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Team Sugden Claims U18 Provincial Curling Title



Team Sugden with their provincial jackets and crests, L-R: Nash Sugden (skip), Tyler Fehr (3rd), Tanner Treichel (2nd), Ryan Thiessen (lead) and coach Gord Titchkosky. Gord Titchkosky also won the provincial coaching award, as voted on by fellow coaches as someone who best exemplifies a quality coach.

Jennifer Ching-Faux
Darlingford
Correspondent

They're baaaaaack! Congratulations to Team Sugden for booking a return trip to the National U18 Curling Championship! Darlingford's Tanner

Treichel and his teammates topped the 10-team field at the U18 Provincial Championship, held January 2nd-5th at the Morden Curling Club. The final came down to the final end, with Sugden down one coming home with hammer. The team was able to convert

and score three to win 6-4. When given the rock choice in the final, Tanner's team chose red, one of which was named for Tanner's late grandfather, Otto Treichel, formerly of Darlingford. It's the second trip to nationals for Tanner and his teammates Nash

Sugden, Tyler Fehr and Ryan Thiessen and the squad is looking to build on last year's experience in Ottawa. The U18 National Championship will be held February 18th-22nd in Saskatoon. Good luck gentlemen!



Tanner is the son of Anna and Doug Treichel of Darlingford and is in Grade 12 at Morden Collegiate. SUBMITTED PHOTOS

Correction

Susan Peterson

In the article titled "What do Granite and Apricot Chicken have in Common?" it was stated

the Pilot Mound Millennium Complex is a cash only venue. This is incorrect. The venue accepts credit and debit cards. ■

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Sheet C: Sass vs Kaatz

12:15 P.M.
Sheet A: Calvert vs Peterson
Sheet B: Watling vs Dundas
Sheet C: Robertson vs Prokopowich

4:00 P.M.
Sheet A: Kaatz vs McFarlane
Sheet B: Cameron vs Sass
Sheet C: McLeod vs Ehnes

6:45 P.M.

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FRIDAY JANUARY 25

9:00 AM
Sheet A: Kaatz vs Ehnes
Sheet B: Cameron vs McLeod
Sheet C: Sass vs McFarlane

1:00 PM
Sheet A: Prokopowich vs Calvert
Sheet B: Peterson vs Watling
Sheet C: Robertson vs Dundas

SATURDAY, JANUARY 25
CHAMPIONSHIP ROUND

SUNDAY, JANUARY 26
PLAYOFFS



Pembina Manitou Culture and Heritage Association – 2024 in Review

SUBMITTED PHOTO



Submitted by
Al Thorleifson

The Pembina Manitou Culture and Heritage Association would like to thank all who have supported the heritage projects which we have undertaken this past year! From attendance at workshops and meetings, donations to the Station on Main Project, purchase of published monographs, donation of documents, photographs and antiques, we have had a busy year.

We would also like to thank all the volunteers who have committed their time and energy to ensure our community's heritage is remembered.

As we review the work this year, we would like to focus on specific subcommittees of the PMCHA and their work.

Pembina Manitou Archive

This past year, the Archive has focused on digitizing newspapers, magazines and books. The newspapers included issues of the Pilot Mound Courier, The Hometown View, several Portage la Prairie newspapers including the Manitoba Liberal, Patron's Western Sentinel, the Weekly Review and the Weekly Tribune and Market Review. Also, issues of the Morden Times.

Skye Thorleifson has been digitizing issues in the collection of the Manitoba Legislative Library, and this work is ongoing. Darryl Toews, Leona DeVuyst and Al Thorleifson have also undertaken large digitization projects.

Leona DeVuyst has been focusing on magazines, documents and books in the collection of the Manitoba Agricultural Museum, the Threshermen's Museum and other collections which have come from many different sources.

Al Thorleifson has been focusing on uploading files onto the web site, has done interviews with provincial researchers, with local donors and with media. Al has also been sorting and editing major collections of photographs donated by several photographers. Grant-based research has led to sourcing numerous documents from western Canada.

Muriel McIntosh has been updating and adding to the photo collection of grave photos from the Manitou Cemetery.

In total, as of December 1, we have added 5320 documents to the Pembina Manitou Archive collection this year. Another several hundred will have gone onto the site by year's end. The web site hosts over 78,000 documents. This year, we have had to do some upgrade work on the web site due to the increased use of the site and due to security concerns.

Copies of the PMA sponsored monographs are available at the Boundary Trail Railway offices. These monographs highlight aspects of the history and heritage of our district.

La Riviere CPR Station Depot Restoration

Sheldon Penner and Ryan Penner have

completed work on the interior restoration of the station, Pearce's Electric has completed the electrical wiring. Toupin Plumbing and Heating has installed a furnace and ductwork.

We were able to find most of the storm windows. Al Thorleifson built two tables to support the displays and built kitchen cupboards. We also purchased display cabinets from the Morden Baseball Hall of Fame. These are now all on site.

The Boundary Trail Railway Company has donated ballast, rails and hardware to build the panel track in front of the museum. Scott and Bruce Wallcraft salvaged and donated the ties which had been used while the station was at the Archibald Historical Museum.

Fraser McIntosh has continued work on the jiggers which will be placed on the panel track this spring. Dale Baloun has been collecting artifacts for display in the station and Darren Wood extended the front platform, creating a walkway on the east and north side of the station.

Also, thanks to Kathy and Grant Baloun for the Christmas lighting which has graced the exterior of the station.

Once all the furniture was on site, a large number of items for display were brought to the station. The displays will be installed next spring in time for the grand

opening next June.

Financially, we have fundraised over \$255,000 toward the completion of the restoration. Fundraising will continue so that we can continue the restoration process next summer.

Plans for next spring should include installation of washroom and kitchen plumbing and facilities on site. As well, landscaping work will be a priority.

Boundary Trail National Heritage Region

Al Thorleifson and Leona DeVuyst have been working with the BTNHR, completing projects for

which the BTNHR has received grants. The Pembina Manitou Archive is working with the BTNHR to promote the sale of our history of southern Manitoba, A Story for Every Mile. Copies of this book are available at the Manitou Library, at the MMJS Law office, and at the Boundary Trail Railway Company office.

Spring 2024 Workshops

This spring, the Pembina Manitou Archive sponsored an Introduction to Archives workshop at the Manitou Opera House. Representatives from regional archives and museums shared information and plans for the future, and we reviewed best practices for the preservation and display of archival materials. We are still getting accolades for this successful workshop, and have been asked to repeat the presentation in Brandon next April for the museum and archival community in the west of the province.

We also hosted a regional museums workshop for Manitoba Sport,

Heritage, Culture and Tourism at the Manitou Opera House. Workshop topics included display techniques and information on preservation of artifacts.

Nellie McClung Heritage Site

Diana Vodden has taken the lead on restoration work at the McClung house, being the local contact with all of the contractors there this fall. Congratulations on the work so far painting the interior main floor rooms, installation of a servery kitchen and installation of a furnace and HVAC. The main floor flooring will be refinished in the spring.

Building the Team

The PMCHA would be pleased to have you join us in any or all of these ongoing projects. If you have an interest in history, carpentry, research or hosting our guests, please let us know by emailing pembinamanitouarchive@gmail.com or by calling 204 242 4414. You are welcome.

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A near full house enjoys "The Uku-Ladies"



With Bill McIntosh accompanying on guitar, Heather Wallace, Cyndy Weselowski, Susan Pharoah, Sheila Tiessen and Donna McConnell's voices harmonized beautifully during their performance. The ladies were so pleased that Louise Community Support Services co-ordinator Carol Simpson asked them to show off their talents.



Susan Peterson
So talented.
The voices of the

Uku-ladies harmonized beautifully during their performance at the Pilot Mound Fellowship Club

on January 15th. It doesn't seem that long ago, but 5 years have passed since Louise Community

Support Services brought Ukulele lessons to the community. Clearly it took hold!

SUSAN PETERSON PHOTOS

Cartwright Mather Health Auxiliary Annual Report 2024

Carolyn Schram

Cartwright Mather Health Auxiliary is a registered charity whose purpose is to support the Davidson Memorial Health Centre, education for post secondary students entering the health care field and to assist persons or organizations in need. Our focus is on various aspects of health and well-being.

Regular meetings are held on the second Monday of every month at 7 p.m., except July and August. The United Church has offered the use of the C.E. Building for our meeting. **EVERYONE IS WELCOME!**

This year the health auxiliary was able to support the Davidson centre in various ways:

- We purchased an

HDMI cable, bedding plants, a digital scale, tabletop ice maker and an air fryer.

- We donated funds for new blinds and Christmas gifts for residents and staff.

Community support included:

- We continued to maintain and loan out mobility aide equipment, annually safetied by Rolling Spokes.

- We purchased a reversible transfer bench for tub transfer, a walker, a smaller tub chair and an outdoor knee walker.

- We purchased tea towels and dish cloths for the community hall.

- We applied for and received a Cartwright and Area Foundation grant for ambulance driver training and donated proceeds from our holiday market

table to the ambulance fund.

- Members volunteered at the senior Christmas meal and the flu clinic.

- We organized and worked three funeral luncheons.

- Donations of \$400 each were made to South Central Cancer Resource, Stars, the local food bank and to the Rural Crisis Line run out of the Klinik.

- We advocated for mobile blood services, improvement in senior community housing, including Badger Creek Lodge and a Healthy Together and Age Friendly Community Collaboration grant for senior services.

Our activities are funded by general private

donations and various fundraising efforts. We welcome suggestions for projects and ways to improve our services.

FINANCIAL REPORT

As of Jan. 13, 2025

- General fund for community projects and mobility needs: \$1277.60
- DMHA fund for Davidson projects and needs: \$2526.00
- Ambulance training fund for new trainees: \$3648.08

EXECUTIVE CHAIR:

Mary Livingstone

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Blue Monday



Hoar frost and blue sky are two of winter's most beautiful gifts.

Deborah Coghill

The third Monday of January (this year it fell on the 20th) is called Blue Monday, the most depressing day of the year. Why is it such a sad day?

The bustle and bright lights of the holidays have faded. The credit card bills have arrived and you wonder why you were so generous all of November and December, then vow to yourself to spend less next Christmas. The long winter has set in, weather is cold and there are few days that are sunny.

How do we beat the winter blues? Many people take their vacations during these cold months and head south for some hot fun in the sun but not

everyone can do that.

Some ways to combat seasonal depression are simple but getting yourself motivated may not be. You can do it and you deserve to have some fun too.

Get out! As they say in Norway - "There is no bad weather. Only bad clothing." So dress in all of your warmest winter attire and get some fresh air. It will do you a world of good. Even just a few minutes.

We have many outdoor activities available to us such as the skating, skiing and sledding. Maybe get bundled up and have a bonfire. When it is too cold outside, head to the movie theatre or out for supper.

Our communities offer

many events from curling and hockey to concerts and plays. All of the areas we cover here at The Hometown View have so many talented performers and athletes. We are lucky to have them share those gifts with us.

Let us not forget all of the work people do to plan things for us to do and keep us entertained getting out and about. There are exercise classes, craft workshops, museums, libraries and more!

Other ways to keep your mind busy can be to create something to look forward to by inviting people over for a movie marathon of a mutual favourite series. Let yourself get excited about whatever you plan. Host a night of board

games and card games. Visiting friends and family has the added benefit of helping them as well. Take a moment to check on friends and family. A smile goes a long way.

Forget spring cleaning and do it in winter! Tackle that closet that you have been wanting to sort through or something else you have wanted to redo or organize.

Another way we can help ourselves is to care for others. Donate to the local food bank. Volunteer at the food bank, at

the lodge or even at the theatre. There is always a need for volunteers somewhere. It feels good to be of assistance.

Of course, eating and sleeping properly have a huge impact on our mental health all year round. Trying to eat more healthy options and choosing foods rich in vitamins and minerals can help boost your immune system. Also, eat the cake! Having a treat is just fine. Everything in moderation!

As for sleep, getting enough is a challenge for many of us. There are so many things that can keep you awake. The tips you find online are to limit those distractions. Staying away from caffeine, alcohol and screen time. Read or listen to music. There are apps and podcasts that help with sleep like the "Calm" app and a podcast called "Get Sleepy."

Winter is long in our province and since we cannot do anything about that, we can change how we react to it. Find joy in the simple things. Bake some cookies, try a new recipe, start a puzzle, reread a favourite novel or get crafty.

Above all, talk to someone. A trusted someone who listens can lighten your heart. If you, or someone you know, is feeling the blues, has

Seasonal Affective Disorder or any mental health issue and can't shake it off, know that no one is alone. There is help.

Here are some crisis numbers in Manitoba, Canada:

- 9-8-8 Suicide Crisis Helpline: Call or text 9-8-8 toll-free, 24/7
- Klinik Crisis Line: Call (204) 786-8686 or toll-free at (888) 322-3019, 24/7
- Kids Help Phone: Call (800) 668-6868 or text CONNECT to 686868
- Manitoba Suicide Line: Call (877) 435-7170
- First Nations and Inuit Hope for Wellness Help Line: Call (855) 242-3310
- Shared Health Adult Crisis Response Centre & Crisis Services: Call (204) 940-1781
- The Link Youth 24-hour Crisis Service Winnipeg: Call (204) 949-4777 or toll-free at (888) 383-2776, 24/7
- Manitoba Addictions Helpline: Call (855) 662-6605
- Manitoba Farm, Rural & Northern Support Services: Call (866) 367-3276

Bell Let's Talk Day - January 22, 2025 prioritized youth mental health and the text-to-donate campaign will give 100% of funds raised to six different youth mental health providers. To learn more or to donate go to letstalk.bell.ca

DEBORAH COGHILL PHOTOS



The sun going down after a great day tobogganing and time for some cozy warm blankets and hot chocolate.

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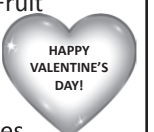
- Mon. Feb. 3: Shepherd's Pie, Tossed Salad, Fruit Cocktail
- Fri. Feb. 7: **B'Day Meal** - Chicken Pieces, Mashed Pot, Veg, Salad, Tarts
- Mon. Feb. 10: Mushroom Meatballs, Rice, Veg, Salad, Pineapple Cake
- Fri. Feb. 14: Egg Salad Bunwich, Vegetable Soup, Cherry Cha Cha
- Mon. Feb. 17: **NO MEAL:** Louis Riel Day
- Fri. Feb. 21: Lazy Cabbage Rolls, Veg, Peanut Butter & Jam Bars
- Mon. Feb. 24: Pork Cutlet, Mashed Pot, Apple Sauce, Veg, Jello
- Fri. Feb. 28: Chicken Parmesan, Spaghetti, Salad, Fruit Crisp

HAVEN MEALS

- Tues. Feb. 4: Lasagna, Garlic Toast, Caesar Salad, Tapioca Pudding
- Thurs. Feb. 6: Fish, Fried Rice, Cooked Vegetable, Lemon Dessert
- Tues. Feb. 11: Potato Soup, Ham & Cheese Sandwich, Chocolate Pie
- Thurs. Feb. 13: Chicken Parmesan, Mashed Pot, Veg, Jellied Salad, Cookies
- Tues. Feb. 18: Pork Cutlet, Baked Pot, Veg, Jellied Salad, Butterscotch Pudding
- Thurs. Feb. 20: Shepherd's Pie, Broccoli Salad, Coffee Cake
- Tues. Feb. 25: Beef Stew, Biscuits, Coleslaw, Date Square
- Thurs. Feb. 27: **B'Day Meal:** Pork Roast, Mashed Potato, White Cake w/Fruit

LODGE MEALS

- Wed. Feb. 5: Fish, Fried Rice, Veg, Lemon Dessert
- Wed. Feb. 12: Chicken Parmesan, Mashed Pot, Veg, Jellied Salad, Cookies
- Wed. Feb. 19: Shepherd's Pie, Broccoli Salad, Coffee Cake
- Wed. Feb. 26: **B'Day Meal** - Pork Roast, Mashed Pot, Salad, White Cake w/Fruit



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Co-op Future Farmers Contest

News Release

The Co-ops of Westman and the Provincial Exhibition of Manitoba announce the launch of the Co-op Future Farmers Contest, a celebration of young agricultural enthusiasts and their connection to farm life.

This exciting initiative is open to families across the region and offers a unique

opportunity to showcase the future of farming while competing for a \$500 gift card!

How to Enter: Parents or guardians can submit a photo of their child (ages 0–17) in one of these categories:

1. Farm Life in Action: A picture of the child engaged in activities on the farm.

2. Through Their Lens: A photo taken by the child

that captures the essence of life on the farm.

Along with a photo, you must write one sentence answering the question, "What kind of farmer do you want to be and why?" Entries will be accepted until March 7th, 2025. Submit your photos via www.coopsofwestman.ca.

Prizes: One qualifier from each trading area of Valleyview, Boundary,

Twin Valley, Pembina, and Heritage Co-op will receive a Co-op prize pack, including a Co-op Future Farmer hat, tickets to the Royal Manitoba Winter Fair and a \$25.00 gift card. One lucky winner will receive a \$500 gift card from the Co-ops of Westman.

Why Participate? The Co-op Future Farmers Contest highlights young people's critical role in

sustaining and advancing agriculture. This contest also highlights the unique bond between families and their farms, fostering community pride and recognizing the dedication of farmers across Manitoba.

About the Co-ops of Westman:

The Co-ops of Westman include Heritage, Boundary, Twin Valley, Pembina and Valleyview Co-op.

Together, they inspire and support the next generation of farmers in celebrating their agricultural heritage.

Get Involved: Spread the word - invite your friends, family, and neighbours to this meaningful celebration of farming heritage. Join us in honouring the future of farming in Westman!

For more information, visit www.coopsofwestman.ca

Changes Coming to Access CU's Branch Network

News Release

Access Credit Union announce the decision to consolidate five branches into existing locations due to lower in-branch traffic, increased utilization of online and mobile banking, and the proximity to other Access branches.

This strategic move is aimed at optimizing resources to provide better service to members and adapt to the evolving banking landscape.

Effective May 22, 2025:

- Birds Hill branch will close and consolidate with Riverbend, 2526 Main Street, Winnipeg
- Gretna branch will

close and consolidate with Altona

- Lowe Farm branch will close and consolidate with Morris

• Miami branch will close and consolidate with Morden

Effective September 17, 2025:

- Lundar branch will close and consolidate with Eriksdale

"The decision to streamline the branch network was carefully considered. We understand the value of the in-branch experience and are committed to supporting members through this transition to ensure uninterrupted banking," said Larry

Davey, CEO and President of Access Credit Union. "Banking habits are evolving, with more members using direct deposit and digital solutions like our mobile app, online, or by phone. We've seen a steady decline in in-branch transactions and a rise in digital adoption. For those who prefer in-branch banking, we've ensured convenient services remain accessible by considering travel distances between rural communities, for continued access to convenient services close to home."

For communities where a physical branch will no longer be present,

Access will continue to support initiatives, offer programming, and community support as these communities remain an integral part of the Access network. Current branch staff will retain their employment and will have opportunities within the branch network or transition into corporate support roles. This ensures employees can continue to contribute their expertise, remaining a vital part of Access Credit Union's ability to serve members effectively.

Members can continue to bank in-branch at 47 branch locations, with no changes to membership or

account numbers. Banking services for easy accessibility include: online, mobile, or telephone banking, credit union ATMs in Manitoba (with no additional charge), online appointments with lenders or financial planners, and the Member Solutions Centre (MSC) where members can complete most day-to-day transactions.

Members will receive detailed letters about these consolidations within 120 days of the anticipated branch move. Access employees will collaborate closely with individuals and businesses over the coming months to ensure a smooth

transition, reaffirming our commitment to providing exceptional service.

About Access Credit Union

As the largest credit union in Manitoba, Access Credit Union is committed to being innovative and strong in its financials, values, people, and communities. With nearly \$13.5 billion in assets, serving over 205,000 members, and branches spread across Manitoba, Access Credit Union continues to be a financial institution that puts its members first. For more information about Access Credit Union, visit accesscu.ca.



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Young People Make the Leap into Ecological Agriculture.

YOUNG AGRARIANS APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM IS ONCE AGAIN ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

Media Release

The Young Agrarians Apprenticeship Program matches enthusiastic and energetic young people with paid opportunities to learn from seasoned farmers and ranchers. The program is now accepting applications, via its website, until January 31, 2025.

"You don't need any prior farm experience," says program manager Justin Girard, "just a willingness to learn and work hard. We work with new entrants and aspiring farmers from diverse backgrounds who are looking for an opportunity to make a difference with their hands and their hearts."

The program's farms and ranches prioritize a workplace culture of inclusivity and learning. They also prioritize ecological, regenerative and organic practices.

"I think they really cared about finding somebody who was keen on regenerative farming," said former apprentice Bronwynn

Green, when speaking about her host farm. "I really felt like they weren't just looking for extra hands to work, they really wanted to mentor."

There are currently 11 host farms and ranches across Manitoba looking to board an apprentice.

"There are a lot of young people looking for meaningful work, and farming is more than a job," says Justin Girard. "Our goal is to carve out exactly that, an opportunity to get on the land, get paid and make a difference."

Apprentices have the opportunity to apply to a variety of farms and ranches in Manitoba and across western Canada, that provide training in livestock, plant production, honey bees, flowers and more.

Young Agrarians c/o Agrarians Foundation
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About Young Agrarians

A Canadian Charity, the mission of Young Agrarians (YA) is to educate the public by providing courses, seminars, workshops and counseling about agriculture, farming, food processing, entrepreneurship, community economic development and environmental sustainability. YA works to support the next generation of farmers and food lovers from diverse walks of life, through free or by-contribution educational programs.

Since 2012, YA has worked with more than 14,000 farmers across 10,000 farms to access education, land, mentorship, training, business support and community networks. YA has collaborated with over 750+ farm organizations, matched 12,000+ acres of land and coordinated 600+ events with more than 22,000 attendees.

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Water On The Farm: A 66-Year Success Story Southwest Manitoba Farmer Recalls Ducks Unlimited Canada Project



Cam Dodds and Bea Janssens stand beside the dam that DUC built on his family farm in the 1950s.

Glen Kirby
Communications
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Ducks Unlimited Canada

As a young boy in the 1950s, Cam Dodds watched Ducks Unlimited Canada (DUC) build a dam on the family farm near Kenton MB. In the fall of 2024, he saw that same life-giving dam refurbished.

"Without water, you just don't have nothing," says Dodds, who operates Hales Creek Farm with his partner Bea Janssens. "It's just been a great thing to be able to have that resource there when we need it. It's important."

The 450-foot earthen dam is clearly visible from the front window of Dodds'

farmhouse, past the cattle pens, hay bales and barn buildings; a short walk from the bronze plaque celebrating his ancestors who came from Ontario in 1881 to establish the farm.

"This has been home for me for all my life," explains Dodds. "I guess farming is in your blood. It's in your heritage. Every year is a challenge but some years are better than others. And a farmer is always trying to make improvements. He wants to improve his livestock. He wants to improve his land, his cattle and that's what keeps you interested."

Dodds says his family first dammed the creek running through their property in 1900, to provide

water for both livestock and household use.

"There's no real groundwater here. They tried many times drilling wells but in this general area, groundwater is just not very easily found," says Dodds, who has journals and diaries from the early settlers. "It must have been a tremendous amount of work for the family to accomplish that. But the idea was to source themselves a good supply of water."

DUC got involved in 1958, rebuilding the existing dam to better serve the farm while also providing new habitat for waterfowl. Workers towed their own trailers to stay on-site during construction and the project left an indelible mark on Dodds.

"I was just a seven-year-old kid so anything like this would be really interesting. I remember the boys taking me for a ride on the heavy equipment when they were doing the excavating!"

Hear the entire story on DUC's podcast on the Manitoba page at ag.ducks.ca.

The dam is among DUC's 240 'legacy' wetland projects in Manitoba, constructed in the first 50 years after the conservation

group began operations in 1938. Those wetlands cover a combined area that is twice as large as the City of Winnipeg.

In 2024, DUC spent over \$1.5 million to repair Manitoba wetland control structures, including the dam on the Dodds farm. Ongoing wave activity, runoff and cattle traffic on the earthen dam had degraded its condition since the last rebuild in 1983.

"The Dodds wetland project is a great example of long-term agricultural sustainability working in tandem with habitat conservation," says Shaun Greer, DUC's head of habitat asset management in Manitoba. "This area has very little permanent waterbodies. The DUC rebuild in 1983 added a foot of water and three more acres of wetland. This increased the water availability for livestock and increased habitat acres on the landscape."

Greer says major repairs in 2024 included Siglunes Creek near Ashern in the Interlake, the start of reconstruction at Pope dam near Hamiota and a \$1 million build at Proven Lake, a DUC legacy project which preserves 4,800

acres within one of North America's most productive waterfowl breeding areas.

"DUC continues to manage and maintain the 240 legacy projects across Manitoba," notes Greer. "With ever-increasing engineering standards and rising costs for equipment and materials, DUC is seeking innovative funding and partnership options to manage these vital wetland acres for habitat and landowners."

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organizations, Indigenous Peoples and landowners to conserve wetlands that are critical to waterfowl, wildlife and the environment.

DUC has worked with over 3,000 Manitoba landowners since 1938 to conserve more than 711,000 acres (287,731 hectares). Call 204-285-9779 to find out about DUC programs and financial incentives or visit



The dam was degraded and DUC did a rebuild in 1983 and again in 2024.

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Ecological Corridor Program Comes up Short on Transparency and Consultation

Dennis Schindler, P.Ag.
(Retired) Senior Land
Conservation Specialist
Manitoba Wildlife
Federation

Not Worth the Risk

I am prompted to write this in response to the Federal Liberal Government's recent announcement of funding for Ecological Corridors in the Assiniboine West Watershed District.

On the surface, this \$1.2 million in funding appears to be a welcome addition to conservation programming in Manitoba. Once you dig deeper into the program guidelines and requirements, little detail or framework is disclosed, prompting valid questions from user groups on accessibility to the land, long term management plans and the benefits such programming has in enhancing biodiversity and wildlife habitat in Manitoba and Canada.

The Ecological Corridor Program, along with the Indigenous Protected Conservation Areas (IPCA), are two programs delivered by Parks Canada to meet the Federal Government's

United Nation commitment to preserving 30 percent of Canada's land by 2030 ("30 x 30"). The overriding theme is to protect these areas according to Indigenous law and practices.

I will start with some background on the IPCA program. Parks Canada has identified 9 areas including 4 in Agro-Manitoba for this designation. Although the federal government has no direct framework or guidelines in place to establish these areas, they have chosen to request transfer of these lands from the provinces, establish a national park and turn over management of these parks to Indigenous peoples.

While on the surface this initiative may appear to aid in the country's 30x30 objectives and satisfy reconciliation under Section 35 of the Charter of Rights, we have concerns based on similar initiatives in British Columbia, where in some cases non-Indigenous access to these IPCA has been terminated.

The Ecological Corridor Program complements IPCA's as they are co-designated as an IPCA.

The twist, however, is that these corridors include both crown and private land with the potential to impact not only crown land access for hunting, angling and trapping, but could also impact access to crown land for agricultural use, cottage leases, snowmobiling and even hiking.

The impact on private land use, municipal sovereignty over decision making and the imposition of National Park management over large parts of our province should be a concern for all Manitobans.

Simply put, non-Indigenous hunters in some places in BC are no longer able to access land they have historically used for hunting. This raises large concerns for all other crown and private land user groups.

If you read the fine print in the background documents, not only could our access be restricted, but this top-down program approach has the means to diminish rural, grassroots soil, water and biodiversity programming for generations to come and undo the goodwill and trust toward

conservation programming in our rural areas.

The Manitoba Wildlife Federation (MWF) is opposed to the 30x30 federal programs and has started a Town Hall campaign to inform our members of these very real threats to hunting, angling and trapping.

In our travels, we came into contact with a group of agricultural producers in the Rivers/Oak River area who attended our town hall in Russell. They made us aware that their local watershed district submitted an application for the Ecological Corridor program last June and these landowners began asking questions on the details of the program.

They have yet to receive satisfactory answers to their questions. As a result, we started working together to gather data and ask questions.

In the meantime, the district saw fit to apply for funding and participated in the federal government funding announcement mentioned earlier, in spite of the local concerns. Unfortunately and regretfully, the local producers'

concerns were minimized, marginalized and dismissed, creating division and animosity within the community and the watershed district.

I would respectfully suggest the Watershed District Board take to heart the concerns of local residents (and a respected conservation organization) going forward and focus on rebuilding relationships in the rural and agricultural communities they serve.

No grant from the federal government, no matter the amount, is worth alienating community members. MWF is committed to conservation and biodiversity programming in Manitoba. MWF fully supports grassroots watershed district activities and watershed

districts seeking funding from sources where there are no such strings attached.

MWF acknowledges and supports all the great conservation stewardship work undertaken by agricultural producers (as part of Manitoba action in conservation and climate mitigation). Building strong, collaborative relationships with agricultural producers and key user groups is crucial for the success of a conservation program and plays a vital role in enhancing wildlife habitat and populations. It would be beneficial for all conservation organizations to keep that in mind.

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BACK TO BASICS. Is it time?



By Lloyd McTaggart, Common Sense Management

The small business communities across the country have been under a lot of pressure over the past few years with more and more constrictions emanating from the federal government. I don't know if the government's intention was to make life miserable for businesses or if it was just a result of them pursuing some strange ideologies combined with what appears to be a lack of knowledge on how to actually run something/anything.

One of the most disturbing results has been the sheer growth of government. In my opinion, bigger and bigger government simply means that it gets more difficult for an independent business operator to operate in a sensible and profitable manner. Simply put, the government demands more and more money to pay for their existence but they also want to control what business can

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.

or cannot do through a myriad of regulations.

You don't have to be an accountant to know that our country is in seriously bad financial shape. We have a national debt that is over \$1.2 trillion and we're burdened with a declining ability to pay it back. Common sense should tell us that something is terribly wrong with the way the government operates. They are either blissfully unaware of the damage they have caused, or they just don't care. Or both.

CHANGE IS COMING

I often wonder how many of our elected officials and senior bureaucrats have actually run a business. I suspect the number is low because there is no apparent sense of accountability when it comes to handling our tax money. Much of it (the entire GST collected in a year) barely covers the yearly interest on our national debt. All the other taxes apparently aren't enough to cover the government's operating costs because we keep running at a deficit. That means the government

spends more than it takes in and that explains why they're constantly trying to increase taxes (capital gains, for example).

We should have a new government this year and I am hopeful that it will take action to reverse our downward spiral. I also hope they will have the guts to take a big axe to the size of the government as a starting point. Reducing taxes and regulations - which get in the way of running a business - would be a good start to getting us on to a better track.

FROM SURVIVAL TO PROSPERITY MODE?

One of the most important functions to consider as the business climate (hopefully) improves might well be marketing. Marketing creates, communicates and delivers offerings that have value for customers. Successful companies have always had a good grasp of why they do what they do. They are usually on top of changes in their marketplace (which is the groups of customers they want to serve) so they can respond quickly

and effectively to changing needs.

CAN A MARKETING FOCUS HELP YOUR BUSINESS?

Yes. If you have customers and would like to be in a position to keep them and possibly add more, it would probably be a good idea to be paying some attention to marketing. This is especially true when business conditions are changing and we certainly hope that will happen...for the better.

Some companies use ZBB (Zero-Based Budgeting) which is a financial planning method where all expenses must be justified for each new period - a year, for example. Every function, department, or project within an organization must justify its entire budget anew, regardless of past allocations.

When implemented correctly, a company can ensure that every dollar spent aligns with current organizational goals and priorities. (The U.S. federal government is about to launch something like this under the

title "D.O.G.E., or Department of Government Efficiency.")

Any existing business contains all the elements necessary to carry out a similar effort in Marketing. The basic goal could be to answer the question "How can we serve customers better?" That covers a lot of ground and includes products, pricing and everything else that has an impact on how your customers - existing and new/potential - might view your business.

In order to do it well, you would have to develop the skill of putting yourself in the shoes of the customers, which is really looking at the business from "the outside in." It's not as easy as it sounds but, to quote an old expression, "if it was easy, everyone would be doing it!"

WOULD IT WORTH BE IT?

I believe so. In fact, it's quite possible the payoff of such an exercise could be dramatic. At the very least, you would gain confidence that your business is doing everything

possible to give your existing customers no reason to go elsewhere. That is worth something in itself but I suspect that any business that might decide to carry out such a project would become much stronger and successful.

This is a pretty broad subject so we will revisit it in future columns. With the changing conditions out there and considering what we've all gone through, this could become a pathway to growth and prosperity.

QUOTE: "Psychological disorder is any personal construction used repeatedly in spite of consistent invalidation; i.e., repeating the same thing, failure after failure." - George Kelly, author of Personal Construct Theory. Here is the same quote put a different way: "The definition of insanity is doing the same thing over and over again and expecting different results." - Author is unknown but often quoted as being Albert Einstein, Benjamin Franklin, or Mark Twain.



Manitoba NewsRelease

Manitoba Government Opens Applications for New Plastic Health Cards

Manitobans can now apply for a modernized plastic health card online, Health, Seniors and Long-term Care Minister Uzoma Asagwara

and Innovation and New Technology Minister Mike Moroz announced.

"Our government has been working hard to move our health-card

system into the modern era and we're thankful for Manitobans' patience as we take time to get this process right," said Asagwara. "Over the next few

months, we expect the popularity of this initiative to mean it may take some time for every Manitoban to receive an updated card but we're

focused on finally getting this done."

Manitobans applying for a plastic health card should expect it to be delivered in the coming months, the minister noted. Paper health cards continue to be valid and accepted at health-care facilities. A digital health card option will also be available soon.

"I'm sure Manitobans are just as excited as we are to say goodbye to a fading paper card and replace it with a more durable option," said Moroz. "This is just one step our government is taking to both modernize government services and make sure Manitobans can easily access services they need."

Manitoba is also enhancing health-care

access for children and youth by transitioning to individual health cards for all Manitobans, including children who were previously listed on a family card, said Asagwara, noting the change aligns with jurisdictions across Canada and updates outdated record-keeping, ensuring every child and youth in Manitoba has their own health card.

The bilingual card now includes a field which allows residents to indicate their official language preference, English or French, making Manitoba the second jurisdiction in Canada to offer this feature.

To apply for or request a new Manitoba health card, visit <https://manitoba.ca/health/mhsip/>

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Ruby Lois (née McKay) Hammond

February 18, 1933 – January 8, 2025



It is with deep sadness that the family of Ruby Hammond (née McKay) announces her passing at Prairie View Lodge on January 8, 2025 at the age of 91.

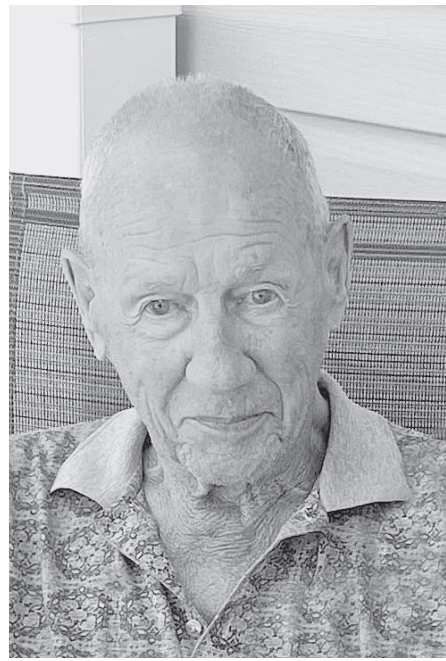
She is lovingly remembered by her daughters Shirley, Donna, Connie, and Patti, 6 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren. She was predeceased by her husband Wilbert Hammond. In lieu of flowers, donations in memory of Ruby may be made to Prairie View Lodge in Pilot Mound, MB. A memorial service will be held on June 5, 2025 at 1:00 p.m. at Wheatland Chapel in Pilot Mound.

Condolences may be made online at www.wheatlandfs.com

Thank-you to all the staff at Prairie View Lodge for the wonderful care and support our mom received over the years.

Donovan Mansergh "Don" Withers

December 11, 1936 – January 7, 2025



Passed away at the Rock Lake Health Centre, Pilot Mound, MB, on Tuesday January 7, 2025 at the age of 88 years, Donovan Mansergh "Don" Withers, of Cartwright, MB.

Don leaves to mourn his passing his loving wife Barbara (nee Lockerby), son Blake (Diane) of Rosewood, MB, daughter Kelly (Dale) Bourns of Cooks Creek, MB, seven grandchildren, three great grandchildren; brothers Jim Withers of Wawanesa, MB, Wayne (Carol) Withers of Radium, BC, sisters-in-law Joyce (Del) McDougall of Wawanesa, MB, Lois Goodhew of Oliver, BC and Sandra Lockerby of Killarney, MB.

A gathering of friends and relatives will be held at a later date. Donations can be made in Don's memory to: The Cartwright & Area Foundation Inc., Box 249, Cartwright, MB, R0K 0L0.

Tribute Link: www.willmorchapel.com.

Maurice Earle Sprung

June 13, 1941 – January 3, 2025



grown up attending fairs and exhibitions, the Manitou and Carman fairs, as well as the Morris Stampede were annual events for many years. A few nights at the Royal Manitoba Winter Fair in Brandon continued as a family tradition until only a few years ago.

Maurice grew up with a deep love for farming and hard work, qualities that shaped his life and work. From the age of 12, he farmed most of his whole working life on the family farm with mixed livestock and grain. His working career ended with 16 years of employment as a seasonal equipment operator at the Agriculture Canada Research Station in Morden. However, his interest and pride in the farm remained strong until the day he died through the farm family group text. Maurice showed interest and provided amazing support for the work, careers and activities of all four children, their spouses and grandchildren.

Maurice loved so many things – the farm and all its seasons, extended family connections and the community. He loved humour and to laugh – his smile was infectious and unforgettable, and he loved people – he loved his family, coffee with his friends at the bake shop and he loved and missed his parents. He loved to attend his grandchildren's events and activities – hockey, soccer, baseball, rugby, karate, Christmas concerts, music recitals and festivals, 4-H achievements, graduations – across Manitoba and beyond – making new friends wherever he went. For the last 13 years, Maurice enjoyed a friendship and time with Sheryle. Together they enjoyed working on projects, time with family, community events and some travel. Their friendship and love provided companionship and support as they shared common friends, life experiences and sense of humour.

A memorial service was held at the St. Andrews United Church in Manitou on Saturday, January 11, 2025 at 2:00 PM.

To view the service, please visit Maurice's page at www.wheatlandfs.com.

A private family interment was held at the Darlingford Cemetery.

Donations in memory of Maurice may be made to:

Boundary Trails Health Centre Foundation
Box 2000 Stn Main Winkler, MB R6W 1H8,

Pembina –Manitou Area Foundation Inc.
Box 535 Manitou, MB R0G 1G0

or to a charity of one's choice.

Maurice passed away peacefully at the Boundary Trails Health Centre on January 3, 2025 at the age of 83.

Maurice was born June 13, 1941, at Mrs. Hannah's Nursing Home in Manitou, Manitoba, the third child of Gordon and Ella (Scharf) Sprung. He was raised on the family farm in the Middleton District with his four siblings and attended Middleton and Manitou Schools.

Maurice is predeceased by his wife, Elaine (2009), infant son Stephen Maurice, parents Gordon and Ella, parents-in-law Joe and Rae (Switzer) Tickner, siblings Harold, Ruth Cook, Allan and Ross and sister-in-law Janie (Tickner) Anderson.

He is survived by his children Laurie (Michael Crowe), Leanne (Jonathan Sloane), Philip (Catarina Camara), Kyle (Jennifer), grandchildren Jenna, Tyler (Quin), Kaitlyn (Brady); Merrick; Julian, Marcus; Clayton (Lia), Kelby, Colter, Keaston, special friend Sheryle Lyne, in-laws Crystal Conrod Sprung, Dwight Cook, Linda Sprung, Spence Anderson, Daryl and Jacquie Tickner and many nieces and nephews.

Maurice was a man of faith who believed in a gracious and forgiving God and lived out his faith through his generosity and kindness. Whether he was volunteering on committees or in the woodworking shop at Eden, visiting at the rink, or at family gatherings, hard work and love for others shone through in all he did.

Maurice married Elaine Tickner on September 5, 1964, and together they raised four children - Laurie, Leanne, Philip and Kyle. Farming, 4-H beef and home ec clubs, skating lessons, hockey, swimming, church, choir, Pony Club, trail rides, Ag Society, CB Radio club, Hereford Association and other community activities made for a full schedule. Having

Card of Thanks

The family of Walter Saarela would like to express a heartfelt thanks to: Wheatland Funeral Services, Rev. Mel Kauppila for the meaningful service, and St. Patrick's R.C. for catering and serving lunch.

Thank you also to all who sent cards, donations of food, words of sympathy and for making donations in his name. Your thoughtfulness was greatly appreciated.

Thank you to the staff at Tabor Home, Cedar House for their care and kindness over the past 5 years.

Pat
Jeffery and Jessica, Luka and Nora
Grant and Leanne, Nicole and Nathalie
Sarah, Ryley, Aspen and Shae

Card of Thanks

The Prairie Fire Ladies Hockey team would like to thank everyone who came out to help make our annual tournament a huge success. Dean, Mark and Brody for maintaining the ice, Crystal City community for opening up the kitchen and serving delicious food, Call-Inns Hotel in Pilot Mound for sponsoring and hosting our Hawaiian evening event. To Jeremy Hyslop, Cole Grice, Jenai Buchanan, Dean Buchanan, Tegan Follis and Jason Park for refereeing, and to all the teams and fans for coming out. Winners of our 50/50 draw were Abbey Bridges, Merrit Bramwell, and Carlee Milljour. The rainbow auction prizes were won by Bronwen Dobson and Samantha Carels. Thank you.

Prairie Fire Ladies Hockey Team

Somerset Bible Chapel

Submitted by
Isabel Acheson

A snowy and windy overnight made for some interesting travel for those trying to get to church Sunday morning Jan. 12. Several families had stories of their adventures!

The worship service opened with Jamie Grenier leading the announcements. The worship team was led by Brianna and Jamie Small. The prayer focus was led by Kevin Friesen. The scripture lesson was 2 Chronicles 20:5-13 read by Isabel.

The music choices were interesting in that the name of the song was seldom found in the first line. For instance: "This is Amazing Grace" (Who breaks the power), "Nothing But the Blood" (What can wash away), "God So Loved" (Come all you weary), "Living Hope" (How great the chasm) and "The Heart of Worship" (When the music fades).

Our readers might enjoy looking up the pieces on YouTube.

The guest speaker for the day was Darrell Teichrib. He brought greetings from the Gladstone Christian Fellowship. His sermon "Turning Fear to Faith" used the narrative in 2 Chron. chapter 20 about King Jehoshaphat of Israel facing a military threat from three surrounding nations.

Living in fear of things real or imagined is not a pleasant life. Humanity was not created for fear or worry. It is God's desire for humanity not to be left in the grip of fear but to trust in God's love and care. Fear keeps us from doing what God has planned for us. Fear very often leads to sin.

Jehoshaphat chose to look for God's answers in face of threat. He called the nation together for a prayer meeting and acknowledged God's power and provision in times past.

The response led the

king to go out the next day to position his forces on a high place to stand and watch. The opposing forces began fighting among themselves and destroyed each other. The people of Israel spent 3 days carrying out spoil and the 4th day became a day of praise and thanksgiving.

It is always a spiritual battle to turn fear into faith. It always involves Prayer, Surrender, Worship and Thanksgiving. The sermon closed with prayer. The closing hymn was "Tis so Sweet to Trust in Jesus."

Pastor Jeff Peacock is completing his 5 month Sabbatical leave and returns to duties in the next week. Sunday Jan. 19 will be the congregation annual meeting.

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



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,
Everywhere I turn these days, I keep hearing about this transgender thing. I'm a bit old school so don't really know what it's all about. I'm pretty sure it's quite a kerfuffle with folks-hearing lots of different opinions, some in favour, some really angry. I heard you have a bit of a speciality in this area. Can give me the lowdown of what it's all about? Thanks.
Signed, Not to Old to Learn
Dear Not Too Old,

You are correct at every level. The transgender question is never far from anyone's awareness these days. You are also right that it is a kerfuffle. It is quite divisive. I do have a speciality in this area and have sat with many transgender clients. I hope I can shed some light for you on this complicated, prickly but important issue.

Transgender is used to describe individuals whose gender identity differs from the sex they were assigned at birth. For example, a person born with a female body but whose deepest

internal sense is that they are male.

A person can be transgender, feel good about it and carry on with life. The difficulty comes when a transgender person is struggling and in anguish with the confusion between their body they see in the mirror and their internal sense that they were born with the wrong one, for example again, a person with a male body who is convinced they are a woman and should have been born with a female body.

We refer to this suffering

as gender dysphoria. Gender dysphoria does not refer to the confusion but to the distress.

Gender dysphoria is an officially recognized medical condition. As is the case with all medical conditions, a cure must be sought and applied. In the medical community the cure for gender dysphoria includes counselling, hormone therapy and surgical interventions to align a person's physical appearance with their gender conviction.

No one is fussed about counselling as an intervention. The strong opinions you spoke of come with regards to hormone therapy and surgical interventions, particularly with youth. Some worry about whether young people can make such significant decisions, while others fear that hormone therapy and surgery might have irreversible effects.

I don't have space to get too far into the weeds, but it feels important to note

that in Manitoba (the only jurisdiction for which I can speak with firsthand knowledge) minors under sixteen years of age cannot get hormone therapy and surgery is never done before age eighteen. I mention this because there is some hysteria around "child mutilation." I assure you; no children are being mutilated.

I'll conclude with personal remarks as someone who has sat for hours with those suffering from gender dysphoria. Have a strong opinion against the matter of transgender if you choose but be kind, respectful and polite to and about those who are dealing with it. One can hold a strong negative opinion but still be a civil human being.

Additionally, opinions are only valid when they are informed and educated. I encourage readers to do their homework from a wide spectrum of viewpoints. There is no learning when we only read opinions that support our

own. It is important to be open learners, not closed "knowers." This is true in all areas of life.

Finally, I am of the persuasion that meaningful and fixed opinions on the transgender question cannot be legitimately made until the person forming the opinion personally knows and has had coffee with some transgender folks dealing with dysphoria.

This is a people issue. Opinions can't be formed about people if you have never journeyed with the people in question. Social media will make the transgender and particularly the dysphoria question about many things. It must first be a question of human suffering and kindness towards the sufferer.

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

Prairie Spirit School Division

Minutes of the December 11th, 2024 Regular Board Meeting

Accounts:

A motion to approve the accounts in the amount of \$2,094,931.51 was passed.

Delegations / Presentations:

- **Troy Sigvaldason, IT Director, Phishing Attempt training** - The IT Director provided the Board with training on email phishing attempts.
- **Leslie Norrie, Student Services Administrator, EYE Report and Student Services Review** - Prairie Spirit School Division, participated in the Early Years Evaluations of Kindergarten students in the Fall of 2024-25. Leslie provided the Board with a report of the

overall divisional results. In addition, this year Education and Early Childhood Learning has selected Prairie Spirit School Division for the Student Services review and reporting process.

Reports of Senior Administration:

- **Smaller Class Size Initiative:** The province implemented a smaller class size initiative for the 2024-25 school year. All school divisions are required to report on the Kindergarten to Grade 8 classes to the province and provide the information on their websites.
- **Annual Report on Nutrition Programming 2023/2024 in Manitoba:** The province released the annual nutrition report including the nutrition

programming available at Prairie Spirit School Division through grants and donations for the 2023-24 school year.

- **Budget 2025-26:** Work has begun on budget preparation for the 2025-26 school year, school principals have been surveyed on administrative responsibilities and time as part of preparing for the upcoming school year.
- **School Visits:** The Board visited two schools on November 27th, 2024. The Board requested the Superintendent survey the Principals for feedback on the visits.
- **School Fund Accounting System:** An update was provided on the implementation progress of the new school fund accounting system.

The following motions were passed:

- authorize the Secretary Treasurer and the Chairperson to sign a Limited Term Teacher contract with Patti Everett for a .32 FTE term position as guidance counselor, effective December 2nd, 2024 to June 27th, 2025 and assign her to Glenboro School;
- authorize the Secretary

Treasurer and the Chairperson to sign a Limited Term Teacher contract with Jaclyn Lewis for a .17 FTE term position as guidance counselor, effective December 2nd, 2024 to June 27th, 2025 and assign her to Glenboro School;

- grant **Kelsey Reimer** a leave of absence from her position as teacher at **Manitou Elementary School** effective March 31st, 2025 to September 1st, 2026, as per her request;
- authorize the Secretary Treasurer and the Chairperson to sign a Limited Term Teacher contract with Camryn Quinne Davies for a .40 FTE term position effective January 6th, 2025 to March 28th, 2025 and assign her at the Prairie Mountain Elementary School;
- ratify the employment of Evelyn Goodfellow as educational assistant at the Prairie Mountain Elementary School for 5.5 hours per day and .75 hours per day duty free, effective January 6th, 2025 to June 26th, 2025;
- authorize the Secretary Treasurer and the Chairperson to sign a Limited Term Teacher contract with Kadeyn Labossiere for a 1.0

FTE term position, effective February 3rd, 2025 to June 27th, 2025 and assign him to St. Claude School Complex;

- ratify the employment of Amanda Mossip, pending approval from Professional Certification for a Classroom Limited Teacher Permit, for a 1.0 FTE term teacher position, effective January 6th, 2025 to June 27th, 2025 and assign her at the St. Claude School Complex;
- accept the resignation of Karen Van Deynze from her teacher position at St. Claude School Complex, effective January 31st, 2025;
- ratify the employment of Breann Stewart as educational assistant at the Treherne Elementary School for 5.67 hours per day, effective December 9th, 2024 to June 26th, 2025;
- ratify the employment of **Tina Dalzell** as regular bus driver for the **Baldur and Pilot Mound catchment area**, effective December 2nd, 2024;
- ratify the employment of Sharon McFadden as spare school bus driver effective November 28th, 2024;
- accept the resignation of Madeleine Tack as regular bus driver for the division, effective December 31st, 2024;
- grant Glenboro School permission to take the Junior Varsity Boys team on an extended overnight field trip to attend provincials in Winnipeg from November 21st to the 23rd, 2024, at no cost to the division and subject to the conditions of

Policy IFH-P and following the Youth Safe Programs Reference Guide for Schools

Communication for Information:

- Manitoba Education and Early Childhood Learning, November 27, 2024, Message on behalf of Deputy Minister, Malicious Emails and Phishing Attempts;
- Manitoba Education and Early Childhood Learning, December 10, 2024, Winter 2025 Departmental Newsletter;
- Manitoba Education and Early Childhood Learning, December 11, 2024, Holiday Greetings;

The above constitutes a partial account of the meeting. A full transcript of approved minutes is posted on the website www.prairiespirit.mb.ca. If you wish to receive a full transcript of the minutes or have any questions about this regular meeting of the Board of Trustees please contact Prairie Spirit School Division, Secretary Treasurer, Box 130, Swan Lake, Manitoba, R0G 2S0, phone 204-836-2147. Board agendas will be posted on the division website at 4:00 p.m. on the day prior to the board meeting. The Regular Board Meeting will be held on January 8th, 2025. All board meetings are open to the public. If you wish to participate in a board meeting, please refer to board policy and procedure BDA, Delegations to the Board, found on the division website. ■

PRAIRIE SPIRIT SCHOOL DIVISION Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten registration will take place February 3 - 14. Parents/guardians are asked to register their child by calling the appropriate school during the hours of **9:00 A.M - 12:00 Noon**. Please have your child's Birth Certificate with you.

Cartwright School	204-529-2357
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Baldur School	204-535-2314
Manitou School	204-242-2844
Prairie Mountain Elementary	204-836-2855

Swan Lake (50/50 French Immersion Program)

To be eligible to enter the Kindergarten Program in the Fall, children must **have attained the age of five years by December 31st, 2025. (Born in 2020)**

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Sheldon McDonald with his prize winning deer head.



In the Junior Male category, the Lyall Williams Memorial Trophy was presented by Kern Martindale to Ryder Devloo for the Largest White Tail head measuring 136 1/8.

The Gould's Gold Junior Women Trophy presented by JP Pryor to Alexis Flanagan for the Largest White Tail head measuring 110 7/8.



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CHEYENNE EHNES OF MANITOU ATTAINS HER GOAL



Meet the Team

Most of Cheyenne's curling accomplishments have included Dayna Lea of Manitou. The girls have been best friends curling together since they were little. Dayna is the second on Cheyenne's team which will compete at Provincials. Playing third is Makenna Hadway of Dauphin; lead is Sawyer Elliott of Grandview and the fifth is Hannah Thiesen of Winnipeg. Jonathan Friesen of Manitou is the coach.

Left to right: Coach Friesen, Cheyenne, Makenna, Hannah, Sawyer and Dayna.

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Nancy Holman

Not many people start working towards their dream in grade 4 and achieve it just a dozen years later. That is what 22 year old Cheyenne Ehnes of Manitou has done, though. She fell in love with the sport of curling at a young age. She has worked extremely hard, had much success at the junior level of curling and now will be competing at the Rocky Mountain Equipment (RME) Women of the Rings Manitoba women's curling championship this week in Pilot Mound.

Cheyenne's parents Todd and Laura encouraged and supported Cheyenne, taking her to countless practices, games, bonspiels and learning sessions. Her mom noted, "By age 12 when Cheyenne was starting to understand strategy and inquiring more about rock placement, she and Todd watched curling on TV and discussed each shot called. To this day we still watch and discuss the curling shots on TV. After her own games, if Cheyenne has questions about how an end could have been different, she and her dad will sit down with the magnetic curling board and go over different strategies."

A few of Cheyenne's top accomplishments were competing in the Manitoba Winter games in 2018 in Thompson. In grade 11 Cheyenne joined Hayley Bergman Curling Team to compete at U18 Canadian Curling Trials in Winnipeg. They won

and represented Manitoba in Red Deer, Alberta at the Canada Games where Cheyenne tied for top lead across Canada and Team Bergman came home with Silver!

Cheyenne also represented and played on her high school curling team where she played the skip position (all four years). Grade 9 her team won the zones and competed in Dauphin at Provincials. Grade 12 they again won high school zones and went on to Provincials in Beauséjour where they won gold, bringing the MHSAA banner home to Nellie McClung Collegiate. That was particularly special for Cheyenne, Dayna Lea and their teammates because they were all grade 12s in their final year of high school.

Cheyenne and Dayna graduated from Nellie McClung in 2020. Cheyenne graduated from the Red River College Polytechnic with an Architectural Engineering Technology certificate in the spring of 2024. Dayna is attending the U of M where she is getting her education degree. They have "aged out" of the junior curling ranks but continue to love the sport and wanted to keep curling.

Cheyenne talked about her team which will be playing in Pilot Mound, "Dayna and I curled with Hannah Thiesen of Winnipeg in our last year of Juniors finishing 3rd at the provincials. We knew Makenna Hadway and Sawyer Elliott from curling in the juniors. Makenna's hometown is Dauphin

and she has curled for 15 years. Hannah's hometown is Winnipeg, and she has also curled for 15 years. Sawyer's hometown is Grandview, MB and she has been curling for 8 years. Makenna had initiated the contact between us all and we were all in! We all wanted to continue playing in the women's competitive curling with our goal to qualify for the RME Provincials. This year we have competed in two Manitoba Curling Tour bonspiels, playing in the women's league in Stonewall and practicing. We have had ton of fun this year and all of us are extremely excited to be playing in the RME Women of Rings Curling Championship for most of us this is our first time competing in it."

Jonathan Friesen of Manitou is coaching Team Ehnes this season. Cheyenne says Friesen has "dedicated his time to provide us with great support, advice and encouragement along our journey".

For Cheyenne, competing for the RME Women of the Rings curling title

is a dream come true. "Qualifying for the Women's Manitoba Provincials has always been a dream and a goal of mine. This goal would not have been possible without all the support I have had from family, friends and the many people in my hometown - Manitou. I have always got and continue to get huge support from my hometown and local area through the businesses sponsoring my teams throughout the many years and especially people cheering me on and always asking how the curling is going and 'when do you curl next?!' Being able to represent the Manitou Curling Club at the RME Women of the Rings is an honour. Being able to play so close to home in such a huge competition with all the support is such an awesome feeling and I am beyond excited!"

Come out and watch some great curling as this young team with skip Cheyenne Ehnes of Manitou gets to live her dream of competing for the Manitoba women's curling title.



Cheyenne's love of curling started at an early age. Here she is in 2010. SUBMITTED PHOTOS



This picture was taken in 2015 and Cheyenne is focused on the rings.



That same focus shown here years later in 2024.

◀The yellow MB Jacket is recognizable to all Manitoban curling fans! Cheyenne competed at the Canada games in 2019.



COMMUNITY EVENTS

EVENTS

La Rivière & Community Recreation Centre Weekly CRIB WEDNESDAYS 1:30-3:30 p.m., \$3 drop in fee. 46-1
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RME WOMEN of the RINGS: Jan. 22-26, Black Jack Stewart Arena, 213 Lorne Ave, Pilot Mound. Event passes: Full: \$150; Daily: \$40; Evening: \$20. Purchase at Keystone Insurance 134 Broadway Ave, Pilot Mound, or email: pmrockies25@gmail.com EC

FELT NEEDLING WORKSHOP: Sat. Jan 25, 1-3 p.m. United Community Arts 148 Moffat Ave Pilot Mound (blue door). \$40 includes all supplies. Instructed by Val Norquay and Lisa Clouston. Register: louise_rec@hotmail.com. EC

UCA COFFEE HOUSES Thursdays: Jan 30; Feb 13, 27; Mar 13, 27; April 10, 24; May 8, 22. Doors open 7 p.m. Music begins 7:30 p.m.

HELP FILL OLIVIA'S CLOSET: Sat. Feb 1. 2 p.m. Blair Morrison Hall, La Riviere. She needs summer clothes size 18-24 months and 2T, 3T for the future. Cash donations also accepted. *See ad p. 1* EC

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION Feb. 3-14. Register by calling the appropriate school from 9 a.m. - noon. Please have your child's birth certificate with you. Children must have attained the age of 5 by December 31st, 2025 (Born 2020). Cartwright: 204.529.2357; CCEY 204.873.2476; Balduf 204.535.2314; Manitou 204.242.2844; Prairie Mountain Elementary, Swan Lake: 204.836.2855 *See ad p. 9* EC

HOME ROUTES CONCERT WITH VERANDA: Bluegrass/folk duo. Tues. Feb. 4 in Cartwright. \$25 at the door. Call 204-529-2444 to reserve your seat.

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MEETINGS

PILOT MOUND FELLOWSHIP CLUB will hold its **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** on Wednesday, February 19/25 at 2 p.m. Everyone welcome.

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Text/call entries to 204.362.0915. *See ad p. 17* EC

CLEARWATER MEN'S BONSPIEL: Feb 7-9, Clearwater Curling Club. Entry \$140. Entries: Tom: 204-825-7166; Nick: 204-245-1156. Entries close Feb 5 noon. *See ad p. 17* EC

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Deadline for applications **noon, January 27th, 2025**
Details available at: www.prairiespirit.mb.ca
or contact Nathan Ramage at (204) 825-2559 or nramage@prspirit.org.

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 30th, 2025.** Details available at: www.prairiespirit.mb.ca or phone 204-744-2751.



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- Train fellow lifeguards and instructors
- Maintain adequate public relation skills and handle any complaints/concerns.

REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS

- 17 years of age or older
- Available evenings & weekends
- Comfortable handling and balancing money
- Current National Lifeguard Certification
- Current Standard First Aid with CPR-C Certification
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Manitoba  NewsRelease

Manitoba Government Announces Intake for Two Community Development Grant Programs

Municipalities and organizations across Manitoba can apply for funding through From the Ground Up and the Urban/Hometown Green Team program, two community development grant programs that support youth employment, local capacity-building and economic development, Municipal and Northern Relations Minister Glen Simard announced.

"Municipalities, community organizations and dedicated volunteers are at the forefront of building stronger communities and From the Ground Up grants will energize their efforts," said Simard. "Green Teams grants are also an important tool that supports our communities, inspiring the next generation of local leaders and providing local jobs for young Manitobans."

Applications are now open for the From the Ground Up and Urban/Hometown Green Team programs.

The Urban/Hometown Green Team program supports youth employment on community projects between May and September. Eligible applicants include municipal governments (excluding

the City of Winnipeg), Northern Affairs community councils and non-profit organizations throughout Manitoba.

The From the Ground Up grant program supports community capacity building in three categories:

- community economic development
- well-being and recreation
- housing and safety coordination supports.


Eligible applicants include municipal governments (including local authorities such as planning and recreation districts), Northern Affairs community councils and non-profit organizations in three streams.

The community renewal initiatives and community spaces (capital) streams provide non-profit organizations and Northern Affairs community councils with up to 80 per cent of eligible project costs, and municipal governments may receive up to 50 per cent of eligible project costs.

The third stream focuses on healthy, safe, connected children and youth and provides non-profit organizations and Northern Affairs community councils with up to 80 per cent of eligible

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REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS

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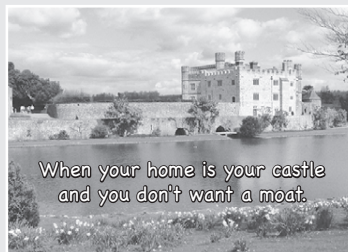


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CARTWRIGHT

Do You Remember?

Compiled by Vicki Wallace from Southern Manitoba Review files

January 13, 1955

The first open bonspiel in Cartwright since 1929 is underway with 64 rinks.// Mr. and Mrs. Roy Lees and family left for New York on their way to England.// The Scaife house and cafe in Mather were threatened by fire when the shop next to the cafe burst into flame.// A miscellaneous shower was held in honour of Miss Lorraine Wallace, in Newton's Hall.

January 14, 1965

Cartwright Clippers trounced the Brandon

Athletics 8-2 in the juvenile hockey game here.// The territory comprising the County Court of Cartwright is to be abolished.// Massey-Ferguson Curl-a-rama sponsored by Tony's Garage was won by Don Bridges, Derwin Haight, Mel and Henry Bourns.// Dennis and Jean Lockerby spent the Christmas holiday in New Mexico.

January 9, 1975

Thirty rinks played in the Christmas bonspiel with the Dale McKenzie rink of Toronto winning the first event.// In Mather's 21-rink holiday bonspiel, Rick Moir, Joyce Drewry, Lee Drewry, Margaret Vincent were

first event winners.// The new Manitoba Pool house arrived in Mather last week and Mr. and Mrs. H. Lyle will soon be moved in.// Mr. and Mrs. N. Sillers left for the west coast to attend the wedding of daughter Karen.

January 9, 1985

Twenty rinks curled in the holiday bonspiel. In the first event final, Jim, Dean, Brian Bourns and Betty Cox won over Calvin, Brent, Pat and Kim Gibson.// The Cartwright-Mather 8 & under hockey team celebrated their first win in over two years, a 7-0 victory over Killarney.// A committee is looking into long-term goals for Cartwright

Hospital. With no resident doctor, re-organization to primarily long-stay patients is one possible option.

January 10, 1995

Mather Liniment hockey team won the tournament at Clearwater. Mather boys who were home to play: Brian Lees, Chris McLeod and Dwayne Lyle of Winnipeg; John Vincent and Darren Vincent of Portage; and Terry Yake (home at present).// Rick and Mary Ellen Phin, Stephanie and Matthew, left for a new Hydro posting in Gillam.// Craig Leece returned to Pond Inlet, Baffin Island, after a visit with his parents.//

Ron and Donna Harms are celebrating their 25th anniversary.

January 11, 2005

The holiday schedule for grocery trucks resulted in a shortage of bread and milk and Freddie Wilm was forced to have ice cream on his morning porridge.// Rock Lake Bantam Girls hockey team has a tournament in Cartwright. Coaches are Boyd Mullin and Laurie Gardiner.// Brett and Terry, Codie and Cassie Vincent have moved into the former Garth and Norma Vincent home near Mather.

January 15, 2015

Councils of the RM of Roblin and Village of

Cartwright were very busy over the last months of transition. The Cartwright-Roblin Municipality is now in charge of local government.// Clearwater 4-H Beef Club took their steers to be weighed and the 19 steers had an average weight of 735 lbs.// Kay Cameron (nee Pogson), who grew up on the family farm at Mather, died at Nanaimo, BC at age 80.// The Divinitea gift and tea house is open three days per week in the former United Church at Mather. ■

MANITOU

From the Files of the Western Canadian

70 Yrs. Ago

Jan. 6, 1955

Mr. and Mrs. Parker Boyle, formerly of Barclay district, celebrated their 50th anniversary on Jan. 4.// Deaths: William H. Baker, 66, who operated a butcher shop in Manitou for 35 years; Robert Carswell, 88, who came to Manitou in 1887; August Henneberg, 86, who left Manitou in 1913 and went to Estevan; Bruce Karr, formerly of Windygates.

60 Yrs. Ago

Jan. 7, 1965

Manitou has a record of eleven permits for new homes in 1964.// This has been the first time in 35 years that the Swayze name has not been on the program for the Boundary School Christmas

concert.// Samuel John Edgar Owens, 78, who was born north of Darlingford, died on Dec. 17.// Weddings: Alice Louise Cook and Dennis George Bloomfield, on Dec. 28; Jean Kapchinsky and Ken Risby on Dec. 31.

50 Yrs. Ago

Jan. 2, 1975

Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Atkins observed their 55th wedding anniversary on Dec. 29, while Mr. and Mrs. Bill Wallcraft observed their 50th anniversary on Jan. 1.// Les Booker, formerly of Snowflake won a gold medal in heaving 204 lbs. at the Centennial Games in Winnipeg. Ted Haresnape won silver in the heavy-weight class and Garnet Edwards silver in the

middleweight.// Deaths: Mrs. Joe Georges (Alice Gendreau), 50, who leaves four children; Mrs. James Alexander Shields, 80, who was born in the Kingsley district and leaves three sons and six daughters.

40 Yrs. Ago

Jan. 2, 1985

Weddings: Lois Shaventoski and Bill Hunter, on Dec. 21.// Deaths: William Edward Findlay, 92, who was born at Snowflake.// Manitou Marauders team roster this year: Art Klassen, Jeff Unrau, Warren Hunter, Dennis Boulton, Greg Clayton, Mike Ens, Dwain Carr, Dale Lowry, Bruce McRae, Ray Bamford, Mike Currie, Greg Currie, Carl Huebner,

Stephen Webb, Lyndon Penner, Roger Remillard, Ed Dueck, Ray Kozak, Shawn Compton. Coach: Bob Stewart.

30 Yrs. Ago - Jan. 3, 1995

Harold Arnt is the new president of the Manitou Ag. Society; past-president Dennis Jordan, vice-president Don Rogers, secretary-treasurer Angela Seymour.// Mild weather this past holiday season has attracted large crowds of skiers to Holiday Mountain. Skiing conditions are excellent with well-groomed runs and plenty of snow.// Deaths: Lyle Johnston, 64, at Steinbach Hospital.

20 Yrs. Ago

Jan. 11, 2005

The local Christmas Cheer Board delivered

eighteen hampers to families in the area.// Deaths: Mary Gertrude (Balfour) Platt, 100, on Dec.14, at her home near Nelson, BC; Jacob (Jake) Martens, 94, on Dec. 29, at West Park Manor in Winnipeg.// Two snowstorms, nearly a day apart, left up to 40 cm of snow to clear.// The Manitou Coffee House Musicians collected \$500 at their most recent coffee house which will go to help those affected by Thailand's devastating tsunami on Christmas Day.

10 Yrs. Ago

Jan. 13, 2015

The council for the newly amalgamated Municipality of Pembina held their first official meeting Jan. 8 with

Head of Council Glenn Shiskoski and Councillors Don McLean, Chad Collins, Mike Dymond, Bill Howatt, Cindy Hunter and Frank Frisch.// Flight Lt. Martin Worrall of the British Air Force Reserves laid a wreath at the Darlingford War Memorial.// Greg & Debbie Booker and family won the La Riviere Christmas lighting contest.// RCMP report damage to Manitou Golf Course property. A drink dispenser was knocked over and damaged with approximately \$5000 damage. Undetermined damage to the golf course greens and tee boxes may have also occurred. ■

Sports Bits

Nancy Holman

The Manitoba Junior Hockey League announced its rosters for Team MJHL at the upcoming MJHL-SJHL Showcase in Winnipeg January 28-29. Each League has a U18 team and two U20 teams. 10 Winkler Flyers plus coach Coltyn Bates will be taking part.

With the massive snowstorm blowing through Manitoba, football season doesn't seem apropos but the Winnipeg Blue Bombers released their 2025 schedule last week. Their home opener will be played June 12 against the B.C. Lions. That is the first game on their quest

to once again make it to the Grey Cup (maybe they could win it this year!?) which will be held in Winnipeg this year on November 16.

Congratulations to the U13 Rock Lake Rebels who won the bronze level hockey tournament in Niverville over the weekend...outscored their opposition 38 to 2!

The female AAA Pembina Valley U15 Hawks continued their winning ways this past weekend when they travelled north to The Pas: they defeated the Norman Wild 21-0 in the first game on Saturday then 8-1 on Sunday.

After making it to the finals of the MJHL championship last year, the Pembina Valley Twisters are really struggling this season and are at the bottom of the league. Josh

Guilford and Darby Olson (both with grandparents in Clearwater, plus Darby has grandparents in Pilot Mound) are at the top of the Twisters' scoring leaders list. Braeden Beer-naerts is the head coach, while Riley Wise is the assistant coach.

Ryler Gates, goalie for the Pembina Valley U18 AAA Hawks was the CCM Player of the Week ending January 12. Ryler played some great hockey and picked up two big wins for the Hawks. On Tuesday Ryler stopped 34 of 35 shots in a 3-1 win over the Central Plains Capitals. On Sunday, he was again very solid, stopping 45 of 47 shots in a 5-2 win over the Eastman Selects. Ryler's stats for the week were 2-0 with a 1.50 GAA and a 964 SV%. "Ryler

was awesome in both his starts this week making hard saves look routine, his rebound control was very good, and he gave us a chance to win. Ryler has been a rock for us this year and has picked up some big wins for our team and we will need him to continue with his strong play for us to keep being successful", said Hawks Coach Jeff Andrews. In 20 games this season Ryler has a 7-8-0-2-1 record, with a 3.66 G.A.A and a 900SV%. Ryler is a 16-year-old Grade 10 student at Carman Collegiate in Carman, MB. His MJHL rights are held by the Winkler Flyers and his WHL rights are held by the Tri City Americans.

Karsen Dyck of Clearwater is the other goalie for the Hawks. Dyck has

a 6 and 6 record with one over time loss and one shoot out loss.

February 4 to 9, the men will get to work at the 2025 Viterra Men's Provincial Curling Championship in Portage la

Prairie. For the first time in, maybe 20 years, there is no Pilot Mound/Crystal City/Clearwater/Purves representation. ■

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PILOT MOUND & CRYSTAL CITY

Down Memory Lane

Compiled by Nancy Holman

January 20, 1955

Andy Shewfelt presented Harry Saunders with the Pilot Mound Royal Canadian Legion branch scholarship for the top grade 11 student of the 1953-54 year.// The Pilots have signed former Pierson Bruin and Dauphin King Alex Robertson as a playing coach for the team.// CC: the Royal Bank will now be closed on Saturdays but will extend its hours on Fridays.// The CC 4-H Calf Club is hosting a whist drive and dance at Aberdeen School. Admission 50 cents. Ladies bringing lunch 25 cents. Children 25 cents.

January 14, 1965

Dr. C.E.K. Cohoe was re-elected chairman of Pilot Mound Consolidated School Board, with Dave Reimer as deputy chairman.// Funeral services were held at Manitou for Sharon Scharf, 23, of La Riviere. She leaves to mourn her husband Ron, two children Melacyn 15 months and Myles 4 months, her parents Mr. & Mrs. Gerry Fallis, brothers James and Randy, grandparents Mr. & Mrs. Ed Findlay and grandmother Mrs. M. Fallis. Sharon was educated in Purves, Snowflake and Manitou, later becoming a teacher.// A \$30,000 grant has been made to the U of M for research into hybrid wheat.// CC

curling club president Bruce Mutch welcomed 70 rinks of curlers to the 1965 South Central Bonspiel. Seven sheets of ice are being used in Pilot Mound and CC.// Per capita personal income in Canada rose from \$979 in 1950 to \$1,734 in 1963.// The pupils of grades 6-8 at Mather enjoyed a field trip to Winnipeg with their teacher Mrs. Vyrna Macartney. Drivers were Tom Drewry, Jake Harms, George Harms and H. P. Macartney. They viewed the Tutankhamen treasures of Egypt, the Winnipeg art gallery, the new bus depot, the Legislature and more.// Pilot Mound: Miss Faye Byers left to work at the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce in Killarney.

January 16, 1975

The worst blizzard since March of '66 hit Manitoba last week. There were reports of motorists sitting out the storm in stuck cars with one instance of warmth being generated by burning Eaton's catalogue, page by page.// Pilot Mound 12 & unders lost to Mather 6-4. Pilot goals were scored by Robert Maxwell, Jeff Nedohin, Donovan McMillan and Lloyd Peterson. Mather's goals were scored by Paul Vincent (3), Bill Thiesen, Gerald Hildebrand, Donnie Melvin and 2 assists to Myron Lees. Mather goalie Barry Pogson played very well.// Clearwater 14 &

unders defeated Manitou 7-3. Goals by Lovell Stone (4), Tom Howard, Ray Heinrichs and Scott Gardiner.// Shannon Andrea Johansen was last year (1974) CC Memorial Hospital new year's baby.// The CC Hospital \$100 bursary was shared by Donna Henderson and Cheryl Windsor, both in training at Grace Hospital to achieve their R.N. degree.// McRae's IGA Food Market in Pilot Mound held their grand opening.// Co-op Implements Pilot Mound is looking for a salesman.// Wood Bay: Get well wishes to Mrs. Denis Choquette. After her baby girl was born January 1, Mrs. Choquette had her appendix removed on the 4th; she was released from hospital January 12.

January 16, 1985

Winning the Pilot Mound Men's Curling League was skip Wayne Gaetz, Curtis McCannell, Doug Brown and Murray Lumgair over Cliff Seward's rink.// Louise-Roblin Weed Control District Board announces Tom Tessier as the new Weed Supervisor.// R. M. of Louise Reeve Roy McLaren and councillors MacKinnon, Morrow, Sloane, Gemmill and Guenther were joined by CC Mayor Bill McKitrick and Councillors Marion Shepherd, Henry Reimer and Harold Trefiak; the group reviewed 17 applications for secretary-treasurer's position.// TGCI



[Original cutline from The Sentinel Courier, 20 Jan. 1975] CURLING STARS - Shown above are members of the Cindy Wallace rink of Pilot Mound, District 7 junior girls' curling champions, who made an excellent showing in the provincial finals recently in Winnipeg. There, they won their four-rink group but lost in the championship semi-final to the eventual champion from Rossmere. L-R: Donna Wallace (lead), Heather Phin (3rd), Cindy Wallace (skip), Terry Moore (2nd). -Photo courtesy Dufferin Leader, Carman

'Reach for the Top' team Melissa Siemens, Joan Hanton, Grant Buchanan and Chris McLeod lost to Glenboro Collegiate.// Shannon Esler of La Riviere wed Glen Holenski of Thornhill on November 10, 1984.

January 17, 1995

Jim Stewart is credited with introducing the first Amerifax cattle to Canada. Jim keeps his 5 head of Amerifax cattle at Jack Lewis's farm south of CC. Jim, Jack and the cattle will be featured on the television show 'Prairie Farm Report.'// Executives for the Clearwater 4-H Beef Club are president Deanna Sloane, Danny Stewart, Cara Bere, Lee Gardiner and reporter

Jeremy Gerbrandt.// Died: December 29, 1994, Sadie (Desjardins) McConkey, 91, of CC.// Joe & Doreen (McKellar) Wallace of Pilot Mound celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

January 18, 2005

The Tiger Hills Hockey League All-Stars will face the South West Hockey League All-Stars at the Pilot Mound Arena. Pilots' coach Perry Russell and players Rod Buydens, Travis Vines, Marty Jordan, Corey Bilaney and Daniel Glenn are playing; so are Ryan Carels and Brad Goderis of Swan Lake/Holland.// Pilot Mound Collegiate students raised \$676 on hat day. Students paid at least \$2 to wear a hat for

the day. Donations will go to the South and South East Asia tsunami relief fund. TGMS raised \$375.

January 20, 2015

Pam King of South Central Cancer Resource reported that Manitou/La Riviere communities' canvass organized by Linda Pearce raised over \$8000. Jean Cudmore organized the canvass in CC where over \$3500 was raised.// Pilot Mound Curling Club will be celebrating 125 years of curling during their 16th annual Millennium Bonspiel this April.// Deaths: Margaret (Potter) Cram, 92, Pilot Mound, Darlington, celebrated her 80th birthday with an old time dance party in Darlington.

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JV/Varsity Basketball

There are no teams that will run out of NMC this year. However, there are still some players that will be participating. Isabel Long and Zoey Funk will play on the varsity team out of Somerset. They attended their first tournament two weekends ago in Souris. Hannah Williamson, Hannah Bannister, Alexis Funk and Bree Pearce will all play out of Somerset on the JV team. They also attended their first tournament last Friday in Souris. Soren Reid will be playing varsity out of Somerset as well this year. Evan Rassmussen will be the only JV boy playing and he will be joining with the Treherne team.

7/8 Basketball

There will be three 7/8 basketball teams this year. A Grade 7 boys' team, 8 boys' team and a 7/8 girls' team. This is exciting to see and hopefully means that the basketball program at NMC will come alive again. They will be attending the 2 zone tournaments which will be held on Feb. 4th and 18th. Mr. Dow will be coaching this year, and has weekly practises scheduled for each team.

SCORE

The Grade 10 Lifework Planning class listened to

a presentation through an online meeting that explained the work that is being done to help women in Zambia. Art Harms joined the students for the presentation as he was the one that made contact with the school about this project.

The Grade 10 class was able to present Mr. Harms with more than \$700 in funds that they raised from their fundraising projects. This was amazing work done by this class and with the support of their teacher Mr. McNabb. A great way for students to learn about giving back as well as creating viable fundraising activities.

Varsity Curling

The boys' and girls' teams both competed in a bonspiel in Portage La Prairie on January 10th and 11th. The boys lost 4-2 vs Garden Valley Collegiate 1 and then defeated Garden Valley Collegiate 2 7-0. They then convincingly won 7-2 against Portage in the 2nd event final. GVC 1 who they narrowly lost to, went on to win the bonspiel in an equally convincing manner.

The girls lost their first game 12-5 vs Northlands Parkway from Winkler, followed by a 9-4 loss vs Portage and an 8-5 loss to Gladstone. Even though the girls suffered losses, Coach Gundrum reported that "The girls played better and better throughout the day. They narrowly

missed their last shot to tie the game against Gladstone who won the bonspiel." Both teams continue to improve every week.

Tigers Hockey

The Tigers have been busy since the Christmas break. Their first week back saw them take on GVC from Winkler twice in the first week. The first game was a tough one as the Tigers seemed to have some "turkey legs" from the break and just couldn't compete with the Winkler team. They were defeated 6-2.

Only 3 days later the Tigers were headed to Winkler for the rematch. The Tigers were frustrated after the earlier loss and came out looking for the win. They turned the tables on the score and went home with a 6-2 win this time.

NMC's Hayden Wubbe and Fischer Cavers both recorded an assist in the game. The Tigers then played in a tournament starting on Friday, January 10th. The team had a decent showing and lost the B side final in a close match against Kenora.

They then went right back to playing Monday night in Altona. They obviously still had some energy left after a big week and came out with a 4-2 win over the Aces. The Tigers played in Manitou on January 14 against a strong Morris team. Hopefully the



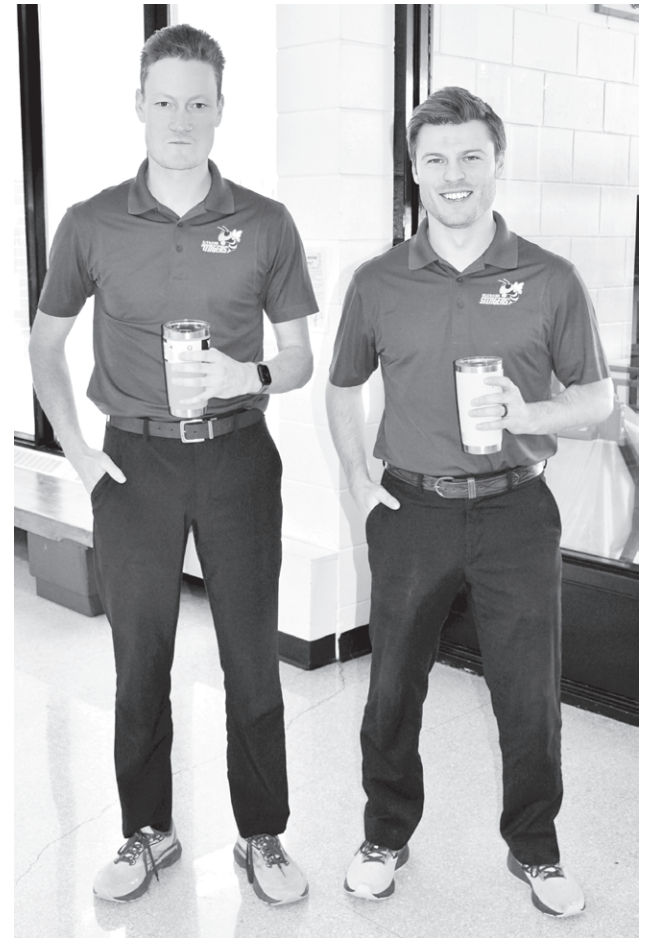
Brooke Collins, Lillian Seward, Bree Pearce and Keaston Sprung for Hawaiian Day.

Manitou players had a big crowd to support them.

Buzz Notes:

The Student Council put together an impromptu Spirit Week to help students get through the long month of January. Everyone loves Monday pajama day.

The Grade 12 students have had a busy month back with their Provincial English exam the first week followed by the Applied and Essential Math exams on the 21st and 22nd. Exam week is quickly approaching, it runs from Jan. 27-30. Soon we will be half way through the school year!



Mr. Gundrum and Mr. McNabb (above) and Alexis and Chase Funk (below) came dressed and ready for Twin Day.

SUBMITTED PHOTOS



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Nancy Holman

The Tigers were really busy last week with two regular season games and 3 games in the Winkler tournament.

Monday, January 13 the team travelled to Altona to play the Miller Aces. Late in the first period Captain Brad Sloane, assisted by Easton Lounsbury and Tucker Mangin, put the Tigers on the board.

In the second frame, the Aces scored twice to jump ahead of the Tigers, but seconds later Dwight Sawatzky (Lounsbury, Sloane) tied it at 2. With just seconds left in that period, Lounsbury (Tegan

Pembina Tigers

Follis, Sawatzky) put the Tigers up 3-2.

There was no scoring in the third period until the Aces pulled their goalie for the extra attacker...but it backfired and Lounsbury notched his second goal and 4th point of the night, assisted by Follis, to cement the win for the Tigers. Jamie Park faced 15 shots in the victory, while the Aces were hit by 53 shots.

Thursday, January 16th in Manitou, the Tigers faced off against Morris Mavericks. Easton Lounsbury, assisted by Rowen Kitching opened the scoring for the Tigers. The Mavericks tied it up with seconds left in the first period.

In the second frame, Seth Mazurat, from Gavin Johnston and Russell Wall

broke the tie. Graham Leslie (Hudson Hilhorst, Rylan Wubbe) increased the lead 3-2, but Morris got a goal back.

In the third, Dwight Sawatzky (Jason Park, Lounsbury) scored. Morris clawed back 4-3, then Sawatzky and Lounsbury combined for an insurance goal to defeat the Mavericks 5-3. Aiden Rondeau got the win, facing 31 shots in net. The Mavs' goalie faced 27.

Tonight, January 21st the Tigers have a home game in Treherne against the Carman Cougars, then on Thursday, January 23rd play arch rivals Morden Thunder in Manitou.

As of January 17 Sawatzky and Lounsbury were in the top ten scoring leaders for Zone

IV High School. Lounsbury had 31 points while Sawatzky had notched 30.

Carman Cougars' Josh Hiebert leads the group with 41 points.

The Pembina Tigers are in 4th spot in the League with 25 points.

Morden Thunder are in first spot with 32 points, Morris Mavericks second with 29, Carman Cougars third with 26, then the Pembina Tigers, then GVC Zodiacs with 19, NPC Nighthawks also with 19, Mountain Mustangs have 9 points, Miller Aces of Altona have 6 points and the Portage Trojans are at the bottom with 5 points.

All high school hockey games scheduled for January 17 were postponed due to the blizzard.





Hockey Manitoba thanks Bert Dow for his 15 years of service on the Hockey Manitoba Board

Hockey Manitoba News Release

Hockey Manitoba would like to announce that effective January 15th, 2025, Bert Dow of Manitou has resigned from the Hockey Manitoba Board of Directors.

Bert served the Hockey Manitoba Board with distinction and passion for 15 years in five different capacities including President, Vice President, Chair, Girls'/Womens' Hockey, Chair, Minor-Rural and most recently, he held the position as the Past President of our organization.

Before joining the Hockey Manitoba Board of Directors, Bert volunteered in leading Pembina Valley for several years with his final three years as the Regional Director

of Minor Hockey. Prior to stepping in as the Director of the Pembina Valley region, Bert held various positions within his home region including serving as a coach, team manager, and female category Chair on the Pembina Valley Board.

Bert has served on a variety of committees throughout his association with the game of hockey but he is most proud of his involvement in fostering the growth of the female game, including at the grassroots level. Bert was instrumental in establishing the current Manitoba Female U18 AAA League.

Other notable committee assignments included serving on the host committees for two national events, the Esso Cup and the U18 Women's

National Championship, both of which were held in the city of Morden.

On behalf of the Hockey Manitoba Board of Directors, staff, and members, we would like to thank Bert for his contribution, commitment, and leadership to the sport locally, provincially, and at the national level. Congratulations to Bert as he strived to make the game and experience for all members positive, safe, and enjoyable throughout his twenty plus year association with the sport.

Our organization is grateful and would like to thank Bert for his leadership and love of the game along with his valued volunteer commitment to service with Hockey Manitoba.

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PMHA News Release Submitted by Gordie Tumilson, Marketing Manager

That's what the headline says Some Kids Like Exams - who knew?

I found it quite interesting in a recent straw poll when I asked a bunch of our Buffaloes players "what do you have to say about your upcoming exams?"

Surprisingly to me, the answers from well over 60% of our players was either "not a problem," "can't wait" or "love 'em." All said with a smile of confidence or a bring 'em on sort of challenge!

Also interesting to note is that it didn't matter where the players were from, their ages, if they were male or female or if they were forwards, defence or goalies!

So how does one assess this teenage anomaly (at least this would have been the case when I was

Some Kids Like Exams

a teenager) that school/exams are actually fun or happily challenging?

Well, I guess it goes to the overall intelligence of children today. The fact is that learning resources are immensely greater (Google it) than ever before. PMCI teachers are more in tune with their students and in Pilot Mound Hockey Academy's (PMHA) case the fact that every player on four teams is vetted before the season by PMCI staff. Only the hard working, best students make our rosters.

No matter what the reasoning, we are usually quite pleased with our student athlete's classroom performances all year long. Go get 'em kids! We're proud of your effort!

Fun Fact: PMHA has gladly contributed over \$2 million to PMCI over the first 10 years of our education/hockey partnership! NOW TO THE HOCKEY SCENE

With exams being front and centre, a shortened schedule of games and travel will be in order. Our U15 males and U18 females stayed home and

had some extra time to prepare for exams, while our U17 and U18 males were slated to travel to Saskatoon to play ISA on Saturday and Sunday, however, at the time of writing, Mother Nature was not cooperating with that plan.

Looking back, our U15s headed to Grand Forks, ND and took two international games from a local all-star team 6-2 and 7-4. The rest of our results, schedules standings and stats can be found on our website: www.pilot-moundhockeyacademy.com

A reminder that we present our weekly article here in the widely distributed Hometown View newspaper and on our GShow.ca Wednesday morning (and YouTube archived) Buffs podcast.

Finally, our teams are in: Calgary, Edmonton & Devon in AB; Wilcox, SK; and Winnipeg this coming weekend and can be seen mostly on Flo TV. See schedules and other streaming sites on the website and our 3 main social media platforms! @pmbuffaloes.

GoBuffsGo!

U11 Win Gold Pilots



(L-R) BACK: Calan MacKinnon, CJ Friesen, Emalie Collins, Aksel Keinanen, Jaxton McLaren MIDDLE: Walker Bisson, Camilla Keinanen, Fynn Gelo, London Saban FRONT: Booker Ramage COACHES: Nathan Ramage, Juha & Jocelyn Keinanen PHOTO COURTESY THE NEEPAWA BANNER

On the weekend of January 10-12 the U11 Gold Pilots team won the Rural Tournament of

Champions in Neepawa, defeating Neepawa in the final 3-1. They will now go on to the Brandon

Tournament of Champions, to be held February 13-16.



Named to the All star Team (total of 3 forwards, 2 defence and a goalie) were: cousins Booker Ramage (all star goalie), Aksel Keinanen (all star defence), Fynn Gelo (all star defence).

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Tiger Hills Hockey League

Nancy Holman

Due to the poor weather and road conditions on Friday, January

17th, the game between the Killarney Shamrocks and the Boissevain Border Kings was postponed to February 8th

in Boissevain. Killarney is scheduled to host Carberry on January 25th.

Hockey Day in Manitou



Canteen specials, 50/50 draws, and outstanding rainbow auction prizes kept the arena humming all day.

SCOTT COCKBILLPHOTO

Jennifer Ching-Faux
Darlingford
Correspondent

The Manitou Community Arena celebrated Hockey Day on Saturday, January 11th and hosted five games throughout the day. The U7 Tigers kicked the day off with a game against Treherne and a few players notched their first ever goals!

Next up were the U9s, facing St. Claude, followed by the U11 Tigers taking on Altona. The U13 team played Ste. Eustache and the afternoon wrapped up with the brand new, U18 Pembina West Vipers playing the Altona Maroons.

Manitou Minor Hockey took the opportunity to recognize Board President Matt Vodden as this year's "Volunteer of the Year" for his leadership, team building skills and his contributions to Manitou Minor Hockey and arena projects. Congratulations and thank you Matt!



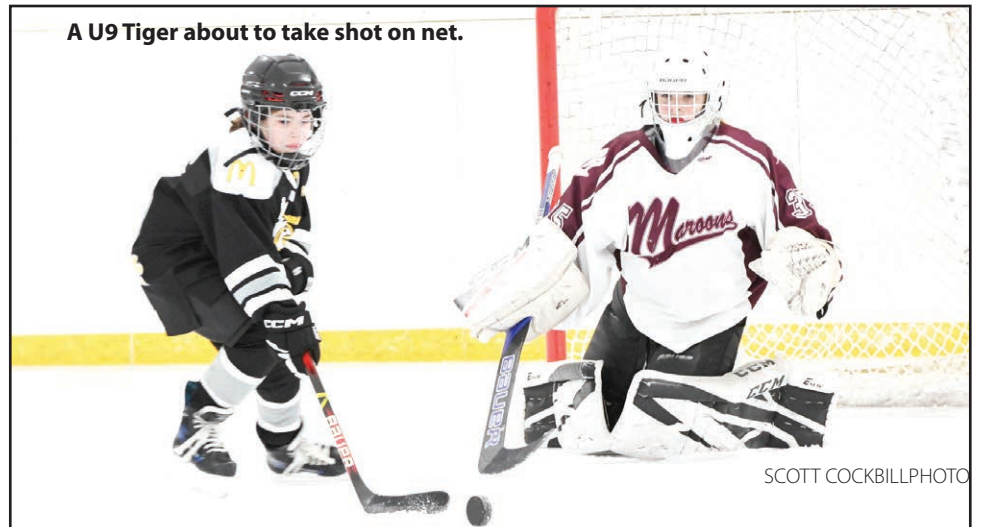
Congratulations to U7 Tiger Dawson Crawford on scoring his first goal!

JENNIFER CHING-FAUX PHOTO



Manitou Tigers Volunteer of the Year, Matt Vodden pictured with his son Brock, wife Kaeleigh and daughter Danica.

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A U9 Tiger about to take shot on net.

SCOTT COCKBILLPHOTO

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It was definitely the horses that inspired me to want to take over and be more involved with the farm and the breeding program that my dad, grandfather, and great-grandfather worked on.”

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