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Westoba Market Opens in La Rivière



Tina Friesen (Kristal's mother) and Kristal Friesen in front of the coffee bar.

Josh Wood
La Rivière/Manitou
Correspondent

Fresh baking, warm meals, hot coffee along with basic conveniences and hardware are now available at the newly opened Westoba Market in La Rivière.

Kristal Friesen and her family have been looking forward to finally opening after having purchased the building quite a few months back. "We're going to be serving fresh food daily with breakfast, lunch and dinner specials, along with an assortment of fresh baking," Kristal noted, while also mentioning it is take out for the time

being.

One corner of the building houses a western themed boutique with unique gift items while another has some hardware and fishing supplies. Basics like eggs and butter along with pop and a few snacks can be found in the market while fresh baking lines a counter. "We are hoping to carry a little bit of everything for the locals and for people coming through," Kristal said while pointing out the coffee bar along the east wall.

Open from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. 6 days a week, Westoba Market is open for business in La Rivière and hopes to see you soon.

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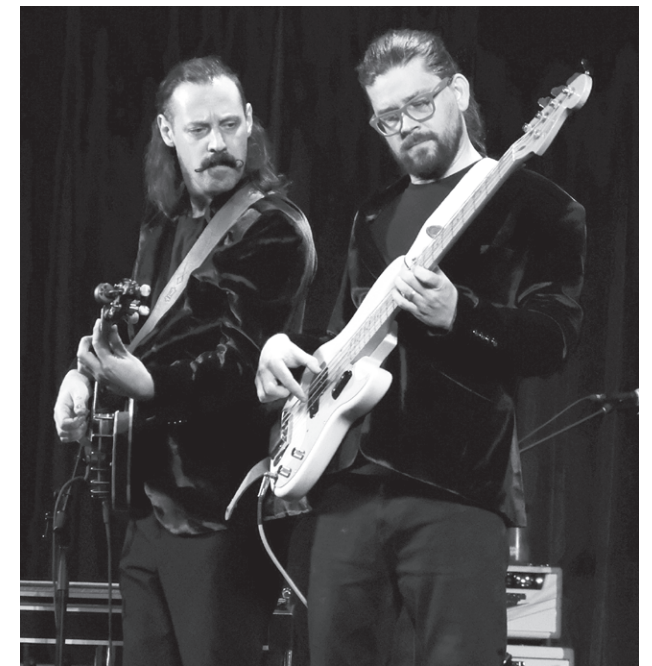
Red Moon Road Spreads Holiday Cheer at the Manitou Opera House



Red Moon Road's final a cappella version of Carol of the Bells was performed, from left to right, by Daniel Pélouquin-Hopfner, Daniel Roy, Sheena Rattai, Logan Picton, Kieran Placatka, and Daniel Jordan.



Sheena Rattai and Daniel Jordan perform a duet.



Daniel Pélouquin-Hopfner and Daniel Jordan performed a battle of the strings.

LYNDA MATCHULLIS PHOTOS

Submitted by
Cassandra Serle
(Manitou Opera House
Foundation Board)

On December 14th, 2024, the Manitou Opera House came alive with the magic of the season as Red Moon Road delivered a truly unforgettable performance for a packed house. The beloved folk trio, joined by some talented friends, enchanted the audience with a concert aptly named "A Simple Kind of Christmas," which was anything but simple. It offered a rich, vibrant celebration of the season, filled with musical surprises, comedy, and festive fun.

The band brought the stage to life with over 20 instruments, creating the

sound of a full, dynamic ensemble. From timeless holiday classics like Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas and Baby It's Cold Outside to heartfelt originals, the night's set list had something for everyone. Songs like the concert's namesake, A Simple Kind of Christmas, and The Grinch's Lament showcased the band's creativity and flair for storytelling. And how could we forget the crowd-favorite, Sprinkles the Elf? Her comical strike against Santa to earn "Elf Respect" had the audience roaring with laughter and cheering for her triumph.

The night was filled with moments that captured the magic of the holidays, as each

band member shone brightly, sharing their unique talents and creating an atmosphere that felt like a gathering of old friends. Laughter and applause echoed through the Opera House, as stories and songs wove together a tapestry of holiday spirit. The evening was filled with memorable highlights, including bursts of comedy, a Christmas skit featuring an uproarious "Battle of the Banjo and Bass," and a funky, toe-tapping rendition of The Little Drummer Boy. Each performance showcased the group's remarkable versatility, connecting deeply with the audience, and filling the space with pure holiday joy.

For the encore, Red


Moon Road stripped it all back, captivating the audience with a raw and intimate performance. Their acoustic renditions, capped off with a stunning six-part a cappella version of Carol of the Bells, brought the evening to an emotional close and earned a well-deserved standing ovation. It was a wonderful finale to a night filled with holiday magic.

As the final notes faded, the audience departed with smiles on their faces and hearts full of Christmas cheer. The event was a resounding success, reminding everyone in attendance of the power of music to bring people together and to celebrate the joy of the season.

The Manitou Opera House Foundation is grateful to Red Moon Road for their outstanding performance and to the community for their incredible support. The Manitou Opera House Foundation would like to thank the concert sponsors: Sam's Foods, IG Wealth - Thor Thorleifson, Boundary Trail Railway Company, Ellis

Pharmacy, and Manitou Auto Body. This festive evening will surely be remembered as one of the highlights of the holiday season in Manitou.

For more information on upcoming events at the Manitou Opera House, visit manitouoperahouse.com or follow us on social media. ■



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Sunrise Credit Union Gives \$100,000 to Spirit Sands Medical Clinic



L-R: Tim Klassen (President and CEO, Sunrise Credit Union), Ron Jefferies (Spirit Sands Medical Clinic Board Chair), Troy McGill (Branch Manager, Sunrise Credit Union in Cypress River), Heather Merckx (Marketing Manager, Sunrise Credit Union)

News Release

Sunrise Credit Union is announcing a significant \$100,000 donation to the Spirit Sands Medical Clinic in Glenboro today. This generous contribution will help ensure the initiative's success.

The Spirit Sands Medical Clinic's vision is "To meet health needs and provide comprehensive care for individuals, families and communities."

When completed, the clinic will be a 3,250-square-foot facility accommodating 3-4 health practitioners. It will offer a range of services and will serve the municipalities of Glenboro-South Cypress, Prairie Lakes, Argyle, Victoria and Oakland-Wawanesa.

"Basic health care is crucial for all neighbouring communities in the area. It is unrealistic to expect residents to travel more than 30 minutes in rural Manitoba," said Spirit Sands Medical Clinic Board Chair Ron Jefferies. "This proposed joint effort with surrounding communities is critical to keeping healthcare services localized and available for all residents."

The estimated cost of the project is \$2.5 million, and the fundraising effort is currently about halfway to the goal.

"We're proud to support the work of the Spirit Sands Medical Clinic Board on this significant and vital capital project for the community," said Sunrise Credit Union CEO/President Tim Klassen. We believe in giving back to the community, and we are proud to support this new build. Together, we can ensure that our family and neighbours have access to healthcare for future generations."

The project is expected to commence in the spring of 2025 and will take approximately one year to complete.

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Big-Hearted Donations



Herman Siemens of Crystal City, president of the Star Mound Historical Society, was very happy to accept a cheque from Colleen Lyne. Colleen taught at Star Mound one room school when she was 16 years old.



Ryan Smith and his colleague were pleased to accept a donation for the Youth for Christ organization in both Pilot Mound and Morden.



Catherine Jordan of Holiday Mountain Ski Resort is thrilled to use the money for safety netting so that La Riviere can host alpine races.

Nancy Holman

On Monday, December 9, twenty-eight different organizations gathered in the Morden Legion basement hall to “celebrate the legacy of giving”. Colleen Lyne and her late husband Bill wanted to support groups and organizations that help to improve life for the people of southern Manitoba. As Colleen noted, “Bill and I hoped this contribution would truly reflect our

appreciation for all that our community has given us...[We] have always felt a deep commitment to giving back to the Morden and surrounding community that has supported us throughout our lives here.”

Here’s some background on Colleen and Bill:

After completing grade 11 in 1956, Colleen Moore of Pilot Mound became a permit teacher at Star Mound School west of Snowflake. Colleen was only 16 years old teaching

grades 1 to 8 or 9, barely older than some of her pupils in the one-room country school.

She had found her calling, though, and spent the next many decades of her life in the education field. She taught in England, Ontario, and other places around Manitoba, instructing teachers in the Caribbean, earning degrees and eventually a Masters of Education.

Bill Lyne and his brothers Joe, Ken and Mervin

were raised on a farm east of Snowflake. Bill was in the Canadian Navy, then worked as a correction officer at Stoney Mountain Penitentiary, before he found his niche – machinery sales.

In 1966 Colleen Moore of Pilot Mound married Bill Lyne of Snowflake. He was involved in different machinery dealerships including in Pilot Mound for five years and then Morden where he established Southman

Agri Sales.

The Lynes have lived in Morden since 1978. Bill sold the business in 1998. The couple never had children of their own, but doted on Bill’s nieces and nephews.

Colleen had a stroke in 1990, making mobility and speech difficult, but the gleam in her eye and her sense of humor never abated. Bill devotedly looked after Colleen and they both enjoyed retirement. Bill died in December of 2021.

The pamphlet at the presentation outlined: “Colleen & Bill Lyne...Together, they shared a vision of supporting local organizations and enhancing the lives of people in their community...Colleen and Bill’s generosity is guided by a simple but powerful goal: to strengthen the ‘here and now’ of our community.”

Previously Colleen decided to support the Morden Legion, Pembina Thresherman’s Museum, Western School Division graduating students in

need and the Morden Friendship Centre.

For the Boundary Trails Health Centre Foundation’s capital campaign, she donated \$750,000 for the new echocardiography suite as part of the BTHC expansion.

On December 9th, Colleen handed out cheques totalling thousands of dollars to worthwhile groups.

Bill’s brother Merv welcomed people and outlined some of the organizations who would be receiving money and explained why they were picked to receive funding. It was rather thrilling to watch representatives of group after group, go up to Colleen, meet her and thank her in person for such a wonderful gift. As her brother-in-law Merv said, “Colleen can appreciate and enjoy making the donation in the present, not after she’s passed.”

Star Mound Historical Society received funding because it was the first school where Colleen taught.

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2024 Recipients of Bill & Colleen Lyne’s Generosity:

- Star Mound Historical Society
- St. Andrews on the Red
- Snowflake Cemetery
- Manitou Palliative Care
- Clearwater 4-H Beef Club
- La Riviere 4-H Beef Club
- Windygates 4-H Club
- Weyburn 4-H Club
- Morden 4-H Activity Club
- La Riviere Ski Club
- Minnedosa Ski Club
- Genesis House
- Morden Community Services & Pembina Valley Child Care
- Youth for Christ (Morden & Pilot Mound)

- Alzheimer Society
- Pembina Valley Pregnancy Care Centre
- Adult & Teen Challenge
- Morden Caring & Sharing
- Kendal New Ventures (Morden Alliance Church)
- Pembina Counselling Services
- Many Hands
- Menzies Medical Center
- Katie Cares
- Morden Handi-Van
- Tabor Home
- Pembina Valley Big Brothers Big Sisters
- South Central Cancer Resource
- Boundary Trails Health Centre Foundation

La Rivière and Surrounding Community Ladies Christmas Potluck Supper



Donations to Genesis House.



A Nativity Scene with the Grinch. Looks hilarious!

Josh Wood

The evening of Thursday December 12th saw almost 40 women gather for a Christmas potluck supper at the Blair Morrison Hall. An impressive spread of entrees and desserts provided a wonderful meal for those who attended

while great conversations and catching up took place around the tables.

Activities followed the supper with a Christmas carol quiz (matching the lyrics to songs) and a skit based on a modern take on the Nativity story that drew a few laughs. Poems were read and a handful of



Potlucks always are great meals, evidenced by the dessert table shown.....

Christmas carols sung.

Having been a few years since the last Ladies Christmas Potluck supper, attendance was down slightly, however the La Rivière and Community Recreation Centre hopes more can attend next year.

JOSH WOOD PHOTOS



Big-Hearted Donations (Con't)



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St. Andrews on the Red at Winnipeg, one of the oldest churches in Manitoba, is where Bill and Colleen were married on July 2, 1966. Colleen donated money to help with replacing the roof on the historic building.

Snowflake Cemetery is where Bill and Ken Lyne are buried. Colleen's donation is for "cemetery enhancement". Don

Stewart explained that in this case "cemetery enhancement" means replacing the utilitarian cattle gate with something that will still keep the cattle out, but will look good!

Mervin's kids skied as did other nieces and nephews and great-nephews at La Riviere and Minnedosa, which also received money. Catherine Jordan was thrilled to announce that funding from Colleen would allow Holiday



Angela Windsor-Boundy (above, left) of the La Riviere 4-H Beef Club, plus Windygates Beef club leader Amanda Hamilton-Seward and member Finley Morrow, as well as the Morden Activity 4-H Club, the Weyburn 4-H Beef Club and Clearwater Beef Club all received donations. Colleen strongly believes that what a young person learns through 4-H is very valuable and worthwhile.

4-H Leaders Stephanie Peterson and Jayden Buchanan of the Clearwater 4-H Beef Club.

Mountain Ski Resort in La Riviere to purchase the proper safety netting/equipment to enable Holiday Mountain to host its first alpine race in years.

4-H clubs, particularly 4-H Beef Clubs were a big part of life for the Lyne families...especially the Pilot Mound 4-H Beef Club. That club has disbanded and it is now part of the Clearwater 4-H Beef Club.

Clearwater, La Riviere, Windygates and Stacy (Lyne) Kosier's children's beef club in Saskatchewan - Weyburn 4-H Club all

received donations as did the Morden Activity Club (formerly the Morden Combined 4-H Club).

When Windygates Beef Club leader Amanda Hamilton-Seward accepted the cheque for her 4-H club, she gratefully thanked Colleen, and emphasized that the donations to 4-H and some of the other groups will do much more than 'strengthen the here and now', they will help form and nurture the future leaders of the community - a powerful impact.

Colleen and Bill's



Sheryle Lyne (Colleen's sister-in-law) accepted the Weyburn donation; Sheryle and the late Ken Lyne's daughter Stacy and her three children are involved in the Weyburn 4-H club.



Colleen and her husband's Royal Canadian Legion banner.

generosity will have an incredibly positive influence on countless lives for years to come. As the Alzheimer Society

representative said, "To look around and see so many organizations affected...this is amazing!"

Pembina Palliative Care Report



Don Stewart and Valerie Lowton were very pleased to accept the generous donation to the Manitou Palliative Care.

NANCY HOLMAN PHOTO

Linda Stewart, Pembina Palliative Care Volunteer Co-ordinator

"If a conversation is hard, it is probably one worth having" describes

the discussion about Palliative Care. People tend to believe that Palliative Care is only needed at end-of-life. In reality, Palliative Care is applicable early in the course of illness and

will enhance quality of life and may also positively influence the course of the illness.

A Palliative approach to Health Care is used when a patient's/client's goals of care shift from treatments which are intended to cure, to goals which are focused on quality of life and symptom management.

The Palliative approach helps patients/clients achieve the best quality of life right up to the end of life. A person does not need to be close to death to take a Palliative approach to health care. This approach can be taken in any hospital, personal care home or in the patient's home. It is an approach to care for patients of any age diagnosed with a life-limiting illness.

You can find more information about Palliative

Care in Southern Health by going on their website - you can also ask for a referral for Palliative Care on that website.

Our program and volunteers are available throughout the community and municipality whether the individual is residing at home, hospital or care home. The volunteers provide physical, social, emotional and spiritual needs for clients and their families and friends.

They can provide respite for families, alleviate isolation by friendly visiting and can provide support in bereavement. We have several active dedicated Volunteers in our program but would always welcome new Volunteers! If you are interested in becoming a volunteer for our program please contact me: 204-242-4461.

Our volunteers are not only available for Palliative Care clients but also "friendly visit" our residents at Pembina Manitou Health Centre. These friendly visits could also happen in your home! Many of our residents at Pembina Manitou Health Care (PMHC) are not from our community or even municipality and appreciate these visits so much!

Our program is the recipient of a very generous donation from Bill & Colleen Lyne to establish the Pembina Palliative Care Endowment Fund with the Pembina Manitou Area Foundation. This will help fund our program into the future.

Thinking of making a donation before the end of the year? Memorial donations can be made to Pembina Manitou Area Foundation - *be sure to ear-mark the donation

for Palliative Care. Tax receipts will be sent out by the Area Foundation. These gifts pay thoughtful tribute to the memory of a relative, friend or associate. Your support enables us to continue this valuable asset to our community and municipality.

With Christmas season upon us, the Pembina Palliative Care Memory tree cards are available to purchase in December at various businesses in Manitou. These Memory tree cards can be taken home and hung on your tree or hung on the tree at the Access Credit Union in Manitou in memory of your loved one.

Donations can be sent to: Pembina Manitou Area Foundation for Pembina Palliative Care, Box 535, Manitou, MB R0G 1G0

Thank you for supporting Pembina Palliative Care!

BG Sales Donates to Stars Air Ambulance



BG Sales donated \$1,000 to Stars Air Ambulance after a successful appraisal event. The 3rd Annual Appraisal Event received 20 vehicle entries this year.

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Manitoba's Hidden Reality: The Two-Tier Healthcare System

Submitted by
Kevin Friesen
Keystone Party Leader

For decades, Manitobans have been assured of a universal healthcare system, one that promises equal access to care for all. However, the reality is starkly different: Manitoba already operates a two-tier healthcare system. This is not a sensational claim but a lived experience for countless Manitobans, including myself.

The current NDP government prides itself on pouring more money than ever into healthcare, but the results tell a different story. Wait times for critical procedures remain unacceptable, emergency rooms are overwhelmed, and many Manitobans find themselves turning to private options or even leaving the province in desperation.

I witnessed this firsthand when a loved one needed medical attention that the Manitoba system couldn't provide in a timely manner. Despite our best efforts to navigate the public system, the wait stretched into months—time we simply didn't have. Left with no choice, we sought care outside the province (Grand Forks, ND). It was a

draining, costly experience but one that revealed the deep cracks in our healthcare system.

Looking back at our decision, I would definitely do it again! While some might call this a privilege, it was, in reality, a desperate move born out of necessity.

This story isn't unique. Many Manitobans, faced with long waitlists or unavailable services, must seek private care or leave the province, creating a divide between those who can afford alternatives and those who cannot.

The result?

A two-tier system where equity is nothing more than a distant ideal. Like it or not, Manitoba already has a two tier system. What's most troubling is that this divide grows even as the NDP government increases healthcare spending. Despite record funding, we are witnessing worsening outcomes and longer delays. It begs the question: where is this money going?

Simply spending more is not a solution if it doesn't address systemic inefficiencies, workforce shortages, and poor planning.

Is it time that we stop sending millions of dollars out of our province to provide essential care?

Are we tired of the tax dollars that simply evaporate into a failing system?

Manitoba's healthcare crisis has become a black hole for public funds, with little accountability or measurable improvement to show for it. Instead of investing in solutions that strengthen care here at home, we're seeing resources siphoned away while families are left to fend for themselves.

If we are to fix this broken system, we must prioritize transparency, incentive-based reform, and competition. Manitobans have the right to know how healthcare dollars are being spent and whether those expenditures are delivering meaningful results.

Transparency will hold decision-makers accountable and shine a light on inefficiencies that continue to plague the system.

We also need to introduce incentives to reward excellence and innovation. Healthcare workers and facilities that meet or exceed performance benchmarks should be recognized and supported. This will encourage higher standards of care across the board while motivating underperforming areas to improve.

Finally, competition must be part of the solution. By

Rock Lake Health District's Response to Winnipeg Free Press Article

Submitted by
Kim Anderson, CRN
& Alison Fijala, CEO

We would like to acknowledge the article printed in the Free Press 'ERs in crisis in rural Manitoba' published on the front page of the Wednesday December 11, 2024 edition, specifically as it relates to our local facility at Rock Lake Hospital in Crystal City, MB.

Our facility is no different from many other health care sites which are balancing limited staffing resources with increasing demands. Rock Lake Hospital is the only community acute care site (non regional site) currently still operating with a 24/7 emergency room model within Southern Health Santé Sud.

Within the article there were some misleading facts: it was reported that our facility was open 24-7 every day in December 2023 and made comparisons to December 2024 closures. As frontline staff who work in the facility, we expect factual information to be shared to the public and reviewed such records in order to clarify.

In December 2023 there were 7 suspensions in comparison to the 12 total planned suspensions for the month of December 2024 – taking into account that number is fluid and can change on short notice.

Suspensions may occur for a number of reasons:

- lack of personnel,
- staff accompanying clients during a transfer which then causes shortages at the facility,
- facility overcapacity or unsafe staffing levels due to the ward/inpatient needs which are tended to by the same staff providing care in the emergency room.

New this year, we have been forced to suspend emergency room services related to overcapacity on the inpatient ward – an ongoing problem that has been noted provincially.

The article also went on to report that 'Crystal City hospital has turned to agency nurses while grappling with a staff shortage'. We acknowledge a staffing shortage as well as the use of agency nurses, however in comparison to the months of April – Dec in 2023 and April – Dec

in 2024 we noted only a slight increase of agency nurse usage related to the increasing nursing shortages being experienced.

We want to acknowledge the staff and their dedication to providing care in our local facility, which is reflective of the staff working overtime, altering their work schedules and personal obligations to help limit the reliance on agency nurses.

We strive to continue to provide 24/7 emergency care but we are experiencing the systemic challenges being experienced throughout the province related to staffing shortages. With our current staffing, anything from sick calls, heavy workload, poor weather or road conditions can all cause a disruption to our services on short notice.

As we continue to strive to provide care close to home, please be mindful to the dedicated staff we have; they are often going above and beyond to ensure services are not disrupted and that care can be sought close to home.

allowing for a competitive framework within the public and private sectors, we can create a system that drives efficiency and better outcomes for patients.


Competition isn't about eroding universal care; it's about strengthening it by ensuring patients have

access to timely, quality care when they need it most.

Manitobans deserve better than this patchwork system that forces families to make heartbreaking decisions. It's time to acknowledge the failings of our current approach and demand a healthcare


system that works for everyone—one that delivers on the promise of universal care, is transparent in its operations, and incentivizes improvement. Only then can we bridge the gap between our ideals and the reality so many of us face.


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Noah Kimberly Bell



Big brother Brooks is proud to announce the arrival of his little sister, Noah Kimberly Bell, who joined us on November 5th, 2024. Her parents are Brayden Bell and Mallorie Lewarne of Pilot Mound. Noah's grandparents are Kent and Karen Lewarne of Pilot Mound and Dana Bell of Morden.

Elena Renee Waldner



Elena Renee was born to Colin and Joelle Waldner on November 25, 2025. Her grandparents are Wayne & Pauline Zacharias and Bob & Josie Waldner. Big sister, Lyla, calls her Sweetie Peety Pie and we all agree.

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Audrey McMillan

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We miss you and love you and you are always in our hearts!
With love from all of your family!

Somerset Bible Chapel

Submitted by
Isabel Acheson

Between a winter storm moving into the area overnight and people dealing with the seasonal coughs and colds, some of the regulars were missing.

The music team was Jamie and Brianna Small with Kevin Friesen assisting. Rick Ross led the Prayer Focus. Al Dyck served as usher. Rejean Picard did the announcements.

For the second Sunday of Advent, Carol Picard read a brief commentary on Peace while the second candle of the Advent wreath was lit and the scripture reading from Romans 15:4-9.

The music for the worship service included "God So Loved," "Joyful, Joyful (You are the one who saves)," "Joy to the World," "Hark the Herald Angels Sing," "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear" and in closing, "Away In a Manger."

The guest speaker was Pastor Myron Friesen from the MacGregor Westend Community Church. His sermon "Gifts of Christmas" from John 1:14 gave an overview of the first chapter of the Gospel of John.

We celebrate Christmas as the Birthday of Jesus. What did He get? He got humanity, a physical body. "The Word became flesh" the simplest description of

the Incarnation. In him all the fullness of God dwelt in bodily form.

"He dwelt among us." The word used implies "pitching a tent." The people of the first century would understand that; in terms of the Tabernacle that was the foreshadowing of the Temple of Jerusalem. A place that represents the presence of God. Jesus was approachable.

What did Jesus bring with him? "Glory as of the only Son of the Father" Jesus puts the glory in Christmas. He was full of Grace and Truth. Pastor Myron noted that it is hard to live both of those virtues. People tend to lean to one or the other. John's gospel has many examples of situations where Jesus demonstrated both Grace and Truth.

The sermon closed with prayer. The Benediction was Ephesians 3:20-21.

After the usual Sunday Pot Luck Lunch a group from the congregation did a program of Christmas carols at Somerset Manor and at Swan Lake Seniors Home.

The annual Sunday School Christmas program is set for next Sunday, Dec. 15 at 6:30 p.m. at the church with refreshments to follow.

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



Greg Costen

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

*Dear Therapist,
My husband refuses to do anything with me or the children. He won't go to school or sports events. He gets home from work, lays on the couch and drinks two beers while me and the children do our activities. He won't even go on holidays with us, not even to Disneyland. When I bring it up, he says his job is to make money, my job is to do the kid thing. I'm at the end. I can't do this by myself anymore. Please help!*

Signed, Almost Done.

Dear Done,
I can see why you are almost done. This is not the way things are meant to be. Let me try something different here. I'll give you two answers, one professional and the second my gut.

Professional Answer: It's essential to validate your feelings. You're not wrong for wanting your husband to be more involved with your family. Relationships and parenting work best as partnerships and it's understandable that his lack of engagement leaves you feeling unsupported and isolated.

Your husband has a very compartmentalized view of his role in the family - focusing on financial contributions and expecting

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.

you to manage the rest. This division may reflect beliefs he holds about parenting or stress he's experiencing at work.

It could also stem from burnout, depression or difficulty transitioning from "work mode" to "family mode." However, these are explanations - not excuses - for his lack of involvement. I'm not convinced they apply in your case.

Practical Steps to Consider:

1. Choose a Calm Moment for Conversation

Pick a time when things are quiet - outside of an argument or emotionally charged situation. Share your feelings without blame. Use "I" statements like, "I feel overwhelmed and lonely when I'm handling everything with the kids on my own. I need your help and involvement to feel like we're a team."

2. Clarify Expectations Together

Discuss what you both envision for family life. What does "doing the kid thing" mean to him? What does he think is fair for his role at home? Share your perspective and try to find common ground.

3. Propose Small Changes

Start with low-pressure, manageable commitments, like joining for dinner as a family or attending one event a month. Frame it as a way to strengthen his bond with the children.

4. Consider Professional Support

A family or couple's

therapist can help mediate this conversation and uncover underlying issues. Therapy can provide tools for better communication and mutual understanding.

5. Prioritize Your Well-Being

While you're advocating for changes, take time to care for yourself. Lean on supportive friends or family or consider joining a group where you can share experiences with others in similar situations.

6. Reflect on Limits and Boundaries

If your husband remains unwilling to engage, consider what that means for you and your family. It's okay to set boundaries around what you can and cannot do alone. You deserve to feel supported and not like you're facing this alone.

Gut Answer: Your husband has made it clear he has no interest in being an active partner or parent. He's checked out of family life, leaving you to handle everything while he kicks back and acts like an entitled bank machine. That's not a partnership - that's exploitation.

If he refuses to step up after you've tried to communicate, it's time to stop carrying this dead weight. Punt him and make sure the door hits him on the ass on his way out. You and your kids deserve better than this. Focus on building a life where you're supported and respected, even if that means doing it without him.

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

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FINANCING GOVERNMENT. Are we doing it right?



By Lloyd McTaggart, Common Sense Management

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.

Next week's column will be the last one for the year and it will be a positive one. This week is devoted to some observations about a not-so-positive subject: financing government(s). If it triggers some discussion, that's good. The old expression is, "you have to break a few eggs in order to make an omelette." So let's crack a few.

ARE WE OUT OF CONTROL?

A study just released by the Fraser Institute is headlined "Federal civil service growing three times as fast as Canada's population." Federal government employees are not known to be underpaid so when I think about the gobs of money being poured into this fiasco - call it "pay-roll overhead" plus all the support costs (office space, desks, chairs, to name just a few items) - and you have a growing cost base that must be paid for, year after year...by us. Don't look for tax reductions coming anytime soon. The

government needs your money to support this bloat.

In December, we find ourselves embroiled in a postal strike that is crippling many businesses, especially in rural areas, during the run-up to Christmas. Timing is everything. Given that Canada Post is a crown corporation, one could safely assume that it runs in a typical governmental style. Wouldn't you like to be a fly on the wall and observe how efficiently the Post Office is run? I certainly would.

In December, our prime minister went to the U.S. to have dinner with the President-elect. Trump has threatened to impose a 25% tariff on all Canadian-made goods going south. The prime minister told him that this would decimate our economy. That's perhaps not the strongest way to begin a negotiation, especially with a numbers-savvy guy like Trump. He already knew that, I'm sure.

The reason for the threatened tariff is to stimulate action toward reducing illegal aliens and drugs flowing south out of Canada. There are lots of numbers to prove

that this is happening. The same applies to Mexico. Both countries have until inauguration

QUOTE: "The same undisciplined government spending and social engineering that has undermined our economy over the past 30 years has also been tearing at the social fabric of this land." Stockwell Day, former Canadian politician. Quote was made prior to 2011 when Mr. Day retired from politics.

day (January 20, 2025) to come up with an action plan in order to avoid the tariffs.

I think a good start would be to tighten down our own borders so that the bad guys and drugs don't enter Canada. If they're not here in the first place, they can't go south. I'm no expert on this but it seems logical. **THE HARDER YOU WORK, THE MORE YOU PAY.**

Lest we forget, there was no such thing as income tax in Canada until 1917. We then implemented a "temporary income tax" to help pay for our involvement in World War I. We still have it and it has grown over the years.

Income taxes have always been confusing to me. Having just reviewed

the federal and provincial tax brackets for 2024, I am left with the impression that the harder you work

to earn money, the higher your tax rate will be.

I'm talking about the rate of tax on taxable income. One could question the incentive to work harder and produce more results when you are literally penalized for doing so. Paying your "fair share" has different meanings to different people. What is we had one flat tax rate across the board? What if we had no income taxes at all? Huh?

When the big strategic picture becomes bleak, all options should be on the table. What if income tax was replaced by one large sales tax...like a big GST?

At the very least, people could then have more money in their pockets and they would make the decision as to how much of their hard-earned money the government

could get their hands on. Buy a lower priced product and pay less tax, to put it simply. Having that choice might be rather refreshing.

TARIFFS & EXCISE TAXES.

Prior to the introduction of income taxes in 1917, the federal government's sole source of income was tariffs and excise taxes. In a nutshell, that refers to fees paid on goods coming into the country. If you've ever come back from a trip with items that are over the "duty-free limit" and had to pay, then you're familiar with this subject.

Could we replace income taxes with tariffs? Could we combine tariffs and one big sales tax? I don't know. It would take some experts - with a clear set of objectives and strong leadership - to figure that out. Do we have that capability? Again, I don't know but I really hope so.



WE SPEND MONEY WE DON'T HAVE.

I was a youngster of about 7 years old when I first saw a bloated cow lying dead in a pasture. I had forgotten about that terrible sight. Until now.

The fact is, the government is spending more money than it takes in. Each year, that negative difference is called a deficit. And, our national debt consists of deficits that have piled up over the years. Pile interest on top of that and we have something that easily qualifies as a financial disaster. It would appear that something has to be done and - given the rate of our debt growth - it has to be done soon.

Our entire society and most especially, SMALL BUSINESS is at risk because of this untenable situation.



Gas Tax Cut Saves Families Almost \$600 Per Year

News Release

WINNIPEG, MB: The Canadian Taxpayers Federation is calling on Premier Wab Kinew to extend his gas tax cut and keep Manitoba families saving on fuel before it expires on Dec. 31.

"Kinew needs to extend the gas tax cut to protect Manitobans from a New Year's tax hike," said Gage Haubrich, CTF Prairie Director. "Manitoba families are

saving hundreds of dollars because of the fuel tax cut, the government can't let them lose those savings."

The Manitoba government initially cut the 14 cent per litre provincial fuel tax on gasoline and diesel for six-months starting on Jan. 1. After two extensions, the cut is now scheduled to expire at the end of December.

Because of the gas tax cut, people are saving about \$10 every time they

fill up a sedan or minivan. Drivers save about \$13 every time they fill up a pick-up truck.

Manitoba's fuel prices have been the lowest in the country since the cut.

A Manitoba family filling up a minivan and a pick-up truck once every two weeks will have saved about \$587 over the course of the year-long cut.

Polling shows that among those who are decided on the issue, 81

per cent of Manitobans support another gas tax cut extension and 78 per cent support making the fuel tax cut permanent.

"Manitobans shouldn't be forced to hold their breath waiting for higher fuel taxes during one of the most expensive times of the year," Haubrich said. "Kinew needs to extend the gas tax cut, so Manitobans don't wake up with a tax hike hang-over on New Year's Day."

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Dec 21	ELF on Saturday	PG	Elf 1h 30m

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Dec. 27 & 28	Moana 2 Sponsored by Park's Family Foods	PG	2h 40m
Jan. 3 & 4	Wicked Sponsored by Weselowski Plumbing, Heating & Air Conditioning	PG	1h 40m
Jan 10 & 11	Sonic The Hedgehog 3 Sponsored by Matt Bisson Construction	PG	

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

Check our website for any last minute changes
www.tivolitheatre.ca



Big Sky Singers



JANICE OLFERT PHOTO

Submitted by
Janice Olfert

Big Sky Singers, under the direction of Pilot Mound resident, Richard Olfert, will be presenting their Christmas concert, this Friday, December 20, at 7:30 p.m. in the Great Hall at the United Community Arts building, 148 Moffat Avenue, Pilot Mound.

The choir started in the fall of 2019 and would have continued in 2020, except for COVID. This past spring, the UCA

sponsored a “pop-up choir” to find out if local people were interested in singing again.

In October, twenty plus singers from Mather to La Riviere began rehearsing for this concert. They will be singing a variety of Christmas music from traditional sacred to popular contemporary selections. The choir is excited to share their love of singing with the community.

There will be light refreshments following the concert. A silver collection will be taken. ■

The members of the Big Sky Singers practice every Wednesday.

Crystal City Friendship Centre 50/50 Raffle Winner 2024

Submitted by
Kathy Hyslop
President, Crystal City & District Friendship Club

This fall, the Crystal City & District Friendship Club held what has become its annual 50/50 raffle to raise money for the ongoing upkeep and activities at the Friendship Centre located in Crystal City.

With the incredible support of surrounding communities and beyond, our members were able to sell all 250 tickets. The

Friendship Club would like to thank all those who purchased tickets as by doing so you enable the Friendship Centre to continue being a gathering place in and for the community.

The draw for the winning ticket was held on December 4th, 2024 at the Crystal City Bistro & Bar during the Club's annual Christmas party. Congratulations to Jackie McCannell of Pilot Mound! She is the lucky winner of \$2500. ■

CORNERSTONE MINISTRIES' CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE
Beginning at 6:45 p.m.
Refreshments to follow.
Everyone welcome.

Manitou Christian Fellowship
106 Voth Street, Manitou
invites you to join in celebrating the birth of our Lord and Saviour.
Christmas Eve, 7:00 p.m.
A Children's Nativity
Special Family & Choir Music
Caroling

The Uku-Ladies
Wednesday, January 15
2 p.m.
Pilot Mound
Fellowship Club
Free Ukulele Performance
Brought to you by Louise Community Support Services & Santé Sud-Southern Health's Healthy Living Grant

4-H Combined Club
If any older students or adults would like to run a 4-H Combined Club
Please contact Nancy 204-825-8566

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT & COMMUNION SERVICE
St Andrew's United Church, Manitou
7:00 p.m.
Everyone Welcome!

Prairie Mennonite Fellowship
4.5 miles south of Crystal City
invites you to our Christmas service
December 23rd, 7 p.m.
Join us in carol singing and to celebrate the birth of the Christ Child.

Early Deadline: Thursday, December 19 at noon for the December 24 Issue.

BIG SKY SINGERS Christmas CONCERT
THIS WEEK!
Friday, December 20, 7:30 p.m.
United Community Arts Hall
148 Moffat Ave. Pilot Mound
SILVER COLLECTION

Rock Lake Pastoral Charge United Church
36 South Railway Ave. West, Crystal City
Everyone welcome!
Join us for a service of carols and joy this Christmas Eve!
December 24, 7 p.m.



Crystal City's Santa Train

NANCY HOLMAN PHOTOS

Nancy Holman

The Santa Train in Crystal City has been chugging around town for decades at Christmas. With a mild temperature of -2 degrees, Friday, December 6 was a perfect night to load up the train with children, parents and grandparents and travel up and down the streets of Crystal City.

In the parade was the Santa train, Lions club float, the ambulance, fire trucks plus JP and Whitley Pryor in the 4x4.

Horns were blaring, lights were flashing and the children were yelling out greetings!

After the train ride, the kids went skating, visited with Santa and enjoyed some popcorn and hot chocolate.



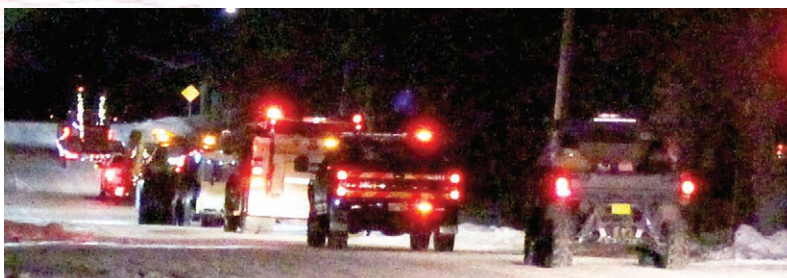
Santa waves from the sleigh as he travels around Crystal City during the parade



The Santa Train has been a tradition for Crystal City's Christmas season for decades!



Also participating in the parade were the Rock Lake Health District Ambulance and the RCMP.



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La Rivière & Community Recreation Centre's Santa Day

JOSH WOOD PHOTOS

Josh Wood
La Rivière/Manitou
Correspondent

Santa Claus arrived for breakfast and visiting in La Rivière the morning of Saturday, December 7th at the Blair Morrison hall. Children quickly turned their heads when they heard his sleigh bells as they were eager to see him.

Pancakes, sausages, ham, scrambled eggs, oranges and hashbrown casserole were on the

menu, with over 70 people enjoying the breakfast cooked by volunteers.

The children stayed busy at the crafts table waiting for their turn to visit with Santa and get pictures taken.

After Santa left the building and breakfast concluded, the bake auction fundraiser was set to begin. Auctioneer Wayne Ens kept the auction moving at a steady pace while also keeping those in attendance entertained.

A wide array of breads,

dainties, cakes and pies from generous bakers spurred many a bidding war, with the final tally of \$2119 raised going towards maintenance and upkeep of the hall and arena.

The La Rivière & Community Recreation Centre board would like to thank those who sponsored the event, those who donated baking, the volunteers and all who attended for making the annual Santa Day a success.



Santa visits with excited little children.



Santa and Frosty.



Kim Wiklund displays some baking, auctioneered by Wayne Ens.

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COMMUNITY EVENTS

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MUNICIPALITY of LOUISE GARBAGE & RECYCLING HOLIDAY SCHEDULE:

Regular garbage pickup Crystal City & Pilot Mound
 Dec. 24 & 31 (Site closes 3 p.m.)

Recycling Crystal City & Pilot Mound:

No collection Dec. 25 or Jan 1.

Pick up for both communities Jan 2

Municipal Office Hours:

Dec. 24 & 31, closed at noon. Closed Dec. 25, 26 and Jan. 1.

See ad p. 13

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. EC

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

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

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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!

BIG SKY SINGERS' CHRISTMAS CONCERT:

Fri. Dec. 20, 7:30 p.m. United Community Arts Hall, 148 Moffat Ave, Pilot Mound. Silver Collection. *See ad p. 9* 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.

MANITOU CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE: 7 p.m. 106 Voth St. Manitou. Children's Nativity, Special family and choir music, caroling. *See ad p. 9* EC

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

CORNERSTONE MINISTRIES' CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE: Begins at 6:45 p.m. with refreshments to follow. Everyone welcome! *See ad p. 9* EC

ST. ANDREW'S UNITED CHURCH CANDLELIGHT AND COMMUNION CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE: 7 p.m. Everyone welcome. *See ad p.9* EC

ROCK LAKE PASTORAL CHARGE CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE: 7 p.m. 36 South Railway Ave. W. A service of carols and joy. Everyone welcome! *See ad p. 9* EC

CELEBRATING HAZEL MAYO'S 90th BIRTHDAY: Mon. Dec. 30, 2-4 p.m. Crystal City Friendship Centre. Everyone Welcome! *See ad p. 10* EC

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!

THE UKU-LADIES: Wed. Jan 15, 2. p.m. Pilot Mound Fellowship Club. Free ukulele performance. *Sponsored by Louise Community Support Services and Santé Sud - Southern Health's Healthy Living Grant. See ad p. 9* EC



SPORTS/ RECREATION

SWAN LAKE CURLING CLUB'S DOUBLES BONSPIEL: Jan. 3 & 4, 2025. \$60/team. Contact Christine: 204-526-4455 to enter. Deadline Dec. 31, 2024. *See ad p. 18*

CHAIR YOGA WITH CARISSA starts Wed. Jan. 8., \$80.00 for eight weeks at Pilot Mound Fellowship Club 10:30 a.m. OR \$80 for eight weeks at Crystal City Friendship Center 1:30 p.m. If you are interested please register by calling 204-825-2443, or email lcss@wgcwawe.ca. New people are always welcome; no experience is needed.



Accepting tenders for Clubhouse Lease Opportunities

DEADLINE JANUARY 15, 2025.

For more information or to email tender package, contact manitougolfclub@gmail.com.

CLUBHOUSE MANAGER Pilot Mound Town & Country Golf Course

Sealed tenders or applications for the salary position for the clubhouse manager for the Pilot Mound Town and Country Golf Course will be **accepted in writing by January 10, 2025.**

Tenders and or resumé's can be sent to:
 Pilot Mound Town and Country Golf Course
 Box 143, Pilot Mound, MB R0G1P0
 or sealed and delivered to President Rod Buydens.

For more information about the position contact Rod Buydens at 204-245-0600 or pmgolfcourse@gmail.com

Administrative Assistant Prairie Mountain High School (Somerset)



Prairie Spirit School Division invites applications for an **Administrative Assistant at the Prairie Mountain High School** to work 7.0 hrs/day to commence February 24th, 2025. Deadline for applications: **Noon January 8th, 2025.** Details available at: www.prairiespirit.mb.ca or phone 204-744-2751.

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Sealed, written tenders for property in the Municipality of Pembina described below will be received by:

**McCulloch Mooney Johnston Selby LLP
 Attn: Scott W. Johnston
 Box 279, Manitou, Manitoba R0G 1G0**

PROPERTY: Parcel "C" Plan 71352 in S ½ of 35-1-8 WPM being approx. (96.77 of acres of which 83 acres is cultivated acres)

CONDITIONS OF TENDER

1. Interested parties must rely on their own inspection and knowledge of the property.
2. Tenders must be received on or before 2:30 pm on December 20, 2024.
3. Tenders must be accompanied by a \$10,000.00 cheque payable to McCulloch Mooney Johnston Selby LLP in Trust as a deposit. Deposit cheques accompanying unacceptable bids will be returned.
4. Highest or any tender not necessarily accepted.
5. The Successful Bidder will also have the option to rent 167 cultivated acres in the N ½ of 26-1-8 and the SE ¼ 35-1-8 WPM at fair market value.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SALE

1. The bidder whose tender is accepted will be required to complete an agreement covering terms and conditions of sale.
2. In addition to the deposit, the balance of the accepted tender must be paid on or before the date of closing which shall be December 31, 2024 (1/2 payment due December 31, 2024 and ½ payment due January 11, 2025) or evidence provided that the purchase funds will be available under conditions acceptable to the Vendor. If the balance of the accepted tender is not paid within the set time limit the deposit may be forfeited as liquidated damages and not as a penalty.
3. Possession is not authorized until acceptable arrangements for full payment are made following acceptance of tender.
4. Successful bidder will be responsible for real property taxes commencing January 1, 2025.
5. The purchaser shall be responsible for payment of GST or shall self-assess for GST.

For further information contact Scott W. Johnston at:

Ph: 204-242-2801
 Fax: 204-242-2723
 email: scott@mmjsslw.com



City of Morden Hosts Open House for Pembina River Water Supply Project

Jennifer Ching-Faux
Darlingford
Correspondent
With files from the
City of Morden

The City of Morden welcomed residents and stakeholders to the Morden Civic Centre on Monday, December 9th to share information and collect feedback on the proposed Morden Pembina River Water Supply Project.

While there was no formal presentation, attendees were free to review the information presented, pose questions to Council as well as provide their feedback and concerns. What follows are selected highlights from the information presented. For more information, maps and additional details, readers are encouraged to contact the City of Morden. Feedback and concerns should be sent to the City within the month as the Environmental Act Proposal is being finalized for submission.

Project Background

- The City of Morden produces drinking water for its residents using the Morden Water Treatment Plant.

- Most of Morden's drinking water comes from Lake Minnewasta, where water levels are controlled by an outlet structure.

- The available water license allocation is not sufficient to meet the current water demands.

- The City of Morden

has identified a deficit in the water supply for the community for the near and distant future.

Forecasted Water Shortage

- No further allocations are available for Lake Minnewasta.

- This allocation is not sufficient to meet the current consumption needs and is significantly less than the projected demands into the future.

- The drought of 2021 highlighted the need for an additional water supply for the City. During this period, the community was at risk of running out of water and needed to take actions to reduce demands.

Investigation to Supplement Raw Water Source

- City of Morden identified the Pembina River as a potential water source to supplement deficit.

- The water required from the Pembina River is currently targeted to be withdrawn during the spring freshen period or other periods of high flow in the Pembina River.

- For the 20-year projections, the objective is to deliver 1.5 million cubic meters from the Pembina River to the Deadhorse Creek catchment per year pumping at ~295 L/s for 60 days during high flows.

- For the 40-year projections, an increased allocation as high as 400 L/s pumping capacity will be needed. This allocation will require



The City of Morden is proposing to transfer water from the Pembina River to the Deadhorse Creek which feeds Lake Minnewasta to address the water deficit.

JENNIFER CHING-FAUX PHOTO

additional approvals to be considered over and above those currently being proposed.

Pembina River Water Supply Project

- A route selection with the City was chosen that positioned the intake just east of PR 31 at the bridge over the Pembina River.

- The water from the Pembina River would be drawn from an intake located in the Pembina River to a pump station located on the

riverbank. The pump station would pump water to an inlet point of Lake Minnewasta.

- The new pipeline will be installed along the Right-of-Way of the Provincial Road which provides ease of access.

Environmental Licensing

- The project is a Class 2 Development subject to the Manitoba Environmental Act and requires an Environment Act License prior

to construction.

- An Environment Act Proposal and Environmental Impact Assessment will be submitted to the Province of Manitoba to fulfill the licensing requirements under the Act.

- There will be a period for public comments on the Environment Act Proposal and Environmental Impact Assessment as part of the licensing process.

Summary - Environmental Assessment

- No significant negative environmental impacts were predicted after mitigation measures were implemented.

- Most impacts are avoided by following the maintained rights-of-way along the Provincial

Highway and municipal roads.

- Construction can avoid aquatic impacts by implementing standard mitigation measures recommended by Fisheries and Oceans Canada to prevent harm to fish and fish habitat.

- Discharge to Deadhorse Creek is not expected to cause significant impacts to aquatic or terrestrial habitats downstream.

- Nutrient levels may increase in Lake Minnewasta and may require additional action to control algae growth in the future.

- Aquatic invasive species transfer can be controlled by stopping the water flow once water temperatures reach a defined threshold.

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Review files

December 21, 1944

Miss Jessie Davis is in Winnipeg to work with the MB Telephone System in the city exchange over the Christmas period.// Mr. Wm. Pugh reports that he saw a flock of blackbirds last Friday.// Mrs. Ben Pople returned from Morden hospital.// Curling started Dec. 18.// Miss Jean Angus is spending the holiday with her parents, Mr. and

December 23, 1954

Rock Lake: Mr. James Sturrock is ill with pneumonia.// Mr. and Mrs. Walter Laidlaw are away on a visit to Rothsay, New Brunswick.// Mr. and Mrs. Gus Marsch, Donald and Gail, will spend Christmas at Swift Current.// Neelin: Bill Petrie escaped injury by jumping clear when the steering on his tractor locked while going down the steep ravine on the road north of his farmhouse. The tractor rolled and was badly damaged.

December 24, 1964

Mr. Charles A. Myall, who homesteaded at Mather in 1888, died Dec. 18 at age 100 years.// Mr. Jake R. Klassen sustained an eye injury when the starting rope on a small engine hit him.// Melita Mustangs won over the Cartwright Clippers in a juvenile hockey game here.

December 19, 1974

Mrs. J. Cole and daughter Mrs. J.M. Askew are visiting for a month at the West Coast.// Mrs. L.R. Wray left for a holiday at Vancouver.// Mather: Mr. and Mrs. Henry Peters and Heidi are flying to California

to spend Christmas with relatives in San Jose.// Former Cartwright resident Henry Elgin "Tip" Robinson, died at Medicine Hat at age 77.

December 19, 1984

The New Year's Eve Dance sponsored by the Rebekah Lodge will kick off Cartwright & District's Centennial Year.// Someone took the coffee pots from the Hotel Friday night and they could not serve their clientele Saturday morning.// Santa Claus will visit the Corner Pocket with treats for the kids, courtesy of Cartwright businesses.

December 20, 1994

The 14 nursery school 3 & 4 year olds were guests at the school Christmas concert, under the direction of Joyce McLeod.// Heaven's Child, a Christmas Cantata, was performed at Mather with Karen Tiessen director and Cheryl Dousselaere pianist. Tim Olfrey, Werner Klassen, Henry and Martha Epp, Susan Ransome and Vicki Wallace joined singers from Mather and Crystal City.// Janet Clark died Dec. 16 at Cartwright Hospital.

December 21, 2004

Cartwright-Mather United Church presented a pageant, "Would You Like to Hold the Baby?" at Mather United.// Marcie Leece graduated from the LPN course at Boissevain.// Cartwright hall has new chairs and will soon have new tables, too.// Cartwright school fundraisers included the Star Light Tree, and the Naughty/Nice board.// Robbie and Renae Maxwell won the CDC Christmas lighting contest.

December 25, 2014

No newspaper issued.

MANITOU

From the Files of the Western Canadian



St. Andrew's United Church Sunday School children.

**80 Yrs. Ago
Dec. 14, 1944**

It is reported that Sgt. Edwin C. Duff has been killed while on active service in Italy.// Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Patterson of La Riviere have received word their son Jackie, 22, is missing and believed killed in action.// Christmas dance and frolic at Manitou Town Hall with Altamont Orchestra, Adm. 35c.// Deaths: Mrs. Ernest Hammond (Elizabeth Sotheran) 44, who was born at Kaleida and resided at Pilot Mound after her marriage; David Duncan, 68, a farmer at Darlingford for 34 years who leaves three sons and one daughter; Thomas F. Perry, 78, who for over 20 years had a merchant-tailor shop in Manitou.

**70 Yrs. Ago
Dec. 9, 1954**

Winners of Santa Claus Parade floats were 1st Pembina Motors, 2nd Manitou Kinettes, 3rd Manitou School, with costume prizes going to Larry Johnston, Ken Post, Jack McIntosh, Bill Webber and Mrs. Bob Birdsell.// John Sprung, 67, died at Darlingford on Dec. 1. He was a resident of Landis, Sask. for

41 years.// Mr. and Mrs. Fred Law are the proud parents of triplets, 2 girls and a boy.// Lynn Mitchell won 1st prize in the fiddling contest at Rathwell.

**60 Yrs. Ago
Dec. 10, 1964**

\$8,000 to \$10,000 damage was done to Amy Bros. mink ranch when fire broke out.// Mr. and Mrs. W. H. McKinney celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Nov. 29.// Married on Nov. 21, Patricia Frances Kaatz and John Pilkington.// Mrs. Martha Metcalfe will celebrate her 95th birthday on Dec. 13.// George Webster Booker, 89, who came to Snowflake in 1898, passed away Dec. 4. He is survived by eleven children.// 585 children visited Santa Claus at Manitou Town Hall on Saturday.

**50 Yrs. Ago
Dec. 12, 1974**

Mr. and Mrs. Duane Williams are the winners of an all expense paid trip to Japan.// Nellie McClung boys have won the provincial "C" volleyball title, with an impressive ten straight wins at Gimli.// Mr. and Mrs. Alex Robertson have celebrated their 65th anniversary, while

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Bond have celebrated their 60th anniversary.// Nellie McClung Collegiate will present "The Mad Woman of Chaillot" on Dec. 12 and 13.

**40 Yrs. Ago
Dec. 12, 1984**

Richard Wiebe, president of Manitou Kinsmen Club, presented two large plaques to Manitou Minor Hockey for most improved player and most valuable player.// Deaths: Ken Robinson, 71, who was born in the Barclay district north of Darlingford; Lily Amy, 79, formerly of the Deerwood district.

**30 Yrs. Ago
Dec. 13, 1994**

Margie Durham was honoured with a life membership by the Manitou Auxiliary to the Royal Canadian Legion. Betty Adams was presented with a 25 year pin.// Deaths: Elizabeth Chapman, 95, at Rock Lake Personal Care Home, Pilot Mound; Lawrence Swanson, who was born and raised in Manitou; Horace "Foss" Giffin, 93, of Portage.// Jim and Lillian Wallcraft celebrated their sixtieth wedding anniversary with friends and family at the C.E. Building in Manitou.

**20 Yrs. Ago
Dec. 14, 2004**

Wayne Motheral was presented with an Honourary Life Membership to the Association of Manitoba Municipalities.// Deaths: David J. Zacharias, 77, on Dec. 4; Vera Mae Manning, 90, at Boundary Trails Health Centre on Nov. 20.// Jolene Rutter, Amanda Sibbick, Delany Parkinson and Lisa Bartley won the Zone 6 Jr. Curling Playdowns in Miami.// Tom Mooney has joined McCulloch Law Office.

**10 Yrs. Ago
Dec. 16, 2014**

Al Thorleifson and Chris Lea of Manitou and Martin Allen of Crystal City were ordained as Deacons in the Anglican Church of Canada.// Died: John Johnson, 82, Clearwater farmer, baseball fan.// Pembina Manitou Volunteer Fire Department recognized members for years of service: Mathew Penner (5), Kevin Howatt (5), Garth Dirks (5), Mike Dymond (10), Brodie Dobson (10) and Grant Howatt (15).// The Borderline Singers presented their Christmas Lawrence Welk tribute concert.

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Down Memory Lane

Compiled by Nancy Holman

December 23, 1954

Nelson Sterling, Pilot Mound area farmer, won a new 1954 Meteor car at the draw at the Mound Arena. Altona hockey coach Pete Pisnook made the draw.// Pilot Mound stores will be open until 9 p.m. Christmas Eve. Monday, December 27 has been declared Boxing Day and a public holiday.// Earl Coolidge of Flin Flon is visiting in CC. He reports that his drilling outfit cannot proceed with operations until ice thickens on the lakes. Drillers are finding encouraging ore samples of gold, copper, etc.// Notice: There will be no milk deliveries in Pilot Mound on Christmas Day or Sunday, December 26. Moore's Dairy.// R.J. Burgess has been a merchant in Clearwater for over 40 years. He has sold his store keeping business to Mr. & Mrs. J. E. Findlay of Graysville; the Findlays and their small daughter have moved to Clearwater.// Co-operation among town councils, hydro

gangs and local electricians has brought about decorating the hydro poles along the streets of Pilot Mound and CC with lit-up Christmas trees.// Louise council moved to pay Bert Harris \$36.00 for lambs killed by dogs.// Crystal City Mennonite Church was granted permission to establish a cemetery near their church on 31-1-11.// Pilot Mound School held their Christmas skating party with speed and novelty races and a lunch of hot dogs. Lois Legary won three races: 12, 13, and 14 & under. Colleen Moore, Morley Handford, Craig Hughson and Wayne Argue won the Collegiate relay.

December 24, 1964

PMCI news by Pam Geddes: At the Snow King and Queen dance, Diane Dupont was queen and Ron McCoy, king. Ron and the Vaqueros supplied music for a very good dance.// Jake Harris of Pilot Mound caught a 20 pound jackfish at Rock Lake.// It is expected that Pilot Mound will be equipped with dial telephones in

CLASSIC AD 1984

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the early 1970's.// An oddity occurred at the Pilot Mound rink Monday night. Three Argue brothers - Cec of Clearwater, Charlie of Mather and Don of Pilot Mound - were all skipping rinks on separate sheets of ice. All have been curling for approximately 40 years, starting in the old rink

in the valley at Clearwater.// Mr. & Mrs. Harold Hurst of Snowflake celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.// The new sanctuary and its furnishings of St. Andrew's Anglican Church in CC were dedicated last Sunday.// Deaths: Charles Albert Myall, 100, of Mather. James S. Potter, 87, of CC.// Well over 400 people gathered at the CC Mennonite Church to listen to a combined United Church and Mennonite choir. Among the items were solos by Marion Norton, John Neufeld and Willard Werry and quartets of Dave Tieszen, Henry Reimer, John Harms & Werner Hildebrand, and George Mutch, W. Werry, Les McKitrick and Jim Treble and

Marion Shepherd, Grace Norton, Marion Norton and Audrey McMillan.// Pilot Mound: Miss Cherry Cohoe, nurse-in-training at Grace Hospital, was home for the weekend.// The old Wood Bay school was busting at the seams when Mrs. Legary and pupils put on the Christmas program.// La Riviere: the Young Women's Club entertained their husbands to an evening of whist, followed by a turkey supper.

1974 & 1984

No papers - on Christmas break

December 20, 1994

CC RCMP report break and enters have occurred at Homesteader Restaurant, Pilot Mound Co-op, McRae's IGA and McMillan's Petals & Poses.//

In 1992 Pembina Valley Conservation District purchased a 33 acre triangle of land 2 miles north and 2 miles west of Manitou - called Binney Corner. In this small area are grassland, aspen forest and wetland. This is an outdoor classroom.// Trail Talk by Jeff Howell: the first local snowmobile derby took place at Mariapolis over the weekend. Noted trail blazer Gentleman Jack McMillan is already planning this year's route for the Pilots Boxing Day Derby.// The R.M. of Louise has given first reading to declaring the Star Mound School building site a designated municipal heritage site.// The Crystal City Community Printing Museum, formerly the Courier Publishing Company building, has been declared a heritage site by the province.

2004

On Christmas break **December 22, 2014**

Volunteers, particularly the "Rink Rats" who worked tirelessly on the Pilot Mound Millennium Rec. Complex, helped baker Eric Bachmeier get the Home Bakery up to all the needed health/building codes.// Jean (Robertson) Gardiner of Clearwater has been writing to her pen pal in Australia for 76 years.// Dave & Rachelle (Gretton) Heppner had twin boys Memphis Jack and Jaxon Kenneth born September 18.// James & Lynn Carels announce the engagement of their daughter Jordan to Brant Collins, son of Tammy & Lisa Collins of Pilot Mound.

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Submitted by
Melissa Pearce
Principal, Nellie
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Christmas Banquet

A heartfelt thank you to all of the families from NMC who donated towards our annual Christmas Banquet. Thanks to the community for its unwavering support again this year, and to the students and staff who all pitched in to make it such a great success. It was a fantastic evening and we always love having the community come into the building.

Christmas Cheer

The students of NMC worked hard to collect a number of items for Christmas Cheer. The grade 7 class were the group who brought in the most. We are always proud of our students

for participating in this important event.

The grade 10 class got it all organized and were scheduled to help the committee organize all of it. However, Mother Nature had other plans and left the committee with no students in the building due to a storm day. Thankfully, 9 town students answered the call to come help anyway. This is just another way that shows what amazing kids NMC has.

Tigers Hockey

The Pembina Tigers had a very successful weekend, beating both the Morris Mavericks (6-3) and the Garden Valley Zodiacs (4-1). That makes three wins in a row for the Tigers and puts them just one point back from the fourth place Morris team. They will play Portage and then finish for the Christmas break on



Gathering food for Christmas cheer L-R: Chase Funk, Christian McKay, Kayleigh Shiskoski, Alexis Funk, Bree Pearce, Evan Rasmussen, Levi Dymond and Kaiden Vodden. Missing: Hannah Williamson

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the 20th with the annual Christmas game that will be against the Mountain Mustangs in Manitou.

Varsity Curling

The NMC bonspiel on Dec. 6th and 7th was very successful. NMC hosted 12 boys' teams and 6 girls' teams. Teams came from as far as Altona, Gladstone and Baldur. They were all split into pools

of three and played a round robin format. NMC girls finished 3rd in Pool A, and in the 3rd vs 3rd playoff game they beat Miami 11-1 to finish 5th.

Prairie Mountain beat William Morton (Gladstone) 6-3 in the girls final. The NMC boys won 8-4 vs Morden 2 and 11-2 vs W.C. Miller (Altona) finishing 1st in Pool A. In

the semi-finals they lost 6-3 to GVC 1 (Winkler). They won 6-5 in an extra end vs William Morton (Gladstone) to finish 3rd.

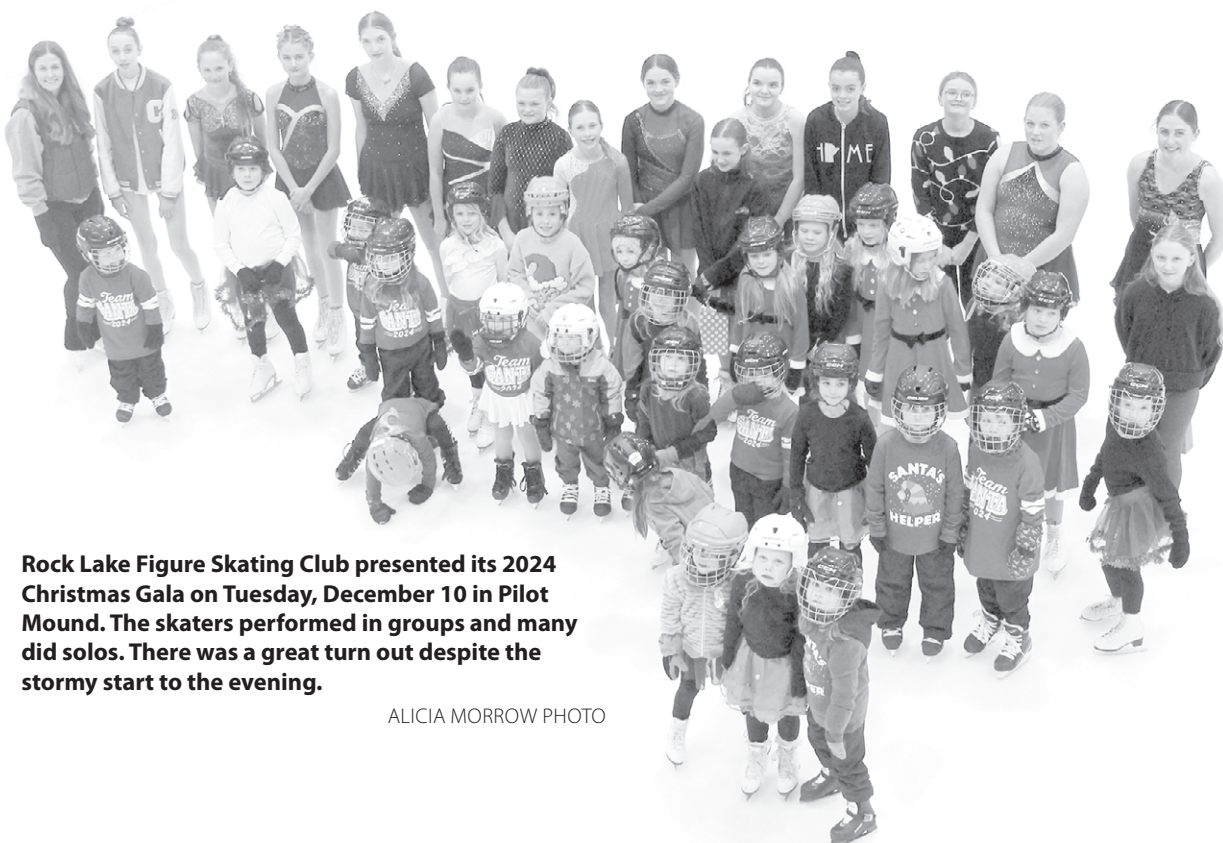
Morden 1 beat GVC 1 8-4 in the boys 1st event final. Miami beat Baldur 5-3 in the boys 2nd event final and Altona beat Prairie Mountain 7-5 in the boys 3rd event final. A big thank you to Mr.

Gundrum who organized this bonspiel.

Buzz Notes:

This will be the last Buzz before the Christmas break. The students and staff at NMC would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New year. We thank the community for its ongoing support of the school.

Rock Lake Skating Club performs Christmas Gala



Rock Lake Figure Skating Club presented its 2024 Christmas Gala on Tuesday, December 10 in Pilot Mound. The skaters performed in groups and many did solos. There was a great turnout despite the stormy start to the evening.

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CHRISTMAS BREAK and 6 in 6



U17s in Calgary enjoying team camaraderie in the hotel lobby and the Christmas decorations!

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PMHA News Release
Submitted by
Gordie Tumilson,
Marketing Manager

The first half of the school year and the first half of the hockey season will be complete on December 20 and then they're off for Christmas.

Players are heading home to Japan, Finland, Denmark, Austria, the Czech and Slovak Republics and many points east, west, south and north in USA & Canada. It's Christmas break. YAY!

Players and visiting coaches alike will take 14 days off to see family, enjoy home cooking, their own bed and a probably a present or two. Healing the body and mind and emotions will complete the well-deserved rest period.

For those remaining in Pilot Mound, this too is a time to let their hair down, enjoy the far greater relaxed time and refocus on family and friends over the holiday season.

However, before we get

away, we should report on past weeks games and what the last week looked like before the mass exodus.

The week of Dec. 4-8, our Buffaloes played only 6 games, in an unusually light schedule. The highlight game was a stunning 2-1 home victory by our U15 male team vs powerhouse, Edge School of Calgary. For all the rest of the results (scores, player stats & standings) please see our website www.pilotmoundhockeyacademy.com

For the week just past, Dec. 9-15, all of our teams saw action with our U18 male Buffs playing a serious schedule of 6 games in 6 days in Alberta and BC before coming home on Dec. 15.

The female version of our U18 program played 3 against Saskatchewan AAA teams in Regina, Arcola and Bienfait while the U15 males played 3 against the Hounds of Notre Dame of Saskatchewan - in Pilot Mound. 10 year Buffs coach Rick McConnell and his U17 male team played one game only in the warm, cozy, friendly confines of the Black Jack Stewart Arena. See the website for all of the details.

Keep in touch with the Buffaloes on a special edition of our Buffaloes podcast - GShow.ca on Xmas day as our coaches will present their observations of the first half of the season, while looking forward to the second half season and the playoffs in mid-March.

Finally, we at the Academy truly wish everyone safe travels, Happy Holidays and a very Merry Christmas! ■



Compiled by
Nancy Holman

Thursday, December 12, in Portage

Dwight Sawatzky netted another hat trick (plus an assist) while team captain Brad Sloane added 5 points – assisting on every goal the Tigers

Pembina Tigers

scored in their 5 -1 victory over the Portage Trojans. Easton Lounsbury contributed a goal and 2 assists, Carter Leslie notched the first goal of the game and Fischer Cavers chipped in with an assist, too. Aiden Rondeau got the "W" in net, facing 38 shots while the Portage goalie was peppered with 68 shots.

Saturday, December 14 Holland vs NPC Nighthawks of Winkler

The Tigers shut out the Nighthawks 4-0. Rondeau

made 19 saves in the win. Easton Lounsbury, from Cavers and Sloane netted the first goal, Seth Mazurat (Sawatzky, Rylan Wubbe) goal 2, Sloane goal 3 and Rylan Wubbe (Mazurat, Carter Leslie) goal 4.

The Pembina Tigers finish out the year with their annual Christmas clash against the Mountain Mustangs on the last day of school. This year the game is in Manitou, December 20 at noon. ■



Tiger Hills Hockey League

Nancy Holman

Killarney Shamrocks played in Deloraine Friday the 13th and it turned out to be lucky for the visitors. There was no scoring in the first period, then seconds into the next frame, Ty Enns put Killarney on the scoreboard. Deloraine soon tied it up, but then it was

all Killarney. Final score: Killarney 7, Deloraine 2. Shots on net favored the Shamrocks 46 to 33. Mike Reykdal had a goal and an assist, Enns also had an assist while Brody Mullin did, too.

As of December 16, Brad Bowles of Virden was number one on the scoring chart with 23 points in 7 games. Ty

Enns is in second sport with 19 points in 8 games.

Next game is Friday, December 20 in MacGregor. That is the last game for 2024. Saturday, January 4th MacGregor plays the return game in Killarney, then on the 10th Melita will be at the Shamrock Centre. ■

Sports Bits

Nancy Holman

Swimmer Summer MacIntosh was awarded the Northern Star Award as Canada's top athlete. She was the first Canadian to win 3 gold medals at one Summer Olympics this past year. Last week, she set three new world records in the 200 m butterfly, 200 m backstroke and the 400 m freestyle. She is also a four-time World Aquatics champion.

Justin Pryor has groomed the **Ski Louise cross-country ski trails**. For down hill skiers, **Holiday Mountain** at La Riviere opened last weekend. Pembina Valley Snowkickers do not have their snowmobile trails all marked and ready quite yet.

Curling: Don Stewart of Manitou is curling with Allan Gitzel at the senior men's Regional Qualifiers for the Strathcona Trust berth. Only one other entry but it was the Dean North rink with Brad Wainikka as third, Rob Van Deynze second and lead Mike Orchard. The North rink won out.

Now for hockey: **Carson Bjarnason of Carberry**, the WHL Brandon Wheat Kings' stellar

goalie, has made the cut to be on Team Canada for the upcoming IIHF World Juniors in Ottawa December 26 to January 5. Canada will play Finland on Boxing Day.

18 year old Raiden LeGall of Morden is the WHL Goaltender of the Week. He plays for the Everett Silvertips. He only allowed one goal against the Kelowna Rockets, then shut-out the Wenatchee Wild. LeGall started the season in the MJHL with the Niverville Nighthawks.

Pembina Valley Minor Hockey Association announced that December 12 registration opened for Hockey Manitoba's **Director's Cup Prospects** (male players born in 2011), Female Prospects (female hockey players born in 2012 or 2013) and Rising Stars Plus program (male athletes born in 2012). Pembina Valley regional evaluations will be January 5.

At the **U15 female AAA hockey showcase** December 6 to 8 in Winnipeg, the Pembina Valley Hawks had another strong game with an identical score as last time 14 to 0 against the Norman Wild. Manitou's **Bree Pearce** notched a hat trick

and an assist, Crystal City's **Rylen Fallis** added a goal, as did Clearwater's **Tenley McLaren**. **Rylee Harms** of Morden helped with a goal and an assist. **Hannah Bannister** of Manitou got the shut-out.

The next afternoon, the Hawks played the Brandon Wheat Kings. Midway through the third period the Hawks scored then with 29 seconds left Pearce's goal sealed the 2-0 win. **Alan & Karen Melvin's granddaughter Charlie Fust** was in net for this shut-out. The girls will have a busy weekend before Christmas playing the 20th at Carman against the Wheat Kings, in Ste. Agathe versus the Eastman Selects on the 21st and in Brandon on the 22nd.

The **2025 IIHF U18 Women's World Championship** will take place in Finland January 4-12. Three Manitobans are on Team Canada: twin sisters Sarah and Kate Manness of La Salle and Hayley McDonald of East St. Paul. Sara Manness was on the 2024 team which won bronze.

Lines were painted on the ice at Clearwater last week. As a natural ice arena that cold spell was good for something! ■

AT THE RINKS

Subject to change without notice

MAC ROBINSON COMMUNITY CENTRE (CARTWRIGHT)

Friday, Dec. 20

5 p.m. Public Skating

Saturday, Dec. 21

10 a.m. U7 Rock Lake vs Pilot Mound

11:30 a.m. U9 Rock Lake vs Swan Lake

1 p.m. Public Skating

Sunday, Dec. 15

1 p.m. Stick time

3 p.m. U15 girls game

CLEARWATER SKATING RINK

Thursday, Dec. 19

7 p.m. U9 Rock Lake vs Swan Lake

CRYSTAL CITY ARENA

Friday, Dec. 20

6:30 p.m. U9 female game

Saturday, Dec. 2

Noon U7 game

1 p.m. Public Skating

Sunday, Dec. 15

1p.m. Public skating

Wednesdays 5 p.m. Public skating

PMMRC: BLACK JACK STEWART ARENA

Thursday, Dec. 19

6:15 p.m. U9-2 vs U9-1

Friday, Dec. 20

7:00 U11 Bronze vs Winkler 1

Saturday, Dec. 21

11:30 U11 Gold vs. St. Claude

Sunday, Dec. 22

11:30 a.m. U11 Gold vs St. Eustache

MANITOU COMMUNITY ARENA

Friday, Dec. 20

11 a.m. Pembina Tigers vs Mountain Mustangs

5:15 p.m. U9 female vs Morden

7 p.m. U15 game

Sunday, Dec. 22

11a.m. U15 game

1-3 p.m. Public Skating

4:30 p.m. U11 vs Altona



Regional Qualifier Curling in Pilot Mound

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The RME Women of the Rings South 1 Region Winner from Manitou: Coach Jonathan Friesen, Cheyenne Ehnes, Makenna Hadway, Hannah Thiessen, Sawyer Elliot and Dayna Lea. This team will compete at the Manitoba Provincial Women's curling championship "The Rockies" next month in Pilot Mound.



The A event berth winner for Viterra South 1 from Morden. Ryan Thomson, Kyle Peters, Mark Georges & Evan Gillis



The other A event berth winner for the Viterra South 1 region was from Holland. Jeremy Sundell, Elliot Sundell, Paul Sundell and Thomas Huggart.



The B side berth winner for the Viterra South 1 region from Morden. Marcus Titchkosky, Rhilynd Peters, Raphael Malo and Myles Friesen.



Kyle McCannell of Pilot Mound also curled in the qualifier with his teammates Curtis McCannell, Jeff MacMillan and Jace Guilford.

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