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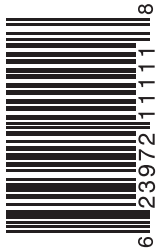
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Steinbach MLA Kelvin Goertzen signs the book of condolence at Steinbach City Hall.

GREG VANDERMEULEN THE CARILLON

Steinbach hosts book of condolence

by GREG VANDERMEULEN

A book of condolence allowing Manitobans to honour and pay their respects to Queen Elizabeth II was placed in Steinbach City Hall on Monday.

The book was added to those

made available by the province thanks to a request from Steinbach MLA Kelvin Goertzen. Initially a provincial announcement said books would be made available in Winnipeg, Brandon, and Thompson.

Goertzen was on hand to sign the

book in Steinbach, as it sat on a table near a large portrait of Queen Elizabeth II, and a smaller photo of Lisa Epp presenting the Queen with flowers on the steps of the same building, back in 1970. Both photos had a black ribbon covering the top left corner.

After signing, he said while it was known Queen Elizabeth had health challenges and was 96-years-old, it was still shocking to hear of her death.

See 'Goertzen shares strong respect for Queen' on 4A



JORDAN ROSS THE CARILLON

Sweat now, shade later

Tim Courchene and Jonathan Letander, tree planters from Sagkeeng First Nation, plant seedlings south of Anola on Monday, near the RM of Springfield's Edie Creek water retention and drainage improvement project. Ken Fosty, Manitoba community advisor with Tree Canada, said his crew of 12 tree planters will only need a week to plant 130,000 white spruce seedlings. Soil conditions are more favourable to planting this year than last. White spruce, prized for their long life and hardiness, are Manitoba's provincial tree. Fosty said they will provide shade, shelter, wildlife habitat, watershed protection, and clean air, all while beautifying the landscape.

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Nighthawks, Pistons set to face-off this weekend.

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Steinbach Mayor Earl Funk, Steinbach MLA Kelvin Goertzen, SCO board chair Elroy Peters, SCO Executive Director Irene Kroeker and Provencher MP Ted Falk make the dirt fly as they take part in the sod turning for The Bridge, an affordable housing project.

Sod turned on affordable housing project

by GREG VANDERMEULEN

Perhaps nothing exemplified Steinbach Community Outreach's dedication to spending money carefully on helping those in the community that need a leg up, more than a golden shovel.

SCO and invited guests took part in the sod turning for The Bridge last Thursday, an affordable housing project which will provide low rent housing to low income individuals living in Steinbach.

At centre stage was a golden shovel, but not one the board spent any money on.

Instead, office manager Charlene Kroeker said they relied on a borrowed shovel.

Board member Ingrid Penner had one at home, left over from the sod turning on Steinbach Credit Union's new building.

"We'd rather spend money on the

people than golden shovels," Kroeker said with a chuckle.

It's that thrift in part that has generated community support for The Bridge, an apartment building to be constructed on Woodhaven Avenue that will have 24 suites in a combination of bachelor and one bedroom sizes.

A grant of \$1.338 million from the province was designated by the City of Steinbach after reviewing several proposals.

Kroeker said they've been happy with the community response.

"It's been fantastic," she said. "We have raised over \$1 million now from community members and businesses who have donated to the project."

Total project cost estimated earlier this year was \$3.6 million, with Steinbach Credit Union financing the remainder.

SCO Executive Director Irene Kroeker said when they first began operating in 2008, opening the doors to

their new drop-in centre, they could never have anticipated what was coming.

"It was only a 200 sq. ft. corner of our church and we thought we had the answer to our dream, to be there for the community that struggled with their basic needs," she said.

They added clothing and food and moved upstairs to a 7,000 sq. ft. space but then realized they had another important need to meet, shelter.

That resulted in a three tiered plan which called for emergency overnight shelter, transitional apartments and affordable housing apartments.

Kroeker described the sod turning as a "dream come true".

"Today our dream has grown to a three-storey affordable apartment," she said. "Honestly I never thought the day would come, but here we are."

Board Chair Elroy Peters said SCO has the goal of increasing the supply

of affordable units, improving and preserving the quality of affordable housing and fostering safe independent living with supports provided by SCO.

"Our plan is to create a support network for individuals living in The Bridge so they may one day be able to move on from this complex and find housing on their own," he said.

Steinbach MLA Kelvin Goertzen also spoke about the importance of this project, sharing a time of his life when his father passed away and his mother, raising two children alone, needed assistance.

"To say that my mom at that point didn't have much would have been generous," he said. "She didn't have anything."

She was able to take advantage of government housing near Steinbach's water tower, and Goertzen said it's important to recognize she had help from government, the community and the people around her.

"We all accomplish things with help," he said.

Steinbach Mayor Earl Funk said he's pleased council chose this proposal to support.

"Your fingers are on the pulse of what's going on in our community with the homeless, with the working poor, and those that will benefit from this type of housing," he said.

Provencher MP Ted Falk described SCO Executive Director Irene Kroeker as a "visionary", comparing SCO to the Biblical book of Nehemiah which tells the story of the rebuilding of Jerusalem's walls while defenders stood in the gaps to repel enemies.

"God was looking for somebody to stand in the gap," he said of the Old Testament story. "Irene, you saw that gap in our community of people dealing with homelessness and fighting poverty and you chose to address that gap."

Completion of the facility is expected for fall of 2023.

Unofficial burger entry raises money for charity



Local Matters Thrift Store Manager Chris Giesbrecht is putting his own spin on Steinbach Burger Days, hawking "Poverty Burgers" for \$5. All money goes to Soup's On.

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by NICOLE BUFFIE

A local thrift shop owner is taking the spirit of Steinbach Burger Days and putting his own twist on it, all while raising money for charity in the process.

It's no mouthwatering, towering burger for sale like some entries in the Steinbach Chamber of Commerce's fifth-annual event; five dollars buys one a Poverty Burger — a hamburger bun with two packets of ketchup between it.

The meal is a delicacy Chris Giesbrecht, manager of Local Matters Thrift Store, said he often ate for dinner when he was unemployed or between jobs and had little money.

Giesbrecht is selling the bun-and-ketchup combo to raise money for Soup's On, adding the cheeky homage to the seven-day festival, which sees local restaurants sell burger creations generating thousands of dollars, is to shine a light on poverty

in the city and find a distinct way to raise money for organizations.

"I understand I'm sort of going in through the back door but I wanted to make it fun," he said.

Using ketchup packets donated from Blatz B-stro and buns purchased with money out of his own pocket, the shop manager said the Poverty Burger is a way to remind the city there are some who have less and can't participate in food festivals such as Burger Days, "Those who have to choose between paying rent or buying groceries," Giesbrecht said.

While the entry is not an official part of Burger Days and has no affiliation to the Chamber event, Giesbrecht said he hopes to be an entry during next year's festivities.

The Chamber declined to comment on Giesbrecht's participation.

The creation of the Poverty Burger adheres to the mission statement of Local Matters: to help others who have less. Giesbrecht said while the



The "Poverty Burger" consists of a hamburger bun and two packets of ketchup. It's a meal Giesbrecht said he ate during times he had little money for groceries.

shop has yet to turn a profit since its opening in 2018, when disposable income does become available it will go towards non-profits of the shop's choosing, and eventually, Giesbrecht's dream of opening a fully-accessible park for children with physical impairments.

"When you do nice things for people, hopefully it comes back around

your way," he said.

The Poverty Burger initiative is the first of many, Giesbrecht said. Next month the fundraising will continue with \$5 lobster "tales" with all proceeds going to a different organization.

Local Matters is running the campaign parallel to Burger Days, on until Sept. 17.

No care or attention in semi-truck crash

by NICOLE BUFFIE

A semi-truck driver who caused a head-on collision along a dangerous portion of the Trans-Canada Highway received a steep penalty last week.

Raminder Pal Singh Manes, 24, was hit with a \$2,000 fine after pleading guilty to careless driving after he crossed over the centre line on the only portion of Highway 1 left to be twinned, colliding with another semi-truck.

Falcon Lake RCMP were called to the area shortly after 2 a.m. on Dec. 12, 2021 with reports of a two-car collision. Officers found the accused's semi-truck in the ditch and the other blocking the roadway but reported no injuries.

The stretch of highway was closed for several hours.

Crown attorney Larissa Campbell told court the accused had no explanation as to why he crossed the centre line and was not aware of what he was carrying in his load destined for Toronto from Winnipeg.

The shipment contained fireworks and other explosives, Campbell told Judge Larry Allen.

"The defendant did not drive with due care and attention," she said. "This could have easily ended up in a fatality or cause serious injury."

The accused's lawyer, Michael Mahadeo, said his client didn't know what he client was hauling because of his job as a contract truck driver.

Mahadeo argued for a lower fine — \$1,000 — due to the accused's financial responsibilities.

Manes sends much of his income to family in India, Mahadeo said.

"This would certainly be a financial hardship to him," he said.

Allen took note of the circumstances laid out by Campbell, saying the section of highway has been controversial over the last few years.

"This is the kind of thing that unfortunately happens all too often on these undivided highways, often resulting in fatalities," he said, siding with the crown's request for a \$2,000 penalty.

"You have to be very diligent there and for whatever reason this accused was not diligent."

Premier Heather Stefanson revealed plans to twin the portion of highway in an Aug. 31 letter written to a family who lost loved ones on the

same stretch of highway in 2019.

"Twinning the Highway will significantly improve safety for motorists, and our government is committed to getting the job done," Stefanson wrote to the family of 54-year-old Mark Lugli and his 17-year-old son Jacob. The father and son were killed in a head-on collision with a transport truck that swerved to avoid rear-ending a stopped vehicle.

In May Ontario Finance Minister Peter Bethlenfalvy announced the first phase of highway twinning on their side of the provincial border will be complete by 2024.

Stefanson said the Manitoba government will soon tender design study engineering contracts.

- with files from Jordan Ross

Hanover sides with developer despite local opposition

by NICOLE BUFFIE

Ample resident and business opposition wasn't enough to persuade RM of Hanover council to deny a proposal for a 29-unit rural residential development south of Mitchell.

Council voted unanimously to approve the proposal along Road 30E Wednesday morning after delaying their decision at an Aug. 10 meeting.

"I think we should be able to make both things work," Coun. Darren Warkentin said during the Sept. 14 public hearing.

During an initial public hearing regarding the proposal three homeowners and a business relayed their concerns to the municipality. The second hearing yielded many of the same concerns.

"It's just going to be too much," nearby resident Kymberlee Martens said Wednesday morning, telling council some homes in the proposed development would look directly onto her property.

David Fehr, who runs an excavation business and aggregate quarry which backs onto the parcel of land, remained firm on his opposition to the lots.

"My position hasn't changed," he said.

Fehr said his main concern lies with drainage plans for the area, noting he would have to build up a berm or dig ditches along his property line to accommodate the development. Planning Manager Jeremy Neufeld

told council a drainage plan is required under a development agreement.

Fehr added new homeowners near his construction site may field complaints about noise and dust.

Arthur Pauls, presenting on behalf of the applicants, said if Fehr's company operates within their regular hours laid out by a municipal by law there will be no issue.

"They have no reason to complain," he said. "If someone chooses to go beyond the by law and work later than that, that's their problem."

Fehr's hours of operation are 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. most days.

A letter sent to council relayed concerns the development would increase property taxes for homeowners in the area as well as destruction of viable farmland.

Neufeld told council the parcel of land was always destined for rural residential lots, according to a 2019 development plan for the area. The municipality held multiple open houses and forums for residential feedback on the plans, while a background study on the area found a need for more rural residential lots.

While Warkentin noted the clash between two uses of similar land he said if Fehr is granted ample time to build up a berm along his property line many of his concerns can be addressed before construction on the area begins.

"It's not perfect in both worlds but to address both sides I think there's something that can be done."

IIU probes broken ankle

by JORDAN ROSS

Manitoba's police watchdog is investigating how a man broke his ankle while being pursued by police in Roseau River Anishinaabe First Nation.

The pursuit began when the Manitoba First Nation Police Service responded to a report of a disturbance around 6 a.m. on Aug. 30.

At 7:45 a.m., an officer attempted to pull over a car. The car accelerated and sped away, then braked abruptly at a stop sign and slid into the ditch.

The driver was arrested after a short foot chase. An ambulance took him to Morris General Hospital, where he received medical care for a broken ankle.

A broken ankle qualifies as a serious injury under IIU regulations, making an investigation mandatory, the oversight agency explained last Wednesday in a release.

Witnesses or other individuals who have information or video footage that may assist this investigation are asked to contact the IIU toll free at 1-844-667-6060.

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TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27TH, 2022



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A beaming Steinbach Mayor L.A. Barkman looks on as four and a half year old Lisa Epp presents a bouquet of flowers to Queen Elizabeth II outside the Steinbach Civic Centre.

CARILLON ARCHIVES

Sweet memories of flowers for the Queen

by GREG VANDERMEULEN

Lisa Epp can still taste the time she gave flowers to Queen Elizabeth II. She remembers the sights, the colours, the feeling of the importance of the event, but she admits, it's the Smarties she remembers most of all.

Lisa was chosen to present the Queen with flowers after she arrived in Steinbach with Prince Charles as part of their 1970 tour.

Her father, Jake Epp, who would go on to serve as MP for Provencher from 1972 to 1993, was then a Steinbach town councillor.

Lisa recalls the Smarties as they were the promised reward for a job well done but she also remembered many other details from that day, something she admits is surprising considering she was only four and a half years old.

"I remember getting my hair done early in the morning and my mom pulling me out of bed and me being very unhappy about that," she said. "I had practiced countless hours down the hallway of my childhood home."

She also recalls getting her hair done, donning the dress her mother had made, and getting ready to go.

"I remember how I felt that this was a big deal," she said.

Despite the significance of the occasion, Lisa said she also recalls having a little too much fun with the experience at one point.

"I remember walking in (Steinbach Civic Centre) and my new patent blue shoes clicking and getting my red velvet or burgundy basket of flowers," she said. "I remember twirling it around and my mom scolding me quickly. I remember wanting my box of Smarties and that was my main focus."

It was those Smarties that got her through, when at the last possible moment, she informed her mother she would not be going through with the flower delivery.

"My mom was quite panicky," she recalled. "I respected my mom as I do today and she had that look and she gave me a little pinch in the back of my arm, so I knew, we were not negotiating."

Lisa said she remembers the smiles of both Queen Elizabeth and Prince Charles as she approached.

"I did my curtsies and I remember them saying graciously thank you and I walked off the stage, went back to my mom and I got my box of Smarties," she said.

The monarchy and the Queen have always been important to the Epp family.

Lisa said she remembers when her father went to the St James Palace for a dinner hosted by Prince Charles where he was acknowledged for his philanthropy work. He also spent time on walkabouts with the Queen during other visits.

Lisa said it's a good feeling to see so many people acknowledge and honour Queen Elizabeth II.

"She was 96 and the value we put on this elderly woman, it warms my heart," she said. "It feels so often we don't honour our elders and we don't respect our elders. The fact that we are honouring her service, I come from a family of service and it's humbling."

"It's the proper thing," she added.

Lisa said the fact that the monarchy has had family dramas and relationship issues while evolving over the years is testament to the simple fact that they're human, something that makes them more relatable.

"It's the end of an era for sure," she said.

Paying respects

"You're always glad to see her one more time make another address or be in another event and still seeing her that she was still vibrant and going. It seems surreal. She's gone and now there's a new Monarch."

- Mayor Earl Funk

"I think people are reflecting on her life and by extension their own lives because she's been intertwined with people in so many different ways. She really has been a stable force, because unlike politicians who sort of come and go, she's been a steady force through all those different challenges."

- Steinbach MLA Kelvin Goertzen

"From Queen Elizabeth's first official visit as Princess Elizabeth in 1951 to her most recent visit as Queen in 2010, she was welcomed with great love and admiration for her service to Canada, and her dedication to serving her subjects around the world with dignity, grace and humility."

- Lt. Gov. Janice Filmon

"From her childhood, through the war years and throughout her reign as Queen, Her Majesty served the U.K., Canada and the Commonwealth with a humility, grace, and dedication to duty that is unparalleled. It is my hope the Queen's deep faith in her own King and Saviour Jesus Christ, of which she always spoke openly and fondly, will be a great comfort to the family during this most difficult time."

- Provencher MP Ted Falk

"Leading with determination, commitment, dedication and purpose, Her Majesty showed great strength of mind and character, loyalty, steadfastness and determination. At the same time the Queen was devoted to her husband they raised a family that will carry Her Majesty's legacy forward for decades to come."

- Premier Heather Stefanson

Goertzen shares strong respect for Queen

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"I think people are reflecting on her life and by extension on their own lives because she's been intertwined with people in so many different ways," he said.

Goertzen added that many people are feeling the loss.

"Almost everybody I speak to, regardless of what they think of the monarchy, and there are lots of different views about the monarchy, but almost everybody had a very strong respect for Queen Elizabeth," he said.

Mayor Earl Funk was second to sign the book, saying he's only known one Royal Monarch. He said even with declining health she continued to make an impact.

"You're always glad to see her one more time make another address or be in another event and still seeing her that she was still vibrant and going," he said. "It seems surreal. She's gone and now there's a new Monarch."

The book of condolences is available for the public to sign in the Steinbach City Hall foyer through Tuesday, Sept. 20. Manitobans can also visit mantobalg.ca to share memories on virtual book of condolences.

Monday, Sept. 19 will be a federal holiday and national day

of mourning.

In Manitoba, all non-essential government services and offices will be closed for the day. However, schools, childcare facilities and the health care system will operate as normal.

In a Tuesday press release, Premier Heather Stefanson encouraged schools to observe a moment of silence.

That day will also feature a 21-gun salute on the south grounds of the Legislative Building to coincide with the federal memorial service in Ottawa. That will be followed by a Royal Gun Salute of 96 rounds to honour each year of the Queen's life. The invitation-only provincial memorial service will take place at 7 p.m. at St John's Anglican Cathedral in Winnipeg. Church bells will toll 96 times to the commencement of the service.

"I encourage all Manitobans to take a moment to reflect on Her late Majesty's special relationship with our province and her countless contributions to our country and the entire Commonwealth," Stefanson said. "Queen Elizabeth II had a remarkable reign and an unwavering commitment to service and duty. May she rest in peace."



Steinbach Mayor Earl Funk signs the book of condolence.

GREG VANDERMEULEN/THE CARILLON

Remembering royalty



The country continues to mourn the death of Queen Elizabeth II on Sept. 8. Her reign, which began Feb. 6, 1952, is the longest for a British monarch, surpassing Queen Victoria who served as queen from over 63 years from 1837 to 1901. During this time, she made more than 20 official visits to Canada, including visits to Southeast Manitoba in 1970 and 1984.

Clockwise from right: Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II speaks with Wyn Van Slyck, president emeritus of the Dugald Costume Museum, during a 30-minute walkabout there. Escorted by St Pierre-Jolys Mayor Fern Lavergne, Her Majesty signs the guest book during a short visit to the community in 1970. At right, Prince Charles chats with Society Franco-Manitobaine President Etienne Gaboury. The first person to greet Queen Elizabeth II when she arrived in Dugald in 1984 is Springfield MLA and House Leader Andy Anstett. Steinbach Mayor L.A. Barkman, Queen Elizabeth and Prince Charles walk towards a platform set up in front of the Steinbach Civic Centre for Her Majesty's second stop on a whirlwind tour of Manitoba in 1970. Members of Steinbach Town Council and their wives greet the queen, as Mayor L.A. Barkman walks to the civic centre with Queen Elizabeth and Prince Charles from the limousine, which brought her to Steinbach from the train at La Broquerie. Shortly before the queen left her private train coach at La Broquerie, the rains came, bringing out the umbrellas. RM of La Broquerie Reeve Georges Boily walks with Queen Elizabeth to a waiting limousine.



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Mourning the loss of Canada's Queen

As the world reacts to the loss of Queen Elizabeth II, the 96-year-old Monarch has proven to have a place in hearts everywhere.

Surprisingly how we feel about her loss doesn't seem to have a direct correlation to how we feel about the monarchy or the role it still plays in our nation.

We tend to downplay or ignore the Queen's role in our national affairs, focusing instead on the democratically elected House of Commons when analyzing current events.

The question isn't whether Queen Elizabeth II resonated with Canadians, but why she resonated so much.

Canada is much more multicultural than it once was, and these days much more aware of the sordid history of colonization.

Yet we seem to have the ability to separate the person that was Queen Elizabeth II from the very British history of the Royal Family, and their world conquering aspirations of old.

Perhaps her longevity helped us with that.

As has been repeatedly noted, there are not many of us that recall a time before Queen Elizabeth II was on the throne.

We remember seeing her portrait in school classrooms, post offices and community halls. Many of us sang God Save the Queen once a day in school, or at least at assemblies and Remembrance Day Services. Some tuned in to her annual Christmas messages, mourned with her when she suffered loss and celebrated with her as she celebrated.

When the doors opened at Westminster Hall to allow people to pay their respects as she was lying in state, the line was close to five kms long.

Hundreds of thousands of people are expected to pay their respects before Tuesday's funeral.

She also played a special role in Canada, and right here in the region as well.

There are still many people who recall the excitement of Queen Elizabeth II coming to Steinbach, La Broquerie, St Pierre and more.

A CBC article posted Sept. 9, titled *What Canada meant to the Queen*, explores both her take on Canada and Canadians reaction to her.

The article gives fascinating insight into what she thought of this nation.

In 2010 in Halifax she praised the country.

"As Queen of Canada for nearly six decades, my pride in this country remains undimmed," she said. "Thank you again for your welcome. It is very good to be home."

Of course, one must include the fact that she used the last line rather liberally and was "home" in Australia and New Zealand as well.

She made 22 official visits to Canada, which according to the article is the most visits she made to any country in the commonwealth.

Canadians have largely embraced her, showing respect if not always devotion to her.

Part of that reason is because of how we perceive her as a person.

We have always been impressed by her volunteerism in World War II.

She seemed to show humility, strength, integrity, grace and humour.

While she was bound by protocol, she still managed to be a very real person.

Take for instance the 2009 hug given by Michelle Obama to the Queen.

There is an important rule when you're around royalty. You simply don't touch for any reason.

Michelle Obama broke with that while she and her husband, then president, met with the Queen.

Queen Elizabeth's dressmaker and friend Angela Kelly discussed the moment in her book, *The Other Side of the Coin: The Queen, the Dresser and the Wardrobe*.

In an interview with *Hello Magazine*, Kelly shed some light on the Queen's nature.

"Much has been made about the meeting between Michelle and Her Majesty when an instant and mutual warmth was shared between these two remarkable women, and protocol was abandoned as they stood closely with their arms around each other's backs," Kelly said. "In reality it was a natural instinct for the Queen to show affection and respect for another great woman and really there is no protocol that must be adhered to."

This remarkable nature is why so many are mourning right now for a woman we never met.

Thankfully we have ways to grieve.

Thanks to Steinbach MLA Kelvin Goertzen, our city hall is home to one of the books of condolences. From now until the end of Tuesday, members of the public can come in, sign their name and share their thoughts on what Queen Elizabeth meant to them.

Manitobans can also sign the virtual condolence book at manitobalg.ca.

We need to recognize that thoughts on the monarchy vary dramatically. But in the end, we can all agree to mourn the loss of an amazing person.

May Her Majesty rest in peace.

-GV



PHOTO BY ALMA BARKMAN

We either "come apart and rest awhile" or we simply come apart.

Why the British monarchy still matters

It wasn't the news any of us wanted to hear. After 70 years on the throne, Queen Elizabeth II passed away last week at the age of 96.

While no one lives forever, I had hoped that Queen Elizabeth would reign for at least a few more years. In many ways, the Queen was a beacon of stability in a constantly changing world. From the beginning of the Cold War to the end of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Queen was there through it all.

Now we have a new monarch, King Charles III. Already 73 years old, King Charles has lived most of his life in the shadow of his mother. His path to the throne stands in stark contrast to Elizabeth, who became queen early in life when her father, King George VI, passed away at the relatively young age of 56.

Obviously, not everyone thinks the monarchy is a good idea. To many anti-monarchists, it makes sense to transition away from the monarchy now, particularly since Charles is considerably less popular than his mother. Other critics go even further by denouncing the entire institution, including Queen Elizabeth herself, as relics of British colonialism.

Sadly, there was no shortage of ghoulish people who openly celebrated the death of Queen Elizabeth on social media. One of the most egregious examples was a professor at Carnegie Mellon University who posted on Twitter, "I heard the chief monarch of a thieving, raping, genocidal empire is finally dying. May her pain be excruciating."

No country is perfect, and the British Empire has obviously made mistakes over the years, but to describe it as a thieving, raping, genocidal empire is the height of absurdity. Judging a country and its institutions by the worst actions of its past without taking into consideration its many positive aspects today is profoundly unfair.

The 1867 Constitution Act, originally called the British North America Act, begins by stating that the new Dominion of Canada shall have "a Constitution similar in principle to that of the United Kingdom."

This means that our country is directly modelled on that of the United Kingdom. Like our mother country, we have an elected House of Commons, an appointed Senate, and a British com-

mon law legal system. A central component of our parliamentary democracy is a recognition that the British monarch is also the head of state for Canada. Abolishing the monarchy would mean completely rewriting our constitution, which would be a truly enormous undertaking and a poor use of our government's time.

However, keeping the monarchy in place is not simply about preserving the status quo. Rather, it's a recognition that our society benefits from having a shared institution that is larger

than ourselves. When new citizens take an oath to the queen (now the king), they are not pledging allegiance to an individual, but rather to our country as a whole.

Critics of the monarchy argue that this British institution is no longer relevant in a multicultural country like Canada. However, former Prime Minister John Diefen-

baker, perhaps the most staunchly pro-monarchy leader we've ever had, was also the first prime minister to come from neither British nor French ancestry. He understood better than anyone that the monarchy was relevant to all Canadians, not just those with British last names.

Instead of focusing on the personal foibles of King Charles, or on the mistakes made by the British Empire centuries ago, we should recognize that the monarchy remains an important aspect of our Canadian identity today.

The Queen is dead. Long live the King. May our new King have a long and happy reign.

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Think Again

Michael Zwaagstra

This week's web poll results are unavailable.

We apologize for the inconvenience.

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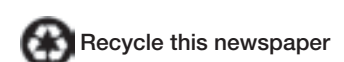
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Tax reduction would fuel inflation

Re: Trudeau puts climate optics above affordability (Sept. 8)

In his column last week, Michael Zwaagstra seems more intent on denigrating Justin Trudeau than in educating his readers. This is unfortunate and also dangerous.

Michael argues that the carbon tax should be reduced: first, to reduce hardships caused by inflation by leaving more money in the pockets of taxpayers and second, to make everything more affordable.

I agree with Michael that prices are going up. This is inflation. Inflation is always undesirable and hurts those of low income most. But I also hear from all sides that job vacancies are not being filled. It seems there are not enough people to do all that work that needs to be done; goods and services are becoming scarcer. This

is also inflationary.

Economists agree that inflation occurs when too much money chases too few goods. There is disagreement as to how a government should reduce the demand and increase supply of goods, but no serious economist suggests a tax reduction. A tax reduction would only fuel inflation. If anything, an increase in taxation is needed.

I also agree with Michael that the carbon tax increases not only our direct energy costs (heating and travel), but also the price of just about everything. As he stated, this is because energy goes into the preparation and delivery of just about everything we need and want.

However, there is no question that climate change and resource depletion threaten the future of our entire civilization. Increased energy costs are a bitter pill that must be swallowed to avoid even higher energy costs in a very short time. Michael resists swallowing the pill, but unfortunately offers no alternative. Conservative-leaning citizens who might agree with Mr. Zwaagstra have at least one thing in common with supporters of the carbon tax: they both love their children. The Liberals have a strategy for dealing with carbon pollution and resource depletion in an effort to pass a livable planet on to our children and grandchildren. My opinion is that their plan is not bold enough, but that is another discussion.

At the very time when we also need a conservative strategy for dealing with the climate crisis and with resource depletion, the Conservative party seems to have no strategy at all.

Eric Rempel
Steinbach, MB



Report from the Legislature

Ron Schuler - MLA for Springfield-Ritchot

Queen Elizabeth II, 70 years of faithful service

My whole life I have lived under one monarch. Ever since I can remember it has been Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II's portrait in my school classrooms and my workplace office. To hear of her passing away last week Thursday was a shock to me as it was to us all.

I personally had the chance to meet Her Majesty and her husband, Prince Phillip, in 2002 when I was a recipient of the Queen's Gold jubilee medal. We stopped and conversed a bit regarding my representation of the RM of Springfield, the oldest RM in the province. A picture of him pointing at me was taken, and it has become one of my most cherished possessions on display for anyone who comes into my office.

Her Majesty's impact however goes beyond just that of my own life. Her legacy is one that has affected the entire commonwealth. As our monarch, she represented stability through years of chaos. She oversaw many changes, such as the reparation of Canada's Constitution and through it all, she remained a constant. But the real legacy that she left was the way that she, even as a reigning monarch, was down to earth with the people she met. Many stories have circulated of how she made the time to chat and really listen to the people she

met, even if it was only for a moment.

Queen Elizabeth II had the opportunity to visit Manitoba on six separate occasions, starting when she was still a princess. Her last was in 2010 when she came to celebrate Manitoba's centenary. Each time that Her Majesty visited our province, we were honoured by the fact that she cared for our small corner of the world enough to come and visit.

The world is a lesser place now with Her Majesty gone. She stood far and above the world, a picture of grace and discipline that we all can strive for. She presided over many world events being a figure of strength for everyone, regardless of their political leanings. Even in times of personal stress and loss for herself, such as 1992 (which Her Majesty called her "annus horribilis"), she remained firm in her dedication to serving the people of the commonwealth.

I pray for her family that they will find comfort in this time of grief, and the strength and courage to carry on her legacy of stability. I also pray for King Charles, that he may have the wisdom and grace, just like his mother, and to continue to be a pillar of strength in these times.

May Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II rest in peace. Long live the King.



Rethinking Lifestyle

Carbon tax basics

by TAMARA REMPEL

I don't know about you, but when I hear someone starting to talk about carbon taxes or offsets or cap-and-trade or even UN climate accords, my eyes begin to glaze slightly and my brain starts making to-do lists or re-playing scenes from the latest Crown episode. I'm mildly embarrassed to say that I don't really understand what a lot of it means. I DO know that I am really feeling a pinch at the grocery store (I am now feeding teenagers), and also at the gas pump. At the same time, I am also very aware climate change is real, severe weather events are occurring more frequently and glaciers are shrinking. I'm also not okay with Mr. Zwaagstra's position in last week's Think Again column, where he flippantly comments that China and India are a much bigger environmental problem than Canada so why should we change anything? This feels like an argument my kids would use to get out of cleaning up their own mess.

A cursory internet search provides many explanations and summaries of the carbon tax policies and aims of our current government. I will attempt to provide a brief "Coles Notes" for anyone else in my situation.

Taxes are implemented by governments for two reasons: to generate revenue and to encourage or discourage citizen behaviours.

Greenhouse gases (GHGs) are emissions which include carbon dioxide, methane, nitrous oxide, ozone, and water vapour. GHGs have far-ranging environmental and health effects. They cause climate change by trapping heat, which can cause glaciers to melt, oceans to rise, and produce unstable and extreme weather events, such as BC's extreme heat and wildfires last year, or the recent flooding in Pakistan. They also contribute to respiratory disease from smog and air pollution.

Carbon emissions are one type of greenhouse gas that occurs when carbon dioxide enters the air after a human activity or process. They get the most attention because they're the most significant in terms of quantity: approximately 80 percent of all greenhouse gases are carbon dioxide. Canada is particularly culpable, as we currently have a carbon emission

rate six times higher per capita than India's.

In 2019, the federal election was fought with the background of Greta Thunberg's rousing speech to the UN Climate Summit in New York, youth climate strikes on Fridays, and language such as 'climate emergency'. Approximately two-thirds of Canadians voted for a party that supported a carbon tax, either the Liberals, NDPs, or the Greens. The Liberal Party won, formed a minority government and proceeded to implement their promised carbon levy, a "revenue-neutral" initiative, in an effort to change Canadians' GHG-emitting behaviours.

Carbon pricing is gaining momentum globally. In Canada, the federal government implemented a nation-wide carbon price. It began at \$20 per tonne of carbon dioxide equivalent emissions in 2019, rose to \$50 per tonne as of April 2022, and will continue to increase until it reaches \$170 per tonne in 2030. The idea behind this levy is people who consume more carbon will spend more than the amount of tax equally remitted to everyone. For example, someone who takes public transit would receive more money back than the driver of a gas-guzzling SUV.

All revenue gained from the carbon tax is remitted back to the province it came from. Rural residents receive a 10% bump, as transportation costs are greater and public transit options limited. Some of the funding pays for green retrofits in schools and public buildings, but the vast majority comes via personal income tax credit. Payments are quarterly and began this past July, varying by province.

The carbon tax in its current manifestation may not bring about the changes necessary to preserve our society and our natural world. But it will likely bring a bit of discomfort that hopefully causes us to examine our lifestyles and make positive changes which will benefit our planet for generations to come. And I guess riding my bike into town, rather than driving those 5km, would have mental and physical health perks on top of the positive financial and environmental repercussions.

This column is prepared by South Eastman Transition Initiative. Go to setimanitoba.org.



On Parliament Hill

Ted Falk - MP for Provencher

The end of an era and new beginnings

It was with heavy hearts and deep sorrow that Canadians took in the news that our Head of State, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, had died.

Most of us have not lived a day of our lives in which Elizabeth was not Queen.

In these uncertain and tumultuous times in which we live, there has always been one constant presence in our lives that exemplified stability: Elizabeth.

Now she is gone. Early in her life, the Queen—whose name means "my God is an oath"—made a commitment to God and to her people that hers would be a life of service.

From her childhood, through the war years and throughout her reign as Queen, Her Majesty served the UK, Canada and the Commonwealth with a humility, grace, and dedication to duty that is unparalleled.

Personally, I was always inspired by Her Majesty's devotion to her people, her unwavering sense of dedication and duty as monarch, and, most of all, her deep devotion to her Christian faith.

My thoughts, prayers, and most sincere condolences go out to the Royal Family. It is my hope the Queen's deep faith in her own King and Saviour Jesus Christ, of which she always spoke openly and fondly, will be a great comfort to the family during this most difficult time.

Serving Provencher as a Member of Her Majesty's Government and Her Majesty's Loyal Opposition has been one of the greatest honours of my life. It is an honour I look forward to continuing under the reign of our new Monarch: His Majesty King Charles III.

God save the Queen.
God save the King. Long may he reign.

New beginnings

On Saturday evening, the Hon. Pierre Poil-

ievre was elected as the new leader of the Conservative Party of Canada.

I'm pleased with the result. I was there, in Ottawa, for the announcement and it was a very exciting night for Conservatives and for Canada.

Obviously, I endorsed Dr. Leslyn Lewis, largely due to her strong positions on social conservative issues. Those are very important to me, and to many here in Provencher. That said, Pierre was always a very close second for me. It was a tough decision as they both bring a lot of great things to the table. I'm sure Leslyn will feature prominently in our next Conservative Government. I'm excited to have Pierre as our leader.

Canadians are tired of Justin Trudeau. Tired of scandal, hypocrisy, and failure. Over the course of the leadership campaign, Pierre showed he was not only a viable alternative, but brought hope to Canadians—across the political spectrum—who are struggling to get by under this Liberal Government.

Pierre and I worked together on the Finance Committee. We've spent time together, gone for dinner together. His intellect, political skill, work ethic and energy are hard to match. He's always the most prepared guy in the room.

Pierre knows our nation's finances backwards and forwards. He knows what needs to be done to get Canada back on track.

Pierre recognizes that government leaders are the servants, the Canadian people are the masters. That's been his whole message. Ditch the government gatekeepers who have assumed way too much control over people's lives, have government provide the basic services it's there to provide, and, other than that, just get out of the way. Let Canadians live their lives.

I am excited for the days ahead.



View from the Legislature

Kelvin Goertzen - MLA for Steinbach Constituency

Queen Elizabeth II leaves a legacy

The news of the passing of Queen Elizabeth II last week perhaps wasn't surprising given the 96-year-old sovereign had been battling health concerns for several months, and yet, it still managed to be shocking. Shocking because the news marked the passing of the only monarch that most Canadians have ever known.

As the longest-ruling British monarch, having just this past summer celebrated her Platinum Jubilee (70 years as Queen), she has been involved in more history making events than almost anyone alive during her time. For Canadians, that history stretches from opening the Canadian Parliament in 1957. Opening the 1976 Olympics in Montreal to helping bring home the Constitution in 1982. Because she visited Canada many times, there are several of these formal occasions which have been well documented. Less documented were the thousands of brief but impactful interactions she had with Canadians over her many years as Queen.

Since her passing, many Canadians have shared these stories and overwhelmingly they have talked of very personal, humble, and sometimes humorous interactions. These encounters happened in every region of our country including right here in Steinbach when the Queen visited in July of 1970. That moment was captured in many pictures, the most famous being of a four-year-old Lisa Epp presenting flowers to the Queen on the steps of Steinbach City Hall.

Perhaps the thing that has been mentioned

most since her passing is how the Queen has been a calming presence in so many turbulent times. Many have recalled listening to her addresses during times of political turmoil, economic downturns, war and pandemic. Of course, it is well documented that the Queen, who it is often easy to forget was a mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, had many difficult personal challenges to face as well. The most recent coming with the loss of her husband Prince Philip last year. And while she famously pledged as a 21-year-old during a broadcast from South Africa to a life of duty, it would have been impossible to have predicted just how much resilience that commitment would require.

Canadians have many divided views on the role and future of the monarchy. And yet, perhaps that resiliency is one of the reasons that the vast majority of Canadians, regardless of their views on the monarchy, had a positive impression of Queen Elizabeth II. Overwhelmingly they seem to have appreciated her connection to history, her connection to Canada and the resiliency she showed in performing her duty. Her legacy has touched many people and will live on for many generations.

There have been a number of official Manitoba Books of Condolence set up in the province including at Steinbach City Hall. Any resident who wishes to express their condolence on the passing of Queen Elizabeth II is welcome to sign.





UPCOMING EVENTS

Sat., Sept. 17/Hadashville

10 a.m. - Annual Vegetable Drive, at Hadashville Hall. Drop off donations at the hall. Donations of produce appreciated. Non-perishable items accepted as well as cash and cheques; e-Transfers to reynoldsfoodbank@gmail.com or ldbfoodbank@gmail.com.

Sat., Sept. 17/Emerson

2 p.m. - Unveiling of Emerson First World War Internment Operations Photographic Monument and Interpretive Panel, at Emerson Corner Park (intersection of Main St and Church St).

Wed., Sept. 21/Roseau River Park

7-9 p.m. - Woodmore Women's Institute hosts a Hobby Greenhouse presentation by Mick Manfield, a Master Gardener. Pre-registration requested; \$10 registration fee to be paid at the door. Contact meloskydebbie@gmail.com to register.

Thurs., Sept. 22/Steinbach

6 p.m. - Free Concert in the Park featuring Ça Claque, at K.R. Barkman Park. Feel the rhythm, experience 'la joie de vivre', and discover French Canadian and Métis folklore - traditional as well as contemporary - through music and dance. Bring your lawn chairs. Visit SteinbachArts.ca or call Tara at 204-346-1077.

The following events may be postponed.

Please call for more information.

DRINKING PROBLEMS?: The Whiteshell group of Alcoholics Anonymous meet every Wednesday and Saturday at 8 p.m. in All People's Church, Falcon Lake. Come and meet with us or call 204-349-2374 in Falcon Lake. We can help.

STE ANNE LIONS CLUB: Meets the first and third Tuesdays of the month at 7 p.m. at the Ste Anne English School in the library. Call Pat 204-422-8259 for more information.

BLOOD DONOR CLINIC: First and third Monday of the month, 2-7 p.m., Evangelical Mennonite Church, 422 Main St. To volunteer call Reg Reimer 204-326-3064. For information call 1-888-236-6283.

LORETTE AL-ANON 12 STEP RECOVERY GROUP: Meets Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m., Call 204-797-4773 for information.

FREE WEEKLY WORKSHOP: for clients that are employed or seeking employment. Tuesdays - Numeracy 1-3 p.m.; Tuesdays - Document Use for Work 6-8 p.m.; Tuesdays - Document Use & the Web 6-8 p.m.; Wednesdays - Computer Use 6-8 p.m.; Thursdays - Computer Use 3-5 p.m.; Thursdays - Numeracy 6-8 p.m. Workplace Essential Skills Training Centre, 14 - 90 Brandt Street in Steinbach. Register by calling 204-326-2123.

STEP AEROBICS WITH WEIGHTS: Tuesday and Thursday at 7 p.m., ICSF School Gym, St-Pierre-Jolys. For info or to register call Stephanie 204-320-2667, Louise 204-433-3839 or The Health Corner 204-433-3891.

CHRONIC DISEASE EDUCATION TEAM (CDET): Education for individuals and families who are living with diabetes and/or heart health issues. Please call 204-320-2475 for more information on how to meet with a nurse and/or a dietitian.

RICHER RECOVERY AA GROUP: Meet every Monday from 7:30-8:30 p.m. at LUD Hall in Richer. If you would like more information, call Jeff at 204-371-5518 or Albert at 204-380-3058.

ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION STEINBACH BRANCH: Meets first Tuesday of the month via Zoom at 7:30 p.m.; Ladies Auxiliary meets first Monday of each month, 7:30 p.m., Steinbach Legion, 227 Main St - Unit 5. Email: steinbach190rc@outlook.com.

REAL WOMEN/REAL LIFE SUPPORT GROUPS: Addictions? Depression? Post abortive? Loss? Stress? Other? Women only support groups are available weekly, year round. Free. Confidential. Life changing; 12-step Life Recovery Bible provided. For locations and more info call Shon McLaren (Clear Springs Counselling) 1-204-955-4296.

ARE YOU EXPECTING?: Or do you have a baby? Are you a parent or caregiver? Steinbach Family Resource Centre offers a wide variety of programs to support your family. Free prenatal and postnatal classes can be registered for at family@steinbachfrc.ca. We are open for in-person support Monday to Friday 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Call 204-346-0413 with any questions.

EASTMAN OSTEOPOROSIS GROUP: We are available to provide education and support for those with or interested in osteoporosis. Contact Irene Lemoine, 204-422-8019.

PTSD PROJECTS CANADA PEER SUPPORT GROUP: Meetings in Steinbach at the Royal Canadian Legion, 294 Lumber Ave (across from T.G. Smith Centre), the last Thursday each month at 7 p.m.; New chapter in RM of Tache at the Municipal Office, corner of Hwy 206 and Trans-Canada Hwy, with meetings the second Thursday each month at 7 p.m. Contact Lou Savard 204-392-2235 or Lesli Brandt 204-270-0279 for info.

MOOD DISORDERS ASSOCIATION OF MANITOBA: MDAM offers individual and group support groups in the South Eastman Region. If you would like more information on our services, please contact Judy at 204-444-5228, email JudyD@mooddisordersmanitoba.ca or visit www.mooddisordersmanitoba.ca/. We are currently offering a mental wellness/support group at the Seniors Centre in St Malo on the 1st Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. For more information on this group, feel free to contact Judy, or call directly the St Malo volunteer group facilitator Leo, at 204-712-0833.

BREASTFEEDING HELP: For help with breastfeeding issues, call breastfeeding counsellor Jacqui Broesky at 204-346-0100.

BRAIN INJURY SUPPORT GROUP: last Monday of every month, 7 to 9 p.m., Steinbach 55 Plus. Information: Greg Schipper: 204-326-9614.

CLUB JOVIAL: Located at 157 Central Avenue in Ste Anne, is available for all seniors 50 years of age and older on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 1-4 p.m. for billiards and cards. Coffee and refreshments served. Call Larry at 204-807-6886 for more information.

AL-ANON: Monday 7:30 p.m. Steinbach Cultural Arts Centre back door, downstairs. For information call Lloyd 204-326-4365.

MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS SOCIETY, STEINBACH AREA: Are you living with Multiple Sclerosis and would like to connect with other people in the MS community? The Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada offers a peer support group in Steinbach that meets the 1st Thursday of the month between 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. (September to June). Please contact Tara Mamchuk, coordinator - Community Connections, at 1-800-268-7582 (ext 4904) or tara.mamchuk@mssociety.ca for more information.

STEINBACH ROTARY CLUB: meets the first and third Wednesday every month at Mennonite Heritage Village. For information contact Cornie at 204-326-3155.

KIDS CAN COPE SUPPORT GROUP: For children and teenagers who have a parent or family member living with cancer. Group starts Sept. 15 in Steinbach. Contact Jen Reimer at Steinbach Cancer Care to register at 204-346-5160.

LORETTE CLUB LES BLES D'OR: at 1254 Dawson Rd, Lorette, Mondays and Thursdays from 9 a.m.-3 p.m., for seniors or persons with special needs to participate in activities with others under the assistance of qualified personnel. Contact Maureen LeDressay, program coordinator, at 204-878-2682 on those days. A home care assessment will be completed by the case coordinator from the Steinbach Service to Seniors board. Once recommended, program coordinator will contact you for transport arrangements. User fee (determined by the Government of Manitoba).

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Falk 'very pleased' by Poilievre win

by JORDAN ROSS

Provencher MP Ted Falk is adjusting to a new party leader for the third time in seven years, following Pierre Poilievre's decisive victory in the Conservative Party of Canada leadership race last weekend.

Poilievre won the leadership contest in a landslide, receiving 68.15 percent of the available points on the first ballot. He also won all but eight of Canada's 338 ridings, including all 14 Manitoba ridings.

"I'm very pleased with the result," Falk said Monday by phone from Ottawa. "We had a caucus meeting already this morning. I sensed a very strong unity around Mr. Poilievre."

Jean Charest, a former Quebec premier who ran as a moderate, placed second overall, capturing 16.07 percent of first-ballot points and carrying the remaining eight ridings.

Leslyn Lewis, a social conservative endorsed by Falk, captured 9.69 percent of the first round points.

"I think one thing she did probably better than any of the other candidates is she articulated her position on many issues really well," Falk said.

Former Ontario MPP Roman Baber and Ontario MP Scott Aitchison finished at 5.03 percent and 1.06 percent, respectively.

Falk watched the results roll in Saturday at a convention centre in downtown Ottawa.

"It was a very exciting night," he said. "I think there was a pretty strong anticipation that Pierre would end up the winner."

Falk allowed many in the room were surprised by Poilievre's margin of victory.

"It was much more definitive this time than the previous two leadership races that we've had," Falk said.

"A number like that is actually more welcome than a lesser number," he explained. "It's nice to have a convincing win. I think it sent a really good message to the party, and certainly I think to the other political parties as well."

Poilievre won all 14 federal ridings in Manitoba. Lewis placed second in 12 of them, including Provencher, where party members cast 2,446 valid ballots. Poilievre received 1,679 votes (68.64 points), while Lewis—the only leadership candidate who visited Steinbach—placed second with



Pierre Poilievre speaks at a campaign rally in Morris on Aug. 5, 2022. The 43-year-old won the Conservative Party of Canada leadership race last weekend.

623 votes (25.47 points). Baber collected 78 votes (3.19 points) to Charest's 59 (2.41 points) and Aitchison's seven (0.29 points).

Poilievre wasn't Falk's first choice for leader, but the Provencher MP said it's time for all members of caucus to set their sights on the work ahead between now and the next election.

"The contest is over," Falk said. "The members made a very clear and decisive decision, and now it's time to work together as a team because that is what we are: we're one team focused on one objective, and that's working for Canadians."

Falk said Poilievre is an "approachable" and "perceptive" leader who "reads a room really well."

During his leadership campaign, the 43-year-old Carleton MP supported the so-called "freedom convoy," opposed federal COVID-19 vaccine mandates, criticized the World Economic Forum, promoted cryptocurrency, and vowed to fire the Bank of Canada governor over high inflation.

Poilievre's platform blended those controversial ideas with more traditional Conservative stances on tax cuts and oil and gas sector deregulation. He also held large rallies, used social media frequently, and seldom engaged with reporters, including

after his win Saturday night.

Falk said he likes Poilievre's focus on affordability.

"Taxes under this current government keep increasing, inflation is increasing, our national debt is increasing...those are all things that resonated with me, resonated with many supporters."

The two men also agree on doing away with federal vaccine mandates.

Falk said Poilievre will win back disaffected Conservatives who gravitated to the People's Party of Canada in the last federal election.

"I think they have found a voice in Parliament that speaks for them, and speaks to the issues that they care about, the biggest one of course being personal freedoms for Canadians," Falk said.

In his victory speech, Poilievre said he wants to make Canada the "freest country on Earth."

While Poilievre isn't known as a social conservative, Falk said his own stance on social issues "hasn't changed," and vowed to continue working for constituents.

"Mr. Poilievre is a very balanced leader and I'm sure there is room for everybody," Falk said.

Quite the spectac-AI



Al Simmons leads a singalong on a most unlikely topic during his free outdoor concert in Steinbach's K.R. Barkman Park on Tuesday. The renowned 74-year-old children's entertainer had audience members of all ages in stitches within moments of taking the stage for his extravagantly silly one-man show. Simmons played the banjo, fashioned musical instruments from balloons and tin cans, made an eye chart into a song, and turned his vest into a kilt. The Juno Award-winner, who lives near Anola, also revealed he's at work on a new studio album. The Steinbach Arts Council's free fall concerts in the park continue next Thursday, Sept. 22 with French-Canadian group Ça Claque! taking the stage at 6 p.m.

Fall Supper GUIDE

A cherished autumn tradition unlike any other, the fall supper is a highlight of the season. Once again, community halls, arenas and churches are preparing to celebrate the season with these delicious meals and community gatherings.

We encourage you to take the time this fall to enjoy some homegrown comfort food and passed down family recipes while exploring all that Southeast Manitoba has to offer.

Saturday, Sept. 17/Woodridge

4-6 p.m., Woodridge Community Centre
Tickets sold out

Saturday, Sept. 17/Richer

1-3 p.m., Dawson Trail Park
\$12/adults, \$6/kids 12 and under

Friday, Sept. 23/Steinbach

Accessibility and Beyond Drive Thru Dinner
In support of enVision Foundation
Reserve at www.envisioncl.com or call 204-326-7539

Sunday, Sept. 25/Dominion City

4-6 p.m., Dominion City Community Hall
Drive-thru: \$20/plate

Saturday, Oct. 1/Rosa

4-6 p.m., Shevchenko Ukrainian Centre
\$20/plate; pre-order by Sept. 25
Drive-thru; call 204-346-2245

Saturday, Oct. 1/Anola

4:30-9 p.m., Anola Community Club
\$20/adults, \$10/kids 3-12, \$15/take-out;
At Eventbrite, Dugald Store, Anola Petro, Anola Shell, Anola Building Centre

Saturday, Oct. 1/Middlebro

4-7 p.m., Middlebro Community Hall
\$18/person, \$12/kids 7-12

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Exhibit combines realism, abstract work

Kim Gwozd stands with some of her work for Steinbach Arts Council's latest exhibit, *Art Speaks*. The gallery runs until Oct. 21.

NICOLE BUFFIE THE CARILLON

by NICOLE BUFFIE

Featured artist at the Steinbach Arts Council says the latest exhibit is a prime example of the duality of art.

Kim Gwozd says the difference in her work compared to others in the gallery may exude different feelings but the work is meant to be appreciated in different ways.

"All art is there to look at and to appreciate, that's why we have so many different types of artists, right?" Gwozd said.

Gwozd's realism pieces hang alongside her exhibition mate, Arlene Enns, who specializes in abstract art. The *Art Speaks* exhibit debuted to the public at the SAC last Friday.

With Enns' work on one side and Gwozd's

the other, the bold colours and multiple mediums used in Enns' pieces stand in contrast to the scenes Gwozd paints on canvas in acrylic.

Gwozd, a longtime member of the SAC and former committee member, is debuting her work for the second time at the council.

Based on scenes she comes by naturally, Gwozd captures nostalgia in her paintings and says she hopes others feel the same.

"I'm liking stuff that's old now, because it has a history to it," she said.

Many scenes she paints are products of photos she takes as inspiration, "How lucky you can get being at the right place at the right time," which means each painting comes with a story.

Painting scenes from real life means everywhere she goes could be turned into a paint-

ing, but when she hunkered down during COVID-19 lockdowns she moved away from painting on bigger canvases and opted for smaller ones.

Displayed along her work are magnets she painted over the last few years depicting many of the same types of scenes hung on the walls of the exhibit. Beside them are Enns' "usable art" which includes jewelry, clothing and spruced-up cutting boards.

Enns said over the last six years she's experimented with tangible art, splitting time between creating it and keeping with her interest in abstract paintings.

Beginning as a realism artist over 20 years ago, Enns said working as a private art teacher has changed her style and taught her about different techniques.

Shoulder surgery during the COVID-19 pandemic prompted Enns to experiment to acrylic pouring techniques to her delight.

These days, using complementary colours and different methods in her work, Enns said she's "never met a medium she doesn't like."

"I like to see how they fight with each other or complement each other...sometimes you have happy accidents, sometimes you have to paint over it," she said.

Enns, with her fourth exhibit now under her belt, said she hopes this season's gallery brings joy to the public.

"I think the world is far too full of dark things as it is, so I tend to try to put happiness on the wall," she said.

The *Art Speaks* exhibit runs until Oct. 21.

Code cotton at teddy clinic



Volunteer doctor Adrienne Penner examines a stuffy before sending it into surgery at Agape House's annual Teddy Bear Fun Day on Saturday. The free event featured a stuffy adoption station and clinic, as well as booths by SAYZOONS and Wildlife Haven.

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Carillon FAMILY NOTICES



CAROL BOLIN

December 20, 1950 – September 7, 2022

Carol Ann Bolin (Gunderson) age 71, of Menisino, MB, peacefully left us on Wednesday, September 7, 2022, in her home, surrounded by family.

Carol is survived by her husband Ron of nearly 51 years, two children Brent (Mandy) and Amanda (Rick), and seven grandchildren Charlie, Ethan, Ryan, Macy, Bryce Brody & Aksel.

The Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, September 17, 2022, at 2:00 p.m. at the Piney Community Centre, MB-89, Piney, MB. Ash interment will take place at a later date. Carol would like you to come dressed casually.

If friends so desire, in lieu of flowers, donations in memory of Carol can be made to Menisino Cemetery.

Special thanks to all those that helped Carol these past few years and an extra special thanks to her dearest friend Sandy, as well as the Gendreau family, Bev and Kim.



IRENA FRIEDA FAST

January 9, 1928 – September 5, 2022

On Monday, September 5, 2022, the bells at the St. Paul's Lutheran Church rang 94 times. One toll for each of the years that Irena Frieda Fast, nee Oswald, born January 9, 1928, lived. She was predeceased by many in her 94 years, her parents, six brothers and sisters and most importantly her husband Clarence with whom she was married for 43 years. She is survived by three brothers, three sisters and her children, Deb, Rob and Tony Fast, son-in-law David Wiebe, granddaughter Anna Wiebe and great-grandchildren Louisa and Sidney Scharf.

Frieda's life was lived primarily on Hanover Street in Steinbach. She was industrious in all things, at her home and for her children where she cooked (new recipes she still tried in her 90's), sewed (nothing was too hard to tackle) and gardened (she prided herself when people stopped and noted her flowers). People watching from her living room window in her later years only became possible when she finally gave herself permission not to have something "to show" for each day. She worked in the community both in retail and in providing care to people who had intellectual disabilities. Her love for others was shown through her actions. Her faith was important to her and she was steadfast in her hope that she would see her loved ones again in heaven.

Her children will miss her immensely and are grateful to the staff at both Cedarwood and Resthaven who cared for her and tried to help her both live and then die, when all she really wanted was to be back on Hanover Street looking after her flowers.

The funeral service will be held on Monday, September 26, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. at the St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, 465 Henry St, Steinbach, MB.



GEORGE HILDEBRAND

April 21, 1925 – September 11, 2022

George Hildebrand, 97, died on Sunday, September 11, 2022 at Donwood Manor in Winnipeg, Manitoba, with his sister Bettie at his side.

Born on April 21, 1925, in Ekaterinoslav, Ukraine, George arrived in Halifax, Nova Scotia, on January 1, 1927, with his parents, Daniel and Anna (Dyck), and four siblings. He spent his childhood on the prairies near Niverville, Manitoba, where the family grew to 12 children.

At 22, George embraced the Christian faith. Two years later, in 1950, he married Anne Schellenberg, the daughter of neighbouring farmers, and together they raised five children. George was a farmer at heart, but in 1967, the family moved to Niverville, where he and Anne, together with their partners, successfully grew two agricultural businesses, Niverville Farms and Puratone.

George spent his last four decades living in Birds Hill and Winnipeg. During those years, he worked in home care, volunteered at Union Gospel Mission, indulged his love of reading, and travelled widely with Anne.

George was predeceased by his wife, Anne, his son Gary and six siblings.

He will be remembered for his gentle spirit, keen and curious mind, and love for Nature by all who knew him, especially his sons, Don (Judy), Dale (Marlene), and Ray (Danielle); daughter Joyce; daughter-in-law Bernice; 13 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. He was dearly loved and admired, and we will cherish his memory.

Funeral Service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, September 19, 2022 at Friends Funeral Service, 2146 Main Street, Winnipeg, with viewing on Sunday, September 18, 2022 from 7p.m. – 9:00 p.m. at Friends. The service will be livestreamed at <https://fweb.tv/85773> Interment at Sunnyside Cemetery.

In Memoriams



MELEENA ULVSTAL

May 1, 1953 – September 2, 2022

Meleena Ulvstal, 69, of Piney, passed away peacefully on Friday, September 2, 2022, at Grace Hospital in Winnipeg.

She is survived by her beloved husband Brian, one sister, one brother and their families.

Meleena is predeceased by her parents.

Cremation has taken place and no formal services will be held.



WALTER HOSHOWSKI

September 20, 2018

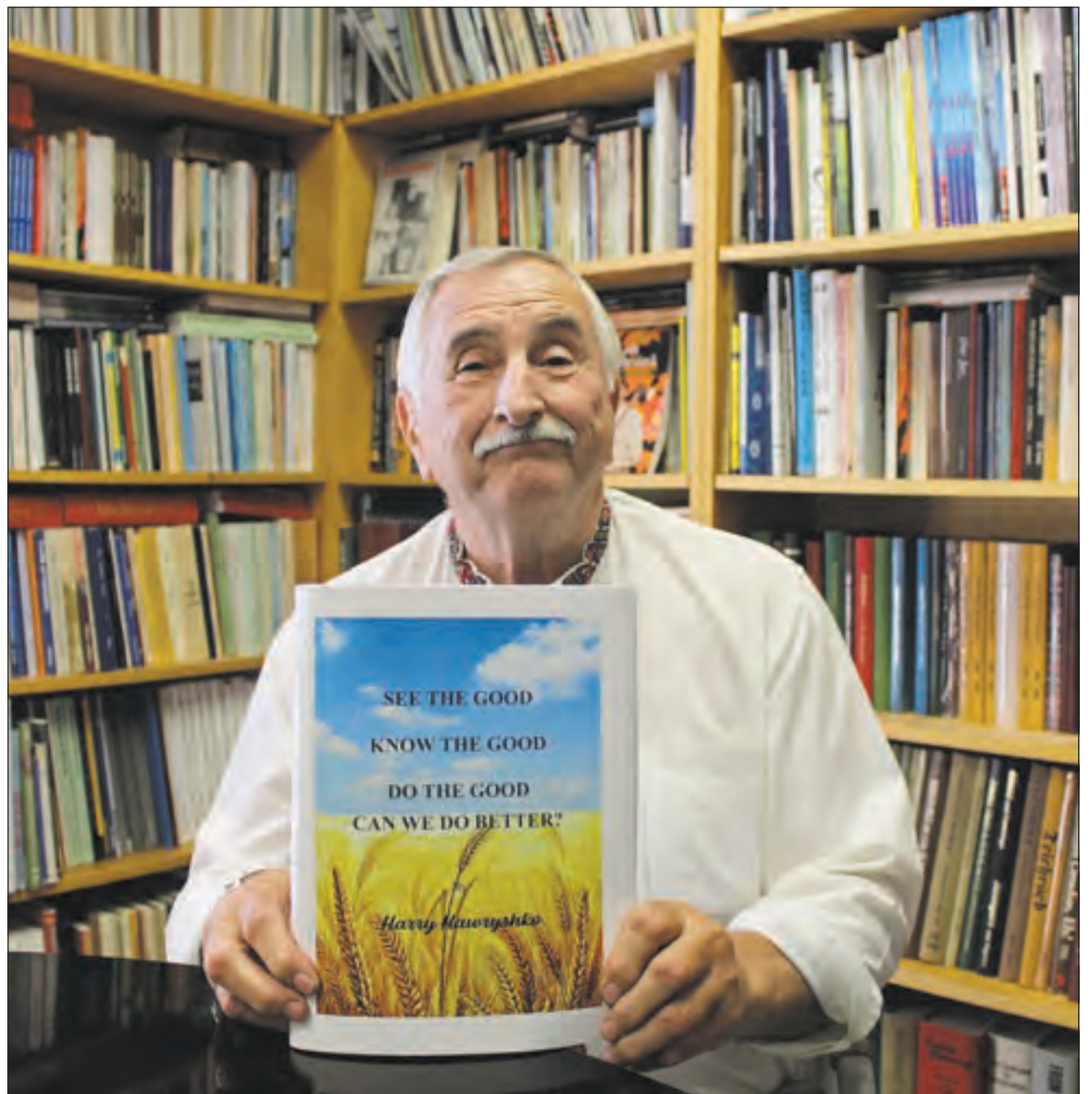
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Harry Hawryshko shows an advance copy of his new book, set to be published this month.

New book shares the good

by GREG VANDERMEULEN

Winnipeg author with Southeast Manitoba roots is sharing stories, photography and poetry designed to inspire, in his new book titled *See the good, Know the good, Do the good, Can we do better?*

Harry Hawryshko grew up on a mixed farm in Zhoda, and in his second book, is sharing some of what he learned over a lifetime.

"In these pages, I share experiences of joy, pain, happiness and hardship," he said in the book's preface. "It is my hope that this book will bring a smile, a laugh, a moment of joy, or something more profound."

Hawryshko's first book was titled *Soul Legacy* and was published in 2013. It was a collection of his poetry.

While the latest book also includes original poetry, it is far more than that, intended in part as a legacy for his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

The book shares highlights of his Ukrainian roots, includes newspaper clippings of notable Ukrainian musicians, stories of historic times, industrious people, his love of gardening, family history, and inspirational quotes.

It is, in part, a way for Hawryshko to express himself while creating a platform for others to do the same.

"I see sometimes that people don't really get a chance to express themselves," he said, adding he was of the generation who believed children should be seen but not heard. "That's not what I support at this time. I want everybody to be heard."

Hawryshko said he believes he was at one time one of those people who spoke too softly and as a result was not heard.

This book mirrors his philosophy of life, living in a way to improve others' lives bit by bit.

"I'm trying to be helpful in this world," he said.

While the stories within the book deal with varying topics, they all have one thing in common. They are stories that inspire him.

His love for music is shared in memories involving his band, the Fraser River Band, formed when the now 79-year-old man was a teenager, and other successful local musicians through history.

He said he hopes people will realize that having a positive influence on others can be an intentional act.

"I decided to be a good role model for my children, my grandchildren, my great-grandchildren and my community," he said.

A hard worker, Hawryshko grew up farming, spent

time as a mechanic, grew buckwheat successfully for many years, and taught drivers' education to 556 students along the way. And though he'll take some time off now and then, he never took the time to officially retire.

"I won't bother with that," he said. "There's no need to retire. I slow down and I can do what I want to do."

He's also not shy to take on new challenges.

It was less than a decade ago that he decided to learn how to play violin for the first time. Just before the pandemic he worked to become accredited to visit prisoners at Stony Mountain Institution.

Although his identification card arrived, the pandemic shut down the program initially. He's hoping he'll still get the opportunity. "I want to learn something from that experience," he said.

Hawryshko discovered his love of writing earlier in his life, preparing speeches in both Ukrainian and English for his parents' anniversary.

Aside from writing and performing, he's most at home in the garden at his cottage in Lonesand.

This year's yield gave him the opportunity to share, something he enjoys.

"I know people don't have extra so I'm glad to share," he said.

And while the book is a celebration of all that's good, it's also a challenge.

"There's always room for improvement," he said. "We can do better."

Simple things like getting to know strangers can be life changing, he said.

"When I see somebody sitting alone people know I'm going to go sit beside this person, whether it's in a church, a hall or some event," he said. "I want to learn from them."

That also means asking permission and respecting their decision if they'd rather be alone.

Hawryshko urges people to be open. "Sometimes we judge people and we have no right to do that," he said.

Proceeds from this book will be used to help those on the ground in Ukraine.

The book will be published in the coming weeks and will be available from Harold at 204-326-3616, Mel in Pansy at 204-434-9397, Something Special Florist in Vita, Beatrice at 204-222-6368 in Transcona, Svitoch Ukrainian Exports & Import in Winnipeg, Sylvia at 204-222-8984 and Harry at 204-782-5020.

In his book's conclusion, Hawryshko shared his hope for others.

"We pass through this life only once," he wrote. "We do not get to mark our life's report card."

Limited edition, unlimited fun



Russell Kehler of Mitchell puts the finishing touches on his Hot Wheels booth at the toy, collectible, vintage, and antique show inside Clearspring Centre on Friday. The two-day event brought a range of vendors and collectors together under one roof. Hot Wheels, a line of plastic model cars, were introduced by Mattel in 1968. How long has Kehler been collecting them? "Too long," he said with a grin.



Ste Agathe Community Development Inc. co-directors Joël Gagnon and Shaun Crew stand on the town's latest addition, an 80-ft floating dock.

NICOLE BUFFIE/THE CARILLON

New access to river docks in Ste Agathe

by NICOLE BUFFIE

A new addition to the Ste Agathe boat launch has spruced up the site ahead of its grand opening next Spring. An 80-ft floating dock took its maiden dip last week in the Red River, complementing the community's boat launch which opened to the public in 2021. The dock-and-launch combo is now the only maintained access point to the Red River between Winnipeg and Emerson.

The aluminum walkway and dock frame can hold the weight of five boats and has a lifetime lifespan while the pressure treat-

ed planks will hold for 25 years. The dock floats to accommodate ebbs and flows of Red River levels throughout the seasons.

While the dock has only been in place for a week, Shaun Crew, director of the Ste. Agathe Community Development Inc, said it's been well-used.

"This has been a long time coming," he said, adding the delay in installation was a result of excessive spring flooding and river levels not seen since 2009. The dock will only remain in place for two months before being packed away for the winter.

The project at large has received monetary injections from the both the community and different levels of government.

On Aug. 31 the federal government announced nearly \$118,000 in funding toward the project. In 2020 Louis Allain, Executive Director of the Economic Development Council for Manitoba Bilingual Municipalities, announced a \$45,500 grant for the dock's installation.

The completed project, with a final cost between \$750,000 and \$1 million, will include interpretive signs and a board with an official name for the park. Crew said potential names for the park are being discussed by the CDI.

The grand opening of the park will take place some time in the new year.



This travelling exhibit, entitled "Our Climate Quest: Small Steps to Big Change," arrives Saturday for a two-week stay at Mennonite Heritage Village.

SCIENCE NORTH

MHV hosts travelling climate change exhibit

by JORDAN ROSS

Archbishop Desmond Tutu once said there's only one way to eat an elephant—one bite at a time—and a travelling exhibit arriving at Mennonite Heritage Village this weekend suggests the same logic applies to the fight against climate change.

"Our Climate Quest: Small Steps to Big Change" will occupy the MHV auditorium for the next two weeks.

Science North, a science museum in Sudbury, Ont., created the exhibit with federal funding. In June, it began a three-year tour of rural, remote, and Indigenous communities across Canada. Since many small towns don't have a museum, the exhibit can also be set up in a community centre or curling rink.

"Canadian youth are well aware of the impacts of climate change," said Emma Meadows, a staff scientist with Science North who helped develop the exhibit.

"They are seeing change happen before their eyes, and they know that if they don't do something, the future is going to look much different than our world looks today."

Meadows said rural and Indigenous communities are often among the first to see the effects of climate change.

"We want to show visitors, especially youth, that even small actions contribute to climate action and can make a difference," she said.

Interactive stations cover climate science basics like the greenhouse effect, and unpack climate change's wide-ranging effects on oceans,

forests, agriculture, and human and animal habitats.

Meadows said visitors will learn how to make sustainable choices while around home, at school, on a trip, or at the mall. Visualizers show the emissions created by a laptop purchase or a vacation. The exhibit also includes a live worm farm to demonstrate how organic waste is broken down.

MHV last hosted a travelling exhibit in late 2019. That one focused on the experiences of conscientious objectors during the First World War.

Robert Goertzen, MHV's program director, said there is no additional charge to view the Climate Quest exhibit.

"For us, it's an 'also' on top of our regular school programming," he said Monday in an empty auditorium awaiting the exhibit's arrival. "It's supposed to be very interactive for school-aged kids."

On the face of it, Mennonite history and climate science may seem like an unusual pairing. But Goertzen noted climate change affects agriculture, which has long been part of the Mennonite story.

Two Science North staff in blue lab coats travel with the exhibit. Meadows said they are there to answer questions and explore difficult topics, including climate change skepticism.

Goertzen said a museum is a good place to have those conversations.

"I think it's important for the museum to present these exhibits that could be challenging," he said. "We want MHV to be a safe place to think about challenging topics."

Meadows said she hopes young people leave the exhibit with a greater sense of their ability to make Canada a greener place.

"They're the ones that are going to be the leaders, the scientists, the policymakers in the future."

"Our Climate Quest: Small Steps to Big Change" runs Sept. 17 through Oct. 1. MHV is open six days a week from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sundays from 11:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Those who miss the exhibit in Steinbach can also catch it at the Manitoba Museum in Winnipeg from Oct. 7 to Nov. 18.

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Altona News

Pembina Valley Studio Tour returns with weekend of inspiration



Altona artist Olga Krahn and her painting entitled "Togetherness". Krahn's studio was one of 24 venues involved in this year's Pembina Valley Studio Tour.

LORI PENNER THE CARILLON

by LORI PENNER

Art lovers from across the south central region enjoyed a weekend of inspiration during this year's Pembina Valley Studio Tour.

Twenty-four artists and venues participated in the self-guided tour on Sept. 10 and 11, giving visitors a chance to explore art and meet the artists in their own workspaces.

The tour was a welcome return for the participants and visitors alike, after COVID restrictions prevented the event from taking place for the past two years.

The tour included a diverse group of artists working in a wide variety of mediums. They were spread across the valley, in their homes, shops, galleries, and studios, from Altona to Carman to Pilot Mound, and many

stops in between. Not only was it about art appreciation, but it was also a way to get a broader view of what the valley has to offer.

Visitors enjoyed paintings in acrylic, oil, watercolour and ink, along with works in pottery, fabric and wool. There were also stained-glass pieces, quilts, as well as photography, woodwork, and sculptures in metal, recycled bottles, steel, bronze, clay, and concrete.

Altona artist Olga Krahn works with pastels, acrylics, and creates sculptures with recycled bottles. She welcomed about 30 visitors a day to her Southside Art Studio, and says it was wonderful to display her work and chat with so many people.

"I'm very happy with how the weekend went. There was a lot of interest in the art, and I had a number of purchases, as well. Now they

can take the painting they love with them and enjoy it in their home."

Krahn has participated in the tour since 2012 and says she still loves it. "It's exciting every time."

Along with works utilizing a wide assortment of subjects, genres and media, she also chose to display a painting that won first-place in a recent art competition hosted by the Pembina Valley Local Immigration Partnership.

"I called it "Togetherness" because that is what is being expressed. We were challenged to create something that illustrates "What does it look like when we can get together?"

The painting depicts a smiling young girl, and figures holding hands, gathering for a meal, and embracing. "This piece was really special to me. Not only because it illustrates how great it is that we can all

be close again after COVID, but also, it shows one of the children that are supported through Compassion Canada, an organization which I support, as well."

Krahn says recently, her chosen subject matter has taken a bit of a shift. "I really love doing portraits. You catch the personality of each person so well. But there's a limited focus there. So, I've gone back to landscapes, my first love. Everybody identifies with them, and there's so

much variety, such as the seasons and all kinds of different settings."

Her work has been featured at Altona's Gallery in the Park, as well as the Assiniboine Gallery and the Piano Nobile Gallery in Winnipeg, through the Manitoba Society of Artists.

Being able to engage with visitors in her own space, she says, creates special connections. "That's just one of the things that makes the tour so great."

I really love doing portraits. You catch the personality of each person so well

— Altona artist Olga Krahn

ALTONA

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Hello Altona readers. I hope you are well and that you've been enjoying the beautiful weather September has brought us thus far.

Farmers' crops seem to be fairing extremely well despite a very rocky start to the season. Some farmers have begun cutting their wheat crops and there is talk that in a week or so the soybeans will come down. These are all signs that autumn is approaching. Let us feel blessed though, as the weather has been beautiful and the crops plentiful.

To share some news with me, feel free to email me at scpkristy@gmail.com.

Reminders

For those seeking employment, here is a gentle reminder that Regional Connections is hosting a job fair for the month of September featuring 20 places of employment. Head on over with a resume in hand and be prepared for an instant interview.

The South Central Regional Library Altona Branch is now open at their new location in the Altona Mall. Make sure to check out the brand new space and grab some reading material.

There will be a municipal election in Altona on Oct. 26, so if you have ever been interested in running for the position of mayor or councillor, this is the perfect time to do so.

With appreciation

Art tours happened on the weekend on behalf of Pembina Valley Studio Tours. A big thank you to Gallery in the Park, Alexander Robertson Gallery, Ken Loewen, Olga Krahn and Jake Goertzen for giving participants some amazing pieces to view.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Carla Thiessen, Maddy Heinrichs, William Dyck, Amy Schwittek, Mark Dupois, Quinn Hildebrand and Renae Friesen who won prizes in Business Bingo in August.

Spots open

The acrylic painting class with Cheryl Krahn still has a few spots open for anyone 11-14 or 7-10 years of age to participate. Classes run from 6:30-8 p.m. at the MEC Craft Meeting Room once a week for six weeks. All supplies are provided. The cost per participant is \$125. To register, call 204-324-9005.

Staying active

Registration is open for ballet/jazz classes by the Royal Winnipeg Ballet, which are being held on behalf of the Town of Altona recreation department. Classes run Sept. 19 until Mar. 13 at the Rhineland Pioneer Centre. The cost is \$200 for a 45-minute class or \$225 for one hour. This is for children age three to Grade 4. For more information, or to register, call 204-324-9005.

If you cannot commit to weekly practices with Altona Yoga, they will be hosting some amazing workshops, including A Practice to Welcome Winter, Marma Yoga, Qigong Workshop, Chakra Yoga and Chair Yoga. For more information, go to the Altona Yoga Facebook page.

Donations

The Altona Gas Bar will be helping the Kiddie Sunshine Centre earn proceeds towards the Centre's expansion project by hosting Let's Get Poppin'. This special fundraiser allows \$1.50 from every bag of popcorn sold at the Altona Gas Bar to be donated to the project until Sept. 23. Make sure to support our preschool.

On Sept. 20, the Co-op Gas Bar will be hosting Fuel Good Day and they will donate five cents from every litre of fuel sold to the Kiddie Sunshine Centre. Mark your calendar to tank up that day and support a great expansion project.

Fundraising gala

The Cape and Crowns Fundraising Gala will be held on Saturday, Oct. 15 from 2-5 p.m. featuring special guest appearances, crafts, face painting, a dance party and more. As an added bonus, tickets will be \$10 off the original asking price until Sept. 30, bringing the price down to \$25 per person. For tickets, text Sandina at 204-999-8649.

Condolences

Condolences to the family and friends of Heinrich Hildebrand who passed away at the age of 73 years on Sept. 7, of Paulina "Pearl" Pokrant who passed away at the age of 97 years on Sept. 6 and of Glen Robinson who passed away unexpectedly at the age of 70 years. Mr. Robinson served as police chief for numerous years in Altona, and after that his friendly face was found at other job opportunities he took upon himself. He was an active member of our community and will be missed by many. Thank you for all you did for us, Glen. May you rest in peace.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Dora Klassen of Eastview Place in Altona celebrated her 100th birthday on Sept. 2 together with her children, staff and residents of Eastview Place.



Altona's new Police Chief Dan Defer with photos of former chiefs and mentors. He says he is looking forward to providing leadership at the Altona Police Service.

LORI PENNER/THE CARILLON

New chief takes the reins in Altona

I have been with this department for 33 years, and have seen many changes, and worked with many different officers. I look forward to the new role and challenges it will bring, all the while knowing that I have a strong and dedicated team of officers standing with me

— Chief Dan Defer

MORRIS

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Hi there Morris readers. I hope everyone is doing well and that you've been enjoying the wonderful weather we have been experiencing so far in September. While autumn hasn't really been making itself visible, there have been some indications it will be in full swing soon, as the leaves on some trees have started changing colour. Some nights have reached much cooler temperatures than what we've experienced in many months and farmers have begun harvesting.

I hope you find ways to enjoy the season to come, and remember that I love hearing news from you. Email me at scpkristy@gmail.com.

Craft expo

The Morris Multiplex will be hosting a Fall Into Christmas Craft Expo on Oct. 29 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. This is one of the longest running expos in southern Manitoba, offering over 70 booths of homemade items along with direct sales representatives. This is the perfect event to jumpstart your Christmas shopping.

Openings

Morris School of Art still has some openings available for their line-up of art classes that run September through October or November through December. Each session offers something different to learn. There is also a digital art class being offered. These classes are for kids ages 6-15. For more information, go to the Morris School of Art Facebook page.

Playgroup

Red River Valley Parent-Child Centre Inc has resumed their Wednesday in-person drop-in playgroup. This playgroup is for babies and toddlers every Wednesday from 9-11 a.m. with plenty of opportunities for playtime, stories, craft sessions and more at 207 Ottawa Ave West.

Nominations

Nominations will be accepted until Sept. 20, from 9 a.m.-5 p.m., at 1 - 380 Stampede Grounds for the offices of mayor and councillors for the Town of Morris. No nominations will be accepted after the 20th of September. Those who wish to submit a nomination must make sure to have the required documents at the time of presentation.

Rising rates

Residents of Morris, please be advised that Pembina Valley Water Cooperative Inc has been making adjustments causing water rates to be higher. To view the new rates, go to the Town of Morris Facebook page. If you have a concern with the increase, you must contact PVWC directly.

Fogging

The Morris public works department continues to fog for mosquitoes on select days, so make sure to check the Town of Morris Facebook page to be kept in the know. As always, they fog from 9 p.m.-6 a.m. Close your windows, wash all outdoor ground food products before consumption and wash all children's toys prior to use.

Market

The Valley and Harvest Market will return on Friday, Sept. 23 from 3-7 p.m. at the Manitoba Stampede Grounds in the orange buildings. Make sure to stop by and support local.

Condolences

Condolences to the family and friends of Doreen Ann Schwark who passed away Sept. 3 at Morris General Hospital at the age of 87 years. Doreen was known for being a nurse in the town of Morris and for her love of volunteering.

by LORI PENNER

Dan Defer says he's still getting used to his new role as Chief of Police for the communities of Altona and the LUD of Plum Coulee.

"It's great to be here, and I'm looking forward to serving in this new role. There is definitely a learning curve, as with any new position."

The former sergeant with the Altona Police Service (APS) was chosen for the role by the Altona Police Board early this month, following the retirement of Chief Perry Batchelor.

Altona Police Board Chair Audrey Schmidt says with Defer at the helm, the communities of Altona and the LUD of Plum Coulee will continue with the same great service tomorrow and into the future as it has in the past.

"The board is looking forward to working with Chief Dan Defer as we continue to enhance public safety through quality core policing services, enhance organizational development to meet future needs, promote internal and external relationships through proactive communication, ensure sustainable service through sound fiscal management and continued succession planning within the service."

Looking back, Defer says his interest in policing was inspired by a relative who worked out of the Lethbridge police force. "Talking and listening to him inspired me to follow his career path. I attended Lethbridge Community College and took the two-year law enforcement program."

After various posts in Alberta, Defer says he was led to his first position as Constable in Altona in 1989.

Through the years, he advanced as an officer, taking countless courses and training opportunities to ensure he has the knowledge and skill to provide the community with professional and dedicated service.

He was also the only Altona officer seconded out to the RCMP for two years with the integrated border enforcement team.

In 2019, he received the Governor General's

Exemplary Service Medal, which recognizes Canadian police officers who have served in an exemplary manner, characterized by good conduct, industry, and efficiency.

Defer says one of his biggest mentors with the APS has been former Police Chief Glen Robinson, who recently passed away.

"Glen was here at the start, and the development with the department started and continued with him. He was the biggest influence of my career, and I grew in my position under his leadership. He honestly cared about the community and his commitment to the Altona Police Service."

Defer says through his different roles, his passion for policing has always remained.

"What I've always loved about policing is that no two days are the same. You never know what you're going to deal with day to day. There's always something different. But a lot of things have changed since I came on board. More technology and a lot more administrative work. As a sergeant, I was already doing a lot of that, so the extra admin work I'll be doing in this role will be very familiar."

He says his career was never about aspiring to the role of police chief. "I chose to work as a law enforcement officer, and you work through the ranks, and it just progresses like that. I could have retired at any time and been happy with my career. But I am continuing with this department because I honestly think I'm the best person to lead this department forward and continue how it's been growing and developing over the years."

He adds, "I have been with this department for 33 years, and have seen many changes, and worked with many different officers. I look forward to the new role and challenges it will bring, all the while knowing that I have a strong and dedicated team of officers standing with me. We as a team will continue on moving forward proudly serving the citizens of Altona and Plum Coulee, with a strong community-based approach in our daily service to these communities."

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Amanda Von Riesen's debut solo album, *A Drinking Woman's Words*, was written in Steinbach and Nashville, Tenn.

Singer-songwriter combines Steinbach songs, Nashville sounds

by JORDAN ROSS

Amanda Von Riesen loves to travel, so it's fitting that her debut solo album was written as she prepared to move from Steinbach to a city synonymous with country music.

"I'm super, super excited, because this album has been a labour of love, and it's definitely been a lot of work," Von Riesen said last week from her home in Nashville, Tenn.

Her debut solo album, *A Drinking Woman's Words*, was released Friday. Most of the album's 11 songs were written on her back porch in Steinbach during the summer of 2021.

"Most of them just—boom, in a short period, came to me," she said. "It felt like God just gave me these songs."

That fall, she sold her house and moved to Nashville. Her two adult children supported her, saying it was time for her to follow her dreams.

Von Riesen has been writing lyrics since she was a child. In young

adulthood, her songwriting developed in tandem with her love of painting and travel.

For this album, she reflected on common struggles that everyone faces from time to time.

"Each song is directly inspired by my own demons and observing others' lives—their trials, temptations, and experiences while trying to live happy and free in a chaotic world," she said.

Together, the songs form a 35-minute narrative.

"I wanted to take the listener on a journey, to create a mood and feeling from start to finish, and that's what I feel this record is," Von Riesen said. "If you listen to the first song and just let it play right to the end, it's like a story."

Raised on a farm near the Frantz Inn, Von Riesen's family later moved to Mitchell, where she pumped gas at her father's auto repair shop.

Her last album was released under the name Poets and Lies, a trio she formed in 2016 with Adam Young and Jon Mushaluk two Winnipeg

instrumentalists. Their 2019 album, *Sore Winner*, was recorded after gigs at Dauphin's Countryfest, Summer in the City, and Hanover Ag Fair. The band continued to perform together until the pandemic shuttered concert venues.

Von Riesen said music, art, and cooking got her through the pandemic. In the summer, she and her friends went tubing at gravel pits, allowing their stress to float away.

In late January 2021, Von Riesen was in Mexico working on a mural commission when she found out her father, Walter Friesen, had died. Her childhood memories of him singing and playing the guitar and accordion came flooding back. Soon she was writing her new album.

She said it's "a dream come true" to release a full-length album under her own name.

"I'm very proud of it, and I'm very thankful that it's finally here and I'm finally able to share it."

For decades, generations of country musicians have gone to Nashville to write, record, collaborate, audi-

tion, and perform.

"It's a very encouraging town," Von Riesen said. "There are a lot of people here that are very supportive. There's so many singer-songwriters that just get you."

The city's famed historic district, Music Row, is home to the Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum, the Ryman Auditorium (dubbed "the Mother Church of country music"), the Grand Ole Opry (the world's longest running live radio show), and an endless number of record labels, radio stations, recording studios, and honky-tonk bars.

"It's crazy, I'm out all the time and there's so much going on," Von Riesen said.

Soon after her move she reconnected with Joe Reed, a music producer who played bass for outlaw country legend Merle Haggard in the 1990s. Von Riesen first met Reed while on tour in Saskatchewan.

In Nashville, Von Riesen sang Reed her songs and he agreed to produce them.

"He just believed in them, he heard

something, he felt something," she said.

Reed also plays bass, guitar, and mandolin on the album.

While recording vocal takes at Reed's studio, Von Riesen was nervous, but Reed figured out a work-around.

"He'd be like, 'This is going to be a practice take,' and then he would trick me and hit record, and he would play it back to me and it was really relaxed," she said.

She finished off the album by writing a couple more songs down in Nashville. But her favourite remains the opening track, "The Weak One," written on her porch in Steinbach.

"It's about the human experience of living, loving, failing, disappointment, and dreaming of happiness and peace," Von Riesen said.

A Drinking Woman's Words is available on streaming services and for download on Bandcamp and iTunes. CD copies are also in the works. Von Riesen said she hopes to return to Manitoba for some live performances next summer.

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California was once the supplier of vegetables to the world. It had the soil, the climate and the water to grow vegetables that were then shipped internationally, including to Manitoba. It has not been uncommon to see displays of all types of fresh vegetables bearing the label “California Grown”.

But California is in the midst of the worst drought the state has endured in 1,200 years. Not only are precipitation amounts down, but the rivers that supply irrigation water are running dry. The result is that vegetable production is severely cut. It's been that way for several years.

All indications are that California's position as a supplier to the world may be over. There are so many demands on river water that vegetables may very well sink to the bottom

Accent on Agriculture

Jim Rae

New opportunities in vegetables

of the priority list. Even if this severe multi-year drought ends, other needs for the waters will receive higher priority.

That is bad news for California farmers, but as they say: when a door closes, a window opens. Or: every cloud has a silver lining.

People need and want to eat vegetables. Production centres will move to other areas. That emergence of new production centres will undoubtedly result in transfers of many things from the former centre.

Moving to the new production centres

would be such things as equipment, seeds, investment and even workers. Also making the move will be management skills, the knowledge about history of the business, and the production know-how that only comes with experience. These are incredibly important to the farmers in the new location(s).

This concept of moving is important to the company making the move. It is also important to the farmers in the new location. Lastly, it is very important to consumers. Disruption of supply chain was one of the major issues during the recent pandemic. To be able to relocate and escape some of the previous problems would make life a whole lot easier for many of the parties affected, including the end consumer.

Jim Rae is the former host of Information Radio on CBC Radio.



Don't Mind the Mess

Lori Penner

Her work here is done

After living on this good Earth for a while, you realize life is about constant change.

Some of these changes are welcomed and planned. Others arrive despite us, hitting us gradually or with a hard punch. Even our connections here are fleeting – people come and sadly, people go. I've lost so many dear ones in the last while, and it just never seems to get easier.

Life is relentless, but through it all, there's always been a constant, quiet presence that I simply took for granted: There was always a Queen Elizabeth.

Her face is on my money, postal stamps and on the wall of every government and public office and classroom I've ever entered. Her royal crest is on my passport. While posing for a photo a few years ago, one dignitary made sure that he didn't block the familiar royal image above his desk. “Got to make sure we don't forget about Lizzy,” he told me.

I grew up revering all things royal, but I came by that honestly. My mother, and her mother before her followed every move at Buckingham Palace. Boxes and scrapbooks were filled with magazine and newspaper clippings featuring the opulent ceremonies and carefree family outings. After all, my mom was practically twins with Elizabeth - same name, born just one year apart - and her antics, milestones and fashion choices fed her girlish dreams of a beautiful princess finding her prince, becoming a queen, and living happily ever after.

She watched the newsreel of her coronation, along with millions of other starry-eyed young girls. I grew up singing her anthem, and for 96 years, God did indeed save the queen. And then, just like that, she was gone.

And I think the world is just beginning to realize what we've lost.

She was the epitome of dignity, duty, dedication, and decorum – qualities that have become almost old school in an era

of self-gratification. Nothing and nobody has ever epitomized these qualities more than Queen Elizabeth. She wore that heavy crown for 70 years, and like a clock that keeps ticking through a storm, was a calm, consistent presence through every crisis.

She was the Queen of England, but she was also the Queen of Canada. For us, the monarchy is more than an institution; it's an identity. As a Commonwealth country, it's a part of who we are.

And whatever your views of the royal family, you will always remember this time in history: the day Queen Elizabeth died.

This tough little lady was more than just our longest surviving monarch, reigning for nearly half of our country's history. She was there through some of our darkest times, and her stoicism kept us focused. While other empires and ideals were crumbling, she represented something timeless that we assumed would always be there.

We thought she was invincible because there was always some headline, announcement, or tabloid story reminding us she was still there. Her annual Christmas message encouraged us all to stay calm and carry on. Whether it was time for celebration or a time for mourning, her reflections and response were always a part of it.

She was a lady in the truest sense and one of the last threads that connected us to old world values. As one British commentator noted, “When Queen Elizabeth died last week, a little piece of all of us died with her.”

Queen Elizabeth represented a chunk of history that shaped who we are, and a standard of leadership that we may never see again.

Today, though the gates of Buckingham palace are crowded with flowers and tributes, church bells are ringing and flags wave at half mast, I picture a smiling young girl walking across some heavenly moor, hand-in-hand with her beloved Philip, a gang of corgis running at their feet.

Her work here is done.

Tales from the Gravel Ridge



Children of immigrant parents with their immigrant teacher ca. 1938.

Try to remember a long-ago summer

by MARIA FALK LODGE

Sometimes it's good to remember long ago events or experiences. Such recollections or reflections might help us to put into perspective the world as we find it today, and more importantly, our place in it.

Summer is almost over, but not entirely so. It is, as John Keats wrote so aptly some 200 years ago, a “...Season of mists and mellow fruitfulness, Close bosom-friend of the maturing sun”.

Those lines bring to mind summers of my childhood many decades ago. It was, of course, the time of year when the children of Rosengard returned to school. The fact that our school was built right on the gravel ridge was of immense significance on numerous counts. The ridge wound its way diagonally through the square farmland grid surveyed by a Dominion Land Survey team, which appeared to have taken little notice of the fact that we were located on the beach ridges of glacier-fed Lake Agassiz. That enormous body of water had in due course retreated as its source, that of glacial melt-water, had begun to decline.

The Rosengard School served our community for some four decades. It was here that its students were introduced to the English language. Not only did we learn to speak it; we also learned to read and write it, both printing and cursive, I might add. Being children of immigrant parents, the Rosengard school gave us a valuable introduction to the larger world in which all of us would in due course find ourselves. It was a historical and cultural introduction to the English-speaking world, something my parents, arriving in Canada in 1929 as immigrants from the Mennonite village of Schoeneberg in Ukraine, could not do. The older I become, the more aware I am of the East European influences that shaped our parents' lives, and the effect it has had on all of us.

Memories of summers of long ago have a way of becoming blurred, nevertheless the overall impact of those days remains. The recollection of various details of the life of our family, and that of our community, fills my mind with riches and profound gratitude. It is in the ordinariness of life that we become the people we are.

The Grade 1 class of 1946 at the Rosengard School was made up of six students. Since Mr. Penner, our teacher, having to teach all the subjects for eight grades, had to be judicious in how he managed what today would seem quite an insurmountable challenge. Yes, he did manage. The Grade 1 students were instructed to draw what we saw on the blackboard, which happened to be stick figures. One could perhaps be excused for thinking that this was not a particularly stimulating exercise, but on further reflection, it encouraged eye-hand coordination as well as learning how to handle a pencil in such a way that what we produced on paper was actually recognizable. Perhaps that was, in its own way, how we eventually learned to shape numbers and letters. In addition to all that, we were learning to focus on completing the task that had been assigned to us.

Our teachers at Rosengard also had East European roots, but they were instrumental in opening our minds to the broader world as required by the Manitoba provincial curriculum. Among the resources available to us were two maps affixed to the wall behind the teacher's desk at the front of the room. One of these was a map of the world, and the other one of Canada. I was always intrigued by the shape of Baffin Island on that map, and many years later my husband and I had the privilege of living in that fascinating part of Canada.

We today would do well to welcome those who also seek to make Canada their new home, just as we were welcomed those many years ago.



Viewpoint

MARY LOU DRIEDGER

Seeing the Queen in person

My mother and I both saw Queen Elizabeth in person. Two different Queen Elizabeth's that is.

In 1939 King George VI and his wife Queen Elizabeth visited Canada. They took a Canadian Pacific Railway train through the Western provinces. It stopped in Watrous, Saskatchewan and that's where my mother saw the royal couple. Mom told me the story when I was writing her biography in 2006.

“One of the highlights of my school career was singing for King George VI and Queen Elizabeth. In 1939 they were on a coast-to-coast tour of Canada by train and were scheduled to stop in Watrous, Saskatchewan. Hundreds of children from different schools in our area were all lined up along the tracks near the station. Each school was assigned a certain place to stand. There were ropes along the track and we had to stay behind them.

Our teachers had all taught us a song written especially for the monarchs' visit. The train stopped and the King and Queen came out on a little porch at the end of the train to wave to us and listen to us sing.

After we finished singing they took away the ropes set up along the track and we all dashed up to the train to get as close as we could to the royal couple. I thought I might be able to touch the Queen's dress.

I ran up to the train but there were so many people it was impossible to get close to the Queen. When I turned around I couldn't see the other kids from my school, or my teacher and I thought I was lost. I was very scared until I finally spied someone I recognized and was able to re-join my class. I remember the queen was wearing a blue hat that day.”

I found some photographs of the royal

train's 1939 stop in Watrous, and I can see why Mom might have become disoriented. Huge crowds of people swarmed the tracks to try and glimpse Queen Elizabeth and King George.

When I was just five years old I saw Queen Elizabeth II when she was visiting Winnipeg. In the summer of 1959, 20 years after my mother had seen the young monarch's parents in Saskatchewan, Queen Elizabeth and her husband Prince Phillip drove through Winnipeg in a motorcade.

My dad was a medical intern at the St. Boniface Hospital at the time. Queen Elizabeth's car was going to go right past the hospital down Tache Street. The street was lined with people, and it would have been hard for a little girl like me to see with such a crowd. So, my dad took me up on the roof of the hospital and from there I had a great birds-eye view of the Queen as she drove by waving her hand to the throngs.

Children today might not understand why my mother and I would find our encounters with royalty so memorable but when we were school students every Canadian classroom featured a large portrait of the reigning monarch front and center just above the blackboard. Every day we stood at attention and sang God Save the Queen or in my mother's case God Save the King to remind us of the importance of the British royals.

I don't think it's necessarily a bad thing that kings and queens no longer hold such a central place in children's minds and experience but the fact that they once did, makes it easier to understand why the death of the Queen seems like a significant historical event especially for older Canadians.



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Floor curling: Wednesdays 1:30-3:30 p.m.

Choir: Wednesdays 10:00-11:30 a.m.

Special Events

Painting Class with Doug is back! Tuesday, Sept. 20 from 1-4 p.m. \$20 members, \$30 non-members. All supplies included. Registration required at 204-320-4600.

Pancake Breakfast: Thursday, Sept. 29 from 9:30 a.m.-12 p.m. Cost \$8 per person. Start your morning off with a stack of pancakes and sausage from our Meals on Wheels kitchen. Stop by at the Centre.

We Welcome You To Join Us: Pat Porter Active Living Centre is hosting an afternoon of learning the history of Indian Residential Schools. We invite you to this opportunity to begin to walk the path of reconciliation on Tuesday, Sept. 27 starting at 12 noon.

Jennifer Wood, Community and Commemoration Liaison from the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation (NCTR), will be speaking on the residential school experience and legacy. This will include a ceremony and cultural teachings followed by hand drumming and various dance demonstrations along with the teaching of each dance and what it represents.

This will also include an authentic Indigenous cuisine lunch from 12-1 p.m. Cost of \$12/person. Please call to make a reservation at 204-320-4600 before Sept. 24.

We ask you to listen with your hearts. We ask you to remember the children who never came home and the survivors who did, beyond this week and the occasional headline. We ask you to learn what it means to be Treaty people and how together we can ensure the tragedy of residential schools is remembered—not for a few years, but forever.

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Christine Ibbotson

Saving your first \$50K

Dear Money Lady: I'm in my 30's and want to know how to save my first \$50,000 – any help?
James

Dear James – what a great question! There are some basic ways to save regardless of your age. Of course, if you are young and just starting out, adopting the right habits will benefit you immensely, perhaps even for your entire lifetime. Saving must be a conscious decision you make to yourself that requires long-term discipline. Actually James, these principles can be applied to anything that is important to you, such as, losing weight, kicking a bad habit, getting your dream job, or of course saving money. Most people want everything instantly, which has caused Canadians to reach for credit to supplement their lifestyle. With the rising rates today, many are beginning to panic and wonder if they really needed all their indulgent toys that have now got them into debt.

Money is emotional and people spend for different reasons. Aside from basic living, we tend to spend on instant pleasures in the present when we should really be saving and delaying that gratification for the future. Children want things now, but adults should be mature enough to wait. Another way we get into trouble is when we over commit ourselves because we don't want to say no and disappoint others. People-pleasers have a habit of saying YES when they know they should say NO.

Now before you decide to send me emails saying that it is impossible to save in today's economy, according to global economic data, Canada is one of the top 10 richest countries in the world. We are a fully westernized country with an economic platform to provide those Canadians who want wealth to prosper in a culture and economy that encourages innovation, education, and equality. You all know that anything important to you, takes a precision focus and a dedicated well thought out plan. So, let's get started together.

First, to become a saver, you will need to take an inventory of all the things you say yes to, and ask yourself if it's possible to start

saying no. You don't always have to decline, but even saying no more often will help get your finances in order and create a new habit of saving that you must adopt.

Second, you need to become personally responsible for your current situation. Get a journal and start "brain-dumping" your ideas down on paper – ideas of ways you can save, reduce expenditures, increase your income, and improve your situation. No one can do this for you. Critical thinking demands that you operate from an objective reality, and the reality is that no one but you can rescue yourself from debt (or anything else for that matter: addiction, obesity, loneliness, etc.). Stop waiting to be rescued by refinancing your mortgage again. You must take control and create saving habits.

Third, endure some personal suffering. Drive your car longer or better still – sell it for a more economical one, move to a less expensive home or rental, give up costly habits, take your lunch to work, stop using your credit card without budgeting for purchases; you get the idea. Breaking old habits and implementing new ones is indeed difficult to do. Just because you decide to stop spending doesn't mean you won't want to. If you're going to save that first \$50,000 you have to learn to "say no" to yourself and "yes" to keeping the money in your bank account. Professionals say it takes 30 days of strict implementation accompanied by mild emotional suffering to create a new habit. So, make a plan, prepare yourself, and be resolved to stick to your plan no matter how it makes you feel. When you are tempted to revert back to your old spending ways, remember your goal and replace your suffering with a personal source of pride in knowing that you will be reaching your goal of lowering your debt or building an emergency fund. Think about it for a moment, if you are already suffering with debt and personal defeat now, why not suffer by making the right changes on your way to victory?

Christine Ibbotson is a Canadian finance writer, radio host & YouTuber. For more advice check out her YouTube channel: ASK THE MONEY LADY – Your Canadian Finance Coach.



Village News

GARY DYCK

A village of trees

The act of planting a tree is, yes, a simple one. But rich. Rich in symbolism, rich in personal satisfaction, rich in the exercise of responsibility. -Michael Fisher, Sierra Club

At the Mennonite Heritage Village (MHV) we are happy to have trees and plants surrounding our historic buildings and algae in our pond. It is plants plus a few kinds of bacteria that provide all the oxygen on Earth. Recently, we received a grant from the federal Community Revitalization fund to plant trees. When Sheldon Falk from Falk Nurseries heard about this, he decided to double the amount and get Teen Challenge volunteers to do the planting with him! Next week we expect to have over 100 trees planted.

From Sheldon Falk: "Being Mennonite has had a major impact in moulding my worldview. In the 1920s my grandparents fled their homeland at the point of death. Their personal grappling to trust God, forgive, love, and overcome financial and emotional devastation has deep roots in my home upbringing. Our pasts affect us personally and deeply. My relationship with Jesus is rooted in what this Museum represents.

Today in community with Teen Challenge who also represent Christ's forgiveness, love, hope, and redemption, we are giving back to our heritage and our community. We are grateful for the opportunity to contribute by doubling this grant for trees and giving of our time."

Let me know if you are interested in watering these precious new trees so their roots can go deep. We have a pick-up truck and water tank that will need to make the rounds each week it does not rain. As Christophe Drénou said, "A tree's future lies in its roots." I would say the same is true for people and why we need to take care of museums like MHV.

Upcoming events

Our Climate Quest Exhibit, Sept. 17 to Oct. 1 – MHV will be hosting a national interactive exhibit about how small steps can lead to big change. It promises to be an engaging experience for the whole family.

Leaving Canada Speaker Series (online), Die Steinbach Post, Sept. 27, 7 p.m. – For the fourth installment, Andrea Klassen, Senior Curator of MHV, will explore the interactions between Mennonite colonists



Visitors are encouraged to visit the Dirk Willems Peace Garden and pray for healing as they observe the National Day of Truth and Reconciliation on Sept. 30.

in northern Mexico and their Mexican neighbours as depicted in the immigrant newspaper Die Steinbach Post. Klassen will describe how Mennonite encounters with their neighbours – in the marketplace, in conflicts with thieves and the state, and through informal relationships between individuals – had the effect of creating a cohesive religious and cultural identity and strengthening Mennonites' self-perception as an ethnic minority living on foreign soil. This is a Zoom webinar. Please register on our website (mhv.ca).

All My Relations series, Unpacking the Doctrine of Discovery with Josh Dueck, Sept. 29, 7 p.m. – The Doctrine of Discovery has become a buzzword in the media and in conversations connected to Truth and Reconciliation. This evening's conversation will unpack this and better equip Settler-Canadians in more thoroughly understanding how historic wrongs (including the church) have created present barriers for Indigenous people. It will challenge us to consider what our next steps are towards meaningful reconciliation.

National Day of Truth and Reconciliation, Sept. 30 – There will be free admission and handouts for a self-guided reconciling history walking tour. Visitors are also encouraged to visit the Dirk Willems Peace Garden and take time to reflect and pray for the healing for our nation throughout the day.

Outdoor village buildings close, Oct. 3 – The indoor museum as well as outdoor grounds remain open throughout winter. Your last chance to enjoy the Livery Barn Restaurant buffet and outdoor buildings is Sunday, October 2nd.

Carillon FLASHBACK September 10, 1980



CARILLON ARCHIVES

With the recently restored antique wooden threshing machine on display at the Mennonite Heritage Village Museum are machinery committee chairman Jac. P. Doerksen, Ed Friesen, son of machinery dealer J.R. Friesen; Wes Keating, grandson of the original buyer, Peter Keating; Lloyd Barkman, grandson of the second owner, Martin F. Barkman; Dan Barkman, who owned the machine with his father and his brother Harold, and machinery committee member Henry T. Wiens.

MHV restores wooden thresher

by WES KEATING

New life has been breathed into an old wooden threshing machine on display at the Mennonite Heritage Village Museum in Steinbach.

Jac. P. Doerksen, chairman of the machinery committee responsible for the restoration of the International Harvester thresher, says the machine dates back to anywhere from 1915 to 1923.

Originally purchased from J.R. Friesen in 1923 by Peter Keating and his son Jim, the threshing machine was used on the Keating Road farm for 20 years. In 1943, Jim Keating sold the machine to Martin F. Barkman and sons Harold and Dan, who used it until 1954 when it was put into storage in a shed on the Harold Barkman farm on Clear Springs Road.

"About five years ago, we realized the machine was there," says Doerksen.

Doerksen and John C. Reimer asked the Museum finance board how much they could spend for the thresher, when it went

up for auction and convinced Museum president J.J. Reimer to go as high as \$600. As it turned out, they were able to buy the thresher for \$70 and it was stored in shed on the MHV grounds until Doerksen's machinery committee "made it a 1980 project".

"We steam blasted it and then painted it," he says. "Some of the pulleys still have to be replaced. I found one in the blacksmith shop. All the belts are there, as far as I know." Doerksen has been attending auctions in Southern Manitoba for more than a decade, in his quest for antique farm equipment for the museum.

The MHV now owns reapers dating from the 1800's. Doerksen was also able to pick up a horse-drawn, wooden-wheeled Fresner road building machine at an auction sale near Dauphin.

Doerksen says he saw an identical machine in a Nebraska museum and it was made in 1880. John C. Reimer, who is responsible for sparking Doerksen's interest in these old machines, maintains the road building machine is older than that, as it was not used in Manitoba after the 1870's.



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Austin Neufeld breaks a tackle on his way to the endzone for a first half touchdown for the Steinbach Regional Secondary School Sabres in high school football action Sept. 9. Neufeld led the Sabres ground attack, racking up 93 yards and two touchdowns on 11 carries.



Bradey Dornez finished 12 for 36 for 166 yards through the air.



Jerome Fouillard, who plays for Oak Park and is from Oakbank, looked like the best player on the field for either team. Not only did he pick up two touchdowns, including this first half effort, he finished with eight tackles as a linebacker, and was the Raider's dedicated long-snapper on special teams.

Sabres 'rebuilding' as they re-enter top tier of high school football

by CASSIDY DANKOCHIK

The Steinbach Regional Secondary School (SRSS) Sabres learned some tough lessons in their return to the top tier of high school football in Manitoba.

The Sabres were soundly defeated by the Oak Park Raiders 49-14 at A.D. Penner Park Sept. 9. Steinbach hadn't played a first division game since 2019, only beginning play in the top division in 2017.

"We're working on rebuilding that pedigree," Sabres Head Coach Stephen Fedus said after the game had finished.

"One of the things I was really proud of today is we competed all the way through hard in the second half. There's a lot to build on."

Oak Park took control of the football game early and didn't look back, racking up three touchdowns on their first three drives to jump out to a commanding 21-0 lead.

"We made a lot of mistakes," Fedus said.

"We played a good football team, that executed better. The

result is what we deserve right now, but we're going to get better, and the kids want to get better."

In particular, the Oak Park receivers were easily able to find separation, outrunning angles of both the cornerbacks and any safety help on several plays, especially in the early going.

Oak Park's Jerome Fouillard was a menace to the Sabres. The grade 12 athlete originally from Oakbank took snaps at quarterback near the goal line, lined up as a running back and receiver, and also played linebacker on defense and long snapper for the Raiders special teams.

Fouillard finished with eight tackles, two catches for 71 yards, and two touchdowns.

"I think by the end of the game we had adjusted to (their speed)," Fedus said.

"It's adjusting to the speed of the play in this division. For our guys to struggle with their angles of pursuit, that's normal... The guys were starting to fix that during the game."

Nearly every offensive snap of the game for Steinbach was out of the pistol formation, where a quarterback lines up in shotgun with a running back right behind him. Fedus said he

expects to run most of the year out of pistol due to which players he has available, but noted that wasn't what the junior varsity team is running all of the time.

Austin Neufeld led the Sabres attack on the ground. The grade 12 player racked up over eight yards per carry and managed to score both Steinbach touchdowns. His first of the game was spectacular, as Neufeld broke six tackles en route to the end zone, including bouncing off two Oak Park players at the same time, and somehow keeping his balance.

Quarterback Bradey Dornez finished 12/36 for 166 yards through the air, with Zane Friesen catching five of those passes. "It's a giant step for the kids," Fedus said on the leap to the first division.

"We're asking them to compete, and they competed. They're seeing what the best teams look like every week. It's nothing to be scared of, we're not going to hang our heads, we're going to play."

The Sabres varsity football team will continue their schedule Sept. 15 when they host the Dakota Lancers. Kickoff is at 5 p.m. inside A.D. Penner Park.



Tom Loewen finds some welcoming faces along the sideline after extending Providence's lead to 3-0 in the first half against CMU.

Pilots soccer season takes flight in Otterburne

by CASSIDY DANKOCHIK

The Providence Pilots men's and women's soccer teams walked away from the opening weekend of the Manitoba Colleges Athletics Conference schedule (MCAC) with a pair of victories over the Canadian Mennonite University (CMU) Blazers, but only second place in the league table.

Both teams trail Université de Saint-Boniface in the standings, which played two games over the weekend, managing to win both. The Providence Men's team won 5-1 and the women's team won 2-0.

The Pilots were given a boost from a raucous crowd in Otterburne. With the field just across the highway from Providence

College, students went all out to support their team in the home opener, with many bringing makeshift noisemakers and painting their bodies blue.

Those fans would be rewarded for their passion early, as only four minutes into the men's game Alen Ibrahimovic Milas knocked a header past the Blazers keeper to open the scoring.

Giovanni Benitez and Tom Loewen would stretch the Providence first-half lead with goals in the 36th and 45th minute respectively. The Pilots were full value for their lead, generating good chances consistently.

That strong play continued in the second half, as Joel Umeh brought the lead to 4-0 before the Blazers scored their lone goal of the match. Benitez would add the final bit of flair to the match, with a masterful free kick. His looping effort found the side netting, curling nicely from a long way out.

For as dominant as the men's team was over their CMU counterparts, the women's team may have put up an even better performance, although it didn't show on the scoreboard.

With chance after chance wasted, including a couple break-aways taken away by offside calls, the Pilots finally broke through after Paige Heide drew a foul inside the box, and converted the penalty. When the ball slotted into the net, Providence had 10 shots on goal, and nine corner kicks in the match, with the Blazers only registering a single corner kick.

The one-sided match continued with Ava Temple finally managing to convert a corner kick for the home side to give them their 2-0 victory. Providence finished with 17 shots on target and 11 corner kicks, compared to CMU's two shots and three corner kicks.

The Pilots' soccer teams will be playing MCAC games again this weekend, travelling to face Brandon University Sept. 17, then returning for a match with league-leading Saint-Boniface the next day.



Ava Temple (centre) is mobbed by teammates after converting a corner kick into a Providence goal.



Paige Heide not only drew this foul inside the CMU box, but also converted the ensuing penalty kick to give Providence the lead.

Ile des Chenes preparing for return to senior hockey

by CASSIDY DANKOCHIK

It's been false start after false start for the return of the Ile des Chenes North Stars to senior hockey, but the team is finally ready to play in 2022.

The North Stars are one of three teams set to jump from the Carillon Senior Hockey League (CSHL) to the South East Manitoba Hockey League (SEMHL) this season, alongside the Ste Anne Aces and Red River Wild, which play out of St Jean.

The CSHL didn't play last season due to the COVID-19 pandemic, meaning the North Stars return to play was also postponed.

Gaetan Beauchemin is the manager for the team. He's one of many who transitioned from Ste Anne's franchise to start a more local team for Ile des Chenes players.

"I didn't have to chase players, they were actually asking us to start the team up again, so that was nice," Beauchemin said.

"With COVID, a lack of teams, not being allowed in the SEMHL last season, finally we're in now."

The SEMHL will be jam-packed with teams in 2022, with the Carillon teams joining seven existing franchises, making the senior league one of the largest in Manitoba history for this level.

While the CSHL cancelled their 2021/2022 season, the SEMHL was able to play their sea-



The Ile des Chenes North Stars 'AAA' team, made up of regulars from their Hanover-Tache team alongside imports and affiliated players, won the Manitoba championship in 2003, going on to pick up the Allan Cup later in the year. The North Stars will be returning to senior hockey this year, entering the South East Manitoba Hockey League.

son, with the Warren Mercs ending the season as league champions. The 71-year-old league has never had more teams playing in a single season.

In the 1999/2000 season, SEMHL teams

played an interlocking schedule with the Hanover-Tache senior league.

"With 10 teams in the South East league, it's gonna be a lot of fun," Beauchemin said.

"It's going to be exciting. I know it's a little

more travel for our boys, but we're excited to see some new places, and some new players."

Ile des Chenes brings its own strong history to the senior hockey ranks. The team was a traditional force in the Hanover-Tache league, even winning the Allan Cup in 2003. They competed as an independent AAA senior squad after the Hanover-Tache league folded, but had not iced a squad for a few years before a planned debut in the CSHL in 2020.

"I'm excited to get it going again," Beauchemin said.

"There are some very talented hockey players playing beer league. They should have a better place to play. It's exciting to finally have a spot."

Beauchemin added he expects the team to be pretty young, guessing their roster's average age should be around 25-years-old.

"The step up to senior is a big step some people don't realize, even from junior A," he said.

"Players sometimes come back from the WHL thinking senior hockey is going to be beer league, but it's actually high calibre hockey and not everybody can cut it. I'm hoping our boys can."

Roughly 30 players will be attending North Stars camp, with only a few players boasting senior hockey experience.

The SEMHL schedule will be set at a Sept. 21 meeting.



The Eastman team which represented Manitoba at the Canada Senior 55+ games included Mike Baziuk, Doug Graham, Taras Chubey, Shirley Chubey and Bruce Taggart.

Local bowlers strike gold in Kamloops

by CASSIDY DANKOCHIK

While team success didn't come for local bowlers at the Canada 55+ Games this year, two local members of team Manitoba walked away with individual med-

als. Mike Baziuk won the gold medal for the 85+ age group, and Shirley Chubey won the bronze medal for 65+. Other bowlers who made the trip to Kamloops for the 2022 games included Doug Graham, Taras Chubey and Bruce Taggart.

Baziuk, who captained the team made up of all southeastern Manitoba bowlers, said a couple rough early games doomed the team's shot at the podium. While the individual winners were determined based on raw pin total, the team competition's results were based off of pins over average.

"I was quite consistent," Baziuk said.

"I had no big game, but I ended up four pins over my average for the tournament."

Individual and team scores were calculated based off the same games, with teams playing six rounds, as opposed to previous years where bowlers were kept busy playing nine rounds over a few days.

"If you don't start good, it's harder to recover," Baziuk said, noting he preferred to play more games.

"If I go that far, I want to have as many games as I can."

It was a memorable trip beyond winning on the lanes for Baziuk, as he was able to serve as one of Team Manitoba's flag-bearers during the opening ceremonies, and was interviewed by local news in Kamloops.

"I was really singled out for some reason," Baziuk said, laughing.

"Maybe it's because of my age."

The 2024 Canada 55+ Games are set to be hosted in Quebec, with Baziuk saying he's planning on attempting to defend his gold medal.

Bowling leagues in Steinbach, which Baziuk helps organize, are set to begin this week, with youth bowling beginning later this month.

Sultans fall in WSBL finals

by CASSIDY DANKOCHIK

The Carillon Sultans senior baseball team has lost the Winnipeg Senior Baseball League finals to the Stonewall Blue Jays, dropping the championship series three games to one.

The decisive game came in dramatic fashion in Stonewall, as the Sultans fell 11-10 to lose the series. In the third inning, the Blue Jays were down 9-1, but managed to climb back to win the game, and the championship.

Carillon won the first game of the series 5-4, before dropping the next three, a 7-4 loss in Stonewall, and a 8-3 loss at Koskie Field in Winnipeg.

The Sultans were unable to play a home game during the playoffs, as the lack of lights on a field meant the team had to take up temporary digs in Winnipeg for the post-season.

To reach the finals, the Sultans won a game three against the defending champion Elmwood Giants.

This is the second year of play for the re-vamped senior Sultans team. Last year they lost a first-round playoff series to Elmwood.

'Steinbach's Olympian' to be inducted into Manitoba Sports Hall of Fame

by CASSIDY DANKOCHIK

The Manitoba Sports Hall of Fame will need a new master of ceremonies for their 2022 induction ceremony.

Sport Manitoba announced Sept. 13 Steinbach's Michelle Sawatzky-Koop will be entering the hall as an honoured member as part of the class of 2022. Over the past 20 years, she's helped organize the event, even serving on the hall's board for a time.

When Sawatzky-Koop received the email saying she would become an honoured member of the hall from executive director Rick Brownlee, she thought it was a request to be M.C. once again, a role she has embraced for the past 20 years.

"At one point about five years ago, Rick said, 'I think you've served your time (on the hall's board)'" Sawatzky-Koop remembered.

"I had an inkling they were thinking of (inducting me), but that was five years ago... I did know my high school coach had worked with my dad to gather some things, and I was curious about that and apparently it was to nominate me."

Despite knowing something was up a few years ago, because of her history working with the hall, the message she was going to become

an honoured member was still a surprise.

"You never play sports for that (recognition)," Sawatzky-Koop said.

"I've had so many great memories and so many accomplishments. This is just really special. I feel really honoured."

Her biggest accomplishment on the court came at the 1996 Atlanta Olympic Games. Sawatzky-Koop helped Canada win their only match at the Olympics, playing as the starting setter when Team Canada defeated Peru, fondly remembering walking out during the opening ceremonies and for their first match against Cuba.

While those Olympics may be her best achievement on the court, she nearly didn't get a chance to play.

"A big part of my story is I was the starting setter for Team Canada for many years, but heading to the Olympics the coach made a decision I wouldn't be starting because of my size," she recalled.

Despite being pulled from the starting role, Sawatzky-Koop, who stands a diminutive 5'6, soon won it back, and gave Canada their only women's Olympic volleyball win. Playing through adversity was nothing new for the Steinbach Regional Secondary School graduate. She was cut from provincial teams,



Michelle Sawatzky-Koop lights the cauldron at the opening ceremonies of the Manitoba Games in Steinbach, Sunday, August 7, 2016.

but was asked to return after other players dropped out.

"A lot of my story isn't glamorous," she said. "I was always told I was far too small to play this sport. Maybe that overall is the highlight for me. I was able to carve out a career for myself based on heart, passion and hard-work."

Sawatzky-Koop also heaped praise on her teammates from across the years.

"Especially when you're my size, you can't play volleyball alone," she quipped.

"The other amazing women I played with just made it possible for me."

After graduating high school, Sawatzky-Koop went on to play for the University of Manitoba Bisons, winning three consecutive national championships during her time with the program. She also won a bronze medal at the Pan American games in 1995.

Sawatzky-Koop credited former high school gym teacher Shannon (Ormiston) Kehler, for helping her see a path to success on and off the court, noting Kehler was the second person she called after hearing she was heading to the hall.

Sawatzky-Koop said Kehler was the first person who knew she was destined for great things on the court.

"She is for sure — and I've played with a lot

of coaches — one of the best coaches I've ever played for in my life," Sawatzky-Koop said.

"She cared about me as a person... A lot of people just said, 'you're too small, you can't do it, your hands are too small, blah blah blah.' Shannon saw me for me. She saw qualities that a lot of people didn't see."

Sawatzky-Koop said she is always proud to represent rural Manitoba, noting any elite athlete from outside the perimeter highway "has a chip on their shoulder."

As a high school player, her parents had to drive to Virden twice a week to play club volleyball.

"When you think of this hall of fame, you think of your family, and my parents, the fact that they're still with us," Sawatzky-Koop said, fighting back tears.

"Really they should be in the hall of fame. They're the greatest of all time."

Sawatzky-Koop is still connected to volleyball, serving as an assistant coach for the Bisons women's team over the past two years.

As for the induction ceremony Nov. 3, Sawatzky-Koop is looking forward to attending as an honoured member, not a worker.

"I'll be happy to sit back and relax on this one," she said, laughing.



As I See It

James Loewen

Excitement or dread: the difference between Bomber fans and Jets fans

The contrast in the mood of fans of our province's two biggest sports teams - the Bombers and the Jets - is unmistakably palpable.

Bomber fans, fresh off of back-to-back Grey Cup victories and in the home stretch of a dominating 12-1 season, are super excited and can hardly wait for the playoffs to begin.

Many Jets fans, on the other hand, have largely lost interest in a franchise that just a few years ago was picked by the venerable Sports Illustrated to win the Stanley Cup and be poised to be a perennial playoff contender. They know there is absolutely no guarantee the Jets will even get into the postseason and if they are honest with themselves they have to believe - given that other teams in the division got significantly better while the Jets didn't - it's more likely that the Jets won't get into the playoffs.

While Bomber fans are pumped, Jets fans are demoralized and disheartened.

It was only a few short years ago that the Jets were the toast of the NHL. They got to the division finals and had it not been for Marc-Andre Fleury playing unconscious in the Vegas nets and almost singlehandedly defeating the Jets, the feeling was that the Jets were positioned to be heavy favourites for the next several years.

Not just for the talent they had on the ice but because of the wealth of up-and-coming talent they had in their farm system. It was generally agreed in the hockey community that the Jets had the most future assets in the NHL and were thusly poised to be serious contenders for the foreseeable future.

Fast forward to the training camp being only a few days away and there is an air of dread, possibly even doom, with many Jets fans, as they know the cupboard of assets is close to empty and other teams improved while the Jets stuck with the status quo. It generally appears that the window for the Jets to be a Stanley Cup contender - especially if you looked at the calibre of teams that made deep playoff runs last season - is closing fast (if not already completely shut).

The Bombers, on the other hand, are the class of the CFL and heavy favourites to three-peat as league champions. Between their success on the field and the culture they've built off the field, players want to come and play for the Bombers.

The same cannot be said for the Jets. The story of the past few seasons is of players wanting to get out of Winnipeg. How often have you heard "hockey players don't want to come to Winnipeg"?

Another gauge of fan excitement versus dread is the atmosphere at their respective barns. While the Jets used to have the loudest fans in the league, the last few years it often sounds like a library. Bomber games are raucous, lively and bubbling with energy.

Some would say the difference between the two franchises is that the Bombers are a blue collar working class outfit while the Jets are a white collar upper class enterprise. There's probably a significant amount of truth to that.

But a big part of the disparity when it comes to the overall mood of their fans is that the Bombers have done what the Jets desperately need to do: sign Manitobans.

A big reason why the Bombers have such an enthusiastic and dedicated fan base is because there is a relatability factor at play - Bomber fans get to cheer for fellow Manitobans.

That reality simply does not exist at a Jets game.

With the NHL season just around the corner and CFL playoffs only weeks away, this contrast, this tale of two fandoms, will be on display for everyone to see.

Sports FLASHBACK

August 15, 1979
by Wes Keating



Brian Prystenski is at the controls of his 1,300-horsepower tractor, which will be competing in the Eastern Manitoba Tractor Pull Championships in Landmark this weekend.

Not your ordinary farm tractor

This tractor is over 15 feet long, has a 1,300 horsepower engine, is capable of pulling 60,000 pounds, and unhitched can reach a speed of 80 mph. Brian Prystenski's monster tractor is not the answer to local farmers' late seeding problems, but was built for competition in the fast-growing sport of tractor-pulling.

Prystenski took up tractor-pulling this year, saying he was tired of having his family stuck in the stands, while he competed in stock car racing events. The family is now part of a team when it comes to competition with the tractor at out-of-province events.

The "tractor" is tractor only from the back axle back. In front of that, it bears little resemblance to the usual farm machine, except for it being painted green, and sponsored by Enns Brothers, a John Deere dealer. The machine is powered by a Chrysler Hemi engine, complete with supercharger and fuel injection. It burns straight methanol alcohol and has no cooling system.

Prystenski explains he dispensed with the usual radiator most tractors are equipped with, because while the motor may run as long as three minutes, the average pull time is only 90 seconds. That minute-and-a-half is long enough for the engine to consume three gallons of fuel and the alcohol evaporates so quickly, frost forms on the supercharger.

Prystenski started building the tractor in January and first entered it in competition in Carman

in July. That first effort of 63 feet is not one the Steinbach tractor puller is likely to brag about, but was soon forgotten, with a steady increase in pulls through four Saskatchewan events.

Prystenski's efforts improved steadily through events at Yorkton, Saskatoon, Moose Jaw and in Regina, reached a distance of 261 feet, only to be beaten by a mere six feet.

In Detroit Lakes, the first weekend in August, Prystenski's machine pulled through the maximum 300 feet for the first time and finished third in the 7,500 pound class. The rear end went on the tractor in the 9,500-pound class, and Prystenski had to settle for fourth.

The pulling competitions themselves are based on the weight of the tractor and the length of the pull determines the weight on the sled. The farther the pull, the more resistance the sled provides.

The Prystenski tractor weighs approximately 5,700 pounds, so extra weights, at 75 pounds apiece, have to be brought along to bring it up to the weight required in each category of competition.

Prystenski has a ready answer to the question of why anyone would give up the thrill of stock car racing to enter something as seemingly tame as tractor pulling.

"It's more relaxed and the whole family can be involved."

He wasn't as quick to respond to a question of what a tractor-pull tractor like his is worth.

"The Beauchemin Brothers of Saskatoon own the premier tractor in competition right now and they say it's worth \$30,000. Mine is not worth that much."

Locally, an annual tractor pull, held in conjunction with Landmark's Community Picnic is an event well worth taking in. This year, trophies and prizes will be handed out in four categories, including small and large two-wheel-drive tractors, four-wheel-drive tractors and 4x4 trucks.

Prystenski will be there competing against local favorites, if he can get that busted rear end fixed in time.

SEASON PREVIEW



Pistons captain Zac Patrick shakes hands with his Dauphin Kings opponents after a game seven loss in the 2022 Turnbull Cup finals. Patrick is one of many Pistons who will not be returning, either due to moving on to the NCAA, or having no more junior eligibility. Patrick will be suiting up for the University of Manitoba Bisons this season.



Ian Amsbaugh lets a shot go during an exhibition match against the Winkler Flyers. Amsbaugh had two goals and an assist during the game, which Steinbach won 4-2.



A Winkler player wincing as he blocks Owen Johnston's shot during pre-season action at the T.G. Smith Centre.

Pistons aiming high despite 'considerable' roster turnover

by CASSIDY DANKOCHIK

When the final horn sounded on the Manitoba Junior Hockey League's (MJHL) 2021/2022 season, the Pistons were one goal away from the league championship, losing a heartbreaking game seven to the Dauphin Kings at home.

If the Pistons are to return to the final, and lock up a spot at the 2023 Centennial Cup, they'll have to do it with some key losses throughout their lineup.

Not only did the usual crop of players age out of the junior ranks, three key 20-year-olds have made the leap to NCAA instead of playing out their final year of junior eligibility.

Quinton Pepper, who scored 55 points in 42 regular season games last year and racked up 20 points in the playoffs, will be heading to University of St Thomas in Minnesota.

Jack Rogers will be playing for St. Cloud State University this season. The forward led Steinbach in scoring

last season, picking up 68 points in 54 games.

The losses don't stop on offense, as the Pistons will also be losing goaltender Will Hambley to Western Michigan University. Hambley worked in tandem with Simon Harkness last season in the playoffs, recording a 6-4 record and a 0.915 save percentage. In the regular season, Hambley was even better, recording the best save percentage in the league and a goals against average of under two.

Steinbach head coach and general manager Paul Dyck said losing eligible players to the NCAA can pay dividends down the road, showing prospects their program can be a fast track to higher levels.

"We'd love to have those guys back, but (we're) very proud of them for the work they did," Dyck said.

"I think it looks good on the program when you can send guys to the next level before people expected them to leave. Those are losses

"Those are losses that we'll always accept,"

-Pistons head coach and general manager Paul Dyck on losing three players to the NCAA early

that we'll always accept."

While taking players leaving in stride, Steinbach will still ice a high-turnover roster in the 2022/2023 season, as around half of their players have little to no MJHL experience heading into this season. The Pistons set a franchise record for wins in a season last year.

"It's considerable," Dyck said on his roster's turnover this season, noting it's still less of a challenge considering last year he was dealing with COVID-19 related turnover.

Many of last season's returning players only had seven games of experience. This year's returning play-

ers saw over 70 games of action including playoffs.

"The guys that are back are really leading the way, showing our younger players and our new players what expectations are on and off the ice," Dyck added.

The Pistons have yet to name a captain, but are expected to before their first game this season.

Dyck said pre-season was a chance to integrate players into the Pistons structure, and evaluate player progress, adding he noticed vast improvement from players across their exhibition schedule.

"You're doing evaluations, you're seeing some players for the first time in meaningful games," he said.

"I think it was very educational for our staff, and for our players it was a good experience to get a couple of games under their belt."

That improvement was especially noticeable as the Pistons defeated the Niverville Nighthawks in both

teams' final exhibition game of the season. Despite killing nine penalties, Steinbach won 5-2.

"I think on Saturday we made big strides in terms of looking like a team," Dyck said.

"In particular, on the forecheck, we looked a lot more organized."

There will be more on the line this season for MJHL teams, as Portage will host the Centennial Cup this year. With Portage hosting the tournament of the best junior A teams from across Canada this year, two teams from the MJHL will qualify.

"Our expectations are the same every year — be a competitive team and be in the mix," Dyck said.

"With that being said, one of our expectations is to grow as a group and be playing our best hockey near the end of the season. If players are developing and getting better individually throughout the year, then usually the team will follow suit."

The Pistons will kick off their MJHL schedule with their home opener Sept. 16 against Niverville at 7:30 p.m. in Steinbach.

Niverville Nighthawks eager to begin inaugural regular season

by CASSIDY DANKOCHIK

After over a year of waiting, the Niverville Nighthawks will finally take to the ice as a Manitoba Junior Hockey League (MJHL) franchise Sept. 16 in Steinbach. Just one day later, they'll officially christen the Niverville Community Resource and Rec Centre (CRRC) arena ice, with another match-up against the Pistons.

For head coach and general manager Kelvin Cech, there couldn't be a better way for the Nighthawks to kick off their inaugural season.

"It's competitive for sure," he said. "The ol' highway battle... I know it was something our board of directors, and Steinbach's as well, thought was a good idea to start the season that way for both teams. It will be really cool in both cities."

The two teams should be familiar with each other, as they played a couple exhibition games this pre-season.

The latest was a 5-2 win for Steinbach at the T.G. Smith Centre. If that game is anything to go by, the highway rivals won't have a shortage of distaste for each other, as the teams combined for 36 minutes of penalties, and several post-whistle scums.

Four players were taken out of the game by the referees with roughing penalties in the final minutes as the Nighthawks were pushing to get back in the game and Pistons players took issue with Niverville's pokes at their goalie searching for a rebound.

The Nighthawks needed all the practice they could get on the powerplay, as they went 0/9 with the man advantage.

"It was nice for us (to get nine opportunities) because we have five players who have never played together on the powerplay," Cech said.

"It was tough for some guys to get into the flow of the game five-on-five. It is what it is. We try not to complain about getting powerplays. It would have been nice to pop a couple, but we've got some work to do."

Cech said he was happy to have scheduled five exhibition games this year, as it gave the



There was no shortage of bad blood between Niverville and Steinbach during their last pre-season game Sept. 10, as a Steinbach player puts a headlock on his Niverville counterpart.

coaching staff a chance to see players up and down the lineup. Those five games were part of a longer than usual training camp for an MJHL franchise, as the Nighthawks were starting from square one with their roster this season.

"Some (players) have different skill sets than you see when you're recruiting them and scouting them in the springtime," Cech said.

"It's nice to see everyone and see them working as hard as they can and try to be the best player they can. There aren't one or two surprises, there's closer to 30."

While Nighthawks players took to the ice throughout the exhibition season wearing practice jerseys, they'll be fully decked out in brand new digs for the regular season.

Cech said he wants his team to play as a six-

man unit, especially when breaking out of their defensive zone.

"For us it takes everybody to come out of our zone together, and we want everybody joining the play as well," he said.

"Maybe not the goalie coming through the neutral zone and entering the offensive zone, but hey, crazier stuff has happened. We know we have to innovate a little bit."

Cech added the plan for the week leading up to the team's inaugural game will be filled with video work and on-ice drills to build-up the team's comfort level playing with each other.

"Their compete level is going to be far more important than any structure that we could give them," Cech said.

"We want to make sure that we're competing, and we peak at the right time for Friday night."

If fans can't make it into the CRRC for the Nighthawks home opener, they'll be able to watch the game outside the arena, as the team is hosting a watch party and social to go along with the opening day festivities starting at 3:30 p.m. (puck drop is 5 p.m.). Tickets are available on the Nighthawks website.



Carson Reed is tripped up by David Cote as he enters the offensive zone. This play led to one of nine Niverville powerplays in their final exhibition match.

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Greetings folks! In the evenings, Myron and I have been sitting on the deck (with mosquito coils burning) and all we hear is the sound of frogs and crickets. Silence is nice and much appreciated. I read that silence of the heart means your heart is not constantly longing for things it doesn't have, but it rejoices in what it is, what it does have, and in the purpose that God has put in that heart. It often takes someone outside of your daily life to see what God has done and is doing in your soul. I hope you find that peace within and that it resonates amongst the masses.

This week, a helicopter flew just above the treeline of our property and created quite the ruckus scaring the cattle, which resulted in them herding in circles as the craft was hovering over them. This was not appreciated. Caroline and I had to go out there to

calm them down before something terrible would have occurred, like perhaps one of the little ones getting trampled or one of the older ladies having a heart attack. After about 10 minutes of the helicopter doing whatever it was doing, it finally carried on and our herd was able to settle. What a terrible thing to do to a farmer.

I'm busy making salsa and freezer pickles thanks to some good folks down here in the Southeast.

On the home front, this past weekend we were blessed that our nephew Wayne came over to treat us to a homecooked meal prepared by him in our kitchen. He made us a lovely honey glazed stuffed chicken breast dish with all the fixings, including asparagus and other veggies. Thank you for your hard work preparing this meal and treating us to a very healthy feast. You are appreciated.



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Another school year has begun. Happy rides to you.

PHOTO BY LORRAINE LOEWEN

The harvest is in full swing and a lot of farmers are hoping for the warm weather to continue so they can keep combining. The harvest moon reminds us that there could be frost once again, but so far so good.

It was a surprise to hear the sad news of our queen passing away. The news has so many interesting articles about her. We will miss her Christmas messages of hope, unity and faith. And now we have a king.

Condolences

The funeral service for Ed Kroeker was held on Saturday morning at the Rosenort EMC church with Pastor Ward Parkinson chairing and Ed's nephew Lester Kroeker had the message. Colin Reimer (nephew) led the congregational singing and the EMC male quartet sang two special numbers.

It was interesting to have the four daughters speak about many of the exciting times they had on family trips. Nathaniel Klassen (son-in-law) read the obituary and Ed's brother Peter spoke on behalf of the rest of the brothers. A slideshow by Heather Plett and Liana Fonseca (nieces) was presented before the closing. Lunch followed at Westfield Park. Condolences to Annie and her family.

At the fundraiser

On Saturday evening, a fundraiser was held at the park raising money for Angela Siemens (Pete) of Rosenort. She is planning to go to Florida for back surgery. Delicious desserts were served. Much music was enjoyed.

Trip to Paraguay

The EMC prayer team left for Paraguay during the week. Rolf Kruse along with Joanne Martens are the leaders. Going from here were Rolf's wife Angela and their three daughters as well as Sharon Friesen. More news to follow.

Enjoyable trip

James and Arletta Boulton returned from a trip to the Czech Republic, travelling down to take their

daughter Katrina who has an English teaching position there for a year. It was a very enjoyable trip.

At the reunion

Now I will continue some of the news left from last week about the Peter W. Siemens family gathering. It was so interesting for the family to have Jerry Kroeker start the steam machine and get enough steam to blow the whistle. This was what Grandpa Siemens did annually to get the neighbourhood interested in a parade.

After the family had lunch on Saturday, it was time for a program and the sisters, Doris, Luanna and Sandra, did not disappoint. They acted a scene of the olden day grandma with aprons, kerchiefs and all. The whole family enjoyed the weekend, with some of them going to Mennonite Heritage Village in Steinbach on Sunday to take part in the festivities.

It was so special to have the Simon and Susie Isaac family members come by car from as far as Grande Prairie and other places in Alberta. Relatives here hosted them for the weekend. It was also good to have Orville, Tina and Carol stop in at the home of Alfred and Marge Dueck in Rosenort.

The first week of school is over and now we get to meet the teachers this Wednesday evening. It should be interesting, with many new faces in the district. We need to meet the new neighbours too.

It seems as if Covid is making a comeback, so I guess the masks are required in some places as well as hand sanitizer. Hopefully we will not have to go into lockdown again.

The weeks are flying by and the pumpkins are turning a bright orange already. Usually this happens only in October, so we must be having better weather than usual. Our fresh potatoes are so tasty as well as the other garden produce.

That's all for now. Have a great week. Oh yes, I must mention I am still cooking at the Davidson Centre, but the advertisement to hire is out there. I think there must be someone else who enjoys cooking. Call Pat at 204-746-6366.

6-8:30 p.m. in the sacristy situated on the north side of the St Malo R.C. Church. Check out the Southeast Royals Gymnastics website for more news about fees, etc. Lessons will start on Tuesday, Oct. 11 and run until Dec. 13 for younger children and run Wednesday, Oct. 12 to Dec. 14 for older children. Fingers crossed that it will happen for sure.

Gardening presentation

Woodmore Women's Institute is hosting a presentation on how to have your own backyard greenhouse, with Mick Manfield as the speaker. This presentation will be held on Wednesday, Sept. 21 at 7 p.m. at Roseau River Park.

Mick Manfield is an avid Master Gardener. He will be presenting on having your own hobby greenhouse and the different methods of heating, lighting, ventilation and shelving. Ask questions and discuss what has worked well and what has not with Mick's own greenhouse. Pre-registration is requested with a \$10 registration fee to be paid at the door. Please contact meloskydebbie@gmail.com to register or if you have questions.

Until next time, please keep active and stay safe and healthy.

In sports

The NFL season is officially in full swing again as Week 1 is under our belts. The big news and shocker to Caroline was the return of Tom Brady (after a total of 40 days of retirement) to the Tampa Bay Buccaneers. He is the oldest player in the NFL and the only player born way back in the 1970's who is still on the field. He was born in 1977, for those who are curious how old he is. I personally find this amusing at what people get entertained and excited to read. Enjoy the season everyone, if that is your pastime.

The Queen

I heard on the news that Queen Elizabeth II, aged 96, passed away on Sept. 8. Another life well lived. I read that she owns 6.6 billion acres of land that encompasses 32 countries. This little tidbit was quite fascinating to hear as it means her face is on all the money from those countries. Imagine what that will mean for the monetary system going forward.

For all of you who wish to send condolences, there is a book set up at City Hall in the Council Building at 510 Main St from 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. daily. Anyone is welcome to sign the book of condolence before the burial date.

She will be laid to rest in the Royal Vault at St George's Chapel next to Prince Philip on Monday, Sept. 19. With this event, the Province of Manito-

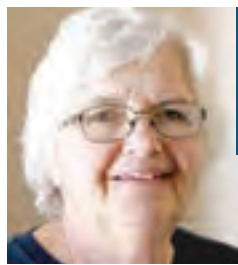
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Fundraiser

The Wild at Heart Fundraising Gala presented by the Manitoba Wildlife Federation is back to celebrate Manitoba's great outdoors with some camaraderie, prime rib, great prizes and time to catch up with old friends. The event is scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 29 at Victoria Inn, 1808 Wellington Ave in Winnipeg.

Reception begins at 5:30 and the banquet runs from 7-10 p.m. Sponsorship levels are available and tickets are on sale now online at <https://mwf.mb.ca/mwf-events/wild-at-heart> or by calling the MWF office at 204-633-5967. Early bird tickets are \$90 before Sept. 30. Regular ticket price is \$120 if purchased by Oct. 21.

To end the week, I will leave you with a few words of wisdom by Albert Einstein. "Wisdom is not a product of schooling, but of the lifelong attempt to acquire it." Be blessed. Until next time.



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Hi everyone. How is everyone? It's hard to believe it is the middle of September. Children are back in school to start another year. Time seems to be flying by too fast. It's time to get ready for winter.

The Neighbour's Garden Club got together at Anne Pohaychuk's last week. This was the first meeting of the club since Covid started. We toured her yard and enjoyed a delicious lunch and visit. It was nice to see everyone again.

Engaged

Congratulations to Owen Andrusyk and Fayth Gradt on their recent engagement. Wishing you guys all the best. They are planning a social on New Year's Eve.

Praznyk & Divine Liturgy

Praznyk and Divine Liturgy will be held at the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of St Mary's in Senkiw this Sunday, Sept. 18. Father Oleh Bohdanova will be officiating and taking over for Father Miron. Father Miron has retired due to health issues.

It's a girl!

Congratulations to Austin and Lexie Morin on the safe arrival of their little baby girl. Madelyn arrived on Sept. 10, a little sister for Ryder.

Special greetings

Belated birthday wishes go to Bobby Chubaty who celebrated on Sept. 13. Happy birthday!

Birthday wishes go out to Bree Morrisette of St Pierre who will be celebrating her birthday on Sept. 23. Happy birthday Bree!

Anniversary wishes go out to Jason and Tina Charney of Winnipeg who will be celebrating their anniversary on Sept. 18.

Well, that wraps things up for now. Keep smiling and stay safe.



Anne Pohaychuk poses with her dinner plate dahlias.

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Bibliotheque Tache Library

Regular hours are Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 4:30-8:30 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

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Chase the Ace

Chase the Ace Lottery has restarted at Dawson Trail Motor Inn, 113 Lagimodiere Ave in Lorette, on Thursday evenings. Next event is Thursday, Sept. 15. Tickets are sold from 6:30-9 p.m. with the draw at 9:15 p.m. Tickets are \$2 each. The jackpot is \$8,749.60, which is accumulated by the number of tickets sold. Everyone is welcome to try your luck at winning the jackpot and at the same time help fundraise for the arena/library complex.

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Spirit 1 Taekwondo

The Lorette branch will reopen Tuesday, Sept. 20 at Ecole Lorette Immersion School from 6-7:25 p.m.

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Monday, Sept. 19: Strong Beginnings - no classes K-8

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Monday, Oct. 10: Thanksgiving Day - no classes

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IN THE MATTER OF the Estate of Dorothy Hocaluk, late of the Postal District of Grunthal, in Manitoba, Deceased.

ALL CLAIMS against the above-mentioned Estate supported by a Statutory Declaration must be sent to the undersigned at 85 PTH 12 North, Steinbach, Manitoba, R5G 1A7, on or before the 21st day of October 2022.

DATED at Steinbach, Manitoba, this 9th day of September, 2022.

Smith Neufeld Jodoin LLP
85 PTH 12 North
Steinbach, Manitoba
R5G 1A7
Attention: Grant M. Driedger
(Solicitors for the Executors)

Legal

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE MATTER OF the Estate of ALLEN RODNEY ANDERSON, late of the Rural Municipality of Piney, in Manitoba, Deceased.

ALL CLAIMS against the above-mentioned Estate supported by a Statutory Declaration must be sent to the undersigned at 6A-555 Traverse Road, Ste. Anne, Manitoba R5H 1B5 on or before the 20th day of October, 2022.

DATED at Ste. Anne, Manitoba, this 12th day of September, 2022.

Bureau Avocat Simard
6A-555 Traverse Road
Ste. Anne, Manitoba R5H 1B5
Attention: Gérard J. Simard
(Solicitor for the Executrix)

<p>Notices</p> <p>NOTICE Board of Revision for 2023 Rural Municipality of La Broquerie</p> <p>Public Notice is hereby given that the 2023 assessment roll for the Rural Municipality of La Broquerie will be delivered to the Municipal Office at 123 Simard Street, La Broquerie, Manitoba and is open for public inspection during regular business hours (8:30 am to 4:30 pm) once received. Applications for revision may be made in accordance with section 42 and 43 of the Assessment Act.</p> <p>Complaints to the Board of Revision:</p> <p>Section 42(1) of the Municipal Assessment Act: "A person in whose name property has been assessed, a mortgagee in possession of property under section 114(1) of The Real Property Act, an occupier of premises who is required under the terms of a lease to pay the taxes on the property, or the assessor may make application for the revision of an assessment roll with respect to</p> <p>a) liability to taxation; b) amount of an assessed value; c) classification of property; or d) a refusal by an assessor to amend the assessment roll under subsection 13(2)."</p> <p>Application requirements:</p> <p>Section 43(1) of the Municipal Assessment Act: "An application for revision must:</p> <p>a) be in writing; b) set out the roll number and legal description of the assessable property for which a revision is sought; c) state the grounds on which the application is based, and d) be filed by:</p> <p>i) delivering it or causing it to be delivered to the office indicated in the public notice given under subsection 41(2); or ii) serving it upon the secretary, at least 15 days before the scheduled sitting date of the board as indicated in the public notice."</p> <p>The Board of Revision will sit at the Council Chambers of the Rural Municipality of La Broquerie for revision and to hear applications regarding assessments on Wednesday, October 19th, 2022, at 12:00 pm.</p> <p>Dated at the Village of La Broquerie in the Province of Manitoba this 22nd day of August 2022.</p> <p>Jacqueline Taillefer, Secretary, Board of Revision Rural Municipality of La Broquerie 123 rue Simard Street La Broquerie, Manitoba R0A 0W0</p> <p>NOTE: APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED AT THE MUNICIPAL OFFICE BEFORE 4:30 PM, OCTOBER 4, 2022</p>	<p>Notices</p> <p>AVIS PUBLIC Comité de révision pour 2023 Municipalité rurale de La Broquerie</p> <p>Le public est avisé par les présentes que le rôle d'évaluation pour 2023 sera délivré au bureau de la municipalité rurale de La Broquerie au 123 rue Simard, La Broquerie, Manitoba et le public peut l'examiner durant les heures de bureau (8h30 à 16h30) lorsque reçu. Conformément aux articles 42 et 43 de la Loi sur l'évaluation municipale, toute personne peut présenter une requête en révision d'un rôle d'évaluation.</p> <p>Requête en révision: Paragraphe 42(1) de la loi sur l'évaluation municipale : « toute personne au nom de laquelle un bien a été évalué, le créancier hypothécaire qui est en possession d'un bien en vertu du paragraphe 114(1) de la Loi sur les biens réels, l'occupant de locaux qui est tenu, en vertu des conditions d'un bail, de verser les taxes sur le bien ou l'évaluateur, peut présenter une requête en révision d'un rôle d'évaluation concernant :</p> <p>a) assujettissement à la taxe; b) le montant de la valeur déterminée; c) la classification des biens; d) le refus de l'évaluateur de modifier le rôle d'évaluation en application du paragraphe 13(2). »</p> <p>Conditions: Paragraphe 43(1) de la loi sur l'évaluation municipale, « les requêtes en révision doivent:</p> <p>a) être faites par écrit; b) indiquer le numéro du rôle et la description cadastrale des biens imposables visés; c) indiquer les motifs de la requête; d) être déposées:</p> <p>i) soit par livraison au bureau indiqué dans l'avis public visé au paragraphe 41(2); ii) soit par signification au secrétaire, au moins 15 jours avant la date prévue pour la tenue de l'audience du comité mentionnée dans l'avis. »</p> <p>Le comité de révision siègera le mercredi 19 octobre 2022 à 12 h dans la salle municipale de la Municipalité rurale de La Broquerie.</p> <p>Fait au village de La Broquerie, Manitoba ce 22^{ème} jour de août 2022.</p> <p>Jacqueline Taillefer., Secrétaire du Comité de révision Municipalité rurale de La Broquerie 123 rue Simard Street La Broquerie, Manitoba R0A 0W0</p> <p>NOTEZ BIEN: TOUTES APPLICATIONS DOIVENT ÊTRE REÇUES AU BUREAU MUNICIPAL AVANT 16H30, LE 4 OCTOBRE, 2022.</p>
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CITY OF STEINBACH

BOARD OF REVISION

Public notice is hereby given that the 2023 assessment roll for the City of Steinbach has been delivered to Steinbach City Hall at 225 Reimer Avenue, Steinbach, Manitoba, and is open for public inspection from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday. Applications for revision may be made in accordance with sections 42 and 43 of the Assessment Act.

APPLICATION FOR REVISION

42(1) A person in whose name property has been assessed, a mortgagee in possession of property under subsection 114(1) of The Real Property Act, an occupier of premises who is required under the terms of a lease to pay the taxes on the property, or the assessor may make application for the revision of an assessment roll with respect to the following matters: a) liability to taxation; b) amount of an assessed value; c) classification of property; or d) a refusal by an assessor to amend the assessment roll under subsection 13(2).

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

43(1) An application for revision must

(a) be made in writing;
(b) set out the roll number and legal description of the assessable property for which a revision is sought;
(c) set out which of the matters referred to in subsection 42(1) are at issue; and the grounds for each of those matters; and
(d) be filed by

(i) delivering it or causing it to be delivered to the office indicated in the public notice given under subsection 41(2); or
(ii) serving it upon the secretary, at least 15 days before the scheduled sitting date of the board as indicated in the public notice.

The Board of Revision will sit on **October 25, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.**, in the City of Steinbach Council Chamber, to hear applications.

The final date on which applications must be received by the Secretary of the Board is **October 11, 2022 at 4:00 p.m.**

Dated at Steinbach, in Manitoba, this 15th day of September, 2022.

Troy Warkentin – Secretary
Board of Revision – City of Steinbach
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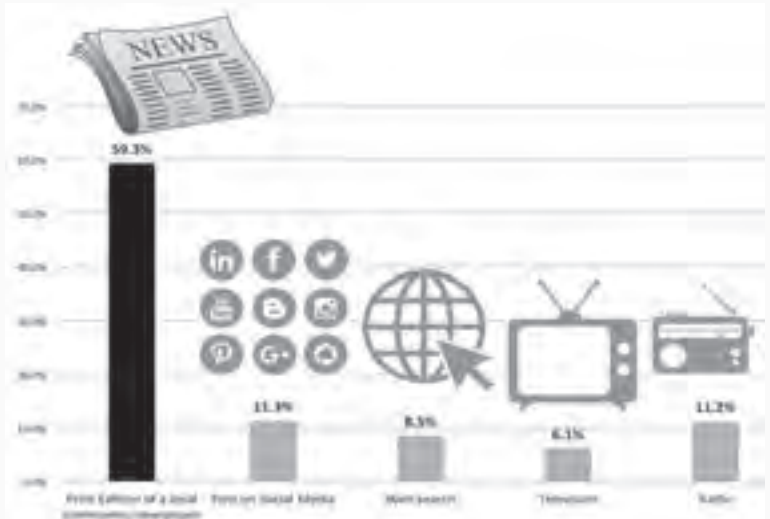
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DOMINION CITY

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There's a fall nip in the air and the temperatures have sure been plummeting at night. It was only four degrees the other morning, nearing the danger of frost. Trees are turning colour and shedding their leaves, especially since it has been so dry. We got a beautiful +30 the other day, but things are about to change. I guess it happens every year, so we shouldn't be surprised.

It has been continually in the news since the passing of Queen Elizabeth, longest reigning monarch of over 70 years. Although she was 96 years of age, her sudden passing came as a shock to many of us. Being of British heritage, since my mother was a war bride, she has always been a part of my growing up years. We always listened to the Queen's message every Christmas morning. She has been admired worldwide for her selfless devotion to duty since a young woman in her twenties. Anybody who loves animals as much as she did, it says a lot about her character to me.

Congratulations to Pierre Poilievre for winning the Tory leadership this weekend in the first ballot, showing an overwhelming support for his leadership.

Congratulations to the Winnipeg Blue Bombers who came up big again in their win over the Saskatchewan Roughriders in front of hometown fans on the weekend. Way to go Big Blue!

Access Credit Union made some wonderful pre-

sentations this week to Franklin Senior Services and the D.C. Community Hall.

Welcome & farewell

We welcome Phil Ringham of Winnipeg, Ken Gruenke of Dominion City and Gus Pickton of St Malo to the Healthy Living Centre. There now are six residents at the facility enjoying all the comforts and companionship it provides.

We bid a fond farewell to Mary Simpson as she moved from her home in Dominion City to be near family in Colorado, USA.

Reminders

The Dominion City Community Hall will hold their annual Fall Supper Fundraiser on Sunday, Sept. 25. It will be a drive thru supper with pick-up from 4-6 p.m. Tickets are \$20 per plate and can be purchased at the RM office and Access Credit Union.

The D.C. Arena will be hosting a fall soccer program from until Oct. 6. Practices will be on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6-6:30 p.m. for preschool and K-Grade 8 from 7-8:30 p.m. Register at the RM office.

Friday, Sept. 23 is "Love My Community" sponsored by Access Credit Union, Roseau Valley School and other schools throughout the municipality who will be celebrating with you.

There will be a Fall Harvest Vendor Market at the Dominion City Community Hall on Saturday, Oct. 8 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. There are 30 vendors signed up,

so it sounds like an exciting event.

KMGC golf windup tourney

There were only 19 golfers who participated in the men's annual golf windup this year, which was down quite a bit from other years. Winners of the tournament were Barry Gushuliak, Rick Pohl, Tim Namba and Duane (?). They drew a card of minus two, which helped their score.

Jay Curran and Glenn Stewart cooked up the steaks for everyone and the ladies added to the meal with a hash brown casserole, Caesar salad and garlic toast. Congratulations to all who participated.

At the Healthy Living Centre

Congregate Meal Program is Monday to Friday, eat-in or take-out for \$8.

Coffee Connection is at 1:30 p.m. on Mondays with free coffee and dainties.

Bingo is the second and fourth Thursday each month at 2 p.m.

Music & Movement with Paulette: If you love to dance, this class is for you; on Oct. 3, 17, 24 and 30 from 10:30-11:30 a.m. Cost is \$40 for four sessions. Register with Lorri at 1-204-542-0689.

At Franklin Manor

Bingo is the first Wednesday every month at 2:30 p.m.

There will be a shuffleboard tournament Sept. 20



PHOTO BY SHIRLEY BERRINGTON

One of the old decorated bicycles that adorned the streets of Dominion City this summer.

at 1:30 p.m.

The Care N Share coffee group meets every Wednesday at 3 p.m. (must be fully vaccinated to attend).

Gardening presentation

Woodmore Women's Institute is hosting a presentation on how to have your own backyard greenhouse, with Mick Manfield as the speaker. This presentation will be held on Wednesday, Sept. 21 at 7 p.m. at Roseau River Park. Pre-registration is requested with a \$10 registration fee to be paid at the door. Email meloskydebbie@gmail.com to register or if you have questions.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Access Credit Union in Dominion City makes a presentation to Franklin Senior Services in the amount of \$2,500.



PHOTO BY SHIRLEY BERRINGTON

Access Credit Union in Dominion City makes a \$1,000 presentation to the Dominion City Community Hall.



ROSEAU RIVER

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SUBMITTED PHOTO

Jennifer Greaves and her dad Geoff Greaves spent two evenings on Sept. 3 and 4 photographing the northern lights together.

The geese that hang out on the river in front of our place seem to have made an appearance again. Conveniently enough...when we have just started opening our windows now that the weather has cooled off and we can hear their honking from our bedroom window.

I hope everyone has been able to settle back into the school routine after summer holidays. It's always hard to wake the kids up for school after they get into the relaxation mode of summer. We're busy preparing for Gavin and Katelynn's wedding social on Sept. 24 in Rosa. Everything seems to be coming together and they have gathered quite an amazing assortment of prizes for their silent auction raffle.

Birthday greetings

Belated birthday wishes go out to our son Owen Andrusyk who celebrated his 23rd birthday on Sept. 11 and to my mother-in-law Debbie Andrusyk who celebrates her birthday on Sept. 17.

It's a girl!

Congratulations to Lexi Kroeker-Martel and Austin Morin on the arrival of their second child, a daughter, Madelynn Evelyn Raine Morin. Mady was born on Sept. 10 at 6:48 p.m. weighing 6 lbs 5 oz and measuring 19.75 inches long. She is a little sister to Ryder. Proud grandparents are Leah and Mike Morin and Kerry Martel-Reimer, Jeff Reimer and Karl Kroeker.

Divine Liturgy

Divine Liturgy will be held at the Holy Eucharist Ukrainian Catholic Church in Rosa on Sunday, Sept. 18 at 10 a.m. with Deacon Leon Twerdun officiating. Everyone is welcome.

Fall supper

The Shevchenko Ukrainian Centre Drive Thru Fall Supper in Rosa will be held on Saturday, Oct. 1 from 4-6 p.m. by pre-order only, with 600 meals available

paid for in advance by Sept. 25, or whichever comes first. Cost is \$20 per plate; e-Transfer is available. Contact Ashley at 204-346-2245.

Bingo

The next bi-weekly Tuesday night bingo at the Shevchenko Ukrainian Centre in Rosa is Sept. 20. Masks are recommended but not mandatory. Doors will open at 6 p.m. with bingo commencing at 7:15 p.m. Come out for an evening of fun.

Fall ATV derby

The Annual Piney Fall ATV Derby will be held Saturday, Sept. 24. Registration is from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Piney Community Hall. Prize money is 20%, 15%, 10% and 5% of total hands. Quick picks available at the hall. Cost is \$5 per hand. Food and refreshments will be available on the trail and at the hall. For more information, call Wally at 431-205-1248, Terry at 204-795-8591 or Nancy at 204-408-0874.

Gardening presentation

Woodmore Women's Institute is hosting a presentation on how to have your own backyard greenhouse, with Mick Manfield as the speaker. This presentation will be held on Wednesday, Sept. 21 at 7 p.m. at Roseau River Park.

Mick Manfield is an avid Master Gardener. He will be presenting on having your own hobby greenhouse and the different methods of heating, lighting, ventilation and shelving. You will have an opportunity to ask questions and discuss what has worked well and what has not with Mick's own greenhouse.

Pre-registration is requested with a \$10 registration fee to be paid at the door. Please contact meloskydebbie@gmail.com to register or if you have any questions.

That's all the news for this week. Keep enjoying the beautiful fall weather.



NEW BOTHWELL

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I would say living until the age of 96, in good health, performing a scheduled duty by appointing Liz Truss as U.K.'s new prime minister a couple of days before she dies, is a perfect life. Somehow I still feel sad that the Queen passed away.

I still remember when her father, King George VI, passed away in 1952 and in school we were all whispering that the King had died and we now had a Queen. I'm not sure, but I think it was "O Canada" in the morning and "God Save the Queen" in the evening.

In those days everyone loved the monarchy, which doesn't hold true these days. Canada is a constitutional monarchy with the Queen as Head of State. A lot of people think she costs us money, but that's not the case. They are of no cost to us, unless they come to visit, but that's a cost to us when any dignitary comes to Canada.

Our prior generation, like my parents, all loved the Royals. Whenever the Queen would come to Canada we would try to see her. My granddaughter Kari sang in Millie Hildebrand's choir and when the Queen came to Winnipeg in 2002, they were asked to sing for her at The Forks. It was quite a privilege and even though it was a miserable, cold day, she still had a smile for everyone.

New arrival

Congratulations go out to grandparents Jason and Natalie Dueck and parents Zephani and Gracelyne Dueck on the birth of Andy Lewis on Sept. 6 weighing 9 lbs 4 oz.

Long-awaited holiday

Ken and Sjana Fehr took their long-awaited holiday and spent 15 days in New Brunswick with their daughter Heather and Matthew Georgeson and their two granddaughters. Ken and Sjana had arranged to spend a few days in a motel with Matt and Heather in a room next to theirs, and didn't tell their granddaughters that their grandparents, whom they hadn't seen for a couple of years, were there. You can imagine their surprise when they opened the door and saw them.

Matt, who is in the army and stationed in Oromocto, NB, was on holidays as well, so they were able to spend a lot of time together.

It used to be that when a new house was built in New Bothwell, you knew whose it was and everyone was excited to see the new house. Now, driving through the newer subdivision, there are at least 15 new houses being built and we don't have a clue whose they are. Plus they would happen to start work on the next subdivision, which begins on the west side of the Loeppky farm. Who would have ever thought that.

RICHER

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Condolences

Our sincere condolences go out to the families of Diane Settee, Ernie Paquette and Leon Saindon who passed away over the long weekend. We grieve with you, Hazel and Lauraine.

Chase the Ace

The Chase the Ace jackpot was not won this past Saturday. This week, Sept. 17, the jackpot will be \$1,133. Tickets will be on sale from 5-7:45 p.m. and are only \$1 each. The draw takes place at 8:15 p.m. You are welcome to come down to the Richer Inn and try your luck.

Birthday greetings

Happy birthday to Marty Pitura on Sept. 20 and Dan Guetre on the 24th. Have a great day, both of you.

Special birthday wishes to Emma Dutiaume who was 100 years young on Sept. 8. Her 11 children send her their love.

Barrel racing

Barrel racers will be competing in Richer Dawson Trail Park almost every Friday evening in September in the RC3D Barrel Series. The next dates are Sept.

16 and 23 and the action starts at 6:15 each evening. The public is welcome to attend. The finals will take place on Oct. 8.

Book sale

The Richer Dawson Trail Museum will hold a book sale Oct. 1 and 2 from 1-4 p.m. Movies, CDs and scrapbooking supplies will also be available. If you have gently used books you would like to donate, please call Yvonne at 204-422-9369 for more information.

Reminders

The next Young at Hearts dinner and dance will be this Saturday, Sept. 17 and will feature music by The Mosaics. Enjoy a home cooked meal complete with dessert for only \$25 for the whole evening. Doors open at 5 p.m. with dinner at 6 p.m. and dancing until 11 p.m. Tickets may be reserved by calling Ron at 431-275-0875. Please note: memberships will be available as well that evening at \$5 each.

There will be a Fall Rendezvous this Saturday, Sept. 17 from noon until 4 p.m. in Richer Dawson Trail Park. Entrance to the park is free, but tickets for the dinner from 1-3 p.m. will be on sale at the gate, \$12 each for adults and \$6 for kids 12 and under. On the menu will be tourtiere, meatballs, galette and all the fixings for a great Métis lunch. There will be live traditional Métis music, hayrides from 1-3 p.m. as well as face painting and activities for the kids. The Trading Post will also be open. It promises to be a great cultural experience. All proceeds go to Richer Métis Local.

That's it from me for this week. Remember to be kind to everyone you meet. You don't know what others are going through. Spread a little joy and enjoy your weekend, everyone.

Woodridge Fall Supper

Thank you to everyone who purchased their advance tickets for the fall supper. I know there will be many more who would like to come this year, but the community club decided to try something different. All tickets have been sold. We will see you on Saturday, Sept. 17 from 4-6 p.m.

Condolences

Sincere condolences go out to Ron Bolin and family on the passing of their wife, mother and grandmother, Carol, on Sept. 7 at the age of 71.

WOODRIDGE

RACHEL LACHNIT
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SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

OUR CHANGING LIVES



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Each new season reminds us that we can't hold onto time... How do we let go of one season and successfully move onto the next? We can share the joys and sorrows with others on the same journey. With help, we can embrace each phase of our life and prepare for the next. God's wisdom can guide us through our seasons and help us be prepared. Worship at His house this week and find fellowship and faith to help you on your way.

Daily Bible Reading

John	John	1 Kings	1 Kings	1 Kings	2 Chron.	2 Chron.
8:21-30	8:31-59	3:1-15	3:16-28	4:20-34	34:1-28	34:29-33

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9:30 am Sunday School
11:05 am Contemporary Service
7:00 pm Hymn Sing



VASSAR

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Hello everyone. Monday, Sept. 12. This has been an unnecessarily hot day. It seemed to be more than plus 30, but the radio says different.

We are in mourning for a few days yet because of the death of Queen Elizabeth II. She was a respected monarch to 14 Commonwealth countries for over 70 years. Many people are saddened that her reign came to an end, but nobody lives forever.

Now we have King Charles and his wife who has a title of some sort. Would women be expected to curtsy when introduced to Camilla? I listened to a U.S. news channel and the anchor said England has a new king and queen. I don't think so. The U.S. seems to function very well without a king or queen. There must be other countries in the world that deal with royalty, but I don't feel like checking that out. Pictures on our \$20 bills have changed already, I've been told.

Take note

The Piney Annual Fall ATV Derby takes place on Saturday, Sept. 24. Registration is between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. at the hall. Food is available on the trail or at Piney Hall. All hands are \$5. For information, call Wally at 431-205-1248.

The fall fundraiser for the Wampum Lutheran Church is Saturday, Oct. 1 at the Pine Grove Seniors in South Junction between 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. There will be lunch, a silent auction, 5050 cash draw and bake sale. This is one of the best events of all. Eventually I will win the 50/50. You have to believe.

Middlebro's fall super will be Saturday, Oct. 1 between 4 and 7 p.m. There is also a 50/50 draw.

The next Sprague Bingo is Wednesday, Sept. 21 at 7 p.m.

New in Vassar

Raymonda Culleton has moved to Vassar and her new residence is the recently acquired home next to the Vassar Catholic Church. Raye's Day Spa & Boutique will be open beginning Sept. 20. Her service menu will include skin, massage, lashes and brows, nails and teeth whitening. Contact her at raysdayspaandboutique.

Shopping stories

Shopping for a bit of groceries was on my list of things to do when I went to town Monday with Travis. My cinnamon receptacle was empty, so I bought the smallest package the store offered. When I got home, I wanted to put it in the old receptacle because it has

holes in the cover like salt and pepper shakers. I emptied less than half the package. The original container didn't even come with a best before date, but this package does.

When Cheyenne was here a few weeks ago, she created delicious meals one after another, quite often using food she found in my pantry. However, she seldom neglected to tell me, "Grandma, this is so outdated." Then she gave me a limit. Only so many years back, and I was okay with that. At the same time, I wondered what she'd find in some other grandma's pantry. Surely, I'm not alone. But if you're out of cinnamon, I've got lots.

Now I will try to be brief with my store stories. We sold a lot of canned drinks and when the salesmen would come, I would go in the back after they'd left and stack them where I wanted them. One day, I noticed the floor was wet and wondered where it was coming from. I took the drink stack apart and one can had a small hole in it, and it was draining. I also discovered it had a best before date that was long overdue. From then on, I was careful to stack those cases properly. (Unfortunately, I neglected to do that at home.)

We had a customer who knew when the milkman would deliver fresh dairy. Shortly after that time of day this person would come in and go to the cooler in back and get the fresh dairy they wanted. Good customer, and I allowed it. The girl who was working for me that summer found it so personally insulting, she fumed every time that person came along.

One morning, as soon as my helper came in, she emptied the milk cooler in the front and took everything to the back. While this was going on, at one point, she was in tears. I knew what she was up to and didn't stop her while the obvious switch was going on. Just in time, the delivery dairyman came and put his product in back. As soon as the deliveryman left, my girl filled the cooler in front just in time with the fresh product. Along came our dairy customer and, as usual, went to the back for whatever was needed for this trip. We chatted and exchanged the latest gossip. When the door was closed, my girl hurried to the cooler in front again to take out the fresh dairy to return it to the back cooler and brought the 'old' stuff back. There was a good feeling of satisfaction. I might add, it only happened that one time.

See you next week. JBC



LANDMARK

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Canadian Foodgrains Bank

The Landmark Foodgrains Project is growing well and the wheat should be ready for harvesting later this week. This year's project includes a 60-acre field west of Linden and a 100-acre field north of Landmark.

As always, they rely on the generosity of the community to cover growing costs of seed, fertilizer and weed control so full crop proceeds can be sent to places in need. If you want to help contribute to this very worthy project, make cheques payable to Prairie Rose EMC, with "Landmark Growing Project" in the memo line. Contact Matt at 204-371-6234 for more information.

As an extension to this growing project, our family continues to offer a variety of freshly canned goods, a fundraiser started in 2012 as homage to my father-in-law C. Wilbert Loewen, the founder of the Foodgrains Bank. Because I have sponsors to cover the cost of jars, sugar, pectin and the like, 100% of the proceeds go to our local CFGB project.

While our apple jelly is sold out, I still have grape jelly as well as relish, pickled beets, hot salsa and mild salsa. All 500 ml jars are sold by donation, with a minimum amount requested of \$6 for jellies and \$5 for beets, relish and salsa. A larger amount is always gratefully accepted. Most have been pre-sold, but if you're interested in grabbing a few jars before they're all gone, email or call for availability.

Flatland

With school back in session, Flatland's drop-in centre is fully open as well for youth in Grades 7-12. If you have questions about programming, please contact Lyndon at Lyndon@myflatland.com or 204-355-4599.

Volunteers needed

If you're looking for a way to give back to the community, and specifically to our seniors, HavenGroup is looking for volunteers to provide companionship and programming at Rest Haven Care Home in Steinbach. Individuals and small groups can do so much to enhance the quality of life for residents by hosting mealtimes, going for walks, reading to seniors, or just by spending time with them. For more information, visit www.havengroup.com/Volunteers, contact Peter Berg at pberg@havengroup.ca or via phone at 204-326-5011.

Mom's Morning Out

Mom's Morning Out will have their first gathering of the season on Oct. 5, meeting the first and third Wednesday each month thereafter, from 9:45-11:15 a.m. at the Prairie Rose EMC Church. For more information, and for updates, check out "Landmark Mom's Morning Out" on Facebook.

Eden Foundation fundraiser

The Ride for Recovery of Hope fundraiser supports the sliding fee scale program of Recovery of Hope and takes place on Saturday, Sept. 24, starting at the Bethel Mennonite Church parking lot in Winnipeg at 9 a.m. Funding for this ensures accessible and affordable counselling therapy for those who are seeking it. Please visit www.edenhealthcare.ca for more information and to register.

Wildlife Haven Open House

Wildlife Haven, located in Ile des Chenes, is thrilled to once again open their doors for their annual open house, taking place Sept. 23-24. Attendees will be privy to an exclusive behind-the-scenes tour of the new veterinary hospital as well as presentations from their wildlife ambassadors, including owls, vultures, hawks and reptiles. Other activities include interactive activities and a tour of the ever-expanding Haven Campus. Tickets are \$10 per person, and children two years of age and under get in for free; they are available at www.wildlifehaven.ca/pages/open-house and you will be able to select your time slot at time of purchase.

Tache Food Bank

The Tache Food Bank is in need of our help, as there has been a notable increase in the need for a number of their most-required food items. Please consider sharing your excess with other community members who rely on our food banks every month. Some of the most sought after items are canned fish, meat, vegetables and fruit, peanut butter and infant formula.

To register for assistance, call Irene at 204-270-0273, and if you would like to donate to the food bank, call Robert at 204-270-0506.

"What we once enjoyed and deeply loved, we can never lose for all that we love deeply becomes a part of us."

— Helen Keller

WOODMORE

Gardening presentation

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Woodmore Women's Institute

(Submitted by Deb Melosky - Woodmore W.I. secretary)

On Thursday, Sept. 8, the Woodmore W.I. held their monthly meeting with 10 members in attendance. Our roll call for the day was "Someplace I'd like to visit and why".

We continue to send get-well cards to members of the community who have had a hospital stay.

On Aug. 31, there were 10 members and two guests who attended the Rainbow Stage production

of *The Wizard of Oz*. We went out for lunch, attended the production and then ended the day with ice cream in St Pierre. It was a great day enjoyed by all in attendance.

We are re-starting our like interest groups after a summer break. The groups we have are knitting and crocheting, and movie. Both these groups meet on a monthly basis for a social afternoon.

At our October meeting we will be having the public health nurse speak to us on Lyme disease and West Nile, as these are both prevalent in this area of the province.

In July, we catered for a lunch held by the Seine Rat Watershed and provided a cold plate lunch for 60 in attendance. This was a fundraising event for us.

Our children's gardening project was successful again this year with 16 participants. To wind up this project we are hosting a children's cooking class for the participants that will explore ways of using the garden produce.

On Aug. 17, we hosted a preserving tutorial that covered canning, freezing, dehydration and fermentation. This was a very successful event with 27 in attendance. I'm sure we will be pursuing future workshops as a continuation of this topic.

We will be hosting a workshop on having your own hobby greenhouse on Sept. 21 at Roseau River Park at 7 p.m. with Mick Manfield as the speaker. Pre-registration is requested with a fee of \$10 collected at the door. If you are interested in attending, email meloskydebbie@gmail.com.

We are always looking for suggestions for future food and gardening workshops. If you have any suggestions, please email them to meloskydebbie@gmail.com.

A veteran's cross has been installed at the Green Ridge Cemetery that was donated to by the Woodmore W.I.

Our next meeting will be Oct. 6. If you are interested in attending, call 204-427-2036 or email meloskydebbie@gmail.com.

Kid Scoop

THE AWARD-WINNING PRINT & ONLINE FAMILY FEATURE



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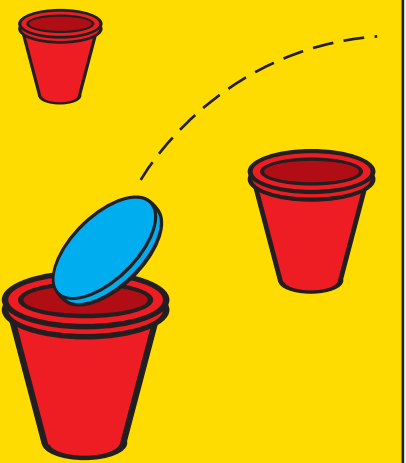
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Flying Disc Golf

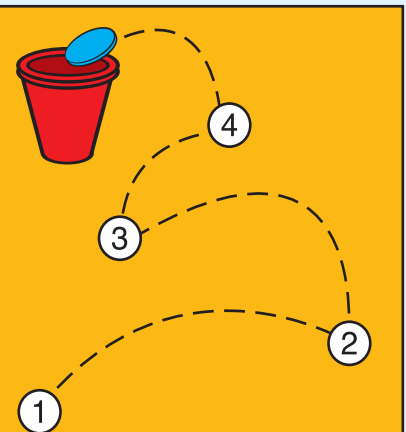
Make a course of six or eight "holes" by setting up a series of objects or sites to try and hit with a Frisbee.



Tie a brightly colored ribbon on a tree or pole as a good place to start. An empty bucket or laundry basket also makes a good "hole."



One or more players take turns attempting to hit each target with a flying disc toy.



Players count how many throws they take to hit the target. Wherever your Frisbee lands, you take your next shot from that spot.

Hole	Evan	Stacy
1	4	6
2	5	2
3	2	2
4	3	4
5	6	5
6	4	2
	24	21

Add up your score. The player who completes the course in the fewest number of throws wins.

Standards Link: Physical Education: Understands and follows the rules of the game.

Kid Scoop-doku

Complete the grid by using all the letters in the word PLATE in each vertical and horizontal row. Each letter should only be used once in each row. Some spaces have been filled in for you.

P	T	
L	P	
A		P
T	P	A
E	L	T



PIE TIN TO PLASTIC TOY

How many flying discs can you find on this page?

Can you find each of these pictures in the big picture?



PIE TIN TOSS

The students at Yale University loved William Frisbie's pies. They even loved his pie tins!

Tossing empty pie tins became a favorite way to pass time between classes. A firm flick of the wrist and the tin floated through the air.

But the metal pie tins hurt when they hit someone. As a safety measure, students started yelling, "Frisbie!" to alert others that they were tossing a tin to a pal.

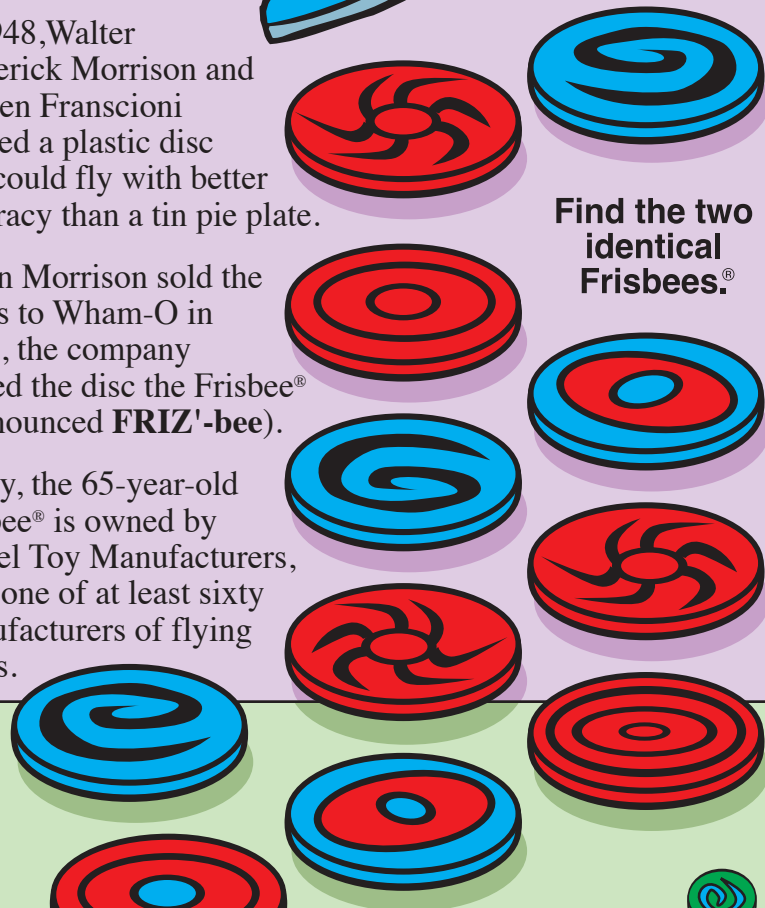
MAYBE WE SHOULD THROW THE TIN WITHOUT THE PIE NEXT TIME!

In 1948, Walter Frederick Morrison and Warren Franscioni created a plastic disc that could fly with better accuracy than a tin pie plate.

When Morrison sold the rights to Wham-O in 1957, the company named the disc the Frisbee® (pronounced FRIZ'-bee).

Today, the 65-year-old Frisbee® is owned by Mattel Toy Manufacturers, only one of at least sixty manufacturers of flying discs.

Find the two identical Frisbees®

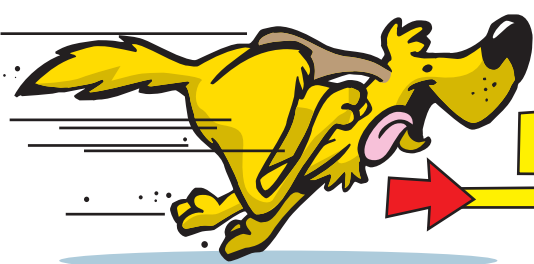


FLYING DISC GAMES

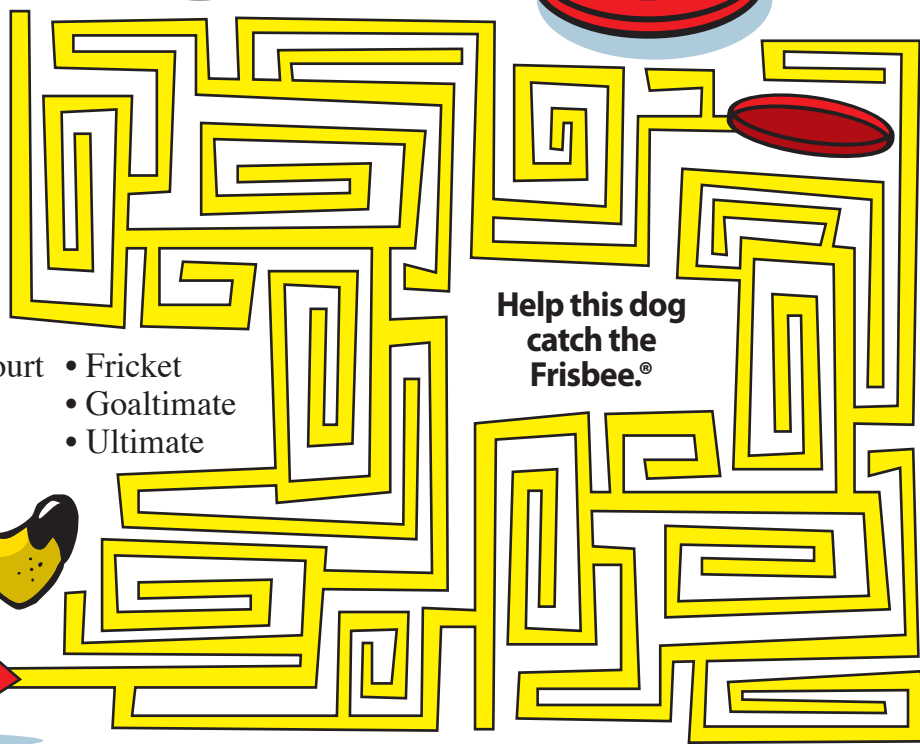
Many games are now played with a flying disc.

Here is a list of some of them. How do you think each game is played? Look them up and find out if you guessed correctly.

- Disc Dog
- Double Disc Court
- Fricket
- Disc Golf
- Flutterguts
- Goaltimate
- Dodge Disc
- Freestyle
- Ultimate



Help this dog catch the Frisbee®



Extra! Extra!

New Combos

Look through the newspaper for two items that don't seem to go together. Think of as many ways as you can to invent something new by combining those two things. For example, what could you make with a combination of a camera and sunglasses?

Standards Link: Research: Use the newspaper to locate information.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

Flying Disc Pattern Activity

Circle the disc that will continue the pattern in each row.



Standards Link: Patterning: Understand and extend patterns.

Double Double Word Search

- FRISBEE
- PLASTIC
- MEASURE
- FRICKET
- FLOATED
- FLYING
- CAMERA
- PLATE
- DODGE
- COURT
- CATCH
- ALERT
- YALE
- SOLD
- DISC

Find the words in the puzzle. How many of them can you find on this page?



Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognize identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

Silly News Story

Mix and match news stories to create silly stories. Select a **who**, **what**, **when**, **where**, **why** and **how** from different stories. Write a silly news story with these facts. For extra silliness, use quotes from other news stories.

Standards Link: Writing Applications: Write in a variety of forms and genres.



Why did the baker decide to stop selling donuts?

ANSWER: He was tired of the hole business.

Write On!

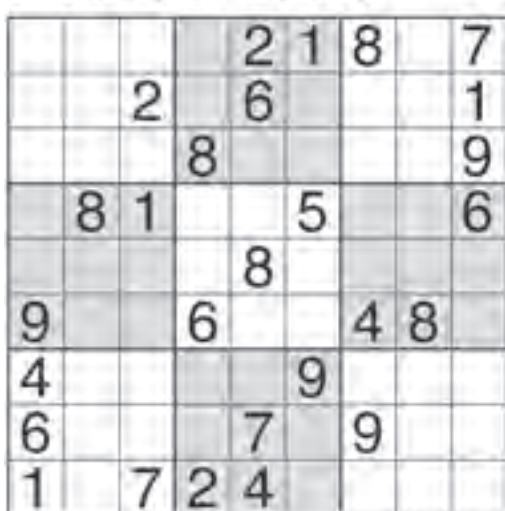
My Invention

Imagine you invented something that helped the world and made you famous. What would that invention be? How would it help the world?

Carillon DIVERSIONS

Sudoku Puzzle

Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusively.



DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★

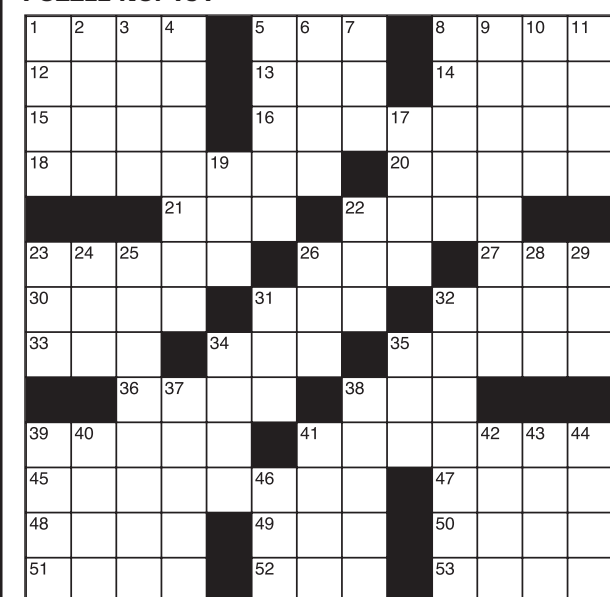
Sudoku Kids

Fill in the grid so that every row, column and colored box contains ALL the numbers from 1 to 6. Bonus clue: which number should go in the circle? 3 or 6?



Crossword

PUZZLE NO. 151



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- 11. House wings
- 17. Whirled
- 19. Fellow
- 22. Purchase
- 23. Decompose
- 24. Citrus cooler
- 25. Chat
- 26. Christmas drink
- 28. Type of snake
- 29. Assembled
- 31. Cookie sheet
- 32. Diminish
- 34. Entree
- 35. Recognize
- 37. Bent
- 38. Southpaw
- 39. Just manages to earn
- 40. Slangy assent
- 41. Slice
- 42. Elaborate melody
- 43. Polite chap
- 44. Rams' companions
- 46. Mischievous tot

- ACROSS**
- 1. Deeds
 - 5. Small amount
 - 8. Cowboy's gear
 - 12. Fancy
 - 13. Be indebted to
 - 14. Bad
 - 15. Chauffeured car
 - 16. Current-events film
 - 18. Competed in a bee
 - 20. Feline sounds
 - 21. Male parent
 - 22. Bakery rolls
 - 23. Scampered
 - 26. Habit wearer
 - 27. Cured pork
 - 30. Stink
 - 31. Yo-yo, e.g.
 - 32. Medicinal portion
 - 33. Knockout count
 - 34. Excavate
 - 35. Used a broom on
 - 36. Conceited
 - 38. Hawaiian gift
 - 39. Watchers
 - 41. Adolescent
 - 45. Bandanna
 - 47. Sleuth Nancy
 - 48. Let up on
 - 49. Bath rug
 - 50. Boundary
 - 51. Lean-to
 - 52. Meddle
 - 53. Nibbles
- DOWN**
- 1. Punching tools
 - 2. Poker item
 - 3. 12:00, e.g.
 - 4. Fume
 - 5. Colored
 - 6. Filled with wonder
 - 7. Dawn moisture
 - 8. Second airing
 - 9. Galosh
 - 10. Sailor's landing

ANSWER TO PUZZLE NO. 151



CROSSWORD PUZZLE ANSWERS USE AMERICAN SPELLING

Wonderword by DAVID OUELLET



By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally and even backward. Find them, circle each letter of the word and strike it off the list. The leftover letters spell the WONDERWORD.

SOLVING DEBT PROBLEMS

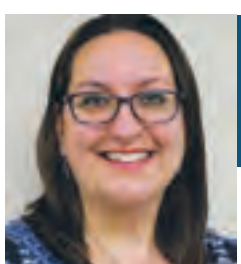
Solution: 6 letters



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Account, Advisor, Amount, Assistance, Auto, Balance, Bank, Buyer, Cable, Calculate, Calendar, Card, Career, Cases, Cash, Chart, Cost, Coupon, Deposit, Dollar, Employment, Expenses, Finance, Funds, Goals, Income, Invest, Loan, Management, Mortgage, Payment, Rate, Rent, Review, Salary, Save, Schedule, Sell, Skill, Spend, Statement, Total, Track, Value, Wage



SPRAGUE

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Hi everyone. I hope you enjoyed your week. On Saturday, my nephew Kaleb and I went out to Beausejour for the day to take in the Double B Agricultural Festival. We started off with the parade that winds through town and then hit up the fair and rodeo. We had a great day together.

Wedding congratulations

Congratulations to Sean Milne and Teresa Peters as they exchanged vows in front of family and friends on Saturday, Sept. 10 in Sprague. Best wishes to you both for a lifetime of love and happiness.

Cash calendar winners

The Southeast Farmer's Market cash calendar winners for Aug. 15-31 are Levi Prevost, Roberta Vinet, Kathy Prevost, John Dokken, Stanley Seaman, Susan Dowhy, Patty Gobeil, Bill Huminski, Donovan Bourcier, Donna Bartinski, Steve Bengtson, Jonathan and Aerielle Edbom, Brenda Gebhardt, Margie Prevost and Donna Hora. Congratulations to all of the winners.

This weekend

Stock up on your fall and winter reading. East Borderland Community Housing (EBCH) is having a book sale at the book trailer this Thursday, Sept. 15 from 12-5 p.m. and Friday, Sept. 16 from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. If you have books to donate, please drop them off at these times as well.

The Woodridge Fall Supper is back for dine-in this Saturday, Sept. 17 from 4-6 p.m. at Woodridge Community Centre. There are a limited number of tickets available and they must be purchased in advance. No tickets will be available at the door. Tickets are available at the Woodridge Vintage Store, Woodridge Garage and from any Woodridge Club board member. Adults/teens are \$18, youth ages 6-12 are \$12, and children five and under eat for free. The menu includes turkey, stuffing, meatballs, mashed potatoes, cabbage rolls, a variety of side dishes and dessert. Call 204-429-2344 with any questions.

Due to a lack of teams pre-registering for the Amazing Buffalo Challenge scheduled for this Sunday, Sept. 18, the event has been cancelled.

Safe Food Handling Course

A Safe Food Handling Course is being offered on Thursday, Oct. 20 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at Vassar Community Hall. The cost is \$60. Message Mel Parent on Facebook or call her at 204-437-2604 to register.

Food bank fundraiser

You are invited to the Sprague Food Bank Fundraiser at Sprague Community Fellowship Church on Thursday, Sept. 22 from 5-8 p.m. The free-will menu includes soup, chilli, buns, sweets, coffee and juice. Everyone is welcome.

Piney Fall ATV Derby

The annual fall ATV derby in Piney is taking place Saturday, Sept. 24 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at Piney Community Hall. Hands are \$5 each with prize money 20%, 15%, 10% and 5% of total hands. Food and refreshments will be available at Piney Hall and on the trail. For more information, contact Wally at 431-205-1248, Terry at 204-795-8591 or Nancy at 204-408-0874.

Fall Fundraiser

Wampum Lutheran Church is sponsoring a Fall Fundraiser at the Pine Grove Seniors Club in South Junction on Saturday, Oct. 1 from 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Lunch will be available for purchase. The menu includes soup, bun, dessert and coffee. There will also be a silent auction, quilt sales, 50/50 and a bake sale. Your participation and support are appreciated.

Middlebro Fall Supper

The Middlebro Community Fall Supper is on Saturday, Oct. 1 from 4-7 p.m. at Middlebro Hall. The menu includes ham, meatballs, perogies, cabbage rolls, vegetables, sauerkraut and sausage, mashed potatoes and gravy, coleslaw, dinner rolls and dessert. Tickets will be available at the door, \$18 for 13 and up, \$12 for children 7-12, and free for kids six and under. There will also be a 50/50 draw.

Candidate meet & greet

The Piney Regional Chamber of Commerce invites all RM of Piney residents to a Municipal Council Candidate Meet & Greet at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 13 at the Piney Hall.

Halloween event

Save the date. The Sprague & Area Arena will be hosting their annual Halloween event on Saturday, Oct. 29. I will have more information to share next week.

It takes the same energy to worry as it does to be positive. Use your energy to think positive and positive things will happen. Have an astounding week ahead, everyone.

MARCHAND

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Hello from the cozy corner in Marchand. With leaves slowly turning colour and nights getting nippy, you would think the mosquitoes would give it a rest already. And nope, they are still out in full force. As happy and hopeful I am to say good riddance to these pests, I am not quite ready for frosty nights because my late fruiting garden is so slow to do much this season.

The biggest success was my second son Donnie's garden with tall, cheery sunflowers and a pumpkin or two that seem to be growing decently. The eldest planted a variety, but everything has been overshadowed by the crazy jungle of a cherry tomato that took over his garden box.

A portion of my beets look like they are a success, but I replanted two or three times. I have a wild explosion of bachelor buttons in one bed, which give a cheery note against the greens in that garden. I had beautiful icebergs emerging, but the deer found them first.

With onions I was a bit more successful this year. I intentionally studied during the winter as to which plants to companion plant with onions, discovering the power of three veggies grown as companions: tomatoes, peppers and onions. But it was after I planted what I am calling my salsa garden that I discovered onion seed is far better than bulb starters. So next year's goal is obviously to continue perfecting my onion growing skills. I also learned that you harvest the onions once the tops lay down. Same with potatoes.

Next week, I will update you on my potatoes grown in Ikea bags. I have been dying to know if the Pinterest hack was worth the effort. It definitely saved my potatoes from the hailstorm this year, as I was able to haul my three bags into the greenhouse before to storm got out of hand that day. So the hack is good for something.

A bit of excitement

As I am writing this, there's a bit of excitement out here in the sticks on this sunny Tuesday morning.

A great big explosion happened somewhere in our area, I am guessing. It was incredibly loud and it felt like the ground shook. You know, when lightning strikes the ground or a tree? It was a commotion for sure. Of course, the boys ran inside to make sure I had heard it.

Then awhile later the fire truck went by. When a cop drove by our house, my oldest was so happy to talk to the officer. His biggest takeaway was, "Wow Mom! He had such a big radio!" That totally made his day. He had to talk to his grandparents and the radio was one of his highlights of the conversation. I hope they found the source of the explosion and if anyone was involved, that they are alright.

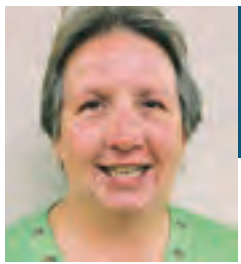
In our thoughts

In light of recent events concerning the tragedy in Saskatchewan and then the manhunt, I just want to say thank you to the brave men and women who take it on themselves to keep our communities safe. We take for granted the safety we live in because of officers who stay devoted to serve and protect.

I do not know anyone from the communities affected by what some are calling the worst massacre in Canadian history, but I am sincerely grieved for the loss in those families and close-knit communities.

I am sure many of us are disturbed by these events and I would like to share a quote as I sometimes have in the past. There is a way to come back to a peaceful state of mind. I have found over and over again that the ancient words of the prophet Isaiah in Israel still ring true today as they did when those words were carefully penned out on the papyrus scroll, "You will keep in perfect peace all who trust in you, all whose thoughts are fixed on you." Isaiah 26:3 NLT

The only One to stay true in any uncertainty is the Lord Himself. The only way to be assured of redeeming brokenness is to trust the One who binds up the wounds of the broken-hearted and leads the lost soul home. May those who are grieving loss this week find comfort and true peace.



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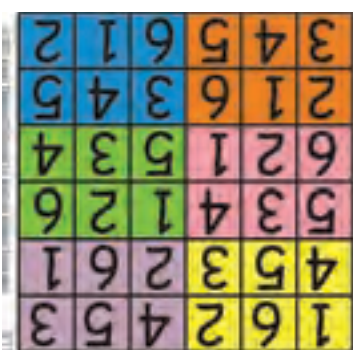
Pansy Hall hosted its annual fall supper fundraiser this past Sunday, Sept. 11. Many requests were received to have an in-house event and not a drive-thru. The committee listened and over 1,100 people enjoyed the delicious meal prepared. The event started at 1 p.m. with four bus tours and stayed open to the general public. Three buffet lines showcasing delicious Ukrainian food were ready to feed the hungry guests. The response and support were amazing. We were very fortunate to have help from 10 Ukrainian families who recently fled war torn Ukraine, who now make the Southeast their home.

The Pansy Hall committee thanks the hardworking, dedicated volunteers who help put on the event. It would be impossible without them. They are also grateful for all the community support from surrounding areas. All funds raised will go directly back to the community hall for ongoing maintenance costs.

Divine Liturgy

Divine Liturgy will be held at the Holy Eucharist Ukrainian Catholic Church in Rosa on Sunday, Sept. 18 at 10 a.m. with Deacon Leon Twerdun officiating. Everyone is welcome.

Solutions





TOLSTOI

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It is that season and the time of year when the golden grain is taken off the fields, a busy and wealthy time. It's just so nice to see the combines at work and the grain as it's emptied into the trucks hauling it off the fields. Let's hope the weather will also be there for the success

of the harvest. I've captured some lovely pictures.

In memory

At the Overstoneville Independent Cemetery, a memorial service was held in memory of Nestor Bially on Saturday,

Sept. 10 at 11 a.m. Officiant was Fr Oris Naherniak with Cantor Rose Naherniak. After the service, there was a lunch, fellowship and a time to remember Nestor, which brought laughter and some tears. His son Jarvis was the emcee for this time together with family and friends. Kyle (grandson) had a video presentation going with many memories. It was a time to remember a life well lived. Heavenly rest.

The People's Monarch, Her Sovereign Majesty Queen Elizabeth II dedicated 70 years to service into the 21st century. Long live her memory.

Appreciation day

At the Tolstoi & District Senior Centre, there was some excitement going on observing their appreciation day. This afternoon gathering brought members together. Not too many are here who became members 34 years ago, but a few that were present were Pauline Machnee and Pauline Gaetz. Paul Bzowy, who is now at the St Pierre PCH, Verna Kozak and Joyce Makoweski, who are both in the Vita PCH, didn't make it.

To celebrate there was visiting, entertainment, food and dancing. I'm sure that everyone had an enjoyable afternoon. Appreciation to the committee for all their work preparing this afternoon. I was happy to be there too. Thanks for the nice comments, Rene.

Walk With Me Friend

Walk alongside me, friend
And I'll walk along with you,



PHOTO BY HELEN BIALLY

It's the time of year when fieldwork is in full swing with bountiful crops and favourable weather.

Whatever road you're travelling on I want to be there too.
Enjoying each golden moment
When the days are clear and warm,
Together we'll find a shelter
If we see a gathering storm.
Your friendship makes my life complete
And wherever we may go
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own backyard greenhouse, with Mick Manfield as the speaker. This presentation will be held on Wednesday, Sept. 21 at 7 p.m. at Roseau River Park.

Mick Manfield is an avid Master Gardener. He will be presenting on having your own hobby greenhouse and the different methods of heating, lighting, ventilation and shelving. You will have an opportunity to ask questions and discuss what has worked well and what has not with Mick's own greenhouse.

Pre-registration is requested with a \$10 registration fee to be paid at the door. Please contact meloskydebbie@gmail.com to register or if you have any questions.

Wishing everyone a safe and pleasant week.



PHOTO BY HELEN BIALLY

Recent work done on Hwy 59 is a pleasure to travel on. This past week, the busyness of the construction and work just south of Tolstoi was notably worth the sight with powerful comments on the work this crew is doing.



OSTENFELD/ROSS/ STE. GENEVIEVE

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Ostenfeld Lutheran Church

Our next service will be held Sunday, Oct. 2 with Pastor Stacy. Services continue on a three-week rotation.

Ste Geneviève Community Centre

A bike-a-thon will be held this Sunday, Sept. 18. Meet at the community centre at 9:30 a.m. to register. Departure will be at 10 a.m. Volunteer firefighters will guide the group on the ride to Ross. On the return to Ste Geneviève, a light lunch and refreshments will be provided. They will also be collecting food and monetary donations for the local food bank.

Tree planting

Tree Canada is Canada's leading tree planting agency. A crew of 12 professional Indigenous tree planters from Sagkeeng First Nation has been planting 130,000 white spruce seedlings (Manitoba's provincial tree) adjacent to the Edie Creek drainage improvement water retention project near Anola within the RM of Springfield.

Trees provide benefits, including shade, shelter, aesthetic beauty, wildlife habitat, watershed protection and clean air. Tree Canada is always looking for large, open areas to plant more trees. Contact Manitoba's Tree Canada community advisor and certified arborist, Ken Fosty, at 204-963-2209.

Bingo

The Stacey Pchajek Memorial Foundation hosts bingo at the Richer Young at Heart Club every Monday evening. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., early-birds are at 6:30 p.m. followed by regular bingo at 6:50 p.m. Pots for Monday, Sept. 19 are as follows: Lucky 7 - \$329+, Loonie Pot - starts over, Super Loonie - \$10,899+, Poker Flush - \$1,039+, Pick 7 - \$426+, Lucky Star - \$122+, Odd/Even - \$7,123+, Bonanza - \$3,044+, Jackpot - \$1,700, Jackpot Strip in 53 numbers - \$4,364+ and Last Chance - \$2,348+.

Congratulations to Barb Gagnon, winner of the 50/50 draw on Sept. 12, and to Jenn Fleming, winner of the Loonie Pot. For more information, call Doreen at 204-422-5243.

Ste Anne Immersion

The milk program starts on Monday, Sept. 19.



PHOTO BY LAUREN GODIN

Professional tree planters from Sagkeeng First Nation plant white spruce seedlings for Tree Canada.

Bus evacuations will be held Tuesday, Sept. 20.

Dairy Queen Blizzard orders are due Thursday, Sept. 22 at 9 a.m.

Greetings

Wishing a happy birthday to Joyce Korman on Sept. 18.

Happy anniversary to Warren and Pat Kruchak of the Anola area who are celebrating 48 years of marriage on Sept. 21.

Marriage

Congratulations to our daughter, Kara, and Ian Hunter, son of Kieran and Allison of Winnipeg, who were married on Sept. 10. The wedding was held on the Bell family property now owned by our son and daughter-in-law, Kyle and Stacy Godin, in Ostenfeld.

The weather was perfect, so the ceremony was held in their gorgeous yard with Ian's brother officiating. Ian's dad sang while Kara's dad, Paul, walked her down the aisle. The bride was absolutely stunning and the groom so handsome. A

perfect couple.

A dinner and reception followed in the beautifully decorated shop (by Let's Celebrate Rentals in Steinbach) and everyone had a wonderful time. The pretty wedding cake and cupcakes were made by Kara's aunt, Shelley Desrosiers, who owns Belle Rose Cakes. We were so happy to have guests join us from Nova Scotia, Quebec, Alberta and BC.

The new Mr and Mrs Hunter make their home in Winnipeg. We wish them a lifetime of love and happiness.

We are grateful to all those who helped us make this a simply perfect day. A special word of appreciation to Kyle and Stacy for the use of their property and all the hard work they put in helping us before, during and after the wedding.

Thought for the day

"As you start and end the day, be thankful for every little thing in your life. You will come to realize how blessed you really are!" — Positivethoughtsandmore

Free Concert in the Park

The Steinbach Arts Council is pleased to present a second free fall concert in the Concerts in the Park this September. Grab your lawn chair and meet up with friends and neighbours at K.R. Barkman Park and enjoy a family-friendly show.

Get ready to clap your hands and tap your feet to the high-energy performance of Ça Claque on Thursday, Sept. 22 at 6 p.m. Feel the rhythm, experience 'la joie de vivre', and discover French Canadian and Métis folklore – traditional as well as contemporary – through music and dance. Visit SteinbachArts.ca for more information or call Tara at 204-346-1077.

Dinner fundraiser

Join enVision on Friday, Sept. 23 for the annual fall kickoff to their fundraising campaign, the Accessibility and Beyond Drive Thru Dinner, in support of the enVision Foundation, by reservation only. Reserve your dinner online at www.envisioncl.com or call 204-326-7539. Dinner includes a steak sandwich, potato salad and baked beans from Merv's Pitchfork Fondue and delicious dessert from Prairie Pickers Café. The deadline to reserve is Sept. 16.

They aim to purchase an accessible vehicle that will service people supported by enVision's residential services, provided for people who need support in order to enjoy a full and meaningful life in the community.

Steinbach Births

August 31-Born to Samantha and Denis, of Marchand, a girl, Evelyn Mae Dornez, 6 lbs. 4 oz.



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Fall supper

There will be a fall supper at Prada Hall on Saturday, Oct. 1. Doors will open at 5 p.m. for cocktails and dinner will be served at 6 p.m. Adult dinner tickets are \$25 while tickets for children/youth ages 6-23 years are \$12. Children five and under get in for free, but they will need a dinner ticket for a seat. For advance tickets, call Shirley Kozak at 204-426-5346 or Trudy at 204-371-9834.

The menu includes perogies, cabbage rolls, sweet and sour meatballs, ham, Caesar salad, pickles, buns and pie. The volunteers who are preparing the dinner are requesting that you purchase advance tickets.

Food drive held over

The food drive at Hadashville Hall will be held this coming Saturday, Sept. 17 at 10 a.m. Please bring your extra garden produce to share with others who have trouble putting enough food on the table. Canned foods are most welcome too, as are cheques, which can be made out to Reynolds Food Bank; e-Transfers can be made to reynoldsfoodbank@gmail.com.

Passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II

How does one describe the late Queen Elizabeth II, Sovereign for over 70 years to England? She was Queen of 14 other nations, including Canada. She was also head of the British Commonwealth, of which are 54 countries, and home to 2.4 billion people, which is one third of the people of Earth.

Queen Elizabeth had dignity, grace, incredible dedication, faithfulness and a sense of humour. She was a kind person. She was curious, intelligent and funny. She was a daughter, sister, wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. She was a tiny person whose enormous shoes will be difficult to fill. She was a Christian. She was also head

of the Anglican Church of England. She never gave a speech without stating her dedication to God.

She was our Queen, a constant in our lives. We have been saddened by her passing. Watching the pageantry of the 10 days of mourning on TV can be a bit much. We Canadians are a modest bunch and not used to such pomp and circumstance.

However, we welcome King Charles III. He has had a long lifetime to prepare himself for the position of our Sovereign. King Charles is an incredibly intelligent man who has spent all of his adult life raising awareness to the world of climate change and the dire need to conserve water, to recycle, to compost, for reforestation after clear cutting of forests.

He wrote letters to large companies telling them of the unnecessary act of construction of new buildings with gigantic windows that are not energy efficient. He was keenly aware of such important topics well before it was trendy to be aware.

Midwinter Heritage Association usually hosts its annual Grandparents Day on the second weekend of September. This year we five directors decided to host it earlier, the last weekend of August, and combine the event with a Platinum Jubilee Garden party in honour of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II being our Sovereign for 70 years. It would not have been appropriate to hold it last weekend, as she had passed away.

Last word

Last Sunday, the congregation of the East Braintree Community Church stood and sang at the very beginning of the church service: God save our gracious King! Long live our noble King! God save the King! Send him victorious, Happy and glorious, Long to reign over us, God save the King!

STEINBACH

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Local markets

Come check out the Steinbach & District Farmer's Market on Thursdays (until Sept. 29) from 3-6:30 p.m. for a variety of vegetables, canned produce, delicious baking, crafts and more. Meet the vendors.

The 2022 Kleefeld Farmers' Market takes place on Saturdays from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. until Sept. 24. It's everything your family needs in one market, including organic produce, meat, baking and preserves, eco living products, slow fashion and graphic designer products, hunting and fishing supplies, local artists featuring pottery, jewelry, art and décor, antiques and oddities too. There are food trucks and live musicians, face painting, a petting zoo, and always free parking. Every week has a fresh new line-up of shops, so make sure to check them all out.

Community garage sale

Mitchell is having a community garage sale day this Saturday, Sept. 17. Maps will be available at Mitchell Express Foods on the day of the sale.

Steinbach Burger Days

Burger lovers once again unite for the

Steinbach Chamber's 5th Annual Steinbach Burger Days this week until Saturday, Sept. 17. This year 15 local restaurants have created 15 signature burgers to tickle your taste buds. While you enjoy these unique creations, be sure to take a selfie, and post it on Facebook/Instagram with the tag #SteinbachBurgerDays to be entered to win one of several prizes. Rate each burger creation online and be entered to win again. Burger rating deadline is Sept. 17 at 11 p.m.

The Poverty Burger

Local Matters Thrift Store will be offering the Poverty Burger for \$5 during Steinbach Burger Week this week until Sept. 17 with all proceeds going to Soup's On soup kitchen, available at Bldg 92A, Hwy 52W in Steinbach. Why the Poverty Burger? With our local restaurants showcasing their incredible burgers, it's good to remember there are people out there who make a daily choice...lunch or rent? Support local. Volunteers always welcome.

Fireside Home Church

We invite you to come and explore the relevance of God's Word in our individual lives and in the world today, and experience authentic, loving community as we do life together. Fireside is a new home church that believes in actively and practically being in the scriptures, walking out our faith daily, pursuing the community, meeting people where they are at, and loving people just as they are. Meeting weekly Sunday at 7 p.m. at 45 Beaverbrook Dr in Steinbach. All are welcome. Contact us for details at 204-960-8085.



PANSY

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With appreciation

Pansy Hall hosted its annual fall supper fundraiser this past Sunday, Sept. 11. Many requests were received to have an in-house event and not a drive-thru. The committee listened and over 1,100 people enjoyed the delicious meal prepared. The event started at 1 p.m. with four bus tours and stayed open to the general public. Three buffet lines showcasing delicious Ukrainian food were ready to feed the hungry guests. The response

and support were amazing. We were very fortunate to have help from 10 Ukrainian families who recently fled war torn Ukraine, who now make the Southeast their home.

The Pansy Hall committee thanks the hardworking, dedicated volunteers who help put on the event. It would be impossible without them. They are also grateful for all the community support from surrounding areas. All funds raised will go directly back to the community hall for ongoing maintenance costs.

GARDENTON

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Craft & bake sale

The Christmas Craft & Bake Sale at Gardenton Park Hall will take place on Saturday, Nov. 26 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. A hot lunch will be available plus there will be a silent auction. Table rentals are available. Call Kelvin at 204-425-8197.

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Divine Liturgy

Divine Liturgy will be held at the Holy Eucharist Ukrainian Catholic Church in Rosa on Sunday, Sept. 18 at 10 a.m. with Deacon Leon Twerdun officiating. Everyone is welcome.

Cancellation

The community yard sale on Sept. 17 at Gardenton Park has been cancelled.