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Fleming recognized on national stage

Lac du Bonnet EMO recipient of Emergency Management Exemplary Service Award

By Simon Ducatel

Lac du Bonnet's director of emergency management will be joining a number of his counterparts from across Canada who have been recognized nationally for exemplary service.

John Fleming said he was aware the RM had submitted his name for the Federal-Provincial-Territorial Emergency Management Exemplary Service Award some time ago, that had fallen off his radar. That is until earlier this month when he received a phone call from the Public Safety Emergency Preparedness Office in Ottawa informing him he'd soon be receiving an email outlining details for an official ceremony scheduled in the nation's capital on Feb. 26.

"It sort of caught me on the blind side. It's always nice to be nominated," said Fleming. "But I really didn't anticipate it would go as far as it did."

Fleming, a former member of the RCMP, has worked with the Town and RM of Lac du Bonnet since 2012. As climate continues to fluctuate, natural disasters are occurring and spreading across the country. With the increasing frequency of forest fires and floods, the growing risk has encroached ever-closer to home, he said, citing efforts to sandbag and even evacuate communities in areas such as Whiteshell Provincial Park.

Sticking one's head in the sand and assuming that "it'll never happen to me" is an ill-advised approach, he said.

"It's not a matter of if, it's a matter of when," he said. "And I think that is what motivates me to continue to provide that community education, community awareness... so people will come to the understanding that it can happen here, and (they) should get prepared."

While Fleming said he does occasionally find himself considering whether the time has come to change gears, headlines keep him convinced he's on the right track.

"Every time you pick up the newspaper and there's some other community or province that's undergoing floods or wildfires, it just renews that urgency, that commitment," he said. "I don't have any plans to make a new plan."

Fleming also expressed gratitude to both municipi-

palities for their support of not only the program, but himself.

"It's important for our municipalities and provincial governments to understand the importance of being prepared," he said. "It's very hard sometimes to equate preparedness with the dollars that it costs to be prepared, because you can't really measure preparedness. So, they have placed a great amount of faith in my judgment, and I certainly appreciate that trust."

For those who may question the cost of emergency management programs, Fleming said the cost of inaction is even greater.

"An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure," he said. "The investments that we put into mitigation strategies, whether it's flood or wild-fire, when you look at what it costs to rebuild hundreds of homes and businesses, mitigation strategies are a pretty cheap cure."

Reeve Loren Schinkel said council did not hesitate to submit Fleming's nomination.

"He's been phenomenal for us," said Schinkel.

The reeve praised Fleming in terms of lining up all the proverbial ducks in a row, from making sure everyone is up to spec with their training and aware of what their roles are, including councils, as well as taking the lead on initiatives like FireSmart.

"He makes sure that everybody understands what their role is, and that's critical, because if there's ever an incident and you don't know what's happening, that's where the rubber meets the road," said Schinkel.

He said Fleming was also involved in coordinating some major incidents including evacuations ahead of a forest and overland fire in the Brightstone area.

"I think that he's one of the best in the province when it comes to the program that we have."

The reeve said the position tends to be undervalued and emphasized the role requires no shortage of dedication and commitment to set the program upright.

But Fleming isn't just proactive, said Schinkel.

"He's very enthusiastic about his job, and it shows," he said. "That's why he's such a good recipient. I'm glad that they chose him and I'm glad it worked out... it's so very well deserved."



John Fleming

Christmas Lights



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Santa Claus had a bird's eye view of the Pinawa Christmas Parade held on Nov. 30.

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Holiday Train supports local food banks

Members of the Whitemouth Lions Club have made sizeable food bank donations of nonperishable food items and funds collected during the annual Canadian Pacific Kansas City (CPKC) Holiday Train event.

On Dec. 3, the CPKC Holiday Train made a triumphant return to Whitemouth by entertaining an estimated crowd of 1,200 while the Lions collected food items and monetary donations.

The next day, the Lions donated a combined 519 pounds of nonperishable food and a total of \$7,044 to the Lac du Bonnet, Beausejour and Reynolds food banks.

Raising money and awareness about hunger issues in Canada and the U.S. since 1999, each Holiday Train has brightly decorated rail cars, including a modified box car that has been turned into a travelling

stage for performers. When the stage door opened, Tyler Shaw and Shawnee Kish performed at the Whitemouth stop on Railway Avenue, across from the Whitemouth Hotel.

The concerts are free, but attendees are encouraged to bring either a nonperishable food item or a cash donation.

Of the \$7,044 collected, CPKC donated \$4,000, \$1,400 came from the Lions, \$1,139 was in the collection box plus another \$250 from the RM of Whitemouth. The Whitemouth Hotel donated \$105 while Spicy Radish Restaurant donated \$100. Brincheski farms also donated \$50.

Over the past 20-plus years, the Whitemouth Holiday Train stops have resulted in the collection of over 27,000 pounds of nonperishable food items locally and monetary donations of almost \$87,000 that stay in the region.



Photo submitted

Whitemouth Lions Lynn (left) and Dean Ducharme, Shannon Malkoske, Cathy Dowbyhuz and Lois Malmquist make a presentation to Reynolds Food Bank representatives Stan and Holley Gulenchyn with Lion Rene Foubert.

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Province to strengthen impaired penalties

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

Justice Minister Matt Wiebe, minister responsible for Manitoba Public Insurance said impaired driving poses a serious threat to public safety, as 10 per cent of fatal collisions in Manitoba in 2023 included impaired driving as a contributing factor.

“Our government is committed to taking concrete action to protect our communities and improve road safety by introducing changes which reinforce that there are real and serious consequences

for choosing to drink and drive,” said Wiebe.

Proposed amendments to the Highway Traffic Act would increase the automatic driver’s licence suspension for a second conviction when a driver is convicted of an impaired driving or refusal offence that causes bodily harm or death. Currently, a driver convicted for the first time receives a five-year automatic licence suspension and if a driver is convicted of a second offence within 10 years, they receive an automatic 10-year licence suspension. The amendments would increase that second 10-year suspension to a lifetime suspension.

MADD Canada president Tanya Hansen congratulated the Manitoba government for the steps

being taken to prevent impaired driving.

“Despite the progress that has been made, hundreds of people are killed and thousands more are injured every year in alcohol and drug-related crashes,” Hansen said. “It is important that those who cause the most harm are held accountable and given sanctions to prevent them from driving impaired again including lengthy driving bans and zero tolerance.”

“The MACP is committed to enforcing the law when it comes to impaired drivers,” said Insp. Michael Gagliardi, chair, Manitoba Association of Chiefs of Police traffic safety committee. “We are hopeful that these new amendments will be a useful deterrent for those that choose to get behind the wheel impaired. Each year, we pull over thousands of vehicles, and unfortunately, we do see repeat offenders. Increasing

the driver’s licence prohibition is sending a very strong message to all Manitobans. We hope for the safety of everyone, that these new amendments save lives.”

The amendments would also prohibit a person convicted of these offences from driving with any alcohol in their blood (zero per cent blood alcohol concentration). For a first conviction, the prohibition would last for seven years. For a second conviction within 10 years, it would result in a lifetime prohibition. Drivers who breach their alcohol prohibition would have sanctions imposed that mirror those under the Immediate Roadside Prohibition program, which include roadside suspension, vehicle impoundment and other sanctions that escalate with the number of breaches, such as referral for driver assessment, ignition interlock and financial administrative penalties.

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WHAT'S UP Winnipeg River!

By Mellissa Bourgeois

Hello Winnipeg River!
Is there enough snow for you? I personally love the snow, playing in it, making tracks, building snow forts, etc. I don't remember the last time we had this much snow by this time of year, it sure is exciting for the snow lovers. I have already seen people out snowmobiling and ice fishing.

Please be careful. Personally I am a big chicken when it comes to ice and the thought of being out on it this early is very scary to me but, I do understand for the die hard fisherman that is just itching to get out there, if there is enough ice, they will be on it.

Also, with extra snow, there is once again more equipment out on roadways and a little breeze can cause reduced visibility. Please drive for the road conditions. Equipment can be out at all hours working to clear the roadways for travel so please reduce your speed and drive for the conditions.

It sure is beautiful though, the ground all covered with white snow.

Of course, at this time of year not only do we need to be careful and watch for road crews and safety concerns there is also more traffic in the sky. With practise Reindeer runs, a trial sleigh ride and more, even though the sky may seem a little more lit up, try to remember to keep your eyes on the road. Then, there are all of the Christmas parties going on, whether or not it is for work or recreation please remember to be safe and don't drink and drive.

Christmas is less than three weeks away and the excitement is brewing. The world is bustling with Christmas shopping, Santa sightings are on the rise, children are finding it harder to just fall asleep because their brains are so full of excitement and anticipation of what's to come and of course the stress of whether or not you made the naughty or nice list.

And then there are those elves. We have been blessed with not only one Elf on the Shelf, but two. So far this year they have been relatively well behaved and my children are anxiously awaiting for them to make

messes, cause trouble and basically drive me crazy! In the past they have made a mess with flour and sugar on the counter in an attempt to make cookies, I think. They have been in the fridge, climbed the Christmas tree, hung from Christmas decorations, had a bath in marshmallows, played in toothpaste and gotten stuck inside a toilet paper roll... and the list goes on and on. The children find this amusing and delightfully fun. I however find it far less amusing as I must always be left to clean up any mess the elves leave. I am also always blown away by the places they end up and don't know how Santa can endure and whole workshop full of these mischievous little people.

Junior curling started Nov. 18 at the Pine Falls Curling Club. This is an opportunity for students from Grades 4-12 to learn and/or increase their curling skills. Fees are \$50, plus PFRA fees. Students must have clean indoor runners to go out on the ice. Call or text Lisa Sipola if you would like to register and participate in this program.

Pine Falls and District Hamper Committee is back this year preparing hampers for families in need. Boxes have been placed around the community for donations of groceries. You can also make a cash donation, donations of \$50 or more will receive a tax receipt. In addition to food items, they also accept knitted goods handmade or bought. Mittens, hats, scarves and socks. The anticipated need for hampers is greater than last year and your help is greatly needed to ensure all those experiencing hunger can enjoy a beautiful meal at Christmas time too.

Great Falls Hall is hosting a Christmas Night Market Dec. 12. Come shop from a variety of local artisans and businesses to finish up those last items on your list.

The Angel Tree is reaching its deadline. Please finish up shopping for your angel and get your gifts turned into the Pine Falls Home Hardware on Dec. 13. They will be gift wrapped and delivered before Christmas. Tarantism Dance is hold-

ing a Winter Program in Lac du Bonnet for 10 weeks from Jan. 15 to March 19 in the Centennial School gym in Lac du Bonnet. Two options are available, Dance 101, an introduction to dance for children aged four and under from 5:30-6 p.m. Dance fusion is a mixture of all the best dance styles in one fun class. Those aged 5-9 dance from 6-7 p.m. with 10-plus dancing from 7-8 p.m. Adults are from 8-9 p.m. For more info or to register visit wrrd.ca/programs

The Lac du Bonnet Outdoor Christmas Decorating Contest is open. Deadline to enter is Dec. 12. Decorate your house/yard. The one with the most votes in the Town and the RM of Lac du Bonnet will each win a \$50 gift card. Email your pictures to wrrdassist@gmail.com or recreation@lacadubonnet.com to be entered. Voting will start Dec. 13 and closes Dec. 19. Winners will be announced Dec. 20.

There is a New Year's Eve Family Social at the Lac du Bonnet Community Centre for the families that want to ring in the New Year together in a child friendly way! DJ, light show, games and activities. The New Year will ring in at 10 p.m. complete with a balloon drop over the entire dance floor. Tickets can be purchased in advance at the RM of Lac du Bonnet administration office.

Come and Eat is a free food program supported by multiple community agencies that partner to form the Winnipeg River Kakina Awiiya Oma (everyone around here) Food Security Network. This program has moved indoors to the Pine Falls Health Complex (37 Maple St.), downstairs of the old clinic space. The program is for everyone and anyone that is hungry. Take-out containers and bottled water are available. If you or someone you know needs something to eat, please stop by from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Fridays. No questions asked. Along with



freshly made food you'll get a load of smiles from the welcoming servers.

You Are Not Alone (YANA) meets the third Thursday of every month at École Powerview School in Room 80. Everyone is welcome. Child care is available. Contact Debbie Majeau if you have any questions.

Open Ice continues in Pine Falls Friday and Saturday Nights. Public skating will be between 6-7:30 p.m. and Sticks and Pucks will be 7:30-9 p.m.

Playgroup at Victoria Beach Fridays between 10 a.m. and noon. Your child can enjoy free play, yummy snacks, crafts and songs. Call Keri at 204-754-6238 for more details.

Join the Winnipeg River Area Lions Club Friday evenings for their Chase the Ace, meat draw and 50/50 raffle. Chase the Ace draw will be at 8 p.m. at the Papertown Motor Inn. Bingo is also starting up in January on Wednesday evenings and volunteers are needed. If you would like to volunteer at bingo please email Joel at wpgriverlions@gmail.com

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Please remember to be kind to yourself and to others. If you have something coming up, I would love to hear about it. Please email me at mellissawerner@hotmail.com or give me a call or text 204-292-2528. Deadline for my next submission is Dec. 26.

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2024-12-02 Whitemouth RCMP received a report of fraud in which a resident of the RM of Whitemouth was contacted via text from someone offering a job. The victim was directed to set up a work account and to deposit funds into it via a cryptocurrency website, which they are now unable to retrieve. Details provided to Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre.

2024-12-05 Whitemouth RCMP were advised of a damaged vehicle on the side of the road in the RM of Whitemouth. Appeared

to be a collision with a deer. Contact was made with the registered owner who had already called for a tow truck to attend.

2024-12-08 Lac du Bonnet RCMP received a report of a traffic hazard in which trees had fallen on the road in the Bird River area. Officers attended and ensured that vehicles would be able to pass through safely. No further calls received from the area.

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. For criminal record checks, you need two pieces of government ID (one has

to be a photo ID) and \$10 cash. We have the forms that you need to fill out. Due to the Postal Strike the criminal records will have to be picked up at the RCMP office.

Police are reminding that due to the colder weather residents should check their heating systems, chimneys and heaters to prevent fires. Also at this time of year check out your outlets to make sure that they are not overloaded, which could also cause fires.

2024-11-30 A report of a disturbance at the Brokenhead River Community Hall in the Town of Beausejour. Police were advised by security that an adult was supplying liquor to a minor. Police attended to find that one security guard was assaulted in this occurrence. A 19-year-old male was charged for supplying liquor to a minor. Fine \$2,542. A trespassing ticket was also issued. Fine \$672.

2024-12-02 Police were called to a residence in the RM of Brokenhead. As a result, a female subject was charged with drive while disqualified and drive a motor vehicle that is not equipped with an approved ignition-interlock device except in such circumstances as the licence permits.

2024-12-02 A report that a vehicle had hit a pedestrian while walking in the Town of Beausejour. No injuries sustained.

2024-12-04 A report of a vehicle passing a school bus while emergency equipment was activated. Police have issued a ticket to the registered owner of the vehicle. Fine \$672. Police are reminding North Eastman residents that when a school bus is stopped with its red lights activated and stop signs deployed, traffic in both lanes on a highway must come to a stop.

2024-12-04 A report of a vehicle in the ditch along

PR 215 on its roof. Police attended no one around. Owner contacted and advised they lost control due to bad weather conditions.

2024-12-04 Police are currently investigating a complaint of assault in the Town of Beausejour.

2024-12-04 Police were advised of a house fire in the RM of Brokenhead. The fire was in the attic of the home. Beausejour Fire Department along with East Selkirk Fire Department were able to put out the fire.

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 56 calls for service between Dec. 2-8.

2024-12-02 Springfield Police were dispatched to an accident in the RM of Springfield. Complainant advised they were stopped at a red light and hit from behind. When trying to obtain information from the other driver, the driver drove away without exchanging information. Vehicle licence plate obtained of the vehicle who caused the accident. Investigation ongoing.

2024-12-03 RCMP were called to a possible impaired driver in the RM of Springfield. Vehicle was located and an alcohol screening device was administered on the driver, which produced a fail. Driver qualified for an Immediate Roadside Prohibition for 90 days and has been reported to MPI. Vehicle seized and towed.

2024-12-04 RCMP received a report of suspicious people observed on a property in the RM of Springfield. Description of people and vehicles provided. Investigation ongoing.

2024-12-06 Springfield Police responded to a two-

vehicle collision at Hwy 15 and PR 206. Both drivers were able to exchange information and neither sustained any injuries. Both vehicles were still driveable. No further police involvement required.

2024-12-07 Oakbank RCMP responded to a call of an individual sleeping in the drive through at the A&W at Deacons Corner. Police attended and dealt with the individual.

2024-12-08 Oakbank RCMP and Springfield Police attended multiple vehicle collisions within the RMs of Brokenhead and Springfield. In all occasions, poor driving conditions were reported. Police are reminding drivers to slow their speed, drive to the conditions and maintain safe driving distance between vehicles. Every motorist wants to make it home safely.

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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.

Letter To the Editor

Well Done

Dear Editor;

Thank you to the many local volunteers and Lac du Bonnet council members who for over 30 year have lobbied for a personal care home in our region. It is needed very badly.

While on two previous occasions we have thought the PCH would be built, each time various circumstances negated those hopes.

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THE COMMENT PAGE

Maybe Just Sell Canada Post

By Ken Waddell

Members of the Canadian Union of Postal Workers went on strike on Nov. 15 due to unresolved issues with Canada Post.

That's an interesting statement as just about everybody has unresolved issues with Canada Post; from customers to management to the striking members of CUPW.

Canada Post has a problem with itself, not the least of which is the fact it loses half a billion dollars a year and it doesn't seem to have any idea how to fix it.

Personally, I don't think that Canada Post workers should have the right to strike, because they have a monopoly on first class mail, and in many parts of the country, they are the only way of getting letters and parcels delivered. They are an essential service and essential services should not be able to go on strike.

When Canada Post goes on strike they hold the citizens and businesses of Canada hostage.

Businesses have moved away from Canada Post with e-Transfers of funds to pay bills. In addition,

over the phone or email credit card payments have replaced a lot of cheque in the mail traffic.

That said, many people and businesses still depend heavily on Canada Post so I re-state, Canada Post workers should not be allowed to go on strike.

Before readers get too upset about that idea, let's consider some facts. In addition to being an essential service, Canada Post workers have it pretty good. They have reasonable salaries, those that work indoors have a pretty good environment to work in. The postal carriers get paid to work in outdoor conditions and yes, sometimes the weather is a bit of an issue. However the carriers get paid to get fresh air, exercise and good cardio activity. Some work early hours but they also get off early. They have health benefits, various benefits and pensions.

I have even less sympathy for the Canada Post management, all 13 of the highly overpaid vice-presidents and hundreds of management staff. The management team hasn't figured out how to make a profit with a business that has a nation-wide presence

and a monopoly on first class mail.

The corporation stubbornly refuses to provide nation-wide services when they have actual staff and facilities in every city, town and village across the nation.

They refuse to provide any kind of banking services. You can apply for a passport, but no other federal services. They wouldn't even allow post offices to have fax machines 30 years ago, but they insisted on having staff send in reports by fax.

They don't have community access computers, they don't offer quick print or any of a myriad of services. Truth be known, many of their small post office staff have a very short and sometimes pretty lonely day as the amount of mail that is being handled.

Then there's the service. At the local level where the staff are not under CUPW, it's really good. In the larger towns where the staff are under CUPW rules, they tend to be bound to work by the rules and those rules aren't always customer friendly.

I have written many times about our trials and

tribulations of trying to be supportive of local post offices. It's a losing battle, but not because of the local staff. If we deliver papers directly to a post office that isn't ruled by CUPW, the papers are put in the boxes within hours or even minutes.

If it's a CUPW governed office, sometimes the rule checkers get trigger happy and papers can wait for up to four business days to be put in the boxes. That obviously doesn't work for a weekly paper. That means if the papers don't get boxed by Friday, they can sit until next Tuesday.

Also, if we wanted to get the quick and willing service that local postmasters give us, we had to drive the papers to each town. Why is that? It's because if we drop the papers off at one post office, it can take up to seven days to get through the warehouse in Winnipeg and back out to the local post offices. Not always, but often, paper deliveries within Manitoba take up to a week. Out of

province delivery can be up to three.

CUPW almost always goes on strike near Christmas in order to commit maximum damage on Canada Post and the customers. Small businesses depend on the mail for bills to be paid. Two weeks with no income creates huge cash flow problems and, quite frankly, I resent that very much.

Canada Post passes a half billion dollar financial loss burden onto Canadian tax payers every year and we all pay for it plus the expenses of a restricted cash flow during a strike. I say, sell Canada Post! Between private interests, emails, e-Transfers and couriers, we might do just fine and with a lot less aggravation.

Selling Canada Post won't likely happen but something needs to happen to give better service to citizens and businesses.

— Ken Waddell is the publisher of the Neepawa Banner and Press and the former chair of the Manitoba Community Newspapers Association

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Last week's What's It?

The What's It? object in the Dec. 5 edition of The Clipper was a GRAIN OR FERTILIZER TRAILER.

Congratulations to Carol Syganiec of Cooks Creek for being one of the first people to provide the correct answer this week; "This week's What's It? is a grain trailer."

Also providing correct answers were Miles Keller of Winnipeg, Connie Gratton of Lockport and Kris Searle of Great Falls.



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Large Print Books
Large print book just added to our collection – *The Hazelbourne Ladies Motor-*

cycle and Flying Club. It is the summer of 1919 and Constance Haverhill is without prospects. Now that

all the men have returned from the front, she has been asked to give up her cottage and her job at the estate she helped to run during the war. While she looks for a position as a bookkeeper or (horror) a governess, she's sent as a lady's companion to an old family friend who is convalescing at a seaside hotel. Despite having only weeks to find a permanent home, Constance finds herself swept up in the social whirl of Hazelbourne-on-Sea after she rescues local baronet's daughter, Poppy Wirral, from a social faux pas.

Poppy wears trousers, operates a taxi and delivery service to employ local women, and runs a ladies' motorcycle club (to which she plans to add flying lessons). She and her friends enthusiastically welcome Constance into their circle. And then there is Harris, Poppy's recalcitrant but handsome brother—a fighter pilot recently wounded in battle—who warms in Constance's presence. But things are more complicated than they seem in this sunny pocket of English high society. As the country prepares to celebrate its hard-won peace, Constance and the women of the club are forced to confront the fact that the freedoms they gained during the war are being revoked.

With sharp humour, biting wit, and a warm heart, Simonson captures the mood of a generation facing the seismic changes brought on by war. *The Hazelbourne Ladies Motorcycle and Flying Club* is a timeless comedy of manners, refreshing as a

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where a constantly brewing storm sends an average of 28 lightning bolts per second into the water; and at the bottom of Lake Superior, the crew of the USS Kamloops – which mysteriously disappeared in 1921 – remains somehow almost perfectly preserved to this day.

Readers will learn not only about the science of hydrology, but why understanding the natural world is crucial to protecting it from pollution and climate change.

Community Grants and Funding

The Rural Municipality of Lac du Bonnet community grants and funding application intake period for the fiscal year 2025 closes on December 31st, 2024.

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Saluk re-elected VP of AMM

By Mark T. Buss

RM of Brokenhead Reeve Brad Saluk has been elected as a vice-president of the Association of Manitoba Municipalities (AMM) for a fourth time.

Saluk joins RM of Sifton

Coun. Scott Phillips as one of two VPs elected by 700-plus delegates at the 26th annual fall convention of the AMM at the end of November.

Saluk and Phillips faced off against RM of Wallace-Woodworth Reeve Clay-

ton Canart and Stonewall Mayor Sandra Smith for the VP positions. Saluk received the highest tally at 349 votes with Phillips registering 335. Canart received 156 votes with Smith netting 132.

Thompson Coun. Kathy Valentino was re-elected as president beating out Ian Drul from the RM of Harrison Park. The trio will serve a two-year term.

Valentino said she is incredibly excited to get to work Saluk and Phillips, with a focus on connecting with all AMM members to strengthen local communities and grow our province.

"Brad and Scott are extremely passionate municipal leaders," said Valentino. "Our executive team is committed to serving with professionalism, determination and a shared goal of amplifying municipal voices and advancing the interests of all municipalities."

The AMM represents all of Manitoba's 137 incorporated municipalities with a view on what the future holds for municipal governments and the challenges that face them. The association provides the support and leadership needed to promote strong, functional councils that represent the order of government closest to the people.

AMM executive members meet one or two times per month, including those with government ministers at the Manitoba Legislature throughout the year.

Saluk is no stranger to serving with the AMM. He was first elected Eastern director in 2015 and held that position until being elected as a VP in 2018, 2020 and 2022.

In addition to being a three-term Reeve of the RM of Brokenhead, he had been on Beausejour town council for 10 years.

"Working with Kathy the last couple of years, we really went after this one to maintain continuity with the executive," Saluk said. "We've worked closely with the new minister over the last year and we have been able to build up a lot of momentum lately and we didn't want that to stop."

Saluk said one of AMM's key issues is the need for increased provincial funding for municipalities following a multi-year freeze.

Saluk said the province last week announced an increase of \$42 million in funding for municipalities outside Winnipeg, but when you break that down over the amount of municipali-



File photo

Brad Saluk said one of AMM's key issues is the need for increased provincial funding for municipalities.

ties in Manitoba it "doesn't account to much."

"Giving us a two per cent increase over six years is not sufficient," he said.

He also believes a new funding formula is required.

"They do it per capita, which is not good enough in this day and age as many municipalities with small populations have some of the largest geographies to take care of, and that's not

good," Saluk said. "Our goal is to find an escalator model for all 137 municipalities. Right now, what they are doing only works for the larger centres."

The North Eastman region is also well represented at the board level. Beausejour Mayor Ray Schirle and RM of Lac du Bonnet Reeve Loren Schinkel are eastern district directors.



Seasonal Support

Photo submitted

Chris Chimuk (left), acting CAO, Rural and Northern Child and Family Services, accepts winter parkas from Ron Obodzinski, Beausejour Knights of Columbus, Council 5870. The Knights of Columbus annually provide youth coats for distribution to needy families in Manitoba's Eastern and Northern Regions through Child and Family Services.



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A very special thank you goes out to our local Challenge Group Fund whose commitment to matching donations dollar for dollar up to \$14,600 helped the LDB Foundation equal last year's fundraising efforts, and to the Province of Manitoba and Endow Manitoba for stretching funds by 20% up to \$4,000.

We are excited to announce that a total of \$44,279.97 was raised for our community during this year's Giving Challenge. Thank you to all for your most generous support.

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CLIPPER SPORTS

CPTC season opener Dec. 14-15

The Canadian Power Toboggan Championships (CPTC) will be getting the 2024-25 snowmobile race season started this weekend at the Co-op Community Complex in Beausejour.

The CPTC host the first race event of the year Dec. 14 and 15. Racers of all ages and skill levels from across North America compete in Stock, Modified, Vintage and Motorcycle classes, from Kitty Kat right through to the newest and fastest Pro Champ 440 class – the featured Canadian Championship race reaching speeds of 170 km/h.

More than 30 drivers had registered as of Dec. 4. CPTC president Jared Black said many of the big name drivers including Gunnar Sterne, Blaine Stephenson, Sabrina Blanchet, Matt Goede, Justin Peterson and Travis MacDonald are expected to be in Beausejour.

“Last year we cleared over 100 racers on both days so it’s safe to say we should get that many again,” Black said. “The fact we have 30 already is pretty impressive.”

The Greatest Show on Snow since 1963, the Canadian Power Toboggan Championships is the longest-running snowmobile race in the world. CPTC is a commu-

nity-based non-profit organization which has over 200 volunteers who worked tirelessly.

Although Manitoba had unseasonably warm temperatures in November, Black said there are no concerns about track conditions.

“When the temperatures dropped, they dropped hard, and with that rain we had it really set the frost in the ground,” Black said. “The trucks have been flooding around the clock since last Wednesday so we have around five inches of ice now and we plan to have eight inches by race weekend.”

Racing begins at 1 p.m. Saturday. A social will immediately follow the daily race events and continue until midnight in the Moose Den.

On Sunday, racing is at 11 a.m. and continuing on throughout the day.

Last December, Sterne was untouchable under the lights of the season opener as he bested a field of 25 other racers in the Champ 440 class. The driver from West Chicago, IL held off Goede of New Germany, MN and Brett Keilback of West Pine Ridge to claim top spot Sunday.

The season opener in Beausejour is also the first leg of the



File photo

The Canadian Power Toboggan Championships' December races are the first leg of the USSA ProStar Cup Tour.

USSA ProStar Cup Tour.

“We are bringing back the Pro Lite class this year, which is one step below Champ 440, to give people an opportunity to race those sleds,” Black said. “It should be super competitive.”

The Co-op Community Complex features grandstand seat-

ing, free general parking, heated concessions and washrooms, FM radio monitoring of the track announcer, warm-up buildings, beer garden with a live TV feed of the races and the very best ice oval snowmobile racing around.

Admission to the season opener is \$25 per adult, children 12 and

under is free. Pit passes are \$5. Track side parking is \$25 per vehicle. This allows spectators to watch the races from the comfort of their vehicle while tuned in to the track announcer on their FM radio.

For more information on all the events, go to the CPTC website at www.cptcracing.com

Comets maintain grip on first place

By Tony Zerucha

The Beausejour Comets maintained a slim hold on first place with a 5-1 win

over the Arborg Ice Dawgs on Dec. 6.

Beausejour has 37 points in 16 games, one more than the St. Malo Warriors, who

have a game in hand. The Lundar Falcons are three points back and have played 16 games.

Merrick Hurcul put

the Comets on the board at 11:19 of the first period. His fourth of the campaign was assisted by Liam Johnston and Clint

Thomas. That trio fashioned the second Comets goal at 12:57 of the second, but this time Thomas scored.

Hurcul earned his third point of the night on Cash Clarkson's power-play goal at 15:32. Nikolas Bear also drew an assist. Lavery Melsted added his fourth at 18:55 to send the Comets into the final break with a 4-0 advantage. Team scoring leader Jarvis Ewasko and Scott Fiebelkorn earned assists.

Arborg scored a short-handed tally 1:05 into the third period, but Ewasko scored with the man advantage at 11:53 to make the final 5-1. Beausejour won the shot derby 43-26, giving Sawyer Abraham the win between the pipes.

The Comets have 8 p.m. home games on Dec. 13 and 20 against North Winnipeg and Lundar, respectively. They finish 2024 on the road against Selkirk on Dec. 22 at 3 p.m.

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Cobra nets naming rights in Hazelridge

By Tony Zerucha

Christmas came early for the Hazelridge Sports Complex when they unveiled a naming rights sponsor last week.

The facility will now be called the Cobra Mechanical Sports Complex with funds earmarked for daily operations.

The partnership continues a lengthy relationship between the facility and the Beausejour-based mechanical and electrical contractor, which was founded in September 2020 by Curtis Kuczera, Tyler Prevost and Shane Prevost. As programming resumed following the pandemic shutdown, Cobra Mechanical was one of the first firms to reach out to help.

Kuczera, Cobra Mechanical's president, grew up in Oakbank, graduating from Springfield Collegiate. In 2013, he moved near Hazelridge with his wife Jess. Their daughter, four-year-old Katie, is a regular at the club.

"It's a huge relief," Hazelridge board member Dana Cavanagh said of the agreement. "Costs to running the rink have increased significantly over the past few years, so the extra revenue is greatly appreciated."

"Cobra has been a big supporter of Hazelridge for many years. They currently sponsor both the canteen and indoor view-

ing area and now the naming rights," she added. "We are extremely grateful for their support and generosity. We hope to continue this relationship for many years to come!"

Kuczera has fond memories of many hours spent at the Hazelridge Sports Complex in his youth. If he wasn't practicing or playing hockey, there was always a spirited game of mini-sticks to pass the time while his brother was on the ice.

"When I saw the opportunity to sponsor the rink, I knew it was a chance to support a great cause and give back to the community that I'm proud to be a part of," Kuczera said.

He noted that in the summer of 2022, after the hardships caused by COVID-19 closures, Hazelridge's rink sought sponsorships to help support the facility. Cobra Mechanical stepped in and sponsored the rink, including the viewing area and canteen.

"At that time, we expressed interest in the naming rights, but they were already held by another business. We made it clear to the club that, should the opportunity arise in the future, we would like to be considered," Kuczera said. "When the current sponsor chose not to renew their naming rights, Cobra Mechanical was contacted and quickly jumped on the opportunity."

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- Curtis Kuczera



Photo by Neelu Subramanya Kumar
Curtis Kuczera and his daughter Katie outside the newly named Cobra Mechanical Sports Complex.

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Hockey Afternoon in Beausejour Dec. 19

By Tony Zerucha

The Beausejour Sportsplex will be rocking on Dec. 19 when École Edward Schreyer School's two high school hockey teams hit the ice for afternoon match ups.

Students will be out in full force to cheer on the Barons and everyone is invited to join them.

The girls' team kicks things off at 1:30 p.m. when they take on Murdoch MacKay. The Barons are led by Lauren Ingeberg, who paces the team with six goals and eight points in 12 games. Despite missing five games, Serena Gorski is second with four goals, three assists and seven points in seven contests. Kyra Pituley is tops with five helpers.

At 3:30 p.m., the boys' squad welcomes the Glenlawn Tigers. As of Dec. 4, the teams were one point apart, with the Tigers in fourth spot and the Barons in fifth but with two games in hand. Should the Barons win those extra games, they could move to as high as third place.

Their potent offence boasts three players averaging at least two points per game. Vaughn Senebald has 12 goals, 18 assists and 30 points after 10 games. He is third in the division in scoring.

Carson Janzen has 12 goals and 12



Photo by Jen Lowry

Vaughn Senebald has 12 goals and 18 assists, putting him in third place in scoring in the Price Division.

helpers, while Crosby Liske has six goals and 11 assists in eight games. Theoren Skiba just misses the two-point club with 19 in 10 games. Miles Armit is enjoying a strong season with seven goals and eight assists.

Selects swath Wheat Kings

By Tony Zerucha

The Eastman Selects' strong week was highlighted by a road win over the first-place Brandon Wheat Kings Dec. 7.

The Selects were perfect in three shootout attempts as they upset the first-place Wheat Kings 5-4 in Brandon. Kylan Olson scored twice to give the Selects an early 2-0 lead. The Wheaties tied it in the closing seconds of the first period to make the score 2-1 after 20 minutes.

Josh Borgfjord made it 3-1 at 8:57 of the second period. Once again, the Wheaties scored in the period's final minute. The third period began with Eastman leading 3-2.

Brandon scored twice to take a 4-3 advantage at 13:16, but Lucas Laramée tied it 27 seconds later off passes from Calyb Moore and Noah Stott to send it to overtime, which solved nothing.

Daniel De Gagne, Stott, and Moore connected in

the shootout, while Wyatt Minsky's stop on Jonah Lemoine secured Eastman's win. He made 29 saves. The Selects took 27 shots at Matthew Michita.

With the win, Eastman avenges a Wheat Kings' shootout win in Beausejour on Nov. 16.

Six different Selects scored in a 6-3 victory over the Kenora Thistles Dec. 4. The game saw the Selects outshoot the Thistles 54-42.

Laramée opened the scoring with a power-play goal 1:23 into the game. The unassisted marker was his 11th of the campaign.

The second period was busy, as the teams combined for eight goals. After Kenora tied the game at 3:42, Moore scored his 13th on the power play at 6:07. Malachi Thiessen earned his 12th assist on the play. Seth Hooper netted his 12th two minutes later.

Kenora made it a one-goal game at 9:37, but the Selects took control with three goals in less than five minutes. De Gagne,

Borgfjord and Olson were the marksmen.

The Thistles closed the scoring at 17:59 of the second period. Minsky was the winning goalie.

On Dec. 5, the Eastman Selects nearly came all the way back from a five-goal deficit, but in the end, they fell 7-6 to the Interlake Thunder. Moore, Jax Huberdeau and Ty Mistelbacher led the Selects with three points apiece.

Stott opened the scoring for the Selects at 3:29 of the first period. His 14th of the season was assisted by Moore and Kellan Sichevski. The Lightning then struck often, scoring four goals to take a 4-1 lead at 13:07 and chase starting goalie Sam Fontaine.

The barrage continued in the first period's final minute, with the Lightning taking a 5-1 lead into the break. That score became 6-1 at 5:08 into the second.

The Selects didn't roll over. Mistelbacher scored at 12:16, and Huberdeau followed at 17:13 to make it a 6-3 score after 40 minutes. The momentum continued in the third, as Mistelbacher and De Gagne shaved the lead to one with 14 minutes to play.

Thiessen scored a power-play marker at 16:38. The Selects pressed but could not find the equalizer, making the final 7-6. As they often do, the Selects outshot their opponents; this time, it was 40-32.

Eastman hosts the Bruins at 8:30 p.m. on Dec. 12 and the Wheat Kings on Dec. 14 at 7:30 p.m.

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North Eastman Hockey

MANITOBA U18 AAA

TEAM	WON	LOST	TIE
Brandon Wheat Kings	19	4	2
Southwest Cougars	17	4	4
Winnipeg Bruins	18	3	1
Winnipeg Wild	17	4	2
Interlake Lightning	12	8	4
Eastman Selects	12	9	3
Pembina Valley	11	8	3
Parkland Rangers	12	12	0
Winnipeg Thrashers	10	11	1
Norman Northstars	8	19	1
Kenora Thistles	8	15	0
Central Plains Capitals	6	17	0
Yellowhead Chiefs	3	17	1

Upcoming Home Games

Thur Dec 12	Bruins @ Eastman	8:30pm
Sat Dec 14	Brandon @ Eastman	7:30pm

CAPITAL REGION JR B

TEAM	WON	LOST	TIE
St. Malo Warriors	13	3	0
Beausejour Comets	12	3	1
Lundar Falcons	11	4	0
Selkirk Fishermen	7	8	2
Arborg Ice Dawgs	5	13	0
La Broquerie Habs	5	11	1
N Winnipeg Satellites	2	13	0

Upcoming Home Games

Fri Dec 13	Satellites @ Beausejour	8pm
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East Division

TEAM	WON	LOST	TIE
Springfield Xtreme	13	0	0
Mitchell Mustangs	9	6	1
Steinbach Huskies	8	3	1
Ste. Anne Aces	6	8	0
East St. Paul Gators	2	9	0

West Division

Niverville Clippers	12	2	0
Landmark Blues	6	6	0
Macdonald Swarm	6	6	0
Red River Mudbugs	2	10	0
Grunthal Red Wings	0	12	0

Upcoming Home Games

Fri Dec 13	East St. Paul @ Springfield	8:15pm
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MB WOMEN'S HIGH SCHOOL DIV 3

TEAM	WON	LOST	TIE
Dakota Lancers	11	1	2
PCI Saints	8	4	1
Springfield Sabres	8	5	1
Murdoch MacKay	6	4	2
SJR Eagles	5	6	0
Beliveau Barracudas	5	6	1
Beausejour Barons	1	11	0

WINNIPEG HIGH SCHOOL BOYS

PLATINUM DIVISION

TEAM	WON	LOST	TIE
Oak Park Raiders	10	2	1
River East Kodiaks	9	3	2
Vincent Massey Trojans	9	1	1
Westwood Warriors	9	2	0
St. Pauls Crusaders	9	3	0
Steinbach Sabres	7	5	1
Springfield Sabres	7	5	1
Sturgeon Heights Huskies	5	6	1
JH Bruns Broncos	4	8	1
Selkirk Royals	4	6	1
West K Wolverines	3	7	2
Stonewall Rams	1	11	3

Upcoming Home Games

Thur Dec 12	Massey @ Springfield	3:30pm
Fri Dec 13	Stonewall @ Springfield	4pm

PRICE DIVISION

TEAM	WON	LOST	TIE
Louis Riel Voyageurs	11	0	0
Warren Wildcats	10	1	1
Lorette Scorpions	9	4	0
Beausejour Barons	8	2	1
Glenlawn Lions	7	5	1
Powerview/Sagkeeng	6	3	0
Niverville Panthers	5	4	0
Pinawa Panthers	3	8	0
Churchill	3	8	0
Linden Christian	3	9	1
Kildonan East Reivers	1	11	1
Windsor Park Royals	1	7	0

Upcoming Home Games

Mon Dec 16	Lin Christian @ Barons	3:30pm
Tues Dec 17	Lorette @ Pinawa	5pm

High School Hockey Round-Up

MWHSHL

Sabres Lose In OT

On Dec. 4, the Springfield Sabres went through four periods and five shootout rounds before falling 1-0 to the Dakota Lancers. Sabres goalie Emily Kay shone, making 22 saves in 55 minutes and four more in the shoot-out before surrendering the game's only goal. The performance lowers her goals-against average to 0.73 and raises her save percentage to .959. She has three shutouts this season.

The Sabres pressed throughout the contest, firing 27 shots at the Dakota net.

SCI travel to Beliveau on Dec. 12.

WHSHL

Wild Stung by Scorpions

On Dec. 6, the Powerview-Sagkeeng Wild were stung 5-1 by the Lorette Scorpions. Connor Bruyere scored his 10th goal in nine games early in the third period.

The Wild have road games on Dec. 13 and 17. They conclude 2024 with a matinee against the Pinawa Panthers Dec. 19 in Sagkeeng at 1 p.m.

Panthers Lose to Churchill

The Pinawa Panthers fell 2-0 to Churchill on Dec. 6 and were outshot 39-20. Panther goalie Cole Elands made 37 saves to keep his team close. Pinawa is eighth in the 12-team division with a 3-8 record.

The Panthers are off until Dec. 17 when they host the Lorette Scorpions in Pinawa at 5 p.m.

Barons in Third

École Edward Schreyer School's boys improved their record to 8-3 with a 5-1 win over the Lorette Scorpions on Dec. 5 elevating the Barons into third place.

Miles Armit opened the scoring 61 seconds into the game. His eighth of the season was assisted by Vaughn Senebald and Brock Tabin. Senebald was at it again at 5:05 when he teamed up with Crosby Liske to set up Theoren Skiba's eighth. The Scorpions halved the lead at 7:56 to send the game into intermission with the Barons ahead 2-1.

That score held until 33 seconds remained in the middle frame when Gunnar Veilleux connected off passes from Armit and Ryelan Hurrell to make it 3-1.

Senebald and John Sawatzky found the net in the third period to make the final 5-1. Both teams fired 24 shots. Caughner Busch earned the win.

The Barons host Linden Christian on Dec. 16 at 3:30 p.m.

Sabres Lose in Shootout

For the second time in three games, the Springfield Sabres were in a shoot-out but the puck didn't bounce their way Dec. 3, as they fell 5-4 to the Lord Selkirk Royals in Oakbank.

Following a scoreless opening period, the teams traded power-play goals in the second. Liam Bruchanski connected for the Sabres at 6:51, with Cam Sylvester and Parker Fazio assisting. That 1-0 lead lasted into the period's final minute when the visitors tied it with the man advantage.

The Royals grabbed the lead 40 seconds into the third period, but Hayden Hart tied it again with an unassisted marker at 7:19. The Royals went ahead midway through the frame, but Sylvester and Taigan Newton set up Hayden Kochen twice in a 24-second span to grab a 4-3 lead with three minutes remaining.

The Royals tied it at 18:39 to force overtime. The extra frame solved nothing, and the Royals won in the shoot out. Springfield outshot the Royals 25-20.

Springfield scored first on Dec. 4, but Steinbach scored often in the Battle of the Sabres, which was won by Steinbach 6-1. Cam Sylvester set up Hayden Kochen midway through the first to give Springfield an early lead, but Steinbach scored six unanswered goals to win going away.

The Sabres have a busy week in Oakbank hosting Vincent Massey on Dec. 12 at 3:30 p.m. and Stonewall on Dec. 13 at 4 p.m.



Curling Champs

Photo submitted

Congratulations to Trevor Harris (left), Russ Philips, Peter Wiebe and Blair Dodd on winning the Lac du Bonnet men's curling bonspiel last weekend defeating Team Usackis in a 6-5 final. With only 10 teams participating, the event was not split into A, B or C divisions.

Seasons Funeral Chapel along with the OakBank United Church are holding

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The Rural Municipality of Springfield

PUBLIC NOTICE

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Public Works & Water and Waste Department Operations Staff will be on call in the event of a snowstorm, water and wastewater emergencies or other issues requiring immediate attention. For Public Works Department related emergencies and issues please call 204-444-2241. For Water and Waste Department related emergencies and issues please call 204-444-4017. An Operations staff member on call will return your call as soon as time permits.

The Automated Curbside Waste and Recycling Program are modified this year on account of the dates. *The Oakbank Zone 2 collection route will move from Wednesday, December 25th and Wednesday, January 1st to Monday, December 23rd and Monday, December 30th respectively.* All other service dates will remain as is.

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January 1, 2025..... Closed

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December 23..... 12:00 pm – 6:00 pm
December 24..... Closed
December 25..... Closed
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December 31..... Closed
January 1, 2025..... Closed

Council and staff from the R.M. of Springfield wish everyone a safe and happy holiday.

Colleen Draper, CMMMA
Chief Administrative Officer

THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF LAC DU BONNET

Public Notice

Holiday Closure

The Rural Municipality of Lac du Bonnet Administration Office & Public Works Office will be closed for the Holiday Season from Tuesday, December 24, 2024 through Wednesday, January 1, 2025. Regular hours for staff will resume on Thursday, January 2, 2025. Our regular office hours are 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, Monday to Friday.

Transfer Station Holiday Hours

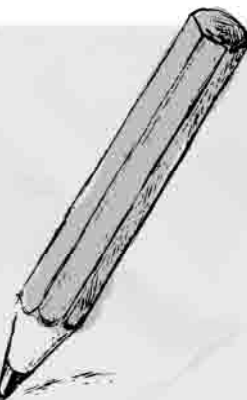
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Transfer Station 528

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December 29 – 9:00 am to 4:45 pm
December 30 – 9:00 am to 4:45 pm
December 31 – 9:00 am to 12:00 pm
January 1 – Closed
January 2 – Closed
January 3 – 9:00 am to 4:45 pm

Happy Holidays from the RMB of Lac du Bonnet

THE CLIPPER BREAK *time*



JUST kidding

Q: Why are Christmas Trees so bad at sewing?

A: They always drop their needles.



JUST kidding

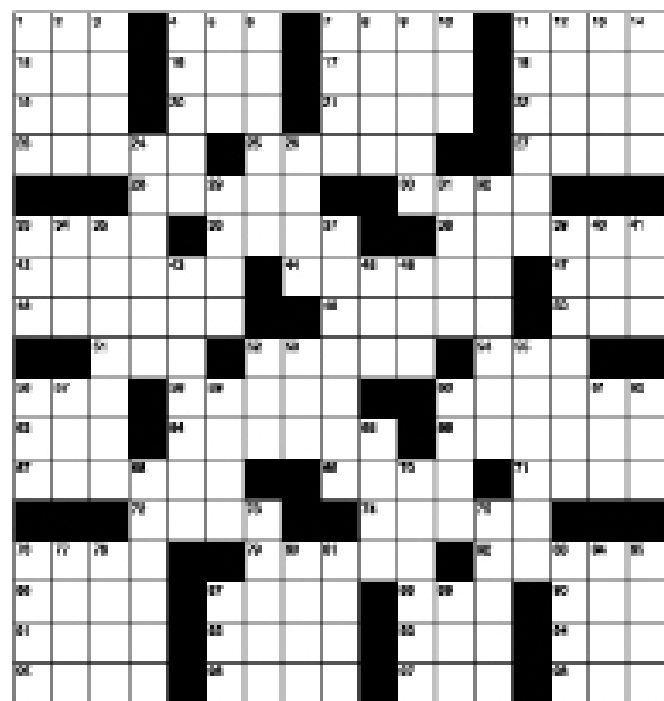
Q: What's the difference between Santa Claus and a knight?

A: One slays a dragon, the other drags a sleigh.



X CROSSWORD

PUZZLE NO. 559



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ACROSS

- Dress finely
- Blazed the trail
- Cuckoo
- Long-running Broadway show
- Narcissism
- "Bells _____ Ringing"
- Gusto
- Dismounted
- Building addition
- Pester constantly
- Trailing plant
- Not attractive
- TV and radio
- Pants material
- Hurricane
- Gunpowder ingredient
- Far East nanny
- Baptismal bowl
- Restraint
- Group of eight
- Think

DOWN

- Medical professional
- Life story, for short
- Boris Becker's equipment
- Weeping
- Old Japanese money
- Range of knowledge
- Biblical hymn
- Say yes to _____ behind the ears (naïve)
- Sir, in India
- Fiesta item
- Geisha's sash
- Christmas-tree decoration
- Physical movement
- Merle _____
- Vittles
- Dissenter
- All over again

ACROSS

- Fish bar
- Caution
- Type of card
- Calm
- Woe is me!
- Greek covered walk
- Outback bird
- Metal in the raw
- Printing method
- Bohr's bit
- Put on
- OPEC product
- Judge
- Unit of force
- Pick
- Atlas item

DOWN

- Overflow
- Gawk
- Medal color
- Hawaiian porch
- Distinct time
- Extent

- Impose, as a tax
- Hodgepodge
- Showy flower
- Smaller than a tin
- Snagged
- Water growth
- Cashier's drawer
- Eye problem
- Certain engine valve
- Unit for farming
- Waste allowance
- Secure, as a ship
- Artist's medium
- Kind of evergreen
- Whoopee role
- Granat
- Renowned
- Refrain from
- Struggle competitively
- Eternity
- Pressure
- Cartoon frame
- Scottish lid
- _____ Beta Kappa
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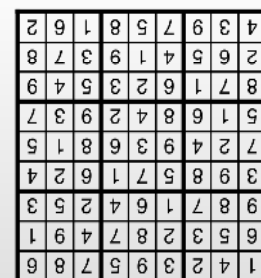
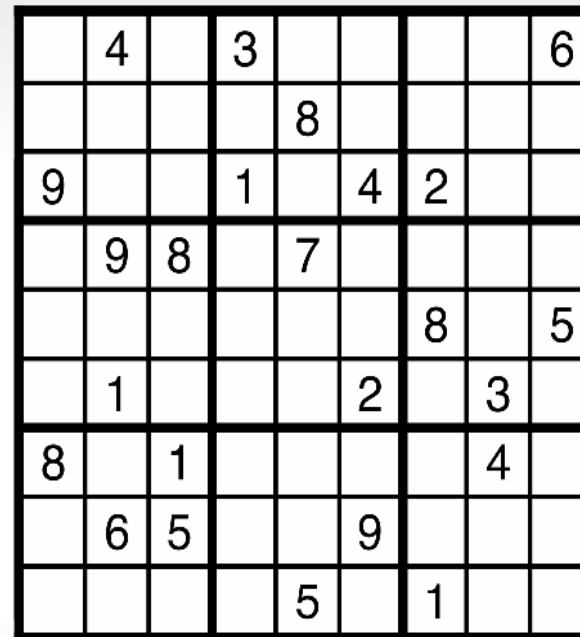
- Involve
- Court amorously
- Lesson
- Skin affliction
- Throw
- Shaver
- Tropical bird
- Facility
- King's _____ (huge sum of money)
- Dinner jacket
- Clever
- Visit often
- Voter's district
- Bum soother
- Fixed fee
- Midday
- _____ May Whitty
- Weaving machine
- Sole song
- Sharp cry
- In the dumps
- Cleaning implement

ANSWER TO PUZZLE NO. 559



Sudoku

PUZZLE NO. 320



HOW TO PLAY:

Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 3 x 3 box contains the numbers 1 through 9 only once.

ANSWER TO PUZZLE NO. 320

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SPRINGFIELD

ANOTHER TIME AROUND

530 Main Street, Oakbank 204-444-3220 TIS" the season. The shop will be closed from December 26 for the holidays. We will reopen on Thursday January 2... From all of us Volunteers... Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy New Year.

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SPRINGFIELD PLAYGROUP

Playgroup in Oakbank is a 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
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Tuesday, December 24, 2024, at 12:00 PM to
Thursday, January 2, 2025, at 8:00 AM.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- **Garbage & Recycle Collection:**
Garbage pickup will take place on Monday, December 23, 2024, and Monday, December 30, 2024 instead of the usual Tuesday's pickup. Please have your garbage out by 8:00 AM to ensure pickup.
- **Recycling will not be picked up during the closure. Please utilize the 24-hour recycling depot located at 79 Second Street.**
- **Bulk Water Card Holders:**
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WE WISH EVERYONE A SAFE AND HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON!

For more information, contact the Town Office at 204-345-8821.

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> 1-TFN

ST. MICHAEL'S ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH COOKS CREEK

Masses are celebrated Sunday at 11 A.M. and Thursday at 10 A.M. Sunday mass is live streamed. Please go to our website 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. All are welcome to attend. 1-TFN

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 204-866-3597. 1-TFN

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 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 or call the office 204-444-2815 for more information.

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 or www.willowdalefellowship.com *Jesus said, "Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest." Matthew 11:28.* 1-TFN

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.broken-headshared.com for more information. You are welcome! Christmas Eve Candlelight Service will be held at 4:30 p.m. December 24th.

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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: Reedem-er-CanRC.ca

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.

THE CHURCH AT PINE RIDGE

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ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH OF OUR LADY OF HOPE, ANOLA 34131 PTH 15

Sunday Mass: 11:00 am with our new pastor, Rev Fr. Michael Agazie. Parish office 204-268-2453. Email: admin@ourladyofhopeanola.com For more information see our website: www.ourladyofhopeanola.com

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@abundantlifelutheran.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.

OAKBANK CHRISTIAN CHURCH

We are located at 27101 Oakwood Road in Oak Bank. For more information, please visit www.oakbankchristianchurch.com or call 204-444-2089.

BEAUSEJOUR/ BROKENHEAD

ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH

Join us during this holy time of Christian fellowship and goodwill on Tuesday, Dec. 24th at 7:00 p.m. at St. Paul's United Church (located at 730 James Avenue in Beausejour) for our CANDLELIGHT CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE! Please join us for our Cookies and Carols Service on December 29th at 10:00 a.m. 1-TFN

ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH OF ST. MARY, BEAUSEJOUR

530 Atlantic Ave Beausejour. Masses with visiting priests - Saturday Evening 5:00 pm & Sunday 9:00 am. There are no weekday Masses but the church is usually open from 9:00 am to 9:30 am Tuesday to Friday for the Rosary and private prayer. Call the parish office for information if you need to speak with a priest: 204-268-2453 or use our new e-mail: info@stmarybeausejour.com Please join us for an Advent Reconciliation Service on Wednesday, December 18 with Fr Sylvanus Omali. For more information, visit our new website www.stmarybeausejour.com

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

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

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Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, serving the faith community for 124 years, 403 First Street at Gertrude Ave., Beausejour, Pastor Terry Gudmundson. 204-268-1253. Email: zionbsjr@mymts.net Facebook: www.facebook.com/ZionBeausejour Office Hours: Tuesday and Thursday 8:00am - 3:00pm. Join us for Worship - Sundays 10:00am, all are welcome. Inquire about Sunday School, Confirmation and other program events.

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.

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.

ELIM BAPTIST CHURCH
Join us for worship every Sunday at 10:30 am for music, teaching and fellowship. 645 James Ave., Beausejour.

**GRACE LUTHERAN
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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 for the latest information. Visitors are welcome.

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

Messages

IN MEMORIAM



TIM FETTERLY April 2, 1947 - December 8, 2017

In Loving Memory of my Dear Husband, Tim

*Time slips by and
life goes on,
But from my heart,
you are never gone,
I think about you always,
I talk about you too,
I have so many memories,
But I wish I had you.*

Remembering you
Always and Forever
Each and Every Day,
Missing You Deeply,
Loving You Forever,
Linda



IN MEMORIAM



TIM FETTERLY Dec 8, 2017

*My heart has been
left broken,
Since the day you had to go,
And the memories
I treasure dearly,
Are in the tears that still flow.*

*You're in my
thoughts everyday,
And that's how it
will always be.
For you may be
up in Heaven now,
But you'll always be with me.
If only I could have
the chance*

*To see your face once more,
Or to hear your
voice one final time,
Just like it was before.*

Loved and forever missed
Deidre

PINAWA ALLIANCE CHURCH

(Corner of Burrows and Bessborough). Sunday Service 10:30 AM. Check our website for more info: PinawaAlliance.com or call 204-345-6535.

PINAWA LUTHERAN CHURCH

Pinawa Lutheran Church at 25 Massey Ave. Sunday Service at 9:15 am. For more information check Pinawa Lutheran Church's website at pinawalutheran.ca

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

ABUNDANT LIFE CHAPEL

90-4th Street, Lac du Bonnet. For more info visit our website abundantlifechapel.ca or contact the office at 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.

NOTRE DAME DU LAC CATHOLIC PARISH

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RIVER HILLS

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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REYNOLDS

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IN MEMORIAM

TIM FETTERLY

*Just cause you left,
It doesn't mean that you won't be right by my side.
When I need you and can't see you in the middle of the night,
I'll close my eyes and say a prayer and ask for you to be there.
Even though you had to leave,
I know you ain't going nowhere.
Not a day goes by that you are not thought of.
Missing you terrible my dear daddy and love you dearly.*

Love
Sherry, Doug, Brady, Barrett ♥

OBITUARY

GLENN HUBERT TINLEY

1940-2024

At Glenn's request, cremation has taken place and there will be no formal service.
Donations in Glenn's memory can be made to Winnipeg Pet Rescue Shelter 12-2727 Portage Avenue, Winnipeg, Manitoba R3J 0R2.

Seasons

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OBITUARY


DARRELL HECKERT

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Darrell Heckert on December 8, 2024, at the age of 66. Darrell was born in March 1958 to William and Margaret (nee Schwark) Heckert.
Darrell, also known as D, DH, or The Farmer, had a great passion to pursue a farming career beginning in grade 12. He worked at it for the next 41 years until his health no longer allowed him to continue. He loved to take rides to the farm and check everything out.
Darrell met the love of his life, Susan, in 2000. Darrell knew this would be a special relationship from the first day he met her. They became life partners and stuck together through thick and thin.
Darrell was preceded in joining the Lord by his father and mother, Bill and Margaret; his sister Darlene (in infancy); his brothers, Dennis and Durwin; sister-in-law Bev Neisteter; and his father-in-law Gerald Antymis.
Darrell is survived by his life partner Susan; stepsons Jason (Leanna) and Blaine; step-grandchildren Hannah and Sarah; sister Sharlynnne (Dave); brother Darren (Donna); nieces and nephews Larissa (Matt), Shayla, Kristopher, Candyce (Matt), Kristen (Carter), Tyson (Grace), and Lorinda; great nieces and nephew Troy, Eden, Farrah, Quinn, Charlee, Jemaine, Preslie; mother-in-law Alexis; brother-in-law Dean (Christine) and their children Rachel (Troy) and Clayton (Kyara); sister-in-law Lee (Terry) and their children Mack (Spencer) and Alexis; close friends Gayard, Allan and Wanda, Marc and Serena, Dale and Carrie; as well as many extended family members and friends.
A funeral Service will be held Friday, December 13 with viewing from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. The service will be starting at 2:00 p.m. at Sobering Funeral Chapel, 1035 Park Avenue E, Beausejour Manitoba with interment to follow at the Beausejour Cemetery.
Pallbearers will be Darren Heckert, Tyson Heckert, Clarence Heckert, Jason Otto, Blaine Otto, and Clayton Antymis. Honorary pallbearers will be Larissa Chezick, Shayla Mariash, Kristopher Mariash, Candyce Mroz, Kristen Clackson, Lorinda Tripp, Rachel Hlady, Mack Loeb and Alexis Loeb.
Darrell's family wishes to express their deep gratitude to his palliative care team, Laura Klammer and Dr. Donna Puff for their tremendous support and care; to the Beausejour Hospital Staff who cared for Darrell; to Jason, Blaine and Darrell's close friends group, for their support and help over these past many months; to those who checked in on Darrell and Susan to make sure they were okay and for your prayers; to Pastor Terry Gudmundson for his support and guidance; and to Libby and the staff of Sobering Funeral Chapel and for their support and guidance during this difficult time.
In lieu of flowers, please donate to Manitoba CancerCare, Heart and Stoke Foundation of Manitoba, or a charity of your choice.

OBITUARIES

NORMAN BIALEK

Norman Glen Bialek, age 62 of Winnipeg, Manitoba passed away on December 5, 2024.
With deep sorrow, we announce the passing of Norm a beloved father, brother, uncle and friend who faced life with courage, kindness, and a generous heart. Norman was born on October 21, 1962 in Beausejour, Manitoba and brought immense joy to everyone who knew him. He will be remembered for his sharp wit, warm smile, and unwavering love for hunting, fishing and music.
Throughout his life, Norm faced many challenges and fought hard and found moments of peace, strength, and hope through the love of his family and friends.
Norm is survived by his son Clayton; Linda; brothers Len (Evy) and Gary (Debbie); niece Shelley; nephews Richard and Brendyn; and numerous great-nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his parents Michael and Helen; and brother Gerald.
In honour of Norm's memory, we ask that we remember his kindness and the good times we shared.
In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to an addiction foundation or a charity of choice.
At Norm's request no funeral service will be held. Rest easy, dear Dad/ Norm you are deeply loved and will be forever missed.
Tribute Link at: www.alternacremation.ca



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In loving memory of

JON MARLIUS OTTENSON

February 18, 1971 –December 5, 2024

Jon ended his courageous battle with cancer on the morning of December 5th in Pinawa, MB, peacefully in his sleep.
Jon is fondly remembered as the son of Jon Sr. (Debbie) and Edye (Pat - deceased), brother to Kris, Reghan, Leslie, and Sandra, husband to Tracy, father to Jordon, Hartley, and Rose, and grandfather to Audrey.
Jon was a mischievous, fun-loving, and curious man: a lover of all music (particularly punk-rock), hockey, and a seemingly never-ending array of DIY projects. He found great joy in bringing people together to enjoy the fruits of life, learning things along the way, and sharing his experiences with as many people as he could get to stick around and listen. He was tireless in his pursuit of fun.
Jon made it his purpose to find ways to support and give back to communities that welcomed him and his family. He volunteered as a coach, organizer, manager, driver, or moderator. He was a faithful friend of Bill W. for over a decade and found incredible resolve in his journey of recovery.
A special thank you to Dr. Paul Daeninck of CancerCare Manitoba, Dr. Michel Bruneau of Lac du Bonnet/Pinawa Hospital and all of the amazing nurses, support staff and volunteers along the way for their tireless pursuit of quality of life for Jon.
His family and friends will miss him dearly.
In lieu of a service, a celebration of life hosted by the family will be held in the spring.
Please consider a donation to one of the following causes in Jon's memory: Canadian Cancer Society, CancerCare Manitoba or MS Society Canada



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OBITUARIES

JEAN ANN JENSEN (Greschuk)

Jean Ann Jensen, aged 88 passed away peacefully, surrounded by family on December 5, 2024 at Selkirk Regional Hospital. Jean was born July 5, 1936 in Greenwich, MB to Peter and Stella Greschuk.
She was raised with her sisters and brothers in Tyndall, spent her later years in Selkirk and then her final residence in Teulon.
She was very active in the Selkirk Community and many people knew or recognized her as she cruised the sidewalks with her walker. She enjoyed visiting Selkirk Park, exploring the festivals and rodeo and frequented the farmers markets in the summer.
Jean's love for children led her to volunteer for Kids Fishing for a Cure for many years. She also volunteered at the Gordon Howard Center pinching perogies.
She is survived by her son Glen (Wendy) and daughter Marie; grandchildren Adam and Ayden and great granddaughter Aurora; her sister Angela and many nieces and nephews. Jean made friends where ever she went and leaves behind many friends in Selkirk and Teulon. Jean was predeceased by her parents Peter and Stella, husband Edward, brothers Ed and Teddy and sister Frances.
Cremation has taken place, a private ceremony will be held at Tyndall cemetery at a later date.
In lieu of flowers please make a donation to the charity of your choice.
Special thanks go out to the Selkirk Regional Hospital for the excellent care she received.
Tributes: www.gilbartfuneralhome.com
Gilbart Funeral Home, Selkirk in care of arrangements.

DAVE MEYERS

It is with heavy hearts we announce the passing of Our #1 Grandpa who left us on November 22, 2024. David Cecil Meyers was born August 22, 1936 to Cecil David and Annie Caroline Meyers.
David grew up in Middlechurch out on North Main Street. He was so proud to be a true North End boy. David met his one true love Karen Ann Miller after being set up on a blind date. He says it was one of the best days of his life. What made that day even better was when Karen asked him if he wanted to meet her one-and-a-half-year-old daughter Margaret Ann that Karen had with her first husband who passed away in a car accident nearly a year before. He very quickly fell in love with them both.
David and Karen were married on May 18, 1969, and moved into their first home in North Kildonan. Two years later in 1971 they welcomed their second daughter Caroline Dawn, and their family was complete.
In 1975 David moved his family to St. Boniface Xavier, Manitoba. There, David and Karen quickly made a group of lifelong friends. He joined the SFX Fire Department, the Community Club, and Curling Club. In 1990 after a 36 year stint with Canada Post, David finally retired. Along with his community responsibilities, Dave became our baseball coach. He couldn't coach only one of his daughters' teams, so actually, he coached them both.
Fast forward to 1994, Dave and Karen made the move to Lac du Bonnet, Manitoba where they would live out the rest of their wonderful 51 years together until Karen's passing in 2020. They created so many more amazing friendships spanning over 30 years. Dad joined the Lions Club, Curling, Citizens on Patrol and later became the best Curling Club bartender ever.
David and Karen spent all their spare time loving up their grandchildren. They were so proud of every one of them and he begged about them whenever given the chance. Their love spilled onto the kids' significant others as well. They were ALL their grandchildren. Dad was especially in love of his great-granddaughter Lena Rose. Dad was always so sad that mom didn't get the chance to meet her.
Besides all his wonderful friends, David leaves behind to mourn, his daughters Margaret Ann (Richard) and Caroline Dawn (Kevin), grandchildren Shelby (Cody), Shaville, Chelsea (Shant), Taylor, Haylee (Kristen), Gwyneth, Kyle (Hilish), Collen, Brooklyn (Rain) and his beautiful great-granddaughter Lena Rose.
Gone but never to be forgotten is our amazing Father, #1 Grandpa, Great-Grandpa, and dear friend.
A Celebration of Life will be held for David at the Lac du Bonnet Legion in Spring/Summer 2025. Date is still TBD.
In Lieu of Flowers, donations can be made to his favorite charity, the Silence Mission.



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Kids Snowflake Bazaar a magical time

The eighth annual Kids Snowflake Bazaar held at the Great Falls Community Hall this past weekend was nothing short of extraordinary and magical for the children and youth that attended.

Parents and caregivers bring children to the Kids Snowflake Bazaar and give them the freedom to shop and purchase what they want for whomever they want. As an added bonuses, they engage in skills like counting money and change, financial awareness, kindness, good decision making, being independent and more.

They then go to gift wrapping where all of their presents are

wrapped free of charge. They can choose the paper, tags and bows and the wrappers love to hear the reasons for their selections. When finished, they receive their own thank you gifts for attending and meet their adults in the waiting room.

This year the event saw 195 children between the two days, with people coming from Petersfield, Stonewall and Sagleeng to Whitemouth, Tyndall, Beausejour, Hadashville and more as well as the surrounding communities along the Winnipeg River corridor.

The Kids Snowflake Bazaar was established in 2017 and has grown into a registered non-prof-

it organization. To date, the Kids Snowflake Bazaar has raised over \$32,000 for programming and events for children in literacy, sport, community, arts and culture. They have also created two bursaries awarded annually to students who show commitment to community through volunteering, mentoring, managing their grades while participating in sports and clubs of interest.

They are always in need of support as the event is driven by donations from individuals and businesses. For a list of items they are in need of or for volunteer information please contact Mellissa at 204-292-2528.

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Above – Aurelia Heine at the Kids Snowflake Bazaar.
Left – The Great Falls Community Hall all decked out for the event.

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