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# Lac du Bonnet

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## RM, Town sign joint rec agreement

*Lac du Bonnet councils pooling resources to develop former Laker's Ski Club site*

By Simon Ducatel

The Town and RM of Lac du Bonnet are pooling their resources to create new recreational opportunities at the Laker's Ski Club property.

RM council passed a resolution on Nov. 19 accepting the joint recreation facility agreement with the objective of breathing new life into the former Laker's site, located at 30 PR 502.

"I think that this is definitely, from a recreational hub standpoint, going to be an exciting venture," said Reeve Loren Schinkel. "I think the possibilities here are endless."

The municipalities are collaborating to transform the Laker's site into a community recreation hub. This past spring, the RM had expressed its desire to remediate the property in coordination with the town under a shared vision for a four-season hub to benefit residents in the future.

The Laker's Ski Club ran from 1948 to 2006 when the property was turned over to the town under the condition that the site was reserved exclusively for recreational use. The club's

assets were sold off by the town the following year.

Although technically owned by the town, the property is located in the RM. The site is currently being used by the Fire and Water Music Festival on the August long weekend.

In recent years, the building had fallen into disrepair with no maintenance or upkeep done by either municipality.

The initial phase of the joint council vision has already started to become a reality with the demolition of the former Laker's Ski Club building and site preparation for new structures. The boathouse still resides on the property.

The agreement defines the roles, responsibilities and financial contributions of each municipality for the operation, development and management of the shared recreation facility.

As well, the purchase of a new dock for the property has been approved at a cost of \$15,000 with RM funds being drawn from the recreation reserve and the expense being shared with the town covering half as per the agreement's 50-50 cost-sharing clause, which

includes insurance.

The agreement also stipulates that space within the property may be rented or leased to outside organizations, businesses or entrepreneurs for purposes consistent with the goals of the facility, with any revenues shared accordingly.

Any proposed developments, activities or improvements pertaining to the property will be presented at a joint meeting so projects can be reviewed and considered by both councils prior to approval.

The agreement became valid as of Nov. 20 for a three-year term. It will automatically be renewed for successive five-year terms unless either party provides written notice of intent to either terminate or modify the document.

Additionally, the agreement outlines an inventory of buildings as well as 189 pieces of equipment including skates and skis.

Offering his own thoughts, Deputy Reeve Greg Mandzuk said he's long been a supporter of fostering opportunities in recreation, which he described as, "one of the true pillars that RMs and towns and municipalities in general have been built on for years."

He also acknowledged that delivering recreational opportunities in a large municipality like the RM is an ongoing effort.

"For those people that question, 'Why this area, or why that area?' Well, with an RM this big, I think having different areas with recreational opportunities, this being one exciting one that we're jointly going forward with the town, represents a huge move forward in terms of recreation."



## Light Bright

Photo submitted

Nicole and Sal Napoleone are all smiles at the Lac du Bonnet Chamber of Commerce Community Christmas Tree Lighting on Dec. 1. The couple donated the tree for the event that saw around 100 people flock to the Lac du Bonnet town dock where Santa made an appearance.



File photo

A new metal roof was installed on the boathouse this year.



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# Sunrise shifting approach to literacy

Sunrise School Division hosted Dr. Valdine Bjornson at École Dugald School as part of the Nov. 22 divisional professional development day for early years teachers.

Dr. Bjornson is a certified reading clinician, the founder of the Reading and Learning Clinic of Manitoba and the Education Director for Teachers for Reading Canada. She is committed to providing Canadian educators with evidence-based professional development and advocating for students with dyslexia, dysgraphia, and dyscalculia. Additionally, she is an accredited Structured Literacy/Dyslexia Specialist through the International Dyslexia Association.

Dr. Bjornson reinforced

that students require explicit, systematic phonics-based instruction. She explained that the brain must map words to enable recall, which involves students being able to pronounce words, write the corresponding sounds as letters, understand the meaning of the word and its components, and recognize the origins of the word or its parts. Additionally, she

highlighted the importance of the timing of reading instruction because the gap between skilled and struggling readers tends to widen over time, underscoring the need for early and effective literacy instruction.

Sunrise School Division has already begun shifting approaches to teaching literacy. This includes teaching phonological awareness

(the ability to recognize and manipulate the sounds of spoken words) and phonics in a manner that is explicit and systematic within the early years. This approach is based on the latest scientific research, is proven to be effective and is supported by the recent position statements from the Manitoba Pediatrician Society, Canadian Pediatric Society and the Manitoba Association of School Psychologists.

Some changes in classrooms include sound walls instead of word walls, decodable books instead of levelled books and a concentration on word study instead of traditional spelling tests.



Dr. Valdine Bjornson

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# RCMP body-worn cameras deployed

## North Eastman detachments to begin using recording devices this coming spring

While some RCMP officers in Manitoba have started using body-worn cameras to remove police and public bias, it is believed North Eastman detachments will not have access to them until this coming spring.

The Manitoba RCMP has begun their portion of the national rollout of body-worn cameras. Officers will usually wear their Axon Public Safety Canada Inc. cameras on their chest and the public will know it's recording when a red light is visible and flashing below the lens of the camera. The cameras will be on during service calls and investigations as well as responses to protests and mental health calls. The devices will not be engaged in situations where there is an expectation of privacy including strip searches or in washrooms, hospitals

and treatment centres.

RCMP Sgt. Paul Manaigre said police believe the body-worn cameras will help increase trust between police and the communities they serve because the video evidence collected will provide an independent and objective way to capture interactions between all parties involved. It will also help resolve public complaints more quickly and improve evidence gathering.

A 28-year member of the RCMP, Manaigre said the majority of that time he has been working at detachments and responding to calls from the public for assistance. Over the course of his career he has had interactions with thousands of individuals in almost every policing scenario imaginable. Thankfully, the vast majority of those interactions are peaceful and often even positive, and do not

result in any kind of concern from the member of the public who is involved or from the RCMP.

He said there are, however, times when the interaction is difficult, a scene is chaotic and where the situation evolves to a point where there is potential for danger.

"When we arrive at a scene, we know it may be on the person's worst day of their lives, and emotions may be running high for the responding officers, they are going into an unknown situation, and there may be a high level of risk associated to the call," Manaigre said. "There are so many things happening at once, and interactions at the scene can be remembered differently by both the officer and the member of the public."

He said if there is a discrepancy as to what occurred during the call, the video can now be reviewed, which benefits the public and the police. The use of these cameras will be complemented by a digital evidence management system that will be used to store and manage body-worn video.

"This video review takes away police and public bias as to what happened and what was said. The fact that statements are recorded and that the cameras will be recording when evidence is



RCMP

*Body-worn cameras will show what was seen and heard when in use.*

located at the scene will no doubt also be very beneficial to investigations."

In southern Manitoba, Steinbach was the first to begin using cameras as of Nov. 22 with detachments in Portage la Prairie, Amaranth and Treherne kicked off Dec. 4. East St. Paul, Grand Marais and Selkirk begin Jan. 7 with St-Pierre-Jolys starting Jan. 22.

Manaigre said Beausejour and Oakbank detachments are scheduled for

March 2025, but he was unable to provide information on the Powerview and Lac du Bonnet detachments as he believes "those are needing infrastructure upgrades prior to the rollout."

By April 2025, it is expected that over 490 Manitoba RCMP officers in 44 detachments will be equipped with body-worn cameras. This will include detachments providing policing services to Ebb and Flow, Peguis, Sioux Valley and a number of other First Nation communities.

All other detachments throughout Manitoba will have body-worn cameras and the digital evidence

management system rolled out to them in a phased approach over the course of the next 18 months. An estimated 700 cameras are expected to be used by Manitoba RCMP officers.

"Communities have been asking for more accountability and transparency in policing," said Assistant Commissioner Scott McMurchy, Commanding Officer, Manitoba RCMP. "(The) launch... truly demonstrates our commitment to enhancing the trust between the Manitoba RCMP and the communities we so proudly serve throughout the province."

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# Lou's PINAWA NEWS

People, history and happenings

By Louise Daymond

My goodness is surprising how quickly November comes and goes, isn't it?

And it's lovely to have fresh snow to herald December. It somehow takes the edge off the cold weather, I find. Speaking of snow, what better time to give the first shout out to our Public Works crew for clearing the streets and parking lots so promptly last week. Someone remarked that we are so lucky here, and that has been true for decades.

The next three weeks are chock full of fun-filled activities for all ages, plus opportunities to support benevolent causes in our community and region.

How's your Christmas shopping going? Have you got the gifts but no time to wrap? Or maybe wrapping isn't your thing. Whatever the case may be, the Pinawa Health Auxiliary's got you covered. Take your gifts to the mall every Saturday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and the super friendly gals will wrap them for you while you wait. It's a free service by donation, so it's a win-win for everyone.

The tradition of preparing Christmas Hampers with donated dry goods and toys has changed dramatically since COVID. You can still contribute by donating funds to the Pinawa Foundation or in the PCF church office in the Access Mall. The money will be used to purchase local store gift cards or store credit for 60 families in Pinawa and the catchment area. Anyone who would like to be added to the list of recipients can contact the PCF via phone or text at 204-753-8439. All requests will be held in the strictest confidence.

Head down to the Pinawa Winter Town Market at the community centre Dec. 14 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. There are approximately 40 vendors who will

have a wide assortment of handmade and distributed products for sale, several who are new to our markets. The Pinawa Health Auxiliary will be making their Christmas Raffle Draw at that time, and will also be wrapping gifts for donation. There is a possibility of a canteen in the MPR, but the interested vendor hadn't confirmed as of press deadline. The Pinawa Town Markets have a \$2 admission and request that you bring a 'Tin for the Bin' in support of the Lac du Bonnet and Area Food Bank if you are able. Admission is

A-Sport sessions on Dec. 15 from noon to 12:45 p.m. at the Orville Acres Arena. Pre-register by emailing [recreation@pinawa.com](mailto:recreation@pinawa.com). All participants must have skates and a helmet, and parents must participate with any children who are registered.

The annual school Holiday Concert takes place at the community centre Dec. 18 starting at 6:30.

It's Christmas Story Time at the library at 3:30 p.m. on Dec. 20, complete with snacks, refreshments and, of course, a Christmas story!



evening of games and local talent Dec. 21. It's Holly Jolly Happy Hour from 6-8 p.m. followed by a Merry and Bright Mic Night at 8 p.m. There will be a 50/50 draw, snacks and table



Photo by Louise Daymond

**The Pinawa Health Auxiliary is wrapping gifts for donation at the Access Mall kiosk every Saturday until Christmas from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Linda Kuhn and Andi Dekker were joined by Jaimie Kuhn and Jailin Gallinger for the first session.**

donated to a local charitable cause. The Market also supports local volunteer groups who can assist with set-up and take-down was \$50. Call Louise at 204-753-2604 for more information.

On Dec. 15, start your day with Breakfast with Santa at the Pinawa Club from 9:30-11:30 a.m., then head over to the Orville Acres Arena for Festive Family Day from 1-3 p.m.

The Recreation department is hosting another Try-

The Pinawa Holiday Cheer Committee has been collecting registrations for the annual Street Light Competition. The fun thing about this competition is that friends and neighbours join in on the collective theme for their street, as opposed to one or two houses in a neighbourhood. The judging takes place Dec. 20 at 6 p.m.

Join with the Holiday Cheer Committee at the Pinawa Club for a fun

games, too. Sounds like so much fun, doesn't it?

Register your teams for the annual 4-on-4 Hockey Tournament hosted by Rick Backer by calling/texting 204-345-3262. The tournament takes place Dec. 21 from 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Don't forget Chase the Ace at the Pinawa Club is paused until the New Year.

Let me know if you've got items to share in my column 204-753-2604 and leave a message.

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# THE CRIME SCENE

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## LAC DU BONNET & AREA

The Lac du Bonnet detachment's main incident reporting line for non-emergencies is 204-345-8685. The administration office for general questions is 204-345-6311. For emergencies, always dial 911.

2024-11-25 Lac du Bonnet RCMP were dispatched to a single vehicle collision in the RM of Lac du Bonnet in which heavy snowfall and icy road conditions had contributed to a vehicle sliding through an intersection and into the ditch. There were no serious injuries reported. Alcohol was not a factor.

2024-11-27 Whitemouth RCMP received a report of a break and enter to the garage at a cottage property in the Whiteshell Provincial Park in which various tools and a generator were stolen.

2024-12-01 Pinawa RCMP were advised of a vehicle in the ditch in the LGD of Pinawa. Checks

on the vehicle showed it to be registered. The vehicle was taped off and left for the owner to arrange a tow.

## OAKBANK & AREA

To make a report to the Oakbank detachment, call the 24-hour dispatch line at 204-444-3391. The administration office for general questions is 204-444-3847. For emergencies, always dial 911.

Oakbank RCMP received 40 calls for service from Nov. 25 to Dec. 1.

2024-11-25 Springfield Police Services were called to a business in Oakbank regarding a hostile person. Members attended and encountered an individual refusing to leave. Members intervened and were able to get the individual to leave the business.

2024-11-25 Oakbank RCMP and Springfield Police responded to a jackknifed semi in Springfield. Investigation on going and charges pending.

2024-11-26 RCMP received a request of well being check with an elderly person in the RM of Springfield as they had walked away from the residence with very little clothing on. Members were on route when they received a call

that the person had found their way back home and were no longer needed.

2024-11-27 Oakbank RCMP were called to a single vehicle accident in Oakbank. No injuries. Vehicle towed as it was undriveable and public works was called due to damage to a stop sign. With the recent snow motorists are reminded to drive to the conditions of the weather and roads.

2024-11-27 While on patrol, Springfield Police received a hit on a vehicle being driven on PR 206 that is registered to a prohibited driver. Police initiated a stop to verify the driver. Springfield Police were able to identify the driver through MPI. Driver arrested and charged with Operation While Prohibited. Driver released on an appearance notice to attend court.

2024-11-28 Due to slippery icy conditions, two traffic collisions were reported to Oakbank RCMP. In both instances, vehicles lost control and entered the ditch. Both vehicles towed. Once driver received medical attention.

2024-11-29 Oakbank RCMP were called to assist East St. Paul Community Safety officer as they had pulled over a vehicle for speeding on Wenzel Street and the driver required an ignition interlock device to which they had not had installed. Members attended and issued the driver the appropriate tickets. Vehicle was impounded. This would not have happened if the driver had followed MPI's rules.

2024-11-30 Oakbank RCMP were called to a possible theft of a vehicle. Members discussed the situation with both parties. Found to be no theft, but a civil disagreement. No further investigation.

2024-12-01 Oakbank RCMP received a call of a suspicious person on a property in the RM of Springfield. Property owners were home and able to get a full description of the person and vehicle. Investigation on going.

## BEAUSEJOUR & AREA

The Beausejour RCMP Administration Office is open Monday to Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. To file a police report, please call 204-268-2612. If it's an emergency, call 911.

Due to the postal strike, all criminal records have to be picked up at the administration office.

No report submitted.

## CANADIAN ANTI-FRAUD CENTRE

The CAFC handles complaints about false, deceptive, misleading, or fraudulent acts, including telemarketing, mail fraud, ID theft, internet fraud, and other consumer scams with a Canadian connection. It plays a role in the collection and dissemination of information to the appropriate enforcement agency. The CAFC educates the public about specific scams and distributes educational and prevention resource materials. Coordinated by the Ontario Provincial Police,

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Emergency scams prey on your fear of a loved one being hurt or in trouble. Scammers claim to be someone you know and tell you they need money immediately.

Scenarios they may use include:

- Needing bail money because they've been arrested;
- Being in a car accident or
- Trouble returning from a foreign country.

Reports are showing a new variation where fraudsters contact you via email or text message, claiming to be a loved one asking for a favour. For this favour, they'll ask you to send money or gift cards.

Fraudsters will:

- Claim to be law enforcement officials, or lawyers or impersonate the grandchild/family member;
- Use urgency and threats to convince you to take out money;
- Claim that there is a "gag order" preventing you from speaking about the situation; or
- If you agree to pay the requested amount (cash or cryptocurrency), fraudsters will arrange to pick up the funds in person or will ask you to send cash in the mail.

## Broken Phone Scam

The CAFC is getting reports about a fraudulent emergency text or social media messages. The fraudster might claim to be a family member or loved one, saying that their cell phone is broken or has been dropped in water. The fraudster will then provide an alternate phone number to contact them at. They will proceed to ask for a favour by requesting funds from the victim to repair the broken phone or to pay a bill.

This is a screenshot from a reported emergency scam

using the broken phone variation (for example, in English only).

## Grandparent Scams

A senior gets a phone call, typically on their home phone/landline, from a caller claiming to be their grandchild or calling on behalf of their grandchild. They say they need money as soon as possible, whether to pay bail, lawyer's fees, hospital fees, or ambulance fees. They will say the payment is needed immediately to avoid going to jail or to be released from jail.

Note: These types of scams can target anyone, not just seniors or grandparents.

How to protect yourself

- If you receive a phone call claiming to be from a family member in an emergency, hang up the phone and contact them directly using a phone number you already have – not one provided by the suspected fraudster.

- If the caller claims to be a law enforcement official, hang up and call your local police directly using a phone number from a reputable source – not one provided by the suspected fraudster.

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

- Listen to that inner voice that is screaming at you, "This doesn't sound right."

- It is important to know the Canadian criminal justice system does not allow for someone to be bailed out of jail with cash or cryptocurrency.

- Be careful what you post online.

- Scammers can get details that you share on social media platforms and dating sites to target you or get names and details about your loved ones.

- Don't trust caller ID names and numbers.

- Scammers use technology to disguise the actual number they are calling from and can make it appear as a trusted phone number, also known as spoofing.

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# THE COMMENT PAGE

## Wayne's Worldly View from the Legislature



By Wayne Ewasko, MLA for Lac du Bonnet

I had the pleasure of taking part in the annual Christmas on Park event in Beausejour on Nov. 22. It was a great way to ring in the holiday season and I thank all the businesses that participated, as well as the organizers and volunteers who continue to make this community celebration a tremendous success every year. Fortunately, the snow arrived in time.

Another annual event at this time of year is the Manitoba Government's Speech from the Throne, though the speech on Nov. 19 hasn't been a cause for celebration. The NDP's preview of its legislative plans for the year ahead showed no vision for addressing Manitoba's

rising crime, increasing health care wait-times, and overcrowded schools. The speech was a short-sighted failure in matters of affordability and our province's economic health. Premier Wab Kinew and his government are offering empty rhetoric on affordability with no effort to lower grocery prices, reduce taxes, grow the economy or improve trade, other than depending on initiatives and investments by the previous Progressive Conservative government.

The PC's left this NDP government with over \$1/4 billion surplus in 2023. They also received a historic \$842 million windfall from the federal government in transfer payments. Federal transfers are going up this year with Manitoba receiving \$4.3 billion in equalization that began in April. That is a 24 per cent increase from last year. Yet after only one year since forming government, Kinew's NDP has taken Manitoba

into a \$2 billion deficit.

The Premier's recent announcement of increased funding for municipalities appears nothing more than a financial shell game. In reality, the NDP has cut \$16.9 million in annual funding from municipalities, including \$12.5 from the Building Sustainable Communities program and \$4.4 million from Green Team. That means the Premier's promise of a \$16.8 million guaranteed increase for municipalities actually nets out to less than zero, and that doesn't even take into account his cuts to the Arts, Culture and Sport in Community grants, which was \$100 million. So, while the Premier is getting a 24 per cent increase in equalization from the Federal Government, he is giving municipalities less than zero in new funding this year. I think Manitoba municipalities deserve better and I think the Premier can do better, by sharing the wealth.

An upcoming hydro

rate freeze mentioned in the Throne Speech is another NDP recycled promise, and without any proposal to pay for it. This coming from a government that has just given itself the power to raise hydro rates at the cabinet table and raised hydro rates across the board by one per cent last spring. A rate freeze today would bring rate shock and surging prices tomorrow and the independent Public Utility Board was created to assess hydro rates based on facts, not political pandering.

It's the same lack of accountability from the Kinew government on other taxes. They hit homeowners with a \$148 million education property tax hike while cancelling plans for nine new schools that included over 770 daycare spaces. Don't forget, the NDP will also be ending the education property tax phase-out while allowing 17 per cent school tax increases on homeowners and seniors. Manitobans really are paying more and getting less from this government.

Meanwhile, residents of Lac du Bonnet are awaiting construction of their town's planned personal care home, and for the government to keep to the project's time line. We are hoping to see shovels in the ground on the \$66.4 million care home before the New Year, but the NDP have been slow to keep their promises on this project.

This is the time of year when communities come together to aide those who struggle to make ends meet. We are fortunate in our region to have many organizations and businesses that make the effort to collect funds, food, clothing and toys for families in need. Whether it be a local charity, hamper or food bank, there are many opportunities to donate if you are able, so that all may share in a happy holiday season. Merry Christmas and all the best in the New Year!

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to email me at wayne@wayneewasko.com, or call me at 204-268-3282.

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## Last week's What's It?

The What's It? object in the Nov. 28 edition of *The Clipper* was a WOOD HEATER.

Congratulations to Derrick Nault of Niagara Falls, Ont. for being the only person to provide the correct answer this week; "This week's What's It? is a wood heater.

Good luck this week.



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North Eastman residents packed and sent 384 shoe boxes to needy children throughout the world.

## Operation Christmas Child

Abundant Life Chapel in Lac du Bonnet served as the North Eastman regional drop-off centre for Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes again this Christmas and the volunteers thanked everyone who donated to the 2024 initiative.

Shoeboxes were distributed in Lac du Bonnet, Pinawa, Powerview-Pine

Falls, Beausejour and Seven Sisters. Supporters packed them with school supplies, toys and personal hygiene items, which are then distributed to children in need throughout the world. This year, boxes from Canada are being shipped to El Salvador, Nicaragua, Costa Rica, Cape Verde, The Gambia, Guinea Bissau, Senegal, Ukraine and Philippines.

A packing party was

held Nov. 9 at Abundant Life Chapel. The Kids Church at Abundant Life packed boxes Nov 10. Collection week in Lac du Bonnet was Nov. 20-23.

Melba Van Linden, coordinator for the local Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child, said 384 shoe boxes were collected from across the region and sent to Winnipeg. From there they are shipped to Calgary for world wide distribution.

# What's Happening At Library Allard

By Jen Kemball, Assistant Librarian, 204-367-8443

### Gingerbread Man

Library Allard is having a Gingerbread Colouring Contest. Simply come to the library to pick up your colouring page. You can also print it at home. Drop off anytime until Dec 17. Community members will decide which one is their favourite for each category. We will tally up and 1 winner for each age category will be chosen. Pick up your gingerbread colouring page anytime.

### Heritage Christmas Village

Back by popular demand, this holiday season Library Allard will have it's beautiful Dicken's Dept. 56 Heritage Christmas Village set up for community members to view in December. The beautiful 40-plus piece collection was donated to the library by a community member's niece. It was set up at the end of November so please stop by to see it in person. You won't be disappointed.

### In House Games

Visit the library, from Nov. 30 to Dec. 30 to decorate our two snowmen! We have a boy and a girl snowman. They are made of felt for our younger patrons little fingers and are guaran-

teed to keep your little one entertained while you look at books or simply just want to hang out. Traditionally, the library has an in house game set up every second month or so throughout the year. We hope you plan to come spend some time at the library during the Christmas holidays.

### Gingerbread House Building

Christmas is around the corner. We'd like to celebrate the holiday season with you by hosting our third Gingerbread House building evening on Dec. 5 from 6-7:30 p.m. at Allard Library in St. Georges. We encourage families to use your imaginations and create something fun and yummy. There is a fee but we provide everything. All we need is you. Parents, grandparents, cousin and friends are welcome. We can register a maximum of eight families due to space so sign up soon. To register please visit [www.allardlibrary.com](http://www.allardlibrary.com)

### Large Print

We know that many of our members need or prefer to read books in large print formats – generally easier to read. While we do carry large print books in the library, we recognize that our selection is limited. We're

excited to share that with funding from the Manitoba Accessibility Fund, we'll be expanding our large print collections at both branches in early 2025. What a great way to begin the New Year.

### Air Quality Monitoring

We love being community scientists, so we are happy to once again partner with the Manitoba Lung Association and Health Canada. Last year we received radon detectors to measure radon levels in indoor air – these detectors are still available to borrow from both library branches. This year we received a PurpleAir sensor that measures particulate matter smaller than 2.5 micrometers in diameter (PM2.5) in outdoor air. These tiny airborne particles are emitted by vehicles, industry, forest fires and other sources.

Our air quality sensor transmits data about local PM2.5 concentrations to the real-time PurpleAir map. When viewing the map, you will see colour-coded numbers from one to 10 that indicate the level of immediate health risk associated with local air quality – one indicates low risk and 10 indicates very high risk. Visit our outdoor air quality page for more information including a link to the PurpleAir map.

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# Financial Focus



## Tax Strategies for Year End

In 2024 the markets have been strong – a welcome sight for many investors. However, strong gains can sometimes come with a side effect: higher taxes. Let's explore a few strategies to help you minimize your tax bill.

### 1. RRSP Meltdown

Efficiently withdrawing funds from your RRSP or RRIF is a common concern. One strategy, often called an RRSP meltdown, involves withdrawing extra from your RRSP now, to avoid a big tax hit down the road. To implement you must estimate your annual income, determine your tax bracket, and withdraw just enough from your RRSP to "fill up" that bracket. Typically, this withdrawal is timed for year-end, when you have a clearer picture of your total income for the year.

By doing so, you maximize your RRSP withdrawals at your current tax rate and can reinvest the extra funds into a TFSA or non-registered account. This strategy isn't for everyone and should align with your broader financial plan.

### 2. Non-Registered Account Optimization

The financial world loves its acronyms – RRSPs, RRIFs, TFSAs, LIRAs, PRIFs, and LIFs – all tied to registered accounts. Investments outside of this alphabet soup, such as in non-registered or joint accounts, often come with

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yearly tax obligations. Non-registered accounts follow a 'pay-as-you-go' tax system, requiring you to report realized capital gains, interest, and dividends each year. These accounts are where the tax impact of significant market rallies is most noticeable. Here are two strategies to manage taxes in these accounts:

- **Focus on Capital Gains:** Interest income (e.g., from GICs or bonds) is taxed at your regular income rate, while dividends benefit from a tax credit and capital gains are taxed most favourably. Adjusting your non-registered investments to emphasize capital gains can reduce your annual tax bill. However, investments with additional tax perks often have more risk, any changes should align with your overall risk tolerance and investment plan.

- **Tax Loss Harvesting:** At year-end, consider selling investments that have declined in value to trigger capital losses. These losses can offset capital gains, reducing your taxes. You can carry losses back up to three years or forward indefinitely to optimize your tax situation. We review portfolios every year to see if we can take advantage of this strategy for clients.

### 3. Pension Income Tax Credit

If you're 65 or older, you may be eligible for the federal non-refundable pension income tax credit on up to \$2,000 of eligible pension income. This 15 per cent credit can reduce your tax bill, but you'll need to ensure your income qualifies.

Eligible sources include workplace pensions or, after age 65, withdrawals from a RRIF. If you haven't claimed this credit yet, it's worth withdrawing \$2,000 from your RRIF to take full advantage.

### 4. In-Kind Donations

Donating securities in-kind is one of the most tax-efficient ways to support a charity. This approach offers a twofold benefit:

1. You receive a tax deduction for the full market value of the donation.
2. You avoid paying capital gains tax on the growth of the donated securities.

For example, if you purchased shares for \$10,000 and they are now worth \$15,000, donating the shares provides a \$15,000

donation tax credit without triggering tax on the \$5,000 capital gain. This strategy can significantly reduce your tax burden while maximizing your charitable impact.

### Additional Tips:

- Donations exceeding \$200 qualify for a higher combined federal and provincial tax credit of 46.4 per cent.
- You and your spouse can combine donation credits to optimize your overall tax savings.
- Unused donation credits can be carried forward for up to five years, allowing flexibility in your tax planning.

It's always a good idea

to review your financial plan prior to implementing a new strategy to ensure it is a good fit.

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# CLIPPER SPORTS

## Gowans, Sabres recognized by WHSFL

By Tony Zerucha

The Springfield Collegiate Sabres were well-represented at the Winnipeg High School Football League's award night, with a Grade 12 player taking home the most coveted trophy.

Colton Gowans won the Harry Hood Memorial Trophy. First awarded in 1954, it is given to the high school football player who exemplifies the standard in playing ability, school citizenship, fair play and scholastic standing. Gowans, who has committed to the University of Manitoba Bisons, also earned a \$500 scholarship.

Gowans has blossomed in Springfield. In 2023, his All-Division Linebacker nod was just a warm-up for a 2024 that saw him participate in the CFC prospect Game in Toronto and the Blue and Gold Showcase. A team captain, Gowans finished 2024 with 46 tackles, one interception, one fumble recovery and two pass breakups. He was the top-ranked linebacker in Manitoba and seventh-best in Canada. Overall, Gowans was ranked 63rd in Canadian football.

"It feels like the biggest honour, privilege, and overall accomplishment to be given this trophy," Gowans said. "I understand this award is the highest achievement in the Winnipeg High School Football League and I'm very excited that my name will be forever on this incredible trophy and what it stands for."

"Colton deserves special consideration as SCI is a small school (560 students) whose program has only been in existence for five years," head coach Tom Walls said in his



Photo submitted

The SCI Sabres were well represented at the Winnipeg High School Football League's award night.

nomination. "He is a player who places a priority on making sure the practice equipment is out, the locker room is swept and that water is run out on the field during a time-out."

Walls has known Gowans for 17 years and credits his family for instilling a selfless nature in him. Gowans models that in his school and community.

"He has brought us back to what we

hoped football would do for this small community; provide a class of selfless young people who enjoyed the grit of hard work," Walls wrote.

Gowans wasn't the only one recognized. Ethan Haarsma won a Football Manitoba Scholarship Award and a \$500 bursary. He was cited for his athleticism, academics and citizenship. Haarsma and Gowans

joined Brady Rach, Brady Smith, Mitchell Magwood and Lucas Gustave on the AAAA All-Division Team.

The Sabres' excellent coaching staff was also highlighted. The entire staff was nominated for Coaching Staff of the Year, while Val Medved was in the running for Assistant Coach of the Year. Ken Clegg was a finalist for Volunteer of the Year.

## Winterhawks clobber Carmen Cougars

By Tony Zerucha

Big nights from Connor Grunsten and the Barley boys led the first-place Springfield Winter-

hawks to a 10-1 drubbing of the Carman Cougars on Nov. 30.

The game was scoreless late in the first before Dane Hirst opened the floodgates

at 14:53. Carter Barley followed at 16:48 with Connor Barley lighting the lamp at 19:53.

Carter Barley added three more in the middle

frame, with Curtis Rebeck and Grunsten also hitting paydirt. Grunsten and Keith Grondin scored in the third. Goalie Ashton Howarth's shutout was ruined at 17:07

of the third period. Springfield led the shot derby 48-26.

In addition to his four goals, Carter Barley added three assists to take over the league scoring lead with 19 points. His 14 goals are by far the most. Connor Barley had five assists for a six-point evening. Grunsten

finished with five points.

Grondin's three points vaulted him into a sixth-place tie with 15.

The Winterhawks visit the Warren Mercs on Dec. 7. Their next home game on Dec. 14 is a big one as the second-place Ste. Anne Aces come to Oakbank for an 8 p.m. start.

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Interlake Lightning	10	7	3
Eastman Selects	10	8	3
Pembina Valley	10	8	3
Winnipeg Thrashers	10	11	1
Norman Northstars	7	18	1
Kenora Thistles	7	13	0
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Yellowhead Chiefs	3	15	1

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TEAM	WON	LOST	TIE
Springfield Xtreme	13	0	0
Steinbach Huskies	7	3	1
Mitchell Mustangs	7	6	1
Ste. Anne Aces	6	8	0
East St. Paul Gators	2	8	0
West Division			
Niverville Clippers	11	2	0
Landmark Blues	6	5	0
Macdonald Swarm	6	5	0
Red River Mudbugs	2	9	0
Grunthal Red Wings	0	12	0

Upcoming Home Games  
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MB WOMEN'S HIGH SCHOOL DIV 3			
TEAM	WON	LOST	TIE
Dakota Lancers	9	1	1
PCI Saints	8	3	1
Springfield Sabres	8	5	0
Murdoch MacKay	6	3	0
SJR Eagles	5	5	0
Beliveau Barracudas	3	6	1
Beausejour Barons	1	11	0

WINNIPEG HIGH SCHOOL BOYS PLATINUM DIVISION			
TEAM	WON	LOST	TIE
Vincent Massey Trojans	8	0	1
River East Kodiaks	8	3	1
St. Pauls Crusaders	8	3	0
Oak Park Raiders	7	2	1
Westwood Warriors	7	2	0
Springfield Sabres	7	4	0
Sturgeon Heights Huskies	5	5	1
Steinbach Sabres	5	3	0
West K Wolverines	3	6	2
JH Bruns Broncos	4	8	0
Selkirk Royals	3	6	1
John Taylor Pipers	2	7	0
Stonewall Rams	1	10	2

PRICE DIVISION			
TEAM	WON	LOST	TIE
Louis Riel Voyageurs	10	0	0
Warren Wildcats	9	1	1
Lorette Scorpions	8	3	0
Beausejour Barons	7	2	1
Glen Lawn Lions	6	4	1
Powerview/Sagkeeng	6	2	0
Niverville	4	4	0
Pinawa Panthers	3	7	0
Linden Christian	3	8	1
Churchill	2	8	0
Kildonan East Reivers	1	9	1
Windsor Park Royals	1	7	0

Upcoming Home Games  
Fri Dec 6 Lorette @ Sagkeeng 5pm  
Fri Dec 6 Churchill @ Pinawa 5pm  
Mon Dec 9 Churchill @ Beausejour 3:30pm

Xtreme stay perfect

By Tony Zerucha

The Springfield Xtreme won an important divisional matchup on Nov. 27, topping the Mitchell Mustangs 6-4. When combined with a 3-1 over the East St. Paul Gators, it leaves them 13-0 for the season, six wins ahead of the second-place Steinbach Huskies. On Nov. 27, three goals in 2:17 midway through the opening period set an early tone. Sam Sass, Aidan Osborne and Chase Janas hit the twine. Mitchell found their game in the second, scoring twice in 48 seconds to make it a one-goal game by the three-minute mark. Former Eastman Select Jeremiah Warkentine was one of the Mustang marksmen. He has nine goals

and five assists in 13 HTJHL games this season. That 3-2 score didn't last for long, as Osborne scored his second of the night, and Evan Jasper scored twice to make it 6-2 heading into the final frame. The Mustangs scored twice to make the final 6-4. Hayden Bartecki made 20 saves for the win. Springfield fired 73 pucks at Carter Zilinski. Jasper finished with five points, while Sass and Osborne scored three apiece.

Janas opened the scoring against the Gators on Nov. 30, connecting at 7:14 of the first period. Call-up Taigan Newton made it 2-0 at 1:38 of the second period off feeds from Osborne and Connor Toth. John Pelletier added to the lead seconds later before East St. Paul ruined the shutout at 15:28. Hayden Bartecki made 18 saves for the win. Springfield took 27 shots. Springfield visits Niverville on Dec. 8. They host the Gators on Dec. 13 at 8:15 p.m.





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# CLIPPER SPORTS

## High School Hockey Round-Up

**MWHS� Sabres Win Close One**

The Springfield Sabres edged the Beliveau Baracudas 2-1 on Nov. 27. Their fourth-consecutive victory has them in third place, two points behind the PCI Saints.

Springfield was down 1-0 deep into the second period when Skylar Di Vito scored her ninth of the season at 9:24. Bella Magura and Gracie Anderson earned the assists. Kera Lesuk scored the game-winner at 9:52 of the third period.

Springfield bombarded Beliveau with 40 shots. Lily Wassing made 19 saves for the win.

Lesuk is having a stellar campaign for the Sabres. She leads the division with 14 goals and 21 points and was Player of the Week for the week ending Nov. 15. Lesuk's 14 goals are tied for second-most in the MWHS�'s three divisions, one off the lead. Her 21 points

are the second-most in the MWHS�.

Di Vito is tied for third in the division with nine goals and tenth with 11 points. Emily Kay leads the way with a 0.91 goals-against average and is tied for first with two shutouts.

**Barons Fall to Eagles**

On Nov. 28, the École Edward Schreyer Barons fell 4-1 to the SJR Eagles. Lauren Ingeberg scored her fifth goal, equalling her total from 2023-24, accomplished in 10 more games.

Ingeberg's five goals lead the Barons. Serena Gorski is second with four and leads the team with seven points in seven games.

**WHS� Wild Extend Win Streak**

The Powerview-Sagkeeng Wild extended their winning streak to three on Nov. 29 with a 9-2 crowning of the Windsor Park Royals. Sebastian Guimond scored a hat-trick in the first

period to give the Wild a 4-1 lead entering intermission. Preston Johnson also scored.

Following a scoreless middle frame, the Wild turned on the goal machine, potting five in the final 20 minutes. Silas Courchene contributed two with Johnson, Aiden Lavigne and Jace Harry also striking gold. Guimond and Harry had five points each. Goalie Braiden Courchene earned the win.

The Wild occupy sixth spot and are striking distance from third. With an average of 7.1 goals per game, the Wild boasts the second most powerful offence, while their defence is .1 goals per game off the lowest division average.

This week, the Wild host Lorette on Dec. 6 at 5 p.m.

**Panthers Win**

Two-goal efforts by Jack Reynolds and Greg Miller paced the Pinawa Panthers to a 5-4 win over Niverville on Nov. 26. Jakob Morgan

opened the scoring at 3:08 of the first period. Niverville responded in the final minute to send the teams into the break tied 1-1.

Reynolds scored his first of the game one minute into the second stanza to make it 2-1 Panthers heading into the third. The teams traded scores throughout the final period, with Miller scoring twice and Reynolds adding one. Niverville made it 5-4 with 1:55 left, but the Panthers held on for the hard-fought win.

Panther netminder Cole Elands starred, making 41 saves. Pinawa took 33 shots at Niverville's Levi Brandt.

Pinawa hosts Churchill at 5 p.m. on Dec. 6.

**Barons Lose To Voyageurs**

On Nov. 25, the École Edward Schreyer Barons fell 7-1 to the first-place Louis Riel Voyageurs. Carson Janzen scored the Barons' goal. They recovered to top Churchill 4-3 on Nov. 28, their fourth win in five

games.

Less than a minute after Churchill opened the scoring 8:49 into the game, Crosby Liske tied the game on passes from Carson Janzen and Vaughn Senebald. The Barons scored the next three goals to take a 4-1 lead into the third period. Ryelan Hurrell potted a pair, with Carson Specaluk adding one.

Churchill scored twice in the waning minutes of the third, but the Barons held on for their seventh win in 10 starts, good for fourth place in the division. The Barons outshot Churchill 46-29 to make a winner of goalie Rorie McDonald.

The Barons host Churchill on Dec. 9 at 3:30 p.m.

**Sabres Win In OT**

On Nov. 26, Hayden Kochen was the shootout hero as the Springfield Sabres withstood a fierce comeback to top the Oak Park Raiders 4-3. Springfield hit the ground running as Max Sholdra opened the scoring 100 seconds into the game. Kochen made it 2-0 two minutes later. Midway

through the middle frame, Kaiden Bazinet made it 3-0.

Oak Park broke the shutout at 10:37 to make it 3-1 after two periods. It became 3-2 midway through the third before the Raiders tied it at 18:50.

Springfield was outshot 28-19. Trey Robertson earned the win after stopping three shootout attempts.

On Nov. 27, a potent power play propelled the Sabres to a 4-2 triumph over the Westwood Warriors. Springfield scored thrice with the man advantage in the opening 15 minutes, with Everett Hordijk, Kochen and Evan Suchar lighting the lamp.

The second period was scoreless. Westwood broke the shutout early in the third, and that 3-1 score held until 15:14 when Suchar potted his second of the day. The Warriors added one more to make the final 4-2. Suchar, Kochen, Taigan Newton and Cam Sylvester had two-point afternoons. Matt Lidgett made 23 saves for the Sabres, who took 28 of their own.

## Howden signs five-year extension

Oakbank's Brett Howden has secured a significant portion of his hockey future after he signed a five-year extension with the Vegas Golden Knights worth an average annual value of \$2.5 million.

Howden was set to become an unrestricted free agent after this season upon the expiry of his current two-year, \$3.8-million pact. He inked

that deal as a restricted free agent in July 2023.

The 26-year-old has 10 goals and one assist in 25 appearances at press time while averaging a career-high 15 minutes of ice time per contest.

Howden is in the midst of his fourth season in Vegas after being traded to the team by the New York Rangers during the 2021 offseason. He chipped

in with five goals and 10 points in 22 playoff games while helping the Golden Knights capture their first Stanley Cup championship in 2023.

The former Eastman AAA Selects and Moose Jaw Warriors standout was selected by the Tampa Bay Lightning with the 27th overall pick in the 2016 NHL Draft and has amassed 49 goals and 112 points in 376 career NHL games.



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# CLIPPER SPORTS



## Lightning Strikes

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*Congratulations to the U11 Lac du Bonnet Lightning on striking gold at the Riverton Eagles tournament Nov. 24 by beating the host Eagles 12-3 in the final.*

## Comets lose to Lundar in OT

By Tony Zerucha

Despite a 2-1 overtime loss to the Lundar Falcons on Nov. 29, the Beausejour Comets maintain a share of first place with Lundar.

The Falcons opened the scoring at 11:54 of the second period on the power play. Jaedys Dancyt evened things at 18:14.

His third of the season was assisted by Jarvis Ewasko and Clint Thomas.

Following a scoreless third period, the game went into overtime, where Lundar's Braeden Lukas ended it with seven minutes remaining. Beausejour outshot Lundar 40-21. Dylan Liske took the loss.

The Comets have Friday

home games for the next three weeks; all are 8 p.m. starts. Arborg visits on Dec. 6, North Winnipeg on Dec. 13 and the Falcons Dec. 20.

With 20 points, Ewasko is ninth in league scoring. His eight goals are tied for sixth-most; his 12 helpers rank seventh. Liske is the top puck-stopper with a 1.86 goals-against average.

## Selects drop double header to Cougars

By Tony Zerucha

The Eastman Selects lost two of three games last week. Following a win over the Kenora Thistles on Nov. 27, they lost a pair of close games to the second-place Southwest Cougars.

A five-goal first period propelled the Selects to an 8-5 win over the Thistles on Nov. 27. Calyb Moore scored a hat-trick and added one assist, while Noah Stott had a goal and three helpers.

Josh Borgfjord got the party started only 14 seconds into the game. His seventh was assisted by Jax Huberdeau. Moore then scored two straight. The first, at 4:11, came on the power play.

The Selects' power play connected again at the 11-minute mark when Stott and Moore set up Grayson Slaney's fifth. Daniel De Gagne completed the first-period scoring derby at 14:29.

Kenora rallied early in the second period, scoring twice in 33 seconds to make it 5-2 at 3:38. Eastman quickly answered with goals from Slaney and Moore to restore the five-goal cushion.

The Thistles were under-terred, scoring three times to make it 7-5 heading into the final intermission. Stott scored a late goal to make the final 8-5.

Sam Fontaine won despite being pulled after the fifth Thistle goal on their 24th shot. Give Wyatt Minsky a save for stopping all 16 shots he faced. Eastman took 49 shots at a pair of Thistle goalies. The Selects scored on both power play chances.

On Nov 30, the Cougars opened the scoring at 19:15 of the first period and made it 2-0 only 11 seconds into the second. Slaney and Lucas Laramée scored 76 seconds apart to leave the contest tied heading into the

final break. Stott assisted on both.

Cougar Connor Hoemsen scored the game-winner at 4:38 of the third. It was his 23rd of the season. Southwest's Micky Gross starred, making 48 saves. Minsky faced 26 shots for the Selects.

The Dec. 1 rematch saw Laramée's 10th open the scoring at 10:58 of the first. That slim, 1-0 lead lasted until 12:47 of the second when Cougar Bryan Laing evened the score. Seth Hooper regained the lead for the Selects at 15:27.

The third period was the Selects' undoing as the Cougars scored three times, the last into an empty net, to make the final 4-2. Eastman won the shot derby again, this time 37-30. Fontaine took the loss.

Fans should mark their calendars, as the Selects finish 2024 with home dates on Dec. 12, 14, 21 and 22.

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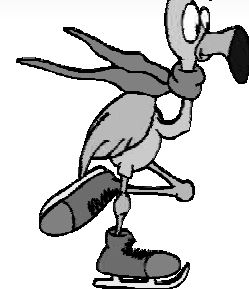
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### ANOTHER TIME AROUND SHOP

530 Main St. Oakbank, 204-444-5100. Tues-Fri 10:30-4, Sat 11-3. A non-profit organization managed by volunteers. The shop is stocked up for the Christmas Season...decorations, gifts, sweaters, and the list goes on. Drop in! "Our Mission is Paying it Forward to the kids and families of the RM of Springfield, and beyond! We are eco-friendly....and giving back to the people is what we do...Come see us."

### SPRINGFIELD PLAYGROUP

Free drop-in playgroup for children 0-6 years with their caregivers. We meet Tuesdays 10am-12 noon at the United Church, Oakbank. For more information please call 204-293-5534 or find us on Facebook.

### PRAIRIE VOICES

**TOASTMASTERS CLUB**  
Meet with us to practice and improve our communication skills. 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month at 6:45 p.m. at the OakBank United Church. Virtual option available. Contact Joelle at 204-698-2865.

### SPRINGFIELD FOOD BANK

Open to residents of the RM of Springfield from 10am to 12 noon Saturdays. Operating out of the Anola United Church, behind the senior's residence on Weiser Cresc. For more info or to arrange alternate access hours, please contact Gerry 204-866-2654 or Lorri 204-866-3403.

**STE. RITA MMF LOCAL**  
For memberships & Harvester cards contact 204-866-2813 or 204-866-4036.

**RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF BROKENHEAD**

**LUD OF TYNDALL-GARSON 2025 GARBAGE STICKER PICK UP**

The 2025 garbage stickers are available for pick-up

**December 4th, & December 9th, 2024**  
6:00 – 8:00 p.m.  
Tyndall Village Community Centre  
69 Pierson Drive, Tyndall

Garbage stickers are also available at the RM of Brokenhead Office, Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Garbage stickers must be picked up by the registered property owner. If you are unable to attend in person, you may send another person to pick them up on your behalf. Please call our office to notify us who will be picking them up as we will need to record the name.

Please note: The RM office will be closed December 23rd, 2024 to January 2nd, 2025 inclusive, so please plan ahead to have enough yellow stickers for the rest of the year and to have your orange stickers on hand for the first pick-up January 7th, 2025!

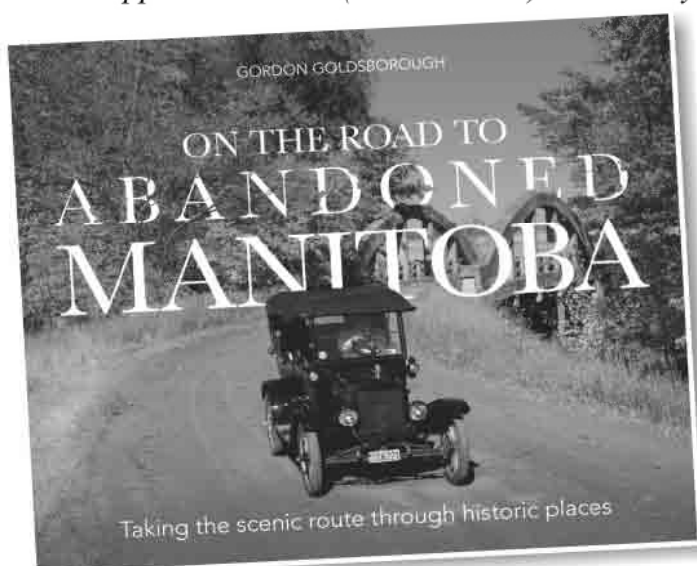
**LOCAL GOVERNMENT DISTRICT OF PINAWA**

**PUBLIC NOTICE** is hereby given, pursuant to Section 194 of The Municipal Act, that the auditor's financial report for the 2023 fiscal year has been deposited in the office of the Resident Administrator of the Local Government District of Pinawa at 36 Burrows Road in Pinawa, Manitoba. The report and the municipality's financial statements are available for inspection by any person or his/her agent, Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Any person or his agent, at his/her own expense, may make a copy.

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**TOWN OF BEAUSEJOUR PUBLIC NOTICE HOLIDAY HOURS**

Public Notice is hereby given that the Town of Beausejour Municipal Office will be **CLOSED** from **December 23rd, 2024 to January 1st, 2025 inclusive** for the 2024 Holiday Season. Regular office hours will resume on **January 2nd, 2025**.

Dated at Beausejour, Manitoba this 5th day of December 2024.

Christine Hutlet, CMMA  
Chief Administrative Officer

**TOWN OF BEAUSEJOUR PUBLIC NOTICE CHANGE IN GARBAGE & RECYCLING PICK-UP**

Public Notice is hereby given that the garbage and recycling pick-up will be as follows for the 2024 Holiday Season:

**NORTH SIDE:** Remains **Tuesday, December 24th, 2024**  
**SOUTH SIDE:** Moved from Thursday, December 26th to **Friday, December 27th, 2024**.

\*Regular Schedule for Garbage and Recycling Pick-up will follow\*

Dated at Beausejour, Manitoba this 5th day of December 2024.

Christine Hutlet, CMMA  
Chief Administrative Officer



# WHEN & WHERE TO WORSHIP

## SPRINGFIELD

### ST. JOHN PAUL II ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH OAKBANK

Mass is celebrated every Saturday at 5:00pm and all are welcome. We offer Catechism at 4:30pm before Mass. Please contact Michelle at 204-444-4313 to register. We are located at 27107 Oakwood Rd. Oakbank. For further information, please contact Fr. Omali at 204-268-9020 or visit our website at <https://stjohn-paulii.org>

### ST. MICHAEL'S ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH COOKS CREEK

Masses are celebrated Sunday at 11 AM. and Thursday at 10 AM. Sunday mass is live streamed. Please go to our website [www.stmichaelsrc.com](http://www.stmichaelsrc.com) and click on the live stream icon. For further information please contact Fr. Sylvanus at 204-444-2248 or visit our website [www.stmichaelsrc.com](http://www.stmichaelsrc.com) All are welcome to attend.

### ANOLA FELLOWSHIP CHAPEL

58006 Monominto Rd. We are a congregation made up of a variety of age groups and backgrounds. Our goal is to build Christ centred families. Sunday indoor service at 10:00 am. Information and sermons available online at: [www.anola.chapel.com](http://www.anola.chapel.com) 204-866-3597.

### WILLOWDALE FELLOWSHIP

Willowdale Fellowship is a non-denominational, Christ centred church that meets at the Cooks Creek Community Center at 10:30 Sunday Mornings for a service and light lunch. A Kids Church program coincides with the message part of the service. Further info: text/call Pastor Norm Neufeld 204-444-4779, [willowdalefellowship@gmail.com](mailto:willowdalefellowship@gmail.com) or [www.willowdalefellowship.com](http://www.willowdalefellowship.com) *Jesus said, "Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest." Matthew 11:28.*

### OAKBANK BAPTIST CHURCH

Join us Sunday mornings for Worship Services starting at 10:00am. Sunday School for all ages 11:30am. 26033 Springfield Rd., Oakbank, 204-444-3348 Visit [www.oakbankbaptist.org](http://www.oakbankbaptist.org) to register. Christmas Program December 15th, @ 5:30pm - Christmas Eve Service December 24th, @ 6:00pm  
1-TFN

### OAK BANK UNITED CHURCH

All are invited to join Oak Bank United Church, 582 Balsam Crescent, for worship on Sundays at 10:45 am. Worship bags for youth engagement in the pews will be available on Sundays. Check our website at [www.oakbankunitedchurch.com](http://www.oakbankunitedchurch.com) or call the office 204-444-2815 for more information.

### OSTENFELD LUTHERAN CHURCH

Worship service with Pastor Kolleen Karlowsky-Clark at 11:30 a.m. on the first Sunday of the month. Call 204-866-3599, or see [www.brokenheadshared.com](http://www.brokenheadshared.com) for more information. You are welcome!

### REDEEMER CANADIAN REFORMED CHURCH

Redeemer Canadian Reformed Church, 15 Bates Ave. Winnipeg. Please join us for worship, every Sunday at 10 & 3. Bibles and song books can be provided and a nursery is available. Our live stream and more information can be found on our website: [Reedemer-CanRC.ca](http://Reedemer-CanRC.ca)

### OAKBANK CHRISTIAN CHURCH

We are located at 27101 Oakwood Road in Oak Bank. For more information, please visit [www.oakbankchristianchurch.com](http://www.oakbankchristianchurch.com) or call 204-444-2089.

### IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH & GROTTO OF COOKS CREEK

Sunday Divine Liturgy 10:30 am, Father Taras Kowch, Priest. All are welcome! All services in English with traditional Seasonal Hymns sung in Ukrainian. 68003 Cooks Creek Road. Call 204-444-2478 for more information.

### ABUNDANT LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Address: 3586 Raleigh St, East St. Paul. Pastor Murray Still. Youth Ministry Coordinator, Lisa van Dijk. Sunday services 9:45 am. Phone 204-255-5433 e: [office@abundantlifetheran.ca](mailto:office@abundantlifetheran.ca) Check our website: <https://www.spiritoflifeministry.ca/all-home> Abundant Life Lutheran Church is part of Spirit of Life Ministry, a two point parish, with Peace Lutheran Church. Where ALL are welcome.

## PINAWA

### PINAWA CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

A congregation recognized by the Anglican, Mennonite, Presbyterian and United denominations. Join us for worship services Sunday mornings at 11:00 am at the Pinawa Lutheran Church, Massey @ Burrows. Please visit the church's website, [www.pinawa.church](http://www.pinawa.church) for the latest information. Visitors are welcome.

### PINAWA ALLIANCE CHURCH

(Corner of Burrows and Bessborough). Sunday Service 10:30 AM. [PinawaAlliance.com](http://PinawaAlliance.com) or call 204-345-6535.

### PINAWA LUTHERAN CHURCH

25 Massey Ave. Sunday Service at 9:15 am. For more info check Pinawa Lutheran Church's website at [pinawalutheran.ca](http://pinawalutheran.ca)

### ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH

37 Burrows Road, Mass Sunday at 9:00am, Thursday at 10:00 a.m. All are welcome to join us.

## BEAUSEJOUR/ BROKENHEAD

### ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH OF ST. MARY

530 Atlantic Ave Beausejour - Masses - Saturday Evening 5:00 pm, Sunday 9:00 am. Weekday Masses have been cancelled until further notice. For more information, visit our website [www.stmoloh.ca](http://www.stmoloh.ca) Parish office: 204-268-2453 Email: [info@stmoloh.ca](mailto:info@stmoloh.ca)

## ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH

Join us during this holy time of Christian fellowship and goodwill on **Tuesday, Dec. 24** at 7:00 p.m. at St. Paul's United Church (located at 730 James Ave. in Beausejour) for our **CANDLELIGHT CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE!** Please join us for our **Cookies and Carols Service** on Dec. 29 at 10:00 a.m.

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## Cards of Thanks

### THANK YOU

A huge thank you to everyone who attended my 90th Birthday Come & Go on November 24 & for all the lovely Birthday cards & gifts. Everyone's kindness is so appreciated & will always be remembered. I especially want to thank Merna O., Pat & Joe, Glenn & Debbie, Maureen & Rob, Audrey & Bert, Kathy & Andy, Marcia & Allen & Kayla & Denise. If I have missed someone, please forgive me, "I am 90".  
God Bless you All,  
*Virginia Kubish*

### THANK YOU

## Thank You

Thanks to the 60 awesome vendors and support of almost 2000 shoppers ~ not to mention our fantastic volunteers that helped with set up and welcoming folks at the front door, the 36th BJ Craft & Trade show was a huge success!

Roger Wilton and his crew from Chef in the House provided some tasty treats and even Santa popped by with his naughty or nice list!

Sadly, we lost our long time friend and craft show leader Diane Bialek who had not missed one show. We will miss her smile and laughter but in her memory we know "the show must go on!"

Please mark your calendars for November 7 and 8, 2025



## TOWN OF BEAUSEJOUR PUBLIC NOTICE

The Town of Beausejour hereby gives notice that pursuant to Section 44.01 of Street Regulation By-law 1215/91:

**"No person shall move snow or ice onto Town property, sidewalks, street and boulevard surfaces unless permission has first been given in writing by the Town and then only onto a location designated by the Director of Operations."**

As the practice of cleaning private lanes and driveways and leaving snow on the road and/or shoulders creates hazardous driving conditions and promotes the formation of snow drifts, the Town of Beausejour will take any necessary action to enforce the above-mentioned section of the By-law.

Dated at Beausejour, Manitoba this 5th day of December 2024.

Christine Hutlet, CMMA  
Chief Administrative Officer

## THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF WHITEMOUTH



## REQUEST FOR QUOTATIONS

### FOR HOURLY RENTAL RATES FOR TRUCKS AND VARIOUS CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT, GRAVELS AND STONE

Issued By: Rural Municipality of Whitemouth  
Issue Date: December 2, 2024  
Submission Deadline: **January 10, 2025**

For tender packages and/or enquiries:

Please contact, no later than: January 8, 2025

David Tolpa

Phone: 204-348-2815 · Fax: 204-348-2576

E-mail: [pws@rmwhitemouth.com](mailto:pws@rmwhitemouth.com) or

RM of Whitemouth Municipal Office at 204-348-2221

Bids must be enclosed in a sealed envelope addressed as follows:

R.M. of Whitemouth

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# Messages

IN MEMORIAM



**DESTINY HANSEN**  
February 4, 1985 -  
December 24, 2015  
**LLOYD LARSON JR.**  
February 12, 1980 -  
December 1, 2023  
*Our hearts still ache  
in sadness  
And secret tears still flow  
What it means to lose you  
No one will ever know*  
Remembered Forever  
Cindy, Grandma Betty,  
David, Shaydon & Brad

IN MEMORIAM



In memory of  
our Brother  
**DANNY STEFFES**  
December 7, 2022  
Danny was loved,  
is missed,  
But never forgotten by,  
Lorraine & Doug,  
Shaun, Shannon,  
Shane and families;  
Gord & Bonnie  
and families.

IN MEMORIAM

**DANNY STEFFES**  
December 7, 2022  
*Two years have passed  
And I miss  
your corny jokes  
And the talks  
we often shared.  
Gone but not forgotten.*  
Love Olga Relf  
& family



IN MEMORIAM

**MICHAEL CHYMYSHYN**  
December 6, 2023  
*Sadly missed along  
life's way  
Quietly remembered,  
day by day  
No longer in  
our lives to share  
But in our hearts,  
you are always there.*  
Love Evelyn and family



OBITUARY

## ARLENE MARIE BOHN

1953 – 2024

After a period of illness, it is with a heavy heart we announce the passing of our loving wife, mother, grandmother and friend; Arlene Marie Bohn (nee Hitch) on November 27, 2024 at the age of 71.

Arlene is lovingly remembered by her husband Jim of 52 years, her three children Jason (Catherine), Karl (Roxane), Keith (Lynne Gagnon); her wonderful grandchildren Kain, Ava, Lincon, Sophie and Mylene; her sisters Karen, Theresa, Chris, and Cindy. She was predeceased by her sister Margaret.

Arlene was born and raised in Brighton Ontario and after high school, started her floral design training in St. Catharines, Ontario. To continue her florist training, Arlene moved to Thompson, Manitoba; where she met Jim. Arlene and Jim were married in September 1972 and their first son, Jason, was born the next year. They moved to Winnipeg shortly after and over the next few years had two more boys, Karl and Keith.

Arlene always had a strong interest in visual art and she quickly took to oil painting. This initially was a hobby, and continued to be a hobby for many years while she was starting her own flower shop "Just the Perfect Place". The flower shop was a primary focus for Arlene for many years until it was time to sell the business and move to Pinawa Manitoba. In Pinawa, Arlene was now able to focus her attention to her other passion painting. Arlene made lots of friends in the community, participated with the local art gallery and events; and taught art lessons and flower arranging sessions. Arlene was always happiest when she was doing art related activities.

Thank you to all the doctors and nurses who took care of Arlene at the Winnipeg Health Sciences Centre.

A memorial service will be held on December 8, 2024 at 1:00 PM at the Sobering Funeral Chapel in Beausejour, Manitoba 1035 Park Ave. In lieu of flowers please consider a donation to the Pinawa Art Gallery, your local food bank or the Winnipeg Boxer Rescue.

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OBITUARY

## NORMAN FERDINAND PLATO

September 12, 1940 – December 1, 2024

Norman Ferdinand Plato, age 84, of Lac du Bonnet, Manitoba, passed away peacefully on December 1, 2024, surrounded by loved ones at Health Sciences Centre in Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Norman (Norm) was born on September 12, 1940, to Bert and Frieda Plato in Thalberg, Manitoba, and baptized that same month at Trinity Church in Thalberg, sponsored by Mrs. D Winter and Alex Werner. After moving to Greenwald, Manitoba, in the fall of 1946, he attended school there until 1951. The family moved to Thalberg in April 1951, where Norm attended South Thalberg School until 1956.

Norm did not have an opportunity to attend high school, as there was no opportunity in South Thalberg. Instead, he helped on the family farm and worked various construction jobs until he was employed with Federation Co-op from 1963 to 1968.

Norm married Iona Bauschke on May 13, 1967, and they moved to Lac du Bonnet in September of 1968, where he worked at Roy's Food Market until 1972. Norm then was employed by the Hudson's Bay Company, working as a meat cutter in Lac du Bonnet, Minaki, Ontario, and Pine Falls, Manitoba from 1972 to 1973.

Norm and Iona had their first son, Howard, in 1973 and they relocated to Pine Falls, where Norm managed the Hudson's Bay grocery store, and had their second son, Christopher, in 1975. In 1983, Norm was transferred back to Lac du Bonnet, and he managed the Hudson's Bay grocery store there until 1992.

From 1992 to 2000, Norm was employed by the Whiteshell School District as a custodian at the Pinawa Secondary School, where he retired at the age of 60. Following retirement, Norm worked part time at Worona Brothers dealership, and doing other odd jobs at various businesses and homes around Lac du Bonnet.

Everyone knew Norm, whether he was in Lac du Bonnet, Beausejour, Pine Falls, Pinawa or Winnipeg. He had a winning personality and could make friends with anyone. He loved to golf, and he and Iona could be seen hitting the links together during the summer months. Once his grandkids were born, Norm loved to spend time with them. Whether building Lego, playing games, working on projects together or taking the kids to the fair and beach every summer in Lac du Bonnet, he cherished the time he spent with them.

Giving back to his community was very important to Norm, where he was an elected Town Councillor from 1992 to 2014 and served on many church boards and committees, including: Arena, Community Center, Historical Society, Municipal Heritage (MHAC), Recreation Commission, New Directions, Community Futures, La Vérendrye Trail, United Church, Lutheran Church, Curling Club, Boy Scouts, Health Board, Park Manor, and Model Forest.

Norm is survived by his beloved wife of 57 years, Iona Plato; son Howard (Charlotta); son Christopher (Holly); grandchildren Thea, Ada, Stella and MacLean; sister Irene Schwark; sister Irma Denisiuk (Gerry); and sister Marlene Fahl.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you make a donation to a charity of your choosing in Norm's name.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, January 11 at 11:00 a.m. at Sobering Funeral Chapel, 1035 Park Avenue E., Beausejour with interment to follow in Zion Lutheran Cemetery. A lunch will be provided in the Brokenhead Room, Brokenhead River Community Hall.

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# WORSHIP

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### ST. OUENS COUNTRY CHURCH

Come and fellowship with us at St. Ouens Country Church. We are 1/4 mile south of Hwy 44 on St. Ouens Rd. For further information, call Pastors Darrell & Maralee Wurch 204-268-1629 or wurchpastor@gmail.com

### GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH SERVICE

418 Gertrude, Beausejour, MB. Call 204-268-2724 for more information. Everyone Welcome!

### TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH, THALBERG

Worship every Sunday at 11:00 AM. Sunday School during worship, everyone welcome! Contact Lana at 204-635-2009.

### SAINT JULIAN'S TABLE

Our roots are Anglican, Catholic, Mennonite, Lutheran, Evangelical and Indigenous. We have not cut ourselves off from any of these, but are growing together in a life at the end of us versus them. Currently we are gathering on bi-weekly Sundays at Ploughshares Community Farm or on Zoom at 10:30am. Email saintjulianstable@gmail.com or call Marcus at 204-205-0664 for directions.

### BEAUSEJOUR COMMUNITY CHURCH

We are a family church where everyone is welcome. For more info, phone Pastor Ben Boutwell at 204-268-9950, or visit our website at www.beausejourchurch.org

### ELIM BAPTIST CHURCH

We welcome you to join us for worship every Sunday at 10:30 am for music, teaching and fellowship. 645 James Ave., Beausejour.

### SACRED HEART OF JESUS ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH

Sunday mass at 9:00 am (18 Pine Avenue in Garson). Daily Mass Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday at 9:00 a.m. Info: Father Sylvanus Omali, 204-444-2248. www.sacredheartgarson.com

### GRACE LIFE CHURCH

Call Pastor Mark at 204-266-0886 or visit gracelifebeausejour.ca for more information.

### PINE FALLS

#### PINE FALLS UNITED CHURCH

Please join us for Sunday worship at 10:30 a.m. at Pine Falls United Church, 5 Walnut Street, Pine Falls.

#### NOTRE DAME DU LAUS

Our Mass times are every Saturday at 5:00 p.m. and Sunday at 10:30 a.m. Notre Dame du Laus Catholic Church in Powerview-Pine Falls.

### LAC DU BONNET

#### NOTRE DAME DU LAC CATHOLIC PARISH

Notre Dame du Lac Catholic Parish (English Mass) Saturday @ 5 Sunday @ 11. All welcome to join us.

### ABUNDANT LIFE CHAPEL

90-4th Str., LdB. abundantlife.chapel.ca 204-345-2934. Pastor James Schwab.

### LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE CROSS

253 McArthur Ave. LdB Worship service is every Sunday at 11 am. All are welcome. Contact us at luthldb@outlook.com Call Pastor Kolleen Karlowsky-Clark at 204-272-0444.

### RIVER HILLS

#### ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Regular 11:00 a.m. service. Following health guidelines.

### WHITEMOUTH

#### REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday Service starts at 9:30 A.M. Phone 204-348-2855.

### SEVEN SISTERS

#### WHITESHELL BAPTIST CHURCH

74158 PR 408, Seven Sisters Falls. Visit: www.whiteshellbaptist.com 204-348-2536.

### REYNOLDS

#### EAST BRAINTREE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Service on Sundays at 11:00 a.m. Located south of Hwy #1, a short distance on PR 308, we are non-denominational. We seek to build one another up in the wisdom and love of God; to provide all with a better understanding of His forgiveness and saving grace in Christ Jesus. We welcome you to come and visit and share in the learning of how much God is ready to extend His love and care for you and the positive things He can do in your life. Larry Friesen at 204-346-2355.



## OBITUARY

## DIANE LYNN BIALEK (Neé Kamaraus)

It is with deep sadness and broken hearts that we announce the sudden passing of Diane Lynn Bialek (neé Kamaraus) on November 19th, 2024.

Diane was born November 22nd, 1952, in Beausejour, Manitoba to Kasmir and Adeline Kamaraus (neé Scheer, later Podruski). In 1954, she was promoted to Big Sister when her brother Robert was born.

Diane attended Beausejour Elementary School and Beausejour Collegiate Institute where she made many friends. She also kept in touch with several of the residents of "the old neighbourhood" who were just like family.

Always a hard worker, Diane started working at Clariss Tea Room and then Macleods where she sharpened her skills of practical joking.

In February 1973, Diane met Ken and applied for the position of roadie/groupie. Hauling equipment up and down venue stairs and dancing all night kept her short legs in great shape! On August 27th, 1977, they made their duet official and got married. A couple years later, they took on a vocalist named Kerry who screamed her lungs out for six months.

Diane got her training and worked as a florist for 15 years. She loved making arrangements and bouquets for weddings and births as it meant families being formed. During her work as a florist, she created bonds with co-workers that have lasted until her dying day.

Deciding on a change, Diane then worked at The Lamplighter, and then later the front desk of The Super 8/Superior Inn. She was very proud of her pineapple pin! Diane was also always thinking of creative ways to make the long term guests feel welcome, especially the CP Rail and MB Hydro workers. She's decorated a few trucks in her time! Working at the hotel, her favourite time of year was during the CPTC races and cheering on the racers staying there. She got to know the families and collected the programs of the races.

Diane was a crafty woman. With a group of like-minded ladies, they started the Beausejour Craft Show and Sale and kept it running for 36 years! Donations went to various community groups, bursaries given to several graduates, and many friends were made among the crafters over the years. Not only did she volunteer with the craft show, but she also volunteered with the Beausejour Lions, Beausejour Legion Branch #132, a member of the Brokenhead River Community Hall board, cancer canvassing, and Togs 'n Treasures.

Diane is survived by husband Ken, daughter Kerry (Mike), grandcat Yondu, sisters-in-law Wilma Klann and Jane Bialek, and numerous nephews and nieces.

Diane was predeceased by her parents Kasmir and Adeline, stepfather Mike Podruski, brother Robert, parents-in-law John and Nellie Bialek, sisters-in-law Dorothy Kamaraus and Sharon Want, brothers-in-law Rudy Klann, Lloyd Bialek and Fred Want, and very special uncle William Scheer.

Cremation has already taken place, and a memorial service will be held on Thursday, December 12, 2024, at 1:00 p.m. at Sobering Funeral Chapel; 1035 Park Avenue E., Beausejour, MB.

Special thank you to the Seven Oaks renal team and urgent care, the staff at Selkirk Regional Health Centre and Seven Oaks General Hospital, as well as Dr. Embil.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Diane's name to the Brokenhead River Community Foundation.

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## OBITUARY

## SYLIVA LUSSIER

Sylvia Lussier passed away peacefully on Wednesday, November 27, 2024, surrounded by her loving family, following a courageous battle with cancer.

She was a cherished wife, mother, grandmother, and friend who will be deeply missed by all who knew her.

A church service performed by Father Luke of the LDB Catholic Church and Celebration of Life is planned for Saturday, December 7 at 1:00 p.m. at Sobering Funeral Chapel, 1035 Park Avenue E., Beausejour. Luncheon will follow the service in the Beausejour Room, Brokenhead River Community Hall.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to a local food bank, Lac du Bonnet Arena or a charity of your choice.

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## OBITUARY

## NORMAN STANFORD CLARKE

It's with broken hearts we announce the sudden passing of Norman Stanford Clarke on November 26, 2024 at Pine Falls Hospital.

Norman was predeceased by his parents Stanford and Edith Clarke, as well as sisters Nora Solinsky, Sheila Montreuil and very recently Alice Meade.

Norman leaves to mourn his wife and best friend Joanne, sons Kevin (Trina) and Shawn (Amber), stepchildren Jaclynn and Mitchell (Chelsea), grandsons Collin, Brody, Jayden, Shay, and Ryder as well as his only granddaughter Madison, sisters Myrna, Patricia, Helen, Louise (Linsey), Diane, Dorothy, Donna (Jerome), Loretta (Wayne) and Carol (Paul), brothers Mickey (Ericka) and Wayne, brother-in-law Ron (Marlene), and sister-in-law Janet (Cameron). Norman will also be dearly missed by many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Norman's passion was being outdoors; from hunting and fishing to just camping, he was always happy outside. In his last few years, in warm weather, Norman was outside on his scooter around town visiting or on his lawn mower working on his yard. His greatest passion was the grandchildren! He was the happiest hearing stories from the older ones and taking the young ones on scooter rides. Nothing put a smile on his face faster than seeing them pull into the yard. Next to them was his dogs. If he was outside, he usually had his dogs with him. He spoiled them and treated them like children. They will miss him greatly.

Norman was born and raised in Manigotogan, Manitoba and lived there until his family moved to Lac du Bonnet in the 60's. He always enjoyed his visits back to Manigotogan but Lac du Bonnet was his home. It's where he raised his boys.

A celebration of life will be held Friday, December 20, 2024 at 1:00 p.m. at Lac du Bonnet Legion Hall.

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## OBITUARY

## KENNETH ROGALSKI

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Kenneth Roy Rogalski, age 81, at the Selkirk Regional Health Centre on November 22, 2024.

Ken will be lovingly remembered by his wife of 57 years, Gloria, son Darren and daughter Shannon, nephews Matthew (Candace) and Andrew, along with a large extended family and many wonderful lifelong friends. He is predeceased by his father, Roy; mother, Adeline; and sister, Rosemary.

Ken was born in the North End of Winnipeg on July 10, 1943. Upon graduation from high school, he attended the University of Manitoba, attaining a Doctor of Dental Medicine. Ken went on to serve his patients with great care for over 30 years.

Ken's happiest times were spent camping and fishing at Otter Falls, especially with dear friends from Virginia. One of his proudest achievements was his master angler pike. When not at the lake, Ken loved watching sports, especially his beloved Boston Red Sox, listening to some Bruce Springsteen & Jimmy Buffett, reading, and puttering on the acreage in Cooks Creek.

A celebration of Ken's life will take place in the spring. An announcement will follow with details closer to the date. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Ken's memory to the Manitoba Dental Foundation, to help make a difference in the oral health of underserved communities in Manitoba.

Memories and condolences can be shared by visiting Ken's memorial page at seasonsfunerals.ca

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## OBITUARY

## ALLAN NOVAKOSKI

June 7, 1947 – November 25, 2024

It is with broken hearts we announce the unexpected and sudden passing of our beloved husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather, brother, uncle and friend, Allan Novakoski, who passed at the Selkirk Hospital in the early morning of November 25, 2024, at the age of 77 with his family by his side.

Allan is predeceased by his parents William and Stella Novakoski, as well as his nephew Douglas Novakoski, and his best friend Andy Dolenuk.

Allan will be lovingly remembered by his wife Victoria; son Jeffery (Kerry); daughter Carrie (Arthur); son Ryan (Susan); grandchildren, Melissa (Shayne), Brayden (Kaitlyn), Kayla (Caleb), Hailey (Dylan) and Taylor (Pascal); and great grandchild Dawson. He is also survived by his brothers Rudolph (Myrtle) and Ronald (Anne), as well as numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Allan grew up on the family farm north of Tyndall. He obtained his fifth class power engineering certificate and worked for Agassiz/Sunrise School Division for 35 years. Allan enjoyed camping, road trips with family, and many bus tours. He enjoyed his trips to Las Vegas and Kansas for Nascar races. Allan had a passion for vehicles knowing every year, make and model. He passed this passion on to his sons and grandson. His family meant everything to him and loved having numerous family gatherings.

Many thanks to Pinawa CancerCare, Wanda, Wynter, Emma, and Dr. Bruneau.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to CancerCare Manitoba.

As per Allan's wishes, cremation has taken place and there will be no formal funeral service.

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# Red Moon Road: A Simple Kind of Christmas

By Brian Adolph

Red Moon Road, long-time staples of Winnipeg’s music scene, showcased their artistry and showmanship in an Eastern Manitoba Concert Association performance full of Christmas cheer on Nov. 29 in Pinawa.

The self-described proto-pop avant-folk group played a full spectrum of Christmas music. Traditional favourites like Good King Wenceslas and Il est né le Divin Enfant were beautifully performed, while the band showed their chops and creative spark with a funk-infused Little Drummer Boy and a hilarious version of Deck the Halls sung to the tune of Black Sabbath’s War Pigs.

Highly creative arrangements of traditional Christmas fare were at the heart of the show and allowed all six performers to shine.

Joining Red Moon Road were Logan Picton (guitar, vocals and mandolin), Keiran Placatka (keyboards and vocals), and completing a trio of Daniels, Daniel Roy (drums and vocals). Collectively referred to as the ‘Shelf-less Elves’ they proved to be top shelf players and allowed the band to achieve their rich musical settings and choir harmonies.

The group centred on the vocals and theatrics of Sheena Rattai. Decked out in sequins and a natural performer she was in one moment Marilyn Monroe crooning Santa Baby and in the next a megaphone-wielding elf named Sprinkles calling out Santa in When the Elves Organize. Rattai



Red Moon Road’s Daniel Péloquin-Hopfner (left), Sheena Rattai and Daniel Jordan showcased their artistry and showmanship for an EMCA audience.

Photo by Derrek Owen

dazzled throughout the show with the amazing vocal range she’s known for.

Vocalists and multi-instrumentalists Daniel Péloquin-Hopfner and Daniel Jordan added some theatrical flair in a playful second-set pantomime. A mysterious present addressed ‘To Daniel’ sparked a musical duel, culminating in a spirited duet on the gift – a slightly absurd twin-necked banjo-bass

The group ended their performance with a note-perfect a cappella rendition of Carol of the Bells.

With its blend of humour, theatrics and terrific music, A Simple Kind of Christmas truly made the season bright.

EMCA’s next concert is March 1, 2025 when Ian Sherwood brings his contemporary folk/pop artistry to Pinawa.

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