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An Enchanted Bookshop Christmas

NANCY HOLMAN PHOTOS



The whole cast takes a bow.

L-R BACK: Pam King (Book Fairy and Brandon Wheat Kings fan), Lauren Treble (Della Young), Clint Maxwell (Jim Young), Bill Tiessen (Ebenezer Scrooge), Emily Young (Amy March from Little Women), Cole Pitchford (Robin Hood), Jaxon Hatcher (Tom Sawyer), director Brenda Taylor, Cash Guilford (Nutcracker prince), Abby Moir (Pollyanna), Jamie Smith (billionaire Philip Brantley).

FRONT: Mackayla Leadbeater (Velveteen Rabbit), Scarlett Taylor (Ellen's daughter), Katie McInnes (bookstore owner and Ellen's sister), Sheena Taylor (Ellen), Kinley Taylor (Dorothy - Wizard of Oz).

Nancy Holman

Parklane Theatre in Crystal City presented a play "An Enchanted Bookshop Christmas" by Todd Wallinger Saturday night, December 7. School students got to attend the last dress rehearsal on Friday. There were many disappointed people that the Sunday afternoon

performance had to be cancelled because of the storm. (Postponed until December 15, 7:30 p.m.)

The plot revolved around Ellen (Sheena Taylor), a very smart, no-nonsense astrophysicist who has lost her job at the university. Ellen and her daughter Annabelle (Sheena's real-life niece Scarlett Taylor) move

in with her sister Margie (Katie McInnes), an upbeat, offbeat ebullient young woman who owns a book store 'A Likely Story.'

At night the characters from books come to life to help Ellen get her dream job with billionaire philanthropist (sometimes Santa) and space entrepreneur Philip Brantley

(Jamie Smith). When the book characters get into trouble they grudgingly have to call on the Book Fairy (Pam King) for help.

Directed by Brenda Taylor of Mather, the play was great entertainment to watch friends, teachers and other locals act in "An Enchanted Bookshop Christmas."



Quite the actress, young Scarlett Taylor (left) had a major role and many, many lines to memorize. Katie McInnes (center) played the bubbly bookshop owner. Sheena Taylor (right as Ellen) was the professor looking for a new job - turns out the newspaper [The Hometown View!] advertised a possible new career for Ellen.

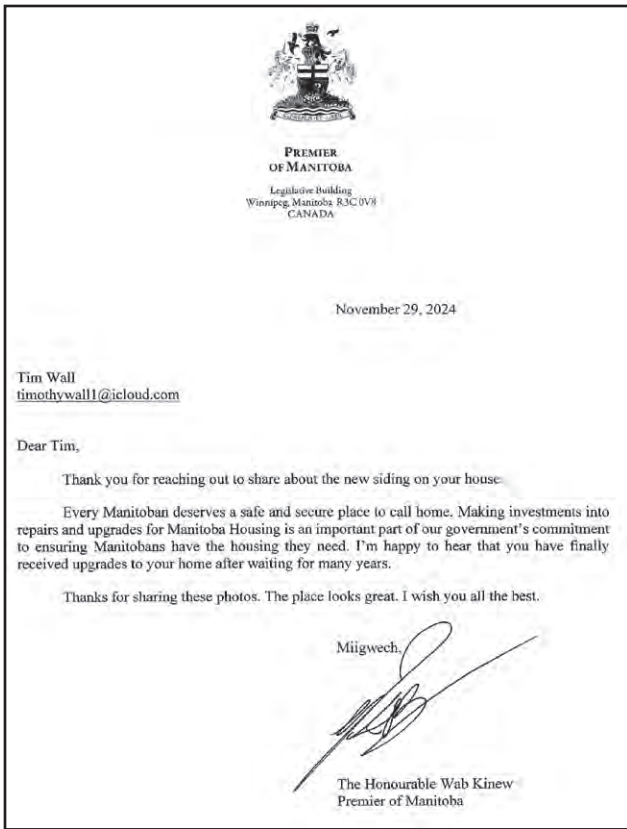


Much to the chagrin of the book characters, they have to summon the Book Fairy. L-R: Jaxon Hatcher (Tom Sawyer), Cole Pitchford (Robin Hood), Bill Tiessen (Dr. Doolittle), Pam King (Book Fairy), Kinley Taylor (Dorothy), Mackayla Leadbeater (Velveteen Rabbit), Emily Young (Amy March).

Manitoba Housing comes through under NDP direction



Tim Wall of Pilot Mound recently sent a letter to Premier Wab Kinew thanking him for the work done on a Manitoba Housing Authority house Tim has lived in for over 10 years.



Dear Premier Kinew:
I would like to thank you from the bottom of my heart for the new siding at my Manitoba Housing rental. (see attached pdf)

It's been a long wait, 13 years, but you came through like the champion you are! The siding is almost completed.

I would like to inform you and others that the only other time serious upgrades to this house took place was under the leadership of former NDP Premier Selinger.

He approved new shingles for all Manitoba Housing homes in Pilot Mound, because water was literally flowing in through the windows at my residence when it rained.

I would also like to thank the hard working people at Manitoba Housing in Portage la Prairie for making this finally happen.

What a difference, it looks like a new house!
Sincerely,
Tim Wall
Pilot Mound, MB. ■

Provincial dental association reports critical incident

News Release:

The Manitoba Dental Association (MDA) is sad to report the sudden death of a woman from the Morden-Winkler area. A medical emergency developed during a dental appointment with emergency responders taking the woman to hospital where she later passed away. Information is still being gathered and processed following this critical incident.

"Our deepest sympathies are with the friends and family of this young woman," says MDA president, Dr. Daron Baxter.

"This is a tragic outcome, and we are doing everything we can to understand what occurred. As a holder of the public trust and regulatory body of Manitoba dentists, we are following established protocols."

An investigative process will be undertaken to gather facts surrounding the incident. Baxter adds, "We are committed to finding out what led to the death of this patient. At this point, we just don't have all the information. Tragedies, like this, involving dental treatment are rare, but they are taken seriously.

The MDA will prioritize finding answers and throughout the process we will hold the public's interest and protection at the forefront. Again, our thoughts are with this young woman's family and friends as we work to find answers."

About the Manitoba Dental Association:
The Manitoba Dental Association is the legislative self-governing body and voice of the profession of dentistry and dental assistants in Manitoba. For more information, visit ManitobaDentist.ca. ■

Purses of Hope

NANCY HOLMAN PHOTO



Packing the purses at the Rock Lake United Church Pastoral Charge church in Crystal City were: Shona Douglas-Coulthard, Carol Banman, Carol Arbuckle, Sandra Cavers, Nancy Holman, Bonnie Robbins, Audrey Cockerline. So many people donated purses and the things to go in them.

Nancy Holman

62 "Purses of Hope" were packed with mitts, hats, socks, toques, shampoo, conditioners, combs,

feminine pads, pens, notepads, candy, jewelry, toothpaste, toothbrushes and more to help those less fortunate. 10 loaded purses will be sent to

Genesis House in Winkler while the rest Carol and Gord Arbuckle will deliver to the Mama Bear Clan in Winnipeg. ■

Legislate them back

NANCY HOLMAN PHOTO



I was not impressed when I received this letter from Canada Post via Purolator.

Susan Peterson

Last week, the area Purolator driver (Jules) pulled up to the office and had me sign for a large cardboard envelope. We chatted about how busy Purolator is right now: for every fully loaded truck he drives, there are two more fully loaded ones waiting at the terminal to come this direction.

With that information, and knowing how backed up Canada Post is and will be, I'm not hopeful that something I ordered will be here for Christmas. That is what it is, it's out of my control.

The irony is, that after Jules left, I opened the large cardboard envelope to find a little letter from Canada Post advising me of pricing increases in January. With so much other delivery needing to

be done, that was hardly a priority. Bizarre.

Area post office staff have contacted me over the past few weeks advising that they cannot accept newspapers and made it very clear with me that it's not what they want to do, but they have to obey directives they receive from higher up.

Like us, they feel the restrictions placed on them make no sense: mail brought to them that is local should be accepted and put in the boxes. The workers who are on strike have no involvement with that kind of mail.

However, a little known fact is that local mail is 'supposed' to be sent to Winnipeg to be counted, then sent back out to be put in boxes (which involves striking delivery drivers). As stupid as that sounds, it very likely

plays a role in keeping small rural post offices open, but there has to be a better way to do it.

The strikers have no one's sympathy, particularly with small business owners who do not have pensions, benefits or cost of living increases, yet whose taxes go toward paying those things for civil servants. The majority of business owners work seven days a week and long hours. It's tempting to tell the strikers to "suck it up."

The strikers have valid concerns should Canada Post delivery go 7 days a week, but to me, that's not enough to demand the other issues and pull off a full fledged strike that damages the economy of the entire nation.

I have three words: legislate them back. ■



Wreath Painting



Nancy Holman

United Community Arts (UCA) and Louise Recreation sponsored a 'wreath painting' afternoon December 2 at the UCA in Pilot Mound. Jeanine Turnbull was the instructor.

Painting with water colors were (left to right): Doris Heaver, Avril Mochoruk, Jeanine Turnbull, Tricia Livingstone and (missing, taking the photo) Nancy Holman.

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Louise Library Lines



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- The Grey Wolf
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- Toxic Prey
Attica Locke
- Guide Me Home
Patricia Cornwell
- Identity Unknown
Heather O'Neill
- The Capital of Dreams

Large Print
Lee Child & Andrew Child - In Too Deep
James Patterson
- The House of Cross
Iris Johansen & Roy Johansen - Flashback
John Sandford
- Toxic Prey
Non-Fiction
Ian Williams - What I Mean to Say: Remaking Conversation in Our Time
Jamie Oliver - Simply Jamie: Fast & Simple Food
Children & Youth
Aaron Blabey
- The Bad Guys in One Last Thing

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Pembina-Manitou Area Foundation Inc. Giving Challenge Results & 2024 Review



These photos represent a sampling of the 2024 grant recipients completed projects that PMAF supported.
Central Manitoba Choral Association - Central Manitoba Youth Choir \$2,000.00.



Pembina Manitou Senior Housing Inc. - Automated Doors at Pembina Manitou Place 55+ \$9,210.00.



Manitou Town & Country Golf Course - Manitou Town & Country Golf Club Equipment Shed \$4,600.00.

- Fund
- Manitou Community Swimming Pool Fund
 - Maxwell-Bowler Scholarship Fund
 - PMAF Administration Fund
 - PMAF Scholarship Fund
 - St. Luke's Pembina Crossing Church Cemetery Fund
 - St. Mary's Anglican Church Kaleida Fund
 - Central Manitoba Choral Association Fund
 - Darlingford Pembina Heritage Museum Fund
 - La Riviere Cemetery Association Fund
 - La Riviere Lodge Inc. Fund
 - Manitou Minor Hockey Association Fund
 - Manitou United Church Fund
 - New Haven Cemetery Fund
 - Pembina Manitou Health Centre Foundation Fund
 - Pembina Manitou Place 55+ Fund
 - The HGL Snowsports Fund

PMAF is currently working on the creation of additional new designated funds which should be finalized by the end of the year or into the beginning of the New Year.

More information regarding all perpetual funds held with Pembina-Manitou Area Foundation Inc. can be found on www.pembina.ca/p/pembina---manitou-area-foundation.

2024 Review

Community Foundation Day is April 26th and to help celebrate the PMAF directors delivered donuts to the La Riviere Lodge, Manitou Kinsmen Haven, Pembina Manitou Place 55+,

Pembina-Manitou Health Centre and the Darlingford Coffee Group.

In June the Annual Grant Presentation AGM evening was well attended by grant recipients and the general public. During this evening representatives from the designated funds and the grant recipients spoke on the importance of the grants and shared information on their projects.

To help raise funds for the PMAF Community Fund the board members provided refreshments for a coffee house evening and had an information booth at the Honey Garlic & Maple Syrup Festival.

A will bequest of \$100,000.00 was received from Blair Morley Mason. The legacy gift did not name a specific fund as the beneficiary. PMAF board of directors unanimously voted to distribute the gift to 13 established designated funds who received \$5,000.00 each and the PMAF Community Fund received \$35,000.00.

An anonymous donor made a security transfer of \$25,000.00 to be equally shared between the PMAF Community Fund and 3 designated funds. The donor has pledged to make this same gift for the next 9 years, bringing the total to \$250,000.00 after 10 years.

The Endow MB Giving Challenge was Nov. 12th - 17th. During the giving challenge the first \$10,000 in donations to PMAF Community Fund will be matched by the Manitoba Government and The Winnipeg Foundation at a combined 5:2 ratio. Meaning \$10,000.00 turns into \$14,000.00! A total of \$29,619.38 was added to the undesignated PMAF

Community Fund. The PMAF board will allocate grants from the investment earnings from this fund to projects throughout the Municipality of Pembina.

Starting Feb. 1st to 5:00 p.m. on Feb. 28th, 2025 the Pembina -Manitou Area Foundation will be accepting grant applications. Information and applications can be found on www.pembina.ca/p/pembina---pembina-manitou-area-foundation.

If you missed the Giving Challenge and would like to support PMAF with a year-end donation, cheques can be mailed to PMAF Box 535 Manitou, MB R0G 1G0. On line gifts can be made at endowmb.org, click on Make a Gift to My Foundation and select Pembina-Manitou Area Foundation Inc.

Donors can direct their gift to a designated fund to support them or the PMAF Community Fund. A charitable receipt will be issued for donations to any of the funds held with PMAF, dated in the year received. For a gift in memory of a loved one or friend, PMAF can send a card to the family, if requested by the donor.

If you would like more information please contact lorne.schultz@pmafoundation.ca or (204)242-2930/ (204)242-0001. You can also follow us on our Facebook and Instagram pages.

PMAF continues to be generously supported by community-minded individuals, families, businesses and the Municipality of Pembina.

Thank You to everyone that supported Pembina-Manitou Area Foundation Inc.!

Manitou Community Arena - Water Bottle Filling Station \$3,600.00.



SUBMITTED PHOTOS



**Minutes of the
13 November 2024
Regular Meeting**

Present: Council Members – Murray McIntyre, Bill McKittrick, John Darracott, Mike McLaren, Kyle McCannell, Travis Saban, Liana Vanwynsberghe and CAO Alicia Buydens

NEW BUSINESS

• **Payments** totaling \$1,467,558.63 were approved.

• **Utilities added to taxes** totalled \$4862.97

• **Accounts receivable added to taxes** totalled \$1006.38

• **GRO Program:** Municipal and Northern Relations has launched the Manitoba Growth, Renewal and Opportunities Program.

Council has approved the 'Pilot Creek Drainage Renewal and Climate Resiliency Project' to a maximum value of \$200,000, which it will fund 50% of the project with reserve funds and/or general operating funds to a maximum of \$100,000 and will request Provincial support under Manitoba GRO for 50% cost-share of \$100,000 total project eligible expenditures.

SCDWC Appointment

The South Central District Water Cooperation

requested confirmation to appoint **Nevin Checkley to the position of SCDWC Water Utility Operator** with effect from 17 November 2024. The Municipality of Louise confirmed the appointment of Nevin Checkley. **Snow Blowing- Crystal City and Pilot Mound**

Awarded as follows:
LUD of Crystal City – Lee Moir

LUD of Pilot Mound – Pat Sutherland

Electric Service Agreement

Entered into with Manitoba Hydro for:

a) Residential Pre-served subdivision along Goudney Ave, Pilot Mound, Manitoba, quotation 20169360. This resolution will constitute an amendment to the street lighting contract now in force between Manitoba Hydro and the Municipality of Louise.

Disaster Fund Assistance – Change Order

The Professional Services Agreement Change Order #003 with Stantec Consulting Ltd, Stantec project # 123316630 to 'Prepare and submit Heritage Resource Protection Plan to Historic Resource Branch', value \$3,447.00 for a new total for this site to be \$137,468.50 plus applicable taxes.

[ED NOTE: Site #48 (NE

12-4-12). The project could potentially disturb previously unidentified heritage resources based on its proximity to drainage of a major waterway, Pembina River, along which numerous archaeological sites are documented]-quoted from Stantec [...] Heritage Resource Impact Assessment. These will be expenses covered under the DFA program.]

By Laws

2024-19: First reading given to This by law amends the Municipality of Louise's By law 2022-09.

2025-02: First reading given. This is the Appointment to Boards and Committees By law for 2025.

FCM Funding

Council approved the 'Pilot Mound Millennium Recreation Complex Solar Energy Resiliency Project' application through the FCM Climate Ready Plans and Processes funding opportunity.

VAR 27-24

(See Public Hearing)

Approved: part of NE 24-2-12, Crystal City, Lot 2 Plan 50363 and Lot 1 & 3 Plan 40356 to vary to reduce the minimum side yard setback in the Urban Hold 'UH' zone from 25 feet to 4.3 feet for an existing structure that is on a lot that is part of subdivision application 4145-24-8345.

All applicable development and building permits must be obtained.

DISCUSSION

Towable Lift

Administration to follow-up on lift quote. Lift to be used for trimming trees, hanging Christmas lights, banners, etc.

Pool- Chemical Storage Engineered Drawings

Decision to leave

Down to pavement

SUSAN PETERSON PHOTO



During the warmer temperatures last week, LUD of Pilot Mound Foreman Lovell Stone was busy getting the streets scraped closer to the pavement for better driving conditions the rest of the season. The area's first storm of the season dumped several inches of slush and snow on streets and roads which quickly froze, making it difficult to clean up.

engineered drawings as is with walk through doors.

Valley Fiber Tower

Administration to follow up with legal advice on how to proceed.

2024 Property Taxes

95% of taxes were paid on time.

Council Conflict of Interest Act

Councillors updated their Conflict of Interest forms.

RME Women of the Rings Representative

Councillor McCannell to be municipal representative.

103 & 107 Railway St, Pilot Mound

Administration advised that title change {ED NOTE: to the municipality} was received for 107 Railway St S. Tender process to be commenced to have asbestos removed and commence tender document in preparation for 2025 budget.

Council Meeting date changes

Cancelled Council meetings are Nov 27, Dec 25 and Jan 8. Rescheduled Council meetings are Dec 4, Dec 16 and Jan 10 at 8:00am.

REPORTS

SCPD levy to be adjusted by half in 2025

Pool- propane tank and windows installed. Waiting on doors and flooring to arrive. Construction fence was returned. Resident donated fill for landscaping.

Gravel issue on municipal bridge remedy being researched

Pilot Mound & District Foundation- 13 groups applied

PMMRC- User groups rent being reviewed

Kinsmen Hall- still waiting on quote

MINUTES

Louise Recreation – Annual General Meeting 17 Oct 2024

Louise Recreation – Regular Meeting 17 Oct 2024

PM Swimming Pool – Annual General Meeting 17 Oct 2024

PM Swimming Pool – Regular Meeting 17 Oct 2024

GPSC financial report at 30 Sept 2024

Correspondence-

RCMP July to September statistics
Resident – Thank you

This is a partial listing of the minutes of Council of the Municipality of Louise. A full listing may be obtained at the municipal office, 26 South Railway Ave. E., Crystal City, MB. 204-873-2591 or on louisemb.com

PUBLIC HEARING

A PUBLIC HEARING of the Municipality of Louise was held in regards to Variation

Order VAR 27-24 in the Municipal Office in Crystal City on 13 November 2024

Present: Council Members M McIntyre, B McKittrick, L Vanwynsberghe, M McLaren, K McCannell, J Darracott, T Saban, A Buydens CAO, Building Inspector / Development Officer: B Baete

Purpose of Hearing

CAO explained the purpose of the hearing:

For Harvey Bergen/Phiber Manufacturing Inc., part of NE 24-2-12, Crystal City, Lot 2 Plan 50363 and Lot 1 & 3 Plan 40356, to vary to reduce the minimum side yard setback in the Urban Hold 'UH' zone.

The applicant is subdividing a lot and an existing structure is too close to the property line according to the Zoning By law 2022-09, Part 5, Urban Hold 'UH' – use and bulk table. The minimum side yard setback is 25 feet. The application is wanting to vary the requirement down to 4.3 feet for the existing structure.

Proof of Public Notice

Building Inspector Baete presented proof of the public notices and the mail out list.

Representations:

None

Written Submissions

No written submission was received by the office.

Conclusion

Being no further representation either for or against the said proposal and no further written representation nor correspondence received, the Chairperson declared the receipt of representations complete and the public hearing was then concluded.

Four Play Golf Lottery
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GROUP VS. INDIVIDUAL THINKING.



By Lloyd McTaggart,
Common Sense
Management

A workplace challenge.

Individual thinking is something that comes naturally to everyone. When confronted with any kind of situation, a person will instinctively think about the best way to deal with it.

Group thinking (often called "Groupthink") is a different story. Here's a definition: "a psychological phenomenon in which the desire for harmony or conformity in a group results in an irrational or dysfunctional decision."

Most of the information I've read on the subject goes on to say that "this collective behaviour can lead to a deterioration of mental efficiency, reality testing and moral judgment, resulting in decisions that may be suboptimal or even unethical."

If you consider a work team situation, it would be reasonable to conclude that a bunch of people

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.

working together in harmony could produce more or better results than the same number of individuals working independently of each other.

That's known as "synergy" which is the creation of a whole that is greater than the simple sum of its parts. However, when groupthink displaces individual thinking, it would appear that something opposite of "synergy" occurs, and that could include disharmony, conflict and infighting, none of which would be helpful in achieving good results. It's a reminder of the old adage; "Any strength, carried to an extreme, becomes a weakness."

You can see the effects of groupthink in almost any setting. One of the most interesting examples can be found in politics. Elected representatives are encouraged (and sometimes forced) to conform to the rules and standards set out by their political party when casting their vote.

There are sometimes

conflicts between what's good for the party and/or country and what's best for the people who elected the representative. I've discussed this with many people over the years and found that some really bril-

QUOTE: "No matter how loud the voice, no matter how many people are saying it doesn't make it true. But how can you tell? One tell tale sign is if your voice is suppressed when you try to question that truth." - Dr. Charles F. Glassman.

liant achievers and independent-thinking problem solvers tend to avoid getting into politics due to the negative aspects of groupthink, as they see it.

A BUSINESS CONUNDRUM?

In the business world, it's obvious that managing a team of employees has the potential to become a real dilemma. As a manager/supervisor, how do you encourage individual thinking - to apply each employee's skills and talent to their work - while

encouraging them to work together with team members to produce the best results for the company? Talking from experience I'd say it's a challenge to pull it off and make it work consistently and well. A typical company or

corporate structure usually includes at least 3 levels of responsibility and decision-making. We could call them top management, middle management (supervisors) and employees. Some bigger organizations have multiples of those layers but even in many small businesses, those 3 basic layers exist.

The one we'll call middle management or "supervisory" could be the most challenging one, in my opinion. The supervisor has to run their team to satisfy the needs (for results) of top management, while the



bottom layer (which does the work) has to operate smoothly.

The middle management people (supervisors) are kind of like the ingredients in a sandwich. They're squeezed between 2 layers - one on top and one on below them. In order for them to be successful, they must bring out the best performances of each member while combining everything into a satisfactory team result.

SO WHAT'S THE ANSWER?

One way to help meet this supervisory challenge might just lie in the use of basic selling skills! A long time ago, I discovered that the essence of good selling is quite simple: satisfying customer needs, at a profit to the company.

An example of using selling skills could be something like the introduction of a new work procedure. A supervisor might hold a staff meeting to explain the change and how it will

affect each team member. Then it's time for questions and feedback. "How do you feel about this new procedure?" would be a good start.

It's an open question that encourages the employee to speak up. If the reply to question 1 is "Well, I can see where it might be a problem" it should lead to question 2: "Oh?" And then the information should start to flow. That allows a discussion to take place where the employees can contribute their knowledge and skills and perhaps even cause a change in the procedure so that it will work better for everyone and the company.

If a supervisor or manager can combine the strengths of the individuals into an effective work team all pulling in the same direction, he/she can avoid the pitfalls of the dreaded groupthink and have a better, happier group of people producing better results for the company. ■

Building Communities Grant Program Giving \$37,000 in Support



L-R: Lindsay Boulton (Reston Branch Manager), Kim Davis, Kim MacKenzie, Wiley Gilliard (Park Committee), Teresa Vandenberghe (Project Administration Officer who works out of Reston Branch) and Bruce Luebke (Community Engagement Coordinator).

News Release

We are proud to announce that nearly \$37,000 will be disbursed through this fall's Building Communities Grant Program, a testament to Sunrise Credit Union's commitment to supporting impactful projects in communities.

For this fall's program, we meticulously reviewed

close to 50 applications, ensuring that four deserving projects, each representing a diverse aspect of our community, were selected for funding based on the criteria outlined in the guidelines.

"The Building Communities Grant Program continues to be a resounding success, supporting a varied range of community organizations and

initiatives in the areas Sunrise Credit Union serves," said CEO/President Tim Klassen, "We're especially pleased with the diversity of this fall's recipients, supporting mental health and wellness for youth and seniors, assisting with new construction of a new community amenity and honouring our historic past."

The Westman Mental Wellness & Suicide

Prevention Association will receive a \$16,000 grant to help develop school mental health resource libraries in seven Sunrise Credit Union communities: Boissevain, Deloraine, Hartney, Melita, Reston, Virden, and Waskada. The resource library will have age-appropriate and professionally reviewed, sourced and supported literature via paper and online books, wellness activities and mental health content, including directories for available support through local, provincial and national services and programs.

The Deloraine Agricultural Society 'Share the Shed' project will receive a \$12,500 grant. The project will see the construction of an open-sided shed at the fairgrounds. It will be used to host many events such as poker, bands, cornhole and other entertainment. The structure would benefit the

Deloraine Ag Society and other organizations within Deloraine.

A grant of \$5,318 will allow the Pipestone Memorial Park Committee to complete its fundraising goal and finish its project. The project, which has revitalized a vacant lot into an attractive, inclusive green space, is a testament to the program's contribution to community development. The park's centrepiece, the cenotaph, symbolizes the community's commitment to preserving history.

The Cypress River Senior Centre is currently undergoing updates, and a \$3,000 grant will assist with these renovations. Specifically, the grant will cover the cost of replacing the Centre's baseboard heaters and the related electrical work, demonstrating the program's support for community facilities.

Since its launch in the fall

of 2024, the Building Communities Grant Program has contributed \$131,318 to 11 projects and initiatives, each significantly impacting and enriching our community. The next intake period for

the program will be in the spring of 2025, offering more opportunities to inspire and shape our community's future.

About Sunrise Credit Union

Sunrise Credit Union was formed in 2008 and offers personalized service to approximately 35,000 members across 19 branches. Sunrise Credit Union serves Baldur, Boissevain, Brandon, Cypress River, Deloraine, Grandview, Hartney, Holland, Laurier, Melita, Minnedosa, Reston, Sandy Lake, Shoal Lake, Ste. Rose du Lac, Strathclair, Treherne, Virden, and Waskada. ■

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CCIS Food Drive

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Cartwright Community Independent School held its annual community foodbank drive and collected a whopping 380 lbs of dried and canned goods, cereals, flour, etc which will be made available for use by local families. The collection was from staff and pupils along with community members; great job Cartwright!

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UPCOMING MOVIES:

DATE	MOVIE	RATED	LENGTH
Dec. 13 & 14	Red One	PG	2h 28m
Dec. 20	Christmas Classic Weekend: Polar Express on Friday	PG	Polar Express 1h 39m
Dec 21	ELF on Saturday	PG	Elf 1h 30m
Dec. 27 & 28	Moana 2 Sponsored by Park's Family Foods	PG	2h 40m
Coming Soon	Wicked	PG	1h 40m
Coming Soon	Sonic The Hedgehog 3 Sponsored by Matt Bisson Construction	PG	

MOVIES BEGIN AT 7:30 P.M. UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED

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Legislation Introduced to Strengthen Licensing Consequences for Convicted Impaired Drivers

The Manitoba government has introduced legislation that would impose new, stronger licensing consequences on drivers convicted of impaired driving and refusal offences that cause bodily harm or death.

Proposed amendments to the Highway Traffic Act would increase the automatic driver's licence suspension for a second conviction when a driver is convicted of an impaired driving or refusal offence that causes bodily harm or death.

Currently, a driver convicted for the first time receives a five-year automatic licence suspension and if a driver is convicted of a second offence within 10 years,

they receive an automatic 10-year licence suspension. The amendments would increase that second 10-year suspension to a lifetime suspension.

"MADD Canada congratulates the Manitoba government for the steps being taken to prevent impaired driving," said Tanya Hansen Pratt, national president, MADD Canada. "Despite the progress that has been made, hundreds of people are killed and thousands more are injured every year in alcohol and drug-related crashes. It is important that those who cause the most harm are held accountable and given sanctions to prevent them from driving impaired again including lengthy driving bans and zero tolerance."

"The MACP is committed to enforcing the law when it comes to impaired drivers," said Insp. Michael Gagliardi, chair, Manitoba Association of Chiefs of Police traffic safety committee. "We are hopeful that these new amendments will be a useful deterrent for those who choose to get behind the wheel impaired. Each year, we pull over thousands of vehicles and unfortunately, we do see repeat offenders. Increasing the driver's licence prohibition is sending a very strong message to all Manitobans. We hope for the safety of everyone, that these new amendments save lives."

The amendments would also prohibit a person convicted of these

offences from driving with any alcohol in their blood (zero per cent blood alcohol concentration). For a first conviction, the prohibition would last for seven years. For a second conviction within 10 years, it would result in a lifetime prohibition.

Drivers who breach their alcohol prohibition would have sanctions imposed that mirror those under the Immediate Roadside Prohibition program, which include roadside suspension, vehicle impoundment and other sanctions that escalate with the number of breaches, such as referral for driver assessment, ignition interlock and financial administrative penalties.

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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.

Greg Costen

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

Dear Therapist,
I have been married for 18 years. While the frequency of our sex life was never spectacular, for the past year or so my wife has lost all interest in intimacy. We literally do not have sex anymore. She is not too keen to talk about it. When I suggest intimacy all I get is, "I don't feel like it." When I suggest a conversation, I get, "I'm not comfortable talking about it." Can you help me understand what might be going on? Is it me? Is it her? Is this normal?

Signed, Needy.
Dear Needy,
Changes in intimacy are completely normal

but no sex for a year is bumping into the significant dysfunction territory. This is not to say that your wife is dysfunctional, rather that your current sexual dynamic is outside the norm. I can only assume that you are both of an age where intimacy remains well within reach.

I can't know what is going on without having spoken to either of you so the best I can do is suggest some common reasons for a long term absence of sexual activity. Sort through these and see if any or several fit your situation.

Before we get there, the single thing that must happen if this is to improve is a conversation. I know she expresses no

interest in this but it must happen. Here's how you might approach this:

1. Choose the right moment: Bring it up when both of you are relaxed and in good spirits - not during or after an argument or after sexual rejection.

2. Be specific and kind: Suggest a specific time and place to talk, emphasizing that you want to understand her feelings better, not argue.

3. Start with empathy: Rather than focusing on the lack of sex, begin with her general well-being. A heartfelt "How are you really doing?" can open the door.

4. Share vulnerably: Express your feelings without blame. For example, "I miss the closeness

we used to share and I'd love to understand how we can reconnect."

Here are common reasons behind a sexless marriage. There are many so I will only have space to list them.

1) Lingering resentments.

2) Different love languages (ex. She feels loved via acts of service. You feel loved by physical intimacy)

3) High stress levels such as finances, work or children.

4) Hormonal changes in women such as menopause or hormonal changes/imbalance.

5) Physical pain during sex for the woman.

6) Chronic illness.

7) Lowering of libido by various pharmaceuticals such as antidepressants

or blood pressure meds.

8) Mental health challenges such as depression, trauma (especially sexual) or anxiety.

9) Poor body image.

10) Mismatched libidos. Partners may have varying levels of sexual desire, which can cause frustration or withdrawal if not addressed. One partner's libido might naturally decline with age or lifestyle changes, leading to a disparity.

11) Boredom in the bedroom.

12) An inability or unwillingness on your part to create "emotional potpourri" in your home.

13) Infidelity or emotional affairs.

14) Pornography use (partner can't compete) or fantasy discrepancy.

15) She doesn't like you

As you can see, some of these would fall on your wife, others on you, others yet on the relationship. The best I can recommend, outside of professional therapy with an intimacy expert, is the conversation I referred to at the outset.

Only when that has happened and you have hopefully determined the precise nature of the difficulty will you be able to move forward with action steps. I'd love it if you would write again with an update. I might then be able to give more specific guidance.

Please submit your therapy-related questions to gmcosten@gmail.com with "Dear Therapist" in the subject line.

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November was a Busy Month at PMCI!

Submitted by
Brooke Gelo

Remembrance Day

Pilot Mound Collegiate Institute (PMCI) held its annual Remembrance

Day Service on November 8th.

Thank you to all of the students, staff, Royal Canadian Legion Branch 21 Pilot Mound Colour Party and community

members who helped with the service.

Perogy Fundraiser

PMCI perogy fundraiser was a huge success! The students raised \$8484 in perogies. Thank you to all who bought perogies and helped with this profitable fundraiser. Because the students were able to surpass their goal of

\$8,000, the PMCI staff members are making the student body breakfast on the last day of school in December!

Sports

Volleyball is now wrapped up and curling practices have begun.

Ms. Orr is on the curling ice with the students each week for practices to

get ready for zones that are in January. There will be a Boys', Girls' and Mixed Doubles team.

TJ's Gift Presentation

Karen Wiebe (Executive Director for the TJ's Gift Foundation) came to speak to PMCI on November 26. Karen shared memories of her son's TJ's life, story and how he

was murdered; with the underlying theme of making the choice to be drug free. Students were challenged to think through their own actions as well as how they can support their friends through positive peer pressure.

This presentation made a tremendous impact and encouraged students to become actively involved in helping their peers avoid drug involvement through leadership, positive peer pressure, peer mentoring and involving themselves in projects promoting safe choices to avoid drug involvement.

It's Beginning to Look...

The Christmas spirit is amping up in the halls at PMCI as a door decorating competition was held within the last week of November.

Congratulations to Ms. Orr and the Grade 11B class for claiming the top prize.

Christmas break is right around the corner and the leadership group has many activities and spirit days planned for December.

Stay tuned!



Ms. Orr and her grade 11B class won the Christmas door decoration competition.



Karen Wiebe shared memories of her son TJ's life.



Isabel Mae Southam



Isabel was born on January 3, 2024 to Josh and Amanda. Proud grandparents are Alan and Karen Southam of Sanford, MB, Rick and Susan Kuffel of Lorette, MB. Great Grandmothers are Dora Southam of Morden, MB and Carol Vanderhooft of Winnipeg, MB

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Wednesday, December 11, 2024 2:00 p.m.
United Community Arts
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We recognize how difficult it is to face the Christmas Season without your loved one. We invite you, your family and anyone who shares your loss to a time of remembrance.

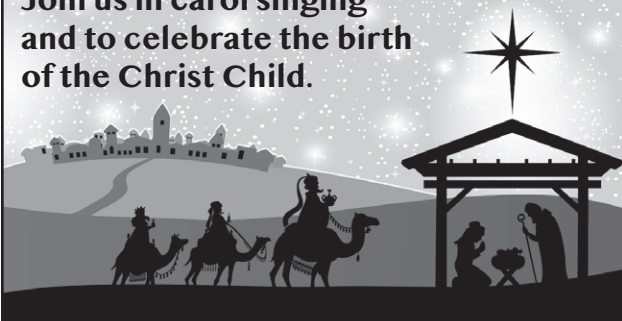


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December 23rd, 7 p.m.

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Engagement Announcements

We are very excited to announce the engagement and upcoming weddings of our children!



Kelvin Cousin & Jenessa Groinus

Children of Donald De Smet & Lorraine and Ed & Iris Groinus
A September 27, 2025 wedding is planned

&



Heather Cousin-De Smet & Evan Cesmystruk

Children of Donald De Smet & Lorraine and Mark & Rosanne Cesmystruk.
An August 2, 2025 wedding is planned.

Card of Thanks

I miraculously survived an abdominal aortic aneurysm thanks to Dr. Khoury and the staff at Rock Lake Hospital, the amazing MRI guy and other staff at Boundary Trails, the ambulance crew, particularly my surgeon Dr. Boyd plus the other great members of her team at Health Sciences Centre. Thanks to all of the staff there, to the air flight crew who flew me in a very small plane to Killarney and the staff at Killarney hospital.

It has been quite a journey. The flowers, visits and support have been much appreciated. Thankfully, I got to celebrate my 65th wedding anniversary with my wife Joan on October 31st. I look forward to golfing next summer, spending more time with my family and discussing the Jets over a cup of coffee (or a rum!).

Sincerely,
Glen Wheeler

Card of Thanks

We want to express our gratitude to those in the Pilot Mound and Crystal City communities for your expressions of sympathy as we remembered and mourned our Mom, Emilie Reimer. Your visits, calls, cards, texts, emails and bouquets of flowers were greatly appreciated.

Thank you to the Prairie Mennonite Fellowship for so graciously hosting Mom's celebration of life, to Wheatland Funeral Service for the empathetic care offered to us and to Crystal City Flowers for the colourful vase of roses for the remembrance table.

We are grateful for the professional and compassionate care offered to Mom by the health care professionals who cared for her in her latter years...both at their home in Pilot Mound and at Homestead South and Tabor Home in Morden.

With gratitude...thank you!!
Garry & Marge Reimer
Elaine & Don Peters

Meals on Wheels

Sheila DeBaets
Dietary Supervisor/
Volunteer Coordinator
Rock Lake Health District

Has making a full supper every night of the week become overwhelming? Your family worries that you aren't eating properly? That's where Meals on Wheels comes in. You can have meals delivered to your door every day of the

week, Monday to Friday, or you can pick which days you would like.

Are you stuck for a Christmas gift for your loved one or someone you know who is already receiving Meals on Wheels? Why not pay for one (or more) of their meals? You can contact Sheila DeBaets to arrange this wonderful gift. 204-825-2246 ext 5 or sdebaets@southernhealth.ca

Somerset Bible Chapel

Submitted by Isabel Acheson

Jamie Small led the announcements Sunday, Dec. 1. Matt Penner was usher. Kevin Friesen led the Prayer Focus. The music team was led by Emery and Katie DeRoo.

For the first Sunday of Advent, Kevin Friesen introduced the themes for the four Sundays before Christmas. Michelle Friesen did the reading from Isaiah 9:2-7 and a brief commentary on Hope while the first candle of the wreath was lit.

The music for the worship service included "You are God Alone" and "Jesus Messiah" both by Chris Tomlin; Traditional Advent hymns "O Come, O Come Emmanuel," "Come Thou Long Expected Jesus" and in closing, "Be Still and Know."

The Communion service was led by Clayton Kimber. Exodus 12:1-11 gives the original instructions for the Passover ritual by the Israelite nation in Egypt. In Matthew 26:26-28 Jesus Institutes a new Celebration of Passover with his disciples, to commemorate His role as the perfect Lamb of God.

The sermon was given by Jamie Small to continue the Advent theme. Matt. 1:18-24 tells of one of the first announcements of Jesus' birth. Verse 23 quotes from the

prophet Isaiah. Jamie laid out the context of Isaiah's proclamation to King Ahaz.

Coming to the throne at age 20 and ruling for 16 years, Ahaz did not obey or honor the Lord God. He engaged in idol worship including child sacrifices. In chapter 7, nearby kings prepare to bring war to Jerusalem. Isaiah tells Ahaz that there are bigger worries, that a larger enemy is about to appear. Is. 7:14 is quoted in Matthew, a virgin shall conceive and bear a son and his name shall be called Emmanuel, (God is with us).

Isaiah chapters 8 and 9 give more detail including the Messianic prophecy of 9:6 which includes "For to us a son is born, to us a son is given, the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."

A long wait ensued from Isaiah to Jesus (centuries). As Jesus left disciples to continue his ministry on earth he promised to never leave them without a comforter. (Matt. 28:18-20.)

The sermon closed with prayer. Psalm 46:9-11 introduced the closing song.

Monthly bulletins and previous reports are available on the website www.somersetbiblechapel.com.

YOU ARE INVITED

Cartwright Church of God in Christ,
Mennonite Youth Choir
presents

The Christmas Story
in song

Friday, December 20
7:30 p.m.

Church of God in Christ
Floyd and Ethel Cudmore Hall,
104 Conklin St., Crystal City



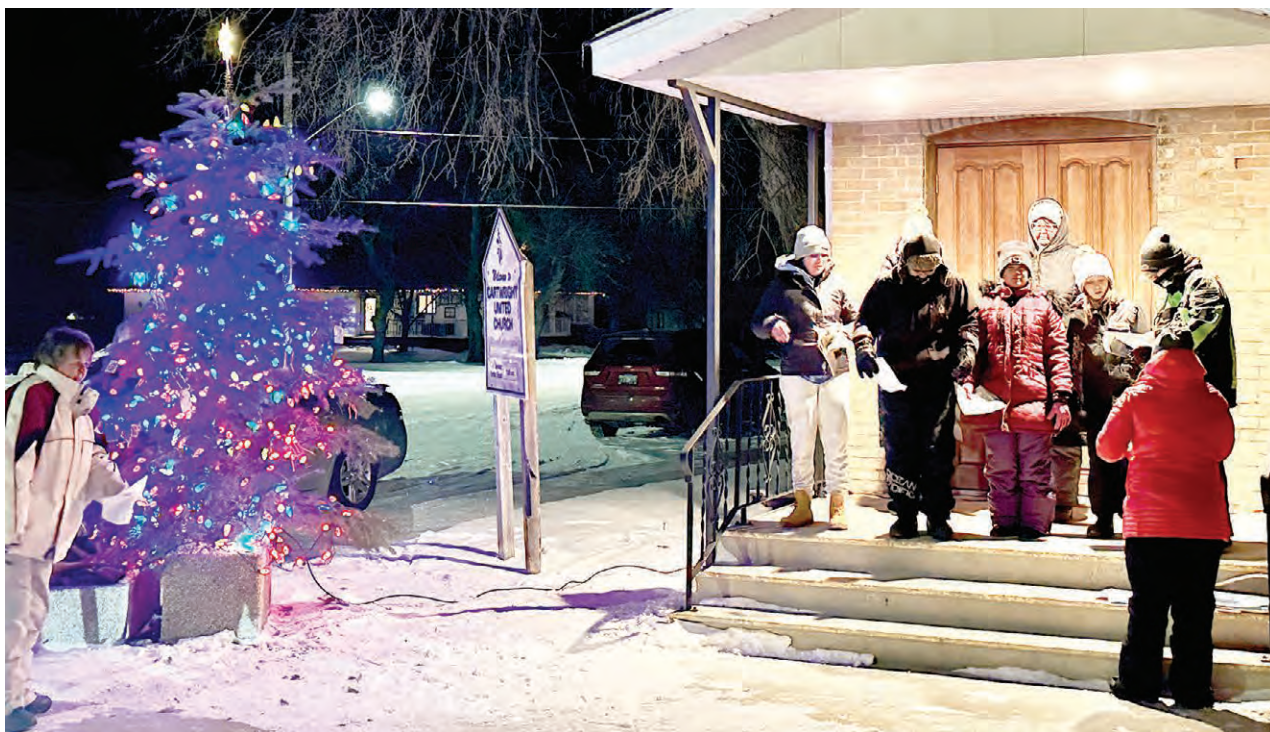


Cartwright Community Christmas Tree Lighting

APRIL ARCHAMBAULT PHOTOS



In spite of the frigid temperatures a great crowd turned out.



Beautiful singing by the Schram family and members of SMILE Company.



Cards being placed on the tree in honour of a loved one.

Submitted by April Archambault
Community Development Officer
Cartwright-Roblin Community
Development Corporation

The very first annual Cartwright Community Christmas Tree Lighting was held on Saturday evening, November 30th at the corner of Curwen and Broadway.

Community members bundled up in the frosty weather to gather around for the light up, while enjoying hot chocolate and candy canes. Carol singing was led by the Schram family and some members of SMILE Company to add to the festive event.

Head of Council Jamie Dousselaere welcomed the crowd with a heartfelt speech and people were encouraged to add a special card to the tree in memory of loved ones. Donations for the memory cards were received, exceeding \$895 which will go towards Cartwright's Reflection Park.

Donations were also received from Westoba Credit Union for the purchase of a tree topper and candy canes and from Cartwright-Roblin Community Development for the hot chocolate.

The organizing committee consisted of community members Heather Sabad, Carole Chester, Renae Maxwell, Marg Law and Penny Macklem. A special thanks to Ralph Morrow, Jim Sabad, April Archambault, Jamie Dousselaere, Pam Enns and Cartwright-Roblin Municipality for their assistance.

Requests and donations for memory cards will

continue to be accepted through the holiday season. Please contact Renae Maxwell at maxi5boys@yahoo.com. For any further information about the event, please contact Heather Sabad at (204) 529-2676.

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Thursday, December 12, 2024
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4:30 - 6:30 p.m.

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Manitou Christmas Market a busy spot!

SUSAN PETERSON PHOTOS



To our knowledge, Manitou's Christmas Market was the last of its kind in the area, held at Manitou Opera House on November 30th. The parking spots were filled on the surrounding streets and lots of shoppers made for a successful market!



Angie Baloun rings up a sale at her shop just south of Highway 3. The family raises Alpacas and uses the wool to create beautiful items such as the shawl shown in the foreground, or useful items such as toques, socks and boot liners.



(L-R) Travel Club members sold baking as a fundraiser: Lexi Hacault (chaperone), Carter Dow, Kelly Caldwell (chaperone), Delaney Smith, Abby Jago (chaperone) and Denise Howatt.



Julie Smith enjoys watching the shoppers come and go as she sells Rainbow Auction tickets. There were several great items hopeful winners could put their tickets into bags for.



Manitou Opera House
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Handy drinking cups at this vendor's table.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

BRIDAL SHOWER

BRIDAL SHOWER IN HONOUR OF MORGAN HARMS, Bride-elect of Noah Braswell, Thursday, January 2, 2025, 7 p.m. Cornerstone Ministries Church. Gift Registry Link: <https://www.myregistry.com/wedding-registry/morgan-harms-snowflake-mb/4459008/giftlist> (If purchasing a large item, consider shipping it directly to the happy couple) 47-1

EVENTS

HOME TOWN HONG KONG HEROES:

Display at Pilot Mound Museum 213 Lorne Ave, from now until the end of December. Wednesdays & Saturdays 2-4 p.m.; Tours upon request. See ad p. 16 EC

La Rivière & Community Recreation Centre Weekly CRIB WEDNESDAYS 1:30-3:30 p.m., \$3 drop in fee.

SANTA PARADE IN PILOT MOUND: Sat. Dec. 14, 6:30 p.m. Pictures with Santa to follow in Black Jack Stewart Arena. Free public skating; treat bags and popcorn for the kids. Parade route: See ad p. 20 EC

UNITED COMMUNITY ARTS COFFEE HOUSES:

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

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 ad p. 9 EC

LOUISE LIBRARY OPEN HOUSE: Thurs. Dec. 12, 1 p.m.. Treats, coffee, mulled apple cider, a holiday recipe swap and a raffle! See ad p. 3

NELLIE MCCLUNG COLLEGIATE ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BANQUET: Thurs. Dec. 12, NMC Gym. See ad p. 10

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 booth. EC

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

BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICES: Pembina Parish (St. Paul's United Church, Morden), Wed. Dec. 18, 8:00 p.m. St. Andrews United Church Manitou, Thurs. Dec. 19, 7 p.m. A time of coffee and conversation will follow. All are welcome! See ad p. 20

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. 9

PRAIRIE MENNONITE FELLOWSHIP CHRISTMAS SERVICE: Mon. Dec. 23, 7 p.m. You are invited to join in carol singing and celebrating the birth of the Christ Child. See ad p. 9 EC

CELEBRATING HAZEL MAYO'S 90th BIRTHDAY: Mon. Dec. 30, 2-4 p.m. Crystal City Friendship Centre. Everyone Welcome!

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!

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- 6. Sino-Soviet block (abbr.)
- 9. Brainstem part
- 13. Town in New York state
- 14. Little (Spanish)
- 15. Continent
- 16. Retch
- 17. Short-billed rails
- 18. Small period of time (abbr.)
- 19. Confused
- 21. A team needs one
- 22. Woman in ancient times
- 23. Republican Party
- 24. Spanish be
- 25. "The Godfather" character Johnny
- 28. Not around
- 29. City in Zambia
- 31. A type of beginning
- 33. Numb
- 36. Gurus
- 38. Small, gray-headed crow
- 39. Vehicle type
- 41. Disorders
- 44. One point east of southeast
- 45. Indian soldier
- 46. Tree type
- 48. Midway between south and southeast
- 49. It cools your home

51. Corn comes on it

- 52. Ship's deck
- 54. A way to bake
- 56. Improvised
- 60. Butterfly genus
- 61. Baseball fields have them
- 62. Designated space
- 63. Discharge
- 64. Two of something
- 65. Once more
- 66. Part of your face
- 67. Tax collector
- 68. Cassia tree

CLUES DOWN

- 1. One-time Aaron Rodgers target
- 2. Wings
- 3. Overly studious person
- 4. They protect your valuables
- 5. The Volunteer State
- 6. Non-hydraulic cement
- 7. Horse mackerel
- 8. Jackson and Diddley are two
- 9. Splendid displays
- 10. Mountain in NE Greece
- 11. A daughter or your brother or sister
- 12. German surname
- 14. Having more than one husband at a time
- 17. Roman city
- 20. Energy

21. Makes less hot

- 23. Gas diffusion electrode
- 25. Former CIA
- 26. Set an example for others
- 27. Support of a particular person
- 29. One from the Big Apple
- 30. Mountain range
- 32. Violate the sanctity of something
- 34. Supervises flying
- 35. Talks
- 37. Persian male given name
- 40. Born of
- 42. Forcibly take one's possessions
- 43. Discounts
- 47. Knockouts
- 49. Posh Colorado destination
- 50. Form of therapy
- 52. British rock band
- 53. Type of virus (abbr.)
- 55. The U. of Miami mascot is one
- 56. Volcanic crater
- 57. Middle Eastern nation
- 58. Sinn ___, Irish organization
- 59. Ethiopian lake
- 61. Bits per inch (abbr.)
- 65. Equally

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Review files

December 16, 1954

Owing to an outbreak of mumps, the Chesterville Christmas Tree Concert has been postponed.// Mr. Elgin (Tip) Robinson of Claresholm, Alberta is visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Marchant.// Miss Edrie Fairservice and James H. McKelvey were married Dec. 4 at Crystal City.// Miss Muriel Bolton became the bride of

Donald L. Lloyd Dec. 4th.
December 17, 1964

The hockey teams have been active with games since Dec. 4th. // Mather: Mrs. Wesley (Eleanor) Clark died Dec. 10. Born in County Down, Ireland in 1893, she came to Canada in 1910 and lived in the Mylor district for 54 years.// Neelin: Mr. and Mrs. Mac Archibald visited at Nipawin, Sask.// Mr. L. Howard Richards died Dec. 6th. // Dale Aitken is employed at the elevator at Baldur.

December 12, 1974

The second 4-H

Conservation Achievement was held with all 15 boys presented with red ribbons by leader Kenn Staple and junior leader Jack Kinley.// For their 25th anniversary, Alf and Helen Kemp were treated to dinner and a surprise party.// Bill and Betty Hopper's new mobile home has been situated on the former MacGregor property on the northeast side of town.// Former Cartwright area resident Mrs. Carman Watts (Anna Webster) died at Calgary.

December 12, 1984

The Junior Girls zone 6 curling at Baldur was won by Tannis Gibson, Barbie Leece, Karen Haight and

Brenda Grzenda.// A fire at the Dennis Turner farm northwest of Cartwright consumed a barn, about 70 pigs, and feed.// Elvis Mullin, Donnie Robertson, Herman Laidlaw and Sherry Mullin won the Second Event at Pilot Mound Legion Bonspiel.

December 13, 1994

Don and Anne Edkins have moved from Winnipeg to make their home in Cartwright.// Both Don Robertson and Ray Moore had 85th birthdays recently.// The old Manitoba Telephone building, now used as Museum, was moved from Curwen to a spot at the Centennial Park near the ball diamonds.// Rock

Lake: Merv Sawatzky, Wendell Krahn, Frank and Bob Wiebe are back from a moose hunt in the north.// Derwin Haight caught a 19 lb. jackfish at Rock Lake Beach.

December 14, 2004

George Fuchs, 85 died at Killarney hospital; funeral service is today at Cartwright United.// Cartwright High School Choir performed a concert with members: Jaymee Shaw, Kenzie Drewry, Mandy Marchant, Denise Livingstone, Caitlin Landin, Meghan Haight, Ali Mullin, Jenny Burton, Candis Mullin, Donelda Moose, Krista Reimer, Claire Landin, Sarah Enns, Mary Anne

Gallant, Mallory Amond, Chantel Cavers, Lisa Ransome, Cassie Vincent, Kailey Mullin.

December 18, 2024

Helen Kinley has moved in from the farm, to Sunrise Apartments in Cartwright.// Arnie Lowry bought coffee at Maher Store on Dec. 16 for his 90th birthday.// The German Evangelical Church congregation shared their musical talent with the community, at their Christmas program, held at the hall.// After some nice warm weather, it rained, then froze, making sidewalks and roads treacherous.// Jim Yule, 88, died Dec. 2 at Killarney.!

MANITOU

From the Files of the Western Canadian



Manitou Squirrels: back row, left to right, coaches Stacy Bannister, Jeff Cavers, Henning Wubbe; centre, Hannah Bannister, Fischer Cavers, Bradley Livingstone, Lucas Cavers, Hayden Wubbe; front, Ivy Voth, Bree Pearce, Damian McKay, Sam Rondeau, Christian McKay, Dane Wubbe.

Photo courtesy Garden Path Photography

70 Yrs. Ago
Dec. 2, 1954

Mrs. Christina McKay, who recently celebrated her 100th birthday at Gilbert Plains, died Nov. 11. She lived at Manitou for 16 years, many years ago.// Married on Nov. 27, Faye McNab and Wilfred Royden Keen.// Din Nairne is the new customs officer at Snowflake.

60 Yrs. Ago
Dec. 3, 1964

Probably a first in Dauphin medical history was made Nov. 21, when a tooth was extracted while the patient was hypnotized. Dr. Orville Heschuk extracted the tooth of 13 year old Robert Boxall, son of Dr. John O. Boxall of Manitou, who

hypnotized his son.// Mr. and Mrs. Alex Robertson will mark their 55th wedding anniversary on Dec. 8.// Deaths: William Robert McKenzie, 86, a veteran of World War I, who lived many years in the Peace River country and also at Snowflake and Manitou; Mrs. Richard Hamilton, 71, who came to Canada 50 years ago and is survived by four sons, all of Darlingford; Mrs. Maggie May Jacobs, 92, a resident of Manitou area since 1891, formerly of Pilot Mound; Mrs. Jessie Webster, 89, on Nov. 24; Norman Carson, on Nov. 24.// Weddings: Gwen Hardern and Victor Voth, on Nov. 29; Helen Hutchison and Wm. S.

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40 Yrs. Ago
Dec. 5, 1984

Lauren Shewfelt has received her Master of Arts degree in Psychology from Queen's University, Kingston.// Winning the Manitou Pick-A-Prize Bonspiel was the rink of Terry and Karen Holliston, Vic and Joyce Fehr.// Deaths: Richard Curtis Knight, 40, who left Snowflake in 1948.

30 Yrs. Ago
Dec. 6, 1994

Long time employees of the Pembina Manitou Health Centre, Marge Dobson and Pat Esler, were honoured at a farewell dinner.// A farewell pot luck supper was held at the Snowflake curling rink for Jake & Fran Hoepfner, Mike & Ella Didkowski, and Joyce Maxwell, who are leaving the community.// Amanda Hamilton, Paula Wilson, both of Darlingford, and Jason Devloo of La Riviere attended the 4-H Senior Selections Weekend at the Southport Aerospace Conference Centre.

20 Yrs. Ago
Dec. 7, 2004

An official sod-turning ceremony for the St. Leon Wind Energy Project was held near St. Leon.// Kelly Sanders and Stephani Windsor were chosen Zone 4 girls' volleyball all-stars.// Walter Mueller was co-recipient of Sport Manitoba's Regional Volunteer of the Year award.// Deaths: Marian Kozak, on Dec. 2; A. Dennis (Bud) Bamford, 60; Normand Joseph Louis Rondeau, 41, on Nov. 25.// Lindsay Edgar graduated from the University of Calgary with a Master of Social Work degree.

10 Yrs. Ago
Dec. 9, 2014

Manitou Fire Dept. received an \$800 donation from Access Credit Union to add to their turn-out gear fund. Manitou branch manager Shane Norrie presented the cheque to Deputy Fire Chief Don Cassels.// Reeve Kim Taylor and Mayor Jake Goertzen, in

one of their last public duties before retiring, plugged in the Kinsmen Community Christmas tree.// The grade 9 social studies class and the grade 10 French students toured the Manitoba Legislative Building.// RBC employee Evelyn Lea was awarded the RBC Community Leadership Award; she gave the \$1000 to her charity of choice - the La Riviere Volunteer Fire Department.// Deaths: Herbert Edward "Ward" Davidson, 95, radar technician in WWI, bush pilot, poultry farmer, grain farmer, Manitou, married to Phyllis Lundgren for 53 years; Glen Carter, 77, Manitou farmer.// September 6th Kystal Currie of La Riviere married Darrin Wilson Hunter of Winnipeg at her grandparents' Albert & Gladys Wymer's yard.// Loyde Lowry celebrated his 100th birthday in St. Claude. He is now living in the Pembina Manitou Health Centre.

The Hometown View REMINDER!

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DEADLINE FOR CONTENT IS THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12, NOON. We're sorry, but we can't accept print work until January.

Have a safe and happy Holiday Season!



Clearwater Wildlife Club Head Night



On Monday, December 2 the Clearwater Wildlife Club held its Head Measuring Night. The winners in the adult category from L-R were: second place Greg Lavich - scoring 150 5/8, Sheldon McDonald first place - scoring 151 7/8, and third was Collin McDonald - scoring 148 2/8.



Youth category winners L-R: Third place Kacey Stone - scoring 113 4/8, First place Carter Langan - scoring 139 4/8 and Dave Van Damme came in second - scoring 126 3/8.

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PILOT MOUND & CRYSTAL CITY

Down Memory Lane

Compiled by Nancy Holman

December 16, 1954

Mildred Kester of Pilot Mound wed William Henderson Jr. of Crystal City December 11; they will reside in CC.// Dec. 4 Edrie Fairservice wed James McElvey in CC United Church. They will reside in Cartwright.// The Crystal City-Clearwater Seed Grain and Dressed Poultry Show was held in Clearwater. Prize winners: Mr. J.W. Nelson of Pilot Mound - wheat, barley and oats; box of six turkeys - E.H. Sloane, Clearwater; pair of chickens - Evelyn Russell, Clearwater; box of six chickens - Mrs. Stuart Gardiner, Clearwater; Harold Orr, Jr. won a Simpsons-Sears silver plate for best chicken. \$2 premiums donated by T.Eaton Co. were won by Mrs. Clyde Robertson, Snowflake, for best white potatoes and

Mrs. G. Olson, Clearwater, for the best onions.// Mrs. George Noon, a refugee from Red China, has reunited with her husband, the proprietor of the City Cafe in Pilot Mound, after being apart since 1937. Mrs. Noon suffered torture (being strung up by her thumbs, forced to kneel on crushed glass) under the Communist China regime. She was smuggled out of Red China to the British port of Hong Kong and then on to Canada.// Howie Gibbs of the Brandon Wheat Kings in the Big Six hockey league spent the weekend in Pilot Mound with his parents.

December 17, 1964

Swanson Construction Co. has been awarded the contract to build a PFRA dam on Pilot creek. The tender was for \$118,742.// The Pilot Mound community honored Mrs. Phyl Blackburn at an "Aunt Phyl" tribute night in the

Kinsmen Hall. Bootie Stewart had a field day portraying the heroine in "A Day in the Life of Aunt Phyl."//The Lisgar Liberals reorganized with executive: honorary president - Hon. Lester B. Pearson, Pres. W. Scurfield of Manitou, vice-presidents Ron Gardiner of Clearwater, Ken Draper Carman, secretary Mrs. F. W. McIntosh, Young Liberal reps: D. McIsaacs, Manitou and Jim Treble, CC.// Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Edwin Russell on the birth of a second son, Perry Dohn, 9 lbs, 5 oz, Dec. 11 at Cartwright Hospital.

December 17, 1974

The Pilot Mound 4-H Calf Club met. Executive are Scott McLean, Jeff McCannell, Terry Moore and Doug Wilson.// La Riviere: a wedding social was held in Manitou for Judy Thompson and Jim Webber.// The Clearwater Sabres played their first

game of the season; they defeated St. Claude 6-4. Goals by Brent McBrien (3), Brett Vincent (2) and Ray McLaren.// Neil Maxwell was master of ceremonies for the official opening of the CC curling rink artificial ice plant. Mayor Harold Vines and R.M. of Louise Reeve Gordon Gardiner and MLA Henry Einarson also took part. The first rock was thrown by Alice McKie while George Randall, men's curling club president, held the broom. During the bonspiel Garry Fallis' rink scored an 8-ender. Curling with Garry were Linda Fallis and Beatrice and Mike Windsor.// The 20-voice Clearwater United Church junior choir, under the leadership of Mrs. Ron Gardiner and pianist Mrs. Wilmer Odlum, entertained at Parkview Lodge.

December 19, 1984

New owner Cecile (Sassy) Geeregat and staff of the Homesteader Restaurant are running a Christmas dinner special on December 23.// Effective January 7, 1985, Lesley A. Weisshaar was appointed principal at PMCI.// Clearwater: Philip Gardiner, Ken Orr, Sandy McLaren and Darryl Chewings lost in the final of the Glenboro High School Bonspiel.// Machine operators Norman Wilson, Stan Wilson, Harold Martin and Jim Craik attended the R.M. of Louise council meeting to discuss work conditions.// Died: Ed Findlay, 92, of Snowflake.

December 13, 1994

McMillan Petals &

Poses opened last week in Pilot Mound. Owner Joyce McMillan is busy with flowers and her attached photo studio.// Blake Paterson and Harold Trefiak of Pembina Agricenter, CC, were among the 2400 U.S. and Canadian dealers and employees attending New Holland's Parts Expo '94 in Las Vegas.// Crystal City Co-op manager Sean Brooks and grade 6 teacher Larry Hamilton posed with the grade 6 students and their gingerbread house creations. Customers voted on their favorites: 1st Jennifer Krahn, 2nd Eric Hamilton, 3rd Matt Falk.// Natural Resources set up a deer decoy in a variety of locations and caught and charged four individuals for shooting from their vehicles.// Wood Bay: Connie Morrow of London, England arrived home for the holidays.// The ManDak Competitive Curling League was started 14 years ago. Play-offs were held in Clearwater with the Steve Friesen rink of Morden receiving the trophy from League president Tom Stone.// Among those getting on the score sheet over the weekend for the Pembina Valley Hawks were David Burgess, Jaret Harms, Jeff Glenn, Pat Foidart and Travis Vines.

December 21, 2004

TGMS Timberwolf Tracks by William Harding: Mr. Beavis took a number of track & field enthusiasts to the Max Bell Centre in Winnipeg for a track meet. Emilie Vincent placed 1st in 60m hurdles. Morgan Pryor 2nd in shotput, Dane Creith 3rd in

long jump, Shaun Cavers 5th in 60m hurdles and 4th in high jump. Curl Canada clinician Jackie McCannell has been teaching sessions at the rink for phys. ed classes.// Mound Wildlife awards: junior largest spring tom turkey - Bob McKay; Art Bedford Memorial trophy for largest jackfish - 1st Gordon McKay, 2nd Caleb Bouchard; junior deer awards 1st Gordon McKay, 2nd Kyle McCannell, 3rd Bob McKay. The Mound Wildlife Conservation Award was presented to Eunice & Ross McCannell and Fay & Ken McCannell.// Arnold Collins reported that sales from corn and spuds amounted to \$2439 for the Millennium Complex.// Wayne Motheral originally of Snowflake was presented with an honorary life membership to the AMM (Association of Manitoba Municipalities).

December 16, 2014

96 students from all over PSSD assembled in the PMCI gym to learn more about agriculture and related industries.// The Growth & Prosperity Stakeholders Group is trying to bring natural gas to the RMs of Argyle, Lorne, Louise, Roblin and Pembina.// Deaths: Johan "Johnny" Heide, 86, Gretna & Pilot Mound, faith, family and farming were very important to Johnny; Wilmer Odlum, 92, Clearwater farmer, father of 5 daughters, traveller, husband to Joan for 61 years.// There was lots of musical entertainment at the annual Loved Ones Tea at PVL/Rock Lake Personal Care Home.



2014 PHOTO

Shane Gardiner helps the little Bisson girls aim the nerf guns. Mentoring the next generation is standard practice for Ducks Unlimited. NANCY HOLMAN PHOTOS

Ice, Ice Baby!



Jennifer Ching-Faux
Darlingford
Correspondent

It was a balmy -24 degrees (-32 with the windchill) when volunteers in Darlingford began building the ice for

the outdoor rink Saturday November 30.

Over 6,500 gallons of water went on over the weekend, thanks to assistance from the Darlingford Volunteer Fire Department, who once again have loaned their

pumper truck (and driver) to the cause. Work will continue throughout the week and weather permitting, will be ready for skaters mid-month.

Meanwhile just next door, work inside the curling rink has also

begun. Volunteers have been flooding the two-sheet ice surface in preparation for the bonspiel, slated for January 30th-February 1st.



The outdoor rink should be ready to welcome skaters by the middle of the month. It's a chilly job but it's getting done thanks to the Darlingford Fire Department and a crew of dedicated volunteers.



Located just next to the outdoor rink, another group of volunteers has started putting in two sheets of natural ice for the community bonspiel, scheduled for the new year.

SUBMITTED PHOTOS

The Buzz

Submitted by
Melissa Pearce
Principal, Nellie
McClung Collegiate

Varsity Curling

The boys' and girls' teams both travelled to Miami last Monday for an exhibition game. The boys lost a close one 5-6. The girls were also defeated in their match. These games are a great way to gain experience for everyone. They hosted a bonspiel this last weekend (Dec. 6 and 7) with teams coming from many different towns.

Tigers Hockey

The Tigers had a

convincing 4-0 win against the Mountain Mustangs on Nov. 30th. They have two games coming up against a strong Morris team as well as GVC from Winkler. Results will be included in next week's Buzz.

Christmas Banquet

The planning is in full gear for our annual Christmas Banquet which is on Dec. 12th from 4:30-6:30 p.m. in the gymnasium. The students and staff are excited to welcome the community to the school. If you would like to order a take out plate to be delivered

please contact the school 204 242-2640. Please have your orders in by noon on the 12th.

Student Council

The Student Council has activities planned throughout the month of December. The 13th will be colour day when all the grades have a specific colour they dress in. Last Friday everyone wore their ugly Christmas sweater. Dec. 19th will be "Christmas Morning" and all students and staff are encouraged to dress in their PJ's and Christmas hats.

Buzz Notes

The Christmas break



is quickly approaching. The last afternoon of school will be the traditional Tigers vs Mustangs highschool hockey game which will take place in Manitou this year. The January exam schedule will also be out next week. Students will only have a few weeks of the first semester left when they come back in January.

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MAC ROBINSON COMMUNITY CENTRE (CARTWRIGHT)

Friday, Dec. 13
Public Skating

Saturday, Dec. 14
10 a.m. U9 Rock Lake vs Pilot Mound
1 pm. Public Skating

Sunday, Dec. 15
1 p.m. Stick time
Public Skating: Mondays & Wednesdays 6 p.m.

CRYSTAL CITY ARENA

Saturday, Dec. 14
11:30 a.m. U9 game

Sunday, Dec. 15
1p.m. Public skating
Wednesdays 5 p.m. Public skating

PMMRC: BLACK JACK STEWART ARENA

Wednesday, Dec. 11
7:30 p.m. U11 Gold vs Winkler

Thursday, Dec. 12
7:30 p.m. U13 vs MacGregor

Friday, Dec. 13
6 p.m. U11 girls game
7:30 PMHA male U15 vs Notre Dame Hounds

Saturday, Dec. 14
10:15 a.m. U7 game
11:30 U11 Gold vs. Brandon
2 pm. PMHA male U15 vs Notre Dame Hounds
4:30 p.m. PMHA male U17 vs Prairie Hockey Academy
6:30 Santa Claus Parade, free public skating

Sunday, Dec. 15
10 a.m. PMHA male U15 vs. ND Hounds
12:15 p.m. U9 -1 game
1:30 p.m. U9-2 vs Holland 2
3 p.m. U11 bronze vs. Altona

MANITOU COMMUNITY ARENA

Friday, Dec. 13
7 p.m. U13AA vs Wild White

Saturday, Dec. 14
9 a.m. - 7 p.m. U9 Tournament

Sunday, Dec. 15
1-3 p.m. Public Skating



PMHA News Release
Submitted by
Gordie Tumilson,
Marketing Manager

As you will see in the picture, our 80 Buffaloes, coaches, staff and management had a warm, fun and tasty Christmas celebration on December 2, as they were all together for one of only a few days this month, all at their Pilot Mound 'dorms' winter home away from

CHRISTMAS and 'Oh so CLOSE'



Buffaloes always going 'All Together'

SUBMITTED PHOTO

home!

Great food served up by our caring and creative chef & cook staff provided the impetus for a fun 'Xmas' evening celebration after the food was [literally] devoured by this ever hungry, growing group of student

athletes!

It's great to see young adults from all around the world come together to celebrate friendship, caring & teammate camaraderie!

Back on the ice our teams played 7 games in the week of Nov. 25-Dec.

1. See all of those results, team and player stats on our really detailed & informative website: www.pilotmoundhockeyacademy.com

The week of Dec. 2-8 had our teams playing 6 games: three in our own, homey BJS Arena and in

such exotic Western Canada places as Calgary & Winnipeg.

The 'Oh So Close' game came in Pilot Mound with our U15s taking on exceptional OHA Edmonton on Nov. 30 when we unfortunately gave up two, last 5-minute goals to force o/t and losing just a minute in. Although the result was heartbreaking, we are clear that this younger, smaller Buffs team has made huge strides and is competing everyday with the league's best teams!

As the first half of our season closes in, we find ourselves playing 10 games from Dec. 9-15 as

follows: the U18 males are in Calgary, Medicine Hat, AB and Abbotsford BC for 6 in 6; the U15s are at home for 3 games Dec. 13-15; the U18 females play in Regina, Arcola & Bienfait, SK on the same weekend while the U17s play their final league game on Dec. 14 at home at 4:30 p.m!

Please take a moment to watch our weekly GShow. ca Buffaloes podcast [First airing Wednesday mornings at 8 a.m.]. Watch our teams live or on video replay on FloTV [or Live-Barn]!

Sports Bits

Nancy Holman

The only Manitoban invited to the **Hockey Canada national junior team selection camp** (for the World Juniors at Christmas time) is Carson Bjarnason of Carberry who is the netminder for the Brandon Wheat Kings. No Manitobans are on the Hockey Canada roster for the Women's Euro Hockey Tour.

Instead of an NHL All-Star weekend, the NHL, Hockey Canada and NHL Players' Association will hold the **4 Nations Face-Off**, February 12 to 20 in Montreal and Boston. Teams of NHL players who call Canada, Sweden, United States and Finland home will all take part. On Team Canada are young (just 22) **Seth Jarvis of Winnipeg** (Carolina Hurricanes), **Mark Stone of Winnipeg** (Vegas Golden Knights), **Travis Sanheim of Elkhorn** (Philadelphia Flyers), and from the Winnipeg Jets is **Josh Morrissey** of Calgary. Competing for Team United States from the Winnipeg Jets is **Kyle Connor** and goalie **Connor Hellebuyck**. Former Jet **Patrick Laine** is on Team Finland. It was a bit of a surprise that Mark Scheifele of the Jets was not picked. Some see the 4 Nations Face-Off as a step in the measuring process in the NHL's return to play in the Olympics in 2026 in Italy. NHLers have not taken part in the last two Winter Olympics. Canada won gold back in 2014 at the Sochi Olympics and in Vancouver in

2010.

The **2024 Junior A World Challenge** goes December 9-15 in Camrose, Alberta. 44 players from the Canadian Junior Hockey League will make up two teams: Canada East and Canada West. Canada West team is made up of players from the Alberta Junior Hockey League, the Saskatchewan Junior Hockey League, the Manitoba Junior Hockey League and the Superior International Junior Hockey League. Players born in 2005 and 2006 are picked (by the way, Carson Carels was born in 2008). Manitobans on the team are Dru Mushumanski of Rosburn (Waywayseecappo Wolverines), Marlen Edwards of Winnipeg (Northern Manitoba Blizzard), Luke Lepper of Brandon (Flin Flon Bombers), Avery Laliberte of Lorette (Niverville Nighthawks) and from the Steinbach Pistons, Reece Gault of Oakbank and Jackson Kistiuk of East St. Paul. In addition to Canada West and Canada East, there will be teams from Sweden and the United States.

U15 male AAA Pembina Valley Hawks travelled to Shoal Lake on Saturday. Noah Prejet of Notre Dame scored a hat trick and led the team to an 8-2 victory over the Yellowhead Chiefs.

Thank the Stripes, an initiative to recognize, acknowledge and support the officials who make hockey possible in Manitoba was last weekend. Without referees and

linesmen how could there be hockey games?

Toronto's expansion women's basketball team in the WNBA has just been announced as "Toronto Tempo". Action for the team is scheduled to start May 2026.

Lynn Sandercock of Morden is curling with Kathy Isaac (skip), Sheila Gregory and Sandra Cowling as the Manitoba champions competing at the **Canadian Senior Curling Championships** in Moncton, New Brunswick. The team did not have a winning record. On the men's side, Randy Neufeld lost in the semi-finals.

In other curling news, **South 1 and South 2 regional qualifiers** for teams to take part in the Viterra Men's Manitoba Curling Championship took place last week December 6 to 8 in Pilot Mound. Local rinks included the Pilot Mound team of Kyle McCannell with his dad Curtis, Jace Guilford, Jeff MacMillan and fifth Anthony Friesen. From Baldur Jesse Janz (skip), Cody Chatham, Scott Crayston and Darrick Jones took part.

Also that weekend, was the **women's qualifying event for the RME Manitoba curling** championship to take place next January in Pilot Mound which was also held in Pilot Mound. Three rinks took part: Shaela Hayward (skip), Keira Krahn, Grace Beaudry, Emily Ostrowsky of Carman; Cheyenne Ehnes, Mackenna Hadway, Hannah Thiessen, Sawyer Elliot,



Tiger Hills Hockey League

Nancy Holman

It was a big night in Cartwright **Friday, December 6**, when the Killarney Shamrocks played against the Neepawa Farmers at the Clipperdome.

Killarney's Reid Gow notched the only goal of the first period, then the Shamrocks went on

to dominate the scoring, winning the game 10 to 1. Brian Archibald got the win in net facing 26 shots while the Neepawa goalie was busier facing 40 shots.

Gow led the game with 2 goals and 3 assists while Cartwright's Ty Enns had 3 goals and 1 assist. Glenora native Mike Reykdal added a goal and an

assist, and Brody Mullin of Cartwright chipped in with an assist.

This Friday the 13th the Shamrocks will travel to Deloraine.

As of December 7th, the Killarney Shamrocks were in second spot in the standings with 13 points, just one point behind Rivers.



Pembina Tigers

Compiled by
Nancy Holman

The Pembina Tigers had a home game in Treherne **Friday, December 6** when the Morris Mavericks came to town.

The opening face-off had barely dropped when Dwight Sawatzky, assisted by Brad Sloane, slammed in a goal, but seconds later, Morris tied it up. Sawatzky scored again to put the Tigers up, but Morris knotted the score at 2 as the first period ended.

Early in the second

and fifth Dayna Lea of Manitou and the Terry Ursel rink of Portage. Results next week.

The Canadian Baseball Hall of Fame and

Museum annually hands out the Tip O'Neill award for excellence in baseball. "Vlady" – the Toronto Blue Jays first baseman Vladimir Guerrero Jr. was

the 2024 winner. He led all other Canadian major league players in batting average and hits in 2024.

Winkler goalie faced 33. Sawatzky continued his scoring streak with a goal and 2 assists, Brad Sloane had 3 assists, Lounsbury added 2 goals, Seth Mazurat 1, while Gavin Johnston and Jason Park each chipped in with assists.

This week the Tigers play in Portage on the 12th and have a home game in Holland on Saturday, the 14th against the NPC Nighthawks of Winkler. The 2024 part of the season will end with the annual last-day-of-school game against the Mountain Mustangs at noon in Manitou December 20th.

Jamie Park's shut-out bid was spoiled when, with 18 seconds left in the game, Winkler scored; he faced 22 shots while the


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Manitou Elementary School gets into the festive spirit!



Manitou Elementary School got in the festive spirit by wearing red, white and green to kick off the beginning of rehearsals for the upcoming Christmas concert. Please join us on Tuesday, December 17th at 11:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.



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Santa Parade

in Pilot Mound, Saturday, December 14th, 6:30 p.m.

Pictures with Santa to follow at Black Jack Stewart Arena

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