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Manitou Elementary School & Nellie McClung Terry Fox Walk



On a rainy Friday, September 19th, Manitou Elementary and Nellie McClung Collegiate students held their Terry Fox Walk.

At press time, MES surpassed their fundraising goal of \$3,750 - raising over \$4,100 and earned an extra recess for their efforts.

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Crystal City Early Years Terry Fox Walk



The Crystal City Early Years held its Terry Fox Walk on Thursday, September 25th. The students enjoyed a treat at the end of the walk that was provided by our PAC.

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RCMP Respond to Local Reports

Residents of the Silver Springs area between Pilot Mound and La Riviere became concerned when 4 unknown men were seen off an approach near Rds 57 West and 16 North in the early morning hours of September 16th. They were first reported to RCMP by a school bus driver, then

eventually by a number of residents in the area.

According to local sources, the men wandered from the vehicle on foot and attempted to enter three nearby homes but were herded back to their vehicle and held there by 3 men until RCMP arrived. One of the 18-year olds had several

prior offences and was arrested on scene, then transported to Carman RCMP detachment.

No one else was arrested and the vehicle, with damage to the rear wheel, was towed.

Again, according to local sources, the arrest was not peaceful and it was fortunate the three

men were present to ensure the safety of the two outnumbered RCMP officers.

It's most likely safe to say these individuals were scouting the area and that both rural and town residents should be vigilant in keeping everything locked up and well lit.



Life After Images (Part 1)

Deborah Coghill
with RCMP.ca
and Canadian Centre
for Child Protection

Trigger warning.
This community knows the pain and pure shock that comes with Sextortion. The cold and harsh reality that children and young adults are being attacked online. That we are not immune to this out here in our rural areas. One way to fight it is to arm ourselves with knowledge. Knowledge is power.

Why remind everyone

of this terrible tragedy? Because we never ever want to experience it again. It has been long enough that for some people, especially younger people, it may have faded a bit. Or for all the new people who have not heard of sextortion. This is not a war that is over and that can not happen again. It happens daily. Not every case ends in death but every case is harmful.

What is sextortion? It is an online crime that is affecting our youth. According to the RCMP

the crime happens particularly during the ages of 14-24. But it also happens to children as young as 8 years old. While it happens to both genders the fact is that 83% of the victims are male, with boys being extorted for money and girls are more for images. That being said, both money and images are extorted from either boys or girls.

In the year 2024 the Canadian Centre for Child Protection (C3P) received over 2,300 reports of sextortion, an average of 6 reports

a day. The social media platforms they hear about the most are Instagram and Snapchat at 63%.

Sextortion is a virtual crime that has real life impact, to a child's mental health, physical health, financial and social well-being. Their privacy has been violated. After the threats the victims can feel: alone, ashamed, anxious, scared, desperate... to name a few.

In the worst cases, victims can experience the extreme outcomes of sextortion, such as self-harm or even suicide.

Everyone has a responsibility to protect youth and encourage them to speak out if they are being targeted.

Parents, grandparents, caregivers, teachers, trusted adults, aunts, uncles, teens and young adults. Those stats listed above but how many know exactly what sextortion is? Sextortion is, plainly put, blackmail. The offender uses your images against you to get whatever they want from you. They will threaten you to get money or more

images.
Next week we will talk about the "knowledge is power" part. Knowing what to look for when it happens is key to trying to prevent the terrible outcomes sextortion causes.

Parents, caregivers, everyone - please attend the parent session of Bridging the Gap with Val Caldwell to help yourself and to guide the children, teens and young adults in the online world. See ad below.

Louise Library Lines



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The library will be closed on Tuesday, September 30 in recognition of Truth and Reconciliation Day.

Our new collection of Large Print Rotation books has arrived. This service is made available to provincial libraries by Manitoba Public Library Services.

As part of our

wonderful puzzle collection, "The Old Mound, 1937" puzzle is now available for you to take home and make. The puzzle features a fall harvest scene, painted by Lil Munro (1909-2005). The puzzle can also be purchased for \$40 from either the Pilot Mound & District Museum or Home Hardware (and would make a great Christmas present!).

Check out our updated Facebook page (Louise Public Library).

Kids! Fall is here and we have a really cool scavenger hunt for you. Find the leaves and get a treat!

ADULT FICTION

Robert Galbraith
- The Hallmarked Man (a Cormoran Strike novel)
Rachel Joyce (New York

Times bestselling author of "The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry")

- The Homemade God
Thomas King (author of "The Inconvenient Indian" and the DreadfulWater mysteries)

- Aliens on the Moon
R.F. Kuang (author of "Yellowface")

- Katabasis

Megan Miranda (author of "All the Missing Girls" and "The Last House Guest")

- You Belong Here

Ruth Ware (author of "The Woman in Cabin 10")

- The Woman in Suite 11

NON-FICTION

Scott Anderson
- King of Kings, The Iranian Revolution: a story of hubris,

delusion and catastrophic miscalculation

Samin Nosrat (author of "Salt Fat Acid Heat")

- Good Things: recipes and rituals to share with people you love

BIOGRAPHY

Carla Ciccone
- Nowhere Girl: life as a member of ADHD's lost generation

PUZZLE

Pilot Mound & District Museum

- The Old Mound, 1937

Library Hours

Tue: 11-5 p.m.

Wed: 11-7 p.m.

Thur: 11-5 p.m.

Sat: 9-12

Bridging the Gap with Val Caldwell

Oct. 2 - Manitou Elementary/Nellie McClung
at Nellie McClung 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Nov. 5 - Cartwright/Baldur
at Cartwright School 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Parent Sessions on Internet Safety

Everyone welcome!

TIGER HILLS ARTS ASSOCIATION AGM

Monday, October 27, 2025, 7:00 PM
103 Broadway Street, Holland, MB

THE AGENDA WILL INCLUDE:
Election of Board Members
Appointment of the Auditor
Proposed Changes to the Tiger Hills Arts Association's Catchment Area
Everyone welcome. Paid members entitled to vote.

Things You Need to Know

Louise Municipality

Dog Owners

Do you own a dog? As per by-law 2021-05, owners are responsible to license their dog annually by January 31st with the Municipality of Louise. Owners in non-compliance with the bylaw are subject to fines. Please contact the municipal office for more information.

Staying Active and Engaged

Louise Recreation has activities throughout the year to keep adults and children active and engaged. If you're looking for play groups, workshops, adult recreation, or after school activities, then please be sure to watch for its ad/article in the Hometown View or

follow Louise Recreation on Facebook.

Grader Safety

Whether it's summer dust or winter snow, please use extra caution when approaching of passing a municipal grader. Always make sure the operator sees you before attempting to pass. If visibility is poor, please wait until it's safe - the operator will let you by when it's safe to do so safely. A short wait could prevent a serious accident. Thank you for helping to keep our roads - and our operators - safe.

Annual Curb Side Residential Town Collection

Have larger items that you no longer need to throw out? Every spring and fall there is a curb side residential collection

of household items for Clearwater, Crystal City and Pilot Mound. These are brought to the Waste site at no cost to you. Watch the local newspaper, website and Facebook for when this will take place and how you can take advantage of the opportunity.

Looking for Municipal Notices, Announcements or Ads?

The municipality posts all important municipal communication in The Hometown View, on the municipal website under Notices and on the municipal Facebook page.

Has your contact information changed?


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Healthy Mouth: Key to a Healthy Body

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- The mouth-body-health connection and why oral health is important
- Warning signs and how to maintain a healthy mouth
- How to take control of your oral health
- Challenges in maintaining oral health and ways to overcome those challenges
- How to talk to your dental care team
- Caring for your oral health and that of others in your life.

Sponsored by Louise Community Support Services
Presentation created by Active Aging in Manitoba in collaboration with the Manitoba Dental Hygienists Association

She Wears Worth: A Weekend to Be Restored



Courtney Reimer of Crystal City is the founder of She Wears Worth and is a speaker at this year's conference.

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Abigail Moir

This fall, high school girls in grades 9–12 are invited to The She Wears Worth Conference, a two-day event designed to encourage young women and help them see their true value through Christ. This event will be held at Grant Memorial Church in Winnipeg on Oct. 24 & 25. This year's theme - Restored - is inspired by Isaiah 54 and God's promise to rebuild his people. The heart and hope of the weekend is that every teen girl would leave knowing the God who loves her deeply is

also the God who longs for a relationship with her. Founder Courtney Reimer of Crystal City founded She Wears Worth in 2019, to help young women grow in their relationship with God, live with confidence and know they are deeply loved. The conference is more than just a weekend, it's a chance for girls to be reminded of their worth. For high school girls seeking faith, friendship and inspiration, The She Wears Worth Conference is a special opportunity to spend 2 days surrounded by love and a faith based weekend of fun.

Government of Canada instructs Canada Post to begin transformation

News Release

On September 25th, the Honourable Joël Lightbound, Minister of Government Transformation, Public Works and Procurement, issued the following statement:

"Canada Post is a national institution, older than our country itself, that has been serving Canadians for more than 150 years. For generations, postal workers have connected communities in every corner of the country, providing an essential lifeline to hundreds of northern, Indigenous and rural communities. Canadians continue to rely on it today and it remains a vital public service.

At the same time, Canada Post is now facing an existential crisis. Since 2018, the corporation has accumulated more than \$5 billion in losses. In 2024 alone, it lost over \$1 billion and in 2025, it is already on track to lose close to \$1.5 billion.

Earlier this year, the federal government provided a \$1 billion injection to keep the corporation operational. In the second quarter of 2025, Canada Post posted its worst quarterly results ever, losing \$407 million. Today, the corporation is losing approximately \$10 million every day.

Twenty years ago, Canada Post delivered 5.5 billion letters annually. Today, it

delivers only 2 billion, even as the number of households has grown. That means fewer letters are being delivered to more addresses, while fixed costs remain high.

At the same time, parcels volumes - which should have been Canada Post's growth opportunity - have declined. In 2019, Canada Post delivered 62% of parcels in Canada; today, its market share has dropped below 24%, with private competitors taking the lead.

Structural challenges, combined with outdated restrictions and stalled negotiations between labour and management, have further limited the corporation's ability to adapt.

This situation is unsustainable. Canada Post is effectively insolvent, and repeated bailouts are not a long-term solution. Transformation is required to ensure the survival of Canada Post and protect the services Canadians rely on.

In its report released on May 15, the Industrial Inquiry Commission, led by William Kaplan, identified the scale of the challenge and recommended a path forward. Building on these recommendations, I am announcing today a series of measures to stabilize the corporation's finances and enable its modernization.

• **Letter Mail Delivery Standards:** Canada Post

will introduce flexibilities to reflect today's lower volumes. The average household receives just two letters per week, yet operations remain designed for far higher volumes. By adjusting standards so that non-urgent mail can move by ground instead of air, the corporation will save more than \$20 million per year.

• **Community Mailbox Conversions:** The government is lifting the moratorium on community mailbox conversions. Currently, three-quarters of Canadians already receive mail through community, apartment or rural mailboxes, while one-quarter still receive door-to-door delivery. Canada Post will be authorized to convert the remaining 4 million addresses to community mailboxes, generating close to \$400 million in annual savings.

• **Postal Network Modernization:** The moratorium on rural post offices, in place since 1994, will also be lifted. The rural moratorium was imposed in 1994 and covers close to 4000 locations. It has not evolved in 30 years but Canada has changed. This means that areas that used to be rural may now be suburban or even urban but are still required to operate as rural post offices. Canada Post must return to the


government with a plan to modernize and right-size its network.

The government is also reviewing the process for increases to the stamp rate to modernize and shorten it, in line with Commissioner Kaplan's recommendations.

The Government of Canada is removing long-standing barriers to reform but leadership and structural change from within the corporation will be essential. Canada Post must take decisive action to deliver the services Canadians need in a way that is financially sustainable. As our government reviews its balance sheets so we can spend less and invest more, we are asking Canada Post to do the same.

Canada Post is a vital national institution worth preserving. The measures announced today will help place the corporation on a stronger financial footing and provide the flexibility it needs to adapt to a rapidly changing environment.

Transforming an institution of this size will take time but it is necessary to protect postal services for the future. Canadians deserve a service that is reliable, affordable and sustainable - and today's announcement is `first step toward securing that future."



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Minutes of the
September 9th, 2025.
Regular Board Meeting

Elections of Officers:

Trustee McIntyre nominated by Trustee Leary. Trustee McIntyre accepted the nomination.

Trustee McIntyre was declared Chairperson.

Trustee Parsonage nominated by Trustee Philip-pot. Trustee Parsonage accepted the nomination.

Trustee Parsonage was declared Vice Chairperson.

Selection of

Meeting Dates:

A motion setting regular meeting dates will be set on the second and the fourth Tuesday of each month with the excep-tion of March, August and December when there will be one meeting which will be set at a later date, there will be no meetings in July, and furthermore that all meetings commence at 6:30 p.m.

Committees:

The chair and vice chair will determine committee structures.

Signing Officers

A motion to approve either the Chairperson or the Vice Chairperson in addition to either the Secretary Treasurer or the Superintendent as signing officers was approved.

Delegation of powers and duties to the Superintendent

A motion delegating to the Superintendent powers and duties as contained in [Section 52 (1) (a) (b) of the

Prairie Spirit School Division

Public Schools Act] was passed.

Pledge of Confidentiality

Trustees reviewed and signed the Pledge of Con-fidentiality form.

Trustee Code of Conduct

Trustee reviewed and signed a copy of the policy 6: Trustee Code of Conduct.

- Public Commendations/ Complaints/Concerns
- Trustees reviewed the procedure.

Accounts:

A motion to approve the accounts in the amount of \$545,501.67 was passed.

Reports of Senior Administration:

Back-To-School Update:

The Superintendent reported on the Back-To-School Update provided by the Department of Education, including that Mona Pandey has been appointed the new Dep-uty Minister of Education, high school graduation rates for 2023-24 and the new draft ELA curriculum is available on the provin-cial Framework for Learn-ing website.

Health Care Aide Training Program: Red River Polytech is offering a Health Care Aid program based out of the commu-nity of Treherne but avail-able to all divisional Grade 12 students. Any Prairie Spirit high school student meeting the prerequisites will be able to enroll in Semester Two.

First day enrollment totaled 2,253 on Septem-ber 4th, 2025 (compared to 2,265 on September 4th, 2024).

B y - E l e c t i o n

Information: By-Elections in Ward 1, Ward 5 and Ward 6 will be held on November 13th, 2025.

The following motions were passed:

- authorize the Secretary Treasurer and the Chair-person to sign Substitute Teacher Contracts with Daryl Ford, Raymond Mutchinson, Jean Scharf, Laurie Serle, Brenda Tay-lor and Karla VanDen-Bosch for the remaining 2025-26 school year;
- grant Nadia DeMeu-leneire a leave of absence from her position as administrative assistant at the Baldur School, effec-tive November 17th, 2025 to January 4th, 2027, as per her request;
- approve the extension of Maxine Espenell's lim-ited term teacher contract of .1276 by .0555 to .1831 FTE, under a Classroom Limited Teacher Permit, for the 2025-2026 school year at the Evergreen Colony School;
- ratify the employment of Sarah Dupré as educa-tional assistant at the Hol-land Elementary School for 5.50 hours per day, odd days, effective September 3rd, 2025 to June 26th, 2026;
- approve Tara Thomson's unpaid leave of absence request of .50 from 1.0 to .50 FTE, for the 2025-2026 school year and assign her to Kamsley Colony School;
- accept the resignation of Erica Bintcliff as educa-tional assistant at the Nel-lie McClung Collegiate, effective September 1st, 2025;
- ratify the employment of Lisa Henderson as educational assistant at

the Nellie McClung Col-legiate for 6.22 hours per day, on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday's, effective Sep-tember 11th, 2025 to June 26th, 2026;

- ratify the employ-ment of Lori Durand as educational assistant at the Shady Lane Colony School for 5.50 hours per day, effective September 4th, 2025 to December 19th, 2025;
- ratify the employment of Dorianna Hofer as educational assistant at the Shady Lane Colony School for 2.33 hours per day, effective September 4th, 2025 to June 26th, 2026;
- ratify the employment of Terrilyn Gerbrandt as educational assistant at the St. Claude School Com-plex for 4.18 hours per day, effective September 3rd, 2025 to December 19th, 2025;
- ratify the employment of Katelyn Boulet as edu-cational assistant at the Treherne Elementary School for 5.51 hours per day and 0.74 hours per day duty free, effective Septem-ber 3rd, 2025 to June 26th, 2026;
- approve the permanent increase to Samuel Hofer's Teacher General contract of .09 from .45 to .54 FTE, effective September 2nd, 2025, at Valley View Col-ony School;
- ratify the employment of Theresa Vanwynsberghe as educational assistant at the Whistling Wind Col-ony School for 4.00 hours per day on odd days and 4.50 hours per day on even days, effective September 4th, 2025 to June 26th, 2026;
- ratify the employment

of Hadassah Maendel as educational assistant at the Windy Bay Colony School for 5.50 hours per day, effective September 4th, 2025 to June 26th, 2026;

- ratify the employment of Yvan Gallant as regular bus driver for the Division, effective September 4th, 2025;
- ratify the employment of Jean Trembley as regu-lar bus driver for the St. Claude catchment area, effective September 4th, 2025;
- approve the support of the Health Care Aid training program avail-able to qualifying divi-sional Grade 12 students for the 2025-26 school year, provided by Red River Polytech, with funding provided by a technical-vocational grant;
- approve the promis-sory note (LTPS0815) and security agreement dated September 30th, 2025 to be issued by the Mani-toba Education Funding Branch for the purpose of borrowing the sum of Three Hundred Thousand Four Hundred Dollars (\$300,400.00) for Project No. PS TGM SY 2021-1 - Steam Boiler System Replacement as per project support and authorization received to proceed
- grant Baldur School permission to take the Outdoor Ed Class on an

extended overnight field trip to Spruce Woods Pro-vincial Park, from Septem-ber 11th to the 12th, 2025 and subject to the condi-tions of Procedure IFH-P1, following the Youth Safe Programs Reference Guide for Schools;

- accept the resignation of Trustee Larry Bridges effective August 31st, 2025. The Board of Trustees thanked Trustees Bridges for his dedication and service to the staff and students of Prairie Spirit School Division.

Communication for Information:

Manitoba Health, Sep-tember 2, 2025, Letter to Schools, Important Mea-sles Information for Back to School;

The above constitutes a partial account of the meeting. A full transcript of approved minutes is posted on the web-site 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, R0C 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 September 23rd, 2025. All board meetings are open to the public. If you wish to partici-pate in a board meeting, please refer to board policy and pro-cedure BDA, Delegations to the Board, found on the divi-sion website.

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PMCI News



L-R BACK: Bronwen Dobson (9 Math), Andrew Vivaraies (Custodian), Isaac Friesen (Woods/Graphics/Design), Tess VanDeKerckhove (10-12 Math), Nathan Ramage (Principal), Deanna Morgan (Admin Assistant), Kadeyn Labossiere (9-11 Humanities), Reece Johnson (10-12 Humanities), Rick McConnell (EA)
FRONT: Heather Deamel (EA), Diane Orr, Brooke Gelo (9-12 Science), Kyle Goertzen (Librarian), Jocelyn Keinanen (9-12 Phys Ed/ Careers), Heather Friesen (EA), Mikah Sharpe (EA), Heather MacGregor (11-12 Math), Amy McLaren (Counsellor)
MISSING: Elaine Chemerika (Resource)

have been diligently balancing their academic responsibilities as they prepare for a demanding hockey schedule ahead.

In the Halls: Clubs, Causes and Community

September also marked the start of many exciting initiatives within the school. Our Leadership, Element and Art groups are all preparing to fully launch their activities in October, promising a month full of creative and collaborative projects.

The Graduating Class of 2026 had their first official meeting and are already hard at work planning fundraisers to support their grad year. Keep an eye out for advertisements for their upcoming Outdoor Enthusiast Raffle and the Bottle & Battery Drive on October 6th.

In the science department, the Grade 12 Biology class completed their annual Riverbank Stabilization Project, a hands-on learning experience that benefits our local environment. A special thank-you goes out to Bio teacher, Mrs. Gelo, Kent Lewarne (PSSD, NFL), Sam Leech (Pembina Valley Watershed District), Nevin Checkley (South Central Water Co-op), and Carol Graham (Manitoba Habitat Conservancy) for their invaluable knowledge and guidance, which help make this yearly tradition a success.

Finally, on September 19 students and staff participated in the annual Terry Fox Walk/Run in some drizzly weather; just like Terry did. Also, on September 26th, PMCI observed Truth and Reconciliation Day. Students and staff wore orange shirts and took time to learn about the significance of this important day, reflecting on the history and legacy of residential schools. Special thanks to Mrs. VDK for organizing these valuable events.

It's been an incredibly busy and productive first month back. As we look ahead to October, we are optimistic about all the great things to come in the 2025-26 school year! ■

Amy McLaren
Guidance Counsellor
Teacher
Pilot Mound School

A Jam-Packed First Month at Pilot Mound School

It's been a whirlwind of a month at Pilot Mound Collegiate Institute (PMCI)! September has flown by and the halls are buzzing with new faces, exciting sports and a wide array of activities, as students and staff settle back into the school routine. It's clear that the 2025-26 school year is off to a dynamic start.

Welcome to Our New Staff!

PMCI is thrilled to welcome four new teachers to our team, each bringing fresh energy and expertise to our school community. Please join us in extending a warm welcome to:

- Jocelyn Keinanen (Phys Ed/Careers)
- Kadeyn Labossiere (Grades 9 & 11 Humanities)
- Bronwen Dobson (Grade 9 Math)

Pilots Triumph on the Field and Court

September was a busy month for PMCI athletics. The high school golf team, coached by Mrs. McLaren and Eric Park, faced tough competition and even tougher weather

in Cartwright on September 11th. Despite the adverse conditions, our Pilots showed incredible resilience.

The girls' scramble team - Rylen Fallis, Hope Kimball, and Macey Taylor - finished in a strong 3rd place. Both boys' teams also had impressive showings, with the competitive team (Jamie Park, Jason Park, Tucker Derkach and Dwight Sawatzky) and the scramble team (Cole Landreville, Parker Grice, Austin Jefferies, and Tegan Follis) both securing 2nd place finishes.

The volleyball program, under the guidance of Jodie Arbuckle and Mr. Johnson, hit the ground running in late August. There was so much interest from student athletes that PMCI was able to form both a JV and a Varsity team! Mrs. McLaren has stepped up to coach the JV team and both teams are now gearing up for a competitive season. Be sure to follow our school's social media for game schedules and results.

Meanwhile, the Tigers hockey team has held its tryouts and is looking forward to another successful season on the ice. In addition, our many student athletes on the Pilot Mound Buffaloes teams



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By Lloyd McTaggart,
Common Sense
Management

With so much technology emerging these days, the element of “humanity” in business sometimes appears to be in jeopardy of getting lost in the rush. Or is it? Let’s have a quick look.

HIGH TECH COMMUNICATIONS

It can be difficult to connect with certain types of businesses to solve a customer service problem. The company that provides us here at home with telephone and internet connection services is impossible to contact directly when a problem arises. I am familiar with their website which can do miraculous things when it comes to checking our account to make sure everything is current.

However, when a problem arises, the dance begins. It starts with finding a phone number to call for help. After much drilling down for the right department, I get a recording that tells me how many minutes or hours I will have to wait for an operator. Alternatively, there is a “chat” symbol on the website

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.

DON’T FORGET US HUMANS!

which, when clicked, presents a disclaimer statement that usually says it will be “X” minutes (or hours) until a chat operator can come on the line.

If and when I do get an operator, I find that it is a humanized version of the robot that seems to be in charge. It is a time-consuming and often frustrating experience. And yet, the company always reminds me that my call is important to them. Aw, gee, thanks.

FOOD SERVICE

We rarely get food delivered because we like to cook and besides, I wouldn’t want the delivery person to do unmentionable things to something I’m going to eat! I take my food far more seriously than that. (OK, I’m a fanatic...I admit it!) Uber Eats or Door Dash would have a tough time convincing me to put my well-being into their hands!

We occasionally order pizza for pick-up. My

POS system. (POS means Point of Sale, although there is another definition of it which I’ll keep to myself!) That’s where you tap your card to pay for your order. I noticed that before the tap process could be completed, you get to tap on an amount for a tip. Hmm...a tip for a

QUOTE: “The human spirit must prevail over technology.” - Albert Einstein.

pick-up order? I think not.

The service consists of the person taking 5 or 6 steps back to the staging area to pick up a box and bring it to the counter. In my mind, that removes the need for a tip because there is no opportunity to provide good service, which usually earns the tip. Picking up a box and setting it on the counter doesn’t qualify. Call me old-fashioned (or you can call me anything you

QUOTE: “Our technological powers increase but the side effects and potential hazards also escalate.” - Alvin Toffler, businessman, write, & futurist.

problem with that started when our previous go-to place introduced a new

want) but it’s my money and I don’t like to throw it away just to satisfy the



combinations available but these “loss leader” examples are always ready in 12 minutes or less.

Their staff members are an interesting mix of older people and very young trainees. They are obviously well-trained because I’ve never seen one of them stressed-out, even when they’re very busy. They know how to present themselves to customers with a consistently steady and professional demeanour. They give me the impression that they really like working there.

BONUS

When I pick up our pizzas, I pull up to their convenient drive-thru window and pay via a card-tapping machine that has no provision for tips. Their service is prompt and friendly. They seem to be thriving with a large and loyal customer base and that’s no surprise.

BOTTOM LINE

It is very easy for a business owner to get

all caught up in the latest/greatest technology out there. Much of it is very helpful in terms of productivity and cost savings, no doubt about it. Lest we forget, the people who provide the revenue for the business are still human beings and they come with a bunch of idiosyncrasies including feelings, prejudices, likes, dislikes and many other things that can influence their buying decisions.

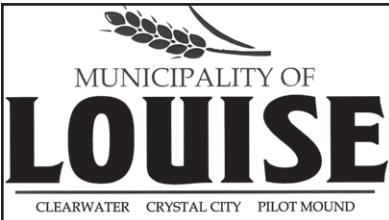
One of the challenges of the modern age is marrying technology with humanity in order to create an experience that is beneficial to customers. The customers have to literally “feel” the benefits in order for their buying decisions to swing your way. Businesses - in my opinion - try to avoid the old “we have to change the way we do things because the new system requires it” syndrome. A smooth integration of technological changes is the key to not upsetting the proverbial apple cart (the customer base). ■



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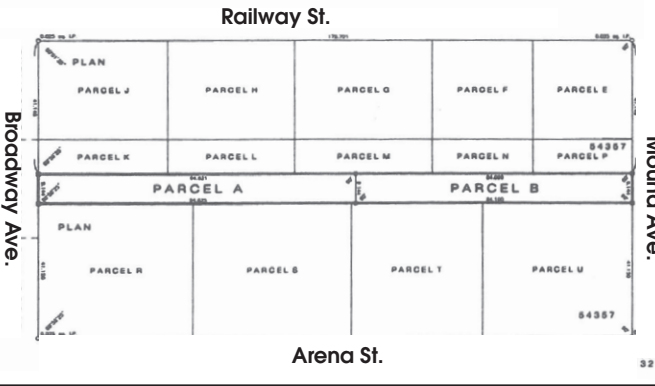
UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF
THE MUNICIPAL ACT
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
OCTOBER 8, 2025

The Municipality of Louise, under the authority of the Municipal Act, will hold a public hearing **at the Municipality of Louise Municipal Office, 26 South Railway Ave E, Crystal City on Wednesday, October 8, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.** at which time Council will receive representations from any persons who wish to make them in respect to By law 2025-11, being a By law to close a portion of public road.

A copy of the By law and supporting material may be inspected on the Municipality’s website (www.louisemb.com) or by any person between 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday, at the Municipal Office, 26 South Railway Ave E, Crystal City. Copies may be made and extracts taken therefrom (telephone 204 873 2591, email fina@louisemb.com).

GENERAL INTENT OF BY LAW 2025-11 - To close a public road that is no longer required for public purposes, described as Parcel A and Parcel B, being part of Plan 54483 MLTO in NW ¼ 9-3-11 WPM. The portion of public road land closed will be transferred by the Municipality of Louise to an adjacent property owner.

AREA AFFECTED – Parcel A and B – undeveloped road between Broadway St. and Mound Avenue in Pilot Mound, MB.



Dated at Crystal City, Manitoba, this 16th day of September 2025

Alicia Buydens, CAO
Municipality of Louise

Wonderscoops, a Sweet Dream on Wheels

ABIGAIL MOIR PHOTOS



Abigail Moir

On a hot summer (or autumn) afternoon, few things bring as much joy as the cheerful sound of an ice cream truck rolling into town. For Veronika Adler of Pilot Mound, that sound isn't just about sweet treats - it's the music of a dream come true.

After spending more than seven years serving

ice cream cones at Dairy Queen and a lifetime of loving ice cream, she finally turned her vision into reality with her very own ice cream truck, spreading happiness one scoop at a time.

For Veronika, the truck is more than a business - it's about joy. She has loved ice cream since she was a child, remembering how she used to walk past food trucks and imagine

that one day she would have one of her own.

When it came time to name her truck, she looked back at its starting point. The truck began its life as a school bus and she wanted that history to be part of the story. After playing around with ideas, she landed on the perfect name: Wonderscoops On Wheels. It was fun, memorable and reflected her values as a



woman of faith.

When it comes to the menu, Wonderscoops On Wheels thrives on creativity and community. Veronika makes her peanut butter topping from scratch and loves brainstorming new flavors and specials, often asking customers for input through social media platforms like Facebook and Instagram. Her personal favorite is a classic peanut butter fudge sundae but she takes joy in offering something for everyone.

More than just an ice cream truck, Wonderscoops On Wheels has become a gathering place - a way to bring people together, share smiles and brighten even the hottest days.

For Veronika Adler, every scoop served is a reminder of how far her dream has come and how sweet it is to share it with her community. The truck isn't only a local treat; it's a symbol of joy, faith and the simple happiness that ice cream can bring. ■

Sunrise Credit Union Receives \$10,000 Empowering Your Community Grant

News Release

We are excited to announce that we have been awarded an Empowering Your Community Grant valued at \$10,000 from Concentra & Equitable Bank to continue our School Mental Health Resource Libraries project. At Sunrise Credit Union, we are dedicated to giving back to our local communities and our youth. We believe that investing in young people today is an investment for the future as we aim to create opportunities that help them grow, thrive and succeed.

This grant, in partnership with the Westman Mental Wellness & Suicide Prevention Association, will go towards an initiative to bring mental health resource libraries to 14 schools across Western Manitoba. These resources will be available to students aged 5 and up, along with their educators, and will feature age-appropriate literature that is professionally reviewed, sourced, and supported.

Each library will include paper and

digital books, wellness activities, workbooks, and mental health content, including directories for available support through local, provincial, and national services and programs. They will be designed to spark meaningful conversations, empower youth, and work towards reducing the stigma.

Establishing these libraries in schools not only provides students with access to these valuable mental health and wellness resources, but it also extends the support to our communities. By integrating these libraries into our educational spaces, we are creating safe environments for our youth and educators, and therefore their families to find support and information.

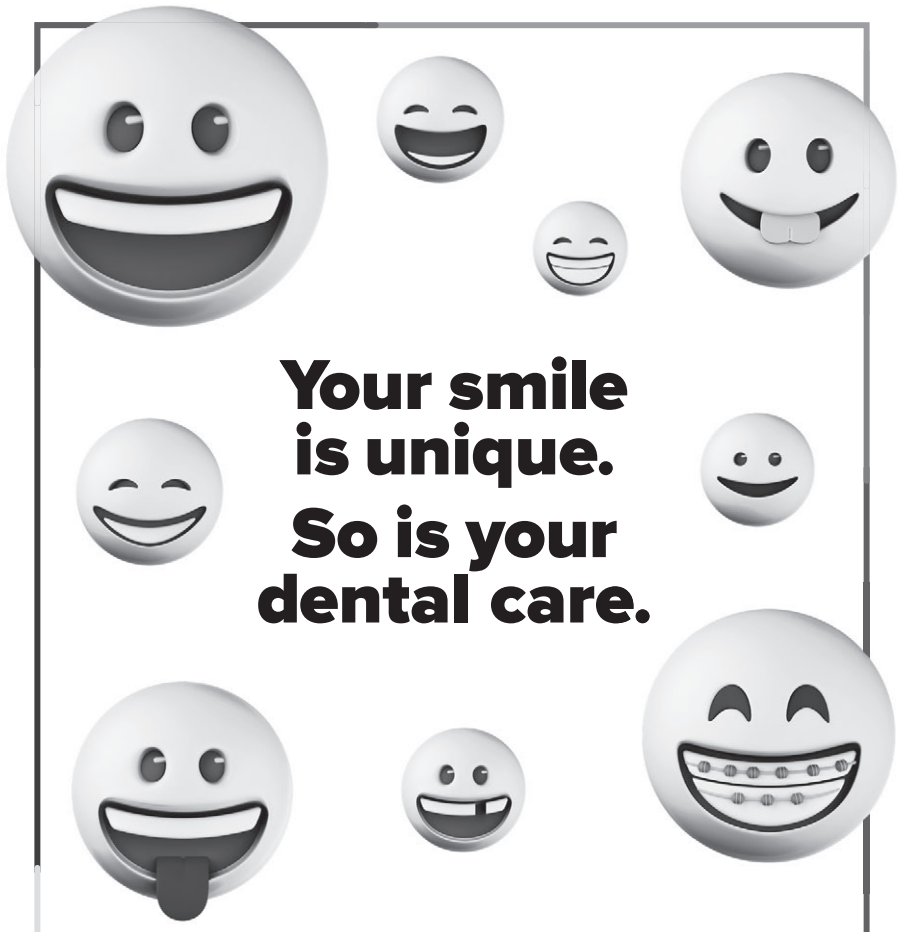
This grant builds on Sunrise's \$16,000 contribution in 2024 to the Westman Mental Wellness & Suicide Prevention Association, further

strengthening our long-term commitment to supporting youth mental wellness in Manitoba. We can inspire hope while building brighter futures by working together.

Westman Mental Wellness & Suicide Prevention Association is a registered Canadian Charitable organization run by a group of dedicated volunteers. The Association provides funding and support to individuals, organizations and communities for initiatives supporting mental wellness and suicide prevention.


About Sunrise Credit Union

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




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**GEORGE ALEXANDER
JAMES HENDERSON**

October 5, 2015

*Jim never forgot his
hometown of Manitou*

Nothing can ever take away the love
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Fond memories linger every day;
Remembrance keeps him near.

Donna, Lindsay, Dave, Iris & families

Card of Thanks

ILENE MARCHANT

June 3, 1939 - February 11, 2025

A sincere thank you to everyone who showed us such kindness at the time of Ilene's passing. A special acknowledgement to the Cartwright Hospital Auxiliary for the tea and lunch arrangements and to Wheatland Funeral Service for their empathy and professionalism. Our loss was made easier by the compassion of friends and neighbours in the small rural community we call home and from further afield.

*Jimmy Marchant & family
Cartwright, Manitoba*



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Ask the Therapist

Greg Costen

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

Dear Greg,
I'm 28, single, living in a city where dating apps are basically a video game people play between Uber rides. I'm not lonely - I just feel like I'm trapped in some endless audition for a role I don't even want. How do you keep trying to make real connections in a world where everyone treats relationships like disposable Keurig cups?

Signed, Acting
Dear Acting,

Your moniker is insightful. You and your swiping compatriots are in fact acting and no one likes the show. You're awake to the absurdity of modern dating, where swipes, ghosting and endless "matches" (or more accurately, lack thereof) turn human connection into a made-to-fail video game.

The world you're describing - swiping,

ghosting, endlessly auditioning for roles you don't even want - is exactly the kind of environment that makes anyone question whether real connection even exists. What you're experiencing is a mix of choice overload and performative connection, two very human psychological responses to a very unnatural system.

Choice overload is simple: The more options you have, the harder it is to feel satisfied. Dating apps give you endless profiles and your brain is wired to wonder, "Is someone better just a swipe away? I better keep checking." That faint hope creates anxiety, indecision and fatigue. You're not lazy or picky - you're being neurologically overexerted by an absurd buffet of human options.

Attachment patterns can amplify this. If you have even a slightly anxious or avoidant style, endless swiping can trigger cycles of hope, doubt, and self-questioning. No wonder it feels like a relentless audition you didn't sign up for.

Performative connection is another trap. Most people on apps are selling a shiny bullsh... version

of themselves. We have a maxim in counselling land: Everyone has interior poo poo with which they are wrestling. But no one wants to admit it and no one wants to know about it. The key to happy dating is finding someone who has crap similar to yours and crap that you can tolerate.

So how do you actually find meaningful connections without losing your mind? Flip the script.

1. Set your own rules. Decide what you want from interactions, digital or live, before diving in. Give yourself permission to say "no" to nonsense and yes to curiosity and authenticity - maybe even yes to happy singleness?

2. Lean into imperfection. Vulnerability, messy conversation and genuine probing questions are your secret weapons. Psychology shows that people bond over authenticity far faster than curated charm. With discretion, tell the person on the other end of the app or across the table from you, about your flaws and weaknesses. That will get you further down the authenticity path than sharing candyfloss about your favourite Starbucks

offering.

3. Practice self-compassion. Feeling frustrated, cynical or exhausted doesn't mean you're failing. It means you're awake to the absolute absurdity of modern dating - and that awareness is the first step toward regaining sanity.

Real connection isn't built on swipes, profiles and algorithms. It's built when you show up as yourself, take risks in small, deliberate ways and invest in people who actually value authenticity. Apps and dates are just tools. The actual work - being human, messy and real - is entirely yours.

Yes, the world treats some relationships like disposable coffee cups. But that doesn't mean you have to. You can still build the kind of connection that lasts - and it starts by refusing to audition for anyone else's script. Write your own.

Warmly,
Greg

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

Sudoku Beginner

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Somerset Bible Chapel

Submitted by Isabel Acheson

After a cloudy week with many foggy mornings, Sunday morning Sept. 21 was sunny with forecasts for a week suitable for resuming harvest for the farmers and related occupations.

Rejean Picard read the announcements. Matt Penner was usher and Rick Ross read Psalm 63 as the Bible lesson.

Some of our people wear multiple hats! Kevin Friesen was in the music team, led the Prayer Focus and did the Care Package presentations to Hannah Graham and Brooke Van Den Bussche who are moving out on their own

since grad last June. Jamie Small taught Adult Sunday School class, was in the music team and gave the sermon.

The songs were "This is Amazing Grace," "What He's Done," "Build My Life," "What Blessed Assurance," "How Deep the Father's Love for Us," and for the closing, "Better Is One Day" based on Psalm 84.

Jamie S. shared some of his personal story in learning about prayer and growing in his relationship to God through the years. As do many with a faith background, he was familiar with table grace at meals. Also, prayer in time of crisis. In his youth group

in high school years he became acquainted with the many Psalms that are prayers.

When people find it hard to maintain focus for personal prayer, one help is to write out your prayer. Not everyone is comfortable with using pre-written prayers but sometimes they become helpful in encouraging a person to persevere through a "dry" period. Some songs are prayers set to music that can support one's prayer life.

Jamie S. made note of the need to replace some of the busyness of life with Silence and Solitude. He mentioned the various postures of prayer and how the physical

body can be linked to the mind and desire for prayer. The practice of fasting for prayer and meditation has been a long practiced spiritual discipline.

The final portion of his sermon dealt with the Language of Prayer. "Extemporaneous" prayer relies on one putting words together as in a conversation.

The SS lesson on the book of the prophet Malachi had pointed out that to obey God was in our own best interests.

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



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DATE	MOVIE	RATED	LENGTH
Summer Schedule - Tuesdays & Thursdays			
Sept. 30 & Oct.2	Light of the World	PG Violence	1h 24m
Fall/Winter Schedule - Fridays & Saturdays			
Oct. 10 & 11	Downton Abbey The Grand Finale	PG	2h 3m
Sponsored by Bea Sheffield			
Oct. 17 & 18	The Long Walk (Filmed locally! Watch for local landmarks!)	18A Explicit Violence, Language, Not for Children	1h 48m
Sponsored by Steve & Christine Yeomans			
Must be 18 years+ to attend without accompaniment			
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I Wonder Why?



Deborah Coghill

Why? Always asked and not always answered. A popular question amongst the toddler age group! Even an answer of “I don’t know” does not end the line of questioning. Why?! As in why don’t you know?

We, as adults, try to explain the reason. Some times using a long speech to explain. For example: we have to wash our hands before we eat. Why? Because we have to get rid of the germs. Why? So we don’t get sick. Why? Because being sick is awful. Why? It is around here the answer becomes JUST DO IT!

Ever try to turn it around on a 3 year old?

Before you try it, it doesn't always work! In fact, I only had it work once! He asked to go to the park. I said we had to wait for mommy to get home. Why? Uh oh. Not again. A very natural question but when it is this age group it is also a trap!

So I dove into the trap with what should be the perfect answer - we wait so she knows where we are (no we did not both have cell phones!) and we don’t want her to worry - but - Why? - sigh, new tactic - do you want mommy to worry? NO!! (Ooh ok now it is my turn to ask...) Why? She will be sad! Why? Cuz she will worry! Why? Because because... Can we play

in the yard til mommy comes?!

Yes! I won! That one time. Against a 3 year old. Patience is definitely required. Always try to be honest and age appropriate in your answers. Never stifle their curiosity. The more questions we ask the more we learn. If the answer really is unknown that is when we teach/learn how to research the topic.

The answer to why this and why that becomes harder to answer as the topics change and life happens so I hope you all will join me and enjoy the “wondering why” stage as long as possible when the answers are easy. ■

RCMP reminds Manitobans to be vigilant as grandparent scam resurfaces with new reports

News Release

The RCMP is once again reminding all Manitobans to be aware of telephone scams targeting senior citizens.

While these scams are occurring across the province, the RCMP is now seeing an increase of grandparent scams happening in northern Manitoba. This was previously an area with very few reports.

Over the past few months, four elderly Flin Flon residents have reported receiving a call from a scammer claiming to be either relative or a lawyer. During these calls, the scammer asks for a large sum of money to help with bail and requests that the money be sent by mail to an address outside the province.

In two of the cases, thousands of dollars were sent to the scammer through the mail. Another victim’s transaction was intercepted in time and returned. It is unknown at this time if all the cases are directly related.

“It’s unfortunate that we have encountered more incidents where senior citizens

have been the victim of these types of frauds,” said Staff Sergeant Kevin Cavanagh of the Manitoba RCMP Major Crime Services Cyber and Financial Crime Unit. “Fraudsters are constantly adapting these scams, seeking new ways to generate a sense of urgency and entice victims to help a family member in need. We don’t want to single out one part of the province but seeing these calls take place in the northern part of the province is relatively new. The RCMP wants to remind the public that they should immediately report these crimes to the detachment in their area and to never send money.”

RCMP would like to remind Manitobans of the following when receiving a phone call where someone is asking for money:

Be suspicious of telephone calls that require you to immediately take action and request bail money for a family member in distress.

If you receive a suspicious phone call claiming to be from a family member in an emergency situation,

hang up the phone and contact them directly on the number you have in your contact list.

If the caller claims to be a law enforcement official and asked you to pay a fine or bail, hang up and call your police directly.

Be cautious of what you post online. Scammers can use details shared on social media platforms and dating sites for targeting purposes.

Use unique and strong passwords for all social media and email accounts.

If anyone has any information about any crime, please contact your local RCMP detachment. Anonymous tips can also be made through Manitoba Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or by visiting www.manitobacrimestoppers.com.

Victims of Cyber-crime or Fraud, can also contact the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre at 1-888-495-8501 or <https://antifraudcentre-centreantifraude.ca/index-eng.htm>

The investigation continues. ■

Crossword

CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Martial arts in China
- 6. The butt of jokes
- 12. Nevertheless
- 16. Sportscaster Michaels
- 17. A firm believer
- 18. Atomic #18
- 19. One’s bestie
- 20. Of I
- 21. Hamburger accessory
- 22. Thus
- 23. Partner to Pa
- 24. Scottish tax
- 26. Cuts away
- 28. Require
- 30. Government lawyer
- 31. Own (Scottish)
- 32. Body cavity
- 34. Brew
- 35. Young woman (French)
- 37. Platforms
- 39. Pair of points in mathematics
- 40. Attack suddenly
- 41. Aviators
- 43. Make perfect
- 44. Yearly tonnage (abbr.)
- 45. Neither
- 47. The center of a city
- 48. Sacrifice hit in baseball
- 50. Singer Redding

CLUES DOWN

- 52. Dragged forcibly
- 54. Puncture with a knife
- 56. Belonging to me
- 57. Expresses surprise
- 59. Haul
- 60. The Golden State
- 61. Biblical Sumerian city
- 62. Integrated circuit
- 63. Opposed to certain principles
- 66. Sodium
- 67. Qualities
- 70. Walk
- 71. It awaits us all
- 1. Ate quickly
- 2. Peyton Manning’s alma mater
- 3. Moves through water
- 4. Run away from
- 5. Utah resident
- 6. Natural objects
- 7. Children’s game
- 8. Obligation to prove
- 9. Ancient Greek building for performances
- 10. Soldier
- 11. Decorated
- 12. Catches
- 13. Russell __, author
- 14. Speak indistinctly
- 15. Students get them

CLUES ACROSS

- 25. Japanese warrior
- 26. Dessert
- 27. Doleful
- 29. Most cushy
- 31. Moon crater
- 33. Small evergreen
- 36. Something fugitives are “on”
- 38. 007’s creator
- 39. Paintings on hinged panels
- 41. Type of bomb
- 42. Japanese classical theater
- 43. U.S. gov’t department
- 46. Flightless bird
- 47. One who cuts wood or stone
- 49. Buttock and thigh together
- 51. A way to gather
- 53. Body part
- 54. Argentinian city
- 55. Undergarments
- 58. Jai __, sport
- 60. Container for shipping
- 64. Type of screen
- 65. Get free of
- 68. Indicates position
- 69. Business department

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National Legion Week at The Manitou Legion Branch #21

Josh Wood
La Riviere / Manitou
Correspondent

September 21st to 27th was National Legion Week across Canada. The idea behind National Legion Week is to educate visitors on the work local Branches do as well as driving new traffic to the Branch. The Manitou Legion Branch #21 held an open house from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the Thursday of that week. Visitors were warmly greeted by members in attendance while being invited to sign the guest book and enter a draw for a door prize. Refreshments were available for those interested in sitting down and enjoying a conversation, while many historical items covering the walls, and tables of displays were easily perused.

Reverend Mel Kauppila is the Legion branch

Chaplain. She mentioned that this is the first time the local Legion has participated in Legion Week. “We have a new Legion President, Jay Levanen who is himself a veteran and we’re just trying to spark some new life here. This is a great opportunity to showcase the space we have and what we get up to.” She went on to explain how the Manitou branch has been active in the community for a long time, through cadets, school bursaries, contests and Remembrance Day, while commenting, “We have also supported the fire department and many other organizations over years.”

The branch currently has 44 members and while speaking with Barrie Dobson at the membership table, he pointed to a pamphlet and noted, “You don’t have to have served to

become a member.” The slogan reads, “Help honour Canada’s Veterans by joining the Legion community today. Anyone can be a member”.

Conversation topics varied throughout the open house, but what stood out were the smiles, camaraderie and impact the organization has made on the area. By the end of the open house, more than 30 people had come through the doors enjoying the fellowship and refreshments. The door prize was drawn and the winner announced as Susan Peterson from Pilot Mound.

Legion Branches across the country remain a vital part of the communities they serve. Becoming a member or volunteering can help improve the lives of those who served, support our community and ensure Canada never forgets.



Manitou Legion has a moveable cenotaph which can be set up in schools for their Remembrance Day Services.



Posters created by Manitou youth



▲ Doug Griffin and Barrie Dobson manned the guestbook, door prize draw and membership table in the morning.



Legion members and guests clockwise from bottom left: Don Stewart, Judy & Landon Booker, Wendy McKay, Judy Bradley, Jim Masson, Margaret Remillard, Judy Bradley, Shane Kauppila and Rev. Mel Kauppila.



▲ A variety of door prize items.

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SUSAN PETERSON PHOTOS



Harvest Moon Festival 2025

Dustin Mymko
HMS Co-ordinator

Another spectacular Harvest Moon Festival was held September 12-14 in Clearwater. Just about 1,500 regular and youth attendees and 130 volunteers (not including organizers) were on hand to celebrate rural life and culture.

Attendees took in the talent of over 30 different musical artists/groups that were composed of 110 individual musicians on three stages (the main stage, the restaurant stage and the Hootenanny Stage in the schoolyard), including the crowd favourites shishi, a power girl trio from Lithuania!

The vendors' market was full with 44 vendors on both Saturday and Sunday and 68 different vendors in total over the two days.

Saturday saw a full slate of educational workshops planned by the Harvest Moon Society Education Committee with some of those

workshops drawing larger crowds than ever before.

The festival was preceded by the Eco-Challenge held on the Thursday before, which saw over 150 students from four schools in Prairie Spirit School Division (TGMS in Crystal City, Glenboro, St. Claude, and Prairie Mountain Elementary in Swan Lake) and 40 volunteers brave the rainy weather for a land-based learning event at the Clearwater Sports Park and Lessons From the Land hiking trail.

If you missed out on the festival, this year's livestream (as well as '22, '23, and '24) is still available to watch at vimeo.com/stormthecastlemedia.

If you'd like to know more about the festival or the Harvest Moon Society's year-round activities, you're encouraged to reach out to Coordinator Dustin Mymko at dustin@harvestmoonso-ciety.org.



NANCY HOLMAN PHOTOS



Ella Korth and guests performing on the Restaurant Stage.

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This is shishi on the Restaurant Stage on Sunday, a performance that still has folks buzzing.



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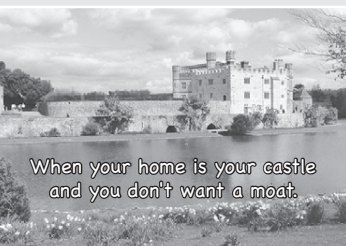
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CARTWRIGHT COMMUNITY SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING: Tuesday, October 21 at 7:15 at Cartwright School. All are welcome to attend. 35-4

TIGER HILLS ARTS ASSOCIATION'S AGM: Mon. Oct 27, 7 p.m. 103 Broadway St. Holland. Agenda includes: election of board members; appointment of auditor and proposed changes to our catchment area. *See ad p. 2*

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Do You Remember?

Compiled by Vicki Wallace from Southern Manitoba Review files

September 21, 1905
A severe thunderstorm swept the district Wednesday night. James Munro's house three miles southwest of town was struck by lightning with serious results. John McKelvey's home 1 1/2 miles southwest was also struck.// An addition of 10' x 32' has been built to Mr. L.H. Phillips' hardware store.// Street prices, Cartwright: Wheat No. 1 Nor. .67 cents; No. 2 .64; Oats .20; Barley .22.// Mr. George Richards has been hired as an assistant operator in the CPR station.// A new wagon dump has been installed in the Farmers Elevator.

September 30, 1915
The McLaughlin elevator has had a fresh coat of paint applied.// Mr. Neil McKenzie of Mather made a shipment of livestock from Cartwright on Tuesday, as well as one from Mather.// Born to Mr. and Mrs. James McMillan, a daughter.// Born to Mr. and Mrs. T. Cooper, a son.// Born to Mr. and Mrs. V. Coulthard, a son.

September 24, 1925
Mather: Mr. William Alder is suffering from a severe case of blood poisoning in one hand and arm.// For Sale: White clover Honey, per lb. .20 cents, delivered. Charles W. Doxator.// Mather: Mr. James S. Melvin passed away at his home Sept. 23.// Threshing progress has been slow due to moisture but two weeks of good weather should clean up almost all that is left.// Mr. James

Ellison lost his stable and granary by fire during a thunderstorm.

September 26, 1935
Killarney Guide reports that Edgar "Dooley" Howard plans to open a grocery store there on the first of October.// Mrs. Ernest Dawson is making satisfactory progress in recovery from her burns although she is still in critical condition.// Auction sale for D. McCurdy (beside Howard School) will be held Oct. 1.// Advertisement: Royal Household Flour, off car, 1st grade, \$2.80.

September 27, 1945
Mr. and Mrs. Steve Laver celebrated their 54th wedding anniversary Sept. 19.// Miss Evelyn Kernaghan who has been on the local telephone staff, is going to Business College in Winnipeg.// Neelin: Mrs. H.M. Winram left for Vancouver to meet her husband, Buzz, who arrived there last week.// Mylor district: Pte Murray Yake and Pte Gordon Melvin have recently returned from overseas.// Gordon Daly has been discharged from the army and has resumed his studies at Brandon.

September 29, 1955
Mylor: Mrs. Hess celebrated her 93rd birthday.// Mrs. Lulu Loss, 60, daughter of the late Peter Cantlon, died Sept. 26th.// Mrs. W.C. DuBédat (nee Vivien Stuart) died at Carman at age 80 with funeral held at Cartwright.// Mr. and Mrs. Murray Davidson and Blair are leaving Melita to make their home at Flin Flon.// Coming up at the Legion Theatre (at the hall): Conquest of Space, and Dial M for Murder.

September 23, 1965
Council authorized the calling of tenders for Mather Skating Rink in the amount of \$20,000.// Mather: Farewell party for the Newt. Duncalfes.// Advertisement: Monarch cake mix, 3 for 50 cents; Cream Corn, 20 oz. tins, 4 for 89 cents.// Wet, cool and cloudy weather last week.// Dairy cattle survey is underway regarding Pilot Mound's proposed fluid milk plant.

September 25, 1975
The Cartwright United Church Explorers have 12 members. Chief Explorer is Carolyn Ganske.// Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Lumb, who left Cartwright 34 years ago, have moved back from Penticton, B.C.// Mylor: Ten couples gathered at the Cornie Krahn's for a housewarming party.// Mather Home Ec. Club reorganized with 13 members. Betty Melvin is president and Loralyn Bere is vice-president.

September 25, 1985
Some of the Cartwright Centennial balloons released with names and address inside have been picked up - at Deloraine, Manitou, and Neche, ND.// Items collected for the drought appeal in Saskatchewan are being picked up at Mather Rink.// In the Rock Lake Riders Pondersosa Horse Show, Corina Turnbull was the high point trophy winner, with Tricia Yake the reserve winner. Barb Lees won the celebrity class with her "Mother Superior."

September 26, 1995
After the snowfall last week (up to 8 inches) the farmers are just re-starting harvesting.// At the Ladies Golf wind-up,

Peggy Boxshall and Edna Bridges were tied for the best score of the day, and Helene Klassen won the Ringer Board with 41 points.// Cartwright-Mather Merry Makers seniors club is having a membership drive. The club was formed in 1974, and boasted 87 members in 1975. This year there are 20 members.

September 20, 2005
Tired of looking at the clash of the red and black "Cartwright School" sign against the old brown and orange stripe on the school building, Cheryl Bridges painted the offending stripes on the school and it looks great.// Helen Kinley was thanked for sharing her talents in the United Church choir as director for the last 25 years. She joined the choir in 1949 when she arrived in Cartwright.// A cake and coffee retirement party for Mary Dobbelaere will be held at the Hotel.

October 1, 2015
After gracing the Peace Garden for more than 30 years, the 124-foot tall concrete peace tower built for the Garden's 50th anniversary is deteriorating and will be demolished soon.// Winners in the scrabble derby held at Mather were Carol Wiebe and Anna Melvin.// A house which had been built some years ago on Mark Friesen's place has now been moved into town on South Railway at Broadway.// Everyone was outside Sunday night to view a total eclipse of the full moon.// The MB Sheep Association tour will include McDonald Farm here which runs a grass based 1000 ewe operation.

Manitou Elementary School Attends Golf Tournament



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120 Yrs. Ago
Sept. 21, 1905

The by-law for the erection of a school at Mowbray escaped defeat by only one vote.// Grain buyers in Manitou this year are: Jas. Waldie, Dowd Milling Co.; Ed Jones, Ogilvie's; H. Hubman, Lake of the Woods; Geo. Archer, Chalmers' Elevator; Fent Hill, Imperial Elevator.// No. 1 northern wheat is bringing 70c bus., with 30,000 bushels brought into Manitou last week.// W. H. Sharpe store: White cups and saucers for threshing 85c doz.

110 Yrs. Ago
Sept. 23, 1915

Snowflake: A detachment of mounted rifles is stationed here to guard the elevators and patrol the border.// Catherine Maria McCoy, 73, died on Sept. 22.// Willis Moore, provincial constable at Manitou has resigned. There are 500 applications for his job and it is safe to assume they are not all from Manitou.// Some enormous yields are reported this year: wheat 73 bushels per acre in the Opawaka area north of Darlingford.

90 Yrs. Ago
Sept. 19, 1935

Fourteen school principals of southern Manitoba met in Manitou on Saturday for the purpose of organizing an association.// Deaths: James Walter McNeil, 74, who came to Manitou in 1919 and leaves four sons and five daughters; Mrs. Richard Finley, 77, who came to Mowbray in 1883 and leaves one son and four daughters; Frank J. Messner, who came to St. Leon in 1879 and moved

to Holmfield in 1883 when St. Leon burned down.// Manitou student council: Pres. Jacob Epp, vice pres. Isabel Swanson; sec-treas. Reg Sanders, editor Iris Trov, social comm. Grace McDowell and Ron March, Presidents: Gr. 12 Clara Sampson, Gr. 11 Howard Bryson, Gr. 10 Dorothy Sharpe, Gr. 9 Kae Sanders; athletic reps. Viola Forrest, Gladys Bryson, Josie March.

80 Yrs. Ago
Sept. 20, 1945

Ernest Pelzer won a grade 12 scholarship worth \$650 for having the highest marks in the province.// Auction sale for Harry Bradley, Manitou, on Sept. 22.// Deaths: Peter Hutter, 75, who farmed in the Middleton district (Amos Dobson farm) for several years; Arthur Neighbour, 45, of Darlingford.// Ross and Clare Purse, prisoners of war since 1941, have called their mother that they are both safe in Guam.

70 Yrs. Ago
Sept. 22, 1955

Auction sale for Alex Dresler, 16-1-7, Windygates, on September 29.// Ken Fitzsimmons is the new Manitou Golf Club champion with a card of 37 - 37. Tying for 2nd were Ken Graham, Pete Aspevig and Walter Mueller.// New Kinsmen Club officers: past pres. Everett Davidson, pres. Bert Bridge, vice Ken Richards, sec. Eddie Biggar, treas. Wilmer Holmes, bulletin editor Bill Scurfield, directors Jack Strong, Eldon Loucks, Chas. Hawkins.

60 Yrs. Ago
Sept. 23, 1965

Weddings: Douglas Barron and Jackoline McCroary on Aug. 28;

Frederica McCarlie and David Hawkins on Sept. 4; Elaine Hartwig and Dale Smith on Sept. 18.// Pembina Motors Notice: Contrary to rumors that are being circulated, the John Deere dealership will not be leaving Manitou.// Marcus Melancthon Booker, 87, who came to Snowflake in 1878, died Sept. 13, leaving 4 daughters and 3 sons.

50 Yrs. Ago
Sept. 18, 1975

Noon hour special at Manitou Drive Inn: Hamburger and milk shake \$1.00.// Weddings: Leigh Haines and Darcy Foster on Sept. 13; Luanne McCallum and Keith Wooldridge on Sept. 6.// Pembina Crossing Sunday School teachers were honoured. Mrs. Ted Lea has taught for 38 years and Mrs. Eddie Nicholl also for many years.// Deaths: Donald McRitchie Brown, 70, who was born at Kaleida; N. F. (Pete) Johnston, 63, who was born at Mowbray and moved to Manitou in 1952 when he purchased the Red and White store.

40 Yrs. Ago
Sept. 17, 1985

It is estimated 40 - 50% of the crop is harvested, more south of town. Hard wheat is yielding 50 to 70 bushels per acre with barley up to 100.// Cable television is on its way to Manitou.// Deaths: Mrs. Robert Oliver, 55, of Manitou.// Weddings: Joanne Benoit and Wayne Massing on August 31.

30 Yrs. Ago
Sept. 19, 1995

Christine Watson has opened "Christine's Cuts N Curls" in La Riviere.// Two area families, Morley, Bev and Paula Wilson, and

Cliff and Brenda Seward, Andy, Evan and Dawson hosted Japanese exchange students through a 4-H program.// Upcoming Auction Sale for John and Dulcie Maloney of horses, horse equipment, machinery, collectibles and misc.// Anna Frank won a colt in a draw at the 4-H horse show in Brandon.

20 Yrs Ago
Sept. 20, 2005

Cindy Hunter has retired from the Pembina Manitou Ambulance Service after 25 years of dedicated service.// Karen

Foster of Morden won the Manitou Ladies' Golf Tournament with Joyda Riediger second, and Vanda Clayton third.// Married on August 20 were Meagan Simpson and Derek Law.// NMC's golf teams include: boys' - Justin Crawford, Riley Handford, Kevin Howatt and Dylan Funk; girls' - Dana Clayton, Brooke Clayton, Kaitlin Nakonechny and Marlana Clayton.

10 Yrs. Ago
Sept. 22, 2015

Subcan Ltd. assisted in making major repairs to

the roadways at the Manitou Cemetery.// Robert & Glenda Drewry and Harry & Darlene Hiebert announce the December 19 wedding in Morden of their children Mackenzie Drewry and Derek Hiebert.// Rebecca Lea will wed David Flores of Hawaii at St. Luke's September 26th. 90 years ago on the last weekend of September 1925 Ted & Lois Lea were married. Robert & Kay Lea were married there late September 1953. ■

PEMBINA COMMUNITY RESOURCE COUNCIL
OCTOBER MEALS

PURCHASE MEAL CERTIFICATES AT THE SERVICES TO SENIORS OFFICE (315 MAIN ST. MANITOU). MEALS ARE AVAILABLE TO SENIORS AND THOSE WHO REQUIRE ASSISTANCE IN DAILY LIVING.

CLIP 'N SAVE!

55+ MEALS	
Fri. Oct. 3:	Fish, Fried Rice, Veg, Tossed Salad, Lemon Dessert
Mon. Oct. 6:	Ham, Scalloped Pot, Veg, Coleslaw, Date Square
Fri. Oct. 10:	Cream of Veg Soup, Ham Sandwich, Chicken Dinner Bars
Mon. Oct. 13:	THANKSGIVING: NO MEAL
Fri. Oct. 17:	Hamburger Steak w/Onions, Mashed Pot, Veg, Choc Pudding
Mon. Oct. 20:	Chicken Fettuccini Alfredo, Garlic Toast, Caesar Salad, Brownies
Fri. Oct. 24:	Quiche, Hashbrowns, Pineapple Cake
Mon. Oct. 27:	B'Day Meal: Roast Pork, Mashed Pot, Broccoli Salad, Fruit Tarts
Fri. Oct. 31:	Chili, Buns, Salad, Bee Sting Cake
HAVEN MEALS	
Thurs. Oct. 2:	Pork Chops, Baked Pot, Veg, Greek Salad, Puffed Wheat Cake
Tues. Oct. 7:	Hamburger Soup, Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Fruit Pie
Thurs. Oct. 9:	Spaghetti & Meat Sauce, Garlic Toast, Salad, Fruit Salad
Tues. Oct. 14:	B'Day Meal: Roast Beef, Mashed Pot, Broccoli Salad, Fruit Tarts
Thurs. Oct. 16:	Perogy Casserole w/Meat, Tossed Salad, Lemon Tarts
Tues. Oct. 21:	Liver&Onions or Meatballs, Mashed Pot, Veg, Salad, Raisin Delight
Thurs. Oct. 23:	Homemade Pizza, Tossed Salad, White Cake w/Fruit
Tues. Oct. 28:	S&S Chicken, Fried Rice, Salad, Butter Tarts
Thurs. Oct. 30:	Meatloaf, Mashed Pot, Jellied Salad, Rice Pudding
LODGE MEALS	
Wed. Oct. 1:	Pork Chops, Baked Pot, Veg, Greek Salad, Puffed Wheat Cake
Wed. Oct. 8:	Hamburger Soup, Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Fruit Pie
Wed. Oct. 15:	B'Day Meal: Roast Beef, Mashed Pot, Broccoli Sald, Fruit Tarts
Wed. Oct. 22:	Liver&Onions or Meatballs, Mashed Pot, Veg, Salad, Raisin Delight
Wed. Oct. 29:	S&S Chicken, Fried Rice, Salad, Butter Tarts

Please call or sign up before noon the day prior

Services to Seniors office: 204-242-2241 (Lodge, Haven, 55+)



The Rock Lakers Baseball

Contributed by
Betty Horn

The Rock Lakers senior baseball team wrapped up their season on Sunday September 21st with a windup of games, visiting and supper. The team consists of players from Crystal City, Pilot Mound, Clearwater, La Riviere, Manitou, Morden and Altona.

This season they played 20 games in tournaments held in Brandon, Portage, Winnipeg and the 55+ games held in Steinbach. Starting May 12th and running till August 18th, the team played in the league on Monday evenings against teams from Carman, Morden, Winkler and Altona.

Larry Hemminger coached the team who

had lots of fun playing together with loads of good humor and laughs, and some very awesome plays. Not everyone can make all the tournaments so they are lucky to have Curtis and Moe from Carman and Bob from Altona who can be persuaded to come play with them.

This year the team missed having Gloria Johnston cheering them on from the sidelines. She was always one of their best cheerleaders.

Next year the team will celebrate 20 years of playing, that's when Doug Rinn started the team. There are still players who started with the team 19 or 20 years ago and who are still playing with the team. What an accomplishment. ■



L-R BACK: **Bob Sagert, John Sawatzky, Thor Thorleifson, Larry Hemminger, Pat Nakonechny, Robert Cavers, Greg Clayton**

FRONT: **Marianne Matthys, Ken Horn, Mel Johnston, Kelvin Kidd, Shirley Sagert, Dale Olson**

MISSING: **Ron Matthys**

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

PILOT MOUND & CRYSTAL CITY

Down Memory Lane

Compiled by
Nancy Holman

September 29, 1955

PMCI freshmen (grade 9s) were paraded down the street in "original costumes" during Freshie week. All freshmen were required to carry a polishing cloth to polish senior's shoes upon request. Freshmen must carry the seniors' books.// Snowflake: Mr. Keith Findlay returned to Toronto to take his last year of dentistry.// CC Calf Club reorganized with Bryan Randall - president, Morley Cudmore - vice pres., Bruce Mutch - sec. treas., George Randall - club reporter.// Manitoba entries won over 70% of all prizes in the creamery butter classes at the Western Fair in London, Ont. Among the winning creameries were the plants at CC, Manitou, Morden, Winkler, Cartwright, Glenboro and Treherne.// Terms have expired for Pilot Mound Council and School board members: Mayor G.E. Cohoe, councillors K.G. Graham and R.E. Forbes and school trustees G.F. Windsor and W. E. Moore. Nominations must be filed by October 11.// Snowflake: Bernice Gower married Milton Rinn. Private Orval Rinn, 4th Guards Army Corps, attended his brother as best man.

September 30, 1965

Angusville defeated

Pilot Mound 4-3 in 13 innings to win the provincial intermediate baseball championship. Manitou star Walter Mueller pitched the entire game for the Pilots. Rick Cruise was not in the line-up, being tied up at hockey practice with Brandon juniors.// Lisgar constituency Conservatives nominated Mr. George Muir at their meeting in Somerset. Henry Einarson of Glenboro acted as chairman of the meeting.// The South-West Health Unit announces that Child Welfare Conferences for babies and pre-school children will commence at Pilot Mound Legion Hall on the first Thursday of every month. Nutrition, sleeping and feeding habits and much more will be discussed. Also immunization for childhood diseases.// Colin S. Fallis, secretary-treasurer R.M. of Louise reminds all farm operators of the necessity of mowing the grass and weeds along their respective roadsides.

October 1, 1975

Mel & Helena McDonald have retired from the Pilot Mound Sentinel-Courier after 26 years in the newspaper business.// A new "offset" printing process will be used with this newspaper. Instead of setting up metal type, locking it in a form and printing pages two at a time and then folding the paper, the type is set

by computerized electronic equipment using an ordinary typewriter keyboard. The pages are pasted up to be photographed for printing. The paper will be printed by Pembina Printing in Morden. Advertising in two colors (black and red) will be available starting next week.// Over 200 friends and relatives attended the 88th birthday celebration of Grandma Crockery of Crystal City. Sons Jack & Angus McLeod and families of Brandon were also in attendance.// Dr. Robert Kirouac has begun Dental Work in the Manitou Medical Clinic.// Clearwater: Ray McLaren is playing Junior A hockey with the Selkirk Steelers.// Mr. & Mrs. Robert Tweedie announce the engagement of their daughter Marilyn to Harvey Lloyd Kinsman of Darlingford.

October 1, 1985

It's a go! Rock Lake Oilseeds Ltd. held a press conference in the CC Hall regarding its flaxseed crushing plant proposal. Those at the head table were Clarence Johnson, Glenn & Marg Paterson, Dave & Emilie Reimer, Hon. Eugene Kostyra - Minister of Industry, Trade & Technology, Hon. Jack Murta - Minister of State (Tourism) and MP for Lisgar, Jack & Ruth Lewis, Roy & Alice McLaren, Arnold & Eileen Collins and Tony Reynolds. Jim

Treble was MC.// Cpl. Cliff McGregor and family have been transferred to Winnipeg. His replacement is Cpl. Ron Marlin with his wife Linda and children Curtis and Crystal.// The Great Gray Owl is now Manitoba's official bird emblem.// Ladies attending a McPhee Parka Fashion Show at Brandon were Mary Fallis, Alice McLaren, Dawn McLaren, JoLene Gardiner, Carol Orr, Brenda Taylor, Helen Taylor, Louise Gardiner and Cathy Beavis.

October 3, 1995

Crystal City RCMP is sponsoring a Halloween dance for grades 7-12 in Pilot Mound, CC and Swan Lake.// Crystal City W.I. members mourn the loss of a vital member: Anne Alsop.// 30 years ago Barbara Smith started a florist business in the basement of her home. The three generation family business will continue to serve the area with Barbara, her daughter Betty Esler and Barbara's mother Ethel McLean.// Patti Bright is the Irene Moore Memorial Trophy winner for ladies' golf.// Frank McKay of Pilot Mound received notification that a waterfall in northern Manitoba had been named after his brother Pte. Norman H. McKay, who was killed during the Second World War. McKay Falls is on the North Knife River.

September 27, 2005

76 retired teachers of the old Tiger Hills School Division met for their annual luncheon. Special guest was 100 year old former teacher Vera Stewart.// Tara Holland, Recreation Co-ordinator at Rock Lake Personal Care Home was honored with a certificate from the Heart & Stroke Foundation of Manitoba. While on an outing with residents, one member of the group began to choke. Being trained in CPR, Tara assessed the situation and successfully performed the Heimlich manoeuvre.// Harvey & Wendy Robertson delivered 1842 pounds of potatoes to Winnipeg Harvest. More potatoes are available for sale from the Millennium Complex fundraising committee.// Dean Melvin wed Jessica Koay at Mather June 11.// Upcoming socials: Jackie Sterling and Daniel Van De Velde; Cara Bere and Chad Gillis.// TGMS student council: Emilie Vincent - president, vice-president Krystal Avery, secretary Jordan Bridges, yearbook Brittany Melvin & Jaycee McLaren, special events co-ordinator Nick McKay & Hayley Sutherland.

Sept. 29, 2015

TriLake Agri Killarney marketing rep Kelly Burns presented a \$10,000 cheque to the Tivoli Theatre committee on behalf of Richardson Pioneer.//

Neita Avery reported that the new washrooms/showers building at Rock Lake United Church Camp was completed prior to camping season but was officially dedicated at a Agassiz Presbytery meeting at the camp September 18 and 19. Camp board members: Neita Avery, Dennis Reimer, Mona Neufeld, Barb McLean, Judy Bradley, Ken Kemp, Richard Brown, Alice McLaren, Lois Lynch, Larry Heinrichs, Bob Luger, Kathryn Basso and Sandy Witherpoon.// Federated Co-op Ltd. donated \$25,000 to La Riviere Community Rec Centre. According to chair Evelyn Janzen, the funds will be used to improve access and safety, protect the basement foundation, and landscape the exterior to include seating.// Harvest Moon Festival included the grand opening of the Clearwater Skyway (across the former train bridge) and much more.// Stan & Pam Enns' son Ty was recently picked for an elite baseball opportunity with the Toronto Blue Jays' Baseball Academy Tournament. Now he is back in Manitoba playing hockey with the Waywayseecappo Wolverines and taking his grade 12 in Russell.// One of the trophy winners at the CC Demolition Derby was Jeremy Wall. ■



Minutes of the
10 September 2025
Regular Meeting

Present: Council Members Murray McIntyre, Travis Saban, John Daracott, Liana Vanwynsberghe, Mike McLaren, CAO Alicia Buydens and PW Manager Kelly Young.

Apologies: Bill McKitrick, Kyle McCannell

NEW BUSINESS

List of accounts

Payments totaling \$117,181.49 were approved as was a wire transfer of \$10,783.80 USD plus applicable fees for Diamond Mowers LLC invoice 291987;

The June and July 2025 bank reconciliations were approved.

Trap Neuter Release Policy

Pilot Mound Vet Clinic has advised that rabies vaccinations are a requirement for stray cats.

Council ammended the Trap, Neuter and Release Program policy to authorize for one rabies vaccination, as required.

JHSC Policies

Council approved the Joint Health and Safety Policies 19 and 20 as amended.

Employee vehicle damage

An employee’s vehicle window was damaged during site hours and during site maintenance activities. Council approved to reimburse this employee \$300 to cover the cost of his deductible.

By law 2025-11

First reading was given to By law 2025-11

being a bylaw of the Municipality of Louise to close a public lane in NW ¼ of 9-3-11W, being Parcel A and Parcel B, Plan 54483.

Clearwater well connection

There is an urgency to connect the new Clearwater well connection so Mr. Wiecek and Watkins & Argue were hired to commence the connection and digging portion of the project.

Retirement presentations

Lovell Stone, Pilot Mound Town Foreman, was presented with a retirement gift and well wishes after serving the Municipality for 16 years.

Dale Heppner, Pilot Mound Fire Chief, was also presented with a retirement gift and offered well wishes after serving the Municipality as a fireman and Fire Chief since 1983.

DISCUSSION GRO Grant

Administration will reach out to Municipality of Pembina and Lorne to discuss submitting a regional application for the Sheffield Bridge repairs that are required.

Pilot Mound Kinsmen Hall

Structural repairs completed but waiting on official inspections and reports.

Dumpster/Recycle Shed abuse

Councillor McLaren took pictures of items left at the Pilot Mound recycle shed that should have been brought out to the waste site. Administration will reach out to security camera companies to get cameras installed as soon as possible.

DFA extension

2022 DFA sites 20 & 48 and 2023 DFA site 5

will not be repaired in time for the deadline of November 2025, therefore administration will request an extension to November 2026.

Urban Solutions – Asset Management

Council would prefer to not pursue the offer to work with Urban Solutions at this time.

COMMITTEE REPORTS Sheffield Bridge

An onsite meeting was held with Municipality of Lorne, Pembina and Louise to discuss the repairs that are required on the Sheffield Bridge regarding

the abutment walls.

Pembina Valley Watershed District

New Manager was hired.

Manitoba Water Services Board

A Teams meeting was held to discuss where the Clearwater Well Project tendering is at. Manitoba Water Services Board has promised to send project documents by the third week of September as it was reminded of the urgency there is to have this project in place before the ground is frozen.

CAO report

- New LIWM employee is to start on 15 September.
 - Casual position offer was declined.
 - Abbey Bridges, Administration Officer, to return from maternity leave on 6 October.
 - Server migration was completed with some difficulty.
 - MMA conference was attended by both Alicia and Jenny.
- Public Works Manager**
- Speed radar sign webinar was attended so sign is now functioning, and reports can be


derived to show many different stats, including the number of vehicles that continue to speed through Clearwater.

- New discer was delivered.
- Pump mounted on the LIWM tank.

MINUTES

LUD of Crystal City – 25 August 2025

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



NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION
SALE OF LANDS FOR ARREARS OF TAXES
MUNICIPALITY OF LOUISE

Pursuant to subsection 367(7) of The Municipal Act, notice is hereby given that unless the tax arrears for the designated year and costs in respect of the hereinafter described properties are paid in full to the Municipality prior to the commencement of the auction, the Municipality will on the **21st** day of **October, 2025**, at the hour of **10:00 AM** (previously scheduled for October 9th, 2025 at 10:00 AM), at Municipality of Louise, 26 South Railway Avenue East, Crystal City, Manitoba, proceed to sell by public auction the following described properties:


Roll Number	Description	Assessed Value	Amount of Arrears & Costs for Which Property May be Offered for Sale
304000	LOT 10 BLOCK 4 PLAN 59 MLTO (RL DIV) IN NE 1/4 24-2-12 WPM - 121 BROADWAY ST S, CRYSTAL CITY	L -\$1,900 B -\$56,800	\$7,046.09
310200	LOT 16 BLOCK 11 PLAN 59 MLTO (RL DIV) IN NE 1/4 24-2-12 WPM - 37 DONAHOE AVE E, CRYSTAL CITY	L -\$3,300 B -\$17,800	\$4,848.39
317100	LOTS 1, 2 AND 3 BLOCK 18 PLAN 59 MLTO (RL DIV) IN SE 1/4 25-2-12 WPM EXCEPTING - OUT OF LOT 3 - THE NORTH ELY 20 FEET. - 121 HAY ST N, CRYSTAL CITY	L -\$8,600 B -\$82,200	\$7,126.04
321800	LOT 18 BLOCK 24 PLAN 59 MLTO (RL DIV) IN SW 1/4 25-2-12 WPM - 19 RUPERT AVE W, CRYSTAL CITY	L -\$3,300 B -\$13,300	\$3,842.61
325200	LOTS 9 AND 10 BLOCK 29 PLAN 59 MLTO IN N 1/2 24-2-12 WPM AND S 1/2 25-2-12 WPM - 140 DONAHOE AVE E, CRYSTAL CITY	L -\$6,600 B -\$122,400	\$9,238.80

The tax sale is subject to the following terms and conditions with respect to each property:

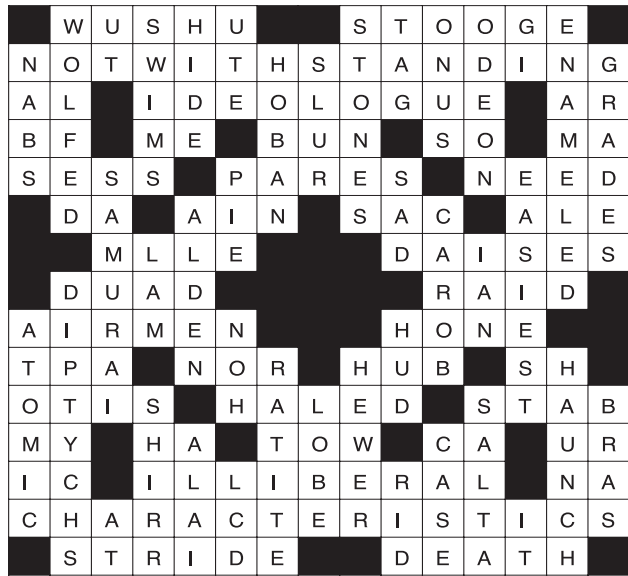
- The purchaser of the property will be responsible for any unpaid municipal utilities and any property taxes not yet due.
- The Municipality may exercise its right to set a reserve bid in the amount of the arrears and costs.
- If the purchaser intends to bid by proxy, a letter of authorization form must be presented prior to the start of the auction.
- The Municipality makes no representations or warranties whatsoever concerning the properties being sold..
- The successful purchaser must, at the time of the sale, make payment in **cash, certified cheque or bank draft** to the MUNICIPALITY OF LOUISE as follows:
 - i) The full purchase price if it is \$10,000 or less; OR
 - ii) If the purchase price is greater than \$10,000, the purchaser must provide a non-refundable deposit in the amount of \$10,000 and the balance of the purchase price must be paid within 20 days of the sale; AND
 - iii) A fee in the amount \$500.85 (\$477 + GST) for preparation of the transfer of title documents. The purchaser will be responsible for registering the transfer of title documents in the land titles office, including the registration costs.
- The risk for the property lies with the purchaser immediately following the auction.
- The purchaser is responsible for obtaining vacant possession.
- If the property is non-residential property, the purchaser must pay GST to the Municipality or, if a GST registrant, provide a GST Declaration

Dated this 25th day of September, 2025.

Managed by:



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Our new ‘COMMUNITY SUPPORT FOUNDATION’



PMHA News Release
Submitted by
Gordie Tumilson,
Marketing Manager

PMHA is proud and thrilled to use our own local Hometown View newspaper to quietly announce our newest community initiative and that is the ‘PMHA FOUNDATION’ Inc.

Our newly registered community organization

is poised to carry on and significantly grow our contribution to our SW Manitoba catchment area. Not-For-Profit foundations allow greater community funding flexibility in using more raised [tax exempt] funds to provide programs, goods and services in the whole area!

More to come on this newest community-based opportunity as time allows. In the meantime, your continued support of PMHA is welcomed as we create and provide more and more within our public initiatives and offerings.

Now back to hockey... Upcoming this weekend [Oct 3-5] we’ll see all of

our teams on FloTV in away games in SK and AB!

Of course the Sept 26-28 scores and stats can be found on all our social media platforms and our really informative website.

Finally, on Sept 19-21 weekend, 3 of our 4 teams saw exhibition action in a total of 8 games.

The U15 males saw their first action, playing in three contests in Souris, with 2 wins and a tie.

The U18 female squad competed, traveling to Portage la Prairie, playing 4 games against three of Manitoba’s top 4 powerful U18F AAA teams.

Finally the U17 male

team got into their first action against ever present, arch enemy RHA in Winnipeg. Always a good way for our team to get their legs right from the ‘get go’!

Remember to follow us on all 4 major social media outlets :

- @pmbuffaloes
- weekly in The Hometown View newspaper;
- GShow Productions Wednesday ‘podcasts’;
- bi-monthly in GameOn Magazine
- plus all 200+ games on FLO TV [and sometimes on Live Barn]!
- Finally as always visit our website: www.pilot-moundhockeyacademy.com

Three Man Scramble Results

The ever popular 3 Man Scramble for 2025 is in the books! 28 Teams challenged the soggy conditions at Cartwright Town & Country Golf Club on Saturday, September 20th. Thankfully, the rain held off and it turned out to be a pretty good day!

Our Golf Club appreciates the support of this annual tournament! The course was in great shape and from all reports, everyone had a great time!

Mark Fallis, Owen Taylor and Zach Mayo were this year’s winners of Cartwright’s 3-man Scramble.



RESULTS:
1st Flight:
1st: Owen Taylor, Zack Mayo, Mark Fallis - 55
2nd: Jesse Enns, Bryce Enns, Ty Enns - 58 (cb)
3rd: Dan Robertson, Allen Mitchell, Darren Zarn - 58 (cb)
2nd Flight:
1st: Kim, Scott & Riley Kemp - 62
2nd: Bill Thiessen, John Darracott, Kelly Marnoch - 63
3rd: Jim Moffat, Bill McNish, Brent Crowe - 64
3rd Flight:

1st: Justin & Derek Cantlon - 66
2nd: Dan Hedley, Murray Hedley, Ken English - 66 (cb)
3rd: Ty Gwynne, Cory Dobbelaere, Bob Dobbelaere - 66 (cb)
Longest Putt: Dan Robertson
Longest Drive: Brody Mullin
Closest to the Pin: Riley McLaren
50/50 Winner: Bryce Enns

Sports Bits

Nancy Holman

Hockey Manitoba released the male U16 Program of Excellence (POE) team playing in an exhibition weekend September 26 to 28 against three Winnipeg teams: Winnipeg Bruins U18 AAA, Winnipeg Wild U18 AAA, RHA Winnipeg U18 Prep. This action is the next phase leading to the formation of U16 Team Manitoba. Among the players still trying for

Team Manitoba are **Cole Landreville** of St. Claude and goalie **Gavin Hildebrand** of Morden (both of Pilot Mound Hockey Academy) and **Crosby Mateychuk** of Dominion City.

In the Manitoba Major Junior Hockey League the **Pembina Valley Twisters** regular season started Sunday against the Ft.Garry/Ft. Rouge Twins. **Braeden Beernaerts** is back as the head coach and assistant G.M.

Swan Lake’s **Riley Wise** returns as an assistant coach. **Josh Guilford** and **Darby Olson** are on the roster again this year. Last season the Twisters were a young team; this year they are a bit more seasoned and are looking forward to more success.

The CFL is proposing rule changes and size of field changes in the hopes of making the game more exciting for the fans and getting more fans in the stadiums. Many, many

fans are complaining, though, that the changes are trying to be too much like the NFL.

Baseball Manitoba announced that Stonewall Minor Ball and Hartney Minor Ball are the **2025 Sport Program Funding Facility Grant** recipients. Each grant is worth \$10,000!


For an amazing fourth time, **Aaron Judge** has hit 50 home runs in a season (as of September 24th). His Yankees and

the Blue Jays are battling for top spot in the American League East. This past weekend will decide that (but as of Friday, when I write this, the results aren’t known.)

The annual **Treherne Run for the Hills Marathon** September 21st had 436 registrants. The event includes the full marathon, half marathon, 10K, 5K, plus the new 1 mile race. Kathryn Comeault of Winnipeg was the women’s

marathon winner with a time of 4 hours, 1 minute, 41 seconds. Evan Jordan of Malonton (a place in the Interlake) had the top time in the marathon of 3:02:29. Prairie Mountain Elementary School won the Cross-Country Performance banner. So many people of all ages from all over southern Manitoba (and beyond) took part. ■

GET TO KNOW A BUFFALO - 2025/26




5 QUESTIONS/ANSWERS:
1 FAVOURITE HOCKEY MEMORY?
CHICAGO BLACKHAWKS
2 FAVOURITE MOVIE?
THE AVENGERS
3 FAVOURITE PREGAME MEAL?
CHICKEN ALFREDO
4 IF YOU HAD TO DESCRIBE YOURSELF AS AN ANIMAL, WHICH WOULD YOU BE?
DOG
5 INTERESTING FACT ABOUT YOURSELF?
I LIKE GOLFING

Hometown: Calgary, AB
Birthdate: 05/19/2010

#7 LIAM REBILLACO

CSSHL

GET TO KNOW A BUFFALO - 2025/26




5 QUESTIONS/ANSWERS:
1 FAVOURITE THING ABOUT HOCKEY?
I LIKE TO WIN
2 FAVOURITE HOLIDAY?
CHRISTMAS
3 FAVOURITE TV SHOW?
TED LASSO
4 WHAT ARE THREE THINGS YOU WOULD TAKE WITH YOU ON A DESERTED ISLAND?
A BOAT, FOOD, LEMONADE
5 WHAT WOULD YOU SING AT KARAOKE NIGHT?
PIANO MAN BY BILLY JOEL

Hometown: Niverville, MB
Birthdate: 06/29/2008

#5 NOAH HUDSON

CSSHL

GET TO KNOW A BUFFALO - 2025/26




5 QUESTIONS/ANSWERS:
1 FAVOURITE NHL TEAM?
PITTSBURGH PENGUINS
2 GOALS BAND/SINGER?
DRAKE
3 FAVOURITE ZOO ANIMAL?
MONKEY
4 WHEN YOU WERE A CHILD, WHAT DID YOU WANT TO BE WHEN YOU GREW UP?
DENTIST
5 WHAT ARE YOUR HOBBIES?
I LOVE TO GOLF

Hometown: Whitecourt, AB
Birthdate: 01/27/2011

#6 MAX FAULKNER

CSSHL

GET TO KNOW A BUFFALO - 2025/26



5 QUESTIONS/ANSWERS:
1 FAVOURITE NHL PLAYER?
CALE MAKAR
2 GOALS AFTER HOCKEY?
PLAY UNIVERSITY HOCKEY THEN PURSUE A CAREER IN THE MEDICAL FIELD
3 FAVOURITE FOOD?
CHICKEN QUESADILLAS
4 WHO WOULD YOU WANT TO BE STRANDED WITH ON A DESERTED ISLAND?
KENDRA CARELS
5 IF YOU COULD LIVE ANYWHERE, WHERE WOULD IT BE?
NASHVILLE, TN

Hometown: Dauphin, MB
Birthdate: 08/31/2009

#7 SADIE SWANTON

CSSHL



Back at it!

GVB Reimer Farms equipment is shown at work near Pilot Mound on September 25th.

Anxious harvesters were held at bay recently while back-to-back rain systems moved through the area. Conditions have improved and farmers have happily returned to their fields.

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Tiger Hills Hockey League

News Release

The 2025/26 THHL season will see the addition of two teams to create a 14-team league. The **Wawanesa Jets** will be returning after a one-year leave of absence, and the **Sandy Bay Flying Feathermen** will embark on their first season in the THHL.

A few other changes to the league format will be made as well.

The teams will be split into two divisions for regular season scheduling only.

West Division - Bois-sevain, Deloraine, Hartney, Killarney, Melita, Souris, Virden

East Division - Carberry, MacGregor, Minnedosa, Neepawa, Rivers, Sandy Bay, Wawanesa.

All teams will play a 19-game schedule,

playing their "divisional" opponents twice, and the other division once.

Standings will be done as one big league (as opposed to two divisions). Teams will be ranked 1-thru-14, with the top 12 making the playoffs.

After the regular season, the top four teams in the standings will earn a first round bye.

The first round of the playoffs will be a best-of-3. Teams will get to choose their opponent for the series. For example, 5th place will get first choice of who they want to play, followed by 6th and 7th. 8th place will play the last team remaining.

The second round of

the playoffs will be a best-of-5. It will follow the same selection format as the first round, with the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place teams choosing opponents, and the 4th place team playing who is left.

The third round of the playoffs will be a best-of-5. Matchups will be determined by regular season seeding.

The finals will also be a best-of-5.

A few new rules will be in effect this season as well.

Coincidental penalties, when both teams are at full strength, will result in a 4-on-4 situation. In all other cases, coincidental penalties will not be time penalties, and will be served

until a stoppage in play.

After both penalties and icings, the offensive team's centerman gets to choose which side the faceoff will take place.

Stay posted for the release of the schedule, games are slated to start in late October. ■



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