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## A great place to pick up chicks

>> The family business Berg's Hatchery has been turning eggs into fluffy poultry in the Russell area for over 65 years

DARRIEL NESBITT  
Calgary Herald Staff Writer

Looking for a great place to pick up chicks? Berg's Hatchery of Russell can help you with that.

The family business, currently owned by Kevin and Corinne Berg, has been turning eggs into fluffy chicks for over 65 years.

Hatching chicken eggs is an extremely rewarding experience, which requires good planning, dedication, cleanliness and observation skills," said Kevin. "Chickens eggs have an incubation period of about 21 days and can be hatched using either a specialized incubator under carefully monitored conditions, as we do, or broody hens."

The Berg family became involved in the hatchery business back in 1944 when Russell Berg (Kevin's grand father), set up a turkey brooder stock and bought a small wooden incubator from eggs and so it is in the family living room. This was very special or pioneer hatchery man, as seen in the house of eggs.

Branching out in 1946, the Berg's built what they called a small hatchery that was set up on the family farm north of Russell. Additional machines were added as to increase the capacity to raise eggs. From then, the hatchery operation continued to grow with more expansion in 1966.

In 1966, Russell and his son, Earl, purchased the hatchery and moved it to Highway 10 known as Kinsey Hatchery. The hatchery had a capacity of 25,000 eggs. In 1970, Earl moved out of a hatchery. In 1971, Kevin Berg bought out Russell and it became a husband and wife operation. The hatchery kept expanding and by 1975 Kevin's parents raised their capacity to 25,000 eggs.

During the same time, Earl and Kevin had many brooder chicks for the hatchery that included ducks, geese, grey lines, turkeys and broiler breeders, along with operating a grain farm. There are many memories of family and friends picking eggs at the hatchery and having the chickens picked at home or being chased across the yard by a goose.

Over the time frame, the Bergs were assisted by a number of Russell area farmers, who were producers, or farmers, broods needed for the hatchery. With the number of farmers declining in the mid-1980s, third generation owners, Kevin and Corinne, knew the hatchery had to



The incubating capacity at Berg's Hatchery is 25,000 eggs, totaling 30,000 chicks per week.

also, know the hatchery had to change.

With that in mind, they expanded the hatchery sales area and moved the eggs to a new serving western Manitoba and across Saskatchewan, using agents based at their own farms. Now there are well over 20 agents across Manitoba, Saskatchewan, and Ontario selling Berg's chicks.

A new broiler breeder farm was built in 1996, approximately a kilometre east of the hatchery, in the Rural Municipality of Russell, to produce broiler hatching eggs for the hatchery. This became the home of Kevin and Corinne and their two children, Mary and Vincent.

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Berg's Hatchery is known for mainly serving hobbyists, supplying chicks from mid-April to mid-June in area and further afield producers. Eggs are hatched year-round for Hutterite colonies, but not for large commercial quakes.

On average, one million chicks are sold on a yearly basis by Berg's Hatchery. Layers, meat breeds, especially birds, and some species of turkeys are all hatched at Russell. Although seasonal in sold, eggs are not hatched as the previous.

"Today our incubating capacity is 25,000 eggs, hatching 30,000 chicks per week," stated Kevin. "We are proud of our repeat service, we maintain that all Berg's

chicks, ducklings and geese are produced from eggs supplied by strong healthy government approved breeding flocks."

The family-owned business employs 10 to 15 people including vehicle drivers at

their business time of the year. In all, Berg's Hatchery has an agent - in Manitoba, in Saskatchewan, close to Ontario, and one in Alberta.

Priding themselves on service, quality and hatching capacity, Kevin and Corinne are pleased that the business has provided a great avenue to raise their children, and to close spread their wings in a hard-earned success. "Our daughter Melissa, is a registered nurse, married to Aaron Kelly, and has three

children. Cooper, Emily and Anna, while son Vincent, is a Journeyman Rail Siding Electrician," Kevin, quoted with a smile or pride. "What neither having an interest in the hatchery business, and their parents going, after the time has come in just the business on the market."

Kevin Berg

As the third generation to deliver quality poultry, Kevin knows the excitement of his father and grandfather business. "It's been a great place to pick up chicks!"



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## Best Agricultural Section - 2<sup>nd</sup>

## The Dauphin Herald



Don Dewar, second from right, receives the Ron Brook Memorial Award from Jim Kalita, Tom Skyskal, Jan Strid and Roda Mithani.

### Dewar's activism recognized with award

By Shawn Bailey  
Herald Staff

Some of Don Dewar's earlier memories revolve around agriculture, particularly a John Deere A tractor and countless hours spent harrowing.

And Dewar's many contributions to the industry since that time were highlighted as he was presented the Ron Brook Memorial Award at the Dauphin Agricultural Society's Farm Outlook 2019, Mar. 7.

"I want to thank the ag. society for the recognition and the honour," Dewar said.

"And it really is an honour to receive this award and be part of this long list of people who have worked hard and achieved it."

On top of his farm duties on the family farm, Dewar's involvement in the industry began in 1967 when he attended the University of Manitoba to pursue a degree in Ag Economics, returning to the farm following graduation.

Early in his career Dewar got involved with the Manitoba Seed Growers Association and became actively involved with the Canadian Seed Growers on a national level from 1984 to 1991.

In the 1980s, as producers were coming out of several years of 20 per cent plus interest rates and depressed commodity prices and were unable to meet debt obligations, Dewar served as a panelist for the Farm Debt Review Board, observing and

making recommendations for engaging farmers.

When the 1980s arrived and farm incomes had not improved, Dewar along with Fritz Sinski, who nominated him for the ag. society award, organized one of the largest-ever, farmer-led rallies on the steps of the Manitoba legislature to support the fight to save Canadian agriculture.

It was at that rally on Oct. 9, 1991, as a keynote speaker that Dewar jumped feet first into the world of farm politics.

"We are not winning and grovelling," Dewar said in his speech that day.

"I could go on with the increases in the cost of our production: income, input, fertilizer, chemicals and insurance. When all these are paid, we usually hope that we have enough left for family living—food, shelter and clothes."

Following that rally Dewar became immersed in the farm political scene with Keystone Agricultural Producers (KAP), eventually serving a four-year term as KAP president beginning in 1998.

Thrust into the political side of agriculture early on, Dewar does not regret the time and effort spent on improving the agricultural industry.

"The rally threw me in over my head into farm politics. But it has been a lot of fun, I have really enjoyed it. In hindsight there's probably some mistakes that have been made," Dewar

said, relating a story about the protest of political events.

"At the rally, and some of you might have been there, the leader of the opposition at the time was Jean Chrétien, the then leader was Audrey McLaughlin of the NDP and then we had the Ag Minister Charlie Mayes; who was going to speak. And we had, you know, a couple of farm boys from Dauphin and we were going to have the lady speak first. And Jean Chrétien threw quite a fit because it was not proper protocol. He had more members in the house, he should speak first. Our mistake was limiting it to him."

Dewar went on to serve as a representative for the Canadian Federation of Agriculture, making numerous lobbying trips to Ottawa. In 2005 Dewar put his name forward as a candidate for District 9 of the Canadian Wheat Board.

In 2004, Dewar entered the fray of federal politics, threw his hat into the ring for the first of two unsuccessful attempts at the Liberal candidate in the Dauphin-Swan River constituency.

Dewar's involvement in farm politics was possible because of his son Mark, who took over management of the farm, allowing his father the freedom to travel and attend meetings.

Dewar believes the working relationship with his son made everything possible.

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### Aquaculture a viable option says Sopuck

By M.A. Nyquist  
Herald Staff

Carle and hog farms in Manitoba may have to make room for fish farms, if Dauphin-Swan River-Sopuck MP Robert Sopuck has his way.

Sopuck is encouraging Manitobans to consider aquaculture as a viable industry for the agriculture sector.

Just a bit of background about myself, I'm a fisheries biologist by training. Actually my first summer job was south of Riding Mountain Park, working on the trout farming project," he said, adding the project was to stock the Prairie Provinces lakes with trout in the 1970s.

In his time in Parliament, Sopuck has been on the Fisheries committee for over seven years, where a number of studies on aquaculture were commissioned.

There are two kinds of fish farming, he explained, the first, which many people may think of, is net pen farming, with a large pen in a lake or ocean where fish are contained and fed.

The other option, which Sopuck would like Manitoba to consider, is closed containment farming, where the fish are not in the wild.

The fish are in closed facilities that have no connection to a natural water body. Sopuck said, such as a large tank or silo.

"Closed containment is where I think Manitoba's real advantage lay, because what agriculture needs is access to markets. We have it, we're close to Chicago and Detroit but down Highway 75 and bang you've got all these big cities in there," he said.

While Manitoba may disagree, Sopuck said, hydroponics and land prison in the province are still among the lowest in the world.

Finally, he added, greenhouse tomatoes in a province are unique in the quality and amount available.

"Greenhouse comes out of the ground at about 10 degrees Celsius. Right to 10, which is a perfect temperature to raise what we call cold water fish," Sopuck explained.

For prairie aquaculture, Sopuck believes rainbow trout,

coho salmon and Arctic char are the best species for farming.

"Now the Arctic char in my view, has one of the greatest potentials," he said.

"Arctic char are very easy to raise. They're very docile fish, they're not aggressive. I used to do Arctic char work in the eastern Arctic and they're an ideal fish to raise."

Sopuck noted Ridgeland Aqua Farms on the Ridgeland Shurtleff Colony near Anole, Man., operates a successful recirculating aquaculture system for Arctic char.

"There's a restaurateur who basically said that these farmed Arctic char are better than the wild fish," he added.

Jeff Hartman, Industry Development Specialist for Aquaculture for Manitoba Agriculture, noted Wauson Farm in Wauson, Man. is another commercial aquaculture operation.

The company has been in operation since about 2010, he said, using similar technology to Ridgeland, which is land-based aquaculture.

Wauson Farm produces fish and frozen rainbow trout fillets, plus a smoked product for local farmers markets and is working with some seafood companies.

Born and raised in Manitoba, Hartman is the only aquaculture specialist employed by Manitoba Agriculture.

The department was created about 11 years ago and Hartman was the first person hired into the position, after he graduated from Vancouver Island University in Nanaimo and gained aquaculture experience on the west coast.

"I'm really happy to be back here in my home province of Manitoba trying to make a difference for the development of something that I think is a new, exciting industry opportunity," he said.

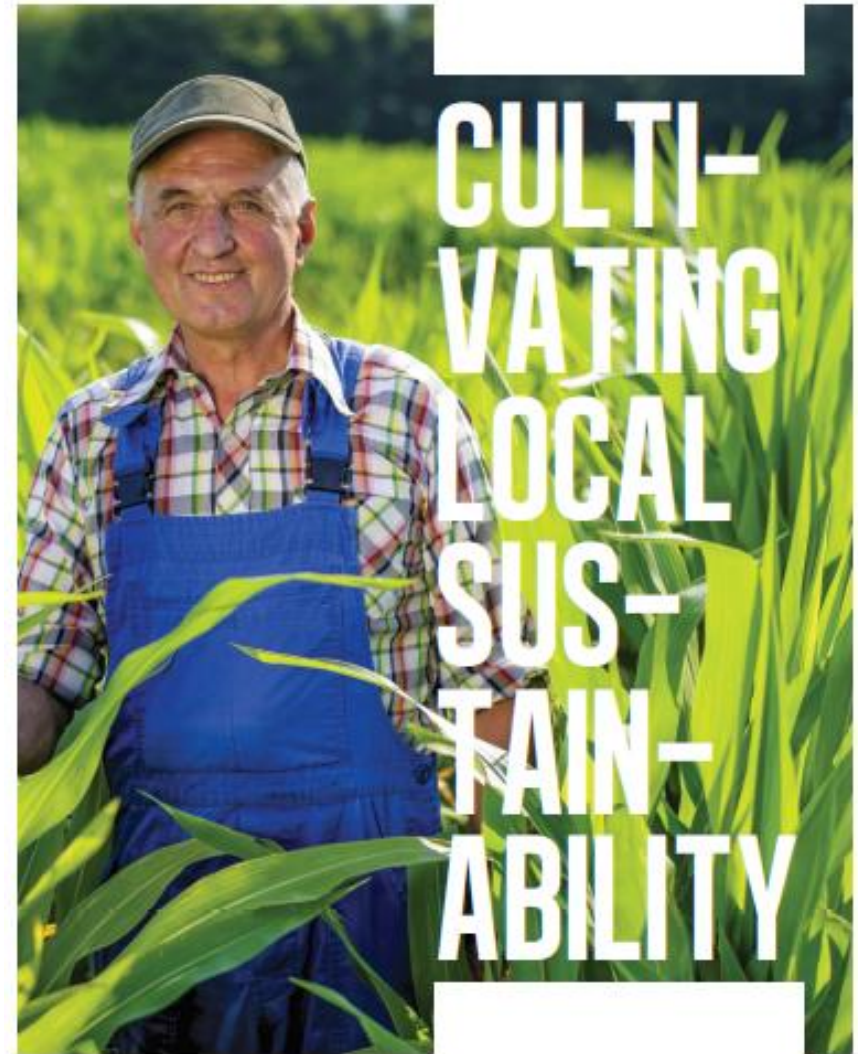
Sopuck pointed out Manitobans could farm a range of fish, such as rainbow trout which can tolerate warmer water, coho salmon, which prefers a medium temperature and Arctic char, which needs cold water, because Manitoba is able to supply all of those water temperatures.

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# Grazing method attracts carbon researchers

by KAITLYN KOZARCHUK

An Anola beef farm's eco-friendly grazing techniques have piqued the interest of grassland researchers looking for ways to reduce Manitoba's carbon footprint.

Edie Creek Angus is one of six Manitoba farms to be selected by the Canadian Forage and Grassland Association (CFGa) for research on the role grasslands play in reducing carbon emissions.

For three years, researchers will do regular testing on various patches of farmland.

They're seeing if Edie Creek's way of feeding their cattle will absorb extra carbon into the soil.

It's a big subject, and Edie Creek farmer Jonathan Bouw said they've been selected because of the farm's commitment to "holistic planned grazing."

It might sound like a lofty term, but holistic planned grazing is really just a mindset for farming that not only considers what's best for the animals, but what's best for the land.

Luckily, Bouw said, most of the time that's one and the same.

"When you take care of the grass, it takes care of you."

With conventional feeding methods, farmers bring the hay bales to the cows and haul out the manure to fertilize their fields. This takes a lot of time, fuel, and manpower.

Bale grazing cuts out the middle-man and puts the cows out in the fields with the bales. Bouw said it's a win-win: the farmers don't have to haul the bales, and the cows leave their soil-fertilizing manure right in the fields.

This method wastes more hay (about 15 to 20 percent of the bale), but Bouw said since it would cost \$5 per bale to haul out to the cows, it's worth it. The hay that gets left behind actually puts more nutrients in the soil.

"This is a huge savings environmentally because the machines aren't running, so they're not spewing carbon," said Marilyn Bouw, Jonathan's mother.

In the summer, the 200-cow herd is grass fed. The farmers rotate the herds to different parts of the pasture to give the grass time to regrow, cordoning off each section with a simple electric polywire.

Because the grass grows back much quicker with this method, Bouw said he can fit a lot more cows onto the land.

In total, Bouw said, these methods of grazing save Edie Creek about \$110 per cow.

So why is CFGa so interested in this? It turns out bale grazing the cows supercharges the soil and gives the grass time to regrow. Cycling the cows to different areas of the field forces them to eat the longer, less palatable plants.

To a cow, grass grows like a stalk of broccoli, getting harder and woodier the larger it gets.

"Even though it's useful in the cow's rumen,



Jonathan Bouw stands in front of a herd of 80 cows, ages one to three. The herd rushes up to Bouw when his quad arrives because it means they're moving to another pasture.

they'd prefer to eat the younger, candy-flavoured grass," said Bouw.

Without grazing, Bouw said the land gets stagnant. Grass needs animals to harvest and fertilize it, the way bison travelled through North America, grazing and building up the soil.

"They (cows) are part of the ecosystem," Bouw said.

Improving organic matter in the soil also helps drainage in the particularly wet years.

Bouw said if you improve organic matter by just one percent, you can store 20,000 gallons more water in the earth.

CFGa's goal is to quantify these benefits into hard data and see how much carbon is absorbed into the soil. Bouw said farmers will be able to access the results once the study is

finished.

For Bouw, the hope is that these benefits will become more well-known.

As a beef farmer, he hears a lot about how cows are bad for the environment and eat up grass on land that could have been used to grow crops.

Like the recent Weather Canada video urging consumers to eat less red meat because cows take up too much land and create too many greenhouse gases.

But Bouw said cows actually eat a lot of grass that's uncultivable. If farmers are using methods like rotational grass-feeding and bale grazing, it's putting the land to good use.

He said people shouldn't just think of beef farming as a bunch of overcrowded feedlots that aren't properly maintained.

"The public's mindset can easily be swayed by some bad publicity from special interest groups," he cautioned. "But I think we have a good story to tell."

Bouw said his family has always focused on organic farming. His grandparents emigrated from Holland and started the family farm, which consisted of pigs and dairy cattle.

They've also tried organic crops, but couldn't get rid of the weeds without herbicides.

"There's financial incentives if you can get a good crop, and it adds value," said Bouw. "But you usually sacrifice yield to get that."

Now, they mostly farm cattle, but sell bulls for breeding on the side. Their cows aren't certified organic, but they are direct market grass-finished beef.

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President of GAG Farms Curtie McRae, who is also the director of Manitoba Canada Growers, checks out his droop wheat and alfalfa in the RM of St. Andrew on Aug. 29.

## 'SERIOUS DISASTER': Farmers declare state of agricultural disaster

BY SCOTT BILLECK  
Published in Network

A dozen Manitoba municipalities have declared a state of agricultural disaster amid drought conditions that have farmers scrambling to stay afloat.

The rural municipalities of Altonia, Armstrong, Elkhart-Sheridan, Coldwell, Elkhart, Fisher, Groulxville, Lakeshore,

McCreary, St. Rose, West Interlake and Woodlands went out the notice on Thursday, blaming a lack of volume and frequency of precipitation in 2019.

The RMs say the drought has caused considerable damage to the agriculture industry within the Interlake and Parkland regions.

Ari Jonasson, news for the RM of West Interlake, said the extremely dry condi-

tions have left grain, hay and silage production with severely reduced crop yields.

"It's been just terrible," Jonasson said on Aug. 28. "It was something like 20-40% of normal, depending where the rain came."

Jonasson said the shortage of rain has led to a shortage of feed resources in the area, and that has been coupled with a depleted inventory of carryover feed from 2018.

That's meant that farmers needing feed have had to spend two to three times more just to feed their livestock, and that's left some farmers making tough decisions, including already selling off large chunks of their herd — roughly 500 were sold recently at an auction in Fisher, Jonasson said.

"It's so dry that some farmers are using their feed already when the cattle should be pasturing for another two months yet," Jonasson said. "They're using the feed they'd use during the winter."

Curtie McRae, who is the director of Manitoba Canada Growers, is a farmer in the Interlake region of Manitoba. McRae runs GAG Farms, named after his mother Gwyn and his father Gerry.

McRae said impact of the drought conditions in Manitoba aren't going to be felt until freeze-up happens.

"That's when we have to figure out how much feed we have for our cows," he said. "It's kind of out of our hands until another nature decides to freeze things up. On the grain side of things, we're definitely going to take a hit on our yields. The upside is that we might harvest our crops in dry conditions and save our equipment a little bit."

To stave off freezing to sell some of his herd, McRae said he's hoping for good luck in the weather forecast.

"I'm really not sure of the number and it depends how long we can keep pasturing for because we had some extra this

week and we still have enough temperature for those grasses to grow," he said. "So if we have some good luck in the next two weeks, we'll extend our summer grazing program, hopefully."

The RMs are asking the province to step in and initiate discussions with their federal counterparts. They want an assessment done by the fed under the Agriculture Recovery Framework, which is in place in times of natural disaster to assist farmers in recovery efforts.

Jonasson believes the current drought satisfies the requirements to use the program, which would help farmers get immediate feed and freight assistance as well as compensation for drilling additional wells or hauling water to their livestock.

Jonasson said this isn't the first time they've asked the province to help, and they want government to roll down with local producers and other industry stakeholders.

The province, Jonasson said, has pointed farmers toward Business Risk Management programs but said farmers already use those.

"There is a serious disaster here," Jonasson said.

Ralph Eichler, candidate for Lakeside and the Minister of Agriculture, said government reached out to the fed prior to the wet dropping and is working with farmers to sort out the issues.

Eichler said while they can't announce anything due to the blackout period ahead of the election, he plans on sitting down with farmers, if elected, once the election is over.

"We're looking at all options," Eichler said, adding that going down the Agriculture road would take quite some time.

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# Interlake cattle farmers being forced to sell livestock

By Evan Matthews

As many in the industry have predicted for close to a year, many family-owned cattle farming operations have begun selling their herds.

On Nov. 30, four different family-owned operations participated in "complete herd dispersal sale" at the Ashern Auction Mart, as the environmental, financial and political climate have decimated their livelihoods.

"In our operation, we don't make our own hay (feed). We buy it all. Every year, it's getting more and more expensive, and it's located further and further away (due to extreme weather in Manitoba)," said Jim Broustal, adding his farm is located three miles south of Ashern.

"The price of hay goes up and the price of freight goes up. This past summer we spent somewhere around \$100,000 on hay and \$18,000 on freight," he said, adding prices have been consistent for the past two years.

Aside from the fact that it's been near impossible for him to locate the hay and make a purchase, Broustal said he can't afford it at this point.

In 2019, the math works out to about \$150 per bale of hay (plus transport cost), according to a survey of farmers, whereas even six years ago, the price

for a bale of hay was about \$20 (plus transport).

"The government has done absolutely nothing. ... I just wish they had given us something so I didn't have to sell my herd. This is the worst week-end of my life," said Broustal.

"At least help us pay for some transportation cost, \$10 per bale for transport even. ... It would have been better than nothing.

"It's absolutely terrible. I sat on the ground here yesterday crying when the last truck left."

## 'It's all we know'

The hardship isn't just about economics, according to Broustal, as he said he's raised most of his cattle from birth and now, with no options, is being forced to sell them. There is an attachment to the animals, he said.

Broustal's parents were cattle farmers before him, and Broustal entered into the industry working with them and then at the stock yards. Eventually, he decided he wanted to farm full-time.

"I've kept a few of the older cows ... or cows that don't appeal to bigger farms. Cows that have one horn up and one horn down, for example," said Broustal, specifying he will keep



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Jim Broustal's cattle herd, many of which have since been sold, are seen crowding around a small amount of feed. Hay prices have increased 750 per cent over the last six years.

a small herd, a total of 20 to 30 cattle.

For context, Broustal listed 47 black cows, 60 tan cows, 60 Charolais X cows, 20 mixed heifers Charolais X, and six bulls listed for sale, for a total sale of 193 cows.

"None of us have an education or know how to run a computer. What else are we supposed to do? I just wish I had gotten out two years ago, when prices were better," said Broustal.

"Besides all of that, I love cattle. It's all I know. ... I hope the economic and environmental climate improves, and I hope to have my herd bounce back.

"But it'll never be a herd of 190 again. It might be a total of 40 to 50 at some point in the future."

Broustal's cows are currently selling

at the auction mart on average for approximately \$1,500 each, even though he had purchased them for \$2,500.

"I'm never getting that money back. It's just not going to work," said Broustal.

"A little more help from the government would have been nice. It could have saved a lot of us. We elected our representatives because they said they would help us.

"But why bother? A lot of us have discussed (spoiling) our vote next time around. ... They don't do anything for us anyway."

Many of those purchasing the cattle, according to Broustal, are from Al-

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Evan Matthews – The Stonewall Teulon Tribune

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CANDY IRWIN  
by South Mountain Press

With the weather we've been 'enjoying' of late, snuggling up with a good book might be the perfect activity for 'I Love To Read Month'.

It doesn't matter whether you purchase them from a book store, codge them from a used book sale, discover something intriguing at the library, download onto an e-reader or, if you have an audiophile and listen while driving, books are the best.

There is something special – a sort of anticipatory satisfaction – in that moment when you first begin a book. If that isn't motivation enough, though, you can join a book club.

According to a 2018 survey performed by BookNet Canada, a non-profit organization accountable to the Government of Canada for servicing and reporting on the Canadian book industry, 27.4% of people who read in their leisure time participate in a reading club of one description or another.

Nowadays there are digital platforms to meet the needs of just about every style of reader and you don't even have to leave the comfort of your home, except metaphorically, to participate.

'Traditional' book clubs, however, are most often a group of people who get together to discuss books and enjoy each other's company face-to-face.

An Ottawa-based book club, called 'The Dirty Book Club,' was started by someone

sewly relocated to that city, who simply wanted to meet like-minded friends. Since its inception in 2006, the club has grown to include over 80,000 members in 90 cities and 12 different countries around the world.



Although this local book club doesn't have an official name, members meet on a regular basis. Pictured above are, from left: standing – Cheryl Penny, Bev Crowston, Dinah Cepilic; seated – Carol Pangelly, Candy Irwin, Susan Proven, Valerie St. John. PHOTO COURTESY OF FRANK SALER

There are book clubs in churches and synagogues, book clubs for men who like to smoke cigars and discuss politics, book clubs for inmates in Canadian federal prisons and other special interest groups, all more varied than imaginable.

Some book clubs involve serious literary analysis, but others, well... they often involve food, and most importantly, wine.

An Onanole book club, aptly named 'Between the Wines,' has been meeting monthly for over 20 years.

One of the original members and mainstays of the

group, Carol Allard, has recently passed away, leaving a big hole in the book club and in the members' hearts.

"She was the first to leave us," said Bev Crowston, "and she is missed."

However, Allard leaves behind a lasting legacy of a love of books and reading, and memories of camaraderie, companionship and laughter.

While a love of reading is something all book clubs have in common, exactly how each club implements it varies.

Some clubs meet monthly and focus on a single book, where members read and chat about the same book, often an-

swering discussion questions posed by the author, editor or publisher. Participants agree on which books they'd like to tackle and when to read something heavy or something lighter.

The commitment to read a specific book by a specific time is sometimes frustrating, but having that deadline is a good 'kick-start,' if you are, as are many of us, preoccupied with other things.

Other clubs, like the 'Casual Book Club,' which is also active in the South Mountain area, meets when Sharon Whitaker – affectionately known as our 'Horder Collie' – rounds

everyone up. Readers converge at a member's home, in a local restaurant, at Poor Michael's Emporium or beneath the tall pines at the Bowling Green in Wasagaming to drink cappuccino and share their reaction to a few of the different titles they've been reading. Thereafter, books are traded or lent, eventually finding their way back to their original owner or into the donation box.

In this way you glean recommendations from other readers, broadening your reading horizons – or gleefully nose-diving into a title offered by a trusted and similarly-minded friend.

The relationship that club members have with each other is undeniably special. "I like to talk about life with other women," said Lisa Chamerda, "and to hear their experiences. I also appreciate that our discussions can be frank – without being offensive."

Some of us read for entertainment and escapism, while others read for edification and education.

When you try something outside your comfort zone, reading allows you to grow, seeing the world through the eyes of another. And, when you learn to empathize with viewpoints different from your own, you might not agree, but you will, most certainly, grow in understanding.

As I trundle off to one of the two book clubs I belong to, I often think of my mother, who taught us, by reading aloud to us every day, that reading is a joy and life-long adventure. (We didn't have a TV until I was almost 11!)

I am also grateful for the research that tells us that reading improves your focus and concentration and slows down mental aging.

Whatever your motivation, February is when we celebrate our love of reading. Bookworms unite!

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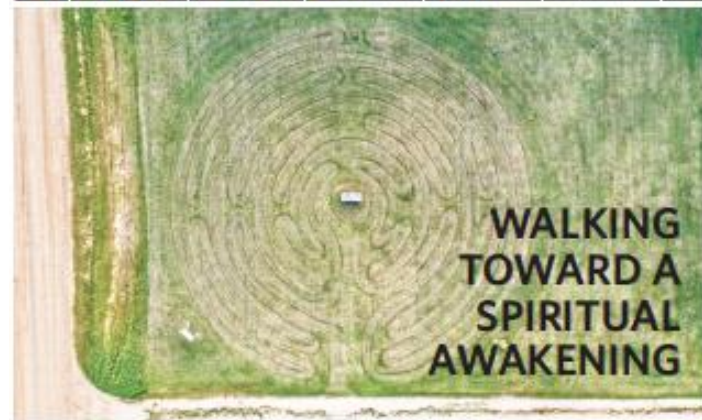
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## COMMUNITY LIVING



The Kenville United Church Labyrinth is available for anyone to walk throughout the summer months.

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On a lawn, behind a church, in this quiet little community of Kenville lies a meandering walking path with concentric circles of history and tradition beaded in.

The Kenville United Church Labyrinth was first designed and created in August of 2017, which allows both congregants and the general public to walk along the closely cropped grass path at their leisure. It is located on Main Street in Kenville.

"The eleven circular Labyrinth is based on the Charrois Cathedral Labyrinth, which was built in the Cathedral some time between 1184 and 1215," said Kenville United Church Reverend Kari Sprong, explaining that the concept of the Labyrinth is very ancient and much older than this design but, as far as he is aware, this

particular design goes back as far as the Charrois Cathedral Labyrinth.

Unlike a maze, the Labyrinth is a single path that eventually leads walkers toward the centre of the circle, and then back out along the same path, making it impossible to get lost or become stuck in the centre of the design. It is not a puzzle but an exercise in meditation and self-reflection.

"We think that the original purpose of the Labyrinth was as an alternative to pilgrimages to Jerusalem and other Holy Land sites, all of which were cut off by the Muslim invasions of the Middle East (in that point in history)," said Sprong. "Pilgrims could instead go on a virtual pilgrimage by walking the Labyrinth."

Sprong added that there are a number of ways that the Labyrinth could and has been used, and there is no one prescribed way that one needs to physically

walk it or what time is to take away from it.

"We invite people to visit it as a sacred walk," he said. "We suggest that they hold an important question or something that is on their mind as the start of the Labyrinth walk."

"As they walk, they are invited to pause at the turns and reflect on this particular question. As they get closer to the centre, they are invited to consider how the question affects their innermost being and, as they move closer to the outside, to consider how what is going on in their mind connects to the outside world or the people in their circles."

"For some, this becomes a sacred journey of discovering new insights about who is bothering them, what they are hoping for or direction for their way forward," Sprong continued. "The pauses and turns and the pauses can have a healing effect, especially on those wrestling with grief or those wanting direction

on an important decision they must make."

He added that one can walk the Labyrinth by themselves or in a group, recommending that there be a leader present if people are walking in a group, with a recommended time of reflection and sharing afterwards.

"(This is symbolic) of a journey in which the sacred – symbolized by the centre – sometimes comes very close during the walking," said Sprong. "In the process, the sense of being on a journey with others, the questions and answers all help to allow the mystery of the sacred to draw near. For Christians, we might say, 'an opportunity for God to draw near to us.'"

It is an welcome to anyone in the walk, whether or not they are during the month when the Labyrinth is visible. A posted sign on the side of the main entrance for use, and a pamphlet available at the Swan Valley Tourist Centre

also gives some information.

"I encourage people to walk (the Labyrinth) because it has been an incredibly helpful for me in finding direction in some important decisions I have had to make," said Sprong. "For instance, I have recently been asked to consider a change in ministry position and the Labyrinth helped me make a decision about this."

"Some people have found the Labyrinth to be a place of healing of memories that haunt them from their past. Others have had some of their self-doubts removed as they walked. Still others have been inspired to work with deeply painful grief on the walk, and so on. I am aware of at least one person who believed that as they walked the Labyrinth, she heard a call to ministry there."

"Some of this and more is what we hope for people to experience," Sprong concluded.





# Music from the Hart

By Jennifer McFee

A Stonewall family learned that if you never surrender your dreams, they really can come true.

Cony Hart's music always held a meaningful place in the life of the late Kerry Lockhart. After he lost his battle to cancer in 2012, his passion for Hart's music became a pathway for his wife Shelley and young daughters Sydney and Jayden to feel connected to him.

When Hart announced in 2018 that he planned to release new music and embark on a Canadian tour, Shelley was overjoyed at the thought of sharing the experience with her daughters. Since Sydney has just turned 20 and Jayden is now 17, they were too young to have the chance to see Hart play during his heyday in the '80s.

In her excitement, she sent Hart a Facebook message to share a bit of her story.

"I told him it's great to hear that he was releasing new music. I said that to be able to take our daughters to the concert to see him perform would be great because he has been such a huge part of our lives," she said.

"Kerry was a huge fan, and Kerry's love of his music was passed on to the girls, who are both musicians. Sydney even wore Kerry's T-shirt from the '84 concert."

To Shelley's surprise, Hart responded to her Facebook message within minutes.

"I was kind of shocked. He just said when the tour dates are announced, we would love to meet you all," she said.

"That was way back in 2018, and then when the concert dates were actually released, I sent him another message to say that we had our tickets for Winnipeg and we were so looking forward to the concert."

The night before the June 18 show, Shelley got a message from a woman named Nikki, who is part of Hart's organization, indicating that he wanted to meet the Lockhart family. She told Shelley there would be a package at the box office with passes, information and instructions.

Sure enough, Shelley picked up the passes for herself, her two daughters and her cousin, who went to the concert with them. They were invited to meet Hart after the opening act by Class Tiger.



Cony Hart invited Sydney Lockhart to sing on stage.

"It was a meet and greet, and there were maybe a dozen people there from radio stations. When they asked the four of us to come in to meet him, we can't stress enough what a warm and kind person he was. It was so heartfelt," Shelley said.

"He just started talking to the girls and asking how old they were when Kerry passed away and how old they were now. They talked about music a bit too."

The family explained how they have been raising funds through the local Terry Fox run for the past nine years. For the first two of those years, Kerry was still by their side. After that, they continued their efforts in his memory, raising more than \$14,000 in total. They created T-shirts with Kerry's picture on the front and a quote from *Never Surrender* on the back, stating "No one can take away your right to fight and never surrender."

Sydney and Jayden brought one of these meaningful T-shirts to present to Hart, along with an album filled with Hart's musical memories collected during Kerry's career in radio.

"When he worked on air, he had a lot of the original released singles. As they were released in the stations, he had individual copies of them in sleeves," Shelley said.

"So they put a few of those together for him and wrote him a note thanking him for meeting them and said how great it was to be able to experience his music that meant so much to them."

At that moment, Hart looked at his organizers and told them, "This should happen on B stage."

**"IT WAS DEFINITELY AN EMOTIONAL AND MOVING EXPERIENCE FOR ME THAT NIGHT IN WINNIPEG."**



TRIGLINE PHOTOS SUBMITTED The Lockhart family had the chance to meet Cony Hart, whose music has been the soundtrack to their lives.

The Lockharts were sent back to their seats with the T-shirt and album in hand, uncertain about what was happening next.

"We thanked him and off we went. The concert started, and then when he moved to the secondary stage, he started reading out the note that I had sent him in April 2018 about how he was a big part of our lives — and then he called us up on stage," Shelley said.

"We had no idea any of that was going to happen. When we were backstage, we were talking about them being musicians and that Sydney sang. He started singing *Never Surrender* and then he motioned to Sydney to take the microphone that was on the piano."

Sydney scared to the occasion, well prepared since she started taking private vocal lessons when she was seven years old.

"I think he was a little amazed as to how well she can sing too. It was quite a moment. He was singing with her and then he just let her sing for a bit. I gave him the T-shirt and explained that it was Kerry on the front with the quote from *Never Surrender*," Shelley said.

"It was kind of a soundtrack to our lives. The music was playing in the delivery room when both the girls were born and we danced to it at our wedding. It's always been there."

The unexpected experience impacted more than just the Lockharts, since it seemed to have a ripple effect on other concert-goers.

"The aftermath of it was just amazing. People were so kind when we were going up to the stage and coming off the stage. People were crying and complete strangers have sent us videos of it on Facebook," Shelley said.

"It was unexpected and it was quite

an amazing experience. He and his people were just so wonderful to spend time with. He's so kind. He looks you in the eye and he wants to know who you are. He was just so warm to the girls and I. It was pretty unbelievable."

Shelley's two daughters certainly shared the same sentiments as their mother.

"I still don't really believe that it happened. I have to remind myself every once in a while because it was like a dream come true, honestly," Sydney said.

"I've been singing for such a long time and this was something that I always wanted to do — and to be doing it with Cony Hart, it was surreal."

The experience brought lots of smiles to the family, interspersed with a few tears too.

"It was a very emotional experience because of how much the music has followed us throughout our lives," Jayden said. "The support that we got afterwards from all his fans was unbelievable."

The profound connection also made its mark on Cony Hart, who shared his thoughts in an email to the Tribune.

"I was really touched by the Lockhart story when I received their heartfelt letter through my official Facebook page," Hart said.

"Music can be a source of limitless inspiration, empowering us to greater heights of compassion, so I thought perhaps by bringing Sydney and Jayden up on stage and dedicating their Dad's favourite song *Never Surrender*, it could perhaps provide the Lockhart family with some solace and closure."

"It was definitely an emotional and moving experience for me that night in Winnipeg."

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## Shoal Lake Crossroads This Week



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## Santa's merry band of helpers

>> December is a busy time of year for local Christmas Cheer committees and volunteers

MARCI HARRISON  
Crossroads This Week

Santa's not the only one who is busy this time of year. For local Christmas Cheer committees and volunteers, December is also a hectic month as they get ready to ensure that Christmas comes to everyone.

"We start planning for the season in early November," said Aubrie Knight, of Hamova, who has been involved with the community's Christmas Cheer since it began around 1980. "In December, every day we are taking orders, accepting donations or purchasing gifts. It's quite time consuming."

So why does Knight do it? "I grew up in a large family and Christmas was a magical time of year," said Knight. "I wasn't like we were crowded with loving girls, nothing like this. We were all grown up and it was always something you needed, like a pair of socks or a bonnet. But we didn't care, we were just happy to spend the day with our cousins playing games and sharing a delicious Christmas dinner. I was every child to have some good memories."

So with the help of fellow committee members Diana McConnell and Susan Allen, cash donations and gifts are accepted from individuals, community groups and churches. Extra items and groceries are purchased and then everything is organized into individual hampers, packed specifically for each recipient.

Included is everything needed to prepare a turkey dinner with all the trimmings as well as some extra food staples and a gift for each child and typically, an adult as well.

"I want everyone to have something to open on Christmas morning," said Knight. As of last week, the group was preparing to make up to hampers to be delivered to families and individuals in the Hamova-Kamook River area who could use a little boost this year.

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## WARMTH OF THE SEASON

DAVID WILLIAMS PHOTOGRAPHY

Crabby, Jet, and younger sister Abby, enjoyed sharing the festive moments of posing their picture along with Santa Claus, along with their mother, Rocky, as a special visit to Hamova. Christmas is about spending time with family and friends, creating happy memories, wishing one another joy and love and peace. May the Christmas of community, and the comfort of home, make your spirit the season's best. May this Christmas and the present year be a cheerful one and make way for a much and bright New Year.

## Hedley announces retirement

>> Rossburn native and Fusion Credit Union CEO to step down after memorable career

MARCI HARRISON  
Crossroads This Week

After a memorable career spanning more than 40 years, Fusion Credit Union CEO Ron Hedley announced last week that he will be retiring on June 1, 2019.

"It's been a tremendous privilege, and a lot of fun, to be part of the credit union movement," Hedley said, who got his start at Rossburn Credit Union in 1978.

"I chose up then I should add SAAT, which, my name, he started as a pilot," he chuckled during a recent phone interview from his home in Dauphin, where he lives with his wife, Brenda.

Hedley recalled how he was hired as a teller in his hometown as a summer job during his post-secondary years. As the end of summer, Hedley moved to Winnipeg where he spent the next couple of years,

before returning to play hockey with the Rossburn Hornets. Hedley worked in construction for a year or two, and then rejoined the Rossburn Credit Union as a Junior Team Officer. He's been part of the Credit Union system ever since.

In 1990, Hedley became General Manager or Superintendent of Credit Union. He moved to Dauphin in 2006, was named CEO of Dauphin Credit Union in 2011, and stepped into his current role as CEO of Fusion Credit Union in 2015.

"Our credit union has grown and thrived under Ron's leadership," said Fusion board president Troy Huberman. "His very innovative spirit and cooperative spirit have led to some outstanding accomplishments over the years - both personally and as the community where he's lived and worked."

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## Falk says he'll miss Scheer's leadership

By [Name]

Prime Minister Stephen Harper says he will miss the leadership of Conservative leader Stephen Harper.

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# International students help feed local economy

**Danielle  
GORDON-BROOME**  
Star and Times

While Manitoba might not be as rich in resources as some other provinces, we still have many attributes that are attractive to people from all across the world.

These qualities help to bring visitors to our communities that, in turn, help increase the province's gross domestic product and support local jobs.

One of these attributes is our education system. In fact, last year Manitoba welcomed a record number of international students with 18,725 persons from 100 countries attending schools and post-secondary institutions throughout the entire province.

One of the schools adding to that number is right here in Swan River. Living Word Bible College, located off Hwy. No. 83 on the south end of Swan River, has been providing theological education in the community since 1952. It has also seen a record number of students in the past few years.

"Last year we had 74 students, which has been



Students at living Word Bible College enjoy learning in one of the school's new classroom spaces. SUBMITTED PHOTO

an all-time high for us," said the school's president Ralf Boettcher, noting the average graduating class is 20. "It's been growing steadily. Two years ago it was 39 and last year it was 50."

While welcome, the large jumps in student populations have caused some challenges for Boettcher and his educational team.

"We had to buy some properties to accommodate the dorm facilities because almost all our students are international," he said, noting that they house and feed most students, with only a few opting to live off campus.

"We purchased the New Country Motel

which we run as a motel and use as an overflow if we need the space. Then we got the annex, which is the old daycare centre by Taylor school as well as a couple of houses across the street from the school."

The purchase of these buildings not only benefits the college but also the community. Having these facilities upkeep aids in the beautification of the town and having them occupied helps the tax base.

"We have also used our facilities to aid the Red Cross in emergency situations," added Boettcher.

Due to the government rejection of all student applications from Ukraine last year, the student population for the

2018-19 school year was a bit lower than anticipated. But, the college has used it as an opportunity.

"It's really given us the impetus to develop new markets," said Boettcher. "Right now we have someone in Brazil, for example, beating the bushes and drumming up students. We're getting students from different sources."

A low tuition base (just \$8,000 for the year that includes all school and living costs) allows the school to remain an affordable option for both national and international students and has made Swan River the place to go for theological education.

"Canada is probably

the best destination for anyone in the world to live," said Boettcher. It's safe and the economy is good.

"And, within Canada, one of the best places to live is Swan River because the high standard of living – good hospitals, good doctors, good grocery stores and gas is cheap. You can still buy a house and live at the same time – it's affordable. The question really should be why would you not want to come here?"

While here the students also frequent our restaurants and entertainment venues as well as take part in our events and fill a need for quality, skilled workers.

"Last year we had just over 20 students stay over the summer and all of them found at least one job but most of them had two jobs," said Boettcher. "They have a good work ethic because many of them come from areas with poor economy. They have to work hard for what they get."

"The students that are staying here have all applied for permanent residential status. So, they're not taking anything away, they're becoming one of us."

In a community that is

seeing an overall decline, causing difficulties with school and municipal budgets, it's nothing but a positive to have individuals who want to live and work in our towns.

Since Boettcher and his wife Challice, who works as the registrar for the school, came to the community five years ago 18 people from the college have settled.

"Eight couples and two singles," he said. "But, those eight couples now have eight children – the oldest one having just turned one."

This has prompted the college and it's partnership ministry to create an on-site nursery facility to take care of all of their newest congregation members. It's a sign of a bright future for both the school and for the communities that benefit.

"We put a bid in for the school in Minnetonka that we are still waiting to hear on," said Boettcher. "If we are successful, that will become a hopping place – the centre of the community for the entire area."

"They've got a beautiful gym, playground and field. We can really make things happen there instead of it just sitting around."

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# Best Column or Feature Article on a Business Topic – 1<sup>st</sup>

Eric Westhaver

Flin Flon  
The Reminder

## Adventure an idea for tourism

Growing an industry requires a bit of luck and a bit of outside-the-box thinking. With healthy doses of each, northern tourism can work beyond our best expectations. We need to embrace the things we already have, cultivating ways to make them better, while at the same time encouraging new ideas to come forward. There is untapped potential everywhere in the north. It's time to tap it somehow.

One of the biggest of those untapped resources lies in the industry of adventure tourism. I haven't heard anyone mention it in any of the tourism meetings and I'm stymied. There are real possibilities if we can use our own natural resources and culture as a draw for people to whom the things we're familiar with are a curious novelty.

Some types of adventure tourism are not going to work. Accessible tourism, for example, isn't going to work right now, especially in a city that has well over a dozen non-accessible businesses on its main drag. I'd also rule spiritual tourism out because we don't appear to have any sacred religious sites around here (First Nations tradition regarding the sanctity of nature and traditional territory aside, of course).

Now that we know what won't work, let's go over what can.

Cultural tourism already works here on occasion, for major events like Culture Days, Trout Festival, Blueberry Jam,

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ERIC WESTHAVER

Homecoming and the like, for Bomber games and tournaments in different sports, for artistic programming at Johnny's Social Club and NorVA and so on.

Providing ways for our ever-burgeoning arts community to grow and thrive seems like a good move. Not only would it attract visitors, it would make day-to-day life a little more fun for us townies. Boost Blueberry Jam. Expand the site or add more locations for shows. Seek out major sponsors from province-wide or nation-wide companies. Increase merch sales. Add in a Culture Days-type market for businesses big and small. Holding a big event involving our entire arts community already means centralizing our artists – why not use it as a chance to centralize businesses?

Overland travel is worth looking at. That form of travel has really taken off in areas with wide open spaces, ripe for long road trips – people who go across the Australian Outback for example, or all the Americans who drove Route 66 back in the day from sea to shining sea.

This can be done in Canada through the Trans Canada Highway, but we're hundreds of kilometres north of that road. In previous columns, I've said an

underrated part of improving tourism would be to improve cell service along our northern roads, so if someone blows a tire, they don't have to worry about freezing to death before someone comes to help. However, those long drives can be an asset, not an issue. Just provide them with a lifeline for help, market accordingly and voila.

And finally, there's one more idea that could be a real boon for the north. Extreme tourism: that is, providing a place for adrenaline junkies or chronic risk-takers to get their fix.

Set up a zipline going across Ross Lake, from Lookout Point all the way across to Flin Flon's Boardwalk. Take a second, put this paper down (not for too long though), close your eyes and imagine that view. You just know that, if that was available, people would come to town for that. It would be a lot cheaper than building a brand new camping complex or other capital-heavy investment conventional tourism requires.

But why stop there? Allow people to BASE or bungee jump off the smoke stack. Why not? It's not like it's being used at the moment. For the past eight years, all the stack has been is a highly visible reminder of the boom times that have

left us – why not flip that script and use it as a tourism and economic advantage?

Sell people on cliff jumping, long canoe trips through our untrodden lakes and rivers, allow people to parasail, skydive, endurance hike, or rock climb. I'm not going to do all that and there's a pretty good chance you won't want to either, but some wingnut somewhere will want to – and their money is as good as anyone else's.

People are literally paying good money right now to go through the infamous Green Zone in Baghdad and the irradiated zone at Chernobyl – you know, the place that had a nuclear meltdown in the '80s that killed dozens and made hundreds of square kilometres completely uninhabitable. What does an irradiated wasteland have that Flin Flon doesn't? Near-constant excitement? Why not provide a guided tour through an abandoned mine site? That sounds sufficiently scary – and God knows, we've got a few places here that could fit that bill.

Emphasizing Flin Flon as a place off the beaten path makes sense, first because it can be cheaper and easier than any alternative and secondly, because we're actually off the beaten path. Adventure tourism is at least worth a look as a way to keep this town going.

Otherwise, if no other ideas work, people may only come to Flin Flon for another form of adventure travel – disaster tourism.

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# Christmas concert etiquette

Here we are in the dark, bleak, cold end of the year when things turn festive and we are subjected to, err, I mean privileged to participate in the myriad and countless seasonal concerts that our wee ones happily put on for us.



By Peter Cantelon

For your safety and enjoyment, it is important to understand the nuanced and somewhat complex web of rules of engagement when approaching such a concert, either as a veteran or an innocent. To that end I have created a small beginner's primer to help you survive the onslaught of joy and frivolity that will slap in you the red with merriment until you are red and can barely breathe from the sheer pleasure of it all.

For instance, if you are the designated early arrival family member (EAFM) you will want to get to the concert location at least three days in advance of the event to ensure a decent seat. Arriving this early also allows you to obtain a parking space somewhere within a 5 km circumference zone.

By following this first piece of advice you will likely secure a seat in the middle part of the audience. There's no point attempting to get closer as this zone is secured weeks in advance by The Grandparents who fiercely guard their area with a series of pacts and staggered defensive deployments. Unless you are willing to wage a pitched battle, leave the front third of the room to the Crevy Guard.

You should bring a sleeping bag and pillow for comfort but be prepared to

defend your own small area or else sleep will become your enemy.

To that end, we reach the next tip, which has word of advice for dressing LAYERS. You will want to wear at least 60-70 articles of clothing to spread across the requisite 64th seats you will need to reserve for friends and family who may attend.

Once you have confidently estimated the number of people joining your group add a "just in case" buffer of approximately 30 per cent.

Hats, mitts, gloves, overboots, boots, earmuffs, glasses, a wig or two, sweaters, socks, scarves, coats, overcoats, undercoats, earrings, cellphones, etc. will all serve as placeholders to make the seats next to you appear occupied until your group arrives approximately 10 seconds ahead of the event's start. (It is unwise to use underwear unless absolutely necessary as nudity is often frowned upon at children's Christmas concerts.)

To avoid having to answer questions from the uninformed about whether these seats are reserved, continued use of your phone while wearing dark sunglasses is highly recommended. AVOID EYE CONTACT at all costs and respond to inquiries with a drunken, half-crazed manner to frighten interlopers away.

With these simple tricks you are now ready to enjoy the concert. Be aware that since we are a rapidly growing population in desperate need of new schools, the average event will feature the singing and musical stylings

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of approximately 2,456 children (per event).

In order to ensure that each little angel receives their fair share of the spotlight, the concerts will typically last approximately seven hours and 33-36 minutes with no intermission. A word of advice: GO TO THE BATHROOM before you attend.

Of course, this is just the beginner's primer. The intermediate and advanced primers delve into strategy and tactics, emergency concert fire aid, seasonal diplomacy and, of course, details on forming your own guild with other families and developing trading blocs and bilateral concert agreements.

You are now ready to thoroughly enjoy your seasonal concerts. A typical incident in the region will attend approximately 17 of these over a six-day period, which makes trans-dimensional, temporal scheduling an absolute necessity (see Appendix C, paragraph 5, line IV for a happy "How to" guide and sample templates). Remember: it's all about the kids!

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# Why they didn't ban Tiger Woods

Olympic gold medalist Michael Phelps has size 14 feet. They're basically flippers.

The average man's shoe size is 9.14; height is 6'3" while the average man is 5'9" tall. Does this make Phelps a cheater?

Olympic gold medal sprinter Usain Bolt is 6'4" tall. Does this make Bolt a cheater?

The winner of the 2018 World's Strongest Man competition is Icelandic Halfpör Julius (The Mountain) Björnsson.

He is 6'7" tall and weighs 441 pounds—a far cry from the average 38-year-old man at 197 pounds. Does this make Björnsson a cheater?



By Peter Cantelon

My immediate and gut response to each of these questions is "of course not, how absurd!" I would hazard a guess that most people feel the same way.

When I was a lowly yellow belt in Judo as a skinny 12-year-old I was matched in a sparring against another yellow belt—a 6-foot-tall, 35-year-old man. I was destroyed. The rules stated you sparred against people of the same belt colour regardless of size, gender, etc.

Can you guess what this is all about? Search the headlines and you will find controversial comments by former

world tennis star and amazing athlete Martina Navratilova about why she does not think allowing transgender athletes to compete against others of their gender is a good idea.

Navratilova recently wrote an Op-Ed column in the Sunday Times entitled "The rules on trans athletes needn't cheat and punish the innocent." Fairly self-explanatory.

Since this was written, Navratilova, who identifies as a lesbian woman (which is relevant in this context), was ousted from an LGBT advocacy group she was a part of. Conservatives have jumped on her comments as ammunition in their battle to limit LGBT rights. In response to the uproar and accusations of attacking transgender rights, she said:

"Well that is just ridiculous – I was only speaking about professional athletic competitions – certainly not HUMAN RIGHTS and EQUAL rights for transgender people. That is totally misrepresenting what I wrote/said." (sic)

For some people this is easy. Men are men, boys are boys, women are women, and girls are girls. But things are never as simple as we would like them. If I had a transgender daughter who wanted to play on the girls' basketball team, I would understand this. I would also understand how some parents would be unhappy about the fact that she may be physiologically stronger than the average girl on the team and thus deemed to have an unfair advantage.

But if The Mountain Björnsson happened to be in the Pembina Valley and decided he wanted to play a little football for Winkler in a friendly competi-

tion with Morden, people wouldn't say, "Hey, that's not fair. He's too big." They would grumble about how unfortunate it was that Morden was not able to find their own giant and then strategically develop fast plays, assuming he would be a slow runner.

When Tiger Woods destroyed almost every golf course he played back in the 1990/2000 seasons there was a lot of grumbling. Here was this young, super athletic, driven player that was getting on Par 3s in two strokes. He may as well have been an alien species he was that much better than every other golfer.

Was he banned? Was his training regimen called cheating? No.

So what did they do? Golf courses began to re-design Par 3s to "Tiger Proof" them. That's right—instead of trying to level the playing field by removing the superior athlete they changed the game.

The point is the issue really is not one about physiological fairness. Nearly every athletic champion in most strength-based sports is in some way physiologically superior to the people they are competing against. Of course, they work hard. But, frankly, when you have size 14 feet and are 6'7" you don't have to work as hard as the guy swimming in the next lane who is 5'2" with size 5 feet. And nobody disqualifies you for it.

The real issue is not about transgender people's unfair physiological advantage or disadvantage, pencilled or real. It is purely gender-based and wrapped up in our culture's struggle with understanding transgender people and their rightful place.

Best Columnist – 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Peter Cantelon – The Winkler Morden Voice



## Change may be necessary for Teulon council

Adam Peleshaty  
Adam's Angle

The year 2019 for Teulon, which was highlighted by the town's popular and well-organized centennial celebrations, has turned into an *annus horribilis* for its town council.

Last October's municipal election saw Debbie Kozyra unseat longtime mayor Bert Campbell by a mere 17 votes while the rest of council won their seats by acclamation. Since then, council has been fraught with infighting

and accusations levelled back and forth between the mayor and other councillors. The result has been a fracture, with Kozyra and councillor Barb Mankewich on one side and deputy mayor Michael Ledarney with councillors Danny Hutchinson and Rey Girardin on the other.

The boiling point of the conflict may have come on Aug. 12 when Kozyra filed a lawsuit against Ledarney, Hutchinson, Girardin, CAO Doreen Steg and local resident Shannon Dupont. The next day, council proceeded with a

motion put forward last month to remove most of Kozyra's mayoral duties.

It's hard to tell how a civil suit can turn out. Cooler heads can prevail and it can be quickly dropped or it may be the start of a long, protracted courtroom battle. If it indeed becomes the latter, Teulon residents will be the ones left behind.

There is little, if any evidence to show that efforts by Kozyra and council to resolve their disputes are working and the hanging cloud of legal action will make it even more

difficult for council to function. At this point, they should collectively examine what is best for Teulon, even if it means stepping away from their positions and letting its own residents decide on their future.

A byelection, however, is very unlikely and would probably be unpopular for council and residents. First, no one has shown any indication of not serving a complete term. Plus, voters will have gone to the polls three times in a year, which includes the provincial and federal elections. Yet, it would also

provide an opportunity for other residents to run for office and determine whether to go with change or remain with the status quo.

There are more than three years left in council's term and Teulon residents deserve a mayor and council whose sole focus should be the well-being of the town and the people who live in it. In order for that to happen, residents must make their voices heard and both Kozyra and council must be willing to listen, to them and to each other.

## Don't believe everything you read

Adam Peleshaty  
Adam's Angle

The above headline may be a surprise to anyone reading this. However, if people took everything they saw at face value, then the capacity for misinformation, deceit and vitriol becomes multiplied. This was what happened on Nov. 7 with Stonewall Collegiate Institute and the Interlake School Division caught in the middle of a firestorm over a non-existent symbol.

On Twitter the previous night, it was claimed that a student at SCI was suspended for refusing to wear a "rainbow poppy," supposedly meant to honour LGBTQ+ veterans,

in favour of the traditional red-and-black one. With the exception of a multi-coloured poppy pin for sale on eBay and a concept design, both in the U.K., the poppy was nowhere to be found.

The next day, two Canadian online media outlets, jumped on the story. With impunity, their readers hit both the school and the division with a barrage of insults and calls for staff and administration to be fired. All of this occurred on the same day SCI and 12 other ISD schools conducted Remembrance Day services.

It was later discovered the student was suspended for putting up posters at school with people's online com-

ments against the rainbow poppy concept, at least some of which were deemed offensive.

People may disagree whether the student's punishment was fair or if the wearing of a rainbow-coloured poppy is appropriate, but there is no doubt that the story played into people's irrational fears of the poppy's irrelevance. In a perfect world, every media outlet would gather more information, fact-check and verify before publishing an objective story. In real life, media doesn't always adhere to these standards. Social media has made everyone capable of being a

storyteller, just as journalists are, and we can become better ones if we instituted our own personal safeguards against misinformation. We all must take responsibility for what we accept as fact.

SCI and ISD are deserving of a direct apology from the suspended student, the media outlets who ran with the story on first glance and those who derided staff and administration.

Anything else would require another visit to the principal's office.

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## Best Columnist – 2<sup>nd</sup>

# Adam Peleshaty – The Stonewall Argus and Teulon Times

# Finding good in the fog

This past Father's Day was a different one for me. This one hurt.

There weren't any gifts, cards, or breakfast in bed. My Pop just sat alone in his chair in silence.

It's funny to me that when we were growing up, all we did wanted, more than anything else, was to be adults, to take responsibility to be in charge. Those days, I think a lot about the past. The present sucks.

When I was little, my Pop was the man. We didn't have too many things in common, but looking back now, common bond. I think about drinking beer like a milk crate in the driveway again. That's how we spent a good amount of time when I was young. Pop and I. He was there, in cigarette smoke at hand, watching me in and out and into another spitball chug from the garage door – that to adulthood me, then to show me what I did wrong so I didn't do it again that day.

Money was something that drove me and Pop together, it's that honest. He grew up in a big family and didn't have the chance to play against himself when he grew up. We watched more games than I could count, both live and on TV. We'd comment on things you like and dislike, why a player did what they did, and whether it was good or not. Together, well at that, watching.

Looking for patterns, looking for order in the chaos. Sometimes, it's clear. Sometimes, it's not.

He looks like a police in seeing me grow through I was never very good. Most parents would drop their kids off at the school pickup. After all, who

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wants to see their kid doing it in school?

Pop did. Every time.

My friends always thought he was a gruff looking guy with a big hairy white mustache and a frown on his face that showed itself when he'd come in and the morning, but I knew different. He would always have the truck, ready and, warmed up out front with the lights popped open so I could throw in my equipment – the coffee it "bigger" – and jump in with-out having to wait through the cold. The tough-looking stuff was gone.

We'd stay locally along to old songs, Meat Loaf, The Who, John Lennon, laughing at the way Dad was at the time more often than not and I didn't get to see him all the time, but those were our moments together, when the rest of the world didn't matter.

We go fishing together in the summer – we'd come catch anything and I'd come back with a few more than I could count, but he'd never seemed to mind. Spending time with him improved to be worth it.

That Flin Ron for four years in study at university. When I came home for the summer, things seemed... off. Pop was beginning to do things that didn't make sense. He would have more money, sometimes more cars, and he would begin to change important things. He'd take out money from the bank, then forget what he put it. He'd

go off for long drives and be unable to recall where he went or what he did.

It was clear something was wrong with Pop. After I graduated, I moved back to Flin Ron – something I knew I would come down a hill – to help my mother look out for him.

Getting a job at The Rembrandt was a bonus.

From time to time, Pop would have small, fleeting moments of clarity, where his big frown and the pain seemed clear. Those were sometimes both the best and the most painful moments. They happened less and less, jumping forward.

One of those was when, coming back from an early doctor's appointment in The Pen, Dad – when this point was beginning to hurt – decided long friends – instead of every word of that word "Mach" "Laidback". I'd never heard him say it before.

Last summer, Pop was at his lowest ebb. I'd spent my own personal debts, but when he'd wake up in the morning, he'd come back to do something and would wander away from home in the cold and dark. He would up as soon as he heard the door click. I'd give him about a 15-minute head start and go looking for him, making games at where he would be. Looking for patterns, looking for order in the chaos. Sometimes, it's clear. Sometimes, it's not.

Whenever I'd find him, I'd drive up as close as I could to him. I'd have the car ready, just up and the radio on. Even if I was half asleep, I'd try to be as welcoming for him as I could for my poor father.

But Flin Ron and I would leave home, staying along to songs we didn't know using words we didn't hear.

Pop didn't know now I'd put the chance to see him often, but when I do, I try to make out memories of the good times to give him – to give us both, I suppose – something to smile about.

Like Pop, all we can do is hold on to the moment for dear life. The next moment can be gone. The present may hurt, but it's the only one.

Not long ago, I found a yellowed album of photos and an old set of Pop's covers, the memories of my old working days here. I looked up, I put them in his favorite smoking spot for smoking. Something, it seemed appropriate.

Once, when I traveled out of town to see him, he didn't know who I was.

He might not have those memories anymore, Robert A. Green and Stephen in the driveway or talking to "Mach" by the "Laidback Light" on the way home, but I do. I hope I always will. I'll hold those close to my heart as long as I can.

Happy Father's Day, Pop. I love you and I miss you – and I hope, more than anything, sleep down, you know that.

You weren't perfect – but to me, you were still good.

If you, a loved one or a friend are dealing with dementia, email me. You can find the address on the left side of the page or on my website.

# Stop playing detective

## In our words

ERIC WESTHAVER

Last week, there was a video for that was, in the grand scheme of things, relatively minor. Nobody was hurt, and while an unfortunate Flin Ronner is now down a while and about to head down that long, rough road with insurance, this could have been a hell of a lot more dangerous.

When the video was first reported, I knew I would be the only person who thought there may be a connection to the Flin Ronner. Police officers on the scene had their rifles not just in case. You could feel the tension in the air, in the body language of people on scene.

As a journalist, I have at least a small obligation to be active on Twitter. I usually post but I often monitor. Sometimes, it pays off. Other times, it makes you want to check your phone like the idiot and look every half hour.

At some point during the ongoing attack, someone shared me in the looking at Rembrandt. I wish they hadn't.

I can understand the impulse, in difficult times, to want to help. It's only human, when somebody is in a tough place, to devote yourself to trying to make things better.

RCMP have confirmed the photo circulating around social media of a guy who looks like one of the suspects holding up a newspaper with the suspect on the front page doesn't, in fact, show one of the suspects. Don't tell some of the Rembrandt folks that – it must be a ruse to try to make them out.

We can ignore the fact that the newspaper in the photo holding up is not even sold in the area police were searching. There must be a conspiracy, right? Right?

Others suggest looking in the gutter from the television show *Monty Python* to head down the

suspect. Maybe the suspect was in Ontario? Or maybe this photo is from someone I've never met or heard of with no connection to the investigation and no evidence or proof is a suspect's effort?

Since those things have been confirmed by RCMP, but they keep looking around.

The fact is, while there are several reputable journalists reporting on the suspect, using the looking at Rembrandt as a whole isn't helping. In fact, most of the ongoing social media presence surrounding the situation with these two alleged killers is hindering the investigation by spreading bull.

For me, it brings to mind the suspect after the Boston bombing back in 2013 – an unspeakable tragedy that inspired some people to help, in following that impulse, keyboard criminals ended up ruining police operations and slowing two dangerous bombs to their free target.

During that suspect, social media was used to spread inaccurate information about what had happened, those people contributed to the incident for the attack and reveal key aspects of police tactics and locations that were best left unknown to the public. When social media, those suspects would either not be spread or, if they were, would be related and treated appropriately.

Reddit and Twitter threads contained thousands of people that two people contributed to the bombing were the actual

bombers. The New York Post put their photos on their front page. Mother said anything to do with the attack.

Then, four turned to another guy. The same over time posted his personal information online. That guy later turned up dead. He also wasn't related to the attack.

The wild guess that seemed following the bombing lasted four days and led to the death of two law enforcement officials.

There was one positive about social media usage in the disaster. It allowed people in a position to know what was actually going on – police, city officials, journalists and others – to share that info with as many people as possible as soon as possible. Worldwide information was being shared by real authorities, in real time. In addition to that, Boston Police Department (BPD) officials corrected as much incorrect information as possible during that time.

The downside of that misinformation spreads quickly, especially if it's juicy. The third became a fourth and eventually a police force that covered somewhere around 700,000 citizens couldn't keep up.

OK, by the way – in the end, my

social media had no key role in finding the killers. Twentieth accounts from the bombing scene and anonymous tips to police did the job.

The final announcement of the arrest was made over Twitter – by BPD, not by a Twitter egg.

"CAPTURED!" The best is over. The search is done. The terror is over. And justice has been read as official news.

If you think you have pertinent information in regard to any major crime, don't post it online. The cops in this case don't have time to treat Facebook profiles. Send the info to them directly. They know what to do with it – it's literally their job – not to connect themselves to the crime scene themselves may have caused what happened.

RCMP are reporting that somewhere around 500 tips have been received in this case, but there are thousands of posts using the Rembrandt hashtag. It's also worth noting that the hashtag hasn't been used for other situations where it might have actually been useful – say the disappearance of dozens of indigenous women, whose cases have not been fully discovered – nor has it been used by any law enforcement agency. The RCMP, when releasing news.

Two guys who may have killed three people are still on the loose. This isn't the time for smaller news. Let the pros do their jobs and help in the right way.

### CORRECTION

In the July 31 issue of the Rembrandt, a person was mistakenly listed in a story about the recent meeting of the Coalgate Insiders at the Belling Coast. The person was B. B. Jones, not B. B. Jones. The Rembrandt regrets the error.

# Best Columnist – 1<sup>st</sup>

## Eric Westhaver – Flin Ron – The Reminder

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## Shawn Bailey

### The Dauphin Herald

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## Idea a good one, execution lacking

Change can be difficult. And the change which came with the launch of phase one of the City of Dauphin's Safe School Route last week elicited some strong initial reactions from Dauphin residents. But just because change is difficult does not mean it is necessarily bad. It could have been made less difficult, however, if city administration had embraced a more common sense introduction of the project.

A media strategy focussing on public education, meaningful public consultations to answer any remaining questions and an unveiling of the overall plan could have gone a long way to dampening the initial opposition to the bike route.

Over the last number of years a stream of research has focused on studying and promoting healthier forms of transportation, commonly known as active transportation and defined as using your own power to get from one place to another.

Walking and biking regularly can improve health, while reducing car use reduces pollution and helps the environment. There are economic benefits, as well, as improving recreational opportunities can boost tourism while promoting bicycle and pedestrian access to core shopping areas can bring additional business downtown.

More and more active transportation research has been making its way into community planning as cities, towns and villages adopt and implement the philosophy. It is being done partly because of environmental and health concerns, but mostly because of public demand. And that demand is growing, both here at home and elsewhere.

The city has had a "share the road" program in place for several years featuring painted pavement and signage encouraging positive interaction between cyclists and vehicle drivers. While a good effort, the system offered little in the way of safety and the move to protected bike lanes is the right one. Protection of the most vulnerable on the road should be a major part of any active transportation plan.

And we can only hope the Safe School Route is part of a larger active transportation plan connecting all neighbourhoods to amenities and attractions throughout the city.

And if it is, we can only hope city administration does a better job of voicing it and implementing it.

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# THE OPINION PAGE

## Serve and Protect

The relevance of the Lac du Bonnet RCMP to provide a crime report of some substance to *The Clipper* for two years now is an unfortunate situation for residents served by the detachment.

For the better part of a decade, the Lac du Bonnet RCMP as well as the Beausejour and Oakbank detachments all submitted crime reports to this publication. It was and continues to be one of the most popular sections of the newspaper with positive results three-fold: keeping communities apprised of what the police deal with on a weekly and daily basis, making them aware of potential crime in their own neighbourhoods and in some cases jay the money of residents who may have seen that "suspect vehicle" or witnessed something being turned over to police.

It is also a helpful tool for *The Clipper*. While information on heavy crimes like murder, major charges, highway fatalities and weapons offences come from D Division in Winnipeg, the local RCMP police report allows this publication to look out stories about the latest rash of mail thefts, vandalism or vehicle break-ins.

This comes to an end for the Lac du Bonnet detachment – which covers Lac du Bonnet, Pimain and Whitesand – around March 2017 when they abruptly stopped submitting "reports." They began providing "call for service"

crimes only, which identifies how many speeding violations, DUIs, 911 calls and thefts were dealt with without in individual dates or times of the offences or other pertinent information.

This was done without consultation with *The Clipper*.

Calling the Lac du Bonnet RCMP in the spring of 2017 to inquire who made this decision and why, we were advised they were not going to provide the information anymore as it had apparently led to some embarrassment for community members (who had local Ministers at their home for an undisclosed reason).

The conversation between advised, "This is the way they do it in Dauphin," was one of the

responses from the officer on the line.

*The Clipper* was advised that if we didn't like it, that was just too bad because the RCMP are not obligated to provide police reports to newspapers.

That of course is true. They are under no federal mandate to provide a bi-weekly list of their activity in the local newspaper; regardless of how important the service had become over time. They weren't doing it anymore. Case closed.

Since the Lac du Bonnet report was halted however, a steady stream of ongoing questions about "why" is there no report in the paper have come into our office via Canada Post, by email, phone calls and foot traffic. We have also printed letters to the editor asking more.

We advised all inquiries to contact the Lac du Bonnet RCMP and ask them.

In an interview with the incoming Lac du Bonnet detachment commander (*The Clipper*, Jan. 16, 2018), he acknowledged that since his arrival in November he has been asked numerous times about whether people can expect to see a return of a weekly police report in the paper.

"My biggest worry is that folks see three police cars parked at a residence on a specific day because someone is reaching out to us under a mental health concern or domestic situation and we then make note of it in the local paper that those folks may not call us for assistance the next time for fear of people knowing their names when they really do need us," he stated. "I want people to call the police if they feel they need us without fear of unwanted attention."

One can understand the concern on those two matters, but it's a bit of a false flag. *The Clipper* would not knowingly print a report dealing with a mental health call as that is not a crime. We also would not knowingly print information on domestic issues (with a reason) as such can exacerbate a mental situation.

If that has happened, it should not have been added into the report in the first place.

*The Clipper* has also

been advised that if there was information on the police wanted to get out to the public, they have the option of using social media.

True to form, Manitoba's RCMP displayed two photos on their Facebook page last week stating they were looking for information on a woman who brought over \$200 in lottery tickets with a stolen credit card in Lac du Bonnet.

"If you have any information, please call Lac du Bonnet RCMP at 244-345-6325 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS)," etc.

Unfortunately the incident occurred on Sept. 26, 2018... five months earlier. Memories fade and information can be lost over time. Hopefully subscribers still get a good response and a positive ID from someone.

Ironically, local emergency officials held a Crime Stoppers gathering at the Lac du Bonnet Legion last week extolling the virtues of the program – and there are many. It was stated Crime Stoppers is a good way to combat fear and apathy by allowing people to protect themselves and their communities anonymously.

The tip – no matter how small – also helps law enforcement agencies do their job. Information can help further an investigation.

"Police can only investigate if they have leads to follow," was one quote. "Sometimes you just need that one little piece of information that puts it all together. You might have that one little piece," was another.

*The Clipper* could not agree more.

Both the Beausejour and Oakbank detachments have flirted with the idea of ending the tradition of providing police reports to the local press. Some heartfelt conversations about the importance of the service provided, and other second thought, led to a continuation of the submission. Bravo to them.

Hopefully the Lac du Bonnet RCMP reconsider for the betterment of the communities they serve... and in the end, help themselves in the battle against crime.

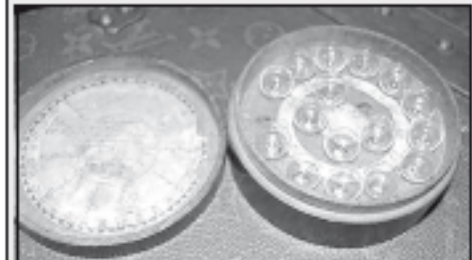
— Mark T. Buss is the Editor of *The Clipper*

Best Editorial – 2<sup>nd</sup>

Mark T. Buss

Beausejour  
The Clipper Weekly

### The Clipper's What's It? Challenge



Can you identify what this item is and what it was used for?  
Email your answer to [amyhul194@hotmail.com](mailto:amyhul194@hotmail.com) or call 244-345-6329  
Please include your name, home community and the date the photo appeared in the Clipper.

Photos submitted by Lac du Bonnet Detachment members.

### Last week's "What's It?" answer

The What's It? object in the March 21 edition of *The Clipper* was a VINTAGE SURVEY (GUSTAFSON) CHAIN.  
Gustaf's chain (also known as Gustaf's measurement) is a distance measuring device used for surveying. It was designed and introduced in 1923 by English chemist and mathematician Edmund Gustaf (1881-1924). It consisted of a chain to be accurately surveyed and plotted, for legal and commercial purposes. A measure of length equivalent to a Gustaf's chain is 110 ft long or 150 m.

Congratulations to Peggy Chaput of Winnipeg for being one of the first people



## Best Editorial – 1<sup>st</sup>

Trent Allen

The Pas  
Opasquia Times

### Safety for all

#### Safety.

We talk about what we are owed in life a lot and generally we have come to agree that food, clean drinking water, clothing and shelter are all essential to a productive and healthy life and, at least to some degree, we are owed these things or reasonable access to them.

The reason why is safety. All provide some measure of comfort, whether that is from the elements or from hunger, and without even one of them life would deteriorate in a significant way.

There are many more measures of what we feel we are owed to provide for that safety, hundreds in fact. We expect the Town to clear streets and sidewalks of snow as one example. Living in a first world country, what we expect to receive in order to be safe and secure is an ever expanding list.

For this reason, the concern about the ongoing needle epidemic is growing. It is reaching the point where either our safety has been threatened or we feel like it could be.

For myself, I have thankfully had a very limited level of exposure to the needles being discussed found lying around the community. I haven't come across the dozens upon dozens some people have spoken of and posted to social media about (though I do know where some of those piles were found and how I had been in the past surprisingly close to some without realizing it).

My experience is actually limited to one incident, and it occurred before I knew there was a problem. This was about four years ago while I was in a local store, which I'll leave nameless. My son and I were in the store and I was talking to someone

while my son was milling around in the area nearby. As I left my conversation and continued on my way with my son in tow, he told me he seen a needle.

My initial instinct was to dismiss this. My son was about eight at the time and I figured he was just using an incorrect word to describe what he saw, however I elected to just be completely sure and asked him to show me where he found it.

Sure enough, it was a needle. And it was sitting on a ledge inside a display containing chocolate bars. The shaft of the needle was out and bent. I'm not sure if it had been used.

It shocked me. Not only was this a needle that could have been used, but it was placed inside a cardboard display for candy bars where a child could easily reach it. The staff was notified and quickly got rid of the needle and I presume no one was hurt but that something like that could occur was surprising to me.

The incident sits in my mind because it highlights how easy it could be for one of these needles to fall into the wrong hands. Now this might be different in that the needle was found inside a store as opposed to being found outside on the ground like most are but the point remains these needles are far too often found by kids.

The NRHA when contacted stated there is not a needle exchange program in place, and part of the reasoning was stated to be as follows from an NRHA spokesperson:

"The Northern Health Region does not require needles to be returned before distributing new ones. This practice was stopped many years ago in most places as it was found to be ineffective and cause potential harm."

I can understand the potential harms - presumably to staff that

Six contending to replace Kathleen Wynne as Ontario liberal leader...



would collect the needles - but it neglects to show there would naturally be an increase in potential harms to the public due to the fact this would result in an increase in the number of needles that could be discarded in an unsafe manner, just like we are seeing now. A return policy would not be the magic solution to see all needles off the streets but would it help to reduce the numbers found? Almost guaranteed.

A question was then asked about moral obligation for the needle situation: "Does the NRHA feel any concern or obligation towards the fact needles are being found on the streets?"

That question was dodged, with a statement about how needles can come from different places and how people should dispose of needles they find. That part bothered me.

I stand proudly as someone who supports helping addicts

overcome addictions and there has been proven research into how lower barriers to use can actually help people overcome addictions and to manage their addiction in a healthier way. However there should still be a plan in place on how to minimize the risk to the public as well. The Bear Clan has been making highlights of the needles they are finding throughout the community, regularly posting their finds on Facebook. Two weeks ago they showed off a find of 3,765 needles in one location on OCN.

Those needles were 'properly disposed of' according to the Bear Clan in laundry detergent containers, but were inside an unoccupied residence. This find was massive, but it also wasn't the only one that has been reported and it's weekly where dozens of needles are found in public spaces or easily accessible locations by the Bear Clan in The Pas

and OCN. While I get what is being said, I'm not sure many would agree that nearly 4,000 needles in an unoccupied home is properly disposed of either.

Not all needles are hitting the streets from the NRHA, but it'd be willfully ignorant to assume or suggest none come from there either. Rather, they are likely a major supplier of the needles found. As such, they should be a major part of the solution. It's one thing to say that a needle exchange isn't the answer, but if not, what is? What can be done, and what are you doing?

This is one area the NRHA needs to be a leader in and so far they haven't even addressed the community on the issue. It's time they took an active and vocal role in helping to fix the issue. It's only a matter of time before a kid reaches for a chocolate bar after all.

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Ashleigh Viveiros

## The Winkler Morden Voice



PHOTOS BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE  
Above: Milk cart volunteers Eva and Martha, Gr. 6, serve up a sample to a guest at Border Valley School's Leadership Day Festivities. Gr. 6 student Tristan acted as tour guide. Right: Michelle, Gr. 5, and Amy, Gr. 5, manned the cookie station at the assembly.

## Forging future leaders

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Border Valley School students took charge of Leadership Day Feb. 22.

Students at the Mainland school had a hand in all aspects of the festivities, which saw select guests stop by for a morning of presentations and tours followed by a hearty lunch.

"Today's the day to show the community how we're working to develop our leadership skills," said principal Donoven Glasbeche, explaining the school uses as a guide the principles outlined in Stephen Covey's book

*The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People*.

Kids learn about each habit—which encompass qualities of both independence and teamwork—as well as continual personal improvement—and are encouraged to use them in their daily interactions with others and as contributing members of their school community.

"For us, every day is Leadership Day," said Waldeman, a Gr. 8 student and Leadership Day assembly MC. "If you come to Border Valley, you'll see students being leaders in all sorts of ways. It's just normal to us."

Border Valley students help out by shovelling snow, delivering milk at lunch, emptying classroom compost bins, doing daily classroom announcements, and more.

"We hope you notice the way students have taken charge in our school," said fellow MC Josiah, Gr. 7.

"This school couldn't function without us students," joked Waldeman.

During classroom tours, students shared more about their school duties and their dreams for improving the community at large.

Leading the way for guests were a team of young guides, including Trenton, Gr. 5.

"I like showing people around and showing them how we work and what we do and how we show kindness to

other people," he said, adding he is also currently tasked with making morning announcements and helping with assembly set up, both of which he greatly enjoys.



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# Best Education Story – 2<sup>nd</sup> Trent Allen The Pas Opasquia Times

## Astronomer brings vision of the stars to the community

**Trent Allen**  
Editor

The Pas and area had a unique visitor to the community last week, as astronomer Christian Marín came to schools and spoke to students as well as to the community as a whole. Marín works out of the University of Victoria as an Adjunct Professor and holds a PhD in Astronomy. He expressed a positive review on his time in The Pas which spanned over several days.

"Kids seemed very interested in learning about astronomy. They had a nice discussion about the stories of constellations and visually to astronomy," said Marín. "I tried to get them to stay in school and see what's out there and what kind of career possibilities if they continue the journey towards accreditation and pursue university."

Marín noted that for students in the area to pursue a career in the field of astronomy would likely necessitate a move to a larger city where a university is located; however the inspiration to get involved in the field can come from anywhere, just like it did for himself. Marín spoke fondly of when he was five years old and his mother helped him see a star through a telescope, something he credited with sparking his interest in astronomy.

"After that I had so many questions," recalled Marín. "I wanted answers and I had a passion."

The tour of The Pas and OCN was funded in part by the Canadian Astronomical Society and Discover the Universe and was affiliated with the Career Trek program in the Norman Region. Karen LeBlanc, Program Manager for Career Trek Inc. in the Norman Region noted that the north has one benefit to inspire youth to pursue astronomy.

"Who more motivates the stars than a kid in the north? We live with nearly no light pollution," stated LeBlanc.

While at the schools Marín noted they taught the physics lab when he noted there was much more interest in astronomy. Additionally, Marín met with the local astronomy club and also had an open presentation to the public where he noted there was "some nice discussion about astronomy" to be had.

Marín has involved several decades to the field and is a pioneer in the technique of discovering planets around known stars, something he started doing in 1994. Marín was optimistic about finding another earth like planet in the next five to 10 years.

"I'm not sure we'll be finding life, that's another big question, but the technology is slowly getting there where someday we'll be able to make this claim," said Marín.

Marín added it's a field that while it is slowly seeing competition build it still has a need for more to join in.

"There's a lot of room for students to get into this field. We're making the first baby steps in that direction and we're looking around the solar system and then we have hundreds of millions of stars in the Milky Way alone," said Marín, adding the way technology has changed in the past 40 years makes the field an ever-evolving opportunity with potential for great growth.

Marín added there is still much to learn and that what has been gained in knowledge of the universe so far is but a drop in the bucket.

"We still have so much to learn and astronomy—some people say we're in the golden age but I think we're always at the golden age. There's always new discoveries waiting and being made every day," said Marín. "It's only back in 1995 we first discovered planets outside our own solar system. So believe that the



*Dr. Christian Marín addresses students at Oscar Roblin Collegiate.*



*Students attend a presentation on astronomy.*

solar system was the only system we knew existed. People were making theories and they assumed that there was planets around other stars—it's a pretty big place and there should be planets around other stars, it would be crazy to think it's just (our) sun but we didn't have any confirmation they were there. It's only 1995 we had that confirmation."

And with that comes a plethora of fields within astronomy students could pursue.

"Astronomy is pretty big, you can be working on planets, you can be working on galaxies, star formation, interstellar media, black holes, neutron stars or supernova star explosions, then it's a wide range of possibilities so it's good to start early so it's good to start early to see what drives interest in your passion to start selecting paths for future studies," said Marín.

Marín added that one of the common questions he found was how many years of education are needed and what path to take.

Marín noted the years will depend on the field of study but further by pointing out if it's something you have a passion for it may not matter as you'll be doing something you enjoy.

"The kids first need to have passion or interest in astronomy. That's how I started, dreaming about astronomy and staying outside looking at the stars for hours and thinking what's out there," said Marín.

Marín added there is also a push for more diversity in astronomy not only to see more women enter what he noted is still a field of study largely dominated by men, but also to see a broader range of ethnicities including indigenous peoples.

# Best Education Story – 1<sup>st</sup>

Brenda Hunter

Shoal Lake  
Crossroads This Week

## Passion for teaching leads to opportunity

>> Leah Obach and Devon Caldwell share their expertise and insights with fellow educators through their business 'KG Education'

BRENDA HUNTER  
for Crossroads This Week

As teachers and students moved across the province headed back to school last week, two ambitious women from Kenora embarked on new roles in the classroom or lab. As educators, they have become teachers in the classroom, by taking their classroom roles to a whole other level with KG Education, an on-line and in-person professional learning opportunity for fellow educators.

"The goal of KG Education is to support educators with meaningful technology integration through online and in-person professional learning opportunities," said co-founder and Park West School Division's Literacy with ICT Teacher Leader, Leah Obach (now literacy). "We hope to help teachers create rich learning experiences for students by sharing our ideas and building a community of educators who are committed to ongoing professional growth."

"We are both really passionate about quality professional learning experiences for educators," continued KG partner, Devon Caldwell (now literacy), who splits her work day as Kindergarten teacher at Oak Lake Community School, and instructor in the Faculty of Education at Brandon University.

"More specifically, we want to offer the kind of professional learning that will help us take part in ourselves coming together with other like-minded educators and blending current research with practical knowledge that can immediately be implemented with students. We believe that technology plays a vital role in creating rich, authentic learning experiences for students and teachers, and technology is intertwined in all that we do."

Although KG Education wasn't officially launched until May of this year during the Stirling the Wave conference in Chato, the vision was never silent. The ground work for their new venture began years ago.

"Devon and I have talked about creating something like this for years," commented Obach. "We've always been committed to professional growth and online sharing. We've been co-presenting workshops for over a decade and this felt like a good time to expand on what we can offer. We know we work well together and we love tackling new projects, so KG Education was born."

Ironically, the two women report that although they grew up in the same small town, they didn't actually know one another very well.



Leah Obach, left, and Devon Caldwell stand to create a rich learning environment for teachers to support their skills.

and Caldwell invited Obach to assist each with her back to school.

"While she was in my classroom," explained Caldwell, "I decided to apply to the Western Innovative Teachers program and asked her if she'd like to help me develop the proposal. I came realized that we were better together - our project was chosen as one of three in Canada, and we went off to Hong Kong to complete a Western Global Forum."

"Our friendship was solidified when we realized what a great team we were - we were students, traveling companions, we related each other's questions when picking our project as the judges, and we just had to reach for each other. From that point on, we have worked on various projects, delivered workshops at conferences, and basically been inseparable. On a Marchen trip, we became known as the 'Kenora girls' and the name has definitely stuck."

Both graduates of Brandon University's education program, they have taken their education as well as their roles as educators very seriously, having both achieved their Masters (Obach in Educational Technology and Caldwell in Special Education), and Caldwell has already a completed her PhD.

At well, they have picked up the awards both have been named as Manitoba (Manitoba Association for Computing - Literacy Teacher of the Year, as well as both being a Western Innovative Educator Award honoree, Caldwell winning the Prince Maurice's Award for

Teaching Excellence, and Obach winning the COW Canada Teaching with Technology award. Combined, they bring an arsenal of knowledge and excellence to the table in KG Education.

"I've always loved learning and school," said Obach excitedly. "Being a teacher allowed me to continuously be a learner. I enjoy supporting others in their learning, whether it be students or fellow educators. I think education is a powerful force in shaping our society, so having a role in education is very rewarding to me."

Caldwell added, "I love teaching because it is constantly changing and full of new challenges. It's impossible to get bored as an educator - there are always new curricula to implement, new practices to experiment with, and new students to guide. Finally when I like best about teaching is I feel that I'm doing important work that makes a difference in the world. The time is truly spent measuring and supporting students - there are so many opportunities for me to continue to learn and grow, plus the thrill of seeing them succeed when they try something new."

These ambitious young women, as evidenced by their extensive resumes, have managed to find the delicate balance between work/wellness/love, regardless of the challenge a project is, they don't another means behind creating KG Education. Fortunately, Caldwell is also an accomplished yoga instructor with a driving yoga practice. This provides the wellness compo-

nent in their business and helps carry the two concepts together.

"When Leah and I decided

to start KG Education last spring," said Caldwell with enthusiasm, "we wanted to deliver some amazing professional development learning experiences to teachers, but we wanted to blend in what we feel is a missing in practice, and that is wellness for teachers."

"Wellness is a huge priority for both of us. Teachers taking time to practice self-care and connect with other educators on a regular basis is vital to our ability to remain as successful, inspiring teachers. As a result, with ongoing, day-long, learning sessions that include wellness practices, community building, and professional learning."

Their first learning session is in the works for October and is themed "Much More Wholeness". The workshop is unique in that the day starts and ends with yoga and meditation.

Our goal is to integrate wellness practices and movement in all education practices and also to become the learning experts' said Caldwell.

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Daniel Forest, assistant operations manager for the Village of St. Pierre's public works department, takes a water sample at the treatment wetland last Thursday.

## St Pierre lagoon adds wetland cell

by JORDAN ROSS

**T**he Village of St. Pierre has found a chemical-free way to comply with stricter wastewater regulations introduced by the Manitoba government.

Last Thursday, council and staff toured a new wetland treatment cell added at the municipal lagoon just west of town.

The 31-acre man-made wetland harnesses the filtering power of cattails to remove phosphorus and other contaminants from effluent entering the Red River.

A similar treatment wetland has been used at Oak Hammock Marsh since 1990, but St. Pierre is the first Manitoba municipality to get this design up and running.

Treatment wetlands rely on a natural process known as "phytoremediation," or plant-based remediation, to treat wastewater entering waterways.

The cell is seeded with cattail, a native reed prized by ecologists for its ability to absorb algae-causing phosphorus.

It takes 30 days for wastewater to dig through a series of ditches cut into the wetland to maintain contact with the reeds.

"Cattail is a workhorse," Bruce Priesen-Pentz said, a wetland scientist with Native Plant Solutions, who said he was inspired along the edge of the wetland cell, which went into service last week.

A branch of Ducks Unlimited Canada, NPS designed and constructed St. Pierre's

wetland, and tasked the village's public works staff to monitor and maintain it.

Maintenance is minimal—basically, cattails must be kept out—and the lack of chemical means de-fertilizing is necessary.

A system of valves and pipes allow the municipality to control the amount of wastewater entering the wetland from the adjacent lagoon.

On Thursday, Daniel Forest, St. Pierre's assistant public works operations manager, took a water sample using a long pole.

In its first year of operation, water samples must be submitted weekly. Toxicity tests must also be performed.

Wastewater regulations introduced by the Manitoba government in 2016 require municipalities to reduce phosphorus discharge levels to 1 milligram per litre.

Priesen-Pentz said St. Pierre's wetland cell far exceeds that target. Phosphorus levels in effluent exiting the wetland are measuring 0.03 mg/L—cleaner than the river it's filtering.

Getting to this point took more than two years of work. The wetland was land-scaped and seeded in 2017, and commissioned last year.

Councilor Raymond Gagne said the opening of the wetland cell is a huge step forward for a village that had to halt development in 2012, when it learned its lagoon was at capacity.

Gagne said the province's tighter waste-

water regulations make sense, but are a challenge for small communities to meet.

With the primary lagoon expanded and wetland cell added, Gagne said development proposals are once again coming across council's desk. The village is also refreshing its development plan.

Civic wastewater projects are expected to play an increasingly important role in reducing the phosphorus load entering the algae-plagued Lake Winnipeg watershed.

According to the Lake Winnipeg Foundation, municipal wastewater treatment contributes about 15 percent of the phosphorus load entering Lake Winnipeg from within Manitoba.

Gagne said the council opted for the wetland cell because it had available land, and wanted the reduced operating costs that come with chemical-free solutions.

Priesen-Pentz said St. Pierre's treatment wetland is about a year ahead of a similar project in the RM of La Broquerie. The RM of St. Anne is also creating a treatment wetland.

St. Pierre's treatment wetland cost about \$2.6 million, including a land purchase, though government grants offset a portion of the cost, CMO Tim Hubner said.

Priesen-Pentz said provincial environmental officers will use St. Pierre's wetland as a model for other communities. Environmental science students from Brandon University College have also toured the site.



# Best Environmental Story – 2<sup>nd</sup>

Patricia Barrett

Gimli  
The Express  
Weekly News

## Riverdale Place offers recycling tips for environmentally conscious consumers

By Patricia Barrett

In light of some confusion over what can and can't be recycled, the Express reached out to the Riverdale Place Workshop in Arborg for information about recycling in the region it serves.

Riverdale provides curbside pickup in Arborg and Riverton. It also picks up recycling from drop-off bins located in Pebble Beach, Hnaua park and the municipal landfill site. The workshop itself has a drop-off bin on site.

Riverdale prefers that recyclables are bagged when they're deposited in drop-off bins.

"It's very important that people keep their recycling in bags rather than dump it loosely into the bins because we have to pick such items up," said manager Alex Janowar. "When we do curbside pickup, it's in a bin and we just dump it in the trailer. But when it's put in the drop-off bins, we don't want it all loose."

It takes twice as long for the clients to pick up un-bagged materials from the drop-off bins, he said, and loose items may attract wildlife.

Riverdale Place Workshop is a not-for-profit vocational training and activity centre for people with disabilities. The centre has 29 clients. About 15 work in the recycling department. Clients also repair pallets, undertake other woodworking projects and produce crafts that are offered for sale in its store.

In addition to keeping [drop-off bin] recyclables in bags, Janowar said the public can help by rinsing out their cans and containers as the clients have to handle them and sort them. Food remnants can grow mould and other matter and the health of the workers is a consideration.

"We always like to have all containers and glass rinsed and have any labels removed if possible," said Janowar. "We'll do that here, but if people can remove the labels that's such a big help."

The workshop frequently finds pills in plastic pill bottles and asks that people empty the containers first before putting them in recycling.

Other items Janowar said they sometimes find in recycling are broken pieces of glass, Christmas wrapping paper (which can't be recycled because of a film on the paper) and

used personal hygiene products. These items should be disposed of in the regular garbage.

"One thing we don't take is mirrors and windows. A lot of times they're broken and we don't want to handle that," said Janowar. "That shouldn't be thrown into recycling. It's dangerous and somebody could cut themselves badly."

Janowar said he greatly appreciates the community's willingness to help protect the environment and values their continued support of the workshop.

Below is a guide of what can and can't be recycled.

### Recyclable items:

- Aluminum drink cans and pop cans
- Tin cans (soup, vegetables, etc.)
- Plastic drink bottles of all sizes
- Plastic milk jugs
- Plastic liquid bottles
- Plastic pill containers
- Milk cartons
- Cardboard egg containers
- Juice boxes
- Miscellaneous plastic containers (margarine, honey, etc.) with a 2, 3, 4 or 5 stamp on them, usually located on the bottom
- Newspapers (tied in a bundle if possible, not dumped loosely)
- Flyers, magazines and catalogues (tied in a bundle if possible)
- Glass bottles and jars
- Box board (corral boxes, laundry boxes, tissue boxes, Kraft Dinner boxes, etc.)
- Oil containers (motor oil for vehicles). Caps must be left on.

### Non-recyclable items (these items should be put in the garbage):

- Styrofoam
- Styrofoam-like or plastic egg containers
- Plastic wrap
- Plastic bags
- Christmas wrapping paper
- Broken glass or mirrors
- Hygiene products such as pads, diapers or adult incontinence pads



Express Photos by Patricia Barrett  
Plastic bags, plastic sheeting and foam-like materials cannot be recycled.



Riverdale Place Workshop picks up curbside recycling in Arborg and Riverton. Shown here is the recycling trailer on highway as heading into Arborg.



soda bottles will indicate whether they're recyclable and contain a number, usually on the bottom. Riverdale accepts plastics stamped 2-5.

# Best Environmental Story – 1<sup>st</sup>

Sheldon Birnie

Winnipeg  
The Herald

## Fighting to keep Glenelm green

Group begins replacing trees lost in neighbourhood to Dutch elm disease

BY SHELTON BIRNIE  
STAFF REPORTER

### GLENELM

It's one thing to Glenelm, not only has someone loved it, but another tree will be planted to replace it.

Over the past few years, Glenelm residents have watched as hundreds of mature elms were removed from local boulevards by City of Winnipeg crews in the ongoing battle against Dutch elm disease. But rather than watch helplessly as their beloved canopy disappears, members of the Glenelm Neighbourhood Association decided to do something about it.

"This is going to sound crazy, but I've lived like they're our neighbours," said Lisa Forbes, a member of CoNA's tree committee. "A couple of us just opened our doors and saw that our big trees were gone."

Last year, the group approached Martha Herwin, the City's head forester, for advice. Upon learning that the Urban Forestry Department is only budgeted to replace one of every two public trees that are removed, CoNA's tree committee began the process of securing funds to match the City's replacement efforts in their neighbourhood.

"We know there are so many trees on the public budget," Forbes said. "That this is a decimation of our tree population. We have these things appearing on the street, one disease and two huge killing our trees. It's a war."

The group connected with Trees Winnipeg, and put together a proposal. On April 24, Councillor Scott Brundage (Glenelm-East Kildonan) approved special funding of \$20,000 from his ward's fund allocation reserve for the project at a meeting of the East Kildonan-Transcona Community Committee. The application, which made an exemption for the funds to be used on public boulevards rather than in a

park or other recreational space, then received a unanimous approval from city council.

On Sept. 25, an Ohio buckeye was planted in front of Glenelm School (on Carmen Ave.), the first of the trees that will help replace those lost recently to DED in the area.

"With this, we had a little less hopelessness," said Simon Diamond-Wood, a member of CoNA's tree committee at the event. "Planting some brought to both the present, and the future."

After placing a commemorative metal shield on the tree, Schreyer, a Glenelm resident, noted that the elm in front of his home was cut down this summer and pledged to support the replacement efforts in the area "as long as possible."

Meanwhile, one block to the south on Colborne Avenue, City crews were removing a mature mature elm, one of over 20 that have been removed in Glenelm over the course of the summer.

Along with Dutch elm disease, local ash trees have also been falling prey to a pair of invasive species. Combined, the colony ash psyllid, or jumping tree louse, and the emerald ash borer are expected to decimate the city's eastern ash population over the next 20 years.

"We have to get used to having a different landscape, because planting a new culture is kind of what you do into this problem in the first place," Forbes said. "We won't have a canopy like this, but we will have a diversity of trees. We have many good things in a lot of these trees, though I hope we can save some of them."

To combat the loss of elm and ash trees and increase biodiversity, the trees that will be planted in Glenelm this year include silver and amber maple, golden linden, and bur oak. Honey locust, which has hybrid lines running along the boulevard, will welcome a number of ornamental shrubs like crab apple and Japanese blue trees.

Earlier in September, Mayor Brian Bowman challenged Winnipeggers to plant a million trees across the city over the next 20 years. Melissa Lawrence, another member of CoNA's tree committee, welcomed the challenge, with caution.

"It's caution the mayor not to put the onus on public assets on community groups," Lawrence said.



Photo by Sheldon Birnie

Kaylin Macdonald stands with the Ohio buckeye planted in front of Glenelm School (on Carmen Ave.), while Councilor Brundage (North Kildonan) and Simon Schreyer (Glenelm-East Kildonan) and members of the Glenelm Neighbourhood Association's tree committee look on. The tree is the first of 50 that the CoNA has arranged to have planted in the neighbourhood to help replace elm trees lost to Dutch elm disease.

"It's a tough call when our leaders have authority to make, but we hope to really speak about the trees in terms of the assets they are," Forbes said.

While in the early stages of the project, CoNA connected with other neighbourhood associations, such as the Friends of Forest Park in Centrewood, who are also dealing with deforestation in mature residential neighbourhoods. The groups are working towards linking a city-wide open house on the subject on Oct. 25.

"We're hoping to have more money allocated to the City budget this year, so we're going to try to meet to talk about how we can move things politically for the City and province to put more money towards trees," Forbes explained.



Photo by Sheldon Birnie

Hundreds of elm trees have been infected with Dutch elm disease over the past few years, like the one shown (left) on Noble Avenue, which has been marked for removal. During the tree-planting on Carmen Avenue, City crews were removing this mature elm (above), which has Dutch elm disease, one block south on Colborne Avenue.





Best Feature Photo – 3<sup>rd</sup>

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# On the lake

Fishing enthusiasts have been taking advantage of the relatively nice weather we've had thus far this winter to spend some time ice fishing for Black Crappie on Lake Minnewasta. Here, Aron Peters of Morden makes a catch.

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HIEBERT/VOICE**



Best Feature Photo – 2<sup>nd</sup>

Rick Hiebert – The Winkler Morden Voice





Binscarth finished off Canada Day with their annual fireworks show. More photos of the celebrations throughout the day can be found on page 8.

Best Feature Photo – 1<sup>st</sup>  
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## On gravel, will travel Clearwater cattle drive goes for the fences

KATE MCINNES PHOTOS



Following cattle move along the gravel road west of Clearwater, MB.

Kate McInnes

There is no doubt that could go wrong once a job has been opened. That was why farrier and welder Joe Gardiner did as much as possible to plan for a smooth cattle drive along the Clearwater Road on a cool morning Tuesday in early July. The drive would not be a long one – it is only about three miles from the quarter section where they had been rounded up that morning to the half new pastures located for them. But a

few challenges were posed along gravel of the 90 road west of town, which could spell disaster if the herd of 50 cow-calf pairs and 2 bulls were not kept in line. The herd would have to be pushed past other groups of neighbouring cattle, and a fence is not always enough to keep an interested bull away from an attractive group of cows or calves. Most cow-calf pairs were the delectable fields of perfectly maturing crops along the road, unprotected by any fence. It

would only take one cow to get a bit of an exciting crop of millet, or oats, or barley before herd mentality kicked in, and she was joined by 79 of her best friends. So how to best move the following line-up up the road? Involve all your senses, intuition, friends and neighbours to help – and hope that half of them turn up. It doesn't hurt when they each have cattle handling experience plus a quad, side-by-side, or centrally positioned bullfinch truck. Joe, who comes with his



Joe Gardiner (center) directs his uncle Scott and dad Keith as he plans the drive.

dad Keith and brother Sheldon, had uncle Scott Gardiner and Mark Taylor, cousins Tim Stone and Owen Taylor, plus friends and neighbours Darcy and Greg Stewart, and Mitch Devine as an overkill insurance policy against disaster. The promise of a few cold beers upon successful completion of the task may have helped the high turnout rate.

Joe laid out his plan to the assembled group and before long Keith began moving the herd up the road, around with a pull of reins in the back of his pick-up. Everyone else

slid way to head and try to sort themselves out. It didn't take long for the crew to get the herd moving again, but in the excitement, one of the three bulls, an imposing bovine specimen of some 2000 pounds, decided he was no longer interested in a walk that afternoon.

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## Clearwater cattle drive - continued

In case you couldn't picture it - the view from the shotgun seat of Owen Taylor's side-by-side.

KATE MCINNES PHOTOS



The cattle look to Darcy Stewart and Scott Gardiner for direction... or to the delicious looking crop behind them.



A job well done - Greg Stewart, Joe Gardiner, Tim Stone and Scott Gardiner at the pastoral destination.



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As the majority of the crew moved the animals towards greener pastures, Joe and a few brave others zipped along the errant bull, trying to persuade him back to the herd. They rode the fine line of ranching – nudging a bull without igniting the explosive potential of his anger. He was pushed safely behind nearby fences, to be picked up a little later, once he had a chance to cool off.

The rest of the herd moved happily into their new pasture, chomping merrily on the flowering alfalfa, clovers, and mixed grasses seeded there the previous season. The cow called for their calves between bites, settling amongst themselves, settling into their new home on the range. The cowboys got a chance for a cold beer and some B.S. back at the ranch.

When I had been riding

shotgun in Owen Taylor's side by side, taking pictures of the back ends of the herd, their hip bones moving with each step, he asked me what, exactly had moved me to come take photos of the drive.

I had not been sent by the editor of the Sentinel to cover the event, nor had the Gardiners asked me, their neighbour, to come play photographer. For them, this was an annual event, a task, albeit an exciting one, to be completed.

In truth, having been raised in the city, the event promised the kind of experience that had brought me to this part of the province and kept me here.

The excitement of working with animals, the challenge of communicating your wants to match with their needs, and the gratification of a successful exchange across species. The chance to work with a team, strategize, improvise. To trust your gut and to trust your

neighbour. To close the gate well before the sun goes down and listen to the animals munching contentedly on the pasture you planned for them.

These are the reasons that people keep ranching. And I think it's the real reason there was such a good turnout of uncles, cousins and friends for a hot afternoon of cattle chores on a Thursday in July. ■

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# Ribbon Skirt Project bringing women together to learn

BY ANDREA GEARY  
STAFF REPORTER

## PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE

Floral print and brightly coloured fabric sewn into skirts bordered with strips of ribbon have become a symbol of friendship and respect between Indigenous and non-Indigenous women.

Portage la Prairie resident Angela Roulette, who is an Anishinaabe teacher and founder of the Women of Mother Earth Network, said, when she wrote a letter launching her Ribbon Skirt Project about a year ago, that she never dreamt that it would take the shape it has since then.

"It's opened my eyes so much as a woman, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother," she said. "These skirts were meant to wake us up."

Her original intent was to collect 500 ribbon skirts that would be given out at an Indigenous elders' gathering this fall. Neither of these goals has materialized, but instead the project has taken her and others involved in another direction — one of learning and sharing.

"Our sacred duty — an act of reconciliation and healing," are the words on a poster for the Ribbon Skirt Project pop-up exhibition, which was held at Prairie Fusion Arts & Entertainment's gallery in Portage from Aug. 15 to Sept. 7, where some of the skirts were displayed along with information on the project.

Roulette said she's gathered about 250 skirts so far and they come from all over. A woman who lives in northwestern Ontario mailed in a skirt that she hand-stitched, and a Steinbach seamstress donated 11 skirts. Some have come from Portage Collegiate Institute students, those who participated in

an August workshop held at Portage's Fort la Reine Museum, while many were sewn by women who meet once every two weeks in donated space within Portage's Holy Trinity United Church (15 Tupper St. S).

“  
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to wake us up...  
These are healing tools.”

Roulette has photos showing the colourful skirts draped over benches surrounding the women while they work on the skirts. She said she gradually realized that positive energy was being created within that environment as the women sat and chatted as they sewed.

"We were getting a healing. We put them (the skirts) out every time," she said. "These are healing tools."

She said a ribbon skirt was one of the items found in an Indigenous woman's traditional bundle. The ribbons represent the umbilical cord that connects the woman to Mother Earth.

While she realizes that most of the skirts she's collected don't conform to traditional guidelines for colours and fabric, but that doesn't matter to her.

"Each skirt is a gift — there's no wrong colour."

Roulette admits she wasn't familiar with using a sewing machine when she started the Ribbon Skirt Project, but she has since learned from others.

She's been given sewing machines and financial support to buy fabric and ribbons. While she hasn't received support from any

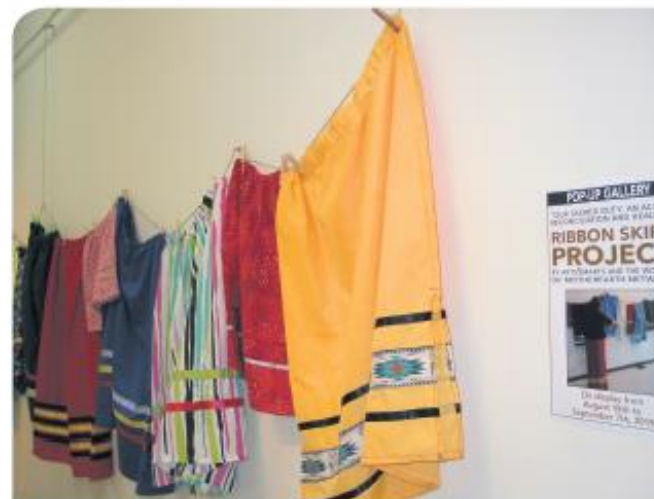


Photo by Andrea Geary


Ribbon skirts are shown at a pop-up exhibit at Prairie Fusion Arts & Entertainment's gallery that was held earlier this year. The skirts are among those collected by Angela Roulette as part of her Ribbon Skirt Project.


level of government, she said what's happened in terms of the project's evolution has been more heartwarming.

"It's based on faith," she said, adding support has come in on a grassroots level.

To date, she's given skirts to a women's shelter in Brandon and is looking for other agencies serving Indigenous women that are interested in having ribbon skirts available for clients. In the meantime, she plans to keep holding the bimonthly sewing sessions and collecting more skirts.

"There's a lot of work still to be done. I realize that we're never going to be finished with this."

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# Red ribbons tied to Lockport Bridge to remember MMIWG2S

By Kaitlyn Boulanger

For the first time red ribbons were tied to the Lockport bridge in support of the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls, and Two-Spirited movement.



RECORD PHOTOS BY KAITLYN BOULANGER  
The man attending the red ribbon tying event had the opportunity to remember those they lost by placing red ribbons on the bridge themselves.



While the men tied red ribbons to the Lockport bridge, the women drummed and prayed for the families of all MMIWG2S they have lost.

new Women, Girls, and Two-Spirited movement.

"The reason why I thought [we should tie ribbons] is because the river connects us. The river connects Selkirk, which is the community that I'm from, to Winnipeg so I thought that it was important. We need that connection not just through the water but through our communities," said Jeanne Red Eagle who co-ordinated the event.

Red Eagle contacted groups in Winnipeg and Selkirk asking them to participate.

"We're tying red ribbons on bridges over water to give passers by the visual queue of the red ribbon flowing in the air and to commemorate our Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls, and Two-Spirited," she said.

Red Eagle hopes that the ribbons will help bring more awareness and remembrance for those who have been affected.

"These women, even though they are missing and murdered, they will never be forgotten. They are loved. They are someone's daughter, mother, grandmother, aunt, sister, wife," she said.

This event was also particularly special because men were given the role of tying the ribbons to the bridge while women supported them through prayer, song, and drumming. By having men serve a specific role in the ceremony, space was made for them inside the MMIWG2S movement.

"There is a huge gap in all of our communities and by the absence of our warriors is creating an imbalance. There needs to be more support from the men who are in the community because it's the women who are shouldering the huge responsibility of bringing awareness to the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls, and Two-Spirited. We need to create space for the men to join in spreading the message that will lead to helping to heal the traditional structures," said Red Eagle.

She explained that the MMIWG2S movement and red ribbon campaign are currently being connected with women, but men also have to be acknowledged as being affected.

"The fact is that men lost their mothers, their sisters, their grandmothers. Men lost them too, so they have as much of a right to stand here and to do this work as we do and it helps to create that healing for all of us," said Red Eagle.

Sherry Francis was one of the men who participated tying ribbons to the bridge.

"It's good that we are putting the awareness out there. We are still thinking about a lot of our relatives that are not around and to acknowledge life," said Francis.

Jon Forsley who also participated echoed Francis's sentiments.

"For me it's an opportunity to stand with my Indigenous brothers and sisters and support them and create space for them to heal and know they are supported, and loved and that we are witnessing and acknowledging what is happening in our nation," Forsley said.

To learn more about the MMIWG2S movement Red Eagle recommends joining the Red Ribbon Awareness #MMIW group on Facebook at [facebook.com/groups/368068215254280/](https://facebook.com/groups/368068215254280/)



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**HOOPIN' IT UP** - World-renowned Hoop Dancer Terrance Littleton (left) and award-winning hip hop dancer and performer Chancez Perry (right) lean up during their amazing Hip Hop Hoop Dance performance held on Thursday morning in the Killarney School gym. The duo has toured 130 schools with their vibrant, multi-cultural, inclusive show. Check out more photos - including phenomenal black light images - at our website: [killarneyguide.ca](http://killarneyguide.ca).

## Hip Hop Hoop dancing opens windows to the world

Terrance Littleton and Chancez Perry dazzle students with storytelling, humour, and hip hop hoop dancing

**BY KIM LANGEN**

Even before the start of the show appeared on stage, students at the local school were already feeling the drumming power of drums and high singing, and moving and clapping along with the energy pouring from the footlights.

It was Thursday morning at Killarney School, and time for the Hip Hop Hoop Dancing event in the gym. Everyone was there - students, teachers, and staff - with standing room only.

And they were about to get a big surprise.

Crowned by two amazing men, Terrance Littleton and Chancez Perry, the 60-minute show was a fresh mix of drama, humour, and cultural history, punctuated with incredible dance, and driving and compelling contemporary indigenous music.

In short, it was a crackle.

Littleton, a member of the Kwanwaka Cree Nation, grew up on a reservation north of Regina, Saskatchewan. And that's where he absorbed much of his traditional teaching, through family members and elders.

He went on to become an accomplished Grass and Hoop Dancer, and is currently recognized as a World Renowned Hip Dancer. Littleton is also an educator, producer, and works as a cultural liaison in the public school system.

He teamed up with Chancez Perry, an amazing dancer and choreographer, who also sports university degrees in both criminology and dance.

In the show, Littleton 'teaches' Perry the meaning of each of the hoops, and Perry gradually progresses through the meaning of each one to finally become a hoop dancer himself.

On the way, stories of the history of indigenous peoples, and of the historical enslavement of black persons, are intertwined with dance and cultural dialogue - much of which opens the audience to the concept that all things and all people share common bonds.

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## Researcher finds Lake Winnipeg commercial fishers portrayed as villains

By Patricia Barrett

A PhD candidate in the University of Manitoba's department of Anthropology says there seems to be a movement about to downplay the economic and social viability of Manitoba's commercial fishery and to vilify its fishers.

Solmundur Palsson, who grew up in Iceland, is halfway through completing his thesis. It examines how the Lake Winnipeg commercial fishery works and how it's viewed.

Palsson interviewed and observed about 20 Lake Winnipeg fishers over the course of three years. He held a consultation and feedback session with fishers and the public on Dec. 12 at the New Iceland Heritage Museum where he shared some of his major findings.

He said he found a huge incongruity in the way organizations such as the Manitoba Wildlife Federation and individuals such as University of Winnipeg professor Scott Forbes speak about fish stocks. When commercial fishers are the subject, fish stocks – notably walleye – have either collapsed or are collapsing. When anglers are the subject, fish stocks are plentiful.

"I have to thank them [Manitoba Wildlife Federation and Scott Forbes] for opening space to talk about this in my thesis because it is interesting," said Palsson. "They say Manitoba and Lake Winnipeg have become this destination for walleye and catfish, but still somehow they say Lake Winnipeg is the worst-managed lake in the world. That doesn't make sense."

Fishers contacted Forbes through various media outlets, including angling magazines, has spread misleading information about stock status. And the MWF, which advocates for anglers and hunters and which has worked with Forbes, has followed suit. It claims species such as sauger have been wiped out or are on the verge of collapsing.

Palsson said Forbes' diatribes against the commercial fishery is "not how you do science. It might sound like I have something against him, but his articles are really misleading. And especially the Wildlife Federation, they're trying to paint the fishery in a completely unfair light."

The MWF told the *Express* it recently had Forbes look at delivery data provided by the province (the province gets the data from the Freshwater Fish Marketing Corporation and for 2017, some open market dealers) and come up with an assessment. The MWF then publicly claimed that walleye stocks are on the verge of collapse.



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY KRIS SPEDD  
Commercial fisher Kris Spedd pulled up this walleye in his net mid-December. It had been hooked by an angler and tossed back into the lake. The fish suffered serious wounds and developed an infection around its mouth, resulting in its inability to feed properly.

ing and sauger stocks have already been wiped out. Commercial fishers said it's untrue as are Forbes' Twitter claims (in October) about goldeyes having met its maker.

Forbes will write about sustainability and criticize the province for its lack of data on fish stocks, said Palsson, yet he'll use the [delivery] data the province shares with him to call down commercial fishers.

Palsson himself analyzed the delivery data and said that without context, it can be interpreted in a myriad of ways. But the one thing the data do not show is how much fish is actually in the lake.

Delivery data from 2006 to 2018, for example, show a decline. Fluctuations in fish populations, prices offered by PFMC or numbers of fishers working in a given year may account for the drop. The flood of 2011 also had an impact on fish habitat and subsequent deliveries.

Fisher and fish dealer Murray Clouston, who operates the Riverco-based Canadian Fish Cays, agreed, saying delivery data doesn't reflect stock status.

"If you go back 20 years in Freshwater's records, what you see is the data collected on the amount of fish caught. What the data doesn't tell you is the price point of the fish," said Clouston. "And I've heard this before that there's no sauger, then nine or 10 years ago Freshwater decided to raise the prices of sauger to almost medium prices, and they got a huge amount of sauger. Just because it's not being caught doesn't mean it's not there."

Sustainable Development lacks the resources to do "good data collection," Palsson said. "They have the ability to



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY PATRICIA BARRETT  
From left commercial fisher Eric Pearson, researcher Solmundur Palsson and commercial fisher Will Suckale. Over the course of his research, Palsson found that Lake Winnipeg fishers are disrespected and vilified.

do biomass research and spawning tests – not just for walleye but for all species – but they don't have the manpower."

At the same time, he said the public is being led to believe that commercial fishers are "self-serving bastards," bent on taking every last fish out of the lake even if it means decimating their own and their family's livelihood. If that were so, the 100-year-old commercial fishery would've collapsed long ago.

Fishers say Scott Forbes has absolutely no credibility as he's not conducted biological research on fish stocks nor studied how fishers work. Forbes' research centres on behavioural ecology; he studies bird behaviour then comes up with general principles about family dynamics that he sometimes applies to humans ([researchgate.net](http://researchgate.net)) and the PubMed database list Forbes' research).

Fishers also criticized Forbes is pro-angler. On his Twitter site, Forbes has a photo of himself holding a fish and a description that states he's engaged in an enduring search for "truth, freedom and good beaches to go surf fishing." Surf fishing is angling from shore.

In November, Fisher River Cree Nation wrote to Sustainable Development minister Rachelle Squires and federal fisheries minister Jonathan Wilkinson about the MWF's doctored statements on sauger, walleye and whitefish stocks, calling it propaganda that favours anglers.

MWF's arguments are "statistically flawed, highly inaccurate, and inconclusive," it wrote, and "academics [Forbes] seriously lacking in direct knowledge of fishing and the fishery

in Manitoba are cited as knowledgeable sources."

To his credit, MWF president Brian Kotak accepted an invitation from fishers to meet with them at their Lake Winnipeg Fishery Co-management Board meeting in late November and listened to their concerns.

Other major themes Palsson will be highlighting in his thesis are a lack of government consultation with commercial fishers, a phenomenon that stretches back decades regardless of what political party was in power, the proposed Lake St. Martin-Lake Winnipeg flood channel that will impact fish and First Nations that rely on fishing, and issues around PFMC, which is both despised for its too top-heavy administration and loved for never once having let fishers down when it comes to payouts.

Palsson emphasized the value and importance of working with commercial fishers when conducting studies on the lake and the fishery itself. Fishers are no different from beef or chicken producers, who intimately know their industry and the animals with which they work.

"My job as an anthropologist is to explain how people think and how the commercial fishers work on Lake Winnipeg," said Palsson. "You [fishers] see this lake in a different light than anyone else because you spend all day on the lake and you see and feel what's going on with the lake."

Palsson will be holding public consultations in other communities after the holidays and will return to Clouston spring to hold another consultation.

# Saving the salamanders

>> Over 1,000 have been relocated during construction on Highway 21 between Hamiota and Shoal Lake

MARCIE HARRISON  
Crossroads This Week

Motorists making their way along Highway 21 between Hamiota and Shoal Lake are well aware of the work being done to improve the road, but they might not know about efforts to protect the salamander population at the Six Mile Slough.

According to a provincial spokesperson, the Western Tiger Salamander is designated as a Species of Concern under the federal Species at Risk Act. So when a pre-construction environmental assessment indicated the presence of the salamanders in the wetland, provisions to move them from a one-kilometre stretch of the active construction area became part of the process.

So how exactly is that done?

"We use minnow traps equipped with a wider opening," said Mark Lowdon, owner of AAE Tech Services in La Salle. The company was hired by Russell Rod-Mix, the main contractor on the \$16.9 million construction project. Lowdon said that glow sticks are placed in the traps, which has proven to be an effective enticement for the amphibians. Initially, dog food and cat food were also used in some traps, but it didn't make any difference to the salamanders, so the idea was scrapped.

The traps are placed between the shoulder of the highway and a floating curtain installed to minimise the environmental impact on the slough, located 10 kilometres south of Hamiota.

While the curtain prevents silt and other material from making its way further into the slough, it also prevents salamanders from doing the same.

So AAE Tech Services employees have been on site since the middle of July, setting traps and checking them at dawn and dusk.

According to Lowdon, each captured salamander was measured and had its state of development recorded. DNA samples were also collected from some of the specimens. He said the data will be used by Environment Canada to study the distribution of salamander populations and how closely related they are to each other.

The salamanders were then released at the other end of the slough.

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ABOVE: the area of concern along Highway 21 where the salamander relocation has taken place. RIGHT: The Western Tiger Salamander ready to be moved to a safe home

## Project ready to resume

The salamander salvage has pretty much come to an end and Lowdon said he was surprised by the number that were captured.

"There were about 1,200 – way more than I ever imagined."

At the start, 96 percent of the salamanders captured were in the larval stage, said Lowdon. By the end of the relocation program, the majority

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being caught were adults.

When asked if the salamander rescue impeded the construction schedule, Lowdon said the last little bit might have taken longer than the contractor thought it would.

"Because of the amount of vegetation (in the slough), you can't go out and catch and

move them," said Lowdon. "They have to come to you. It takes much longer."

With the salamanders now safely relocated, it will be business as usual at the construction site, where about 75 percent of the work has been completed.

According to the province, the project is expected to wrap up in September, weather permitting.



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## Siglavik wetland preservation group vows to fight destruction

By Patricia Barrett

A group of residents concerned about the destruction of Lake Winnipeg's coastal wetland in the Siglavik-Miklavik area south of Gimli has failed to get answers about why successive governments have allowed a development to proceed despite provincial and municipal legislation outlawing developments on wetlands.

After watching one development slowly progress over the past five years, the recently formed People for the Preservation of the Willow Island Coastal Wetlands group went to the legislature April 30 to bring attention to Manitoba's weak track record on wetland protection.

The group's persistent research efforts and interviews with area residents have raised more troubling questions about how this particular development was allowed to proceed on what the province and a number of environmental and planning bodies once deemed significant coastal wetland.

Siglavik resident Jeff Smith, who was joined by other members of the preservation group in the rotunda, said the stretch of coast between Gimli and Netley Creek is considered rare coastal wetland that "cannot be replicated" and it's slowly being destroyed by housing developments.

Manitoba has lost about 70 per cent of its wetlands, allowing pollutants from agricultural run-off and wastewater to flow freely into the lake and contributing to extensive algal blooms and the closure of public swimming beaches.

"Of even greater concern to us is the government's complicity in supporting the destruction of this wetland," said Smith on behalf of the 26-member group. "We have legislation in this province — and it's fairly robust legislation — that protects wetlands at all levels."

The group was able to obtain departmental documents from 2014 under the then-NDP showing development applications being denied, as well as documents from 2016 showing the same government reversing course after the threat of a lawsuit. In 2018 the Conservative government allowed the work to continue, according to a Sustainable Development email the group had obtained (see the online *Express* April 4 and 18).

Between 2007 and 2014, there were four separate applications to develop the land and "turn it into a fairly significant residential complex" and each one had been defeated, said Smith.

The Rutz family, who are European residents, currently owns the Sunrise Drive property. They inherited it from a relative, who in turn had purchased it from another owner in 2014. The family spends part of the year in the municipality of Gimli.

Ben Rutz wrote a letter to the *Express*' editor in April — after the group called attention to 1,000 to 1,200 truckloads of earth that had been brought in to build up the land — saying



EXPRESS PHOTO BY PATRICIA BARRETT  
Siglavik resident Jeff Smith spoke with media April 30 at the legislature.

his family has been coming to Gimli for well over a decade and decided to donate nearly 35 acres of the Class 5 wetland to the municipality so that it could be turned into a bird sanctuary.

About four acres to date of the Rutz's remaining acreage have been filled in, says the preservation group.

The NDP's 2016 approval letter said provincial and/or municipal dyke construction carried out in 2005 "may have altered" the pre-existing state of the property. But the preservation group found no evidence the alleged work lowered the property's grade, rendering it ineligible for development.

"When you look at the documentary evidence and go back to satellite photographs from Sustainable Development's own archives — photographs from 1993, 1998, 2012, 2014 — they show no appreciable change in the landscape. So it doesn't look as if anything was taken out of there," said Smith. "Residents who live off Sunrise Drive right opposite the development in 2005 will say they don't ever recall soil having been taken out of that site."

Tom Nevakshonoff was minister of Conservation and Water Stewardship in January 2016 when the then-department's director of drainage Geoff Reimer approved a single-lot development for Rutz.

Nevakshonoff said he had not been copied

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## New swing sparks happy memories

Lori Penner  
Red River Valley Echo

A new addition at Eastview Place in Altona has already resulted in hours of enjoyment and many special moments for residents and their families.

An indoor, wheelchair-accessible porch swing was unveiled at last week's annual Spring Tea fundraiser.

The swing is specially designed for personal care facilities such as Eastview. It sits in front of the big windows in Rosewood lounge.

A ramp allows wheelchair users to enter the swing and pump using their arms. There are also spots for non-wheelchair users to sit.

Marlo Friesen, director of Health Services for Altona and area says, "This was a project that was started about a year ago, and it's exciting to see it all come together. It's been really inspiring to actually sit and have conversations with some residents who are normally much quieter."

"I've had some really neat moments reminiscing about past times: there's one resident telling me about

their porch swing that they had on their farm. They sat on it with their spouse and enjoyed a lot of time together. That's been really neat."

The \$9,000-swing was a donation from the Altona Community Area Foundation and the Ladies Auxiliary.

Friesen said they would like to purchase a second swing to put outside. "We've already had one generous donation come in, and we're hoping to install the second swing in the courtyard this summer."

Ladies Auxiliary chair Elaine Friesen said, "The Auxiliary wanted to be part of raising funds for this porch swing because that's very important for the residents of the care home."

Several other big changes have taken place at Eastview Place in the last year, as well.

The residents rooms have new cupboards in their bathrooms.

The bathrooms and hallways have had new LED lighting installed. Brand new picture windows were installed in the Blue Ridge lounge area, to provide an improved view.

The Rosewood tub room has had a complete overhaul, with new flooring and cupboards, and a new tub installed. The Rosewood lounge also has a new look, with a more home like feel.

"It's important to meet the standards that Manitoba Health sets out for our care homes, but it's just as important that our residents have a good quality of life and experience here. We're always open to ideas, as to how we can make Eastview better," Friesen said.

Highlighting the work that the Altona Health Care Auxiliary does for the Altona Health Centre, she said, "It's a group of ladies that provide an incredible example of compassion at work. They spend countless hours volunteering their time to raise money, in order to purchase items that the Health Centre can use for patients and residents."

The current fundraising project is for three raised wheelchair accessible garden beds in the courtyard.

"This will give residents of Eastview the opportunity to enjoy some gardening outside in the summer sunshine. We're hopeful to have these garden beds here within the next several weeks."



# Taking dental hygiene on the road

>> Andrea Adamson's mobile service focuses on providing oral care for the elderly in the comfort of their own home

MARCIE HARRISON  
South Mountain Press

It's often said that necessity is the mother of invention, but for Andrea Adamson it's the other way around - her mother was the necessity of the invention of Adamson's mobile dental hygiene service based out of Mission.

"In 2001 my mother transitioned into a personal care home (PCH) in rural Manitoba. It was so difficult for her to leave the facility because of her mobility and dementia and the anxiety it caused her," said Adamson. "I began looking into oral health care for people in her situation and quickly realized there was a significant need."

With over 25 years experience as a dental hygienist, Adamson has the necessary skill set to help all that need and in 2004, that's exactly what she began doing. Her clientele consists of seniors who are housebound and PCH residents.

At first glance, it might seem like an odd age group to target, given that some of them no longer have their own teeth. But it turns out oral care is also much more than just the pretty whites.

"I can remove an oral cancer, denture sore or dry mouth and make mouth-to-mouth," said Adamson. "Although making and adjusting dentures is not in my scope of practice I would still recommend an annual assessment. Because often you get a buildup of tartar, which I can clean. Our mouth can change over time, particularly with weight gain or loss, so I can check that."

According to a 2006 Statistics Canada study, though, the most of 'housebound' in seniors is quickly decreasing, with just 2.7 percent of people between the ages of 65 and 74 living completely isolated. That compares to 11 percent in 1990.

So for clients who still have natural teeth, Adamson can perform scaling and polishing, fluoride treatments as recommended, place radiating filling material, temporary fillings, dentures, and recommend daily care plans.

There's also another im-



Andrea Adamson says she wants to make oral care available to anyone who needs it.

portant factor to consider. According to Dental Hygiene Canada, food debris and bacteria continue to accumulate throughout the mouth, including on the tongue, remaining with and between, forming plaque, which has the potential to cause cavities, abscess, sore and irritation. Perhaps most worrisome is the fact that bacteria from the mouth can travel and develop into serious infections affecting overall health.

In fact, according to a paper released by the Registered Nurses of Ontario Association, oro-pharyngeal bacteria is the main cause of pneumonia in long-term care and pneumonia is the leading cause of death, said Adamson.

Despite the importance of regular oral care, many PCH residents and housebound seniors get professional oral care on the back burner as they deal with other life issues and Adamson would like to see that change.

"When the mobility, dementia or financial reasons,

it becomes difficult to get to their dentist's office, many just stop going. Traditionally, most was until there is pain or infection. I think we can do better than that I believe our seniors deserve good care, and that includes their mouth," said Adamson.

So for the past four years, she has taken dental hygiene on the road, visiting clients in their homes. In some instances, Adamson has a treatment room where she can set up her day tray, but most clients are seen in their room from the comfort of their wheelchair or recliner. Adamson also brings along a portable, reclining lawn chair as another option.

She uses all the same equipment found in her dental office, where she maintains as work practice, with the exception of x-rays and water spray, and a myo-implant.

"We go old school, scrub and tap. Or go to the end of the road where you go to the dentist," said Adamson.

It's the nature of the

business that she is beyond her scope, Adamson will try to engage the client's previous dentist or whoever dentist they, or their family, prefer.

She made the work physically demanding but rewarding, and enjoys the flexibility of her mobile practice, which allows Adamson to spend a little more time visiting with clients.

"One of the things that keeps me motivated is the improvement in oral health that I see every day in the patients I am seeing on a regular basis," said Adamson, adding that she reached a milestone this spring. "I have now provided oral dental hygiene care to over 100 people living in long-term care or housebound."

Adamson currently sees clients within a 100 km radius of Mission and typically goes on 1000 km a week. She will consider travelling further should a appointment could be coordinated for more than one client. Her fees are based on the Manitoba Dental Hygiene

Association guidelines and are eligible for coverage under private insurance.

As for how frequently a client needs to be seen, she is decided on a case-by-case basis, in consultation with the client and their family.

"There are many influencing factors such as daily care needs, medications, dry mouth, need for short appointments, etc. As almost all people in long-term care would fall into a 'high' risk category for caries and gingivitis for one reason or another, such things as six months would be the most needed means," said Adamson.

Although her mobile service is a new concept in the area, it is fairly routine in other parts of the country, said Adamson, due to higher PCH oral health standards in other provinces.

The biggest hurdle she now is finding PCH residents and their families know that she is here to help.

"As Prairie Mountain Health runs most of the in-

crease I go to they have to follow their 'Private Health Care Provider Policy'. Just can't visit residents or their families alone. My service as I have found is difficult to reach people with my message, and inform them of my service."

Within the local dental community there is a strong understanding of the value of the care she is providing, said Adamson, with many in her home-visits and some home referrals coming from rural dentists.

On a larger scale, The Canadian Dental Hygienists Association is actively trying to improve oral health in seniors across Canada. Two initiatives they are working toward are daily oral care standards for personal care homes and basic dental coverage for all seniors, said Adamson.

In the meantime, Adamson will continue taking her clinic on the road.

"I want the care to be available to anyone who needs it."



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## Best Health Story – 1<sup>st</sup>

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### 'I live with MS. That's why I ride'

By Evan Matthews

Stacey Napoleon rode in her first MS Bike Gimli event last weekend, but for her, MS is nothing new.

Diagnosed with relapsing and remitting MS in July 2015, Napoleon, 25, said hearing her doctor utter the two words "multiple sclerosis" changed her life forever.

Not all for the worse, though.

"It's not just about my MS symptoms, but my attitude has changed too. It gets easier. ... I don't get as upset or emotional," said Napoleon, who used to be very shy.

She addressed a huge crowd on Saturday Aug. 24 at MS Bike Gimli's, as she "made it through the entire speech," she said, laughing.

"The fact I spoke at that dinner on Saturday, it's just not like me. Something about sharing my story with MS, getting the word out and raising awareness, it makes me want to get up and do these things," said Napoleon, adding she's been sharing via social media and raising awareness for MS Bike Gimli since November 2018.

#### The MS Gimli ride

MS can cause varying symptoms such as extreme fatigue, lack of coordination, weakness, tingling, impaired sensation, vision problems, bladder problems, cognitive impairment and mood changes, according to the MS Society.

The one symptom Napoleon does struggle with daily is fatigue. She said training in the weeks leading up to her first biking event was imperative.

"I'm learning a lot about listening to my body and not doing too much. Most people can do a five-kilometre walk no problem, but doing 100 kilometres over two days on a bike takes training," said Napoleon, who is from Garson, southeast of Selkirk.

"I had to start training in May, in the spring, but I had to be careful. It's

easy to overdo it. As I was training, I felt like anyone following on social media was also following my journey. It's been a bit overwhelming."

Rides like MS Bike Gimli helps to fundraise for MS Society programming and support for those living with MS, according to MS Bike Gimli Coordinator Jordie Moryl.

"We have a fantastic base of participants, and lots of our top fundraisers are incredible," said Moryl.

"We've had such a longstanding history with Gimli and the Interlake area."

People could be seen lining the highway at the ends of driveways, screaming and cheering, pom-poms waving in the air.

The event raised roughly \$300,000, according to Moryl.

That support isn't something to be understated, according to Napoleon. It's why she first started to volunteer with the MS Walk in 2016, she said.

So many people participate in the bigger MS Walks, Napoleon said, so sometimes it can be hard to connect. But the sense of community at the MS Gimli event this past weekend, she said, was unlike anything she had felt before.

"I can't even put it into words ... how great this weekend was," said Napoleon, as she began to cry.

"As much as people think this means a lot to the MS Society — to be raising funds and awareness — those affected and living with MS, to have all that excitement when I crossed the finish line and the support, it's hard to explain how that feels."

There were two routes, with the longer of the two simply being an extension, according to Moryl.

Participants rode from the Gimli Recreation Centre, south to Sandy Hook to Winnipeg Beach to Ponemah

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Nicky Syganiec, Stacey Napoleon and Nicole Speichak stand proud after finishing the MS Bike Gimli on Sunday.

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# Best Historical Story – 2<sup>nd</sup>

Brenda Hunter

## Shoal Lake Crossroads This Week

### Whispers from the WAR FRONT

WWI and WWII letters provide a poignant look at the vital role of written exchanges between soldiers and home

BY BRENDA HUNTER for Crossroads This Week

In the life of a soldier during the war years, there was nothing more anticipated or cherished, than receiving letters and packages from back home.

It was the reassurance that they were well-loved and had not been forgotten. The moral booster was important to a soldier's well-being.

"That's what you looked forward to every night when you came back in, was it day had letters for you," reflected Jack Housman of Scotch Lodge in Huronia. WWII veterans who served on a reconnaissance tour with the 10th Manitoba Dragoons.

"It was the first thing you checked. They (the letters) kept me alive."

This sentiment, interestingly, was echoed by Leonard Hightower of the First World War in his letter to his sister, Ursula from Belgium, Oct. 10, 1918.

"Dear sister, Your parcel arrived OK. But pricey well dozed up. And by golly I never used anything as good in ten years as those socks and nudge was. It arrived late one night when our tent was being hit by rain and the rain was getting down. One had to call together and hope this sister or mine would send a parcel every day."

Yes, another example from France, June 26, 1918.

"Dear sister, Just a few lines as you know that I received your parcel OK and it was well done. I had been away for three weeks just you back to our little party and it was waiting for me and I sure was for it, everything was in good shape as much as the day it was made and I didn't think such good things were over mail... Your old bro, L.H.H."

Letters like these ones written by Hightower, were delivered to the Virden Legion by members of the late Hightower's second family pass-

ing through Virden earlier this summer, at that, it where he had lived most of his life.

Here in the Hightower family, a mile south of Virden, and having moved with his family near Virden as a young age, the many letters, written by Hightower from the front lines during WWI were addressed to his mother, sister and two sisters, and Ursula, who said had married the Harvey brothers of the Hightower family.

The letters, kept safe by Ursula, were discovered and moved a number of years ago by her daughter, Frances Proulx and Dorothy Hart (Jack), and grandson Wayne Proulx and his wife Irene. They found them while clearing out the original Harvey home north of Hightower in an occupation of the site of the property. The house had been abandoned and only used for storage for several years by the Hart family.

While the letters were ready to discard the old letters, Irene, with an interest in genealogy, immediately knew their value and kept them all.

Also discovered amongst the WWII letters from Hightower, were WWII letters from a Cpl. Melvin J. Tapp who presumably was an acquaintance or the family who relationship is still a mystery to the writer and family at the present time. He wrote the following in his letter to Mrs. Harvey in June or July, also from the front lines:

"I must thank you for the parcel I received just yesterday. The box and jelly beans are so much appreciated. I have not a new sock and good candy comes. I thought for love or money here in July."

"These are letters right from the front, trench lines, letters from the hospital, when day had things on their minds - this is national history right here," said Corrado K. Smith of Virden Legion who, for the past year, has been entrusted with the letters.

Letters were also a sol-

dier's lifeline home. It was in the letters that they shared with family as much as they could, snippets of the trials and tribulations of war, and offered a glimpse into what it was really like on the front lines and in the trenches. Soldiers gave just enough information so his milk back home knew the grim reality of what war entailed without giving them too much reason to worry. For the milk back home, receiving the handwritten letters was at least reassurance that their loved ones were still alive and gave them hope for the future.

"Then I am again with one or my long overcast morale boosters as you milk on the home front," wrote Tapp. "I cannot give you a very clear picture of our life over here due to so many reasons. But you can bet that it is not all sunshine. But neither is it all rain either. It takes the grim side of our combat to bring out a man's true qualities and capabilities. Many of our real night glory moments are not words -

when the going is rugged. Personally, I would never or almost the war for anything."

Cpl. Tapp went on to be awarded a military medal for his part in securing their ammunition and heavy weapons artillery after being fired upon, allowing his Regiment to advance. According to the "Trace of War" website, Cpl. Tapp accomplished this was single-handed and with complete disregard for his personal safety. His courage and determination under fire were an inspiration to all ranks taking part in the action.

Mail seemed to be more heavily censored during WWI than WWII, partly for fear that war secrets and plans for attack might fall into enemy hands, and partially it was in an effort to only report the "good" news of war in order to keep up morale back home and not let down in the second horrors of war. Anything that the government and postal officials felt was questionable information was struck out with its address block and before reaching its destination.

However, despite best attempts by the government to keep sensitive information from reaching back home, there was the odd one that made it through. This one was written by Hightower, to his sister back in Canada.

France 11/10/18 - "...a couple of weeks ago the 10th Dragoons decided to make a night march on a home-front village where our Canadian pals in 30 it was decided that the 10th and 11th Dragoons would go on the Canadian front and our 10th Dragoons had had some Canadian soldiers in the last three months. The idea was to capture about 100 yards of the front line and the ground in as much behind it. Then we would retire with the prisoners if they were not all killed and machine guns and blow up some of their fortifications. Volunteers were called for and about 10 picked from them and I was one. So we spent nearly two weeks planning and working out how to do it."

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trenches last night so I will  
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mail this week but none from  
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# Best Historical Story – 1<sup>st</sup>

## Marcie Harrison

### Erickson

### South Mountain Press

## Rewriting history one word at a time

>> Avis Stitt working to preserve journal of Rossburn pioneer J.J. Stitt, which covers Riel Rebellion and early settlement

MARCIE HARRISON

South Mountain Press

Avis Stitt wasn't sure exactly what it was, but her diary was something intriguing about a rolled-up collection of papers she found back in 1960.

At the time, she and her husband Don were going through the house that had belonged to his grandparents, Joseph and Ann Stitt. The younger couple had gone to live down the building and make room for a garage next to their Rossburn home, where Avis still resides. Don has since moved into a personal care home.

Although Don didn't seem interested in the unassuming papers, curiosity got the best of Avis.

"Well, what is it?" I thought," said Avis during a recent interview.

Upon closer inspection, she discovered the papers were an unbound journal written by Joseph, affectionately known as J.J. The journal contains memories and other narratives of his life from the time he left his home in Ontario at the age of 16, and covers his experience during the Riel Rebellion or war, and others a look at his later working in Rossburn.

"It was like finding a treasure," said Avis, referring to the pages covered in Joseph's handwritten thoughts, time of day, time of year, and other details in pencil on unlined paper, each one neatly numbered. Jumping by the way his words flow, Joseph had the heart of a writer, recording more than just the facts, although he does include plenty of those as well.

His opening address covers basic geographical information. "I was born at Simsbury, ON, was, being one of a family of 11, some brothers and some sisters. I was the second youngest and only two years old when my mother died leaving my mother as being up the large family."

Joseph also reveals the guiding presence his mother played in his life, mentioning her parting words to him when he headed up the farm over camps of Michigan in 1870.

"My mother's counsel and words of parting have remained with me all the years of my life, particularly her reading of Matthew 23:37, 'O that thou knewest the Kingdom of God and the righteousness and all things that be added unto you.'"

Joseph and his late mother work also paid the a month, however, in 1870, Joseph returned to Canada as the spring of his mother, who wanted Joseph to head to western Canada with his brother James.

Katy in their journey the



NOTE: Avis Stitt at Rossburn with the pages written by J.J. Stitt. PHOTO: J.J. Stitt

brothers took up with Mr. Ross, Mr. Fred and Mr. Brodhead, who were on a side in Rossburn, explained Avis.

Still clearly familiar with Joseph's words, she is decipher his creative writing without any difficulty. His is what's always like that, said Avis.

"The real is the journal a new story and it's taken a bit to get the community," said Avis, adding that there is no punctuation.

Although she's had the journal for many years, it wasn't until the winter that Avis decided to rewrite Joseph's words in her own hand, with plans to have them typed up.

Why is that? Because the pages have become quite fragile and Avis said it's no longer safe to handle them. In order to preserve Joseph's original work, Avis has placed the pages, which characteristically are numbered, one side-one above and placed them in clear, protective covers.

Then during the course of a week or so, she painstakingly read each word once

page as it is and transcribed them into new covers or paper.

Why just these pages? It came out that somebody had seen the journal before Avis did. A good copy, she said, J.J. Stitt, 1860-1862. The Memorial and Short Narrative of the Years 1860-1862, or 'Rebellion Papers' was displayed as a family reunion years ago. However, it was incomplete, with pages in it missing from the typed text.

Avis also noticed that some writing of Joseph's original words had been done, so she decided to create a complete, unbound version of his journal for future generations.

Not only does the document contain valuable information about Joseph's life, it also shares his perspective on a personal point in history – the Riel or Rebellions in 1869, which put an end to the North-West Rebellion and resulted in the capture and eventual execution of Metis leader Louis Riel.

By this time, Joseph and his brother, James, had been homesteading just north of

Rossburn for six years. While James had taken a wife, Joseph was still single and "like a ship without a rudder until the spring of 1869."

It was then that Joseph joined the Rossburn Scout, under the command of Major Rossburn or Rossburn, and journeyed through Manitoba, SK and the Red River Valley to meet at the Rossburn to do some of his Rossburn and his followers.

He stayed on the same

deserted persons or his experience of the war and the North-West Rebellion and came it up by saying, "That our governments in time and we will have back and done their duty, the central rebellion would never have happened as much of our warriors had been here and as all are loyal as dear King and country, it is all done."

When the time passed, Joseph returned to Rossburn and settled down himself with wife, Ann. They raised 11 children and enjoyed all that life had to offer. Joseph made mention of his own time, a debauched society, of riots and dances, and the one popular sports days at Riel, Rossburn, St. John's and sometimes some other events.

Joseph also talked about his time at Lake 12, which featured a tremendous herd and deer range.

In later years, Joseph and Ann moved to town. However, Joseph often traveled up the river and drove out to the farm to pick up a bunch made by his daughter-in-law and delivered it to the gate out in the field.

This memorial was still in the family up until a few years ago.

Now, thanks to Avis' efforts, Joseph's words will remain in the family for generations to come.

"The quiet proof to be able to do that," she said, "was a memorial to Joseph. It was could say anything or not, Ann said she would thank him for writing his story."

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- Mayor, Town of Stonewall

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**Tracey Malone**  
- Financial Advisor, Interim Insurance Services/The Co-operators

I believe that readership of The Stonewall Teulon Tribune should never be underestimated by small business and government alike when it comes to sending a message. I track carefully where our business comes from and although a lot is attributed to client referrals, just as much is because our neighbours are reminded of us weekly and we are a natural choice. The people that are dedicated to keeping up with what's happening in their community are the clients we feel we share our values with closely and those are the relationships we are looking to create. Besides bringing in business, the Tribune keeps up to date on the important and amazing things our clients and their neighbours are doing everyday. Never an issue goes by that I don't see someone I know showcased for something wonderful they are doing. And it feels good to be a part of that.

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# Best Local Editorial on a Business Topic – 3<sup>rd</sup>

Eric Westhaver

## Flin Flon The Reminder

# Turn rock cuts into art galleries

Flin Flon's Main ARTery project will start the beautification of the region by creating a sort of hanging gallery, with dozens of banners showing local art all the way down Main Street. Good start, but I think Flin Flon has more potential than that – though I'm not 100 per cent sure if what I'm about to suggest is legal.

We already have square kilometre after square kilometre of rock cuts around this area, quite a few of which are already full of graffiti. Some of them are quite tasteful and some of them are outright funny – the (in?)famous "Helmet and Pete" on the rock near Big Island comes to mind.

That said, there are a few that are just... nasty. How many penises do we need on the rocks? Do we really need three between Cranberry Portage and Flin Flon? Do we even need one?

The caliber of Flin Flon's arts community has arguably our town's worst kept recent secret. When it comes to performing, painting, drawing, sculpting or anything else artistic, Flin Flon punches above its weight. We know that.

I think we're just beginning to tap into how we can use our artists to make something noteworthy here. We have the ability to create art that screams "Flin Flon" more than maybe anything else.

With that said, why

## In our words

ERIC WESTHAVER

■ We have the ability to create art that screams "Flin Flon" more than maybe anything else.

don't we combine two quintessential Flin Flon things – rock art and conventional art – and give anyone heading into town a little visual treat?

Imagine driving into Flin Flon and driving through a huge tableau of the aurora borealis painted across the rock cuts near Big Island. I don't think that would ever get old.

We could have local artists do this or even make this a contest, bringing in outside artists, acclaimed taggers, mural artists, creating a gallery on a massive scale.

Now, let's address some concerns with that plan. I know there are people within Flin Flon who dislike

rock graffiti, who find it to be an eyesore. I'm inclined to agree in some instances – especially when the imagery is inappropriate.

That said, having murals or planned art pieces by skilled painters really be worse than someone spraying yet another F-bomb or set of genitals up there?

There's the issue of whether all this painting would be bad for the environment. That makes sense, since spray paint canisters, like all aerosols, are harmful for the environment and compounds in the paint can sometimes run off due to weathering, erosion and all manner of conditions.

Using paints that are either low in volatile organic compounds (VOCs) or that don't contain them at all could answer that. These paints don't have the same nasty chemicals in them that some paints contain – some forms of paint even absorb VOCs.

What if there's a small rockslide and the painting is ruined? What if some ruffian with a can of spray paint shows up and spray paints an expletive on our hypothetical Northern Lights tableau? These are

all good questions, but what prevents people from doing that now? Most pieces, sans a few notable cases like the Hook Lake Pride heart, have not been painted over. It's not like we don't have enough space for people to tag.

And of course, there's the big question: whether this is legal or not. Has anybody been arrested recently for spraying graffiti (barring obscenities) on a rock? Who governs that property? Sustainable Development? Highways? Is one department going to say it's their responsibility, only for the second department to say it's the first one's job? I honestly don't know.

However, I would guess that if organized through the proper channels, some sort of compromise could be worked out if necessary. After all, this would be different from teenagers spraying their names on the rocks – we're talking about artists here.

If what I'm suggesting is out of bounds and against the law, then please burn this column after reading and leave a smart aleck comment online.

The baseline is this – we're already using art as a way to spruce up our city. Why not go all out? Why not take a part of our landscape that isn't that appealing and turn it into something unique, something beautiful?

# Best Local Editorial on a Business Topic – 2<sup>nd</sup>

Shawn Bailey

The Dauphin Herald

## Keep your dollars at home

Most people understand the importance of shopping at home in local, small businesses which, when supported by the community reciprocate through job creation and unwavering support of community organizations, sports teams and charities.

That idea of shopping locally is even more important during the holiday season currently upon us. Surveys indicate some small businesses make up to 70 per cent of their annual income during the Christmas shopping season many refer to as "harvest."

That is why a Canadian Federation of Independent Business survey revelation that many Canadian shoppers are taking part in an exercise called "showrooming" is so disturbing.

Showrooming is when shoppers visit local businesses to try out or learn about a product, but then buy it from a big box store or online competitor.

And while the concept might sound harmless, it is a big problem for small businesses with 60 per cent of retailers taking part in the survey indicating they have experienced showrooming and one-third of those indicating it has had a significant impact on their businesses.

In a separate poll of shoppers, 55 per cent admitted to showrooming. Those aged 18 to 34 were more likely to take part in the exercise than older consumers with three-out-of-four indicating they have participated in showrooming.

Small retailers here in rural Manitoba are more than willing to share their expertise and help customers make informed and intelligent decisions. But they have suppliers to pay, rent and property taxes to worry about and employees that need their wages.

While one consumer's incident of showrooming might seem harmless, when added up it is the entire community that is suffering - the minor hockey teams that do not get new jerseys or the community food bank which can not fill all the applications for hampers.

Would you sit down in a restaurant to read the menu and get cooking tips from the chef before heading to the grocery store. Of course not. So why would you quiz a small business owner about that new big screen television before logging into your Amazon account and ordering it online.

Small businesses have enough challenges without being exploited by their community.

This holiday season shop at home at businesses owned by your friends and neighbours.

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# Best Local Editorial on a Business Topic – 1<sup>st</sup>

Kate Jackman-Atkinson

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## Off? To work?

On any statutory holiday at any time of the day or night, I can make a few taps on my phone and buy just about anything I want. Unfortunately, I can't do the same in person. The reason isn't economics, or the availability of staff, and it isn't the case across the board. The reason is a jumbled mess of provincial regulations that guide which types of business can be open on holidays and which can't.

Like the original legislation that restricted

Sunday shopping, mandatory holiday closures are well intentioned to ensure that workers can enjoy a day

of rest. Except that times have changed and exceptions were made. Some make sense, some don't. For example, allowing restaurants, pharmacies, hairdressers, boat and motor vehicle rental, repair and service shops and gas stations to open means that fewer people will find themselves stranded.

But then the law was loosened to meet our recreational desires. In addition to recreation, businesses with educational, recreational or amusement purposes are allowed to be open, as are tourist and recreational facilities, including amusement resorts. The times when most people aren't working are when we most want these businesses to be open and exceptions were made.

And then there are the questionable exceptions. For example, retailers selling only grocery stock, flowers, garden supplies and accessories can be open. As well as those selling just fresh fruit and vegetables. These are neither recreational opportunities nor necessities. How about businesses that sell liquor or cannabis? They too are allowed to be open. Finally, businesses that operate with four or less employees, including the owner, can be open. While municipal bylaws can allow retailers to open on Sundays and on Louis Riel Day, Victoria Day and Thanksgiving Day, businesses other than those with specific exceptions can't be open on New Year's Day, Good Friday, Easter Sunday, Canada Day, Labour Day or Christmas Day.

The obvious problem is that many businesses can find themselves in a position where they must be closed, while their competitors don't. A grocery store will be a pharmacy must be closed, while a pharmacy that sells grocery items can be open.

Legislation that was intended to help workers has in fact created different classes of workers. Most workers enjoy a paid day off on these statutory holidays and most people who work get paid time and a half, but that isn't always the case. Employees who work at a gas station, hospital, hotel, restaurant, place of amusement, continuously operating business, climate-controlled agricultural business, seasonal industry (including construction), or as a domestic worker, can just be paid regular wages for work on the holiday, if they are provided with another day off with general holiday pay (regular wages for a day of work) within the 30 days following the holiday. In most of these fields, staff are entry-level workers, usually working at lower wages and with fewer protections. They aren't in a strong position to get the day off and aren't even rewarded for their work by making more money.

Not only has consumer behaviour changed – many Manitobans would like to shop on their holidays – so too has the nature of businesses themselves. Businesses are expanding into other markets and having different rules for different types of businesses is largely out of sync. It's time to modernize our shopping laws to better reflect the reality of today's retail climate. The convoluted laws don't really help workers most in need of protection or the many workers who would like the opportunity to work for a higher wage on a statutory holiday. Scrapping the rules governing holiday shopping doesn't mean that all businesses would be open – I suspect many would still close because of the higher costs – but all businesses would have the option to open, if it's what they and their customers want.

### MY PERSPECTIVE

KATE JACKMAN-ATKINSON



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# Silage Vandalism on Highway #3



Owen and Teana Taylor stand over the remains of the ruined silage wrap south of their ranch.

DAVID MUMFORD PHOTO



Anew and Mitch Deacon with their children Korie, Izzyden and Gavin next to the doors or unattached bales out of the nearby roos that were vandalized on three farm sites.

Katie McInnes

"Sentinel," the word Brian Deacon used to describe the damage inflicted on his son Mitch's farm in the early hours of Thursday August 29.

Deacon Land & Cattle sits along Hwy 3, east of Melfort, MB - just a few short miles from neighbour Taylor Triplett Farm. Three farm sites were victims of a sickening act of vandalism - nearly 1000 silage bales had been sliced open overnight, exposing their contents to the harmful night air. It wasn't until the morning that Mitch and his father in law, Don McIntyre, discovered the damage while looking out the window over their

"I see holes," said Don, his eyes narrowing what should have been a seamless row of nearly 4500 bales. Instead, white plastic wrapped bales.

Mitch alerted his neighbour Owen Taylor, suggesting he had better check his own silage bales, placed neatly next to the highway, while Mitch hurried to check on the 250 at Melfort corner. Owen discovered his

own 280 bales had seen the sharp end of a knife - and had been exposed to air since some time in the night.

Manitoba RCMP were called on scene to investigate, but the ranchers were not optimistic that there would be enough evidence to identify a suspect. There were no tire tracks in the field - the perpetrator had walked along each row, and neatly dragged a knife along the plastic wrap. They had even stopped part way through, turned around, and tossed their blade on the next row without finishing the first.

The devastation of losing winter cattle feed can't be overstated - especially in a year like this one. Twelve municipalities in the Interlake and Parkland regions have declared a state of agricultural emergency due to dry conditions over 2018 and 2019, resulting in severe feed shortages.

Many ranchers are destocking due to skyrocketing feed prices. The act of vandalism experienced by the Taylor and Deacon would be enough to ruin any

rancher - and if it weren't for their surrounding community. They may have been in a truly precarious position.

By 10 a.m. on Thursday morning, help had poured in - ranchers, bale wrappers and bale wrappers were on the scene to begin the heavy job of re-wrapping the bales.

The Deacons and Taylors had help from Joe and Sheldon Gardiner, Boyd Mullin, Mack Feltz, Tim Stone and David Chelkowski, with offers from countless others. Extra silage wrap had to be purchased, a trailer and tractor towing those Taylor Anna Deacon and Joe McIntyre were kept busy cooking for the volunteers who showed up to help.

Amazingly, by the end of the day, the cows were able to re-wrap almost all the bales and get them moved off of the highway. "I don't know how we would have done it without these people," remarked Mitch, shaking his head. "Without their help, we would have lost them all."

The seriousness of the act is hard to overstate. Was there any doubt

involved? Neither family can think of a person who would wish them harm. Controversy debates around plastic use could point to motive of an ecologically minded vigilante, but as Owen pointed out, "We had to use double the amount of plastic to get them baled again, not to mention the diesel fuel for the tractor - it just doesn't make any sense."

All the silage wrap, fuel, man hours and potentially spoiled bales weren't insurmountable against vandalism - so the chances of the Deacon and Taylor seeing those bales again are almost nil. The latest themselves are worth an estimated \$90-\$100 each in feed value, with the price of wrap at \$7 per bale - the cost add up quickly.

It will take time and feed tests to know for sure if the bales are saved - but the frustration of labour lost is one of the hardest parts to accept. "You work so hard to time everything just right," described Teana, "calculating every little thing to get the best possible feed for your animals - it's all just such a loss."



SILAGE SEALS is the sealing of high moisture green feed in bales in an airtight upright position. This allows preservation of feed with maximum nutrient and baled in rows. One method is to wrap large round bales tightly in plastic film to protect from air and microorganisms. If exposed to air, the bales can rot and become inedible to livestock.

DAVID MUMFORD PHOTO

Lost too, is the trust both families felt losing their feed along the highway. The carefully placed bales would have doubled their use, by blocking drifting snow close to the yards, and been accessible for easy feeding through the

winter. But now they've been moved away from the field where the ryegrass and clover and barley were grown and cut and baled, away from the passing traffic, and away from the busy hands of a combine, harvesting round.

Best News  
Story – 3<sup>rd</sup>

Katie McInnes

Pilot Mound  
The Sentinel Courier



# Teulon council attempts to strip mayor of duties

By Evan Matthews

The Mayor of Teulon is now under a microscope, as the majority of council has voted in favour of reducing her roles and duties, making her a figure-head of sorts.

On July 9, council introduced two motions and several bylaw amendments to address what Deputy Mayor and Coun. Mike Ledamney is calling "significant, unresolved concerns negatively affecting the town and council's ability to function effectively."

In response to the Tribune, Ledamney said scaling back the mayor's duties is the right call and a last resort.

"Discussions regarding how to move forward with the council, while protecting the integrity of the administration, were had between myself, Coun. (Darryl) Hutchinson and Coun. (Ray) Girardin," said Ledamney.

"We have continued concerns regarding the mayor's pattern of behaviour despite our repeated attempts to address this behaviour and work together."

In response, Mayor Debbie Kozyna has asked for Ledamney's resignation.

"Mr. Ledamney, with the assistance of CAO Doreen Song and ACAO Ashley Michalski, have placed a press release to the public on the Town of Teulon's website ... (and) do not have a resolution from council or the authority to do so," said Kozyna, also requesting to have the press release removed from the town's website.

"Ledamney is in direct breach of the code of conduct in regards to the Municipal Act, and I hereby request your resignation as councillor and deputy mayor.... I'm also requesting a public apology to myself and to the citizens of the Town of Teulon from Mr. Ledamney."

As of Monday, July 15, the press release remained on the town's website.

## Most recently

Since taking their respective seats in October 2018, there have been a number of issues dividing council, including the mayor's campaign expense claims, the public process relating to the closure of Main Street South, and the classification of recording expenses, among others.

The typical vote has gone three (councillors Girardin, Hutchinson and Ledamney) to two (Mayor Kozyna and Coun. Barb Mankiwich).

Most recently, the three male council members have alleged Mayor Kozyna would not fulfil her duty as a signing authority, which forced Deputy Mayor

Ledamney to act as signing authority.

Kozyna claimed she had concerns relating to the (legal) document she was supposed to sign and was unwilling to sign such a document until her concerns were addressed.

However, councillors Girardin, Hutchinson and Ledamney responded by saying once council has made a decision and subsequent vote, it is within the mayor's duties (as outlined in the Municipal Act and code of conduct) to follow through on the decision.

But failing to sign legal documents relating to the town is not a one-off, according to the three male councillors.

"The mayor has displayed this behaviour since taking her seat in October 2018. She has publicly derided the services provided by employees of Manitoba Infrastructure, unfairly accused the (Teulon) administration of doctoring documents, and falsely implied wrongdoing regarding the recording of expenses," said Ledamney.

"Further examples have been addressed in meetings of council and during in-camera sessions."

The three councillors, in a press release written by Ledamney, have also accused Kozyna of making inaccurate and negative comments about town employees and other council members in public forums, refusing to sign legal documents or proceed to take action on matters previously approved by council because she personally disagreed with the decision, attempting to incur legal fees on behalf of the town without council authorization, and engaging with outside parties on issues that affect the town before consulting with council members or committees.

## Public perception

During the July 9 meeting, despite introducing the two motions and proposed bylaw amendments that would strip the mayor of many duties including acting as signing authority, chairing meetings, the membership of committees, and being the spokesperson on town matters, Hutchinson said council has no desire to remove Kozyna from her position.

Hutchinson's remarks were met with an eruption of laughter from those in the gallery, to which the mayor had to call order.

Rather than remove the mayor from council, as defined in current town bylaws, the deputy mayor (Ledamney) would assume many of these responsibilities to help ensure council can



deputy mayor Michael Ledamney



Mayor Debbie Kozyna

function effectively.

Ledamney also added the proposed changes do not affect the mayor's ability to participate in council discussions or her vote on council decisions.

Publicly and online, many of Teulon's residents say that councillors Girardin, Hutchinson and Ledamney are undermining democracy.

However, Ledamney could not disagree more on whether or not the council is undermining democracy.

"The decisions made by the majority of council is democracy. Over the past eight months, council has been made to focus on past decisions of council. This has prevented council from moving forward to serve the taxpayers and residents of Teulon," said Ledamney.

"No one, not residents, taxpayers or council benefits from the current state of affairs. The majority of council has repeatedly said that we need to be united. We can disagree on any issue, but once that issue has been decided — it is in the code of conduct — that we all support that decision."

Kozyna asserted incumbent Mayor Bert Campbell, who held the position of mayor since 2002, the same year Ledamney first took his seat.

The rest of council, however, ran unopposed and were acclaimed to their seats in 2018.

The two motions introduced by council and the proposed bylaw amendments went through first reading, but they ultimately need three readings to pass.

For the time being, Kozyna retains all duties associated with being the mayor.

## Is this unprecedented?

Ledamney said the municipal act does, in fact, allow for changes to be made to the mayor's duties and roles on council.

If second and third readings of the two motions and proposed bylaw amendments do pass, this would not be the first time in Canada that a mayor has been stripped of certain roles and responsibilities.

Media outlets the Toronto Star and Maclean's magazine documented multiple instances at the time.

In 2013, the Toronto city council stripped many of then-mayor Rob Ford's budget power, ability to set key agenda matters and so on. Not dissimilarly to what is being proposed in Teulon, Ford continued as mayor but more symbolically than anything else.

Later, in 2014, following Toronto's lead, a town called Gilbride, just north of Edmonton, went through a very similar process. At the time, in a public statement as reported by media, council labelled then-mayor Doug Horner as unprofessional and said he had a short temper and used threatening behaviour.

The same thing happened to mayors in Port MacLeod, Alta., as well as Manning, Alta.

## Campaign expenses, and legal advice

Kozyna said she received a response of the Provincial Department of Municipal Affairs, in which they told her in relation to her campaign expenses and the alleged breach of the municipal act, that it would be between her and council to come to a resolution.

Council has spent roughly \$6,000 on legal fees relating to the mayor's campaign expenses in date but has not received any final advice.

"Once the facts are obtained, a legal opinion will be rendered," said Ledamney.

"We want to move forward with the many issues facing our community."

Best News Story – 2<sup>nd</sup>

Evan Matthews

The Stonewall  
Teulon Tribune

# Best News Story – 1<sup>st</sup>

Patricia Barrett

Gimli  
The Express  
Weekly News

## Lake Manitoba Narrows residents barbecue and share fuel in aftermath of storm

By Patricia Barrett

People living in The Narrows were still without power last Wednesday after a severe autumn snowstorm on Oct. 10 and 11 crumpled over 100 hydro transmission structures and damaged thousands of poles across the southern region of province.

Situated between the north and south basins of Lake Manitoba, The Narrows lost power the evening of Oct. 11. And so hours without power turned into days, residents fired up their barbecues and shared fuel with those most in need.

"You wouldn't believe how good the majority of people are. People in cottage country here, they come out and wanted a hand checking on things, and they turned around and gave me two pulls of gas," said Narrows resident Blair Clahon last Wednesday.

"Then I ran to Ashton today to get propane for generators and for cooking and they had sold out. But there was a nice young man there I know and he says to me, 'There's a 100-gallon tank by my house, Blair. You just go take whatever you need.'"

By Wednesday about 25 Narrows residents were still without power, said Clahon, but were holding their own in the aftermath of the storm.

"We're quite creative. We're eating off our barbecues. We've been eating a lot of barbecued stuff," he said.

He's using a generator to keep his freezer and fridge opening, and for warmth he said he's "up to three blankets, but some people are up to five."

Living without power is especially challenging when it's accompanied by flooding. Clahon said water pooled around weeping tiles and a pump hole in his basement, causing it to flood as the storm brought heavy wet accumulations of snow, and he had to get a pump going using his generator.

Clahon lived through the massive flood of 2013 on Lake Manitoba and is no stranger to natural disasters in

the region, but he said he's never experienced anything like this before in terms of damages to the power grid.

"And when I talked to my 76-year-old cousin, he tells me he's never in his life seen this. Isn't it awful funny what's happening here the last number of years?" said Clahon. "We're seeing things like the big flood; we never seen a flood like that before. Or the wildfires we had. And we never seen a storm like this."

He was hoping the region would have received more support from the government to help people deal with the aftermath of disasters, he said. This year's hay and feed crisis, for instance, which arose as a result of two years of extremely dry weather, has had a major impact on cattle farmers in the area.

"We've been dealing with a lot of things in this area, and I don't think we're getting the help we need," said Clahon. "We're still not over 2013 here."

Manitoba Hydro's response, on the other hand, has been a "highlight" of the storm and hasn't gone unnoticed, he said.

"I'm very impressed with the hydro crews, the way they're moving," said Clahon. "They came from all over and are working together."

A graphic Hydro posted on its Twitter account Oct. 16 showed extensive power outages running along the south basin of Lake Manitoba as well as along both sides of the north basin, affecting dozens of communities, including First Nations.

SaskPower, Hydro One (Ontario) and Minnesota Power are helping Hydro deal with the damage and 800 personnel have been deployed throughout the Interlake, Dauphin and Portage la Prairie regions, according to an update Thursday.

Hydro has to rebuild over 100 crum-



EXPRESS PHOTO BY PATRICIA BARRETT

The storm snapped the tops of transmission towers across the region.



PHOTO COURTESY OF MANITOBA HYDRO TWITTER

Hydro outages as of Oct. 16 at 3:53 p.m.

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# MAMMA MIA

Months of hard work and rehearsal, production 6, which hit the floor of the city's largest theatre, the Pils Community Centre, for a three-day run. The

production will have the chance to perform at the Pils Community Centre for a three-day run. The

PHOTO BY ERIC WESTHAVER



Original lead actress (left) and lead (right) are featured in the production of Mamma Mia.



Three of the performers (left, middle and right) are featured in the production of Mamma Mia.



The production of Mamma Mia is the result of the efforts of the Pils Community Centre.



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## Skills from the past on display at threshing event



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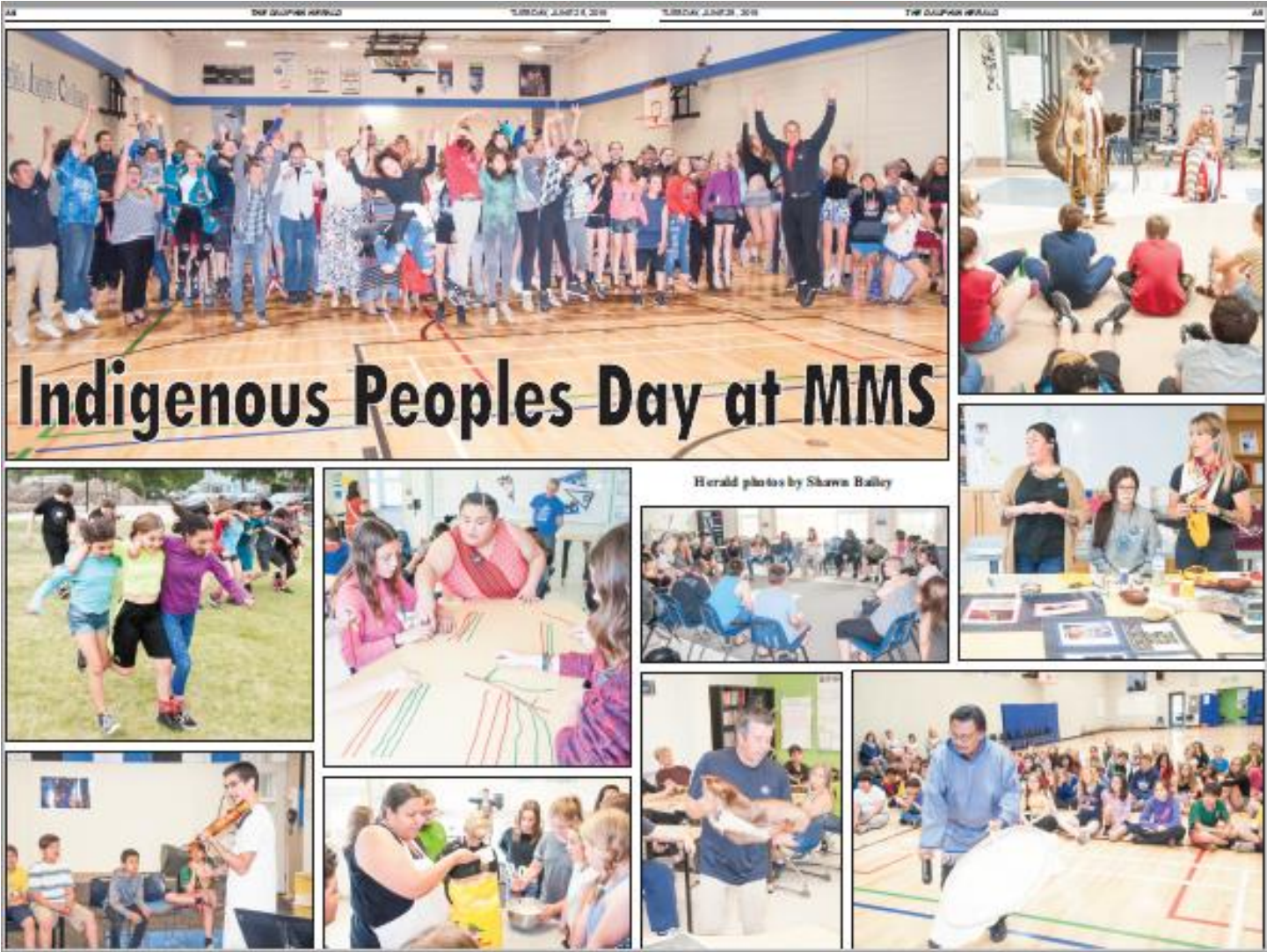
The Rocklands Antique Club threshed two wagons of shavies at the Red Barn in honour of the club's 50th anniversary this past Saturday. The club purchased a 1928 John Deere threshing machine from a former member, the late Bob Appleyard, and held the event in his honour.



Best Photo Essay – 2<sup>nd</sup>

Lana Meier

The Stonewall  
Teulon Tribune



Best Photo Essay – 1<sup>st</sup>  
Shawn Bailey – The Dauphin Herald



# Best Special Section – 3<sup>rd</sup>

## The Stonewall Teulon Tribune



### The history behind Teulon's name and the meaning of the castle

By Gabrielle Piché

Those entering Teulon from the South of Highway 7 are greeted by a stone castle sign bearing the town's name.

The red-tinted "Welcome" message on the ground in front of the sign represents the town's hospitality, but the reason for the castle shape is less well-known.

Teulon's origin is a tribute to Charles C. Castle. Castle played a big role when the railway running through Teulon was new. The railway helped the town grow and prosper. As a thank you to Castle, Teulon's residents asked him to name the town.

Castle couldn't name the area Castle Town — there was already a Castle Town south of the border. Castle decided on the name "Teulon" because it was his wife's maiden name.

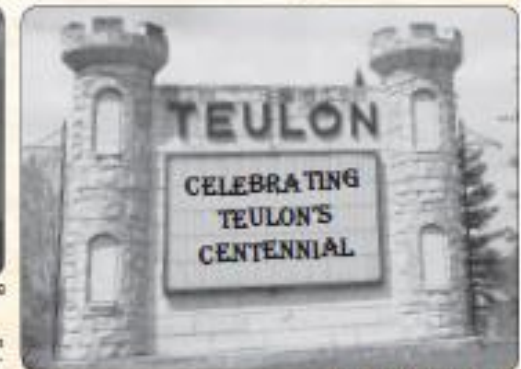
Castle and his wife, Clara, immigrated to Canada from Ireland in 1899. They lived on Castle Farm, in the area that would be Teulon, and raised six children.



A portrait of Charles C. Castle hangs in the Teulon civic centre.

Castle served as Winnipeg's grain commissioner while Sir Wilfrid Laurier was Prime Minister. Castle was also a champion of the Manitoba Grain Act, which passed in 1900. The act became the Canada Grain Act 12 years later.

Near the end of their lives, Castle



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Teulon's castle sign greets people as they drive down Highway 7.

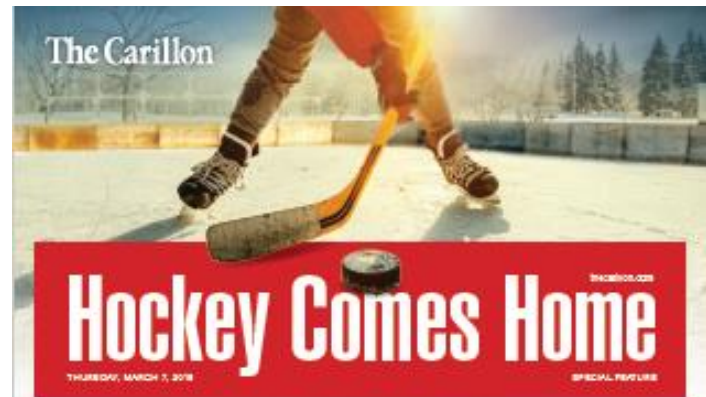
and his wife moved to Victoria, B.C., but his legacy lives in Teulon by the Castle died of a heart ailment in 1943, welcoming castle sign on Highway 7.





# Best Special Section - 2<sup>nd</sup>

## Steinbach The Carillon



Celebrating Steinbach's rich hockey history

### Huskies road to Allan Cup finals still ranks as most exciting season

by WYLLIE GIBSON

**T**his month Steinbach will be one of the 21 stops on the Rogers Huskies Hockey anniversary tour. The anniversary will have a one-day hockey exhibition that includes live entertainment and hockey-themed activities for the whole family.

The anniversary kicks off with an outdoor hockey game at a local arena. The Rogers Huskies Hockey anniversary tour will be a great way to celebrate the team's success.

As part of the Rogers Huskies Hockey anniversary tour, Steinbach will be part of a special event. The event will be a great way to celebrate the team's success.

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Steinbach Huskies players and coaches celebrating the Rogers Huskies Hockey anniversary tour.

coach Billy Hume and when spring rolled around, the Huskies found themselves on the back of a journey to the Allan Cup.

Then, in the Rogers Huskies Hockey anniversary tour, the Huskies found themselves on the back of a journey to the Allan Cup.

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The Rogers Huskies Hockey anniversary tour will be a great way to celebrate the team's success.

There were many who thought the Rogers Huskies Hockey anniversary tour was just a one-day event. But it was much more than that. It was a journey to the Allan Cup.

For "Hockey history" on 20



Best Special Section – 1<sup>st</sup>

Virden  
Empire-Advance





### **An uphill climb**

Dauphin Kings forward Carter Sawchuk takes a crosscheck to the throat from Swan Valley's Troy Quinn in game two of their best-of-seven quarterfinal series, Sunday night in Dauphin. The Kings find themselves trailing in the series, two-games-to-none and will look to get back in the series, Wednesday in Swan River. For more on the first two games of the series, see page B1. Quinn was assessed a high sticking penalty on the play.

*- Doug Zywna/Herald*

Best Sports Photo – 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Doug Zywna – The Dauphin Herald





Best Sports Photo – 2<sup>nd</sup>

Darryl Gershman – Beausejour – The Clipper Weekly



PHOTO BY ADAM PELESHATY

Rory Tycoles of the Stonewall Blue Jays jumps into the arms of teammate Orrin Hogue. Hogue scored the championship-winning run from Curtis Norquay's walkoff single in a 2-1 victory over the Saskatoon Outlaws to win their first Western Canadian Senior AA Baseball Championship at Fines Field in Stonewall on Aug. 18. For more coverage, see pages 9 and 10 of your *Stonewall Argus* and *Teulon Times*.

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Adam Peleshaty – The Stonewall Argus & Teulon Times

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Wahne to lead by example. I tried to be as vocal as I could and keep my organization, keep everyone's mouth shut.

Heads for the cooperative organisation will have been turned to the north-east by the time the 2000 season is over.

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"Gordon Lamont really took me under his wing last year and showed me the ropes," he said. "He seemed willing to do just about anything and was really into it. He had a lot of ideas and was a lot of fun."

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to be successful as I could and keep on my guard, keep everyone under a

Both the Klamath and Siskiyou counties have been designated as National Forests by the U.S. Forest Service.

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## Arborg native scores his first AHL goal

BY EVAN MATTHEWS

Arborg native Jarmaine Loowen did something few hockey players manage: they're accomplished by scoring his first career American Hockey League goal against the team he grew up watching.

The Wednesday evening, Loowen scored in a shot at 18:02 of the first period to lift his Chicago Wolves to a 2-2 victory over the Manitoba Moose at Bell MTS Place.

Loowen, 24, is a native of the first period, the Wolves' eighth night. Loowen — who measures 6'2" and 175 pounds — fought off a Moose defenseman and redirected the puck over goalie Collins Colquhoun's left shoulder for his first career AHL goal. Loowen was later named the game's first star.

A group of approximately 100 screaming fans from Arborg celebrated wildly in the stands, while Loowen and his teammates celebrated on the ice although they had through time that night's game (Chicago Wolves 2, Moose 2).

"I was absolutely stoked... It's really special, I'd never scored a goal before in my life," Loowen said.

"This team is really good, a group of guys here in Chicago, and they're all really happy for me, I have no more to be afraid of my family and friends like that. I always try to incorporate that for them, too."

"There has been a lot of growth and learning for me this year," he said, adding he's been working on his game since he was 10 and played for the AHL's Chicago Wolves and the first round of the NHL's draft. Loowen's 2019-20 season was his first in the AHL.

Being a hockey fan, Loowen said, it was difficult to get his team and coach to be more than a fan, as it is often other people in the game that get him on the ice.

Loowen's first AHL goal came in the second period. He's scored one goal and one assist in 10 games. "I think it's a great feeling," he said, adding he's been working on his game since he was 10 and played for the AHL's Chicago Wolves and the first round of the NHL's draft.

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Loowen with his family after the game.

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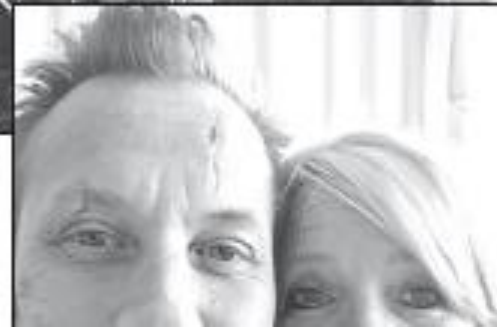
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*Photo by Mark T. Buss*

*Above: Members of the Springfield Fire Department worked feverishly to extricate Wischniewski following the collision.*



Best Spot News Photo – 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Mark T. Buss – Beausejour – The Clipper Weekly



**Lori Penner** Red River Valley Echo  
It was truly the end of an era on Sunday, Nov. 17, as the old Halbstadt Community Store went up in smoke as part of a controlled burn by Altona/Rhineland Emergency Services. The building served as the area's retail centre from 1919-2000. See page 9.

Best Spot News Photo – 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Lori Penner – Altona – The Red River Valley Echo





**GARAGE FIRE INFERNO** – Firefighters battle the blaze in Keith and Joan Kemp's large vehicle garage in Killarney on Wednesday night, after fire erupted and burned Keith, who was working under a car inside the building. Several classic cars and trucks were damaged in the ensuing blaze, and Keith was later airlifted by a STARS helicopter to Winnipeg's Health Sciences Centre, suffering from burns and smoke inhalation.

Best Spot News Photo – 1<sup>st</sup>  
Jay Struth – Killarney – The Guide





## Museum brings First World War to life

By Lorne Stelmach

A simulated gas attack became the feature highlight at the Manitoba World War One Museum on Sunday. The museum's sixth annual Day In The Trenches brought history to life by taking visitors through a number of historical re-enactments.

"I hope that people who witnessed this today got a better idea ... it's not Hollywood, it's showing the human trial and error, how they dealt with this ... and the immediacy when the gas alarm sounded," said Bruce Tascona, a military historian who created the La Sarras area museum.

"You can imagine it would be hard to breathe and of course function with the visibility and things of that nature. And the soldiers receiving the gas had to put on special gas masks, and then they had to still use their weapons."

"You can envision 500 men charging a trench with bayonets," he added. "You had to be a very solid, disciplined soldier to withstand that when you saw these people coming. They meant business."

In addition to being able to tour the museum's collection of war artifacts, visitors last weekend got to hear from volunteers in uniform on all aspects of life in the trenches.

Involved for the first time this year, Joe Winkler of Thunder Bay manned a section of the trench system set up on the museum's grounds.

"I'm really impressed with the museum. They've done a really good job

here," he said. "The amount of time and effort that's gone into putting together these trenches is awesome to see."

"It gives people a little taste of what it might have been like, minus the real flying bullets and gas, mind you," Winkler added. "It's one thing to read it in a book and it's another thing to see some of the tactics actually demonstrated."

"For our perspective, too, you learn what it might be like. How claustrophobic it is in a gas mask, for example," he said, adding he hoped people would "get an appreciation for what their relatives went through during the war. Most soldiers who returned from the First and Second World War were rather mum about the subject. They didn't really talk about it that much."

"I am very much a student of Canada's military history. I've studied it all my life and I've been a collector of artifacts for over 50 years," said fellow volunteer George Adams of Somerset, who was back for a fifth year.

"For me, it's my way of keeping alive the memories of the soldiers who made the ultimate sacrifice for Canada so we can have what we have today, the freedoms and all the amenities that we enjoy," he said. "Because the soldiers of Canada went off at the age of 16, 17 and committed the ultimate sacrifice. They gave their lives for us, and it's my way of honouring them."

"It is a living history presentation

volunteers tried to give visitors to the Manitoba World War One Museum a taste of what trench warfare was all about through re-enactments and presentations last Sunday at the sixth annual day in the trenches event.

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A volunteer discusses some of the equipment the average Canadian soldier would have been issued in the First World War.

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## > DAY IN THE TRENCHES, FROM PG. 3

... and everyone here is an expert in their different fields," noted Adams, who manned the casualty first aid station.

He hoped that visitors would go away with "an appreciation for what Canada's military has done for this country, so that they understand the sacrifices made, so they realize the commitment that was required by these soldiers ... so that Canada could

be better and that the world could be better and hopefully end tyranny. "It's my way of paying back their spirit."

Tascona was thrilled with how the day turned out, estimating about 400 people stopped by.

"I'm very ecstatic with the response. It had been non-stop cars coming in. I'm very pleased with the turnout."

"I HOPE THAT PEOPLE WHO WITNESSED THIS TODAY HOLLYWOOD."

# Best Tourism

# Lorne Stelmach – The Winkler Morden Voice

# The gritty history of RMNP

>> The transition from forest reserve to national park had a big impact on area residents

CANDY IRWIN  
for South Mountain Press

"Waggoning On Edge: Drinks, Debauchery and the Dirty Thirties" opens a glimpse into the grizzly history of Riding Mountain National Park (RMNP). The newly developed tour is so named, "because we want to communicate some of the grizzly history of Riding Mountain National Park (RMNP) - a little of the ugly underbelly that most visitors don't know about," explained RMNP Interpretation Coordinator, Ingrid Gies.

Although an officially declared a national park until May 26, 1926, the one-time forest reserve was not added as a national park in 1926. "This action was particularly important for people living in the area, so the stories need to be very interesting," said Gies.

A case in point is the 26-year-old, well-known tale of a Park Warden named Lawrence Lee. The motivation, it is believed, was the enticed occasion of hunting in the area - within being a resource upon which local hunters had come to rely.

Warden Lee, it has been said, was particularly disliked for showing no "fidelity" when it came to enforcing the new RMNP anti-poaching regulations.

Finally, at 11:30 p.m. on Wednesday, July 11, Clear Lake RCMP received a frantic and somewhat incoherent phone call from 26-year old Myrtle (p.k.a. Myrtle) Joyce Lee.

When RCMP arrived, they found Lawrence Lee dead from a single gunshot wound to the back and Myrtle, who had been shot in the head, barely clinging to life.

The only thing missing from the home was the warden's big book, leading police to assume that the killing must have been related to his job and likely perpetrated by someone local.

A subsequent search of the scene revealed a pile of cigarette butts near a bench in the rear of their home, indicating that the killer had "let in wait" for Lee.

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# Intriguing tales are sure to keep you entertained

from page 1

The investigation, centered around the community of Blackburn and area, ground to a halt because, said the July 11, 1926 edition of the Winnipeg Free Press, "Fear and intimidation is holding the lips of those who might give information and it is this deadly silence and inertia the police have to fight against."

"As the weeks turned to months, police were no closer to finding the murderer and the case soon faded from the public eye," said Winnipeg historical blogger, Christian Cassidy.

Myrtle, after whom the Clear Lake cruise vessel "The Marrow" was named, had been married to Lee for just over a month. The bullet wound she sustained occurred through the back of her neck and exited through her jaw. She recovered and never re-married, but went on to live and work in Winnipeg until her age-related death in 1981.

This is just one of the stories included in "Waggoning on Edge" tour, which continues all the end of April. If you attend this informative event, you will leave knowing that Expedition Guide Workers were kept busy and paid to meet a day because the government, or Prime Minister R.D. Bennett, didn't want

"unemployed men to become soldiers in a communist uprising."

You will also learn that besides having two pet horses named Rowhite and Jellyroll, Grey Owl (p.k.a. conservationist Archie Belaney), had one legitimate wife and two more bastards, mothering a total of four children.

And, maybe you'll cringe upon hearing the account of the indigenous people, living peacefully on their ancestral land (known as Arna at-A, located on roads to Lake Audy, who had their homes scorched by government authorities so that, once removed, they wouldn't be able to return.

These intriguing stories, and others that will make your experience come up, are highlighted by RMNP Interpretation Supervisor Stephanie Penner, as she guides people around Waggoning each Friday night until the end of March, weather permitting.

On brutally cold evenings, the 1.5 hour tour becomes a virtual one, with everyone relaxing, cozy around the fire at The Lakehouse, where the next conversation and end - with a drink

challenge and a beer (or alcoholic beverage or non-alcoholic).

You can call RMNP at 905-969-0000 or you can take a chance and show up at The Lakehouse in Waggoning, just prior to 6:00 p.m., wearing warm winter clothing and sturdy winter boots. Participants must be 18 years of age or over.

Candy Irwin is a freelance writer who lives in the Lake Audy area.

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Candy Irwin – Erickson – South Mountain Press

# In the Trenches

RE-ENACTMENT OF WORLD WAR I ON A PRAIRIE FARM

NANCY HOLMAN PHOTO



Nancy Holman

A haze of smoke helped to conceal the Canadian soldiers as they assembled from the trench, advancing against the German enemy. Crossing the barren "no man's land" between the Allied trenches and those of the Germans, the Canadians tried to find cover behind an old metal barrel, iron tracks, in a depression in the ground. Loaded with steel, mortar shells and even a rusty bicycle (the bomb-rotated tank). That bicycle is hanging as you think of the young cadet probably killed trying to get a message through to his superior. On this day, in this skirmish, the Canadian successfully captured the Germans and gleefully seized the enemy artillery gun.

This might have been a battle in World War I but it was actually a re-enactment staged on a Manitoba farm in the Silver Springs district

between Pilot Mound and La Rivière August 11, 2018.

Bruce Tassone and his wife Pam moved to the area seven years ago. They purchased a large, stately brick house which they turned into Silver Springs Bed & Breakfast. Bruce, a long time World War I history expert, has opened a WWI museum in the basement. Earlier this year Bruce was awarded the Lieutenant Governor's Award for Historical Preservation and Promotion by His Honour Jeanne Poirier. He has written books about the Great War and his decade of work, research and promotion of knowledge of that time have earned him accolades.

What was once a small hay field on his property has been transformed to a European WWI battlefield with the trenches dug deep into the prairie soil. As usually he holds "A Day in the Trenches" re-enactment on a summer and learn about "The

Great War".

Trench warfare was a system that epitomized the stalemate of World War I where the opposing armies literally "dug-in". Hundreds of miles of trenches zigzagged across the war front in Europe. First were the forward trenches or "front lines", then back from that the support trenches, then the reserve trenches, each built parallel to the other approximately 100 to 400 yards apart. The headquarters and hospital areas were back of the trenches well out of reach of enemy fire (supposedly).

A trench would have a branch off it for the latrine – one to the soldier who answered his commander – that soldier would have the duty of carrying the stinky pail back through the maze of trenches – and it may be at least a mile of zig-zagged trenches before it would be safe for that soldier to get above ground to empty it.

Trenches could collapse from mortar fire or more likely rain. They were cold and wet. Standing in muddy water in the trenches for hours and even days could lead to the dreaded "trench foot". Sometimes gangrene would develop and a soldier's toes or even his entire foot would have to be amputated.

Soldiers faced almost unbearable conditions of cold, wet, dark, filthy, and as well as the horrors of battle – both physical and emotional. "Shell shock" was common.

The re-enactment on this beautiful, sunny day gave the audience a tiny glimpse of the life on the European war front. Most of the modern day visitors walked away enlightened and thankful for the sacrifices the Canadian soldiers made in World War I – thankful and sad that war and conflict continue exist our world.



Bruce Tassone holds a gas mask and describes how chlorine gas and mustard gas were easily used in WWI.



The battle.



Canadian soldiers march the captured artillery gun back to their side.



With a baronet in his rifle, this young re-enactor demonstrated the proper 'stabbing' motions.



Conditions for horses weren't the best either. Penicillin hadn't been invented yet.

Most of these re-enactors are really decades older than the teen-age and young men who made up the majority of soldiers in the trenches. Scenarios and re-enactments were set up around the Tassone yard depicting different aspects of World War I: headquarters, tents and sleeping quarters, donning gas masks, rifles, communications, affixing a baronet and how to use it, field hospital, Stokes mortar weapons, snipers and more. Visitors would move to different stations about every 15 minutes – learning and observing about World War I.

## Best Tourism Story – 1<sup>st</sup>

### Nancy Holman

### Pilot Mound

### The Sentinel Courier



# St Malo's 'bag ladies' help homeless and environment

by DAVE BAXTER

**T**hey call themselves the 'bag ladies' and they're hard at work on a project that is helping the homeless to stay warm and comfortable, while also keeping plastic bags out of local landfills.

For more than a year a group of about 10 ladies in St Malo have been getting together in the basement of the St Malo Parish every Tuesday and creating plastic mats out of simple grocery bags.

Those mats are now being handed out by a number of Manitoba organizations who work to help the homeless, offering those who get their hands on one something to lay down on or cover themselves with.

The idea to start creating the mats first came to St Malo resident Eveline Tougas after seeing an online video about two years ago.

"I was watching a video on Facebook and they were making mats for homeless people out of plastic bags and right away I thought I would try it," Tougas said on Tuesday morning, while hard at work making mats at the St Malo Parish.

"The idea of it really excited me because it was doing two things at once, because it was helping the environment and also helping people."

Tougas said that when she first began making the mats she did it by herself and learned quickly how much work went into making each one.

"It was a slow process," she said. "I made seven mats during one winter and it took a good 20 hours just to make the first one."

Tougas also realized how many plastic bags she would need if she wanted to keep making the mats, as she said approximately 650 bags are used for every mat.

Tougas who said she has spent years trying to be environmentally conscious said she likes making the mats because of the amount of bags it keeps from going to the dump.

"We're saving a lot of bags from being thrown away," she said.

She added plastic bags donations now come to them from all over southeastern Manitoba.



Eveline Tougas, far left, Helene Lafantaisie, second from left, and the rest of the St Malo 'bag ladies' are all smiles on Tuesday while showing off one of the hundreds of mats for the homeless they have made out of plastic bags.

"Every time I meet someone I ask them to save bags for me because I am using them to make mats for homeless people and I think at first a lot of people thought I was a little cuckoo," Tougas said with a laugh.

One of the women who joins Tougas every Tuesday to work on the mats is her friend Helene Lafantaisie, and Lafantaisie has also taken on the job of counting how many mats they make and how many plastic bags they use.

She said that in the time the 'bag ladies' have been getting together they have made more than 115 mats using about 75,000 plastic bags in the process.

With Lafantaisie's daughter Christine being a regular volunteer with the Winnipeg-based

Bear Clan Patrol who regularly patrol the streets of Winnipeg's most vulnerable areas and offer assistance to those in need, the group have recently been donating the majority of their mats to the Bear Clan.

The mats are gifts the Bear Clan Patrol said have been put to good use both in the colder and warmer months of the year.

"When Christine first reached out and offered up the mats, I really had no idea what they were going to look like and I was pleasantly surprised to be sure," Bear Clan Patrol executive director James Favel said.

"I have seen community members use them to protect from the heat of the concrete on a hot summer day and I've seen community

members sleeping on the boulevard protected from the grime of the street by one of these wonderful creations.

"They are a brilliant design, simple and practical and we are blessed to receive them."

Tougas said she now hopes that residents in other communities who are interested in making the mats take the step and begin to make them so that more people can be helped and more bags can be diverted from landfills.

"My hope is that other communities will start doing the same," she said.

For more information about the project, where to donate bags or how to create mats call Tougas at 204-347-5803.

Better Communities Award— 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Dave Baxter – Steinbach - The Carillon

# The Pas Opasquia Times

In a study of 300, nine people are lost to words of instruction. The words were not complicated "we always work in teams," "one person is not a waste!"

Stopping to patrol in The Pass that night. At least three of them are wearing radar, another smaller radar display is mounted on the vehicle. Everyone grabs rubber gloves. The group heads out just after 6 p.m. on a prearranged route. The officers are accompanied by organizers who are to be walked and the group of five will break off into two teams to cover more areas along the route.

The first stop by The

Strooping under the train bridge, Stevens walks off the walking path, and the group of five is positioned at a point on the drag use paraphernalia and makes a point to be Michelle know when that "Claydy they get" can be seen. The officers and those close to them on their first patrol some of the buses to look out for. No chaps are found but some are seen. The officers and H.V. side by side are

by people driving by something, Michelle says, happy with results as you are a happy participant. In the end, you are out patrolling.

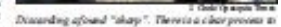
That night there was no noteworthy violence. The officers were virtually empty. Perhaps it was the snow that fell midway through the patrol, pushing the officers and the group of six out of sight.

"It was gross to see the participation from all the volunteers and feel that we were doing it right," says Organized into the House. Can Patrol. The Pass strengthen our community."

Commander Carlini said that the officers were the volunteers prior to their departure for the two-hour patrol.

TICRC, Co-Executive Director, said that the officers were the volunteers who did the first patrol.

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## Fighting to keep Glenelm green

Group begins replacing trees lost in neighbourhood to Dutch elm disease

BY SHELDON BIRNIE  
STAFF REPORTER

### GLENELM

If a tree falls in Glenelm, not only has someone heard it, but another tree will be planted to replace it.

Over the past few years, Glenelm residents have watched hundreds of mature elm trees were removed from local backyards by City of Winnipeg crews in the ongoing battle against Dutch elm disease. But rather than watch helplessly as their beloved canopy disappears, members of the Glenelm Neighbourhood Association decided to do something about it.

"This is going to be a real thing, but trees like this they're our neighbours," said Lisa Forbes, a member of CoEN's tree committee. "A couple of us just opened our doors and saw that our big trees were gone."

Last year, the group approached Martin Herxenthal, the City's head forester, for advice. Upon learning that the Urban Forestry Department is only budgeted to replace one of every two public trees that are removed, CoEN's tree committee began the process of securing funds to match the City's replacement efforts in their neighbourhood.

"We know there are so many situations on the public budget," Forbes said. "But this is a dedication of our two populations. We have three things happening at once, one disease and two huge killing our trees. It's not."

The group connected with Thom Winberg, and put together a proposal. On April 19, Councillor Scott Brison (Glenwood-East Kildonan) approved special funding of \$20,000 from his ward's fund allocation reserve for the project at a meeting of the East Kildonan-Transcona Community Committee. The application, which made an exception for the funds to be used on public boulevards rather than in a

park or other recreational space, then received unanimous support from city council.

On Sept. 20, an Ohio buckeye was planted in front of Glenelm School (50 Carmen Ave.), the first of six trees that will help replace those lost recently to DED in the area.

"With this, we feel a little less hopeless," said Thomas Demand-Vincent, a member of CoEN's tree committee at the event. "Planting trees is a gift to both the present, and the future."

After placing a ceremonial shovel full of soil on the tree, Schreyer, a Glenelm resident, noted that the elm in front of his house was cut down this summer and pledged to support the reforestation efforts in the area "as long as possible."

Meanwhile, one block to the south on Lebrun Avenue, City crews were removing a mature mature elm, one of over 20 that have been removed in Glenelm over the course of the summer.

Along with Dutch elm disease, local elm trees have also been falling prey to a pair of invasive species. Combined, the cankers will girdle, or girdling tree life, and the emerald ash borer are expected to decimate the city's entire ash population over the next 20 years.

"We have to get used to having a different landscape, because planting a monoculture is kind of what got us into this problem in the first place," Forbes said. "We won't have a canopy like this, but we will have a diversity of trees. We have to say goodbye to a lot of these trees, though I hope we can save some of them."

To combat the loss of elm and ash trees and increase biodiversity, the trees that will be planted in Glenelm this year include silver and white maple, golden lindens, and bur oak. American Sycamore, which has Elm Elm trees running along the boulevard, will welcome a number of ornamental shrubs: crab apple and Japanese blue tree.

Earlier in September, Mayor Brian Bowman challenged Winnipeggers to plant a million trees across the city over the next 20 years. Melissa Lawrence, another member of CoEN's tree committee, welcomed the challenge, with cautious optimism.

"I'd caution the mayor not to put the onus on public assets or community groups," Lawrence said.



Planting Sheldon Birnie

Kayla MacDonald shovels soil onto the Ohio buckeye planted in front of Glenelm School (50 Carmen Ave.), while Councillor Jeff Brison (North Kildonan) and Jason Schreyer (Glenwood-East Kildonan), and members of the Glenelm Neighbourhood Association's tree committee look on. The tree is the first of 13 that the CoEN has arranged to have planted in the neighbourhood to help replace elm trees lost to Dutch elm disease.

"It's a tough call when our leaders have authority to remove, but we hope to really speak about the trees in terms of the future they are," Forbes said.

While in the early stages of the project, CoEN connected with other neighbourhood associations, such as the Friends of Phoenix Park in Concordia, who are also dealing with deforestation in mature residential neighbourhoods. The groups are working towards holding a city-wide symposium on the subject on Oct. 28.

"We're hoping to have more money allocated to the City budget this year, so we're going to try to meet to talk about how we can move things politically for the City and province to put more money towards trees," Forbes explained.



Planting Sheldon Birnie

Hundreds of elm trees have been infected with Dutch elm disease over the past few years, like the one above (left) on Noble Avenue, which has been marked for removal. During the tree planting on Carmen Avenue, City crews were removing this mature elm (above), which has Dutch elm disease, one block south on Lebrun Avenue.

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Scouting out the Sandilands



Niverville Beaver Scout Sydney Duck is all smiles as he plants a jack pine seedling in a clearing along a fire road near St. Labre school.



Last splash of summer

Seven-year-old Wesley Duck of Blenheim cools off at the City of Steinbach splash pad near Jake Epp Library on a sweltering Monday afternoon that saw humidex values reach 38 C—double the normal daytime highs for mid-September. Tuesday's weather was equally warm, though the heat wave is expected to give way to cooler temperatures and showers on Friday and Saturday.

Starting with a smudge



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In the swing of things

Sarah Tebble, the eldest of three siblings who perform as Tebble Family Circus, twirls her way through an inventive and fast-paced hula hoop routine in front of an all-ages crowd assembled at SRSS Theatre on Friday evening. Her younger brothers, Jonathan and Jacob, followed with an impressive juggling performance. Magician Ryan Price opened the show, hosted by Steinbach Arts Council.

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Selkirk's Luke Fjelstad (top) and Will Miller (10) take down a St. Paul's ball carrier.



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# Reporter of the Year Dianne Hamill Memorial Award



The Manitoba Community Newspaper Association (MCNA) award recognizing the province's top reporter has been renamed in memory of a local journalist.

The Reporter of the Year – Dianne Hamill Memorial Award will be presented at the MCNA Better Newspaper Awards Competition and Banquet this year and moving forward to the individual recognized as Manitoba's top weekly correspondent.

A graduate of the Red River College Creative Communications program, Hamill worked for both the *Beausejour Review* (2003-2006) and *The Clipper Weekly* (2009-2017). She covered municipal politics, education and general news until her untimely passing in 2017 following a brave fight with cancer. She was 42.

During her career as a journalist, the Oakbank resident won multiple Manitoba Community Newspaper Association awards for writing excellence. Hamill's last victory was the 2015 award for Top Sports Story for her article *Orchard In the Best Shape Of Her Life (June 22, 2015)*, the story of Springfield fitness instructor Lori Orchard who reclaimed her body after beating cancer.

Following her own battles with cancer, Hamill participated in *Women: Redefined*, a book project showing what breast cancer looks like after surgery and reconstruction, agreeing to put her strength on full display as one of the models while helping with some of the writing.

The Reporter of the Year – Dianne Hamill Memorial Award is one of the highest individual accolades presented by the MCNA. It is sponsored by Clipper Publishing.

"Dianne was a dear friend, dedicated colleague and a talented writer, so this is a fitting tribute," said Clipper Publishing president Mark T. Buss. "When the opportunity finally came up within the industry to recognize her, it was our honour to sponsor the award that will now bear her name."

Mark T. Buss

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## Bonding like brothers with former Blue Bomber Mo Leggett

by Jennifer McFee

At first glance, it might seem like an unlikely pairing.

But a former Bombers player has formed a brotherly bond with a local nan he visits at the Stonewall hospital.

Mo Leggett earned accolades during the five years he played defence on the Winnipeg Blue Bombers. Now he's tackling a career shift through his work with Services Beyond Support. The Winnipeg-based organization employs support workers to assist challenged individuals in hospitals, homes and rehabilitation centres.

In September, Leggett began meeting with 35-year-old Michael Obsniuk during his prolonged stay at the Stonewall hospital. When he was four years old, Obsniuk was diagnosed with Prader-Willi Syndrome, a genetic disorder that impacts the 15th chromosome. This syndrome can affect the ability to metabolize food and to feel full, along with a long list of other areas.

The well-known athlete spends four days per week with Obsniuk, working odd shifts and resting at the hospital. "For me, it never started as a job. I

came to Stonewall previously at the local school for a Winnipeg Blue Bombers Manitoba campaign and I thought it would be interesting to come back here," said Leggett, who has homes in both Winnipeg and Atlanta.

"I'm here almost every day. It's 20 hours with Michael and then I go home for four hours to eat and shower. When I come back, I always bring him a healthy snack. I have a pillow and a blanket and a foam mattress here, so when he sleeps, I sleep."

When the duo is together, it's impossible not to notice the amusing banter and inside jokes that they share.

"Every now and then, I feel like we're twins. His mom told me that some people actually have trouble with Michael. But Michael's harmless. He's an angel," Leggett said.

"He actually grew on me a lot. It's never a dull moment and he's as petty as I am, so we go back and forth trying to mess with each other. It's kind of like a sibling relationship. It's very entertaining. He loves me but he won't admit it."

As for Obsniuk, who is a participant in The Company of Friends supported by Innovative Life Options, he said



Michael Obsniuk, his mom Kim and former Bombers player Mo Leggett are familiar faces at the Stonewall hospital.

he likes Leggett best when he brings him snacks.

"I miss him sometimes, but not as much as some other people," Obsniuk teased with a smile.

While Leggett is on hand to assist Obsniuk, he feels that he also benefits from the arrangement.

"Michael has been opening my eyes about different things. He keeps me sane. He helps me a lot with my patience," he said.

"I can't see myself doing anything

else outside this profession other than sports. I've tried and it doesn't fit with my personality."

The American athlete also expressed appreciation for the hospitable atmosphere around him.

"The Stonewall hospital and the entire town make it a good work environment," said Leggett, who has become a familiar face at the local Subway and Cravings restaurants.

He also notes that Services Beyond

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# Hemp plant doubts sprout in Hadashville

by JORDAN ROSS

**E**ight months after it was first announced, a commercial hemp operation near Hadashville has seeded little more than worry in the municipality prepared to welcome the business with open arms.

"We have not heard anything back from the company since the original announcement was made to us by the provincial government in February," RM of Reynolds deputy reeve Harriet Yarmill said Monday.

On Feb. 22, the Manitoba government announced Botanist Organic Growers Corp. would occupy the 300-acre highway property formerly home to Pineland Forest Nursery.

The privately-held company agreed to purchase the public agency's on-site assets for \$1.43 million, and lease the Crown land for \$240,000 annually, beginning April 1.

Jeremy Towning, Botanist's co-founder and CEO, said in February the company hoped to have the first hemp crop planted in "two to three months."

The plan was to process the plants on site into cannabidiol (CBD) biomass, a non-intoxicant substance with purported medical benefits.

Up to 200 full-time staff would be hired by 2022, the company said.

At the time, Reynolds council welcomed the resuscitation of the site, with Reeve Trudy Turchyn predicting it would trigger an econom-

ic boom for the sparsely populated municipality.

"We were feeling very pleased and very positive about future economic development and community development," Yarmill recalled.

"We expected a great deal of communication, not just from the company itself to the RM, but also among the residents of Reynolds, that the company would be seeking housing, perhaps seeking hospitality services like restaurants," she explained.

Hearing nothing from the company by May 15, council wrote Botanist to say it was "extremely pleased" with the company's arrival and saw "exciting times ahead."

The letter went unanswered, prompting council to inquire about "the status of the sale" in a Sept. 17 letter to Lac du Bonnet MLA Wayne Ewasko.

At press time, CAO Kim Furgala confirmed that letter, too, had gone unanswered.

Yarmill said council doesn't know what to make of the company's silence but is choosing to remain optimistic.

"It's coming fall, and we just really would like an update...At this point, we're not sure where to go."

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Five combines made quick work of the standing wheat field for the Louise Grain Growing Project. It was a "combine ballet".

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LEFT: The use of the two 4000 bushel bins on the right was donated by Meridian Industries.

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## Foodgrains Bank harvest is in the bins!

Nancy Hoffman

Monday weather was overcast and spitting rain – not ideal combining weather. By Sunday afternoon, September 1st, the day set for the harvest of the local Louise Grain Growing Project for Canadian Foodgrains Bank, things were improving. That morning's weather did not bode well but the sun came out and a breeze helped to evenly dry the standing wheat crop and the harvest was a go!

Clare and Sheila Reimers and their son Dylan farm together on Reimers South Farms south of Crystal City. They donated 85 acres of their land to be used by the Louise Grain Growing Project. South Farms Seeds of Pilot Mound donated the better wheat that was needed in the spring. Other business and families helped with the crop. More donations would be welcome, though, to cover the other crop costs. (For thank you and donation information see page 12.)

Clare mentioned to his brother Rick, a Meridian sales representative, that his bin space was limited on the farm – did Meridian ever lend out their bins? With wheat prices low right now, the ability to store the grain for a few months until prices improve could make a huge difference. The Canadian government machine the grain gathered from the side of the wheat and quadrupled it four to one! Meridian did donate the use of two 4000 bushel bins for the special wheat crop.

Besides donating small parcels of land for the Louise Grain Growing Project and helping with the harvest over the years, the Reimers have personal experience with Canada's Foodgrains Bank's work in Africa. Sheila said, "We have supported the food grains bank for many years but this past winter we transitioned to Zimbabawe to one first hand how some of the donations are used. We were encouraged because not only some food distributed to substance farmers in times of drought but a food for work program was implemented and done were built in trade for food. This not only helped the recipients in the short term but also improved their long term in the long term. Another benefit was that it provided dignity. Programs were also taught to try and introduce new crops and educate farmers to use better practices. We learned to appreciate the way that the Foodgrains Bank assisted people."

"Our community," continued Sheila "is a good fit with the Canadian Foodgrains Bank. Firstly we are a rural community and as grain producers we have special ties to feeding the world. Secondly the 15 member partners which govern the CPGB are churches including two of our local churches, The United Church of Canada and Minnesota Church Canada."

Sunday afternoon, Sheila headed into the field with her combine. Dylan soon followed, then Mark Hildebrand pulled into the yard. Jeremy and Ron Hildebrand arrived from the north and the harvest was on. Five huge combines with 25 foot headers on the front made quick work of the field. Approximately 50 people came out to watch the harvest and see the five huge combines with 25 foot headers on the front made quick work of the field. Approximately 50 people came out to watch the harvest and see the five huge combines with 25 foot headers on the front made quick work of the field.

The estimated yield for this wheat field was 80 bushels per acre. That will translate into thousands of dollars' worth of donations for food, technology and assistance in developing countries as well as educating and engaging Canadians about global hunger.

The profits from the harvest of a wheat field in southern Manitoba will go to improve and even save the lives of struggling people half a world away.

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The Louise Grain Growing Project is the local organization which supports the Canadian Foodgrains Bank. Sheila Reimer noted, "We get involved with the Canadian Foodgrains Bank because we like their mandate: 'To End World Hunger!'"

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Orlison Nadler's quarterback Blake Alexander winds up for a long bomb during team training Sept. 1. The team is once again aiming for a positive result, possibly a Northern Saskatchewan Football League title. For more information on this year's team, go to page 10. PHOTO BY ERIC WESTHAKER

## AGUA CENTRE FUNDING

# Millions committed for pool project

ERIC WESTHAKER  
Reporter

The City of Flin Flon is moving forward on building a replacement for the Flin Flon Aquatic Centre - and council plans to dive deep into its pockets.

City council approved a number of resolutions at the Sept. 11 meeting relating to funding necessary to build a new Aquatic Centre. Councilors said the current plan for the new centre would include a total price tag of around \$14.5 million.

In total, city council committed \$13,500,000 to the construction of a new Aquatic Centre on a

separate site to the existing swimming facility. Council authorized borrowing just over \$1.5 million until 2020 to be used for infrastructure projects.

"If we are successful in obtaining the grant, it will give the money that we need, then our requirement with the \$13,500,000 - \$12.5 million of that we will borrow. There will be a fundraising commitment as well," said councillor Colleen McKee.

"This is one of the initiatives that were identified in the strategic plan as very important. Given the upcoming changes in our debt load and a different approach to looking at the Aquatic Centre as a package more than a design built specifically for Flin Flon, we believe we've reduced the costs. The possibility of doing that is very real," said Mayor Callumley.

The current Aquatic Centre was built in 1970 and has required a series of major renovations to continue operations. The exact site being looked at by the city for the new Aquatic Centre is unknown.

"We've come so far since 1970. You can actually get at the pipes and work on them with this. Longevity should be significant," said

## VANDALISM

# Columbariums ruined by unknown vandals

ERIC WESTHAKER  
Reporter

Unknown vandals destroyed part of a massive structure at Hillside Cemetery Sept. 5, affecting a columbarium at the site. Supervisors are looking for the public's help in finding the vandals.

Six doors on the columbarium - a small structure used to store unmarked graves - at Hillside were pried off, according to Doni Dudson, president of Dudson Funeral Home. The home looks after columbariums across the community, including the one at Hillside.

"They're just totally stupid. They're using some type of prying device to go back and literally pry the metal backing of the doors off the structure. They had to have been there for some time to get the doors off the locking device," Dudson said.

"It would appear that this happened overnight - nobody had noticed anything yesterday."

When the cemetery maintenance crew arrived at work this morning, they said, "There must be a reason because the doors are open." The doors were open - and smashed, laying on the ground.

Dudson said the vandals did "significant damage" to the structure, opening 12 individual niches to the elements. No cremated remains have gone missing from the site. Both the funeral home and the City of Flin Flon have contacted families whose loved ones are stored in the columbarium in question. The empty niches have been secured and replacement doors are on order.

"It's really a stomach turning sight. We know all these people and their families. It's just shocking for anyone to do that. It's just despicable," said Dudson, who said other columbariums in Flin Flon had not been damaged.

"To the best of my knowledge, we have never had any vandalism at any of the cemeteries, ever. Since the cemeteries have been started in the 1930s, there has not been any vandalism in speak of this is incredible."

Dudson said he believed the damage was premeditated.

"They had to go there prepared to do this and they had to go there prepared to do this. They would have had to spend some time there to do it," he said.

"It just makes you wonder why they would do that."

The incident at Hillside has been reported to Flin Flon RCMP. No arrests have been made in relation to the damage.

"We want to see the individuals brought to justice on this. This is just unbelievable, that anybody would go and do such a thing. We don't know how much the total [damage] will be until we talk to the manufacturer, but it will be significant," Dudson said.

In the actions of one or two individuals who have no respect for the families, I think this is a totally random issue and hopefully we'll cover anything like it again. Somebody knows or somebody's going to talk. If they know who it is, let us know."

Dudson requested that anyone with information relating to the crime contact Flin Flon RCMP.

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## Voters give PCs the go ahead

>> Incumbents Nesbitt, Wowchuk re-elected as PCs win 36 of 57 seats

MARGIE HARRISON  
South Mountain Press

Voters gave Brian Pallister and the Progressive Conservative Party the go ahead in the province's Sept. 10 election, with the Tories picking up 36 out of 57 seats in the Manitoba Legislature. Pallister, the incumbent premier, was re-elected to a second term in his riding of Port Wapiti. Closer to home, two other party members also retained their seats.

Craig Nordin of Stony Lake was re-elected in the Kelsey Mountain constituency with 4,111 votes. New Democratic Party (NDP) candidate Wayne Clackson picked up 1,441 votes. Mary Lowe representing the Green Party received 734, and Liberal candidate Jordan Perry had 641 votes.

In the Swan River riding, incumbent MPP Rick Wowchuk will serve another term, picking up 4,444 votes, while NDP candidate Shalyn Wiggins received 2,111 votes, and David Thomson of the Liberal Party, 611.

**ELECTION HIGHLIGHTS**

Although there were no surprises in the recent election, there were some notable highlights.

The NDP gained six more seats than they had in the previous election in 2016 and will remain their official opposition party with 17 seats. Leader Wab Kinew was re-elected in his riding of Port Wapiti.

The Liberals lost ground as well as their official party status, securing just three seats, down from the four they held going into the election.

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## LOOKING BACK

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It's this time of year when looking back is a little more tempting than looking ahead. A quick glance at Environment Canada's summer weather data for the area reveals that in July there were 11 days when the temperature high ranged from 20°C to 25°C, 18 days when the mercury sat between 20°C and 25°C, and there were two days in the mid-20°C range. The numbers changed a little in August, with five days falling below 20°C, 10 days in the 20°C to 25°C range, nine days when the temperature high was in the high 20s, and two days of plus-25°C weather. No wonder this region seems reluctant to turn what has number down the road.

## Parking lot upgrade in RMNP

>> First stage of redesign lot will include improved safety, accessibility and green space

MARGIE HARRISON  
South Mountain Press

The landscape along Wapiti Canyon Drive looks a little different these days, following the removal of a number of mature pine trees at the public parking lot just south of the Visitor Center.

It's the first stage of an upgrade to the site, which has been used for public parking since, having been the location of a gas station prior to that.

While it's hard to see the crane go, the decision was not taken lightly, said Genevieve Jones, Kelsey Mountain National Park (KMNP) Acting Superintendent, adding that a re-vegetation plan has been developed.

"We know how important greenery and the tree canopy is to visitors and a number of updates were completed," she said, explaining that Parks Canada makes every effort to balance the preservation of the natural and cultural heritage of RMNP while ensuring that visitors have a safe and high quality experience in a top priority in Parks Canada.

And, with up to 40 vehicles parked in the gravel lot, which does not have any marked parking stalls, safety had become a concern, said Jones.

"A number of design options were considered," she added, saying that the final plan has an emphasis on improved safety and accessibility in nearby areas, as well as a new green space.

Now that the crew removed the trees, work will continue throughout the fall to pave the lot, which will have clearly delineated parking spaces. Landscaping, which will include planting new trees along the edge of the lot, will be carried out in the spring, said Jones.

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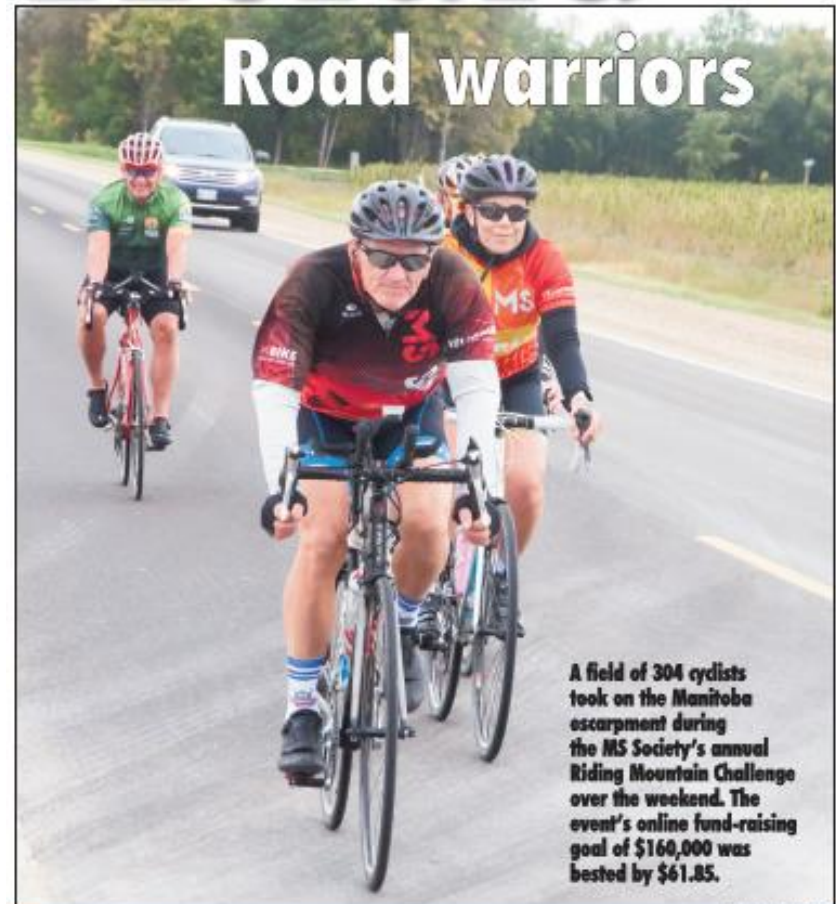
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### THE BEST WAY THROUGH

GO DOWN THE ROAD TO THE GOALS THIS WEEK

Let's, right, over, or under? Park West Division linebacker Douglas Hamilton looks for his best path to go by an approaching Viking College team defender as the two teams kicked off the 2022 Manitoba Football League season in Friday, Sept. 9. A pair of running backdown (TBD) were the difference in the tightly contested game, as the Golden Bears appeared on a 20-0 win on the afternoon. "Close games are usually decided by a few plays," said Hamilton's head coach Bruce Wastell. "Ultimately we didn't convert our 1st and two conversions on a couple of key plays ultimately." **FULL STORY ONLINE**

## Voters give PCs the go ahead

>>> Incumbents Nesbitt, Wowchuk re-elected as PCs win 36 of 57 seats

MARCIEN ARSSON  
Crossroads This Week

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Greg Neudor of Shoal Lake was re-elected to the Riding Mountain constituency with a 6,100 margin. New Democratic Party (NDP) candidate Wayne Chance picked up 1,000 votes, Mary Lowe representing the Green Party received 1,000 votes, and Liberal candidate Justin Flory had 400 votes.

In the Swan River riding, incumbent MHA Rick Wowchuk will serve another term, picking up 4,400 votes, while NDP candidate Shelley Wiggins received 1,000 votes, and David Thomson of the Liberal Party got 1,000 votes.



Greg Neudor  
Rick Wowchuk

### ELECTION HIGHLIGHTS

Although there were no surprises in the re-run election, there were some notable highlights.

The NDP gained 14 more seats than they had in the previous election in 2016 and will remain the official opposition party with 18 seats. Leader Miki Kline was re-elected in his riding of Portage.

The Liberals lost ground as well as their official party status, securing just 10 seats, down from the 14 they held going into the election.

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## Embracing technology in the classroom

>>> Park West School Division pilot project will provide Chromebooks to Grade 7 & 8 students

MARCIEN ARSSON  
Crossroads This Week

For most students, the use of their digital devices is limited during class time, but that's about to change for Grade 7 and 8 students in Park West School Division (PWSD), thanks to the Chromebook Project.

Created by Canadian publishing company Nelson, the pilot project leverages the open

or the digital world and brings it into the classroom, keeping kids engaged in learning.

"How is this done?" The company is providing the Chromebooks to all Grade 7 and 8 students and teachers within the division. These devices are similar to a laptop and come equipped with content including any textbooks and resources developed by Nelson or McGraw-Hill and

aligned to Manitoba curriculum.

Students can access any video and interactive learning resources in the classroom and at home. Integrated note-taking and highlighting functions are designed to keep students engaged, and their progress and learning opportunities are monitored with teacher tools.

The pilot project is a good fit for the division and PWSD Superintendent Stephen David.

"Over the past few years, we have been working on a variety of projects and initiatives to improve the use of educational technology," he said, adding that the Nelson project provides an opportunity to "integrate new ways in which technology can enhance learning... not just in the classroom, but also at home."

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**BACK TO SCHOOL**

School is back in session for children of the Swan Valley with classrooms welcoming their students back offid al ly on Thursday (Sept. 5). Here, a group of boys at Taylor Elementary School make time for a quick game of four square ball on the first day of the school year.

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Photo by Andrea Geary  
Regional campus manager  
Guy Moffat is shown  
here outside of Red River  
College's Portage la Prairie  
campus where students  
can take a variety of full-  
and part-time programs.

**BY ANDREA GEARY**  
STAFF REPORTER

## PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE

Portage la Prairie is a growing city and more  
economic development generates the need for  
training.

Red River College's Portage campus is one of  
St. Eustice's wide variety of full-time and part-  
time programs to increase students' employ-  
ment skills and for personal enjoyment.

The regional campus is housed in a former  
elementary school built in 1966, with a newer  
entrance wing and gymnasium added. Regional  
campus manager Guy Moffat said the college

bought the building in 2011, but RRC had a  
presence in the community for about 20 years  
before that.

"We've had a number of different locations  
within Portage before coming to our current  
one," he said.

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Brandon University leads your geography student. Callie Harrison made the Brandon Flight Centre (Photo: Greg/Brandon Sun)

## BU student has eye on the sky

**BY CHLOE GUNN**

A Brandon University student is looking to help Brandon residents become small jet pilots.

Callie Harrison, a fourth-year student in her final year of study as a bachelor of science major and is currently working on an honours degree studying if there is a demand for increased flight out of the Brandon Municipal Airport.

Harrison has specialized in geomatics – a discipline concerned with collection, acquisition and presentation of geographic data and information. She is also working in biology, history and psychology.

"I wanted to see the world of people want to go to see more flights," Harrison said. "I want to see the world of people want to go to see more flights."

The student survey officially started on the morning of Sept. 11, but she is now receiving the data she collected from 1,321 respondents.

The survey looks at where people fly from when they fly, why they fly and if there is a desire for any flight destinations available out of the Brandon Municipal Airport.

She is still mapping out the results of the survey under the guidance of her faculty supervisor, Dr. Brandon University professor Dr. Westman and Dr. Greg Harris.

The response can be seen as a key to help maintain the airport as a premier airport to see to see more flights."

For respondents, Harrison's questionnaire was simple. Harrison said:

"They had to go to a website to fill out their questionnaire... that was it. It was simple and easy to use."

"Callie's survey" has been placed on the website. "We'll be able to share more information based on the feedback that she has received and make more decisions with a high level of confidence that what we want."

Harrison said: "We'll be able to share more information based on the feedback that she has received and make more decisions with a high level of confidence that what we want."

The survey also looked at the data on the Brandon Municipal Airport runway project.

"The survey is not just for the study in geomatics, it's also for the study in geomatics," Harrison said. "It's also for the study in geomatics, it's also for the study in geomatics."

Harrison has always had a love of aviation and flying since she was a kid and she is looking forward to the opportunity to take her studies and research to the next level.

She plans to use the survey to create a business plan around the collection of geographic data surrounding the Brandon Municipal Airport.

Harrison will be studying the survey on the site around the airport location of geomatics to possibly create a map using a geographic information system program to analyze the results.

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## #10 curves nearing completion



Keith Thorburn of Direct Traffic stops motorists at the curves north of Boissevain, as construction continues on the last phase of the local #10 Highway project. The sign and flag people, who help keep traffic moving while workers do their job, work 12-16 hour shifts, getting 15 minute breaks periodically throughout the day. To avoid drowsy moments and for traffic safety, workers are not given chairs to sit on,

long hours of standing are a matter of course. Thorburn said that the job brings some frustrated comments by travellers, but other times people are sympathetic and have even dropped off some cold drinks on hot days. Thorburn has been with the company since June, working in different areas around the province.

PHOTO BY LORRAINE HOUSTON

**\$2.4 million upgrades to c-store to start this month**



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## Province spends \$4.7 million to upgrade curves

by PAUL RAYNER  
Recorder staff

Manitoba Infrastructure and Transportation are hoping to have the last phase of the #10 Highway project done before the snow flies.

Work has been progressing on the curves north of Boissevain since spring. Like much of the highway north and south of Boissevain, the existing curves were in rough shape. The Province of Manitoba began planning the project several years ago, at the same time as

the other work on the road was being done. As the existing double curve located just north of town did not meet current standards – as a Road Transportation Association of Canada (RTAC) route, a high level of safety was necessary – they decided not to re-work the old road, but to build new curves. This meant working with landowners and designing new roads. The new curves have a wider curve radius, improved elevation, paved shoulders and fewer access points. These will improve safety and bring them up to current standards.

Work began in July 2018, with the majority of the grading for the new alignment done. They started again in the week of May 27 this year. Work is being done by GNS Energy Services. Both curves have been tied into the existing alignment and

parking is complete. The contractor is currently pulverizing the pavement on the old curves in order to salvage as much as possible from them for further work. The old curves are to be removed and leveled. At present, they are putting gravel on the shoulders of the road, and Manitoba Infrastructure and Transportation are to pave the finish.

The work on the curves will cost \$4.7 million.

The hope is, weather permitting, this can be fully completed this fall. This is the end of the Highway #10 project in the Boissevain area. At present, MTH is planning some work on other local highways. This includes cutback jacking on PTH 10 between Killarney and Neema, with cutback started this year, current paving on #2, east of Neema, and there is plan to repaving of roads in the Lake Adams area, a previously announced Manitoba 150 project.

**Voters put Piwniuk back in on Sept. 10 MB election**



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"Work" performed many hit songs at the Southwest Community Options "Farewell to Summer" celebration at Manitoulin Beach on Friday, September 6th. The entertainment was fantastic and enjoyed by all. Photo by: [unreadable]

### Baldur receives 5 Blooms silver award

Manitoba Communities in Bloom held their awards banquet at Morden on Saturday night and in the population 1-500 class, Baldur received a top award of 5 Blooms Silver which is just a percentage point from the Gold Award. Baldur was marked at 88.4 % and you must mark at least 90% for Gold.

Baldur also received Special Mention for Digitalized Historical Information. This was done by Kim Stark. They also received the Floral Display Award which came with a \$500 gift certificate from Express Industries.

Other communities receiving awards were:  
(1001-3000 population class) Carberry 5 Blooms Silver, Minnedosa 5 Blooms Bronze, (3001-5000 class) - Niverville 4 Blooms, Swan River 5 Blooms Bronze, Population over 5000: RM of East St. Paul - 4 Blooms, City of Morden - 4 Blooms, City of Selkirk - 5 Blooms Bronze, City of Portage la Prairie - 5 Blooms.

Special Attraction Award went to Beauport Ironsmith Development Corp. with 4 Blooms.

Attending the banquet from Baldur were: Andy Joyce, Dennis Huxack, Joy Johnson, Pat Dearnley, Todd Cameron, Rob Raybold and Myra Williams.

More information on judge's comments and suggestions next week.

### Elvis attends "Farewell to Summer" celebration

by Gayle Johnson  
[unreadable]

Elvis has been found - at the annual Southwest Community Options Inc. (Southwest) Farewell to Summer celebration held at Manitoulin Beach on September 6.

Starting 10 years ago, when there were approximately 50 attendees, it has since grown to 200 plus, this is a day for reconnecting with old friends

and a perfect way to make some new friends.

Yes, Elvis really did attend, playing a mean guitar and belting out some amazing tunes including Steppen: Tom Connors own The Hickory Song and The Kitchup Song, supported by his back up band of the two extremely talented McKay ladies Diane and Gail and Mr. Dennis Pryke whose fingers must be made of gold given the flawless notes he picks.

Added to the incredible musical entertainment were hay rides through the hills and ponies boat rides around the lake, supplied and piloted by Dennis Collingwood, who took a break only long enough to help serve lunch, as well as a fire pit with s'mores to toast, reflect, share stories, or just enjoy being together.

The place of residence of the day was the delectable lunch of homemade pizza, pasta and salad

with an amazing assortment of ice cream and cookies - no wonder Elvis was there! Board members and management staff were on hand to prepare the lunch, serve the hungry guests and join in with the celebration.

With smiles, hugs and buckets of laughter everywhere, there was no doubt everyone was having a fantastic time.

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Owlighon Nadler's quarterback Blake Alexander winds up for a long bomb during team training Sept. 1. The team is once again aiming for a positive result, possibly a Northern Saskatchewan Football League title. For more information on this year's team, go to page 10. PHOTO BY ERIC WESTHAWK

## AGUA CENTRE FUNDING

# Millions committed for pool project

ERIC WESTHAWK  
Reporter

The City of Flin Flon is moving forward on building a replacement for the Flin Flon Aquatic Centre - and council plans to dive deep into its pockets.

City council approved a number of amendments at the Sept. 11 meeting relating to funding necessary to build a new Aquatic Centre. Councilors said the current plan for the new centre would include a total price tag of around \$18.6 million.

In total, city council committed \$2,358,465.58 to the construction of a new Aquatic Centre on a

separate site to the existing swimming facility. Council authorized borrowing just over \$1.8 million until 2020 to be used for infrastructure projects.

"If we are successful in obtaining the grant, it will get the money that we need, then our requirement with the \$2,358,465.58 - \$1.8 [million] of that we will borrow. There will be a fundraising commitment as well," said councillor Colleen McKee.

"This is one of the initiatives that were identified in the strategic plan as very important. Given the upcoming changes in our debt load and a different approach to looking at the Aquatic Centre as a package more than a design built specifically for Flin Flon, we believe we've reduced the costs. The possibility of doing that is very real," said Mayor Callumley.

The current Aquatic Centre was built in 1970 and has required a series of annual renovations to continue operations. The exact site being looked at by the city for the new Aquatic Centre is unknown.

"We've come so far since 1970. You can actually get at the pipes and work on them with this. Longevity should be significant," said

## VANDALISM

# Columbariums ruined by unknown vandals

ERIC WESTHAWK  
Reporter

Unknown vandals destroyed part of a memorial structure at Hillside Cemetery Sept. 5, affecting a columbarium at the site. Supervisors are looking for the public's help in finding the culprits.

Six doors on the columbarium - a small structure used to store unmailed ashes - at Hillside were pried off, according to Don Dudson, president of Dudson Funeral Home. The home looks after columbariums across the community, including those at Hillside.

"They're just totally smashed. They've used some type of prying device to go back and literally pry the metal backing of the doors off the structure. They had to have been there for some time to get the doors off the locking device," Dudson said.

"It would appear that this happened overnight - nobody had noticed anything yesterday."

When the cemetery maintenance crew arrived at work this morning, they said, "There must be a funeral because the doors are open! The doors were open - and smashed, laying on the ground!"

Dudson said the vandals did "significant damage" to the structure, opening 12 individual niches to the elements. No cremated remains have gone missing from the site. Both the funeral home and the City of Flin Flon have contacted families whose loved ones are stored in the columbarium in question. The empty niches have been secured and replacement doors are on order.

"It's really a stomach turning sight. We know all these people and their families. It's just shocking. For anyone to do that, it's just despicable," said Dudson, who said other columbariums in Flin Flon had not been damaged.

"To the best of my knowledge, we have never had any vandalism at any of the cemeteries, ever. Since the cemeteries have been started in the 1930s, there has not been any vandalism in spite of this. It is incredible."

Dudson said he believed the damage was premeditated.

"They had to go there prepared to do this and they had to go there prepared to do this. They would have had to spend some time there to do it," he said.

"It just seems weird, why they would do that."

The incident at Hillside has been reported to Flin Flon RCMP. No arrests have been made in relation to the damage.

"We want to see the individuals brought to justice on this. This is just unbelievable, that anybody would go and do such a thing. We don't know how much the total [damage] will be until we talk to the manufacturer, but it will be significant," Dudson said.

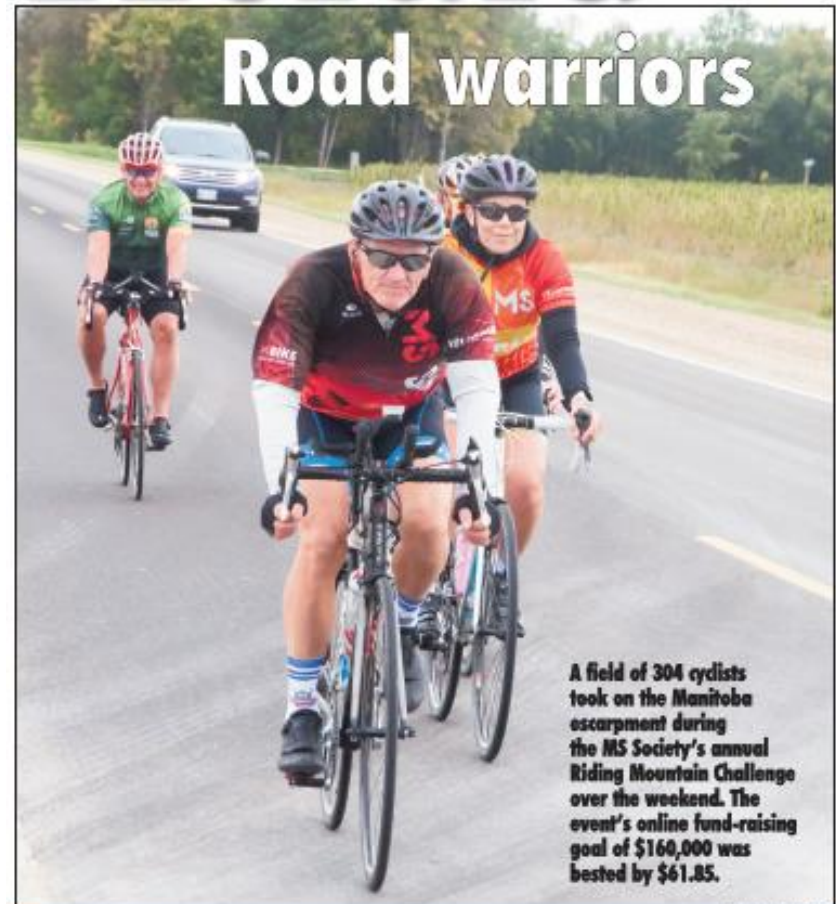
In the action of one or two individuals who have no respect for the families, I think this is a totally random issue and hopefully we'll cover anything like it again. Somebody knows or somebody's going to talk. If they know who it is, let us know."

Dudson requested that anyone with information relating to the crime contact Flin Flon RCMP.

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**Four more years!**

Elaine Clarke (on right) poses for a photo with her son immediately after the announcement was made that Clarke had been re-elected as MLA for the riding of Agassiz.

**By Erin Deane**  
*Neepawa Business & Press*

The 42nd Manitoba general election was a close one, but it was still enough for a Progressive Conservative majority government. The PC party, led by Brian Pallister, captured 85 seats in the 58-seat legislature on Tuesday, Sept. 10. While it was a loss of two seats in the house for the Tories, it was still enough for a solid majority. The NDP, meanwhile, gained six new seats on election night, increasing their presence to 18. The Liberal Party closed their campaign, down one from 2016, while the Green Party was unable to elect any of its hopefuls. All three independent MLAs lost their re-election efforts.

**Clarke re-elected in Agassiz**

In the provincial riding of Agassiz, PC candidate Elaine Clarke was re-elected for another term. She received a total of 5,687 votes and the most highest candidate, Kelly Leggett of the NDP, received just 851.

Speaking in a crowd of well-wishers at the Gladstone Legion on election night, Clarke thanked everyone for their support and added she was excited to go back to work for them over the next four years. Clarke was quick to add she could work with her political team for the wedding as diligently over the last three years and during the election campaign. An extended article on Clarke's victory will appear in the Friday, Sept. 13 edition of the Banner & Press. Additional election coverage on Page 15.

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## Pallister's PCs form second majority government

BY JAY STRATH  
AND KIM LANGSEN

The Liberals' holdovers of official party status, the NDP gained seats, and Brian Pallister's Progressive Conservative Party won their second majority government in Manitoba on Tuesday night.

The provincial election saw the PCs secure

36 seats in the Manitoba Legislature, down four from the 2015 election. The NDP picked up four seats for a grand total of 18 this time around, while the Liberals lost a seat. Once again, the Green Party did not win any seats in the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba, although their vote count was up in this election.

The Liberals earned

this election with four seats – enough for party status. They won three seats in the 2015 provincial election as well, but Dougald Lamont, the Manitoba Liberals' new leader, picked up the St. Boniface seat for the party in a 2018 by-election.

Official party status brings funding, research staff, and a guaranteed presence in

committees. In Turtle Mountain, Progressive Conservative incumbent elected in 2016 in the now-defunct constituency of Arthur-Virden Doyle Pieniak beat out Green Party candidate David Newfield, NDP candidate Angie Herrera-Hildebrand, and Liberal candidate Richard Davies.

"How do I feel after

the election?" said Pieniak on Thursday. "Very good. I was very honored that the voters voted overwhelmingly that I would represent them in this beautiful part of the province. I wasn't surprised by the voting numbers, because rural Manitobans have seen the benefits of this government."

Although the MLA lives in Virden – 23 miles north and outside of the constituency line – in the past months he has been visiting and meeting with residents of the many small towns in the rural constituency area of Turtle Mountain.

"My daughter is in Grade 12, and of course we don't want to uproot her at this point," said Pieniak. "When she graduates we will look at our options together."

The province is again

for business," he added. "We want to encourage economic development in rural areas," said Pieniak. "We want to see policies to encourage businesses to expand, through tax incentives. We want to earn away from depopulation, and urge the trend towards repopulation. Farms have gotten much bigger. More population means more services, and more money paid in municipalities. School enrollment goes up. We want the problem of more kids in schools."

A second goal is to improve deteriorating roads in the Turtle Mountain constituency, he said.

"We want to improve our roads. I want to focus on getting work done on Highway 2, Highway 5, Highway 23, and 24,"

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## Green Party voters leave their mark

Candidate David Newfield of Boissevain nails an impressive 1,358 votes in Turtle Mountain constituency

BY KIM LANGSEN

While the Conservatives predictably swept the southwest board this past week to win the provincial election, the second-place runner, an early Green seat Boissevain, nonetheless made a respectable mark in the race.

David Newfield, a Green Party member who has run twice in the federal election in by-election in 2013, in Brandon South, and in the 2015 general election, reluctantly ran for the first time in this newly re-designated Turtle Mountain constituency.

And while the winner, Doyle Pieniak of Virden, picked up 6,362 votes, Newfield collected an unexpected 1,354 votes in the election. The NDP candidate had 1,060 votes, while the Liberal runner snagged 521 votes.

For Newfield's annual push to candidacy – and his view on the election results – are far from ordinary.

"I was in South Africa, in Louisa, stating our daughter, as the end of

August," said Newfield. "The Green Party of Manitoba contacted me while I was there because they had no candidate, and urged me to put my name in and do the papers. We got back on August 27, and I had 12 days to run the campaign. I was engaged by Brian."

And he did it on a shoestring. "I used my old federal campaign posters, and updated them with new Bill Green Party logos. I put them on the front and back, on 50 signs. It cost me \$100 of my own money," he said. "I used them on highway signs, and did Facebook posts. I didn't campaign. I did not visit. I'm busy enough. I had to get a house ready for winter, because we have our home in a fire zone jurisdiction."

So why did so many people mark down his name on the ballot? And how did it feel once those numbers?

"It was really good," said Newfield. "I was getting so much positive feedback. I was really impressed by how many people were turned on myself as a candidate. If they could have voted for me because they wanted to send a message to Pallister. We are looking at health care cuts, and threatened education cuts. There is also the

threat that small school divisions, such as Turtle Mountain, could be amalgamated."

However, the night of the election left him dejected, he said.

"I found it kind of a sad evening," said Newfield. "It's pretty hard to drag voters away from

a Conservative vote. People continue to vote Conservative, come hell or high water. And the media disappointed me. The PC party is so strong, and the media was not interested. I got maybe one call from Jay Strath (Killarney Guide) – to answer questions on page 7."

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GALLERY SHOW OF GALLOS Y GALLINAS – it's not just roosters and chickens on the gallery walls at this month's feature exhibition, 'Gallos y Gallinas,' by painter Katherine Bruce. The Manitoba artist is also displaying her wide range of cross media techniques, and the vibrant show runs until Thursday, September 27, at the Heritage Home for the Arts. See the story and more pictures on page 8.

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## Voters give PCs the go ahead

>> Incumbents Nesbitt, Wowchuk re-elected as PCs win 36 of 57 seats

MARJORIE HARRISON  
South Mountain Press

Voters gave Brian Pallister and the Progressive Conservative Party the go ahead in the province's Sept. 10 election, with the Tories picking up 36 out of 57 seats in the Manitoba Legislature. Pallister, the incumbent premier, was re-elected as a second term in his riding of Port Wapiti. Closer to home, two other party members also retained their seats. Greg Nordin at Shoal Lake was re-elected in the Kelsey-Winnipeg constituency with a slim margin. New Democratic Party (NDP) candidate Wayne Clackson picked up 1,661 votes, Mary Lowe representing the Green Party received 700, and Liberal candidate Jordan Flurry had 644 votes.

In the Swan River riding, incumbent M.L.A. Rick Wowchuk will serve another term, picking up 4,400 votes, while NDP candidate Shelley Wiggins received 1,400 votes, and David Tremblay of the Liberal Party, 600.

**ELECTION HIGHLIGHTS**

Although there were no surprises in the recent election, there were some notable highlights.

The NDP gained its most seats due day had the previous election in 2016 and will receive their official opposition status with its new leader, Wab Kinew was re-elected in his riding of Port Wapiti.

The Liberals lost ground as well as their official party status, securing just three seats, down from the four they held going into the election.

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## LOOKING BACK

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## Parking lot upgrade in RMNP

>> First stage of redesign lot will include improved safety, accessibility and green space

MARJORIE HARRISON  
South Mountain Press

A gas station prior to this.

While it's hard to see the creek yet, the decision was not taken lightly, said Conservative Jones, Riding Mountain National Park (RMNP) Acting Superintendent, adding that a re-vegetation plan has been developed.

"We know how important greenery and the use of space is in visitors and a number of options were considered," she said, explaining that Parks Canada makes every effort to balance the preservation of the natural and cultural heritage of RMNP while ensuring that visitors have a safe and high quality experience in a top priority for Parks Canada.

And with up to 10 vehicles parked in the gravel lot, which does not have any marked parking spots, safety had become a concern, said Jones.

A number of design options were considered," she added, saying that the final plan has an emphasis on improved safety and accessibility in nearby areas, as well as a new green space.

New this the area around has wrapped up, work will continue throughout the fall to pave the lot, which will have clearly delineated parking spaces, said Jones, which will include planting new trees along the edge of the lot, will be carried out in the spring, said Jones.

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**BACK TO SCHOOL**

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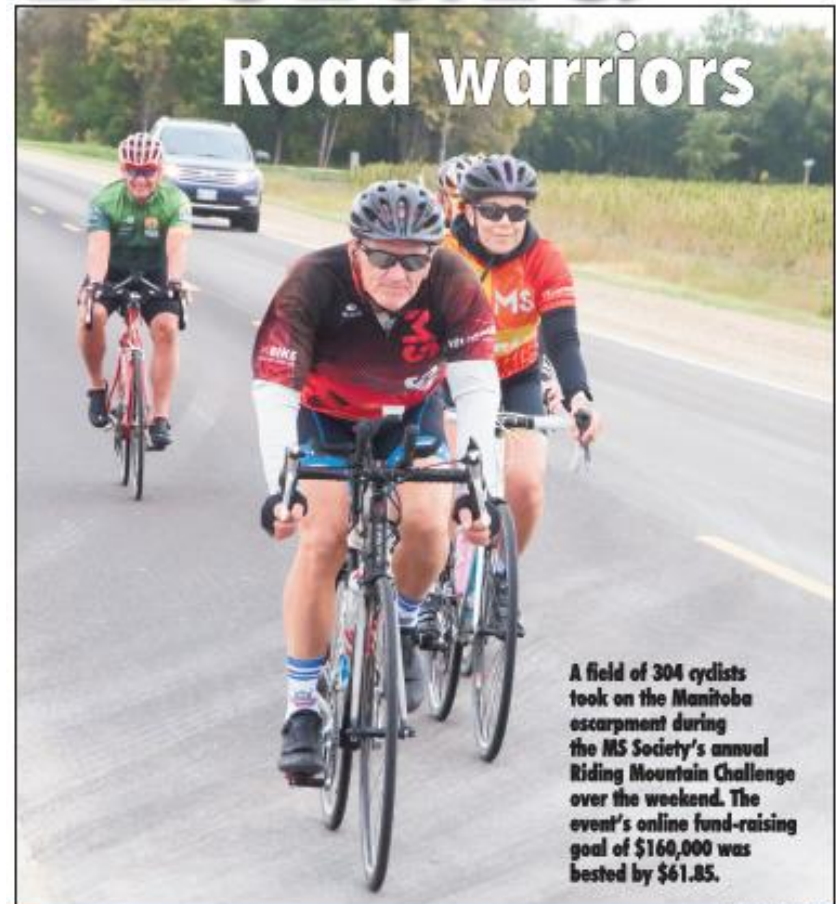
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Manitoba Premier Selinger addresses the press at Stengach, Sept. 12. Selinger, after the polls showed a new Liberal PC majority, said he is happy to serve the people of Manitoba and will continue to work for the province's best interests.

## Southeast MLAs returned to government

# Voters back new PC majority

By JENNIFER HART  
AND JEFFREY B. LEE

**S**outheastern Manitoban voters, in a decisive swing, elected a new majority government in the 2014 provincial election. The new Liberal PC majority government, led by Premier Selinger, won 55 of the 59 seats in the Manitoba Legislative Assembly. The new government will take office on Sept. 15, 2014.

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**Neepawa Business & Press**

The "Not" vote across Manitoba wasn't quite as strong as it was in 2016, but it was still enough for a Progressive Conservative majority government. The PC party, led by Brian Pallister, captured 85 seats in the 58-seat legislature on Tuesday, Sept. 10. While it was a loss of two seats in the house for the Tories, it was still enough for a solid majority. The NDP, meanwhile, gained six new seats on election night, increasing their presence to 18. The Liberal Party elected three candidates, down one from 2016, while the Green Party was unable to elect any of its hopefuls. All three independent MLAs lost their re-election efforts.

**Clarke re-elected in Agassiz**

In the provincial riding of Agassiz, PC candidate Eileen Clarke was re-elected for another term. She received a total of 5,887 votes and the most highest candidate, Kelly Leggett of the NDP, received just 851.

Speaking in a crowd of well-wishers at the Gladstone Legion on election night, Clarke thanked everyone for their support and added she was excited to go back to work for them over the next four years. Clarke was quick to also share credit with her political team for the winning so diligently over the last three years and during the election campaign. An expanded article on Clarke's victory will appear in the Friday Sept. 13 edition of the Banner & Press. Additional election coverage on Page 15.

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Last Wednesday Interlake school division students headed back to school. These Stony Mountain students were all smiles to be reunited with their friends. Pictured clockwise, left to right: from bottom: sasken pennar, owen corrigan, oliver cray, alissa taraschuk, owerett stewart and lucas roye.

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## Rough Ride

As they get a handle on the new wrangling competition at the Garbino Agricultural Festival and at the CPWC, thoughts in Sunnyside slip 6 to 6. For more coverage, see page 14.

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**Back to school buddies**

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From left, Amalia Usadin, Olivia Lewis and Clair Boerling were very excited to get back to school last Thursday, to be with friends, attend gym class and go to math class.

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## Was the Honey, Garlic & Maple Syrup Festival a Success This Year??!

As led by Joanne Cobb, Committee Member

We have just completed year #16 of our local Honey Garlic & Maple Syrup Festival. Every year we ask vendors, editors and volunteers... how did it go? As committee members, we are always looking for feedback. What did we do right? What can we do better? How do we get the people to visit our Festival?

The main drive out by Joe Kozak, the founder of our local Festival, was to give a venue for local vendors to market their merchandise and the local organizations an opportunity to raise funds for their cause... while drawing tourism to our area. So what do you think... how did we do?

Our Festival kicked off with the Friday lunch and entertainment in support of our Historic Log Cabin and the Nellie McClung House Heritage Site. The Municipality and Town took Friday and Saturday afternoon and evening concert was hosted by the Manitou Coffee House Musicians, bringing original talent to our community. There was also a Wood Arts Exhibit at the Manitou Opera House

and in the Farmers' Market tent, 11 of which support our municipal economy... others are geographically very close. This included the South Central Regional Library and housing for the Peshawar Valley Music Festival. There was also the Nellie McClung Heritage Site, raising awareness and a fun selfie photo booth for all to enjoy. Alex Schaff was in attendance with the

Question: How was Manitou information online and the Backwoods Bait Shop with their mobile display. Inside the arena were 30 coffee vendors open, of which 8 tables are from the Municipality of Peshawar. Plus there were 7 Honey Garlic and Maple Syrup vendors, of which 2 plus a half are from our Municipality. (Continued on Page 17)

## PC Candidate Doyle Piwniuk Elected in Turtle Mountain

Manitoba's 2019 General Election took place on Wednesday, September 12th, with Brian Pallister and the Progressive Conservative forming a second straight majority government. The PCs won in 34 of their 58 seats.

**Turtle Mountain**  
Doyle Piwniuk, Progressive Conservative candidate was elected in Turtle Mountain.

He received 1,162 votes, with David Madeford of the Green Party coming in second with 1200 votes. Angie Heesweil (NDP) had 590 votes, and Edna and Thelma (Liberal) 607 votes.

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**Midland**  
In the Midland Division, PC Brian Piwniuk was elected with 6700 votes. NDP candidate Cindy Piwniuk received 1270 votes, and Liberal Julie Kule 860.

**St. John's**  
The PCs also took the seat in St. John's, with Josh Gosselin receiving 4995 votes. Liberal Loren Paul received 1255 votes, Independent Cliff Gaydon 759 votes, NDP Lisa Chisholm 597 votes, and Green Party member Ken Henry 250.



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## — Nesbitt wins in landslide —

PC's got 66% of votes

**By Anna Davidson**

This week of tense politicking for Virden voters ended last night as Gray Nesbitt of the PC Party won the Virden seat in a landslide victory. Nesbitt won 66 per cent of the vote, defeating the NDP's Mary-Louise of Trenton, who won 33 per cent of the vote.

Nesbitt's victory was a significant win for the PC Party in the Virden riding, which has been a stronghold for the NDP in recent years.

Nesbitt's campaign focused on issues such as healthcare, education, and economic development. He promised to bring change to the Virden riding and to represent the interests of his constituents.

Nesbitt's victory was a surprise to many, as the NDP had been the dominant force in the riding for several years. However, Nesbitt's strong campaign and the support of his constituents led to his victory.

Nesbitt's victory is a testament to the power of the PC Party in the Virden riding. It shows that the PC Party is a strong and viable political option for voters in the area.

Nesbitt's victory is also a win for the Virden community. It shows that the community is united behind a common candidate and that they are committed to the betterment of their riding.

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Gray Nesbitt is shown here with his wife, Mary-Louise of Trenton, who finished second in the race. Nesbitt's victory was a significant win for the PC Party in the Virden riding, which has been a stronghold for the NDP in recent years.

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Oswinton Kadiak quarterback Blake Alexander winds up for a long bomb during team training Sept. 1. The team is once again aiming for a positive result, possibly a Northern Saskatchewan Football League title. For more information on this year's team, go to page 10. photo by and westward

## AGUA CENTRE FUNDING

# Millions committed for pool project

ERIC WESTHAWK  
Reporter

The City of Flin Flon is moving forward on building a replacement for the Flin Flon Aquatic Centre - and council plans to dive deep into pockets.

City council approved a number of resolutions at the Sept. 11 meeting relating to funding necessary to build a new Aquatic Centre. Councilors said the current plan for the new centre would include a total price tag of around \$14.5 million.

In total, city council committed \$2,358,465.58 to the construction of a new Aquatic Centre on a

separate site to the existing swimming facility. Council authorized borrowing just over \$1.5 million to provide the majority of the funding, with the rest coming from the city's share of the Nuclear Waste Management Organization (NWMO) fund (\$14,800 in total) and from funds raised by the Aquatic Centre Community Committee, covering about \$300,000.

To help cover the over \$6 million in funding remaining, the City has applied to the federal government's Investing in Canada Plan for grant funding through the program's Community, Culture and Recreation stream.

"This is one of the initiatives that were identified in the strategic time as very important. Given the upcoming changes in our

## VANDALISM

# Columbariums ruined by unknown vandals

ERIC WESTHAWK  
Reporter

Unknown vandals destroyed part of a memorial structure at Hillside Cemetery Sept. 5, affecting a columbarium at the site. Supervisors are looking for the public's help in finding the culprits.

Six doors on the columbarium - a small structure used to store unmarked ashes - at Hillside were pried off, according to Don Dudson, president of Dudson Funeral Home, the home local after columbariums across the community, including the one at Hillside.

"They're just totally smashed. They've used some type of prying device to go back and literally pry the metal backing of the doors off the structure. They had to have been there for some time to get the doors off the locking device," Dudson said.

"It would appear that this happened overnight - nobody had noticed anything yesterday."

When the cemetery maintenance crew arrived at work this morning, they said, "There must be a funeral because the doors are open." The doors were open - and smashed, laying on the ground."

Dudson said the vandals did "significant damage" to the structure, opening 12 individual niches to the elements. No cremated remains have gone missing from the site. Both the funeral home and the City of Flin Flon have contacted families whose loved ones are stored in the columbariums in question. The empty niches have been secured and replacement doors are on order.

"It's really a stomach turning sight. We know all these people and their families. It's just shocking for anyone to do that. It's just despicable," said Dudson, who said other columbariums in Flin Flon had not been damaged.

"To the best of my knowledge, we have never had any vandalism at any of the cemeteries, ever. Since the cemeteries have been started in the 1930s, there has not been any vandalism in respect of this is incredible."

Dudson said he believed the damage was premeditated.

"They had to go there prepared to do this and they had to go there prepared to do this. They would have had to spend some time there to do it," he said.

"It just seems weird, why they would do that."

The incident at Hillside has been reported to Flin Flon RCMP. No arrests have been made in relation to the damage.

"We want to see the individuals brought to justice on this. This is just unbelievable, that anybody who would go and do such a thing. We don't know how much the total [damage] will be until we talk to the manufacturer, but it will be significant," Dudson said.

In the action of one or two individuals who have no respect for the families. I think this is a totally random issue and hopefully we'll cover anything like it again. Somebody knows or somebody's going to talk. If they know who it is, let us know."

Dudson requested that anyone with information relating to the crime contact Flin Flon RCMP.

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## Shoal Lake Crossroads This Week



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### THE BEST WAY THROUGH

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Left, right, over, or under? Park West Outlaws linebacker Douglas Hamilton looks for his best path to go by an approaching Varsity Golden Bears defender as the two teams kicked off the 2020 Manitoba Provincial League season in Virden on Friday, Sept. 18. A pair of rushing touchdowns (TDs) were the difference in the tightly contested affair, as the Golden Bears squeaked out a 22-19 win on the afternoon. "Close games are usually decided by a few plays," said Hamilton's head coach Brian Waddell. "Obviously we didn't convert our TD and lost momentum on a couple of key plays defensively." **PHOTO COURTESY**

## Voters give PCs the go ahead

>> Incumbents Nesbitt, Wowchuk  
re-elected as PCs win 36 of 57 seats

MARCO HARRISON  
Crossroads This Week

When given Bruce Patterson and the Progres- sive Conservative Party the go ahead to the pro- vince's Sept. 20 election, with the Tories picking up 36 out of 57 seats in the Manitoba Legislature. Patterson, the incumbent premier, was re- elected as a second term in his riding of St. Vital. Close to home, two other party members also retained their seats.

Greg Nesbitt of Shoal Lake was re-elected in the Riding Mountain constituency with a 1,171 vote. New Democrat Party (NDP) candidate Wayne Chabon picked up 1,041 votes. Mary Louie representing the Green Party received 241 votes, and Liberal candi- date Justin Flory had 241 votes.

In the Swan River riding, incumbent M.L.A. Rick Wowchuk will serve another term, picking up 1,444 votes, while NDP candidate Shelley Wiggins re- ceived 1,044 votes, and David Thomson of the Liberal Party 211.



### ELECTION HIGHLIGHTS

Although there were no surprises in the 2020 election, there were some notable big- lights. The NDP gained six more seats than they had in the previous election in 2016 and will retain their official opposition status with its new leader Wab Kinow was re-elected in his role as Party Leader.

The Liberals lost ground as well as their of- ficial party status, securing just three seats, down from the four they held going into the election.

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## Embracing technology in the classroom

>> Park West School Division pilot project will provide Chromebooks to Grade 7 & 8 students

MARCO HARRISON  
Crossroads This Week

For many students, the use of their digital devices is limited during class time, but that's about to change for Grade 7 and 8 students in Park West School Division (PWSD), thanks to the Chrome Pilot Project.

Created by Canadian publishing company Nelson, the bid- win project leverages the appeal

of the digital world and brings it into the classroom, keeping kids engaged in learning.

How is this done? The company is providing new Chromebooks to all Grade 7 and 8 students and teachers within the division. These de- vices are similar to a laptop and come equipped with con- tents including any textbooks and resources developed by Nelson or McGraw-Hill, and

aligned to Manitoba curricu- lum.

Students can access any, video and interactive learning re- sources in the classroom and at home. Integrated note-taking and highlighting functions are designed to keep students en- gaged, and their progress and learning opportunities are con- stantly monitored.

The pilot project is a good fit for the division and PWSD So-

perintendent Stephen David.

"Over the past few years, we have been working on a variety of projects and initiatives to im- prove the use of educational technology," he said, adding that the Nelson project provides an opportunity to "integrate new ways to access technology into teaching and learning...go- ing on in the school division."

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**BACK TO SCHOOL**

School is back in session for children of the Swan Valley with classrooms welcoming their students back offid al ly on Thursday (Sept. 5). Here, a group of boys at Taylor Elementary School make time for a quick game of four square ball on the first day of the school year.

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**Southwest M.L.A.s returned to government**  
**Voters back new PC majority**

Manitoba's Progressive Conservative government has returned to power after a landslide victory in the provincial election held on Sept. 10. The PCs won 54 of the 59 seats in the Manitoba Legislative Assembly, while the New Democrats won 5 seats and the Liberals won 0.

Manitoba Premier Brian Topp, who led the PCs to victory, said the win was a mandate for change. He said the government would focus on creating jobs, improving education, and addressing the health care system.


Opposition leader, New Democrat leader, and Liberal leader also spoke at the press conference. They all congratulated the PCs on their victory and promised to continue to work for the people of Manitoba.

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**42nd Manitoba General Election**

Party	Seats	Percentage
PC Party	36	50.0%
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Liberal Party	3	4.1%
Green Party	3	4.1%

PC Party had a seat change of 0  
NDP had a seat change of 1  
Liberal Party had a seat change of 1  
Green Party had a seat change of 0

**Agassiz**

Candidate	Party	Seats	Percentage
Elaine Clarke	PC	1	10.0%
Kelly Leggett	NDP	1	10.0%
Robert Thompson	Liberal	1	10.0%
Lois Clayton	Green	1	10.0%

**Riding Mountain**

Candidate	Party	Seats	Percentage
Greg Heald	PC	1	10.0%
Wesley Chisholm	NDP	1	10.0%
Sherry Lewis	Green	1	10.0%
Jordan Harvey	Liberal	1	10.0%

**Dauphin**

Candidate	Party	Seats	Percentage
Brad McIsaac	PC	1	10.0%
Greg Heald	NDP	1	10.0%
C. Scott Smith	Liberal	1	10.0%

**Spruce Woods**

Candidate	Party	Seats	Percentage
Chris Gillis	PC	1	10.0%
John Thompson	NDP	1	10.0%
Sherry Lewis	Green	1	10.0%
Jordan Harvey	Liberal	1	10.0%



Elaine Clarke (see right) poses for a photo with her son immediately after the announcement was made that Clarke had been re-elected as MLA for the riding of Agassiz.

**By Elin Dewar**  
Neepawa Banner & Press

The 42nd Manitoba general election was held on Sept. 10. While it was a close race, the PC Party won a majority government. The NDP Party, led by Brian Pallister, captured 36 seats in the 58-seat legislature on

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5,687 votes and the new highest candidate, Kelly Leggett, of the NDP, received just 180. Speaking in a crowd of well-wishers at the Gladstone Legion on election night, Clarke thanked everyone for their support and added she was excited to go back to work for them over the next four years. Clarke was quick to add that she would be working to diligently move the farm down the road during the election campaign. An expanded article on Clarke's victory will appear in the Friday Sept. 13 edition of the Banner & Press. Additional election coverage on Page 15.

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Discovery Nature Sanctuary Committee member Margaret Laidman served up cake at the Winkler site last week to representatives of several businesses and organizations who have supported the project in its first year. The City of Winkler, meanwhile, marked the occasion with a major announcement about the future of the sanctuary. See pg. 2 for the full story.

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**Southwest MLAs returned to government**

## Voters back new PC majority

By [Name] and [Name]

Southwest Manitoba's new majority government was unveiled in Steinbach, Man., today as the province's new premier, Scott Brison, announced the results of the 2019 provincial election.

Brison, who led the Progressive Conservative Party to victory, said the new government would focus on creating jobs, improving infrastructure, and supporting small businesses.

The new government includes 15 members of the PC Party and 10 members of the New Democratic Party (NDP). Brison was sworn in as premier today.

The election results showed a significant shift in the province's political landscape, with the PC Party winning a clear majority in the legislature.

Brison's government will take office on September 15, 2019.

**Voters head to polls Oct. 21**

By [Name]

Manitoba voters will head to the polls on October 21, 2019, to elect their representatives to the provincial legislature.

The election is being held on a Tuesday, which is a departure from the traditional Saturday election day.

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