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## First Place in the 5M13 District Lions Speak-Off Competition

On Saturday, November 23rd, Mackayla Leadbeater, a student from Thomas Greenway Middle School in Crystal City, competed in the 5M13 District Lions Speak-Off Competition held at the Clarion Hotel in Brandon.

Mackayla, a Grade 6 student, delivered an impactful speech on the topic, "Swimming Should Be Mandatory to Learn in PE!" which earned her first place in her category of grade 6-8 students.

After her speech, she was asked two questions by the panel of judges, showcasing her knowledge and ability to think on her feet. She spent considerable time writing, revising and practicing her speech to ensure it was polished and compelling.

Her success would not have been possible without the guidance and support of her Grade 6 teacher, Mr. Derek Turnbull, who mentored her throughout the preparation process. Mr. Turnbull's encouragement and expertise helped Mackayla refine her public speaking skills and inspired her to take part in this competition.

Mackayla also chose to donate a portion of her winnings to her school, further demonstrating her commitment to giving back to her community.

Congratulations to Mackayla Leadbeater on her well-deserved first-place win!



Mackayla Leadbeater earned first place in a Lions Club competition held in Brandon for her speech: "Swimming Should be Mandatory to Learn in PE!"

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Mackayla Leadbeater receiving her award from Crystal City Lions Club Member Cheryl McKittrick.

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# Moundettes Mini Mall

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The Moundettes' Mini Mall in Pilot Mound on November 24th offered a wide variety of Christmas related items and gift ideas.



# Lots of unique items at Darlingford's Christmas Market



Susan Ching and Shannon Holenski at the United Church table.



Taylor Goerz with her Willow Mae Ceramics.



Mary Giesbrecht had a wide array of baking available for purchase.

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Kate Tickner and Cal Funk with the Darlingford 125 merchandise. Cal was also selling "Challenge Coins" on behalf of the fire department.





# Black Friday in Pilot Mound



DEBORAH COGHILL PHOTOS

The steak fry was well attended. The crowd visited with friends while enjoying their meals.



SUSAN PETERSON PHOTO

The Hatcher family at Home Bakery worked long hours to keep the shelves stocked.



Kelly Morrow set up her Epicure and Avon in the kitchen of Christine's Cuts N Curls.



The lovely ladies at Pilot Mound Pharmacy were happy to help. L-R: Judy Funk, Lenora McWilliams and Amanda Morrow-Young who offered vaccines all evening.

## Deborah Coghill

On Friday, November 22 the businesses of Pilot Mound participated in Black Friday in the Mound. This annual event had people out shopping late at a variety of shops. Many attended the steak fry at Call-Inns Hotel while trying their luck with the Chase the Ace draw.

Several businesses had free draws, no tax items, sale items and/or specials.

**L-R: Paula Watson, Cassidy Watson and Christine Watson**  
Yeomans were all smiles as customers shopped at Christine's Cut N Curls for deals on her wide variety of products and Paula's homemade tea towels.



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## Fund established for Scott Legary



Submitted by  
Earl Gardiner

*Scott Legary is the grandson of the late Elmer and Lilian Legary of Pilot Mound. Their son Bill Legary moved from Pilot Mound to Killarney in 1972 when Scott was 6 years old.*

Welcome, friends of Scott Legary

In November 2022, a tragic accident occurred that rendered our friend, Scott, a quadriplegic. He has demonstrated incredible resilience to overcome his physical challenges, but

the long-term financial burden to build his new life is real and daunting. Scott will need the support of his friends as he strives to build his new life of independence.

As friends and supporters of Scott, we have created a Trust Fund for him in which every single dollar received will be allocated to his healthcare needs. His most immediate priority is the purchase of a customized power chair, estimated at \$55,000. Funds raised beyond this goal will be prioritized and allocated to

his future healthcare needs. We will use this platform to update his friends on the milestones of his journey to independence.

Your generosity will propel Scott's journey, providing the necessary financial support to positively impact his quality of his life. We thank you for your support as our friend continues his journey to a build a new, meaningful life.

### SCOTT'S STORY:

Scott grew up in Killarney and now resides in Winnipeg. Now retired,

he worked faithfully for 35 years for Speedy Glass in Winnipeg and Brandon. He has a strong passion for hockey, golf, and baseball. He loved his time skating with the Winkler Flyers (4 years beginning in 1981), then followed by 3 years playing for the Winkler Royals, and playing senior baseball in Winnipeg. You may have also seen him watching his daughter Jenna playing soccer as he rarely missed a game.

In November 2022, a

tragic accident changed Scott's life. While cheering on the Big Blue during the Grey Cup, Scott experienced a major dizzy spell and fell backwards down a flight of stairs. Sadly, when he hit the wall, he suffered a complete spinal cord injury at C4 including C5 and C6. Since that day he has been paralyzed from the neck down, with little movement below the shoulders.

Earl indicated that although it was stressful figuring out the logistics and safety factors of getting Scott to the arena and back to the Deer Lodge Centre, it turned out to be a great experience for everyone.

Back in the early 1980s Earl coached Scott's midget boys' hockey team in Killarney and the two became close friends.

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Scott has shown incredible resilience as he fights through the many tough days and the major setbacks that come with a significant spinal cord injury. After 15+ months at Health Sciences Centre, he was stable enough to move into Deer Lodge Centre in Winnipeg. This new living environment is a game-changer for Scott and offers him the hope that he will eventually regain some independence and quality of life.

Scott's new life will have significant fiscal challenges, and he would

greatly benefit from the support of his friends to provide him with the tools, technology and care essential to rebuilding his life. His team at Deer Lodge is working to prepare him for a customized power wheelchair through extensive training and physical rehabilitation.

**The Friends of Scott Legary have set up a Fund to support Scott in his journey to rebuild his life.** This Trust will be used to support Scott's immediate and future medical needs. Most urgently, Scott needs support in the purchase of the power chair and the associated technology.

We are extremely grateful for those who can contribute, and for helping to give Scott the 'Gift of Mobility'. Please visit the website that has been established, <https://www.friendsofscottlegary.com>, to learn more and to donate or donations can be directly emailed to: [Friendsofscottlegary@gmail.com](mailto:Friendsofscottlegary@gmail.com).

## Louise Community Support Services

Carol Simpson,



Coordinator  
204-825-2443

December already! The year seemed to fly by.

Louise Community Support Services had another busy year. Just to name some of the programs that we provided:

- there were many people who had rides to appointments and shopping;
- chair yoga ran in the winter;
- we sponsored a movie

called Unsyncable that was very uplifting;

- new ERIK kits were available and over 200 were distributed;
- we had various presentations including the mature driver workshop;
- there was a bus trip to the Peace Gardens;
- we had lots of singing events;
- We also sponsored an Old Time Dance;
- we had our wine survivor fundraiser.

Thanks to everyone who attended, volunteered and supported us.

On Wednesday December 4th at 3:30 p.m. come to the Friendship Center in Crystal City and listen to **Art Harms and Cam Hartley entertain.**

On Wednesday January 15th at 2 p.m. at the Fellowship Club in Pilot Mound, we will be sponsoring a **performance by**

**The Uku-Ladies.** This is made possible by the Healthy Living Together Grant. This is a free performance, hope to see you there.

**Chair Yoga** with Carissa Quadfuss (CYA-RYT-200) will start up again on Wednesday January 8th for eight weeks. Cost is \$80.00 at Pilot Mound Fellowship Club 10:30 a.m. and \$80.00 for Crystal City Friendship Center at 1:30 p.m. If you are interested, please register by calling the office or email [lcss@wcgwave.ca](mailto:lcss@wcgwave.ca). New people are always welcome; no experience is needed.

If you are interested in joining a wonderful board, Louise Community Support Services will have some openings in the New Year. Please contact the office if you are interested. ■

## Getting through Christmas after the loss of a loved one

Submitted by  
Rock Lake Palliative Care

Rock Lake Palliative Care is inviting the community to its Annual Cherished Memories Afternoon, Wednesday, December 11, at 2 p.m. at the United Community Arts. This special time offers remembrance and support for those who have suffered the loss of a loved one recently or in the past. Cherished Memories is offered to support caregivers and their families.

The Christmas Season is a time of joy, hope and peace but for many of us who have experienced a death in the family or of a dear friend, it is difficult to get into the festive season without those we have lost.

This time of remembrance and symbolism is open to all and gives you an opportunity to honour your loved ones in a safe environment.

At the Cherished Memories afternoon, we share a time of fellowship with an ecumenical

and meaningful service of remembrance, words meant to help healing and lighting candles in memory of our loved one, followed by a time of socializing and sharing with others who are hurting. All are welcome.

**Due to the postal strike we are unable to send out individual invitations so please consider this your invitation and know all are welcome to attend.** Please spread the word.

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# All local cast prepares to enchant you!

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Emily Young, Cole Pitchford, Pam King, Clint Maxwell, Kinley Taylor, Makayla Leadbeater, Abby Moir, Cash Guilford  
Missing: Lauren Treble, Jaxon Hatcher, Bill Tiessen, Jamie Smith

The Parklane Theatre in Crystal City has been busy as an all local cast rehearses for the upcoming play An Enchanted Bookshop Christmas.

Tickets can be purchased at CC Bistro or at the door for either of 2 shows: Saturday, Dec. 7 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, December 8 at 2:00 p.m..

Katie McInnes, Scarlett Taylor, Sheena Taylor



# Red Moon Road to Bring the Sounds of Christmas to the Manitou Opera House



Red Moon Road L-R: Daniel Péroquin-Hopfner, Sheena Rattai and Daniel Jordan will perform at the Manitou Opera House at 7:00 p.m. on December 14, 2024.

SUBMITTED PHOTOS

for their celebration of the Christmas Season, entitled "A Simple Kind of Christmas."

After glowing concert reviews last year, the Manitou Opera House Foundation noted that it was an easy decision to invite the group to return with their evening of musical virtuosity and tradition.

The band's settings of traditional favourites are complemented by Christmas-themed original compositions by these Polaris Prize longlisted songwriters. The band once again promises a memorable evening filled with music, memories of childhood and reflections on the season.

As band members attest, "the holiday show has all of the beloved earmarks of a classic Red Moon Road concert - three-part harmonies from some of Manitoba's

finest musicians, lovingly arranged musical offerings woven masterfully together with stories and sprinkled with family-friendly repartée."

With over 20 instruments - favorites such as the banjo, mandolin and lap steel, plus the festive additions of orchestral bells and jingle bells - the band aims to capture the rich, full sounds of the season. The show will feature three-part harmonies from the well-loved trio, with a unique mix of carols sung in French, German and English.

The group's bio describes them as follows: "Born in a storm on a wild Canadian lake, Red Moon Road has come into their own on trails between coasts and journeys overseas. From living rooms to folk fest stages, the trio has performed more than 1000 shows since 2012. Evolving from acoustic folk roots, their sound currently integrates Sheena's powerful vocals with lush pop harmonies and nuanced arrangements that combine percussion, banjo, slide guitar and synths."

The core members of Red Moon Road include Sheena Rattai on vocals, percussion and keys, Daniel Jordan on vocals, guitar and mandolin and Daniel Péroquin-Hopfner on vocals, mandolin, banjo, lap

steel, keyboards and synths.

They will be joined on stage by three other accomplished Manitoba musicians: Daniel Roy on drums, Keiran Placatka on piano and keyboards and Logan Picton on guitar and mandolin. Together the ensemble has established a reputation for impeccable musicianship.

At the concert, Red Moon Road will also have available recordings of their chart-topping Sorrows and Glories, their Christmas album A Simple Kind of Christmas, and their single, Say It Again, which Jordan describes as "an anthem poised to call out the soulless rhetoric of gas-lighters in positions of power."

The Manitou Opera House Foundation noted the support of local sponsors Boundary Trail Railway Company, Ellis Pharmacy, IG Wealth Management, Manitou Auto Body and Sam's Foods.

Concert tickets are \$25, and the hosting Manitou Opera House Foundation is quick to suggest that "tickets to the concert would make a wonderful Christmas gift for friends, relatives, or for yourself!" Tickets are available by calling or texting (204) 242-4414 or by emailing events@manitouoperahouse.com.

See ad p. 11

Submitted by Al Thorleifson

On Saturday, December 14, 2024 at 7:00 p.m., Manitoba favorites Red Moon Road will return to the stage of the Manitou Opera House

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## The Deep Freeze arrives



Although temperatures most definitely will get colder, the -26 degree morning we woke up to on November 29th wasn't exactly what we were ready for. However nature can compensate us beautifully as you can see in this photo Janice Olfert sent us of the morning sun dogs. Hopefully the weather will warm, although there tends to be fewer storms when it's this cold. Previously, we had a bit of a wake up when rain and slush turned to snow, blanketing the area in several centimeters of the white stuff. School was called off November 20 and 21st due to icy roads and poor travelling conditions on the plugged back roads.

## Prairie Spirit School Division

### Minutes of the DATE, 2017 Regular Board Meeting

A motion to approve the accounts in the amount of \$2,239,237.67 was passed.

#### Presentation:

Presentation on Teen Clinic Information - Diane Ciprick, Manager of Health Services - Primary Health Care for Prairie Mountain Health.

#### Reports of Senior Administration:

**Graduation rates of June 2024:** A comparison of the divisional rates and provincial rates was provided.

#### Board of Reference

**Results:** The provincial Board of Reference provided a report of their decision to deny the applicant's request to move their property from Prairie Spirit School Division to Western School Division.

#### The following motions were passed:

- authorize the Secretary Treasurer and the Chairperson to sign a Limited Term Teacher contract with Kendal Rink for a .66 FTE term position, effective February 3rd, 2025 to June 27th, 2025,

and assign her at Baldur School;

- ratify the employment of Taylor Kennedy as educational assistant at the Holland Elementary School for 5.50 hours per day, effective November 12th, 2024 to June 26th, 2025;

- ratify the employment of **Teresa Nicolajsen** for 7 hours per day as administrative assistant at the **Nellie McClung Collegiate Institute**, effective November 25th, 2024;

- grant Cheyanne Melnyk a leave of absence from her position as educational assistant at the Shady Lane Colony School, effective November 29th, 2024 to June 13th, 2025, as per her request;

- grant Sarah Amani a leave of absence from her position as educational assistant at the St. Claude School Complex, effective November 25th, 2024 to June 26th, 2025, as per her request;

- ratify the employment of Maria Mangin as educational assistant at the Ste. Marie School for 5.67 hours per day, effective November 4th, 2024 to June 26th, 2025;

- accept the resignation

of Diana Bertram as regular bus driver for the division, effective November 15th, 2024;

- accept the resignation of Lloyd MacIver as regular bus driver for the division, effective November 29th, 2024;

- ratify the employment of Lloyd MacIver as spare bus driver for the division, effective December 2nd, 2024;

- ratify the employment of David Pollock as regular school bus driver for the Division effective October 30th, 2024;

- award Janzen GMC Winkler with the truck tender, with pricing as per their quote, for the Bus Garage;

- approve the minutes of the Teacher Liaison Meeting held on November 7th, 2024;

- grant **Pilot Mound Collegiate** permission to take students for an extended **overnight field trip to Asessippi Ski Area and Resort** at Russell on February 2nd and 3rd, 2025, at no cost to the division and subject to the conditions of Policy IFH-P;

#### Communication for Information:

Manitoba Education

and Early Childhood Learning, October 23, 2024, Manitoba Recognizing Yellowquill Bachelor of Education Program.

Coach of the GCB Wildcats, October 23, 2024, Letter of Concern, PSSD Hockey Restrictions.

Manitoba Education and Early Childhood Learning, October 28, 2024, Governance and Policy Branch, Board of Reference Award.

Manitoba Education and Early Childhood Learning, October 30, 2024, Teaching Certificates and Qualifications Regulation Amendments Letter.

Manitoba Education and Early Childhood Learning, November 5, 2024, Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week.

#### Further Business:

Region 2 Meeting held on October 30th, 2024.

Region 2 Evaluation form.

#### Delegation:

Delegation - Silke Chevalier

*The above constitutes a partial account of the meeting. A full transcript of approved minutes is posted on the website [www.prairie-spirit.mb.ca](http://www.prairie-spirit.mb.ca). If you wish to receive a full transcript of*

Manitoba NewsRelease

## Manitoba Government Launches New Snowplow Tracking System

INTERACTIVE MAP TO PROVIDE REAL-TIME ROAD CLEARING UPDATES

Manitobans are now better able to plan safe winter travel thanks to "Track My Plow", a new snowplow tracking feature that provides real-time updates on Manitoba 511.

"Winter storms are a part of our lives and the new Track My Plow app will help Manitobans plan their winter commutes without having to even look out the window," said Transportation and Infrastructure Minister Lisa Naylor. "Track My Plow will not only save drivers time but will help improve the safety of Manitoba's roads during winter. I'd like to thank our snowplow operators, who are out in all sorts of highways, for their hard work."

The new tracking feature, available on Manitoba 511's website and smartphone app, will allow users to track active snowplows and where they have been for the past two hours. When combined with descriptions of road conditions and closures, drivers can make informed decisions before travelling this winter.

"CAA Manitoba congratulates the Manitoba government on the

launch of this new technology, which we believe will be welcomed by Manitobans as they navigate our roads, streets and highways this winter," said Ewald Friesen, manager of government and community relations, CAA Manitoba. "We are in full support of innovations that increase road safety in our province. As part of our road safety advocacy, we remind motorists that planning your route is one of the most effective ways to avoid needing a tow and avoiding the dangers of being stranded. We believe that this app can significantly help drivers make informed decisions to safely reach their destinations."

For more information on Manitoba's Multi-Year Infrastructure Investment Strategy, visit: [www.gov.mb.ca/mti/myhis/index.html](http://www.gov.mb.ca/mti/myhis/index.html).

Up-to-date information on highway conditions including detours, restrictions and road closures is available at [www.manitoba511.ca/](http://www.manitoba511.ca/) or by calling 511. The Manitoba 511 app is available for download in the Apple Store and Google Play: [www.manitoba511.ca/about/mobileapp](http://www.manitoba511.ca/about/mobileapp). ■

*the minutes or have any questions about this regular meeting of the Board of Trustees please contact Prairie Spirit School Division, Secretary Treasurer, Box 130, Swan Lake, Manitoba, R0G 2S0, phone 204-836-2147. Board agendas will be posted on the division website at 4:00 p.m. on the day prior to the board meeting.*

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## Let's Talk BUSINESS

*Small business is the backbone of the Canadian economy and communities across the country. "Let's Talk BUSINESS" explores ways to help independent businesses grow and prosper. During his corporate business career, Lloyd McTaggart held a variety of management positions both domestically and internationally. His passion for working with independent business stems from his upbringing in Crystal City and from his own experience as a business owner/operator. He is now a semi-retired business consultant living in Kamloops, BC.*

By Lloyd McTaggart,  
Common Sense  
Management

After a bit of looking, I found 11 definitions of "smart" as it relates to the intelligence of people. I liked this one: "Having or showing quick intelligence or ready mental capability; for example - a smart student."

One of the traditional methods of measuring "smarts" is the IQ test. It stands for "Intelligence Quotient" which means a measure of human intelligence. It is a numerical score that reflects an individual's reasoning ability, problem-solving skills and cognitive capacity. The IQ score range of 85 to 115 is typically considered to be normal, with the average IQ score for adults worldwide being around 100.

**SO WHAT?**

Are people with average or above average IQ scores productive, successful and happy? Not necessarily. I ran across this statement (unknown

source) that makes a lot of sense: "It's essential to remember that IQ scores do not define a person's potential or abilities and there are many factors that can influence intelligence beyond IQ scores."

**SMARTS IN BUSINESS**

Beyond IQ, I believe there is a critical factor that could make or break a career. It's pretty simple; I call it "consideration (respect) for other people" which is a built-in personal or inner value.

A personal value is something that you (often subconsciously) believe is important and those values help guide you through life. Without them, we would see upheavals, conflicts and breakdowns all over the place. Gee whiz, are there problems in today's world with personal values?

**TO HIRE OR NOT?**

I interviewed many candidates for jobs over the years. The first thing I would look at was the resumé, which shows the nuts & bolts of their qualifications and experience.

After that, I would spend time chatting with the candidates about themselves; their aspirations, how they felt about co-workers and anything else that would provide me with clues as to how they might actually per-

customers?" A focus on "people skills" became a real priority for me in qualifying candidates for jobs and it ultimately proved to be a good path to follow.

**EVERYONE IS DIFFERENT.**

Having some interna-

**QUOTE:** "I think the lie we've told people in the marketplace is that a degree gets you a job. A degree doesn't get you a job. What gets you a job is the ability to carry yourself into that room and shake a hand and look someone in the eye and have people skills. These are the things that cause people to become successful." - Dave Ramsey, financial advisor and author..

form on the job.

Over time I came to realize that ability to perform required more than basic smarts, skills and experience, no matter the job at hand. In fact, if I had to sum it up into one question going in, it would be this: "Can this person produce job results - often under pressure - while interacting effectively with all kinds of people including co-workers, subordinates, management and

tional experience taught me that people come in all kinds of flavours, colours, sizes, shapes, attitudes, cultural habits and styles which all combine to make the world a very interesting place.

Individuals are just that - individual and different. An open mind can go a long way toward seeing the positive attributes of every person with whom you come in contact. I always looked for prospective employees

who demonstrated self-confidence, were comfortable with themselves, were willing to work hard and learn new things and above all else, treated others with respect.

I felt it would be a great asset for the company to have people who could work with others as part of a strong team to accomplish the company's goals.

**WHAT MAKES A SUPERSTAR?**

I would sometimes interview "superstars" who had the potential to become extremely valuable members of the team. In some cases, their education and technical qualifications were outstanding.

That would encourage me to talk with them about their personal values. A conversation like that would usually reveal how they might "work with others" and thus be successful but it always took some thoughtful discussion to reveal the real picture.



If they were a virtual Einstein in the smarts department but showed a tendency to disrespect others who weren't nearly as qualified (or smart) as them, I would have to think carefully about the potential impact on the company if that candidate became part of the team.

**BOTTOM LINE**

An individual's people skills often sheds light on how happy they might be on the job. Most so-called high performance individuals and leaders I've known in business had an above average set of people skills that allowed them to rise to the top and really put their smarts to good use. I'm referring to their ability to actually help more people - customers, employees and shareholders - in a most natural and "easy" way. I call that "real success."

Manitoba NewsRelease

## Manitobans Invited to Participate in Budget 2025 Survey

The Manitoba government is inviting all Manitobans to take part in a short online survey

and share their priorities and opinions for the government's next budget, Finance Minister Adrien

Sala announced today.

"We're working to rebuild health care, lower costs and get Manitoba families the services they need - while taking a balanced approach to the province's finances," said Sala. "We've made

progress over the last year, but we need to build on that work to get results for Manitobans - starting by hearing directly from you about your priorities."

Budget 2025 will outline the government's

funding priorities for the upcoming year. Manitobans can complete the online budget survey at <https://engagemb.ca>. It will be one of several ways the Manitoba government will engage Manitobans between now and when the budget is released in spring, noted the minister.

The minister also noted that Manitobans can email comments and ideas to [MBbudgetfeedback@gov.mb.ca](mailto:MBbudgetfeedback@gov.mb.ca).

The province will release its full public engagement schedule along with the online survey results at <https://engagemb.ca/budget-2025>.

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## Darlingford Pembina Heritage Museum Reports on a Busy Year



**Jennifer Ching-Faux**  
Darlingford  
Correspondent

The Darlingford Pembina Heritage Museum held its Annual General Meeting

last week and reported on a busy and successful year.

Two large capital projects were completed including the replacement of twelve windows with architecturally accurate, thermally

efficient windows along the east frontage of the building.

The front entrance was completely redesigned with a new sign, supported by a brick flower bed, along with the installation of a concrete ramp and railing and new sidewalk was laid.

The committee held its first annual community dinner, which by all accounts was a success, and also served as a hub during

**2025 calendars, featuring photos from Darlingford's past are now available for purchase. Limited quantities are available and if you would like a copy, please send a note to [darlingfordmuseum@gmail.com](mailto:darlingfordmuseum@gmail.com)**



**Greg Costen**

A retired professional counsellor, Greg Costen is fuelled by Timmy's and does anxiety for cardio

*Dear Therapist,*

*A few of my friends think I am being emotionally abused by my boyfriend. I'll admit he is a bit critical and not always the nicest but he's not a terrible person. He never hits me or anything like that. If I'm careful around him he is an ok guy. How do I know if I am being emotionally abused or if my boyfriend just has a bit of an edge to him?*

*Signed, A Bit Concerned  
Dear Concerned,*

I'll get around to the specifics of your question but let me make an observation. You describe your boyfriend as critical, not always the nicest, just

ok, making you "be careful," and having an edge. Give this some serious thought as you consider your future with him. Does this describe your Prince Charming? Why are you settling?

Emotional abuse can be detected by the behaviour of both the victim and the perpetrator, as follows:

### Victim

**Low Self-Esteem:** She speaks negatively about herself, often echoing criticisms she's heard from her partner.

**Isolation:** She's cut off from friends and family, or her partner discourages her from maintaining outside relationships.

**Anxiety Around Partner:** She appears tense, nervous or anxious around her partner and seems focused on not upsetting them.

**Constantly Checking In:** She may feel pressured to constantly update her partner on her whereabouts

and activities.

**Defending Partner's Behavior:** She downplays or justifies her partner's mistreatment, often blaming herself or external stressors.

**Frequent Apologies:** She apologizes a lot, even for things she's not responsible for, to avoid conflict or disapproval.

**Loss of Independence:** Her partner might control her decisions, finances or social interactions, leaving her with little autonomy or agency.

**Changes in Appearance or Demeanor:** She may appear withdrawn, sad or anxious or have changed her style to suit her partner's preferences.

**Fear of Expressing Herself:** She hesitates to share opinions, needs or desires out of fear of her partner's reaction.

### Perpetrator

**Constant Criticism:** Relentlessly attacks their partner's intelligence,

### The Darlingford Pembina Heritage Museum board.

L-R Back: **Glen Holenski, Daryl Domitruk, Patrick Thiessen and Ryan Nichol.**

FRONT: **Bob Luger, Rhonda Domitruk, Angie Nichol and Matt Nichol.**

Darlingford's 125th celebrations. Both events brought awareness and new visitors to the museum.

The annual 100 Club draw was once again a sell-out and all draws have been completed. Congratulations to Bill Nichol on winning the grand prize of \$500 (See box for a complete list of winners!)

This year's temporary exhibit featuring photos spanning Darlingford's 125 years of history was very popular and select photos have been compiled to create 2025 calendars that will be sold as a fundraiser.

As the year draws to a close, the museum committee is focused on building restoration and maintenance, while looking ahead to next year's community dinner and future exhibit plans.

### 100 Club Winners List

- 1) Judy L'Heureux
- 2) Ken McElroy
- 3) Darryl and Jacqui Tickner
- 4) Ryan Nichol
- 5) Leigh and Cindy Terwin
- 6) Betty Hamilton
- 7) Daneen Johnston
- 8) Nicholas and Samantha Wieler
- 9) Liz and Darren Seymour
- 10) Andy and Terry Keen
- 11) Judy L'Heureux
- 12) Brett Sager
- 13) Darren and Liz Seymour
- 14) Betty Hamilton
- 15) Bruce and Marilyn Ducharme
- 16) Bob Robinson
- 17) Wendy Holenski
- 18) Larry Thiessen
- 19) Darryl and Jacqui Tickner
- 20) Jerry Uglish
- 21) Butch and Ike Schmidt
- 22) Butch and Ike Schmidt
- 23) Laurie Wiebe and Martin Worrall
- 24) Matt Nichol
- 25) Carl Zahn
- 26) Myrna Holenski
- 27) Larry and Jo-anne Robbins
- 28) Nicholas and Samantha Wieler
- 29) Terry Klein
- 30) Terry Klein
- 31) Keri Wilson
- 32) Mel and Gloria Johnson
- 33) Laurie Wiebe and Martin Worrall
- 34) Glen and Pam Lowry
- 35) Marie Seymour
- 36) Brett Sager
- 37) Cassandra Morrow
- 38) Dallas and Regan Holenski
- 39) Tom and Lisa Sprung
- 40) Wendy Holenski
- 41) Chris Carson
- 42) Dallas and Regan Holenski
- 43) Phil Sprung
- 44) Devon and Jacquie McDonald
- 45) Bruce and Marilyn Ducharme
- 46) Jennifer and Curtis Faux
- 47) Shannon Holenski
- 48) Maurice Sprung
- 49) Darryl and Jacqui Tickner
- 50) Ryan Nichol
- 51) Tom Shipman
- 52) Bill Nichol – Grand Prize

## Ask the Therapist

*In "Ask the Therapist" I tackle readers' counselling-related questions big and small, personal or general, by sharing how a therapist might think about your concerns.*

*If you are asking, "Who is this guy?", I am a retired military chaplain and have completed a master's degree in counselling as part of that role. I have owned/operated two private therapy clinics in southern Manitoba and have worked for several independent counselling agencies. I have a number of advanced certifications in sexuality counselling.*

appearance or abilities, sometimes with subtle insults.

**Gaslighting:** Denies or distorts their partner's experiences, making them doubt their memory or sanity (e.g., "You're just being dramatic").

**Isolation Tactics:** Cuts off their partner from friends and family, often through guilt or creating tension in those relationships.

**Control and Manipulation:** Dictates their partner's choices, finances, or social life, requiring approval for basic decisions.

**Intimidation and Threats:** Uses threats to create fear, including warnings of self-harm or harm to others.

**Blame-Shifting and Minimizing:** Avoids responsibility by blaming the partner for their behavior or downplaying its impact ("It was just a joke").

**Jealousy and Possessiveness:** Accuses the partner of disloyalty and uses jealousy

to justify monitoring or control.

**Mood Swings:** Shifts between affection and anger, keeping the partner on edge.

**Withholding Affection:** Withdraws affection as punishment to control or manipulate.

**Humiliation:** Uses hurtful jokes or public embarrassment to degrade their partner.

**Charm with Others:** Appears kind and charming to others, making it hard for their partner to seek support.

**Guilt-Tripping:** Uses guilt to manipulate, making their partner feel selfish for asserting needs or boundaries.

**Cycle of Reconciliation and Abuse:** Emotional abusers often follow a cycle of alternating between abusive behavior and periods of affection, apologies, or gifts. This can create

confusion for the victim, who may hope for change and feel emotionally dependent due to the occasional kindness.

**Instilling Dependence:** Many abusers work to make the victim feel they need them, either financially, emotionally or socially. They may create a sense that the victim cannot function alone, reinforcing control.

I am not sure where all this leaves you but I urge careful consideration of the above. Show your friends this article and ask them if it seems like a match for your relationship. Take their opinion seriously. Love yourself and hold out for the best. You deserve Prince Charming.

*Please submit your therapy-related questions to [gmcosten@gmail.com](mailto:gmcosten@gmail.com) with "Dear Therapist" in the subject line.*





**Emilie Reimer (née Lepp)**

October 21, 1927 – November 7, 2024

Emilie (Lepp) Reimer was the last child born to John and Emilie Lepp. She died peacefully at the Tabor Personal Care Home (Morden) just prior to first light on Thursday, November 7, her daughter Elaine and daughter-in-law Marge by her side. She was ninety-seven.

Emilie was born in Osterwick, a Mennonite village then, now farmland in the Stanley municipality, Manitoba. When she was a young girl, her family moved to Manitou and a few years later to a farmstead near Purves, then a tiny farming town southeast of Crystal City, a few kilometers north of the U.S. border.

She attended the Willowdale school, occasionally getting to and from Purves on horseback. Her social network radiated from Purves, the little centre of their municipality. There she met David Reimer, whose family also farmed in the municipality. The two wed in the Purves United Church in 1948. Emilie and Dave established a home together and remained integrally involved in their church and community for the duration of their lengthy marriage of seventy-three years.

After Emilie and Dave moved to the Pilot Mound area, Emilie's volunteer commitments began to flourish. She was active on the board of the local nursing home, served as treasurer of the Women's Auxiliary for the Rock Lake Health District, and rotated responsibilities with the women at the Crystal City Mennonite Church. She was an active member of the Crystal City Mennonite Church for almost all of her seventy-six-year membership. In the community, Emilie delivered meals on wheels to local shut-in residents until she was well into her senior years. She contributed to Dave's efforts in making Pilot Mound an active, thriving community.

In addition to being a homemaker and caring for her two children, Emilie developed several hobbies. She took on ceramics and when their home was full enough, distributed final products to family and friends. She became accomplished in handwork and spread her needlework far and wide. She stitched many quilts for Mennonite Central Committee's relief efforts.

First and foremost in Emilie's mind was her family, both her extended family and immediate family. When she married into the Reimer family, she became part of a tight family structure where presence and togetherness was celebrated frequently. She loved her Reimer 'siblings' and developed special relationships with her Reimer 'sisters', most of whom, like her, had married into the family.

She loved each of her grandchildren and taken as a group, loved the whole lot. Even in later age, when the great grandchildren came, pictures of her taken with them show clearly how her love could communicate without words.

Emilie was generally healthy throughout her entire life. She survived chemotherapy in her early nineties and skin cancer while she was in personal care. The few nights she spent in hospital earlier in her life were for gall bladder and tonsillitis. She died, not because of illness but because her body, entering its ninety-eighth year, had run its course.

Emilie became frail only in late life. After she moved to the Tabor Personal Care Home, her world was limited to her room of four walls. She appreciated those who came to visit, especially the visits from family: Lepp family nieces, Reimer



family in-laws, nieces and nephews, and members of her own immediate family, her children, their spouses, her grandchildren and great grandchildren.

On behalf of Emilie, her family expresses gratitude for the Prairie Mennonite Fellowship community who continued to regard Emilie and Dave as their own even after their move to assisted living in Morden and Emilie's move to personal care.

We are thankful for caring professionals both in Pilot Mound and Morden who helped both Dave and Emilie navigate the system in the Southern Health district. We are grateful for the kind people at Homestead South and Tabor Personal Care home who combined empathy with professionalism. And we thank doctors Chatwin and Woelk, and the other health care professionals who cared for Emilie in her senior years and as a cancer patient and resident of Tabor.

Emilie Reimer is predeceased by her mother and father, Emilie and John Lepp, and by all of her Lepp siblings and in-law siblings. She is predeceased by Dave Reimer, her husband of seventy-three years, and twelve siblings in the Reimer family.

She is grieved by seven sisters-in-law, Anne, Ella, Hilda, Nettie, Betty, Tina and Jenny; and three brothers-in-law, Abe, Henry and George.

She leaves her immediate family to grieve and to cherish their memories of her:

Her son Garry and his wife Marge, their children, Lisa, Ramona (Scott), Jan (Pat), Stacie (Joe), and their grandchildren, Noah, Hunter, Conner, Stella, Kristopher, Declan, Ethan, Isla and Jillian.

Her daughter Elaine and her husband Donald, their children Jotham (Stacy), Tanya (Luke), and Leah (Andrew); and their grandchildren, Eira, Nigel, Inez, and Solomon.

She bids us farewell with this Irish blessing:

*May the road rise up to meet you,  
May the wind be always at your back,  
May the sun shine warm upon your face  
And the rains fall soft upon the fields,  
And until we meet again,  
May God hold you in the hollow of his hand.*

Donations in memory of Emilie may be made to:  
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**Walter Erick Saarela**

May 15, 1937 – November 23, 2024

Peacefully with his family by his side, Walter Erick Saarela passed away at Tabor Home in Morden, MB at the age of 87 years.

He is survived by his wife Pat, daughter-in-law Sarah Saarela (Ryley, Aspen and Shae Baragar (Schadie Brown), son Jeffery and Jessica Freeborn (Luka and Nora), son Grant and Leanne (Nicole (Brodie Hird) and Nathalie (Dyllan Peters)), brother Arvid and sister-in-law Sylvia Saarela, niece Beverley and nephew Arthur.

He was predeceased by his parents Eric and Hilma Saarela, in-laws Louis and Mary Kohar, son Darin and brother James.


Walter grew up on the family farm in Elma, Man. At the age of 15 he was stricken with polio and spent time in an iron lung in Winnipeg. Upon recovery he took a radio technician course and completed teacher's college. He later earned a Bachelor of Arts and a Bachelor of Education. He taught elementary school in Manitoba for many years, including in Seven Sisters, Stony Hill, Stead, Churchill, La Riviere and Crystal City as well as in Sioux Narrows, ON. Many of the schools

were one room schools. After teaching school he became a drivers' education instructor and taught many of the young drivers in the Pembina Valley throughout the 1990s.

Walter, Pat and Darin (born in Churchill in May 1974) settled in Manitou in June 1974, where they raised their growing family. Walter was a loving husband, father and grandfather. He always found ways to stay busy and enjoyed woodworking, cars, reading the paper and watching the news, auction sales, gardening, fixing things, taking apart things to see what parts could be salvaged, and general puttering around. We will miss him dearly.

We are thankful for the excellent care provided by the staff of Cedar House at Tabor Home for the last five years. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Tabor Home (<https://www.taborhome.ca/donate>).

A private ash interment was held on Friday, November 29, at Manitou Cemetery followed by Celebration of Life at Royal Canadian Legion, 413 Main St, Manitou.



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# The SMILE Company - developing creative arts in Cartwright

Penny Burton

The SMILE company operates as a sub-committee of the Cartwright Centennial Auditorium's Board of Directors. The goal is to build community around the creative arts. The young members of SMILE Co. helped come up with the club's name which stands for: Stories. Music. Inspiration. Laughter. Expression.

SMILE Co. produced a drama production in the spring with 14 youth actors and followed that up with some summer programming including acting workshops, karaoke nights, paint nights and games nights for tweens/teens.

For the last 10 weeks, three different groups of artists have gathered at the Centennial

Auditorium to flex their creative muscles. Tuesdays - Drama Club (ages 10 - 18), Wednesdays - Pop Up Community Choir (for all ages and led by Cheryl Dousselaere) and Thursdays - Lego & Art Club (6-9). All three programs have focused on the joy of creating. 53 individuals from 7 different communities participated in these programs.

On November 22nd all three programs showcased their work with performances by the community choir, art and Lego displays and two skits performed by the drama club.

**Dad Joke Intervention**

By Wade Bradford  
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Dad - Jaiyn McDonald  
Mrs. Wright - Lucy Griffin  
Betty - Shemae Sabado  
Peggy - Emma McDonald  
Jerry - Keagan Benz  
Mom - Norah Mowbray

**Ladies at Lunch**

By Carol M. Woods  
Produced by special arrangement with Eldridge Publishing Company

Bruce - Aiden Benz  
Linda - Ainsley Doerksen  
Grace - Ethan McDonald  
Rita - Abby Mowbray  
Debbie - Sabrina Isham  
Suzy - Amy Penner  
Kathrine - Liza Klassen  
Manager - Cohen Judge  
All SMILE Co programming is supported by the Cartwright & Area Foundation.



The youngest members of the choir from L-R are: Amber Dykun, Hannah Graham, Dana Wallace, Jaxi-Rae Seaman and Stella Graham.



The adult choir members.



◀ This skit was an 'intervention' process tried by Mrs Wright as Dad was always telling jokes with every sentence he spoke. The intervention was not successful and the family was pleased it did not work. L-R: Keagan Benz as (son) Jerry, Lucy Griffin as Mrs Wright, Shemae Sabado as (daughter) Betty, Jaiyn McDonald as Dad, Norah Mowbray as Mom and Emma McDonald as (daughter) Peggy.

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"Ladies at Lunch" was the title of this skit.

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# Manitou Library's Acorns to Oaks Makes Learning Fun.



Submitted by  
Angela Lovell

Manitou Library's popular Acorns to Oaks Pre-Kindergarten program wrapped up November 15 with four 'graduates'.

This intergenerational, 5-week program, developed with the assistance of early childhood educators, is designed to help children (aged 3.5 to 5 years) develop essential skills to prepare them for kindergarten. The emphasis is on making learning fun by working at a pace that is comfortable for parents and their child, without pressure, and through new and creative ideas that help them enjoy learning.

The premise of the

program is that the Gardener (parents/caregivers) model different skills to their children (Acorns). Oaks (volunteer elders) from our communities, are also featured in videos explaining and demonstrating the skill, activities and learning outcomes, and also read to the children during the library sessions. Library staff prepare a selection of books supporting each week's theme for parents to take home to read with their child.

Through four take-home modules, the children learn about colours, shapes, numbers and letters, coming to the library each week for theme related stories, crafts and songs. They are also

learning important social skills like interaction, sharing, listening, waiting their turn etc. Each week the children get to present their 'homework' in a Show and Tell for their friends and parents.

During the library session each week, parents meet with the program's parent liaison who coaches them with advice and tips about how to help their child learn and interpret the materials provided for the next module, which includes take-home worksheets, activity suggestions and a workbook. Parents remain well within earshot but are not visible to the children. This helps prepare the children for the separation from their

parents that can sometimes be a difficult time for many on those first few days of kindergarten.

This is what parents had to say about the program:

"Becoming more confident participating without me right beside. Number skills have also really improved."

"I think this program is a very important and accessible resource for children in our community. Please keep offering it."

If you want to stay informed about upcoming library programs and activities, please email [manitoulib@gmail.com](mailto:manitoulib@gmail.com) to be added to our e-news list.

Happy reading! ■

Librarian Angela Lovell with her Acorns to Oaks graduates

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# Louise Recreation District hosts wreath making workshop

DEBORAH COGHILL PHOTOS

Deborah Coghill

On November 28, Louise Recreation held a wreath making workshop at the Kin Centre in Pilot Mound.

The tables were set with everyone's stations ready to go, while Christmas music played in the background. Recreation Director Kelsey McLaren greeted everyone as they arrived.

The instructor was Kelly Morrow and her years of experience as a florist was evident as she taught. She circled around and

helped wherever needed and offered encouraging advice.

There were 14 in attendance; each one had a different vision of their own wreath. The supplies included Christmassy baubles to add and ribbons for bows. Kelly helped out in the bow making process as well.

The best part about the supplies was the smell that came from the real greenery! Everyone snipped off pieces of fresh cedar, white pine and Douglas fir and arranged them on the ring. ■



L-R: Yvette Glenn, Marilyn McLaren, Kelly Morrow and Cathy Sotheran. Kelly started us off by showing everyone how to trim the branches with the pruning shears.



Genesis Cordova and Alicia Buydens.



L-R: Jill Lints, Dorothy Geletchuk, Brenda Gould and Yvette Glenn are focussed on creating their wreaths. Each and every wreath was unique and beautiful.



Above, Pam Cavers, Carla McLaren and below Veronica Adler and Christine Froese choose which of the greenery pieces to start their wreaths with.



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**UNITED COMMUNITY ARTS COFFEE HOUSES:**  
December 5; January 16 and 30; February 13 and 27; March 13 and 27; April 10 and 24 Doors open at 7 p.m. Show starts 7:30 p.m. 46-1

**CRYSTAL CITY SANTA NIGHT:**  
Fri. Dec. 6, 7-9 p.m., Crystal City Arena. train rides, free public skating, popcorn & hot chocolate, pictures with Santa, treat bags for the kids. EC

**SANTA DAY:** Sat. Dec. 7, 9 - 11 a.m. La Riviere & Community Recreation Centre. Breakfast 9-11; visit with Santa 9:15 - 10: 45 a.m., Bake Auction 11 a.m. More to see and do! See ad p. 1 EC

**CCIS HOLIDAY PARTY & COMEDY NIGHT:**  
Sat. Dec. 7, Cartwright Centennial Auditorium. Cocktails: 5:30 p.m.; Turkey supper: 7 p.m. Comedian (Dean Jenkinson) to follow. Tickets ordered by Oct 31: \$65 individual or table of 8 \$60 each. After Oct 31 \$70. Tickets: Sean 204-825-7818; Kristy: 204-371-7461; Cassie: 204-245-1244 or Brittany: 204-825-0137. EC

**AN ENCHANTED BOOKSHOP CHRISTMAS:**  
Sat. Dec. 7, 7:30 p.m.; Sun. Dec. 8 2 p.m. Parklane Theatre, Crystal City. \$20/ Adults; \$10 U18 Tickets available at the door or CC Bistro. Doors open 1 hour previous to show time. EC

**ROCK LAKE SKATING CLUB'S CHRISTMAS GALA:**  
Tues. Dec. 10, 6 p.m. Black Jack Stewart Arena 6 p.m. Silver Collection. EC

**Rock Lake Palliative Care's CHERISHED MEMORIES AFTERNOON:** Wed. Dec. 11, 2 p.m. United Community Arts. See article p. See ad p. 9 EC

**RED MOON ROAD AT MANITOU OPERA HOUSE:**  
Sat, Dec. 14, 7 p.m. Doors open 6 p.m. Tickets \$25, call 204-242-4414 or email events@manitouoperahouse.com to purchase. Sponsored by Manitou Opera House Foundation. See ad p. 11 EC

**ROCK LAKE FESTIVAL OF THE ART'S FESTIVAL OF CAROLS:** Sunday, Dec. 15, 2 p.m. Parklane Theatre. Featuring local talent, sing alongs led by Big Sky Singers and accompanied by Esther Hildebrand, concession and photo boot. See ad p. 5 EC

**MANITOU ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS CONCERTS:**  
Tuesday, Dec. 17 (MES Gym) 11:30 a.m.; 6:30 p.m. Silver collection. Everyone welcome! See ad p. 5 EC

**BIG SKY SINGERS' CHRISTMAS CONCERT:**  
Fri. Dec. 20, 7:30 p.m. United Community Arts Hall, 148 Moffat Ave, Pilot Mound. Silver Collection EC

**CARTWRIGHT CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST MENNONITE YOUTH CHOIR** presents The Christmas Story in song, Fri. Dec. 20, 7:30 p.m. Floyd & Ethel Cudmore Hall, Crystal City. See ad p. 7

**HEALTHY BABY:**  
January 6, February 3, March 3, April 7, May 5 and June 2. Begins at 10:30 a.m. each day. Free program for those pregnant or a new parent, but all ages always welcome!

**MEETINGS**

**MUNICIPALITY OF LOUISE PUBLIC HEARING:**  
Wed. Dec. 4, 2024 9 .am. Council Chambers, 26 S Railway Ave, Crystal City. Rezoning from UH to MG

**MANITOU AG SOCIETY AGM:**  
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## Traditional Christmas Dinner Committee Announces Major Sponsorship

### News Release

As preparations for the 39th annual Westman and Area Traditional Christmas Dinner (WTCD) continue, the organizing committee has some wonderful news to share. One of the main ingredients of the meal to be served is turkey. Over the years, the number of meals served at the dinner has increased to 3000! That requires well over 100 turkeys to be cooked and carved.

This year's turkey budget will now be covered thanks to sponsorship by the Credit Unions in Brandon. "Sunrise Credit Union is thrilled to partner up with our fellow Brandon-based credit unions to once again make the Westman & Area Traditional Christmas Dinner a resounding success in 2024," said Heather Merckx, Marketing Manager for Sunrise Credit Union.

To make their sponsorship official, representatives from each Brandon Credit Union met at the venue where the dinner

will be served. "This dinner is a cornerstone of the community, creating a festive ambiance, a familial bond and a delightful Christmas meal setting. We want everyone to feel the love and importance of this Christmas," said Merckx.

Since 1985 The Traditional Christmas Dinner has been offering fellowship and a meal on Christmas Day to those who may otherwise go without. "It's that one day of the year that means so much to so many. The effort our group puts forth exemplifies the true meaning of the Christmas spirit. For some that may mean opening presents. To us it means opening our hearts as we prepare for yet another Christmas Dinner," said WTCD Board Chair Gladden Smith.

A major part of preparations for the dinner includes finding sponsors and garnering support. "Without this kind of support from the Brandon Credit Unions we may not be able to continue this tradition, we are grateful for their support," Smith

said.

Serving times for the 2024 edition of the WTCD will be from 12 p.m. until 4 p.m. in the MNP Hall at the Keystone Centre. Meal deliveries will also run from noon until 4 p.m.

However, all meal deliveries must be ordered by December 23rd at 6 p.m. To order your meal call the WTCD office at 204-728-7987. Only one meal per person please.

For more information visit our website [www.traditionalchristmasdinner.ca](http://www.traditionalchristmasdinner.ca) or visit our Facebook page here.

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(L-R): Frank McGwire (Media Relations Director, WTCD), Vicki Davis (Westoba Credit Union), Jamie Antonation (Compass Credit Union), Heather Merckx (Sunrise Credit Union), Kyle Enns (Fusion Credit Union.)

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## Manitoba RCMP Internet Child Exploitation Unit Makes Arrest

### News Release

On August 24, 2024, the Manitoba RCMP Internet Child Exploitation Unit (ICE) arrested Tyson Vandembosch, 20, of Steinbach, in relation to online communication with minors for a sexual purpose.

While investigators

conducted a data analysis of the data extracted from the digital devices seized in the investigation, they have located several victims that they have not been able to identify.

The Snapchat account used by Vandembosch is "drifting\_ty101". The RCMP are releasing his avatar as it may

assist in furthering the investigation.

Vandembosch is charged with Luring a Child x2.

Investigators are encouraging anyone with information to contact the ICE Unit at 204-984-3129. ■

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## Premier Launches New \$62-Million Growth Fund to Support Key Services

The Manitoba government is creating the One Manitoba Growth Revenue Fund, worth \$62 million over the next five years in a historic commitment to municipalities across the province, Premier Wab Kinew announced at the annual fall convention of the Association of Manitoba Municipalities.

"Last year, our government promised to treat municipalities like the true partners that they are and to respect the pressures they are under after years of freezes," said Kinew. "This year, we're establishing a new fund to provide extra support for programs

now and into the future. Together, we're giving Manitobans reasons to hope with a plan that makes life better across our province."

Budget 2024 provided \$221 million in unconditional funding to all municipalities, including a two per cent escalator to the Municipal Operating Grant to help municipalities address rising cost pressures after years of funding freezes worth \$4.4 million, the premier noted.

"True collaboration is about recognizing the challenges of our municipal partners and coming forward with real support to meet those challenges,"

said Municipal and Northern Relations Minister Glen Simard. "Our new growth revenue fund is focused on helping municipalities deliver for their communities and continuing to offer the quality services Manitobans expect. We've got your back."

The new growth revenue fund will be in addition to the operating grant. When combined, this increase to municipal funding is equivalent to 7.6 per cent, a \$16.8 million guaranteed increase in operating funding for the next year, the premier noted. ■





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**November 30, 1944**

Mr. & Mrs. W.R.E. Askew, who have moved into town, were farewelled by East Mountain neighbours, after their 28 years there.// Mr. T.R. McKenzie is suffering from an attack of pneumonia.// Mr. and Mrs. Fred Atterbury have moved into town and taken up residence in the hotel building.// Thomas Robinson has moved his house into Cartwright.// Rock Lake: Mr. & Mrs. Frank Edom

commemorated their silver anniversary.// Miss Eva Wall and Mr. John Mooney were married in Winnipeg.

**December 3, 1964**

Members of Legion District No. 3 presented a meritorious medal to H.M. (Buzz) Winram.// President Bill Bourns reported to the semi-annual Curling meeting that \$2620 has been donated for the ice plant thus far.// A social evening was held for Len Croom, who has retired as custodian of Cartwright School.// Mr. and Mrs. George Wiseman's 50th anniversary is Dec. 9th.

**Dec. 5, 1974**

Manitoba's new Pharmacare program comes into effect Jan. 1st.// Rock Lake sends best wishes to Mr. Tom Hyslop who is in hospital.// A come and go tea will be held at the home of Mac and Jean Robinson in honour of George and Winnie Wiseman for their 60th anniversary.// Mather: Congratulations to David and Debbie Melvin on the birth of a son.

**December 5, 1984**

Delmer and Elaine Haight and Karen have moved into their new home in town. Hal and Leanne Haight moved to the Haight farm.//

Rod Stephenson is away to Missouri for a fertilizer convention.// Many people from the area attended recent Anne Murray concerts at Winnipeg and Brandon.

**December 6, 1994**

Mather Main Street looks different with a new building at Harms' Seeds and the UCW big Christmas card up.// Jim Waldie celebrated his 94th birthday Nov. 26.// RCMP report a break-in at Cartwright Hotel and an attempted break-in at Cartwright Health Centre.// Reeve Brian Gibson and Councillors John Thiessen, Gordon Mullin, David Lees and Jerry

Dousselaere re-organized for another year of their terms.

**December 7, 2004**

Review techie Bill Landin has the newspapers available online for the first time, for those subscribers who would like to try it.// The small house on the east edge of Cartwright is gone. Sarah Clements lived there from 1946 to 1968, then Robert Billings lived there. Most recently it was used by Gladstons as a cottage.// The stone Anglican Church as been braced on the south and east side prior to those walls being reconstructed, once funding is secured.

**December 11, 2014**

About 800 families across Canada and beyond, receive the Southern Manitoba Review weekly newspaper and all have a connection with the Cartwright and Mather area.// The local volunteer fire squad is pleased to have acquired Jaws of Life equipment and will be practicing its use.// A new business, a tea room in the former Mather United Church, is getting ready to open in Mather. ■

## MANITOU

## From the Files of the Western Canadian



## Santa visits Darlingford

Santa had a very busy day at Darlingford on Saturday, Nov. 24. He is shown here with the four sons of Jim and Barb Nichol, left to right, Billie, Tommy, Ryan and Matthew. Santa will be in La Riviere on Dec. 1 and Manitou on Dec. 8.

**80 Yrs. Ago  
Nov. 30, 1944**

Auction sale for Mrs. A. Mitchell, 2-2-8, four miles SE of Kaleida.// Married on Oct. 21, Leopold Kihn and Kathleen North, in England.// Thomas Adam Mitchell of Kaleida, died on Nov. 19, leaving nine children.// Manitou Trading Co: Parkhill mattresses \$7.95 to \$12.95, girls ski pants size 12 - 14 \$10.00, all steel panel beds \$14.95. // W.J.

Govier of Crystal City has again been awarded the Grand Challenge Cup for the best kept Pool elevator and grounds in Manitoba.

**70 Yrs. Ago  
Nov. 25, 1954**

A social evening honouring John Sanders who came to Snowflake in 1893 and his daughter Madge, was held Nov. 19.// There is a pure white doe fawn near the Chas. Watson farm at Kaleida.// For Sale: 1937 Ford sedan

\$145 at D. Voth Farm Equipment.// Mr. and Mrs. Ken Henderson will celebrate their 51st wedding anniversary on Dec. 2.// Specials at La Riviere United Store (B. Morrison): Bacon, 1/2 lb. 28c; Tulip Margarine 2lbs. 59c; Spork 2 for 75c.

**60 Yrs. Ago  
Nov. 26, 1964**

Manitoba's first fatal deer hunting accident this year took place near La Riviere, when a 31 year

old Transcona man was killed.// The Pembina Consumers Co-op has voted in favour of amalgamating with the Morden-Thornhill Co-op.// Mr. and Mrs. Harry McKinney will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on Nov. 29.// Official opening of Thomas Greenway Collegiate will be held at Crystal City on Nov. 27.

**40 Yrs. Ago  
Nov. 28, 1974**

A Rhode Island Red hen laid an egg 9 3/4" around the length and 6 3/4" around the centre on the Roy Bradley farm.// Weddings: Mavis Barrett and Murray Anderson on Nov. 23.// Student desks for sale at Manitou Elementary School. Wooden \$3.00 each, metal \$5.00 each.// Deaths: Mrs. Hypolite Bourrier (nee Paulina Montag) 93, who was born at St. Leon; Clinton Alvin John Jordan, 30, son of Bunny and Edna Jordan, who lived all of his life in the New Haven district; Charles Sydney Smith, 61, who came to the New Haven district in 1936 for the first time, returning to stay in 1944.

**40 Yrs. Ago  
Nov. 28, 1984**

Manitou Auction Mart, formerly operated by Curry Bros., is now under the management of Don Rogers and Dunc Christie. Ninety-six horses were sold at a sale on Nov. 24.// Deaths: Ross Sutherland, 73, who had lived and farmed in the

Snowflake area for many years.

**20 Yrs. Ago  
Nov. 29, 1994**

Sixteen rinks competed in the first Grandma Bonspiel at the Manitou Curling Rink.// Deaths: Jenny Leadbeater, 84, residing at Clearwater, Manitou and La Riviere; Colin Davis, 19, accidentally; Kenneth McLeod, 18, accidentally.// Competing in the Golden Gals Curling Zones was Bella Edgar's rink of Freda Anderson, Irene Deamel and Helen Rendall; and the rink of Ruby Stewart, Edith Langseth, Ruth McCallum and Irene Coleman.

**20 Yrs. Ago  
Nov. 30, 2004**

It was announced last week that Manitoba's first wind farm will be built near St. Leon.// After weeks of preparation, the former Agricore elevator in La Riviere was moved to Somerset to the Delmar Commodities Facility.// Dean Hildebrand, who farms in the R.M. of Stanley south of Morden, received the PVCD 2004 Farm Family Award.// Deaths: Winna Rae (Switzer) Tickner, 81, on Nov. 22 at Boundary Trails Hospital; Stuart Craig Johnston, 94, of Morden; Esther May Steen (nee Shewfelt), 87, on Nov. 5; Pearl Mae King, 87, of Hannah, ND.

**10 Yrs. Ago  
Dec. 2, 2014**

Lauryn Keen, the daughter of Ray & Myrna Keen of Manitou, is

having a successful season playing with the U of M Bisons women's hockey team. She even won a few face-offs against Haley Wickheiser of the Calgary Dinos.// Robert McLean, president of the Manitou Curling Club, presented Honorary Life Member Certificates to Helen Rendall, Geordie Hughes and the late Lloyd Coleman. These three were also the founding members of the Floor Curling Club in 1999.// Teachers Kent Lewarne and Lynda Matchullis along with students Ginny Grenier of Baldur, Shawn Williment of Manitou and Patrick Le Heighet of St. Claude attended the Japan Super Science Fair. Williment's project was "Reducing Blue-Green Algae Growth in our Lakes".// Winning the Golden Gals Zone Curling championship was the Manitou rink of Evelyn Sanders, Marie Seymour, Gladys Yake and Shelley Krassman.// Deaths: Betty (Amy) Bond, 94, predeceased by husbands Ab Law and Howard Bond, Manitou, formerly of Darlingford.// Craig Kestirke and Beth Lovell announce the birth on October 6 of their son James Garret.// Pembina Manitou Community Development Corporation's 'Shop Local, Win Big' promotion is proving very popular. ■





PILOT MOUND & CRYSTAL CITY

# Down Memory Lane



**ROCK LAKE OILSEED SEED DIRECTORS MEETING WITH EUROPEAN MARKETERS:**  
L-R: Arnold Collins, Glenn Paterson, Roy McLaren and David Reimer

Compiled by  
Nancy Holman

**December 9, 1954**

Extra Hours for Shoppers: the regular Thursday half holiday will be suspended and Pilot Mound stores will remain open during Thursdays in December. Stores will also remain open Friday night, December 24 until 9 o'clock.// Pilot Mound Curling Club celebrates its 65th anniversary; it was organized in 1889 and affiliated with the Manitoba Curling Association in 1891.// A number of clinics have been held by Dr. Irving in rural schools surrounding CC.// Morley Cudmore

reported that their 4-H club built a float for the CC Santa Claus parade.// The Fallison community club held a social evening in Aberdeen School. Over 40 people enjoyed whist then dancing.// Farmers from a wide area attended a meeting in CC where Jake Schulz, Farmers Union president spoke. Wm. Sharpe of Manitou acted as chairman.// The Santa Claus Special Train, pulled by the freshly painted Silver Streak locomotive arrived with 4 cars and Engineer Norman Wilson for the CC Christmas parade.// Joyce Manning reported the Londesboro 4-H club held a pre-Christmas

social at the school. Entertainment was games of bingo and whist. A fish pond and home made candy was available for the children.

**December 10, 1964**

Rusty Duncan is the Pilot Mound arena caretaker. Minor league players have been requested this year to wear helmets as a precaution against serious injury. Arrangements are being made with Dr. Cohoe to enable every boy to have a partial medical at the nominal fee of \$1.// Mrs. Jack Chewings of Clearwater won the Kinsmen bingo last Thursday, the third large jackpot going to that western town. Other

winners were Mrs. Cec Argue and Mrs. Dunc McRae.// Carrie Greenway, 84, widow of E.T. Greenway, died in Vancouver. She was the organist for 45 years in CC United Church.// 45 representatives of hospital boards across southern Manitoba, from Vita to Crystal City, met in Carman. One issue of concern is providing air conditioning in hospitals.// 11 girls of the La Riviere Explorers group took part in a special service; Explorers is led by Mrs. Morrison and Mrs. Rekkon.// The annual meeting of Wood Bay Crop Improvement Club was held in the school with Geo. Kemp presiding, Ken MacKinnon secretary.// CKX-TV Brandon will feature Fernand Liban and his feed lot Mix-mill on 'Country Canada.'

**December 12, 1974**

Local synchronized swimmers to compete at the Manitoba Games: Trudy Lambkin, Marilyn Maxwell, Sheila McKay, Suzanne Moore and Jane McCannell make up Pilot Mound's synchronized swimming team. The girls are competing in the Bison level for beginner competitors. They travel to Winnipeg to practice every week with their coach and manager, Darlene Decosse (their instructor during the summer).// Village of Pilot Mound passed a

motion to investigate the establishment of an area ambulance service.// Miss Buelah Bournes, retired missionary from Korea, was guest speaker at different events in the area.// The grand opening of the artificial ice plant in CC curling rink will take place December 14.// Pilot Mound School, through Assiniboine Community College, will offer the following evening courses: cake decorating, woodworking, typing, conversational French, metric system, string art. Each course costs .35 cents per hour (plus supplies) and runs 20 - 40 hours.

**December 12, 1984**

The Tiger Hills Arts Association 3rd annual Christmas Gala was held in Pilot Mound. Pre-dinner performers were Linda Campbell, Carole Helfter and Doreen Wallace.// La Riviere: Mr. & Mrs. Jim Wallcraft celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.// A bridal shower for teacher Rosemary Bartley, bride elect of Burton Collins, will be held in the Pilot Mound CE building.// Snowflake: the latest Farm Woman magazine features a picture of Tina & Henry Harms and family. In the accompanying article Tina tells how Snowflake got its name and also about their family's tradition of attending church and of making cookies at Christmas time.// RCMP investigated an accidental shooting during hunting season. Approximately 10 miles west of CC a hunter was returning to his vehicle and unloading his rifle, when his mitten caught the trigger causing the gun to discharge and shoot his companion in the foot.// Shell Canada, Crystal City, announces the change in ownership from Peter H. Hildebrand to J & R Shell Service, Jack & Ruth Lewis agents.

**November 29, 1994**  
Grade 1 student Brady Graham was thrilled to have Mather native Terry Yake sign his Mighty Ducks jersey when Terry visited the Pilot Mound School. Yake was traded from Anaheim to the Toronto Maple Leafs but because of the lockout, has not yet seen any ice time for that NHL club.// Jack & Hazel Davison travelled to Melville, SK to celebrate their

son Rodney's successful kidney transplant which took place 20 years ago. Jack donated "Sidney the Kidney" to Rod. // Genesis House at Winkler was officially opened.//

**December 14, 2004**  
Liquor and cash were stolen from the Pilot Mound Lucky Dollar Food Store. Glass in the front doorway was broken to gain entry.// RM of Louise council: Jack Daly, Nick Clayton, George McLean, Ralph Hagyard, Bruce McKay, Jake Tiessen, Reeve Ken Buchanan and CAO Scott Warrenner.// Lewis Auctions will conduct an auction sale for Kenneth Gudnason of CC at the Pilot Mound Kin Centre.

**December 9, 2014**

Pilot Mound Foundation grants were distributed. The Alternative Care Unit at PVL received \$10,000, the Kinsmen Club received \$5000 for new metal roofing on the Kin Centre and Tivoli Theatre got \$3500 towards finishing the walls in the new theatre.// Rock Lake Combined 4-H Club (formerly the Clearwater 4-H Club) received donations from the Pilot Mound and Mather 4-H clubs who have disbanded.// Clearwater Hall was packed for the Border Towns Ducks Unlimited banquet. Roy & Alice McLaren were honoured for 25 years of volunteering with DU while Caroline Morcam and Ruth Lewis were each recognized for 20 years of volunteering. Kerry Coleman estimated that between \$13 and \$15,000 was raised at the banquet for DU projects.// TGMS put on a great Christmas Concert.// Deaths: John Johnson, 81, Clearwater farmer, father to Stephen and Lyle; Jacob "Jake" Tiessen, 78, farmer, hunter, horseman and cattleman, community volunteer.// Tristan Mullin, 18, of Cartwright, Murray & Lisa's son, was in Calgary trying out for team Canada West for the upcoming World Junior A Hockey Challenge.// Earning a berth to the Strathcona Senior Men's Curling Championship is the rink of Curtis McCannell (Pilot Mound), Eric Atkins (La Riviere), Don Vines (CC) and Bill Harding (Pilot Mound).// The Pilots got their first win of the season - 4-3 over the Cartwright Clippers.

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# The Buzz



Submitted by  
Melissa Pearce  
Principal, Nellie  
McClung Collegiate

## Varsity Curling

The varsity teams are hosting a bonspiel in Manitou on Dec. 6 and 7. Currently there are almost 20 teams entered. This is the first time in years NMC has hosted a bonspiel. Thanks to Mr. Gundrum for organizing this.

## Tigers Hockey

The Tigers returned to Morden last Monday for a rematch from the previous week. This game was much less chaotic with minimal penalties. The Tigers came out strong against this first place team and held a 2-1 lead after the second period.

Unfortunately they couldn't hold the lead and lost 4-3. The Tigers are headed in a positive direction and look like they will be a competitive team with the top contenders of the league.

## SCORE

The Gr. 10 Lifework class has partnered with SCORE Against Poverty to show support to people living in Zambia and Zimbabwe. SCORE has several initiatives from helping provide agricultural and educational support in poorer communities.

Some regions of Zambia have experienced an inflation of 200%, meaning products that used to cost \$10, now cost \$30. For some families, that means making tough choices between food, school and hygiene products.

Students have created fundraiser initiatives to donate money to SCORE. Some have planned bake sales, school events, guessing jars and other ideas for the school body to enjoy - while sending proceeds overseas. This is a great way for students to understand the importance of helping others in need.

## Buzz Notes:

The planning is in full gear for our annual banquet. The students and staff are excited to welcome the community to the school. If you would like to order a take out plate please contact the school 204 242-2640.



PMHA News Release  
Submitted by  
Gordie Tumilson,  
Marketing Manager

After traveling through winter's first major storms in Western Canada, our teams battled like crazy to break even. Games in Penticton, BC [U17 male], Calgary, AB [U18 female], and Wilcox, SK [U15 male] and one home game in Pilot Mound [U18 male] kept our 80 players, coaches and bus drivers prepared, flexible and busy.

The highlight series for our Buffs would

# 4 - 4 - 1 & '6'

THE 4 BUFFALOES TEAM RECORDS OVER THE CSSHL GAMES THE WEEKEND OF NOV. 22-24 AND 1 PLAYERS, 1 GAME STATS.

have been both of the two decisive wins by our U15 males vs the vaunted Notre Dame Hounds in Wilcox. The other highlight would be the 6 point game 14 year old Cole Landreville, [St. Claude, MB] had in the 7-4 Sunday afternoon victory. [see adjoining multi-social media picture post as well]. WOW!

Female U18 goalie Sutter Reeves [Lethbridge, AB] is our third goalie to record a shutout this season in a 6-0 win vs St Mary's High School, California, USA! She follows her goalie partner Rehn Hall [Medicine Hat, AB] and U17 male Barrett Hayes [Thunder Bay, ON] in this hard to

come by goalie [& team] achievement.

For immediate results / stats and standings from this past weekend's games [Nov 29-Dec 1] go to our website @ www.pilotmoundhockeyacademy.com

Now for our upcoming games the weekend of Dec 6-8! Just ahead of the weekend our U15s visit Rink Academy in Winnipeg on Dec. 4. While on Dec 7 & 8 Edge School visits these same U15s at BJS Arena; the U17s play at home on Dec. 4 vs RHA then race off to Calgary for two games on Dec. 6 & 7; our U18 female & male teams have the weekend off.

Remember you can



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Nancy Holman

Pembina Tigers played in Morden against the Thunder Monday, November 25th. There

## Pembina Tigers

was no scoring in the first period, then Morden got on the board. Seth Mazurat, from Tegan Follis and Graham Leslie, tied it up then Mazurat scored again (assisted by Easton Lounsbury and Carter Leslie) to give the Tigers a 2-1 edge. Just seconds into the third, Connor Olson tied it up for Morden. The Tigers got into penalty trouble and

Morden took advantage of the power play to go up 3-2. Olson scored into the empty Tigers' net to put Morden up 4-2. With one second left on the clock, Rowen Kitching (Graham Leslie, Mazurat) scored, but it was still a frustrating 4-3 loss for the Tigers.

**Saturday, November 30** the Tigers had a home game in Holland against the Mountain Mustangs.



CSSHL November 24, Casual 6 point outing for PMHA's WHL Draft prospect Cole Landreville

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catch a great update on all of our teams and goings on at the Academy by following our weekly 'podcast' on GShow.ca. Players, management,

coaches and regular features bring everyone up to date with host Graeme Forsythe.



## Tiger Hills Hockey League

Nancy Holman

Back on Saturday, **November 23rd**, the Killarney Shamrocks travelled to Rivers to take on the Rivers Jets. Killarney netted two goals in the first period with the second one a power play marker by Mike Reykdal, assisted by Ty Enns and Jesse Bernard. There was no scoring in the second frame then Rivers exploded with 3 goals to take a 3-2 lead. With just a couple minutes left in regulation time, Ty Enns tied it up. Rivers scored in OT to win the game. Brian Archibald was in the Shamrocks' net where he faced 34 shots while the other goalie faced 43.

Thursday, **November 28**, Killarney headed west to Virden. What an exciting game!

Virden got out to a 2-0 lead on two power play goals, then in the last

two minutes of the first period, Killarney notched 3 goals, two of them on the power play.

Virden tied it up in the second frame (another pp goal).

Early in the third, Ty Enns scored to put the Shamrocks up 4-3. The period was winding down, the Shamrocks were on the power play, but Virden scored

short-handed to tie it up. This game was going into overtime.

There was no scoring in OT so now a shoot out. Sniper Ty Enns was up first and scored! Each team was allowed three shooters in the first round, but no one else scored so Enns' goal proved to be the game winner. In 65 minutes of play, Brian Archibald

faced 29 shots while the Virden netminder faced 19.

The Killarney Shamrocks' next home game is in Cartwright at the

Clippertdome Friday, December 6th against Neepawa. Remember to bring a food item to support the Rock Lake Community Food Bank.

### Clearwater Curling Club 2024-2025 MIXED CURLING LEAGUE REGISTRATION

**All ages welcome**  
**Tues. & Wed. evenings at 7:15 p.m.**

Enter as a team or individual.  
Call/text Blaine Johnson at  
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### 2025 BONSPIEL DATES

<b>Ladies'</b>	<b>Saturday, January 18, 2025</b>
<b>Mens'</b>	<b>February 7-9, 2025</b>
<b>Mixed/Youth</b>	<b>March 21-23, 2025</b>

**TICKETS**  
Adults - \$7.50  
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UPCOMING MOVIES:			
DATE	MOVIE	RATED	LENGTH
Dec. 6 & 7	<b>Gladiator 2</b> Sponsored by Park's Family Foods	PG	2h 3m
Dec. 13 & 14	<b>Red One</b>	PG	2h 28m
Coming Soon	<b>Wicked</b>	PG	2h 40m
Coming Soon	<b>Moana 2</b> Sponsored by Park's Family Foods	PG	1h 40m
Coming Soon	<b>Sonic The Hedgehog 3</b>	PG	

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# Hockey Day in Crystal City



Rock Lake U7 team played against Killarney.



Mitch Decosse, Darcy Stewart and Hayden Johnson coach the youngest group of hockey players.



This Rock Lake U9 team played against Notre Dame. The Rock Lake coaches are Darcy Stewart, Brodie Richardson and Andy Neufeld.



The U13 Rock Lake team had an exciting game against Altona Maroons. Coaching this team is Mark Fallis, Mike Penner and Tyler Bere.

NANCY HOLMAN PHOTOS

**Nancy Holman**

Crystal City Hockey Day was November 30. They had large crowds, delicious food, entertaining hockey games, and great prizes. A big pile of

canned and boxed food for the Rock Lake Community Food Bank was also donated. The cute little aspiring hockey players - the U7s played first, then the U9s, then the U11s and finally the

U13s. Sorry, no photos of the U11 action against Red River, but coaching that team is Brant Melvin, Craig Reimer, Matt Edwards and Riley Kemp.

## Sports Bits

### AT THE RINKS

Subject to change without notice

**MAC ROBINSON COMMUNITY CENTRE (CARTWRIGHT)**

**Friday, Dec. 6**  
7:30 p.m. Killarney vs Neepawa senior game  
**Saturday, Dec. 7**  
1 p.m. Public Skating  
**Sunday, Dec. 8**  
11 a.m. U13 game  
1 p.m. Stick time  
**Public Skating:** Mondays & Wednesdays 6 p.m.

**CRYSTAL CITY ARENA**

**Friday, Dec. 6**  
7-9 p.m. Santa Parade & skating  
**Sunday, Dec. 8**  
1p.m. U9 game  
3:15 p.m Public skating  
**Wednesdays 5 p.m. Public skating**

**PMMRC: BLACK JACK STEWART ARENA**

**Wednesday, Dec. 4**  
7 p.m. PMHA male U17 game vs. RHA  
**Saturday, Dec. 7 Hockey Day in Pilot Mound**  
9 a.m. U7 game  
10:15 a.m. U9 1 & 2 vs Rock Lake 2  
11:30 a.m. U11 gold vs Winnipeg  
1:30 p.m. U13 vs Altona  
4 p.m. PMHA male U15 vs Edge School  
6:30 p.m. U11 bronze game  
**Sunday, Dec. 8**  
9 a.m. PMHA male U15 vs. Edge School  
11:15 a.m. U9 - 2 vs Notre Dame 3  
**Wednesday, Dec. 11**  
7:30 p.m. U11 gold vs Winkler

**MANITOU COMMUNITY ARENA**

**Saturday, Dec. 7**  
Noon U9 vs Treherne  
**Sunday, Dec. 8**  
**Access CU Winter pop up event 12 to 3:30**  
1-3 p.m. **Public Skating**  
3 p.m. U13AA vs Thrashers Blue

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**Nancy Holman**

**Golf Manitoba** has announced its calendar of competitions for 2025. Nice to see that rural golf courses are a big part of the different championships. Winkler will host the Manitoba Match Play Championship Qualifier in May; Carman will host the All Abilities Championship, Women's City & District Championship and U15 Championship in June; the prestigious Nott Autocorp Men's Amateur Championship will be at Minnewasta in Morden in July.

Congratulations to **Payton Manness** of Domain who plays with the U15 AAA Pembina Valley Hawks hockey team. She is the **Manitoba Female U15 AAA Hockey League Player of the Week** for week 7. The nomination reads: "Payton shared pucks and praise in the PV Hawks vs Norman game Friday night. Payton is an Assistant Captain with the

Hawks and contributed a goal and 4 assists to a PV Hawks win." **Payton is the granddaughter of Ken & Cathy Beavis of Crystal City.** The Hawks are on a season long winning streak and are number 1 in the standings and League.

Hawks' goalie **Hannah Bannister** of Manitou is the top goalie in the League (as of Dec. 2). The girls had a busy weekend playing Friday, Saturday and Sunday. They beat Brandon Friday night and suffered their first loss of the regular season to the Westman Wildcats 3-1 Saturday. Sunday the Hawks doubled up 4-2 on the Eastman Selects.

The male **U15 AAA PV Hawks** with Dane Wubbe of La Riviere, Easton Holman of Crystal City and cousins Cole and Noah Prejet of Notre Dame are having a good season. Needing a defenseman, Kyler Dyck of Clearwater has been practicing/playing with the Hawks lately. As of December 2

the Hawks were in first place with 24 points in the West Division, just ahead of Brandon U15 Wheat Kings. The Winnipeg Gold Bruins are way ahead in top spot in the Central Division (and the whole league) with 32 points while the Winnipeg Bruins Black team and the Eastman Selects are tied for top spot in the East Division with 24 points.

Playing in that older **U18 AAA Manitoba Female Hockey League**, Ivy Perkin of the Westman Wildcats is the number 2 player in the standings with 26 points in 14 games (as of Nov. 28). Ivy's grandpa Connor Beech of Pilot Mound was quite the hockey player, too. The female AAA PV Hawks, who play against Ivy, are struggling this season and have a 6 and 10 record (as of December 2). Piper Sawatzky and Skyla Hildebrand of Mather, Rory Perrin of Morden and Emma Durand of Notre Dame

are on the U18 Hawks team.

**The male U18 AAA PV Hawks** with assistant coach Jory Mullin and goalie Karsen Dyck of Clearwater have a 10 and 8 and 2 record. Dyck was in net for a 3-2 victory over the Yellowhead Chiefs on Sunday, December 1. The team lost in overtime against Brandon on Friday.

The **PWHL (Professional Women's Hockey League)** has started its season this past weekend. Former Pembina Valley Hawks goalie Corinne Schroeder of Elm Creek made 35 saves in her team the New York Sirens' overtime victory against the defending champion Minnesota Frost.

It is **Hockey Day in Pilot Mound December 7**..lots of great hockey to watch! And remember the Killarney Shamrocks have a home game at the Clipperdome in Cartwright Friday, December 6.



# Advancing to the Master Men's Provincials

A side winners: From the Baldur Curling Club Grant Shewfelt, Brad Wainikka, Douge Roeges and Ken Friesen.



▲ B side winners: From the Pilot Mound Curling Club Curtis McCannell, Bill Thiessen, Don Stewart and Eric Atkins.

JACKIE MCCANNELL PHOTOS

At the 2024-25 Manitoba's Credit Union Master Men's South Regional Qualifier held last week

in Pilot Mound. Grant Shewfelt of Baldur and his rink of Brad Wainikka, Douge Roeges and Ken

Friesen won the A-side.

Meanwhile Curtis McCannell of Pilot Mound and his rink of Bill Thiessen (Mather), Don Stewart (Manitou) and Eric Atkins (La Riviere) won the B-side.

Both rinks qualify to go on to the masters (over age 60) Manitoba curling championship in Gimli February 11-16.

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22	23 <i>Closed</i>	24 <i>Closed</i> <i>Last paper of 2024</i>	25 <i>Closed</i>	26 <i>Closed</i>	27 <i>9 a.m. - noon</i>	28 <i>Closed</i>
29 <i>Closed</i>	30 <i>Closed</i>	31 <i>9 a.m. - noon</i> <i>No Paper</i>	JANUARY 1 <i>Closed</i>	2 <i>9 a.m. - noon</i>	3 <i>9 a.m. - noon</i>	4 <i>Closed</i>
5 <i>Closed</i>	6 <i>Closed</i>	7 <i>9 a.m. - 4 pm</i> <i>No Paper</i>	8 <i>Open</i>	9 <i>Open</i>	10 <i>Open</i>	11 <i>Closed</i>
12 <i>Closed</i>	13 <i>Closed</i>	14 <i>First paper of 2025</i>	<i>Have a wonderful holiday season!</i>			



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