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The Lions Morgan Podobni, Logan Podobni, Dale Wallace, and Mindy Castle serving the crowd fresh-fried pickerel.



PHOTOS BY JESSICA COULTER Lion Gerald and Lion Larry took care of collecting the funds for the fish fry.

By Jessica Coulter **EMPIRE-ADVANCE**

The line-up stretched all around the Oak Lake Community Hall on the night of Sunday, November 3. The Oak Lake and Area Lions served 298 guests this year at their annual all you can eat Pickerel

Eleven members, and an additional nine volunteers consisting of members' partners and a few members' children showed up to make the event run smoothly. "This type of large event wouldn't happen without the support of the help from members' partners. We are very grateful for their help," said Ryan Smith, Oak Lake and Area Lions President.

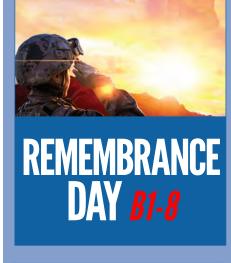
They served 120 pounds of pickerel. Along with the pickerel, guests got to enjoy buns, fries, baked potatoes, coleslaw, and a mixed bean recipe. The tartar sauce was a special inhouse made sauce. For dessert, a visit to the ice cream bar.

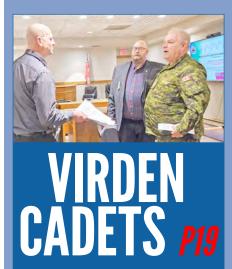
The money earned does not have a specific project attached to it yet, but all net proceeds will go into the community of Oak Lake and surrounding area.













AWWD Riparian Forest kiosk gets signage



PHOTO BY DALE DAVISON

Ryan Canart, AWWD manager and Chris Masson, Tundra Oil and Gas (I-r) at the kiosk.

By Dale Davison **EMPIRE-ADVANCE**

In 2008 an educational forest began taking shape when the AWWD redeveloped a

wayside park on Hwy #83 south of Miniota creating a rest stop and walking trail. Since then, AWWD has planted over 900 trees and shrubs, creating a mosaic of species that are native to the Assiniboine River

Watershed.

The new information kiosk at the Riparian forest provides detailed information about the riverbank ecosystem in an attractive and organized form, and Tundra Oil and Gas donated \$10,000 to the project. Heather Hinam, of Second Nature Interpretive created the information panels in the kiosk.

Fudge House a Halloween tradition of fudge at the Kristjanson



PHOTOS BY ANNE DAVISON The door opens at The Fudge House on Queens Street. Kay, holding a bowl of her homemade fudge, is all ready for trick or treaters.

By Anne Davison **EMPIRE-ADVANCE**

or over 35 years Kay Kristjanson has been cooking up fudge to create a unique and tasty treatfor Halloween visitors. Sherecallsneighbourswho brought their children; now their grandchildren are trick or treating on Oct. 31. Even adults who accompanyyoungsters get a piece

Fudge House. By afternoon on Oct. 31, Kay says, "At this point, I've got about 80 or 90 pieces cut and I've got two more pans I can cut. I made eight pans this time. The kids now are coming because their parents or grandparentssay, 'you have to go get fudge.' If they haven't been here before, I put an address label on the package."

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Kristjanson thrilled seeing AUD's new seats

By Anne Davison EMPIRE-ADVANCE

e's humble about it, but Rick Kristjanson's long-

standing service on the AUD Theatre Board of Directors is part of the reason why this Virden treasure is alive and well today. But Kristjanson recalls the theatre's deep roots saying, "The AUD board that I joined, I really stood on the shoulders of some great people."

Rick and Kay Kristjanson came to Virden to teach at Virden Collegiate Institute and soon took an interest in the events held in the AUD Theatre.

Rick recalls, "We went to the AUD back in the '70s and they used to have what they called the Overture Concerts."

Ken and Susan Ivey were involved with programing at the time and had booked the Fraser MacPherson Combo, a Canadian jazz trio from Vancouver. It was a cold February evening, and as Rick tells it, the AUD had steam radiators to warm the place up. "And then the radiators started to clank. Clank, clank, clank. It didn't really interfere with the show but [MacPherson] said afterwards, 'You know, I've played in a lot of buildings, usually what I'm hearing is ice clinking in the glasses, but now I've got a radiator clanking.""

The AUD was in need of repairs and closed in about 1981. A committee was formed to fundraise and oversee the restoration project. Rick had performed on the AUD stage playing bass drum with Virden's community band, which put him in the line of fire when Bill Carefoot approached the band members to take part in fundraising efforts.

That involvement sparked in Kristjanson a love for the AUD. He recalls working with Roger Hurst on the fundraising effort, assigned town blocks in their vicinity of Wellington Street and Eighth Avenue. "I went, and there was a little cottage, where the four-plex is now. It was the Carr house. She was the lady who did all the flower beds and planters, he looked after the lawn bowling. There's a bridge named after them on King Street (near the co-op).

"It was a little stone cottage, nothing had changed in that cottage for a hundred years. These two folks had no children but they were always at the AUD Theatre. You had to go down some steps to get into their home. She answered the door and said, 'I knew you were coming. She had a cookstove like the one we have in the museum. And that's what she was cooking on. You couldn't hardly walk in there for all the stuff - it was a hundred years old," he said of the generational home.

"And so, she went to get the little jar that was on top of the stove and pulls out a nice crisp \$50 bill. I got a receipt for her. These folks ... I don't think they had a great deal. Anyway, that just sort of put a light on in

my head about how much people appreciated the AUD."

And the Carrs weren't the only ones to share generously from what they had. Kristjanson recalls, "There was another per-

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son, and he pulled out a \$100 bill. It meant something to him."

This experience as a fundraiser stuck with Kristjanson and what followed became years of service on the AUD Theatre Board of Directors.

Fast forward to 1986. "At that time, I was [finished] teaching. Just starting in the real estate business. I heard a knock on the door and itwas Bill Carefoot. He said, 'Rick, I wonder if you want to become a member of the AUD board?'"

Kristjanson said yes, attended his first meeting and was asked to become the booking agent for the theatre. He said 'yes' again, and became 'the AUD person.'

"One of the things I remember was before they

had the previous seats, (which have just now been replaced) they were Naugahyde. Ernie Coombs (Mr. Dressup) came. He filled the Auditorium for two shows." It was the late '80s early '90s. "Families came. I guess the kids were having fun ... all you could see was the dust from the seats rising up into the lights. These kids were jumping up and down on the seats!"

Kristjanson noted that the AUD probably got less than \$500 from the two shows while Mr. Dressup "walked away with \$10,000." That's when the theatre board decided to charge more for rentals from outside the community.

Kay Kristjanson pointed out, "There were perks to being the booking agent."

Rick grins, "Murray MacLaughlin came for a Sunday afternoon performance. This was before the liquor stores were open [on Sundays] as they are now. I was there while they were rehearsing. Murray's handler came and said, 'Murray would like to have a beer. Do you know where I might be able to find some beer for Murray?'"

Kristjanson raided his own fridge. "I think I had four bottles of miscellaneous beer in the fridge and I put them in a sack. Because, Gladys - she who must be obeyed - would have not appreciated beverages being brought into the AUD." The handler took them down

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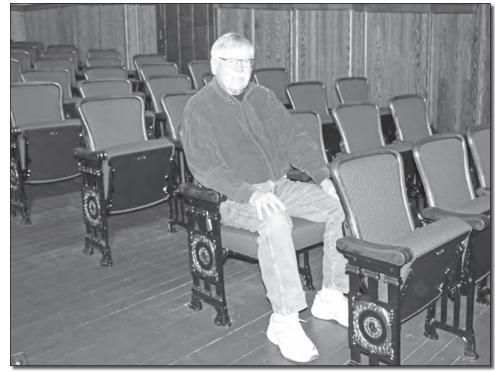


PHOTO BY ANNE DAVISOR

Longtime Aud Theatre Board member Rick Kristjanson in recently installed renovated theatre seating.

ask if he'd like to join Murray for a beer. But it was an opportunity that Kristjanson says he let slip by, feeling he was "just the AUD person" and didn't want to intrude.

Kay recalls that when Rick joined the AUD board they were a hard working group, in the theatre often doing little fix-ups, "they'd be in there every day practically, doing something. They were a tireless bunch."

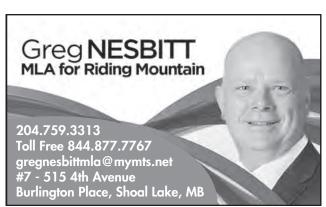
Jimmy Moffat, Stan Bray, Ron Mathison, Hilt Ashton, came to mind. Rick said, "Hilt rewired the whole theatre. He was the electrician here. Interestingly enough, a World War II pilot." A spitfire pilot he thinks, "who won the distinguished flying cross. We've got some of his mementos in the museum. Mild manner Hilt...you'd never know that he was this fantastic fighter pilot."

Kristjanson retired from booking agent duties a few years ago. "So, 25 years later, I gave them fair warning, my 25 years are up." He continues as a board member and says, "I decided to stick around. I think now I've become the AUD historian."

Then, last Thursday, Oct. 31, stepping into the AUD Theatre through the rear stage entrance, seeing a sweeping view from the stage, Kristjanson exclaimed in surprise at the beautiful site of the new seats. "Wow, wow, wow. I didn't realize they were in!"

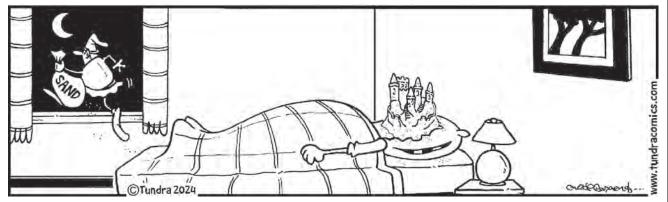
He credits the current Virden AUD Theatre board and in particular, Chairperson Jean Anne Overand and Brad Hayward for this renovation accomplishment.







By Chad Carpenter



Falling short, hollow promises

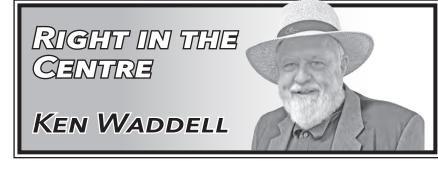
t has been said that the best prediction of future actions can be seen in past actions.

When it comes to Manitoba health and the Prairie Mountain Health and Manitoba Health, it can easily be said that health care in Manitoba is fairly good but it certainly isn't time sensitive except in cases of emergency. Obviously, traffic accidents get fairly immediate attention, heart attacks and serious illnesses rank fairly high on the care and attention scale. But when it comes to long term care, elective surgery, hip and knee replacements, both PMH and MH fall down the hill pretty badly.

There is great optimism around the new hospitals at Portage La Prairie and Neepawa. But there are problems on the horizon for both facilities. Recently, we carried an article about the reluctance, no the refusal, by Manitoba Health to put an MRI into Portage hospital. Also recently, Neepawa found out that while there is space for a CT scanner at the new hospital they don't plan to install one. Not enough need, not enough technicians and a lot of blah,blah,blah.

Manitoba Health needs to give their head a major shake. CT scans in Manitoba are behind by 35 weeks. Yes, you read that right, 35 weeks. If you want a CT scan, you can go to Alberta and buy one and get it in a week, if you go to North Dakota, it might be even sooner. Those stats scream loud and clear that Manitoba Heatlh is verging on insanity.

I got thinking about this CT scan delay and then I was reminded that Neepawa Hospital is supposed to have 75 beds, but at a public meeting it was stated that only 30 would be



now but there is a promise that 70 will be set up in the future. Thirty beds is less than we have now and Neepawa is expected to elevate its performance from a district hospital to a regional one.

I personally have a long history with PMH and Manitoba Health and their promises. In 1999, I was Mayor of Neepawa when a new care home was promised to replace the 120 bed East View Lodge. Instead we got 100 beds and somehow 100 beds is supposed to serve the area needs when Neepawa has grown from 3200 people to 6000. Makes good sense, right? I was personally promised that as soon as East View Lodge wheeled the last resident down the ramp, the Town would be handed the keys. The plan was for EVL to be turned into public housing. Manitoba Health piddled around and let the building slide into ruin until it was too late to renovate it. Now all Neepawa has is a bare lot where we once had a building that could have had 50 suites. A building by the way that the local residents and taxpayers paid for in the 1960s and 70s. Broken promises on the number of beds, the shrunk version of the care home don't make me feel very good about the proposed 30 beds statement.

It's all about the money and polused initially. Isn't that great news? itical dogma. Manitoba has the idea Thirty beds is five less than we have that we are always short of money and God forbid that we allow any private investment or expenditure invest in the public good. There are people in both Neepawa and Portage catchment areas who would be willing to invest in a CT scanner or an MRI. People are also willing to pay for part of medical care; it happens all the time for some services in Manitoba, but not others.

Without a major shake-up in health care, Manitoba will never catch up. We are short 345 doctors in Manitoba to reach the national average of doctors per 100,000 people. Without substantially increasing the number of graduating doctors we will always be behind. And I say Manitoba graduates as we should not be "stealing" doctors from other countries or other provinces.

I have been around long enough and around politicians long enough that I am sick of half-hearted promises. Lots of good things happening in health care but it's simply not enough and "not enough" make no sense. We need more than empty

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Remembrance Day 2024

Editors Note: This is a guest column, written by Marie Curtis from Victoria, BC. Marie is the daughter of a Dutch war bride, her father being one of the soldiers during the liberation of Holland.

n Remembrance Day we might take a few moments to appreciate our freedom from war, and the peace we mostly take for granted. We might pray for peace in the Ukraine, the Gaza Strip, the Sudan and other war-torn lands and conflicts.

A few years ago, Mom and I got lost on our way to my nephew's wedding in Vancouver. We stopped in front of a house where a gentleman was raking leaves and asked him

Quickly we all realized that both he and Mom shared a Dutch accent and were close to the same age. He asked, "Do you remember during the war when we did not know in the morning if we would be alive in the evening?" referring to the second world war in the Netherlands. Mom said, "Yes." His voice and statement continue to echo in my mind.

When the second world war broke out, my father, Papa, was too old to be drafted into the Canadian military. One day in June, 1941, near Wawanesa, MB, Papa was walking behind a team of six horses walking abreast: ploughing one mile up the field, resting the team, ploughing one mile down the field, resting the team, all in a day's work. On that particular day, as he rested with the horses, he realized that he knew that he had been doing the same job at the same time in the prior year, and would be doing the same job at the same time in the next year.

Within a week Papa took the train from Wawanesa to Winnipeg and signed up to serve with the Lord Strathcona Horse's, B Squadron, Second Armoured Regiment. Papa was transferred to Camp Borden, Ontario, then sailed from Halifax to Britain. Most of the military and mechanical training occurred in Aldershot before his regiment's transfer by ship to North Africa. There he swam in the Mediterranean Sea, and was amazed at its warmth, a miracle to him. His regiment crossed over to the south end of Italy, and the soldiers and tanks worked their way north in Italy, through France, Belgium and into the Netherlands. Papa said that, often as he slipped into his canvas tent at night, summer and winter, the bombs would be flying "in both directions."

In April 1945 the Lord Strathcona Horses' soldiers began the liberation of the Netherlands. For the Canadian forces entering the Dutch countryside, " ... our progress was impeded by cheering Dutch farmers and their families, waving, blowing kisses and offering eggs and milk." 1: On 4th May 1945, there was an unconditional surrender by the Nazis for the Netherlands. On 2 June 1945, the war ration card for The Hague, Netherlands said, "Irish Stew". My Dutch grandparents could not make sense of the term. Mom spoke the best English in their household and was told, "Go across the street and ask that Canadian soldier what 'Irish Stew' means." Papa was the Canadian soldier across the street. He explained to Mom what Irish Stew was. Papa always ended his telling of this story with, "And I've been in the stew ever since."

Footnote: 1: Lord Strathcona's Horse Royal Canadians by Lieutenant-Colonel 7. M. McAvity, page 219.



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HELEN DRYSDALE

OUT OF HELEN'S KITCHEN

What's for dinner tonight? Arm yourself with a pack of ground beef and the sky's the limit when it comes to dinner possibilities. Ground beef is high in protein, a champion of key nutrients like iron, zinc, and vitamin B12. Extremely versatile, ground beef is a foundation for making wholesome homecooked meals.

Pot roast meatloaf

2 large eggs

2 tsp, prepared mustard

2 cloves garlic, minced

1 cup breadcrumbs or oatmeal

1 tsp. salt

2 pounds lean ground beef

4-5 smaller potatoes, cut in half

1 red pepper cut into quarters

1 Tbsp. red wine vinegar

1/4 cup ketchup

2 Tbsp. Worcestershire sauce

1/2 cup finely chopped onion

2 tsp. dried parsley leaves

1/2 tsp. pepper

4-5 carrots, sliced in 3 inch pieces

4 small onions, cut in half

1 Tbsp. oil

1 tsp. Dash

Preheat oven to 350 F. Oil or spray a loaf tin. Add the first ten ingredients in a bowl and mix well. Mix in the hamburger meat. Do not over mix. Add the meat mixture to an 8 X 5 inch loaf pan. Pat the meat down into an even layer. Place the loaf pan into a 9X13inch cake pan. Place the vegetables in a bowl and add the oil, vinegar and Dash and stir. Add the vegetables around the loaf. Cover the dish with foil and bake in the oven for 1 1/2 hours or until the meat loaf reads 160 F and vegetables are tender. Uncover for the last 15 minutes of cooking.

Stuffed potatoes are a family favorite recipe that never goes out of style. These twice-baked potatoes are a wonderful change of pace from everyday baked potatoes. Large russet baking potatoes work best in this recipe because of their size and sturdy skin. Pile that goodness into your potatoes and top them with freshly grated cheese. Perfection!

Ground beef potato boats

4 large baked potatoes

1 lb. ground beef

1/4 cup diced onions

1/4 cup diced celery

1/4 diced mushrooms

1 tsp. salt

1/2 tsp. pepper

1 tsp. Dash or Italian dried herbs

1 cup sour cream or undiluted cream of mushroom soup

1 cup shredded Cheddar cheese

Brown the beef with the onions, celery and mushrooms. Add the salt, pepper, Dash and sour cream or mushroom soup. Cut the baked potatoes in half lengthwise. Scoop out the potatoes leaving the skins intact. Mash the potatoes and mix with the meat mixture. Fill the potato skins. Sprinkle cheese on top. Bake at 375 F until the filling is hot and lightly browned, around 15 to 20 minutes.

News from Miniota

Submitted By Linda Clark

Beautiful weather on Oct. 31 brought out many trick and treaters in our community. One home clocked in with 99 visitors. It was great to see the Miniota Fire Department out patrolling the streets to keep everyone safe. Hats off to the Miniota School Grades 5 and 6 who also collected food staples for the

hampers!

We extend our sym-Young and their family on the death of Jim's eldest sister Mary in England, following a long fight with cancer. Mary had been predeceased by their brother Robert.

Our community also extends sympathy to Margaret Taylor and her family on the death of her brother

upcoming Christmas and their uncle Gerry Heapy. Following a career in the RCMP pathy to Jim and Linda Gerry had returned home to farm and live at Oak River.

"We may come from a different race and culture, and we may live different lifestyles. Yet may we remember to open our hearts and live together on this beautiful planet treating one another with love and kindness." -Tracey Smith

Learning from mistakes covered by grace



I recently celebrated my birthday and was celebrated with words, gifts and much love by my family and friends.

I also found myself, with a bit of surprise, having to count backwards to my birth year to confirm what my age was.

Now in the grand scheme of things, I am aware I am not 'old' and most times I don't even 'feel' my age, but sometimes I find myself in a reflective state, looking back and thinking of how the years seem to have flown by and even ten years ago feels like a lifetime ago.

Letting myself go down the rabbit hole of thought that says how did I get to this point, my life is passing me by, reliving the mistakes I've made and the things I would have done differently knowing what I know now. Longing and wishing for more time to redo the things I've already done.

This downward spiral sends me then reeling forward through time, Imagining in my minds eye what the future years ahead of me might hold and how quickly it will fly by.

Now I recognize that these moments of panic and 'what if's' don't really help me be a better parent, wife, friend etc.

In fact, when I find that I've allowed myself to spiral down this pathway, I find my focus pulled away from growth and into mistake focused thinking and I find myself afraid.

But what I'm learning, is that I need grace given by selfasmuch if not more than the grace I extend to those around me.

Grace for the mistakes I've made, and remembering to look at them as a learning tool for next time and

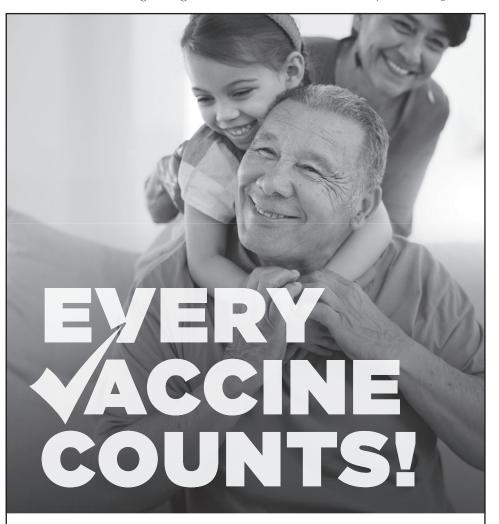
I'm learning to look back and instead of being a part of the statistic that says for every good thing that happens we remember 5 bad ones, train my brain to recount the GOOD, the BEAUTIFUL and the WONDERFUL things in my life, the times I succeeded!

Doing this brings me back from the edge of defeat, from self sabotage and into the light of who God created me to be.

A woman, a mother, a wife, a friend, a planner, a worshipper, a teacher, a student, a joy bringer, a communitybuilder,aunique and wonderfully made child of the one true God.

My encouragement for you today is to stop in this moment, close your eyes and if you to see your mistakes on a film reel in your mind, start today to course correct and see your self the way God created you.

Beautifully and wonderfully made, with unique and important giftings, a bearer of God's image, a parent, a friend, a child, a spouse and so many more things.



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Seniors fall prey to 'grandparent appeal' scam

RCMP investigating multiple grandparent scams and issue warning to all Manitobans

Submitted

By Manitoba RCMP

On Oct. 30, Portage la Prairie RCMP received two reports of senior citizens within the community being defrauded of money after receiving a call from an individual claiming to be a lawyer.

One resident from Portage la Prairie and one from MacGregor, both stated the unknown male caller was claiming to be a lawyer for their grandchild. In both cases, the suspect would provide the victim with the grandchild's name, indicating that they were in jail and needed money for bail.

Both victims agreed to provide money to the suspect.

The incident in Portage la Prairie saw the suspect come to the house of the senior to retrieve the money. The incident in Macgregor had the suspect meet the senior at a location on Hampton Street.

Prior to these incidents, on Oct. 29, calls of a very similar nature were also reported to have occurred in Minnedosa and Kleefeld. In both cases, the victims gave the suspect a significant amount of

On Oct. 24, the RCMP detachment in East St. Paul was made aware of a senior citizen within the community who received a similar grandparent scam call. In this instance, the victim was picked-up by the susbank. The victim then withdrew a significant amount of money and gave it to the suspect be-

lieving her grandchild was in trouble.

It is unknown at this time if all cases are directly related.

"These incidents are extremely concerning to the Manitoba RCMP. The criminals are using information obtained through various means, such as social media, to deceive and steal significant amounts of money from senior citizens. The fact that they are showing up at homes and even driving with the victims speaks to their ever-increasing confidence in carrying-out these scams," Cst. Larry Neufeld of the Portage La Prairie detachment. "These criminals play on the emotions of seniors and their willingness to help a family member in need. The RCMP would like to remind the public that they should never give money to unknown individuals and to immediately report crimes of this nature to their nearest RCMP detachment."

The investigation con-

Tips from the Canadian Anti Fraud Centre

How to protect your-

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

> · If the caller claims to be a law enforcement official, hang up and

call your local police directly, using a phone number from a reputable source – not one provided by the suspected fraudster

- · Be suspicious of telephone calls that require you to immediately act and request money for a family member in distress
- · Listen to that inner voice that is screaming at you "This doesn't sound right"
- · It is important to know the Canadian Criminal Justice System does not allow for someone to be bailed out of jail with cash or cryptocurrency
- · Be careful what you post online
- · Scammers can get details that you shared on social media platforms and dating sites to target you or get names and details about your loved ones
- · Don't trust caller ID names and numbers.
- · Scammers use technology to disguise the actual number they are calling from and can make it appear as a trusted phone number, also known as spoofing

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

Victims of Cybercrime or Fraud, can also contact the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre at 1-888-495-8501.

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Several charged with impaired driving, speeding, breaking conditions

Westman RCMP Service Report for Oct. 27 – Nov. 2

Submitted BY WESTMAN RCMP

During this week Westman RCMP received a total of 59 calls for service, of which 11 were traffic related including 2 moving traffic - speeding violations. Also included in the calls

for service were 9 suspicious person/vehicle/property files, 2 driving while impaired files, 7 false alarms, 2 mischief files, and 4 failure to comply with order files.

On Oct. 27 Westman RCMP received a report that an unwanted person was standing outside a residence in the settlement of Sioux Valley Dakota Nation and failing to comply with their order. RCMP attended the residence and took a statement from a 66-year-old woman. A warrant was issued for the arrest of a 49-year-old woman, who was located and will appear in court in February on one count of failing to comply with an undertaking condition.

On Nov. 2, Westman RCMP received a report of a possible impaired driver in the settlement of Sioux Valley Dakota Nation, RCMP attended and located the vehicle and conducted a traffic stop. The 22-year-old male driver was charged under the Highway Traffic Act and was issued two tickets, one for driving a vehicle that is not equipped with an approved ignition-interlock device except in such circumstances as the licence permits, which carries a fine of \$672; and as the holder of alcohol / drug restricted class 5 or higher licence, plus class 1a to 4a licence, operating a vehicle while having alcohol in the blood or being unable to pass a drug screening test. This carries a fine of \$113. The vehicle was impounded for seven days, and licence suspended for 15 days. Additionally, a 40-year-old female passenger was issued a ticket under the Liquor Act for unlawful transportation of liquor in a motor

On Oct. 29 during a routine traffic patrol on Highway 1 in the RM of Wallace-Woodworth, RCMP observed a vehicle travelling at a high rate of speed. Radar confirmed a speed of 140 km/hr in a 110 km/hr zone. A traffic stop was conducted and driver was issued a speeding ticket, which carries a fine of \$442.

To report a complaint or non-emergent incident to RCMP please call 204-748-2135. For general inquires or administrative requests including criminal record checks please call the administration line at 204-748-2046 Ext. 3. If you are reporting an emergency please call 911.

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NOTICE

MISSING ROYALTY OWNER

The Oil and Gas Act, C.C.S.M., CHAP. 034 (Section 214)

Tundra Oil & Gas Limited has made an application under Section 214 of The Oil and Gas Act for an order of the Minister of Economic Development Investment, Trade & Natural Resources authorizing, on behalf of the royalty owner, for drilling and production in the following spacing units:

> Ptn. of SW 1/4 SEC 19, Township 01, Range 28 WPM taken for Railway Plan 69 BLTO Bo. Div.

The mineral rights in portion of SW 1/4 Section 19-01-28 WPM, excluding those portions taken for Railway Plan 69 BLTO Bo. Div. is held by a private owner and has granted lease to Tundra Oil & Gas Limited.

Tundra Oil & Gas Limited has been unable to ascertain the royalty owner under those portion of Legal Subdivisions 9,10, 11 and 12 taken for the railway Plan 69 BLTO Bo. Div. of Section 19-01-28WPM. As a result, Tundra Oil & Gas Limited has applied to the Minister under Section 214 of The Oil and Gas Act for an order authorizing drilling and production on behalf of the royalty owner.

The Minister may issue an order authorizing drilling and production on behalf of the Missing Royalty Owner after publishing this notice ot the application, provided the Minister is satisfied that the royalty owner cannot be ascertained or found.

If you have any information or questions, please contact Mildred Valentino prior to November 29, 2024, as follows:

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Re-purposed lumber takes on new life

By Gerry Nolin EMPIRE-ADVANCE

onald and Devon Caldwell have made a new addition to their home. They have added a three-season room plus a veranda on the existing house. People do this all the time right? But the Caldwell story is just a bit different from others, has a bit of a twist to it! The lumber they are using is out of the old Oakner elevator which was last owned by Manitoba Pool.

Let's go back a little further shall we?

Originally the Scottish Cooperative Wholesale Society was a company out of Scotland that bought and manufactured goods for local cooperative societies in Scotland which was founded in 1868. The company controlled its own supply of raw material including grain mills timber in Canada! This company would later merge in 1973 with the cooperative group! What is interesting is Donald Caldwell was born and raised in Scotland. He moved to Kenton several years ago with family and operated Caldwell farms.

Ironically that in Canada he would build this addition with lumber supplied by the Scottish Cooperative Wholesale Society. When the Oakner elevator was torn down Caldwell Farms purchased some of the timber from that elevator!

The timber was the same price whether it was six, ten or fifteen feet long. Caldwell's bought three truck loads, plus a trailer load, and stored it in a shed with no real plans for it. This happened some fifteen years ago. The cost of the timber was \$20.00 per timber. The timber was 15 x 15 inches thick. The lumber sat in the shed out of the weather when a plan was developed to use the timber which was in fabulous shape.

Last winter Donald and his father-in-law Phil Corney began to work with these timbers. Donald purchased a saw mill out of Woodlands, Ontario and so they began milling, planing and later staining the lumber for the project. They also purchased a metal detector as there were many nails to deal with. If the saw blade hit a nail, it would dull the saw blade in a moments notice. Phil said they only hit five or six nails with the blade which was very minimal considering the task that they were undertaking.

Brad Nixon from Kenton was hired as the general contractor for the project. They made a rough draft of what it would look like and so the project began.



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The three season room dimensions were 20x26 and 15 feet high so lots of pre-building work was done getting the timbers into a working order.

The upright beams are set on piles some 10 feet into the ground. Most of the timbers are from White Oak and Cedar trees.

Donald and Phil still have some timbers that they must prepare this winter to complete the project. I was lucky enough to see the construction of the three-season room and get first-hand info of how it came together. It was jaw dropping to see how beautiful this addition is and how some of the finished product looks. Those timbers are now serving another purpose which was breath-taking to observe!

Great Job Guys

The cost, well it would cost a small fortune if you were to buy the timbers today but with the timber purchased 15 years ago that was a huge saving. The labour as far as Donald and Phil go is preparing the timber, cutting planks and maybe a couple of rum at the end of the day.

Donald is a retired farmer, so he has time to take on such a huge undertaking with help from his father-in-law. The three-season addition is set on a brick-based patio which was done a couple of years ago.

To think this lumber used for this structure from an elevator with roots back into the 1860s to once again stand proudly is absolutely amazing! This structure will stand for years and years to come. This project will be completed this year and will be enjoyed with a great feeling of accomplishment and satisfaction for years and years to come.

Thank-you to Donald and Phil for sharing their story, can't wait to see the finished product!

Manitoba Ag Ex Winner



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Big Sky Bourbon 9M won Reserve Champion Simmental Bull Calf in the Simmental show at Ag Ex. Bourbon 9M is joined in this photo by Austyn and Kinley Peters of Big Sky Simmental.

Miniota veteran's memoir tells of Battle of Hong Kong

By Anne Davison EMPIRE-ADVANCE

ong Kong was the first place Canadians fought a land battle in the Second World War. From Dec. 8 - 25, 1941, almost 2,000 troops from Winnipeg and Quebec City — sent to Hong Kong expecting little more than guard duty — fought bravely against the overwhelming power of an invading Japanese force. When the British colony surrendered on Christmas Day, 290 Canadians had been killed in the fighting. Another 264 would die over the next four years, amid the inhumane conditions of Japanese prisoner-of-war camps. (Canadian Encyclopedia)

Don Macpherson's "Memories of a Japanese P.O.W. Camp: Briefed from The Hong Kong Veterans Commemorative Association

My hometown is Miniota, Manitoba, a small town of approximately 200 people in a farming community 25 miles north of Virden.

When England declared war on Germany, I was 19 and as a third generation Canadian of Scottish ancestry, I felt it was my duty to enlist. However, it was harvest time and I was working for Dad driving a truck, delivering gas and oil plus hauling grain. This was hard but enjoyable work and was to stand me in good stead in the ordeal to come. When Canada declared war on Sept. 10, I was sure it would be all over before I could enlist.

Wilf Barrett (my sister Marie's husband), Wilf Middleton, Merv Carleton and myself made an eventful entrance to Winnipeg. The fathers of my three companions were all section foremen on the railroad and they had also worked on the R.R. so knew all the engineers. We left Miniota on the flyer, transferring later to a freight train – we rode on top, stopped for coffee along the way and the engineer would give us a toot of the whistle when the train was ready to pull out! When we arrived in Winnipeg, we got off the train at one of the overpasses before arriving at the station.

Unknown to us, the army was guarding the overpasses to prevent sabotage. As we jumped off, we were met by soldiers who told us to halt. Wilf Middleton ignored the command and rifles were pointed at him so we knew they were serious. We were taken to a Captain to whom we made our explanation that we had come in to join their stupid army but if this was the way they were going to treat us we would go back home. So, he let us go.

Actually, we had planned to join the Air Force but on our way to their office we passed a Winnipeg Grenadiers recruiting office and a smooth talking Sgt. Major convinced us this was the outfit for us. They weren't going to take Merv as he was shorter than their required height but when we threatened to all leave, they agreed to take him.

This was on Sept. 18 and began an era which would influence the rest of my life. Also, little did I know that of the six men from the Miniota district who went to Hong Kong, Wilf Barrett, Percy Iles, Mickey Granger, Jack Iverach, Norm Walker and myself, that I would be the only one to return....

We trained in Winnipeg at Minto and Fort Osborne Barracks until May 1940. We were then sent to Jamaica to do garrison duty guarding German and political prisoners. We spent 16 months there enjoying life but wishing

In the late summer we came back to Canada, spent a month on leave there and entrained for Vancouver where we boarded the Awatea. While on board ship I was made a Corporal. We stopped overnight at Pearl Harbour but

were not allowed to leave the ship.

We found out after we left Pearl that we were headed for Hong Kong arriving there Nov. 16. On arrival, we marched to Sham Shui Po camp on the Kowloon side.

On Dec. 8, I was coming out of the barracks in the morning and looked up at some planes that were flying overhead and saw one drop a bomb on the officer's mess. It sure gave us a scare and everyone started running around not knowing what to do. Soon after that, B Company, to which I was assigned, was taken over to the Hong Kong side. We were stationed in pill boxes on Mount Nicholson and were there for sometime before we saw our first action.

The Japs had taken a police station on Mount Nicholson Road and we were ordered to retake it. We first went up at dusk and ran right into a Jap patrol. A bayonet fight ensued and several of our boys were killed.

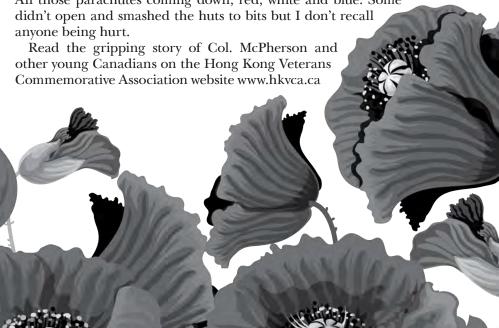
We then went back about half a mile and waited till morning. It rained hard all night and all I was wearing were undershorts and coveralls. It was so cold I dug a hole in the sand, got in and pulled the sand in around me but it didn't help much. About 4 a.m., Sgt. Major Fryatt called me down the line to a small building and handed me a large glass of rum. I thanked him and told him that I didn't drink. He said "Drink it, that's an order." So I did and I never warmed up so fast in my life.

Under the command of Major Hook and with Lieut. Rusty Young, who had been a sports announcer in Winnipeg, and Sgt. Major Fryatt, our platoon of 30 men moved up the road again in the morning. We got to a bend in the road and the St. Major called Sgt. Woods up and told him to take a man and set up a machine gun at the corner. Woods and Pte. Meads ran to the corner where they started to set up the gun when the Japs opened up with a machine gun and killed them both. Cpl. Norm Eccles and another private were then sent up and they were both killed.

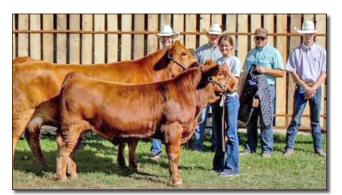
Fryatt then called me and I thought "Oh Oh," here she goes. But he told me to take my section up the side of the hill to see what could be seen from there, which I did. When we got up there, we could see hundreds of Japs sitting there just waiting. We spotted their machine gun and Merv Carleton cleaned that out while the rest of us were firing at the Japs. After a while, we got word to come down and I had just got down and jumped off the road so my head was about level with the road when I told Pte. Cooper who was standing against the wall to get off the road and they opened up with another machine gun and killed him, Lieut. Young and St. Major Fryatt, all in one burst. We were ordered to fall back.

(Corp. MacPherson survived the brutality of a Japanese prison camp, living for the day when the Allies would win the war.)

One day three American fighter planes came over, flew very low and dropped packages of canned coffee, cream and sugar wrapped in women's underwear! They also dropped a note telling us that the war was over and that they would be back in three days with B-17s to drop fifty gallon drums of food, clothing and medical supplies. They said to have everyone out of the huts as some of the parachutes might not open. They had to drop the stuff right on our camp because of its location. When they came it was a sight that no one in that camp could ever forget. All those parachutes coming down, red, white and blue. Some



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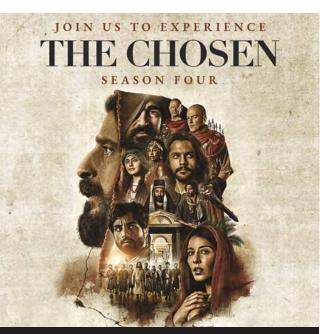
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MACKENZIE FLYING WITH NIGHTHAWKS

By Robin Wark EMPIRE-ADVANCE

Building upon the experience he has gained the last couple of seasons, Niverville

Nighthawksforward Luke MacKenzie is enjoying a strong start to the 2024-2025 Manitoba Junior Hockey League campaign.

The son of Pipestone's Gavin and Cheryl MacKenzie suited up for the Virden Oil Capitals in 2022-2023 as an affiliated player while developing his game with the U18 AAA Southwest Cougars. Last season was split between the Oil Capitals and the Nighthawks.

"I think the experience I've obtained over the last few seasons has helped form me into the player I am today," the 2006-born player said. "I was fortunate enough to play in game two of the Turnbull Cup Final against Steinbach with Virden two years ago as an AP and it gave me confidence that summer that I could play in the league. Going from a full season last year to this year I've just tried to be myself and pursue consistency and be an impact player every night."

With Virden last season, MacKenzie collected 10 points, including four goals, in 20 games. After the trade to Niverville, he scored five goals and recorded 11 points in 25 games. Through 17 games this season, MacKenzie has already scored five goals and earned six assists for 11 points. He was fourth in scoring on the Niverville squad, as of Nov. 3.

"He's a power forward," Nighthawks head coach Dwight Hirst said of the 6-foot, 198-pounder. "He's a guy who can take pucks to the hard areas and he's a guy who can play the game hard with power."

MacKenzie has brought more to the Nighthawks than just his hockey skills. Hirst described him as a "great human being" who is well liked by his teammates and the coaches. The head coach said that MacKenzie has an infectious attitude. "As coaches always say, there's two things you can't coach in athletes and that's effort and attitude," Hirst said. "He always has the right effort and the right attitude."

MacKenzie has enjoyed his time so far in Niverville.

"Playing for the Nighthawks has been special," he said. "It's been something different and it's been an adjustment that is for sure. It was good to put myself out there and venture in a new area last season. My billets Karl and Anita Falk are great. I live in Ste. Agathe, about eight minutes from Niverville."

MacKenzie has had the strong backing of his parents and others. He said:

"(They) have been very supportive and caring throughout my hockey adventure up to this point. For anything that my sister Rylee and I do, they have told us to have fun and work hard at it and you'll be successful. It's a great feeling to make people laugh and I try to do that with the guys everyday. My grandparents are my biggest fans. They come to mostly every game and always have feedback on the games win or lose. There are a bunch of people supporting me and I am so grateful to have them in my life."

Last season MacKenzie committed to play in the future at Canisius University. The Buffalo, N.Y.-based school competes at the NCAA Division I level of men's hockey, the highest in the U.S. university ranks. Virden's Hunter Andrew is in his third season playing for the Golden Griffins.

"What drew me to Canisius was the program they have established there," MacKenzie said. "A year has passed since I committed and the coaching staff has welcomed me with open arms and they have been great with checking in on me as the months go by. I am excited for the opportunity in the next couple years to get to downtown Buffalo to play for the Griffs.



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"After I committed, Hunter Andrew reached out to me to congratulate me and tell me what the program is like and it sounds like a fantastic place to be. It truly is a dream come true that I was able to get a scholarship to play Division 1 hockey and I don't want to take that for granted. I want to work hard everyday and stay focused and hopefully help this team here in Niverville win a Turnbull Cup."





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Virden Oil Capitals is the latest stop on Campbell Epp's journey

By Robin Wark **EMPIRE-ADVANCE** he 18-year-old rookie from Winnipeg has played in five differ-

ent leagues - in as many years - and two countries. Epp is currently billeting with Lacey and Kurt Goulden and their four kids Blake, Bentley, Braxton, and Brogan.

"I have liked playing for the Oil Caps because I'm with a good team with a great group of guys," Epp said. "The billet family has made me feel really welcomed into their house, and I'm enjoying staying with them."

The 6-foot-3, 210-pound forward has been contributing early on to his first Manitoba Junior Hockey League campaign. As of Nov. 4, he had scored four goals and collected one assist through 13 appearances.

"Campbell is a big guy with skill," Virden head coach Tyson Ramsey said. "He is able to use his big frame to protect pucks in the offensive zone, and he has a high hockey IQ that allows him to make plays in small areas. Add to that his ability to score and, when he is working hard, he is a very dangerous player for us."

Epp has had a unique journey to his spot in the Oil Caps' line-up. In 2020-2021, he played for the U15 AAA Winnipeg Monarchs in a season shortened by the COVID-19 pandemic. The next season he played for Westwood Collegiate. Epp posted 14 goals and 26 points in 23 games to earn the Winnipeg High School Hockey League's Rookie of the Year award.

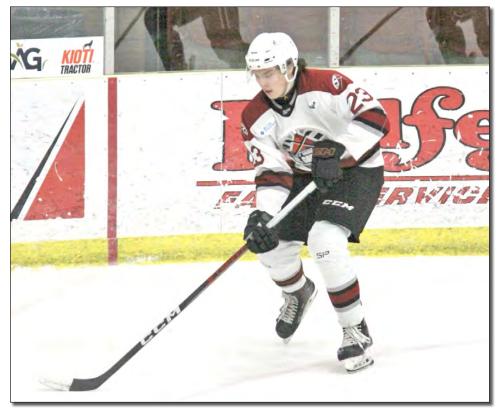
In 2022-2023, he suited up for the U18 AAA Winnipeg Wild. Epp had 15 goals and 30 points in 44 regular season games. He also scored five times and recorded eight points in 12 playoff games. His contributionshelped the Wild claim a provincial championship.

"Iremembergoing into itas a four seed ... after only losing a few games in the second half of the season," Epp said. "We swept the Thrashers in the first round then played the number one team - Brandon Wheat Kings - in the second round and came back from 2-1 to win 3-2 ... and in the finals we played the (Winnipeg) Bruins and beat them in four games. ... It was a great feeling winning a championship for the first time and at a higher level."

After the championship campaign, Epp opted to take his game south. He had nine goals and 13 points in 46 games for the Provo (Utah) Predators. The team plays in the United States Premier

Hockey League's National Collegiate Development Confer-

"What I liked about living in Utah was all the mountains and the great scenery everyday," Eppsaid. "The NCDC helped



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me get into junior hockey. It was my first year moving up a level from AAA, and it helped me adapt to the level of play and what I need to do to get better."

THEIR FANS' WEEKEND ENDED VIRDEN OIL CAPITALS ENSURED ON A HIGH NOTE

By Robin Wark EMPIRE-ADVANCE

throughout our lineup.'

The Oil Caps doubled up the Waywayseecappo Wolverines, 4-2, on Sunday. In front of 775 fans, the Virden team led the Manitoba Junior Hockey League contest 2-0 and 3-1 at

the intermissions. "I think it was a good bounce back game for us," Virden head coach Tyson Ramsey said. "After some tough games against good opposition where we didn't pick up any points, I thought our guys were able to put that aside and really focus on what we needed to do to be successful against Waywayseecappo. I thought we played well

With a strong outing, Oil Caps forward Rhett Platt quadrupled his points total for the season. He was named the game's first star after scoring once and recording two assists.

"Rhettwas physical and engaged in the game," Ramsey said. "He made some good plays with the puck and finished to the net where he was rewarded. He brings energy and confidence to our lineup."

As of Nov. 4, Platt had four points in nine games. The Regina product is back with the Oil Caps after splitting last season between the team and the Junior B Pilot Butte Storm of the Prairie Junior Hockey League.

On Sunday, the Oil Capitals jumped out to 2-0 first period lead. On a powerplay, rookie defenceman Maddox Shindle scored his first MJHL goal. Moosomin's Marshall Light scored at even strength.

Early in the second period, the Wolverines' Sebastien Hicks made it a 2-1 game with a powerplay marker. Platt got Virden's two goal lead back. Noel Englot found the back of the net in the third period to make it 4-1. The Wolverines' Sebastian Stone capped the game's scoring.

Virden goalie Nik Trakakis turned away 25 of the 27 shotshe faced. Hewas backed up by affiliated player Urijah Moosetail, who is playing this season for his hometown U17 AAA Brandon Wheat Kings. Peyton Shore was out with a minor injury and is expected back this weekend. For Waywayseecappo, Jase Wareham made 25 saves.

On the road on Nov. 1, the Oil Capitals fell 4-0 to the Portage Terriers. Trakakis made 33 saves. Virden's own Brodie Cameron of the U18 AAA Southwest Cougars backed him up as an affiliated player.

Terriers netminder Mitchell Kathler stopped 21 shots. Scoring for Portage for Decker Mujcin (three), and Scott Cousins.

The Oil Capitals enter this week with a 7-10-0-0 record. The Northern Manitoba Blizzard visit on Nov. 9. The next night the Oil Capitals play in Winkler.

Showcase Invite

Virden's own Bryce Bryantwasselected for Team MJHL at the Western All-Star Showcase in Warman, Sask. The showcase was held Nov. 4-6 after the Empire-Advance deadline. Due to injury, Bryant was unable to participate. The Oil Capitals' Dana Warrener served as the MJHL squad's athletic therapist.

The MJHL team competed against a Saskatchewan Junior Hockey League team. The event was used as a preselection camp for Team Canada West, which will compete at the 2024 World Junior A Challenge in Camrose, Alta.

Signing

The Oil Capitals announced last week that they have signed Taylor Lockhart for the 2025-2026 campaign. The Killarney product is a 5-foot-11, 151-pound forward for the U18AAASouthwest Cougars. Through 12 games this season, he had scored five goals and recorded 11 points.





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If you are considering a donation before year end, this is the week.

Gifts may be made online at endowMB.org or by contacting the Virden Area Foundation @ 204-851-6769.







BEARS BRING HOME MURRAY BLACK CUP



Virden Golden Bears 2024 Murray Black champions. Back row: Mark Wakely (head coach, offensive coordinator), Deegan Flannery (Bears rookie of the year nominee), Cole Walker, Saunders Brown, Jayce Kreutzer, Jacoby Heaman, Mitch Draper, Shane Blackshaw, Kevin Valiente, Carter Pizzey, Ryder Kotylak, Gilbert JR Brown, Owen Mytopher, Karter Bell-Ben, Lachlan Talbot, Lincoln Harvey, Cohen Canada, Marc Talbot (defensive coordinator) Front row: Clayton Fourre, Fola Fashola (Bears offensive player of the year nominee), Ayo Fashola (Bears special teams player of the year nominee), Gibson Caribou, Carter Hayward (Bears offensive line player of the year nominee), Preston Talbot (Bears defensive player of the year nominee), Ethan Hall, Dane Tack, James Flannery, Xander Penner, Koltten Blackshaw (Bears defensive line player of the year nominee).



It wasn't exactly the 50th anniversary Grey Cup game from 1962, but the Virden Golden Bears hosted their own version of the Fog Bowl on Sunday, Nov.3. In that historic CFL championship game, the Winnipeg Blue Bombers defeated the Hamilton Tiger Cats 28-27 after the game had been suspended due to fog. Sunday's game wasn't that close.

Teams placing fifth through eighth in the Manitoba Rural Football League (RMFL) regular season competed in semifinal games with Virden Golden Bears defeating the Neepawa Tigers 77-0 to advance to the consolation final. Park West Outlaws also advanced thanks to their 28-0

win over the Neelin Spartans.

The final game was played under cool damp conditions and, although the field was not muddy the footing was not great. In the first few plays after the opening kickoff the Outlaws offence was able to retain possession and move the yardsticks, but the Virden side soon tightened up their defense. Once the Bears' offense took the field, they dominated the play and the scoreboard for the rest of the game. When the final buzzer sounded the score was Virden 78, Park West 0. This is the first Murray Black Cup win since 2015.

In other playoff action the Moosomin Generals defeated the Swan Valley Tigers 31-28 to win the Doug Steeves Cup and their second RMFL championship.



PHOTO BY DALE DAVISON

On a cool foggy day, running the ball is often the best option. Quarterback (12) Xander Penner relied on the solid offensive line of (10) Ryder Kotylak, (55) Carter Hayward, (61) Saunders Brown and (68) Karter Bell-Bunn. Running backs (7) Kevin Veliente and (32) James Flannery brought the speed needed to gain first downs.





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Remembrance Day in the town of Virden & the RM of Wallace-Woodworth Community Service at the Virden Aud. The public is asked to be seated no later than 9:40 am.

For those being apart of the Remembrance Day Parade, then please be at the Legion Club Room by 10:00 am for the Parade Briefing by the Sgt-at-Arms. The parade steps off at 10:30 am.

There will be coffee & cookies after the service.

All are invited and that includes elementary children and teens with their parents. It is an important community event.

Note: If your organization, company, or family wishes to lay a wreath then please contact Comrade Marc Savy, the Sgt-at-Arms ASAP.

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By Robin Wark
EMPIRE-ADVANCE

The Ottawa area curling event draws top junior teams from

North America and beyond. Freeman, the son of Graham and Roxanne, and his rink posted a 3-1 record to qualify for the playoffs. It beat OVCA's Benning rink, 7-4, in the quarterfinals. In the semifinals, Freeman fell 4-2 to Switzerland's Luthold rink.

"Team Freeman performed quite well at the spiel this year,"

VIRDEN'S JACE FREEMAN SKIPPED HIS TEAM TO THE SEMIFINALS

said Graham, the team's coach. "We went into the event with intentions of making the playoff round of the top 8 teams. We had played five events this season (combined mens and junior) heading into the OVCA and we were starting to hit our stride together as a team. We played better as the weekend progressed, including a win against the reigning USA Junior Men's champions. We eventually made it to the semifinals and played the Switzerland national junior team. We lost a hard-fought battle to them as they went on to win the final in their next game."

The OVCA event includes teams in Ontario and Quebec that qualified for it as well as rinks that were invited. The Freeman rink received an invite to attend for the second time.

"The event is unique as it's a collection of very strong teams from various regions," Graham said. "It has a separate men's and women's event consisting of 16 teams in each competition. It's a great opportunity to play some different teams their own age and see how they stack up against the best competition. It's also a good event to renew some old acquaintances with competitors and coaches from past major events."

After three junior events this season, the Freeman rink has a 14-2 record. Freeman's rink includes New Brunswick product Timothy Marin at third and Winnipeggers Luke Robins at lead and Nick Senff at second. Former Virden resident Danny Senff is Nick's father. The rink's next event is The SunLife Junior Challenge in Brandon Nov. 15-18.

"We are hoping to defend our title from this event last year," Graham said. "It will be a similar type of invitational eventwith mostly a Manitoba field but will also feature teams attending from Saskatchewan and the USA."

Oil Kings Home Opener

The Virden Oil Kings host their home opener on Sunday, Nov. 10. They take on the Hartney Blues. As of Nov. 4, the Virden senior team is 1-0, while Hartney is 0-1. The Oil Kings play in Deloraine on Nov. 9.

Team Toba Wins Softball Gold

The Team Manitoba female softball squad won the Lake of the Ozarks' Fall Showcase in Missouri last weekend. The team went undefeated.

Team Toba roster includes Virden products Jessie Henry and Kennedy Charles. The squad is preparing for the 2025 Canada Summer Games being held in St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador from Aug. 8-16.

Zapesocki Recognized

Last week Softball Canada announced that Sydnie Zapesocki was one of two recipients of the Claude Deschamps Memorial Fund. She is the daughter of former Manson resident Kim (nee Spears) Zapesocki. The Fort Saskatchewan product is now playing and studying at the University of Lethbridge.

According to the Softball Canada website, the recipients receive \$1,000 for their education. The award honours the former executive director of Softball Canada. The website states, "Pursuing degrees in kinesiology and management, Zapesocki, a Pronghorns softball player, aspires to become a trainer and coach while creating opportunities for underserved children in softball."

TAPP RIDES TO CCA FINALS CHAMPIONSHIP

By Robin Wark EMPIRE-ADVANCE

Former Virden resident Angela Tapp and her horse, Em,

had a spectacular end to the rodeo season.

The daughter of Philip Tapp and Linda Rogalsky-Tapp was the Canadian Cowboys Association ladies barrel racing finals champion. In North Battleford, Sask., on Oct. 24-27, Tapp won the first and fourth go-round at the finals. She rode Em to second place in the third go-round and was third in the second when the top two tied. The points she accumulated with those impressive performances netted her the aggregate title.

"While I can't say exactly what allowed us to be successful at CCA finals, I do feel that by having Em rested since the end of regular season and only raced once at (Manitoba Rodeo Cowboys Association) finals helped him to be healthy and his body ready to take on four go-rounds," Tapp said. "I also had to find a way to not let the pressure of the competition get to me, because there were so many fast horses and a tight race. I had to mentally prepare myselfalso because I've only competed on Em twice there and it wasn't an arena that he has run good in the past. My faith and trust in God probably was the biggest factor to pray over my anxiety and remind myself that He is in control and knows the outcome."

It was Tapp's fourth summer since she joined the CCA. The Regina Beach, Sask. resident has earned a spot in the finals every year.

"What I enjoyed the most about finals was spending time with my friends and my parents coming to watch me in two performances," Tapp said.

She finished second in the CCA ladies barrel racing standing for the season. That was based on the amount of money Tapp earned at eligible rodeos. Her stellar finals performance and strong placing in the standings perhaps did not appear to be in the cards earlier in the season.

"Our season has been up and down due to Em at times not feeling his best and having bottom ground sometimes or the performances that had rained or ground was not as good as other performances at same rodeo," Tapp said. "Also the competition was tougher this year with high calibre horses and more barrel racers competing."

Things turned around for the duo in August.

"Em was feeling great and had lots of fast runs and placed from top to third spots. I also choose which rodeos I run Em in due to knowledge about ground in the past and if I'm working or off so I don'tenterall of them," said Tapp, who is a neonatal intensive care unit registered nurse in Regina.

It turned out to be a very memorable season for Tapp. One of the highlights came at her hometown rodeo. In Virden, Tapp tied to win the short-go and was a close runner-up in the long-go. She brought home three buckles this past summer. Tapp won the long-go and the average at a rodeo in Beechy, Sask.

She emphasized that to keep "a horse running at the top of barrel racing requires a good team." Tapp praised help from veterinarian Dr. Angela Reynolds of Rhythm Equine Veterinary Service in Langham, Sask.; equine therapist Tanis Hanson, and farrier Chad Robinson. She noted the importance of nutrition, pre and probiotics, and Equipride mineral (from Sweet Pro Canada).

Tapp appreciated the help with supplements from Nicole Hicks of Vetline Equine Canada. Over the past two years, former Canadian Finals Rodeo barrel racer Marci Laye has helped Tapp. She said she has



PHOTO BY RICK HIEBERT

learned a lot from the Albertan's clinics and that Laye "is a huge support and help during the season any time I need."

FLBSD board of trustees approve school staff changes

By Anne Davison

EMPIRE-ADVANCE

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees

The regular meeting of the Fort La Bosse School Division Board of Trustees was held in the Division Office boardroom on Monday, Oct. 28, at 8:00p.m.

Present: Chairperson Craig Russell, Vice-Chairperson Becky Flannery, Nicole Chaske, Teresa Vandenberghe, Bonnie James; Regrets: Kayla Moore;

Administrative staff present: Superintendent of Schools Barry Pitz, SecretaryTreasurer Kent Reid, Supervisor of Operations Mark Johnston

The agenda was approved as circulated. The minutes from the regular meeting dated Tuesday, Oct. 15, were approved. There was no business arising out of the minutes and no delegations and visitation. There were no communications or petitions requiring action at this meeting.

Administrative reports

The Superintendent of Schools provided the Board with an Indigenous Education update for the school division.

The Secretary-Treasurer presented a resolution to approve the renewal of our Meraki cloud and security licenses.

A report from the MUST Fund committee (Manitoba Schools Boards Association Universal Standards Trust Fund) was shared with the board.

The recent CPI and unemployment update for Manitoba and Canada was reviewed and the relevance of the interest rate cuts to our cash flows.

Recent support staff settlements that have occurred in Brandon School Division and Western School Division were reviewed.

The Supervisor of Operations reported the hire of one new bus driver to fill an empty regular route. There is also promise with several individuals now registering to take the bus driver training course offered free of charge by the school division. A new bus stop has been added in Virden at the corner of Ivens St and Edgar Ave.

'D' project tours have been started and the team will visit all buildings to review larger maintenance projects in order to begin preparations for the



2025-2026 budget.

The Board of Trustees reviewed the minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting held Oct.28.

New and unfinished business

Trustees reviewed the call for presentations and student panelists for the 2025 Indigenous Education Gathering as part of the Canadian Schools Boards Association annual convention to be held in Winnipeg in July 2025. This will be shared with our schools as it is an excellent opportunity for students to experience speaking as part of a panel.

In-camera session The Superintendent of Schools discussed a personnel matter with the Board during the in-camera session.

Resolutions (all carried unanimously)

Moved by B. James – T. Vandenberghe–THAT the Board of Trustees accepts, with regret, the letter of resignation from Kalee Nolan effective Oct. 31, 2024.

Moved by B. James – T. Vandenberghe–THAT the Board of Trustees ratify the actions of the Superintendent in approving the 0.25 FTE Temporary Increase to the Limited Teacher General Agreement of Gracie Gervin commencing Sep. 26,

2024 and concluding Jan. 31, 2025.

Moved by T. Vandenberghe – B. James –THAT the Board of Trustees approve the 0.15 FTE Temporary Increase to the Teacher General Agreement of Debra Peters commencing Oct. 28, 2024 and concluding Dec. 20, 2024.

Moved by B. James – T. Vandenberghe–THAT the Board of appoint Tyler Mitchell as interim principal of Kola School commencing Jan. 6, 2025 and concluding June 30, 2026.

Moved by B. Flannery – N. Chaske –THAT the Board of Trustees approve the 1.0 FTE Limited Teacher General Agreement for Melissa Thiessen commencing Jan. 6, 2025 and concluding June 30, 2026.

Moved by N. Chaske – B. Flannery –THAT the Board of Trustees approve the 1.0 FTE Limited Teacher General Agreement for Erin Frith commencing Feb. 3, 2025 and concluding June 27, 2025.

Moved by N. Chaske – B. Flannery –THAT the Board of Trustees approve the overnight trip to Brandon for 10 Grades 10-12 Reston School students to participate in a Volleyball tournament on Nov 1 - 2, 2024.

Moved by B. Flannery – N. Chaske –THAT the Board of Trustees approve the request of the Kola School Parents to have the students at Kola School recite the Lord's Prayer during morning exercises.

Moved by N. Chaske – B. Flannery–THAT the Board of Trustees approve the renewal of the Meraki MR Cloud Controller License and the Meraki MX250 Advanced Security License for three years at a total cost of \$26,190.18 plus applicable taxes.

Moved by B. Flannery – N. Chaske –THAT the Board of Trustees approves the payment to Boss Lubricants invoice # 1201884 in the amount of \$7, 437.58 taxes included for 830 litres of engine oil.

Moved by T. Vandenberghe – B. James–THAT we rise as a Board and sit as a Committee-of-the-whole to consider a matter as outlined in: The Superintendent's Report.

Moved by B. James—T. Vandenberghe—THAT we rise as a Committee-of-the-Whole and sit as a Board to continue with the business on the agenda.

The meeting adjourned at 9:02 pm.















The Poppy



Submitted

By Patricia Hanbidge

It is in November when poppies are most revered. Back in the early 19th century, during the Napoleonic wars was the first connection of the poppy to those who lost their lives in times of war. The fields of warwere barren before the battleswere fought but after the fighting ended the fields were filled with mile after mile of blood-red poppies. Once again during World War I, when some 8.5 million soldiers died due to battlefieldinjuries or disease, the fields became rich with lime from rubble and again the poppies thrived.

Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae, a Canadian from Guelph, Ontario and a surgeon for an Allied artillery unit, spotted these poppies and wrote the famous poem "In Flanders Field". This poem forever memorialized the poppy and in the 1920's Madame Guerin first used the sale of handmade poppies to raise monies for children and to help rebuild war ravaged France.

Today, it is the mission of

the Royal Canadian Legion to "serve veterans and their dependents, to promote Remembrance, and to act in the service of Canada and its communities". The Poppy Campaign is not only a major funding source distributing poppies Canada wide, but also serves to perpetuate Remembrance and ensures the memory of the sacrifices

made by our war veterans

both today and yesterday are not forgotten. Please help to support this mission by buying a poppy and wearing it proudly!

In addition to being a revered symbol, poppies are simply a stunning plant! They do not need a lot of care and there are over 50 species of annuals and perennials that can be grown quite easily. The only downside to growing any poppy is their short blooming time. Grow themifyoucaninasheltered location in almost any types of soil that is well drained.

The Flanders or Shirley poppies (Papaver rhoes) are one of the simplest poppies you can grow. It is a remarkable experience to see seas of scarletin the fields of Europe. I will never forget in the heart of England going for a walk one evening - through the village, past an ancient well and up a pathway to the top of a rise. At the top of the rise, just as the sun was setting were endless miles of redwhich of course was none other than the immortalized poppy!

The Oriental poppy (P. orientale) that boasts large orange, red or salmon flowers in June or July. Try the dwarf cultivars 'Allegro' which is featured in the image with this article or 'Beauty of Livermore' which has blood red flowers and growsup to a metre in height.

The Himalayan blue poppy actually belongs to a different genus (Meconopsis) and is similar to true poppies in many ways. It is a perennial for us here and blooms a beautiful blue. They need to be grown in partial shade and need an evenly moist environment.

Grow poppies of any kind in full sun and rich, welldrained soil. Poppies are easy to plant – simply sprinkle seeds lightly on the soil and gently work in. As the seedlings grow, thin so there is 4 to 8 inches between plants. Manypoppieswillself-seedso ensure that they are planted where they can spread.

Lest we forget - November 11th, take a moment to remember and next spring, grow more poppies!

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Employment Opportunity Confidential Secretary

The Town of Virden is accepting applications for the position of Confidential Secretary commencing immediately.

The applicant will be required to perform all clerical duties. The applicant must be able to learn all aspects of the computer systems utilized by the Town, including the accounting software program.

The successful applicant must possess:

- · A grade twelve diploma with relevant post-secondary education:
- · Strong verbal and written communication skills and the ability to deal with the public in a positive manner;
- · The ability to work co-operatively and independently in a small office setting;
- Knowledge of various computer software systems;
- The ability to respect and promote confidentiality;
- Knowledge of basic bookkeeping is a definite asset.

Job descriptions are available at the Virden Town Office or online at virden.ca. Detailed resumes marked "Confidential Secretary" will

> Faye Pope, Office Manager Town of Virden 236 Wellington Street West Box 310, Virden, Manitoba ROM 2C0 Ph: (204) 748-2440 | Fax (204) 748-2501 Email: office.manager@virden.ca

Applications will be accepted until Wednesday, November 13, 2024 at 4:00 PM.

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Remembrance Day Hours

The Town Office and Tundra Oil and Gas Place will be closed on Monday, November 11, 2024.



The Virden Landfill will be closed November 9-11 (inclusive).

Regular hours of operation resume at all sites on Tuesday, November 12.

Citizen of the Year

Nominations are now open for this year's award!

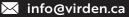
Nominate a deserving citizen or community group for Citizen of the Year.

Deadline for nominations is November 15, 2024.

Visit virden.ca/p/citizen-of-the-year or call the

Upcoming Council Meetings: November 19 & December 3

Please Note: Town of Virden Council meetings begin at 7:00 PM















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Help Wanted



Canupawakpa Dakota Nation Employment Opportunity – Full Time Start Date September 3 – Open till Filled Housing Clerk

Position Summary:

Under the direction of the Housing Manager, the Housing Clerk is responsible for assisting the department and community members with a wide range of tasks to support the effective and efficient delivery of Housing Services and Public Works.

Responsibilities:

- Provide general Housing Clerk support by answering phone calls, emails, correspondence and other documents as required
- Develop work order systems to meet the need of the housing department for maintenance
- Communicate with Housing Manager and Finance Director to ensure invoicing is received and payments will be processed by due date
- Able to work with the Public Works employee's
- Keep and organize all files and make sure files are up to date
- Preparing Cheque Requisitions to Finance Director
- Maintain a high level of confidentiality regarding housing members
- Keep contacts current and up to date
- Other duties as assigned

Qualifications:

- Grade 12 Diploma, Degree or experience in similar field an asset
- Valid Class 5 Drivers License & access to a reliable vehicle
- Maintain a High Level of Confidentiality
- Satisfactory Criminal Record Check
- Experience in Office Administration
- Demonstrated leadership capacity with the ability to achieve results through informative approach to decision making
- Follow Canupawakpa Dakota Nation Policies and procedures
- Proficient in Microsoft Office Programs
- Excellent Written and Verbal Skills
- Excellent organizational skills

Position Open till Filled Email resume and references to: Tbrown.cdfn.hr@outlook.com

We thank all that apply but only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

Help Wanted



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Help Wanted



Canupawakpa Dakota Nation Employment Opportunity Jordan's Principle – On Reserve Case Worker Start Date: July 8 2024

Position Summary: Develop relationship with local School District and Manage education programming for Pre-K to High School completion, adult basic education, alternative education and other school programs as well as administrative processing, organizing programs, applying for funding/proposals and supervising staff.

Responsibilities:

- Manage administration operations and programs
- Work and effectively communicate with school administrators, staff, families, and other industry and stakeholders
- Advocating for the community's education needs
- Connecting families with various support resources, ability to deal tactfully with students, staff and parents
- Mediate any interpersonal conflicts between educational institutions and families
- Must have a class 5 drivers license and access to a reliable vehicle, willing to travel upon request and work flexible hours
- Follow Canupawakpa Dakota Nation policies and procedures with specific attention to attendance and professional ethics
- · Manage and oversee all Educational Staff

Qualifications:

- Bachelor of Education or equivalent experience.
- Grade 12 diploma
- Demonstrated leadership capacity with the ability to achieve results through an informative approach to decision making
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Position open till filled Interested applicants send your resume & references to: Tbrown.cdfn.hr@outlook.com

We thank all who apply but only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JENNIE MARIA NASH, late of the Postal District of Reston, in the Province of Manitoba, deceased;

ALL claims against the above estate, duly verified by Statutory Declaration, must be filed with the undersigned at their office, 243 Raglan Street W., Box 520, Virden, MB, R0M 2C0, on or before the 13th day of December, 2024.

DATED at Virden, Manitoba, this 29th day of October, 2024.

LARISSA SOSNOWSKI – MCNEILL HARASYMCHUK MCCONNELL SOLICITOR FOR THE EXECUTOR

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FOR SALE BY TENDER

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110-11th Street

Brandon, Manitoba R7A 4J4

Attention: Stephen K. Branigan

Property:

- · Parcel One (Title No. 1806320/2) NW 19-14-29 WPM1, EXC All Mines and Minerals, located in the RM of Ellice-Archie (Manitoba) consisting of approximately 154.17 acres of farmland.*
- · Parcel Two (Title Nos. 106093289 and 106093278) SE 24-14-30 WPM1, located in the RM of Moosomin (Saskatchewan) which consists of approximately 100 acres of Arable Land 35 acres of Pasture Land and 25 acres of Waste Land.* Parcel Two includes a Conservation Easement held by Ducks Unlimited Canada and registered as Interest Register Number 124999150 which limits the use of the land.**
- *all acreages have been taken from the most recent Manitoba Property Assessment Report or Saskatchewan Assessment Management Agency*
- ** a copy of the Conservation Easement registered as Interest Register Number 124999150 can be provided upon request.**

CONDITIONS OF TENDER

- 1. Interested parties must rely on their own inspection and knowledge of the property and not on the above or any other particulars or representations made by or on behalf of the vendor.
- 2. Interested parties may submit a tender for the purchase of both parcels together or one parcel individually. If tendering on both parcels, the tenders shall set out the price tendered for each parcel separately.
- 3. The seller shall, in their sole discretion, decide whether the parcels will be sold together to one purchaser or individually to separate parties.
- 4. Tenders must be received at or before 3:00pm on November 15, 2024, at the offices of Meighen Haddad LLP, 110 – 11th Street, Brandon, Manitoba, attention: Stephen K. Branigan.
- 5. Bidders shall rely on their own inspection of both parcels, which shall be sold in "as is, where is" condition.
- 6. The successful tender shall enter into an Offer to Purchase with the seller by December 1, 2024, and the closing date of same shall be December 16, 2024, or a such date to be agreed upon (the "Closing Date"). 7. Each tender must be accompanied by a cheque payable to Meighen Haddad LLP representing 5% of
- the tendered purchase price. Deposits accompanying unacceptable tenders will be returned following the close of tenders.
- 8. The highest or any tender will not necessarily be accepted.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SALE

- 1. The bidder or bidders whose tender is accepted will be required to complete an agreement covering terms and conditions of sale by December 1, 2024.
- 2. In addition to the deposit, the balance of the accepted tender must be paid on or before the Closing Date. If the balance of the accepted tender is not paid by the Closing Date, or no evidence is provided that the balance will be available under conditions acceptable to the vendor, the deposit paid may be forfeited as liquidated damages and not as a penalty.
- 3. Possession is not authorized until acceptable arrangements for full payment are made following accep-
- 4. Meighen Haddad LLP will prepare a formal Offer to Purchase with standard provisions for the purchase and sale for the accepted tender.
- 5. Successful bidders will be responsible for real property taxes commencing January 1, 2025.
- 6. Successful bidders will be responsible to pay G.S.T. or to provide a Declaration and Undertaking to self-assess if registered for G.S.T.
- 7. In the event that harvesting and marketing conditions prevent the Vendor from delivering grain grown and stored on the lands prior to the Closing Date, the Vendor shall have the right to store and access grain on the lands until July 31, 2025.
- 8. The Mines and Minerals Rights for Parcel One will be retained.
- 9. Successful bidders shall be responsible to pay Land Transfer Tax (if applicable).
- 10. Each of the vendor and purchaser will be responsible for their own legal fees to complete the sale.

For further information, please contact Stephen Branigan at 204-727-8461 or sbranigan@mhlaw.ca.

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Help Wanted



Canupawakpa Health Service **Employment Opportunity – Full Time Position Home Care Assistant**



Start Date October 28 - Open Til Filled

Position Summary: Canupawakpa Health Centre is seeking a Registered Nurse to fulfill the role of the Home and Community Care Program. Under the direction of the supervisor and/ or Health Director, the Home Care Worker provides quality personal care and home support services within the community of Canupawakpa Dakota Nation. The Registered Nurse is responsible for the assessment and provision of professional nursing care to clients in the community setting.

Key Responsibilities:

- Provide Personal and supplemental care duties and services in the home and/or in the settings including (but not limited to) bathing, dressing, grooming, toileting, exercise programs, shopping, transportation, monitoring, BP & BG
- Contributes towards promoting and maintaining the physical, psychological, and social well being of adult care/elder care clientele and advocates for the dignity and self respect of the clients
- Assists Canupawakpa families in providing care for the terminally ill clients
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- Assists with planning, designing, and implementing comprehensive adult care/ elder care program activities and initiatives
- Maintains records in all confidential and accurate manner and informs the Health Director with regular activity updates
- Encourage and assist client's participation with activities, organize and facilitate leisure activity groups and other duties as assigned
- Maintain strong confidentiality of clientele

Qualifications:

- Grade 12 diploma
- HCA Certificate or equivalent
- **CPR & First Aid Certificate**
- Proficient in Office Programs
- Maintain high level of Confidentiality
- Satisfactory Criminal Record Check & Child Abuse Registry Check
- Ability to speak/understand the Dakota Language an asset

We thank all that apply but only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

Interested applicants please send Resume & Cover Letter to: Tbrown.cdfn.hr@outlook.com **Human Resources BOX 146** Pipestone MB **ROM 1TO**

PH: 204-854-2959

Help Wanted



Canupawakpa Dakota Nation **Job Opportunity – Full Time Education Director** Start Date: August 5

Position Summary: Develop relationship with local School District and Manage education programming for Pre-K to High School completion, adult basic education, alternative education and other school programs as well as administrative processing, organizing programs, applying for funding/proposals and supervising staff.

Responsibilities:

- Manage administration operations and programs
- · Work and effectively communicate with school administrators, staff, families, and other industry and stakeholders
- Advocating for the community's education needs
- · Connecting families with various support resources, ability to deal tactfully with students, staff and parents
- Mediate any interpersonal conflicts between educational institutions and families
- Must have a class 5 drivers license and access to a reliable vehicle, willing to travel upon request and work flexible hours
- Follow Canupawakpa Dakota Nation policies and procedures with specific attention to attendance and professional ethics
- · Manage and oversee all Educational Staff

Qualifications:

- Bachelor of Education or equivalent experience.
- Grade 12 diploma
- Demonstrated leadership capacity with the ability to achieve results through an informative approach to decision making
- Ability to use tact diplomacy in interactions with all relevant parties; dealing and interacting with people from different backgrounds and disciplines, the ability to be sensitive to other people's opinions while trying to find common ground is essential
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- Minimum 2 years of experience in the field of education
- Must provide a satisfactory Criminal Record Check, Child & Adult Abuse Registry checks with the vulnerable sector search

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Virden's Cadet program calls for leaders

By Anne Davison

Manitoba Dragoons EMPIRE-ADVANCE Cadet Corps Commanding Officer (CO) has moved to Carman and the group has dwindled to just two cadets. The corps is in desperate need of community interest and new volunteers.

Captain Don Thomson, zone training officer for Camp Hughesfrom Shilo, along with Dwayne Thomas, Manitoba President of the Army Cadet League of Canada, paid a visit to the Town council meeting on Oct. 22, hoping that council would become an ambassador for the cadet corps to bring awareness to the community.

For the present, Cpt. Thomson will be taking over as CO for Virden's cadets. "I'll be working with an adult attraction program and a youth attraction program to develop both a staff to support cadets and the cadets themselves..." he said. "It's a long-term vision but with the size of this community, it's the second largest community in my geographical area, there's no reason why cadets shouldn't be healthy here, other than we've got to give it the attention it deserves, and we've got to spread the word."

He said, "When I look at this community, there are 350 to 400 youth of appropriate cadet age." He reckoned that should translate into 30 to 50 cadets. "If we were to achieve those metrics and give the youth that benefit, we need to find the appropriate staff. And why can't we find four or five staff? Because nobody knows we need them. No one knows the opportunity exists and so we need to reach the adult community." Cadets is developed to be a "youth leading youth" program.

Thomson pointed out, "It's been instrumental in a lot of youth that I see, including my own children, in developing the skills they don't get within the public school system.'

Cultural education is part of their strategy. Cadets are trained in citizenship, personal fitness, sports, air rifles, biathlon, and music. Summer camps provide an opportunity to travel and station in different parts of Canada to gain new skills. "It is giving an idea of what the Canadian Military is all about."

The Department of National Defence is the vehicle by which the federal government invests in youth in communities across Canada. There's Air Cadets, Sea Cadets and an Army Cadet Program, as well as the Junior Canadian Ranger Program, found in some of the northern locations. However, going through the cadet program does not necessarily lead to military service.

CREATING LEADERS

"What we're trying to create is one future leader, one future citizen at a time through the youth that we develop,



Entering Town of Virden council chambers, RCMP Corporal Eduardo Giannico (left) greets the Army Cadet League of Canada Branch President Dwayne Thomas (grey suit) and Cadet Commanding Officer Captain Don Thomson as the cadet reps prepare to exit following their presentation to council.

whether they want to go into civilian occupations, government occupations, or military occupations. The teachings we teach in cadets are universally applied," he stated.

Thomson was a former Chicken Chef owner. He said that when he had staff that had been through the cadet program, "they understood the principles of instruction. They understood how to break down a task into a teachable moment for a new member of the staff.... So, the cadet model really does help support future youth leaders in business and in the community."

Thomson spoke of other benefits to the community. "There is a statistic that sits in our office: Youth that have enrolled in our cadet program are seldom ever in the youth justice system. We've gone into some really tough communities and see great results. And there are some here in Manitoba. We've got a cadet corps in Cross Lake. They saw less youth getting in trouble once the program was there." At one point that corps had a membership of 100.

"We need to reach the adult community" -Thomas

Bullying is an issue that schools, sports clubs and even the workplace has to deal with. Just so, cadets have a program called PHASE, Promoting Healthy and Safe Experiences, developed in partnership with the Red Cross of Canada.

"PHASE has a four-part model where cadets are trained to look for signs and symptoms, listen to the concerns and well-being of individuals around them, link individuals that are experiencing difficulties with the appropriate resources, and learn to live and move forward in an adjusted sense," says Thomson. Practically speaking he said, "In the Army Cadets here in Virden, we really focus on the expedition side, the ability to go hiking, canoeing, camping, using outdoor skills accordingly on top of the leadership and the instructional skills.... It's about just going on a healthy walk for five kilometers on a weekend, carrying a rucksack and setting up a tent. Getting through that weekend, and sometimes that weekend is in February when the weather isn't the best. But the kids have fun. We challenge them a little bit, but we do it in a way that is teamwork-orientated so that they're not doing it alone. They're doing it with everybody."

Before the cadet delegation left the town meeting, councillors had an opportunity to ask a few questions.

The reps explained that while XII Manitoba Dragoons Cadet Corps needs a CO, a volunteer need not have a cadet or military background. There are several key positions to fill.

The duowants to bring the cadets program to the Virden public, "show them the program, see what they think. To see where we can find some volunteers. What we are really looking for from you," he said to the council, "is if you have any guidance of how we can get out there, even give us the background of the community and how it's changed and what's the appetite for a program like this."

Mayor Williams expressed appreciation for their presentation, assuring the two representatives that the Town of Virden would help to inform the public about any forthcoming cadet public information meetings.





First World War Veteran Ralph Hodgson Inspired a Generation of War Amputees

Submitted

By Martine Lepine

Ralph Hodgson (1895- p 1948) lived by the motto the inscribed on his tomb-

stone: "It's not what you have lost that counts but what you have." These words defined his life's work, as he dedicated himself to ensuring that his fellow war amputee veterans could thrive despite their injuries.

Hodgson, a law student when the First World War began, enlisted with Toronto's 24th Battalion. In April 1917, he was wounded during the Battle of Vimy Ridge, resulting in the amputation of his right leg below the knee.

Hodgson became a founding member of The War Amps, an organization established over a century ago by amputee veterans of the First World War. Their mission was to unite, support and advocate for the rights of amputee veterans.

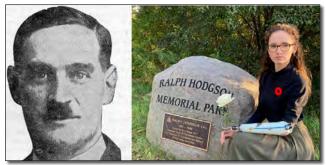
These First World War veterans played a pivotal role in welcoming and mentoring a new generation of am-

putees returning from the Second World War, helping them adapt and sharing their hard-earned wisdom.

Hodgson was best remembered for greeting hospital ships as they returned with injured soldiers from the Second World War. His presence offered encouragement to these young men, helping them come to terms with their amputations and motivating them to move forward.

For his remarkable efforts, Hodgson was awarded the Order of the British Empire, a distinction given to civilians who contributed to the war effort by supporting veterans and their families.

"Mr. Hodgson showed other war amputee veterans that their amputations wouldn't hold them back from succeeding in life," says Rachel Quilty, a graduate of The War Amps Child Amputee (CHAMP) Program. "He's remembered not just for securing jobs for amputees, but for giving them the confidence and strength to persevere."



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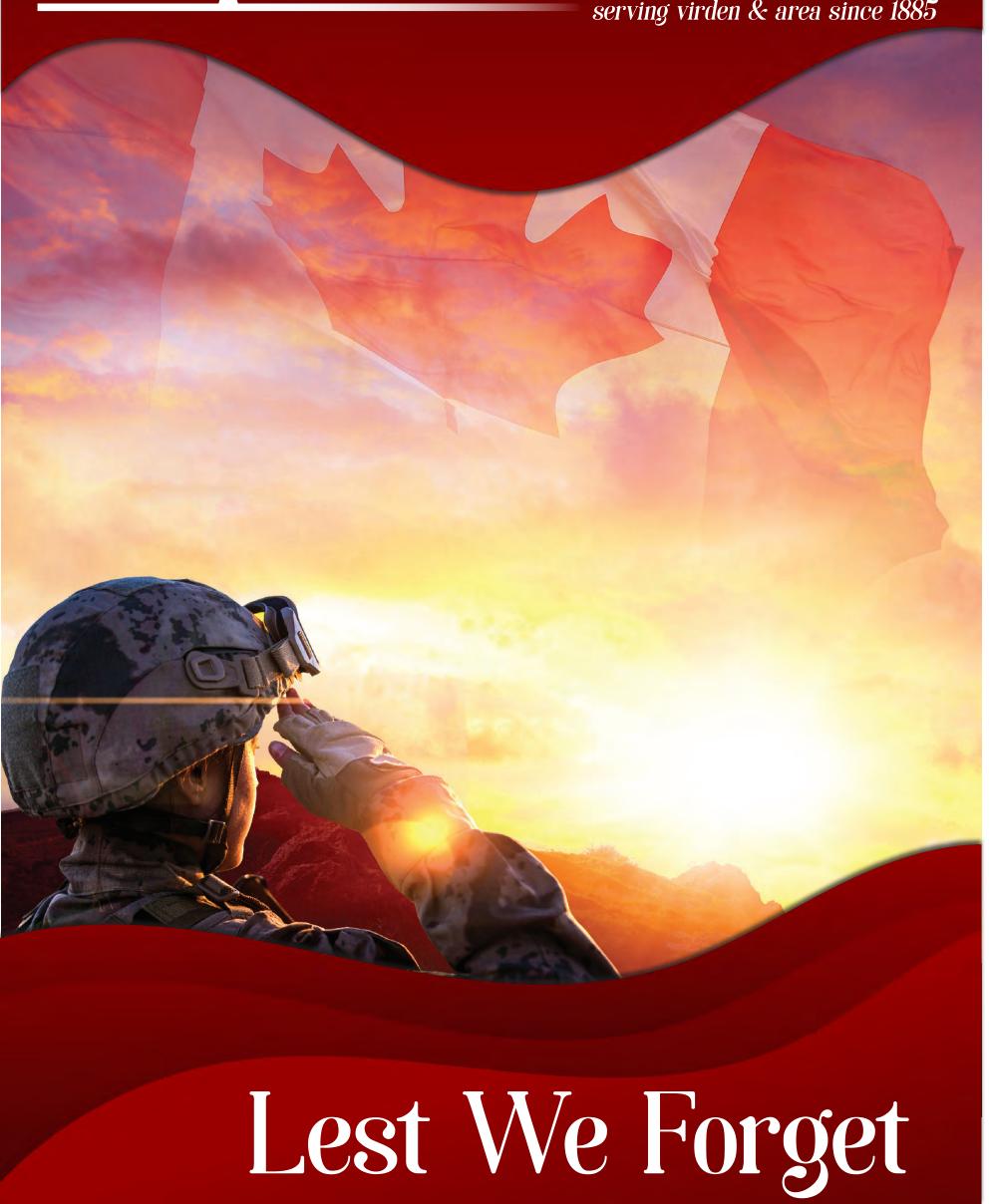
Rachel Quilty, a graduate of The War Amps Child Amputee (CHAMP) Program, pays tribute to Ralph Hodgson at Ralph Hodgson Memorial Park in Port Hope, Ontario

Today, Ralph Hodgson Memorial Park in Port Hope, Ontario, stands as a lasting tribute to his extraordinary commitment to Canada's war amputee veterans.



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Artist creates perfect family image

Submitted

By Lorraine Scott

During the months of September, self taught artist Laura Stenhouse

displayed her artwork at the Virden Station. A portrait of her great uncle, Thomas Bickerton was a focus point at the beginning of her exhibit. Stenhouse had a small picture of him and had captured his youthful likeness.

One guest to preview Laura's work was a cousin, Wenda Paton. She stopped in her tracks and could not believe what she was seeing! There was her dad looking at her with a serene soft look on his face. An incredible feeling swept over her. She could not wait to tell her cousins, the Scotts, about seeing her dad's picture and how wonderful he looked. Laura had made a perfect picture and Wenda told her how talented she was.

Mervin and Lorraine Scott made arrangements to see their nieces artwork. We also were mesmerized by Uncle Tom's portrait.

It was a flawless and extraordinary piece of work. Wenda Paton had taken care of both Mervin and me when we needed help. We told Laura that we wanted to gift Wenda with her dad's picture and have a wonderful surprise for her. You cannot believe the look on her face when we told her that we had purchased her dad's picture. We knew that it meant so much to her. Nostalgia swept over her as she hugged his picture and then looked at him. After an emotional time, she said with tears in her eyes, "Well Dad let us go home now!"



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Service Times

All services are open to the public. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Virden – Service at Virden Aud Theatre. Please be seated by 9:40am. Cookies and Coffee after the service.

Oak Lake – Service at Oak Lake Hall at 10:30am with lunch at the Oak Lake Legion #150.

Kenton – Service at 10:45am at the Kenton Hall with potluck lunch to follow at the Kenton Legion #118.

Miniota-Service at Miniota School on Friday, Nov 8.

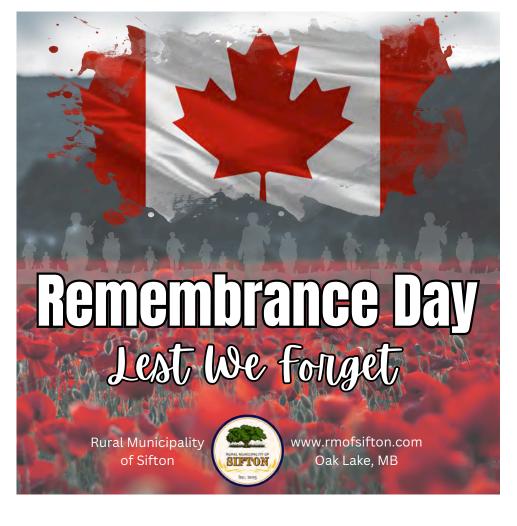
Elkhorn - The congregation can be seated at 10:30 in the Elkhorn Legion Hall. The Remembrance Day Service begins at 10:45.

Pipestone – Service at 11am held outdoors at the new Pipestone Memorial Park.











Good, Orville Raymond - WWII - Virden

Orville Good, oldest of three brothers, was born on the farm near Lenore, Manitoba, on August 7, 1924. Enlisting in Winnipeg in December 1943, he trained in Rivers, then left Halifax overseas in 1944. Orville fought soon after D-Day from Caen, France, Belgium, Holland, and into Germany, in the Infantry, with the South Saskatchewan Regiment. During Battle of The Bulge, Orville and his buddy, with captured chicken, celebrated Christmas dinner in a foxhole. Discharged in 1945, Orville farmed with his father. With the VLA he bought his own farm in 1949 and married Ferne Jenson from Montana. Raising two sons, they retired in 1980 to Virden, Manitoba. For fun, Orville trained Sulkie horses with carts. He was a Branch 118 Woodworth, Kenton and Branch 8 Virden member of The Royal Canadian Legion for 63 years. He received the Volunteer Service, Defence, and Victory Europe Medals, and 1939-1945 WWII, and France and Germany Stars. Orville celebrated Victory year 50 in Holland in 1995. He passed away in 2009 in Virden.

McKie, William J. - WWII - Reston

William was born on February 22, 1920 in Reston, Manitoba. He enlisted in the Canadian Army Active on March 20, 1941 and served for four years and eight months until November 2, 1945. He served with the Royal Canadian Service Corps, 41st General Transport Company. After the war, he served in the Air Force Reserve for eight years with the rank of Captain. He was a Life Member of The Royal Canadian Legion

the Air Force Reserve for eight years the rank of Captain. He was a Life M ber of The Royal Canadian Legion Foam Lake Branch 16 with service of 53 years. William passed away on January 30, 2000.

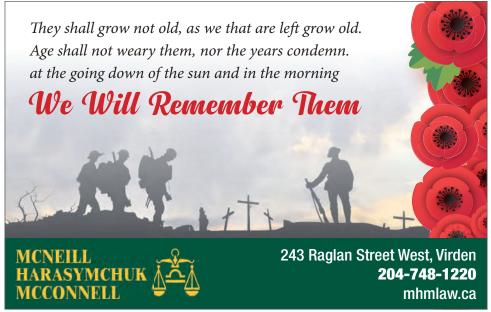














Horner, Thomas Leslie - WWII - Miniota

Les was born in 1914 in Miniota, Manitoba and he worked in several lumber yards in southern Manitoba before the war. He served with the Royal Canadian Air Force from June 25, 1942 until March 1, 1946, when he was honourably released and transferred to the Reserve General Section Class "E". He was posted to Trenton, ON and Brandon, MB as Aircraftman 2 and to Calgary, AB, Gander and Flatrock, NL, and Plymouth, MB as Leading Aircraftman. He received the Canadian Volunteer Service Medal with Clasp, the War Medal 1939-1945, and the Defence Medal. In 1950, Les married Lillian Ellerington and they had two daughters. He worked for the Miniota Co-op, sold life insurance and was salesman for Baker Manufacturing of Winnipeg. He lived in Miniota and was a member of The Royal Canadian Legion Miniota Branch 66 for 35 years before he died in 1991.

Campbell, John Dixon - WWII - Kenton

John Campbell, also known as Jack, was born in Verity, Manitoba, a rural community near Kenton, Manitoba, in 1927. He grew up on the family farm, then went to work in the mines very young, and enlisted in 1942 in the army as a fifteen-year-old for World War II. His short-termed enlistment was in Manitoba, probably signing up in Flin Flon. He contracted Scarlet Fever, was hospitalized, and was discharged for medical reasons, as well as his true age was discovered. Jack married Betty McGinnis from The Pas, Manitoba. They raised a family of four sons and one daughter. Jack was killed in a mine at Esterhazy, Saskatchewan in 1966. Jack's older brother Bill served with the artillery through Canada and Europe.







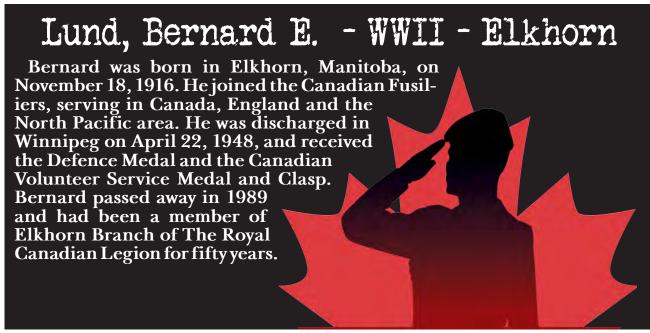




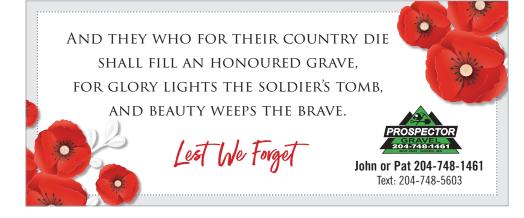


Gompf, Ronald Henry - WWII - Oak Lake

Ronald Henry Gompf, Ron, was born in 1923 in Oak Lake, Manitoba. Raised on the family farm, Ron enlisted in the Army in 1943 in Manitoba, training on several bases including Camp Shilo, before going overseas, where he was promoted to Lance Corporal. He served with the Calgary Highlanders and Winnipeg Rifles through Europe including Germany Battle Rhineland, and the Liberation of Groningen and Northern Holland. A hair-raising experience was guarding SS Commander Brigadeführer Kurt Meyer. Discharge came in February 1946. Ron received the Volunteer Service and Victory Europe medals, and 1939-1945 Star. Having met before the war, he returned and married school sweetheart Katherine Maziarz. Ron and Kay raised a family of three, farming at Kenton, MB, a community near Oak Lake. Kay passed away in 1962, and Ron in 2004. Ron was a Legion Member for 56 years, starting with Branch 118, Woodworth, in Kenton. Ron is buried in Johnston Cemetery near Oak Lake.













Our Freedom is not Free: Someone Had to Pay for it

So many paid the ultimate price

By John Fefchak

RCAF & CANADIAN ARMED FORCES (CWO /RET.)

There were many sacrifices.

Many men, women, and families over the decades, throughout Canada and the world are well aware of the personal sacrifices that were made to keep us free. Those fallen airmen, soldiers, sailors and merchant marine accomplishments are extraordinary, and we must never forget what they have accomplished to protect Canada and provide us the freedom that we all enjoy.

Let us take Time to Remember.

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"Never in the history of mankind was so much been owed by so many to so few."

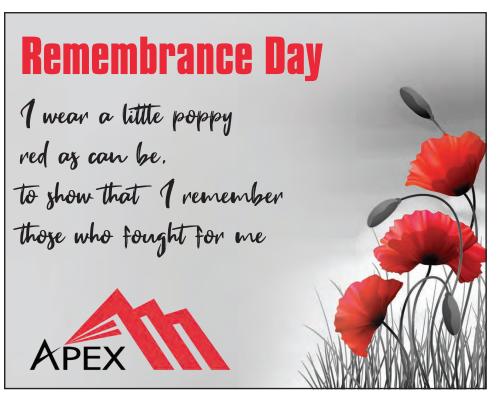
Winston Churchill, the Prime Minster of Great Britain.













Reston students honour veterans through NSLA

Submitted

By Kim MacKenzie

Since November 2022, students from Reston School have been involved in the No

Stone Left Alone (NSLA) initiative in lead up to Remembrance Day. The goal of NSLA is to move students beyond their classrooms and come face to face with our history through commemorating veterans in their own community. This gratitude is not only for the fallen military veterans but to honor living veterans, serving members and their families.

On Friday, Nov. 1, Mrs. Elana Wray's Grade 10 class held ceremonies at Reston, Pipestone, Tilston and Sinclair cemeteries. This year they placed painted rock poppies on the headstones of more than 170 veterans. The public was invited to the ceremonies and students were greeted by veteran families and interested members of the public at their stops. This year the group welcomed Warrant Officer Dan Walsh, 26th Field Regiment, 38 Artillery Tactical Group and Captain Darwin Fish, 38 ATG who accompanied them for the day.

While educators and students make up a large number of those who participate in NSLA, individuals and groups who would like to hold events to honour the veterans at rest in their own communities can do so as well. NSLA encourages the engagement of youth to help ensure the ongoing of Remembrance however that could take many forms from in getting involved, please $contact\,No\,Stone\,Left\,Alone$ (www.nostoneleftalone.ca).

Special thanks to Mrs. Michelle Gervin who has accompanied the students the past three years to play the bugle for the ceremonies and Mrs. Linda Watt has driven their bus. Thank-you to Captain Derek Millard and Nick Tingeywhojoined us the first two years and Mrs. Lesia Milliken with her Grade 5 class in 2023. Thank-you to the other volunteers who continue to assist in identifying the veteran headstones prior to the day of the services and

any other way they are needed: Ken Moore, Brian Zarn, Sherrill Berry, Janis Lobreau, Barbara Schiltroth, Don Revet, Greg Senkbeil and Graham MacKenzie.

With no formal Remembrance Day services held in many of these small communities the NSLA service with the students gives the public a chance to gather and honour. This

year the town of Tilston held a time of fellowship after the ceremony and a generous community member sent bags of homemade cookies for the students to enjoy before their

For myself, Kim MacKenzie, it has been a pleasure to be involved with NSLA since 2022. There have been so many rewarding moments with the youth who have taken this journey over the past three years. NSLA is a unique experience these students will take forward with them forever.



Mrs. Elana Wray's Grade 10 class at Tilston cemetery

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Lions Clubs award Peace Poster artists



Virden Lions Peace Poster 2024 winners: (front l-r) Schuylar Glendinning-Barre, Emory Frizzle, Roman Penner, Santi Sanchez, Callie Gray, Nijel Aquind, Brax LeBlanc, Emery Strachan, Lily Bukarz; back row students: Corbyn Waller, Leilah Cosens, Elyse McDonald, Benjamin Stuart, Kaycie Michalak, Braydon Andries, Mia Pearn, Alexandra Quintero, Alivia Flannery and (adults backrow I-r), VCI principal Mrs. Ramsey; Virden Lions - Jim Chapman, Alex Sundell, Ben Veselovsky, Barry O'Grady, Virden Lions President Lloyd Williams, and Joan Veselovsky.

By Anne Davison

The Gr. 7 class filled the Virden **EMPIRE-ADVANCE** Junior High library awaiting the results of their work on the

Lions Peace Posters. There were 67 students from the social studies class who chose to participate in the peace poster contest and, as each of the 18 winners were announced, the class cheered.

globe have been sponsoring this very special art contest in schools and youth groups. Creating peace posters gives students ages 11 – 13 the opportunity to think about world peace and to express their visions of peace through art and creativity.

For Virden Lions Club, Joan Veselovsky has been organizing the peace poster contest for 27 years.

The winning poster addressing the Lions' theme For over three decades, Lions clubs around the for 2024 - 2025, Peace Without Limits, was the



Schuylar Glendinning-Barre's peace poster is declared the winning work. This poster will be sent to further competition at District 5M13 level which includes Lions clubs of Virden, Hamiota, Oak Lake, Rivers, Kenton and Wheat City.

work of Schuylar Glendinning-Barre. Her poster will compete next at the District 5M13. Local students' winning work can be seen in Virden Legion.

At the national level, several winning posters will be hung in Ottawa. However, the competition is also international and a grand prize winner will be declared. That work can be seen on the lionsclub. org website under 'events.'



