

NEIGHBOURS of Stonewall



From our house...



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...to yours



Happy Holidays!

Thank you for choosing Waring Enterprises for your landscaping and snow removal needs. Your trust inspires us to give our very best each day, and we are dedicated to continuing to exceed your expectations. We look forward to serving you in the upcoming year and beyond. From our family to yours, wishing you a delightful holiday season and a New Year filled with positivity and success.

Warmest Regards,

Ken, Evan, Ward, Eleanor, Hayden & Alycia



Wishing you and your loved ones a joyful holiday season and a prosperous New Year! 🎉
May your holidays be filled with laughter and warmth. Here's to another year of shared successes and opportunities.

Best wishes from Doug & Dwyane



As the holiday season unfolds, we want to extend our warmest wishes to you and your loved ones. Thank you for choosing Access Credit Union as your financial partner. Your trust is the driving force behind our commitment to providing excellent service.

May this festive season bring you joy, peace, and memorable moments with family and friends. As we welcome the New Year, we hope it holds the promise of new beginnings and the realization of all your dreams.

Wishing you and yours a joyous holiday and a prosperous New Year!

Access Credit Union



May your holiday season be filled with joy, laughter, and the warmth of family and friends. As we approach the New Year, we wish you all the best – may it be filled with prosperity, good health, and exciting new opportunities.

Thank you for being a part of the Home Hardware family. We look forward to serving you in the coming year and beyond.

Wishing you a wonderful holiday season and a Happy New Year! From The Kirk Family and The Home Hardware Team



From all of us at Interlake Salvage & Recycling, thank you for making our work a pleasure. May your holiday be merry and bright! - I.S.R. Crew



Dear valued customers,

As we celebrate this joyous holiday season, we extend our heartfelt gratitude for your unwavering trust and loyalty over the past 40 years. Your continued support propels us to strive for excellence in our industry, ensuring that we offer the pinnacle in technology and media while providing you with the best prices for both selling and buying. As we embark on the journey into 2024, we wish you health, happiness, and prosperity. Thank you for being an integral part of our success.

-The McKillop Team of RE/MAX Town & Country



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Hey there December! Merry Christmas!



Welcome to December! As we step into this festive month, we can't help but reflect on the bustling activities that filled November. It was a month of preparation, gratitude, and community appreciation as we geared up for our special Holiday and New Year edition of Neighbours Of Stonewall.

In this edition, we had the pleasure of acknowledging the unwavering support of certain companies that have consistently been pillars of strength for our community. We also shone a spotlight on a community group that has been representing Stonewall for decades, embodying the spirit of unity and collaboration.

Additionally, we took the opportunity to recognize some remarkable individuals whose generosity has profoundly impacted the lives of many. It's heartwarming to witness the positive influence these special people have on our community.

As December unfolds, we are eagerly anticipating the Festival of Lights Parade in Stonewall on December 1. The festivities include exciting events such as a meeting with Santa and a delightful pancake breakfast, making it a joyous time for families and friends.

November also saw a flurry of real estate activity, with homes finding new owners and sellers finding success. And now, as we transition into December, we're gearing up for the cherished tradition of sending out holiday greetings to our fabulous customers, clients, and esteemed business partners. Your support means the world to us, and we are truly grateful.

Looking ahead to 2024, we are busy planning new and exciting offerings to enhance the selling and buying experience for our clients. As the year comes to a close, we express our gratitude for the trust you've placed in us and eagerly anticipate the opportunities and adventures the new year will bring.

Wishing you a joyful and festive December, filled with warmth, laughter, and the spirit of giving!

Matt, Tim, Lynn, Susan, Brandt, Alycia



WHO IS THE MCKILLOP ? TEAM

We Are Storytellers

We are passionate storytellers dedicated to reshaping your real estate story. Through writing, producing, shooting, and editing, we bring captivating stories to life, redefining how the market engages with the world of real estate.

We Are Digital Specialists

We have a deep understanding of the complexities in the digital landscape, enabling us to create highly optimized content for maximum impact across diverse platforms. Our dedication is to unlock the full potential of the digital realm, making our creations stand out in the crowded digital space.

Amplifying Your Message

We collaborate with you to craft content rooted in your core values, magnifying your message for a broad audience. Let us support you on your chosen path.

Creating Future-Foreward Media

Balancing the present and the future, we strive to produce media that resonates not only with today's audiences but leaves a lasting impact for generations to come. Our focus is on innovation, memorability, and delivering enduring value in everything we create.

We Are Here For You

We're here to create and collaborate with you, making a positive impact through our work.

We put your property in front of more potential buyers than anyone else.



Home DECOR IDEAS



1. Festive Table Settings: Create beautiful table settings and centre pieces for holiday dinners.



2. Handmade Ornaments: Let the kids paint and create their own ornaments to add a personal and heartfelt touch to your holiday tree and decorations.



3. Wreath Making: Create wreaths for your front door or interior decor using seasonal flowers, and other materials, pine cones, berries, dried fruit, etc.



4. Holiday Mantel Decor: Decorating the fireplace mantel, garland, stockings, and creative arrangements for a festive focal point in the home.



5. Seasonal Pillows and Throws: Customize your own holiday-themed pillows and throws.



6. Lighting Ideas: Explore various ways to create a warm and inviting atmosphere with holiday lighting. This could include DIY candleholders, string lights, and decorative lanterns.



7. Door Decor: Create a welcoming front door decor. This could involve making a custom wreath, crafting a festive sign, or using unique planters.



8. Seasonal Wall Art: Create your own holiday-themed wall art or prints. Cut-out paper snowflakes or print your favourite family photos.



9. Holiday Home Fragrance: Make your own natural home fragrances for the holidays, like potpourri, simmering spices, or scented pinecones.



10. Outdoor Decor: Decorating the exterior of your home, such as creating a custom outdoor wreath, lighting displays, and pathway luminaries.



11. Cozy DIY Gifts: Make your own cozy holiday gifts, such as homemade hot cocoa mix, baking boxes, scented candles, or knitted scarves.

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Business OF THE MONTH



Brake Family Auto Sales & Service is a local family-owned full-service automotive service shop since 1989. Conveniently located on the east entrance to Stonewall. They offer a full range of automotive repairs, towing services, community support and are proud members of the NAPA Auto Pro Program. We are proud to partner with the Brake Family on our annual Santa Parade Float in Stonewall and Winnipeg!

Brake Family Auto Sales & Service - 212 2nd Avenue North, Stonewall, MB. (204) 467-9156



FEATURED

Community SERVICE GROUP

The Stonewall Kinsmen & Kinettes are one of the town's longest service community service clubs. Chartered in 1947, the Kin Club has been serving the community's greatest needs with the creation of the Kinsmen Lake complex, the Kinsmen apartments and most recently the Kinsmen Splashpad. Annual events include Breakfast with Santa, Santa Parade crowd management, Christmas Tree sales lot and Quarry Days logistic support.



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VOLUNTEER & SUPPORT

Company OF THE YEAR

The latest initiative of the Kin Club in Stonewall was the construction of the picnic shelter and the completion of the walk of recognition. The club would like to recognize Waring Landscape Supply and Ken Francis for their most generous support with funding, labour, and material throughout the entire Splashpad project!

Be sure to see Waring Landscape Supply for all of your landscaping and snow removal needs!



Landscape Supply

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Community EVENTS

FRIDAY | **Festival of Lights Santa Claus Parade**
Dec. 1 | **7pm** - Main Street, Stonewall

Check out the Remax Hot Air Balloon Float! Members of the Interlake Lightning will be handing out free Remax cellphone gloves!



SATURDAY | **Kinsmen Breakfast With Santa**
Dec. 2 | **9:30am** - Stonewall Royal Canadian Legion



The Kinsmen Christmas Tree Sale
is on now at Stonewall Home Hardware!



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8 EASY WAYS TO MAKE YOUR HOME FEEL MORE

Festive

1. KEEP YOUR CHRISTMAS TREE SIMPLE
2. GO FOR LOW EFFORT MAXIMUM IMPACT DECORATIONS
3. MAKE THE MOST OF CORNERS AND SMALL SPACES
4. HANG A WREATH ON THE FRONT DOOR
5. STRING UP SOME OUTDOOR FAIRY LIGHTS
6. SWITCH UP YOUR CUSHIONS FOR FESTIVE ALTERNATIVES
7. PUT UP PAPER CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS
8. GET CREATIVE WITH TABLE DECOR

Celebrate THE HOLIDAYS WITH YOUR PETS

1. Companionship:

Pets offer companionship during the holidays, providing comfort and unconditional love. They are loyal members of the family and bring a unique sense of joy during the season.

2. Reducing Stress:

The holiday season can be both joyous and stressful. Pets have a calming influence and can reduce stress and anxiety, making them valuable partners in celebrating the holidays.

3. Shared Traditions:

Many families have holiday traditions involving their pets, from dressing them up in festive attire to creating special traditions. These activities bring joy and add a unique dimension to the holiday season.

4. Pet Safety During the Holidays:

Ensuring your pet's safety during the holidays is crucial. Hazards include toxic foods, decorations, and cold weather. Keep harmful items out of reach, supervise around decorations, and provide warmth when they're outside. Use pet-friendly treats to maintain their health.

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As we reflect on the journey of 2023, it's been a year filled with both challenges and triumphs for our office. The year kicked off with a slow start, influenced by unpredictable weather, interest rate hikes, and an unprecedented low inventory not seen for three decades. Despite these hurdles, our commitment to community engagement through our magazine, "Neighbours Of Stonewall," kept us motivated.

Launched in 2022, our magazine became a platform to introduce families to our community, discuss real estate trends, address pet issues, delve into home improvements and introduce & support small local businesses. We started with monthly inserts in the Stonewall Tribune, we ventured into the digital realm with resounding success, reaching over 35,000 impressions on our first digital edition. The positive feedback encouraged us, fuelling our excitement for 2024 as we aim to keep our communities informed on real estate trends and engaged in local events.

Recognizing the need for a centralized source for community events, we created a community events calendar. This interactive platform allows people to share and discover events, from fundraisers and garage sales to concerts in the park. Our participation in events like the Touch a Truck, Quarry Days, Kinsmen Splash Pad, Bobby Bend School Playground, Stony Mountain Concert Series - The Bison Bandstand, Stonewall & Rockwood Firefighters Fund Raiser and Stony Mountain/Rockwood Fire Department Fundraiser Gala Stand further cemented our connection with the community, providing moments of joy for both the young and the wise.

The launch of "Welcome To Stonewall & Area's" magazine was a proud moment for us. Designed to showcase the charm and offerings of our town and surrounding communities, it has become a valuable resource for those considering a move to our community. We invite individuals to share their stories and history, fostering a sense of connection and community pride.

Our sales performance in 2023 was remarkable, with a 98% success rate in selling all our listed properties. Beyond real estate transactions, our commitment to the community extends to projects like the RE/MAX Habitat for Humanity Build and Children's Hospital Foundation/CMN, and Santa Parade Float which are worthy causes close to our hearts.

As we continue to embrace the digital age, we expanded our social media presence, attended seminars, and invested in education to stay at the forefront of industry trends. As the year draws to a close, we're gearing up to express gratitude to our clients for their continued support and loyalty over our 40 years in business in this community we call home.

December is the season where we pause to reflect on the past year and take time to reconnect with family, friends and loyal clients.

Here's to a memorable year gone by and the exciting possibilities that 2024 holds for us all.

Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays, and a Happy New Year!



Christmas Crack Recipe

Ingredients: Butter, Brown Sugar, Chocolate, Saltine Crackers, M&M's



- Preheat oven to 350 .
- Line a cookie sheet with parchment or foil paper. Spread the saltine crackers out in a single layer on the cookie sheet.
- Grab a pot melt the butter, brown sugar over medium heat on the stove. Bring to a boil, reduce the heat to low and let it continue to cook for 5 minutes, stir often so it doesn't burn. This is your toffee.
- Pour the toffee over the saltine crackers evenly.
- Bake for 5 - 7 minutes in the oven or until bubbling over the crackers. The crackers will move around a little, that's ok.
- Remove from the oven and sprinkle the chocolate chips on top. Let stand 2 minutes.
- Once chocolate is shiny, start spreading over the toffee.
- Top with any toppings you desire, m&m's and refrigerate for about 2 hours for candy to harden.



Home FOR THE HOLIDAYS



The snow fell gently outside, blanketing our neighbourhood in a pristine coat of white. The holiday season was in full swing, and the cozy glow of our house beckoned us inside. It was Christmas Eve, and the warmth of our home was matched only by the warmth in our hearts.

Our journey to homeownership had been one of determination, sacrifices, and dreams realized. Years of saving, planning, and searching had led us to this moment—the moment when our house had become not just a building, but a true home.

As we gathered around the crackling fireplace, the scent of fresh pine from our Christmas tree filled the air. The soft glow of twinkling lights danced on the ornaments, each one a memory from years past. Our children's laughter echoed through the rooms, their eyes sparkling with anticipation for the coming day.

The importance of homeownership was never more apparent than during the holidays. Our house provided a stable and loving environment for our family. It was a place where traditions took root, where we could create memories to cherish for a lifetime. It was a canvas for our holiday celebrations, a space to express our love and gratitude.

Christmas had always been a time of togetherness. In our home, it was more than just presents under the tree; it was about the love that wrapped around us like a cozy blanket. It was about family, about the joy of being all together in the place we called our own.

As we gathered around the dining table, a feast of homemade dishes filled the room with tantalizing aromas. Our kitchen was the heart of our home, where countless meals had been prepared and shared. It was a place where stories were told, laughter rang out, and family bonds grew stronger.

The importance of homeownership became crystal clear when our house was filled with the sounds of loved ones. It was a place where we celebrated the big moments and the small victories. It was where we put up the Christmas decorations, strung the lights, and sang carols by the fire.

The evening was a testament to the power of home, family, and the holiday spirit. It was a reminder that, in our home, we were not just residents; we were a family, a team, a circle of love.

As we exchanged gifts and shared stories, we felt the true magic of Christmas—being together in the place we had worked so hard to call our own. It was a reminder that, indeed, there's no place like home, especially during the holiday season.

The snow continued to fall outside, but inside our home, our hearts were filled with the warmth of love and the gratitude for the journey that had brought us here. Our home was the foundation of our holiday celebrations, the stage for our family traditions, and the place where our dreams continued to come true.

The importance of homeownership had been woven into the fabric of our lives, especially on this magical Christmas Eve. We were home for Christmas, and that was the greatest gift of all.

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

Wishing you all the very best in 2024!

