoor hoses
- ✓ Replace any light bulbs that are out

INTERIOR

- ✓ Check smoke detectors and fire extinguishers
- ✓ Repair any loose or damaged windows or door frames
- ✓ Inspect furnace and heating system and replace filters
- ✓ Put caulking or stripping around windows and doors
- ✓ Clean air ducts & furnace (replace filter if dirty)
- ✓ Clean chimney and fireplace
- ✓ Clean baseboards
- ✓ Donate any unwanted clothing or household items

EXTERIOR

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INTERIOR

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Community EVENTS



See more at: mckillop.ca/events
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Murray's Maze
@ Boonstra Farms - Stonewall

Open Every Weekend:
Saturday & Sunday
12pm-6pm

Halloween Maze Starts Oct 14

10 Acre Maze + Petting Zoo &
Hay Rides!



OCTOBER'S Property SHOWCASE

Commercial/Industrial



13 Patterson Drive - Stonewall
• 2.12 Acres



60 Grayson Place - Stonewall
• 3027 sq.ft • 5 Bed • 3.5 Bath



7154E Road 83N - Balmoral
• 1860 sq.ft • 4 Bed • 2 Bath

Watch the full video tours, 3D interactive and much more at: www.mckillop.ca



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September UPDATE

R12: STONEWALL & AREA

40
ACTIVE
LISTINGS
11 Lots

\$461,641
AVERAGE
LIST PRICE


\$391,187
AVERAGE
SALE PRICE


12
HOMES
SOLD


14
DAYS ON
MARKET


3.33
MONTHS OF
INVENTORY


RAVING REVIEWS

 Susan McKillop did a great job of listing our house .she was always very professional and always me sure we were comfortable throughout the listing. She made sure that everything was taking care of during the listing giving us little to do. Susan has a outstanding team that work with her and we would recommend her to everyone. Thank you Susan and your team for a great job done. - L & D ★★★★★

Brandt is a top notch agent who represented the sale of our house in Incredibly professional manner and at the same time being like a friend to offer guidance and assistance we had not experienced in an agent before. I would not hesitate to use the Brandt McKillop Team again or recommend to anyone that requires a smooth sale. - S ★★★★★ 

 Professional, patient, excellent staging advise without the need to outsource physical staging, effective updates and explanations of the selling process, excellent use of media tools, timely communication. Excellence in customer service. - M & D ★★★★★

Brandt was very helpful and attentive to the sale. He provided assistance in getting repairs done, furniture hauled away, and assisted looked after shocking the well to meet water quality requirements Marketing efforts were very thorough and covered several various media. I couldn't be happier with the job that was done. - M ★★★★★ 

 Susan was amazing to work with and took the stress out of selling the home. Any questions/concerns that I had, Susan was able to answer them immediately and put my mind at ease. I would definitely recommend Susan to anyone looking for an experienced and trusted realtor. - T ★★★★★

Ready To Move?

We're your local neighbourhood experts. Eager to earn your business, we'll show you why we're the ideal choice for your real estate needs. Trust, confidence and your satisfaction are our priorities. Let's thrive together in this fantastic community!

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AM I READY TO RIGHTSIZE?



There's a host of reasons for rightsizing to a smaller home or a bigger home. You might want to pocket the savings and build upon your nest egg. Maybe you're ready for a new adventure and eager to move to a condo. Or finally—the kids have flown the coop, and you don't need the extra bedrooms and bathrooms anymore. Whatever your motive is for rightsizing, an honest evaluation of your expectations is essential to make an informed decision. That's why we think it is wise to ask yourself these questions before you even start looking for smaller home or suitable size home. Read more at: www.mckillop.ca/rightsizing

THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE!

We are excited to get to work together! Please let us know if you have any questions or would like more information on how we can help you downsize.



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Halloween Colouring Page

