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## Six local youth tour with WMYC



Avrin Krieser, Charley Dunning, Jamie Thiessen, Micah Thiessen, Reed Plaisier and Tristan Plaisier are performing with the Western Manitoba Youth Choir this fall.

**By Empire-Advance staff**  
EMPIRE ADVANCE

Talented and passionate about singing, the Western Manitoba Youth Choir has been busy preparing for their 43rd season. Under the direction of Deanna Ginn (Brandon) and Stuart Sladden (Winnipeg) accompanied by Danielle Guina (Brandon), 54 talented choristers have gathered and rehearsed at Camp Wannakumbac for two weekends.

Six local youth are choir members this year. Avrin Krieser, Charley Dunning, Jamie Thiessen, Micah Thiessen, Reed Plaisier and Tristan Plaisier are local youth that are part of this great choir.

In mid-October, the choir will be boarding the bus and starting their tour of communities in the Westman area.

See the choir perform at a location near you:

- Boissevain School- Tuesday, Oct. 17 at 10:00am
- First Presbyterian Church, Brandon- Tuesday, Oct. 17 at 7:30pm
- St. Paul's United Church, Souris - Saturday, Oct. 19 at 7:00pm

They also will be joining a province-wide youth choir organized by the Manitoba Choral Association gathering and performing in Portage la Prairie on Oct. 20 at the William Glesby Centre at 3:00pm

- Carberry Collegiate - Monday, Oct. 21 at 9:30am
- Deloraine Winchester Theater - Monday, Oct. 21 at 7:30pm


The choristers are excited to perform and invite you to celebrate their music with them! Follow them on Facebook, Instagram and on YouTube.



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**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11**  
**VS. WINNIPEG BLUES**  
PUCK DROPS AT 7:30PM

*Inside...*



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# feel the Christmas spirit from your head to your mistletoes

## Christmas in the Country Trade Show



PHOTOS BY JESSICA COULTER

43 Vendors fill the Rec Plex in Reston and help 220 people start their Christmas shopping.



Pickles, pumpkins, jams and table runners, all homemade and wonderful.



Gnome-matter what, they always bring cheer.

By Jessica Coulter  
EMPIRE-ADVANCE

On October 6, the Christmas in the Country Tradeshow was held at the Reston Rec Plex. Vendors came from all over to enjoy an afternoon at this market. Some drove for up to six hours just to be at the Reston Christmas show. A total of 43 booths were set up in the Rec Plex. About 220 people came out to shop the market. For thirteen years, Krystle Knelsen has arranged the Reston Christmas Market in Reston. She has been in charge of the project since the beginning and has done all the organizing by herself for the last few years.

The first year of the show, there were 19 tables set up at the theatre. It was realized very quickly that they were going to need more room, which is why the event is now held at the Reston Rec Plex. A person can get a good head start on their Christmas shopping with gorgeous hand-made jewelry, beautiful carved woodwork pieces, and perfect stitched or crocheted doll clothes,

kitchen and winter items. Some homemade fudge, bread, cupcakes and more could be found for the avid shopper to take home for a snack for later. There was something for everyone. The Reston Dance Club and Reston Nursery School, both non-profit groups, worked with Krystle to prepare the market and have helped for years. Members of both groups help with set-up before the event and help the vendors bring in their product for the show on Sunday morning. During the market, the Reston Dance Club worked the front door collecting the

\$5 admission, selling 50/50 draw tickets and having people sign up for the door prize. The Reston Nursery School work the canteen serving chili, sandwiches and a choice of six different delicious desserts including Chocolate Lasagna. All proceeds earned were split evenly between the two organizations for the dance kids and nursery kids. So many items were donated by the different vendors to the front door prize that Krystle split the door prize into three prizes and three winners received a gift for attending the trade show. To date, the show has donated \$29,000 to local nonprofit groups.

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# GovFox helping Wallace-Woodworth get organized



Cheryl Christian, Founder GovFox

By Jessica Coulter  
EMPIRE-ADVANCE

Cheryl Christian of GovFox came to the RM of Wallace-Woodworth to host three focus group meetings on Oct 4 and 5. One meeting was held in Virden, the second in Kenton and the third in Elkhorn. The purpose of these meetings was to hear from the communities what they want to see

changed in our municipality.

Cheryl Christian is from West St. Paul where she has worked for her community for many years in different roles including as the mayor. She has been in community leadership for over 20 years. She ran for council because she felt that the biggest problem the government has is lack of communication. She was a teacher at the

University of Manitoba. After her time on council and as mayor, Cheryl decided she wanted to help other municipalities with their strategic plan.

Her visit to the Wallace-Woodworth communities was to discuss the importance of strategic planning, the process that is taking place, the timeline and the next steps. Basically, between the focus group meetings, the

surveys she has been collecting from each town, the meetings she has been having with council members and talking to the people she meets in the community, Cheryl will collect all the data and create a plan for the RM of Wallace-Woodworth to move forward with improvements to our communities.

Cheryl did explain right away that this had nothing to do with Plan 20-50.

The focus group was set to concentrate on what the community considers their priorities to improve our communities. The group that attended the meeting had the chance to speak their mind about what they would like to see changed. The number one concern in the Kenton community was road infrastructure.

It was communicated to Cheryl and the AAO of RM of Wallace-Woodworth, Iris Vercaigne, that one of the largest concerns is the condition of the rural roads in the area. There is a miscommunication as to when a member of the community reports bad road conditions to the RM and the RM showing a list of the roads that have been brought to their attention and their plan to repair them. The concern was communication between the people of the community and the RM of Wallace-Woodworth office about the plan.

Other concerns presented were:

1) Having all homes

on public water works, which has not been completed.

2) Equipment being replaced for our firefighters because of age instead of use. An unnecessary expense.

3) Volunteer firefighters being made to fundraise for new equipment when they are volunteers.

4) Poor cellular service, making it difficult to attract new businesses to the area or commuters to want to live in the area.

5) Pest control, specifically gopher control causing major crop destruction.

6) Employment opportunities-more businesses in the area to employ more people to want to move and or stay in the area.

If roads are not taken care of it affects helping our communities grow. Why would someone move to our area if the commute to work is terrible, if the snow clearing takes a week to complete, if school buses cannot pick up children or ambulances cannot reach homes due to damaged roads.

Having this plan will help the RM of Wallace-Woodworth approach the government for various grants to improve our communities by showing them the research behind the choices our communities are making, whether it is for better roads, additional schools, housing developments, improvements to recreation centres or driving more businesses to step up in our area.

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# Tundra

By Chad Carpenter



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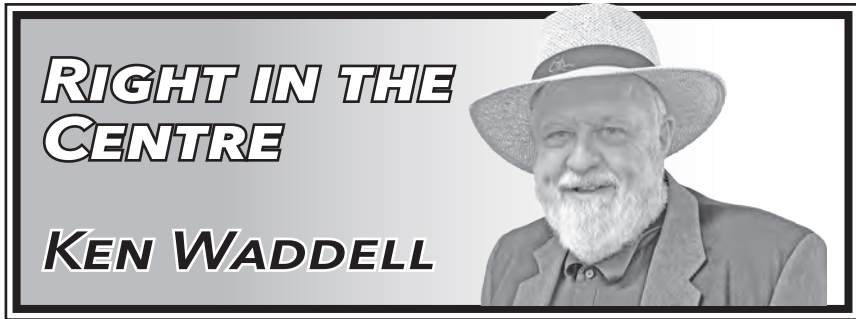
Fifty-five years ago on Oct. 11, it was a Saturday and it was a bit cool and blustery. It can easily be said that it was the most important day in my life. Christine and I got married that day in the Virden Presbyterian church. Our wedding reception was at the former Scarth School which, by 1969, had been converted into a community centre.

It was a memorable day that included family, good food, some nice fiddle music played by Alex Milne. It also included a very weak speech by me, a disappointment to my wife.

Christine parents were Henry and Jean Lobel and her family still lives at Scarth and are very active members in the Virden area.

We were university students and it's amazing that we were able to somehow afford to get married, rent a one bedroom apartment in the Fort Rouge area of Winnipeg. Our wedding took place on Thanksgiving weekend. What better weekend to get married. Our honeymoon was a night in a little roadside motel and a Sunday drive in the valley north of Virden. I believe we explored an old stone church and enjoyed what was left of the fall colours. By Tuesday morning, we were back at class at U of M.

The next year was a whirlwind. By our first anniversary, I had graduated with an Ag degree, Christine with a Teaching Certificate and a one year of Arts. I had served a term on the U of M Senate, finished off working with the Manitoban, the U of M newspaper and moved to Carberry to work for Carnation Foods (now McCains). I worked a term position at Brandon University with the BUNTEP program, moved back to Winnipeg to work on a tomato



“Through all this we have been blessed.”

greenhouse research project. Oh yes, and had our first son Michael. By January 1971, we had moved to Neepawa and now 50 plus years later we are pretty much rooted in the western Manitoba scene.

Now we have two sons, a daughter-in-law, four grandchildren, two grandsons-in-law and four great grand sons to fill out the family package to date. We have farmed, run an auction business, operated a newspaper for 35 years and now are responsible for three community papers and a local TV station. Just on a trivial note, I can say I have been in publishing for 58 years as my first one was in 1966. We have had financial challenges, political wins and losses and numerous health challenges. The most recent and serious one has been Christine's battle with cancer and chemotherapy. She is recovering but it's a slow and arduous process but she is doing much better.

Through all this, and I won't speak for Christine, but I think she agrees, we have been blessed. I summarize our life with words of a hymn.

*“To God be the glory, great things he has done!  
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,  
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,  
and opened the life-gate that all may go in.”*

I have made lots of mistakes, said some things I shouldn't have said but I stand by all that is above in this column. We have been blessed, and assailed with some troubles but nothing earth shaking.

We are blessed by God and with family. Blessed by this part of Manitoba and by all the communities we live and work in. Blessed by many great people we currently live beside and were blessed by those who have passed away.

Today we hear a lot of “F” words but I have four of them-Faith, Family, Friends and Finances. Just be sure to keep them in that order.

*Disclaimer: The views expressed in this column are the writer's personal views and are not to be taken as being the view of the newspaper staff.*

### Homebodies

Rita Friesen



## Thanksgiving...

There is a day set aside for giving thanks. Perhaps we do need a reminder to be grateful. It should be a daily practice. As I mature- read that get older- it becomes more and more necessary to be thankful, to recognize the many great people, and things, that fill my life. I have family, friends, food, faith and there are times when I would list them in different orders of significance.

Laundry. I love doing the laundry and am hard pressed not to wash clothes that aren't even dirty. There is a deep satisfaction for me to be able to, without much effort, wash, dry and put away a plethora of clothing and household items. I heard stories of my maternal grandmother, the one who raised twelve children on a farm, welcoming a trundle washer that was powered by an electric motor. No more arm killing hours spent scrubbing on a wash board or swinging the arm of the half circle washing tub. The clothes line was the constant, winter and summer, often needing a strong tree branch of piece of lumber to help support the weight of the wet laundry. I watched my mother welcome the wringer washer; still heating the water and bucketing the waste water outside. Wet washed items where piled high until it was time to change the wash water to the rinse water, and then they were lugged outside to the clothes line. I watched the household welcome the electric clothes dryer, saving many a frost bitten finger or nose. (I do miss the smell of fresh frozen laundry thawing while draped over doorways and chairs- but I don't miss that enough to replicate it!) My routine now consists of loading a washing machine, pressing buttons, adding detergent and walking away. For most of the year I still use the great outdoors as the dryer, because I have that option. I am thankful for laundry!

### Wonders of a warming oven

Kitchen aids...both of my grandmothers had household help after the children left home. That gave them time to grow gloxinias, play with grandchildren and go visiting. I heard the stories of my maternal grandmother, the mother of twelve, having a summer kitchen so that the constant cooking wouldn't overheat the house. I heard of the wonders of the warming oven that served as an incubator for my preemie aunt; the bed warmers that were heated in the oven and sent upstairs with the children; the wonder of the kettle simmering on the back burner for coffee on demand. I saw my mother embrace the electric gadgets in her kitchen, from yogurt makers to dehydrators. I am thankful for the microwave!

And modern travel! I heard of my grandparents relying on horsepower to get to town and go visiting; horse powered transportation and horses for all the farm work. I saw my parents enjoy travel across North America with a mostly reliable vehicle. Currently I hold title to what I consider a luxury vehicle- larger than I need, more comfortable than I could imagine, and reliable!

These are only some of my daily thank yous. The safety of my home, community and country are huge. Take time to reflect on what all we have that is thank worthy.

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# Malnutrition Week October 7-11, 2024



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Clinical Dietitians Emma Barr and Melanie Hart with the new metabolic cart.

## Submitted

By MB GOVERNMENT

October 7-11, 2024 is Canadian Malnutrition Awareness Week. This year's theme is: ACT – Advocate – Collaborate – Transform. This theme focuses on strategies to advocate for better nutrition care across healthcare settings.

One example of how we can ACT and improve nutrition care is the recent purchase of a metabolic cart for patients at the Brandon Regional Health Center. The dietitians advocated purchasing this new equipment and collaborated with physicians and management to write a proposal. It was approved and purchased by the BRHC Foundation, trans-

forming nutrition care for acute care patients. It gives the Dietitian an accurate measure of a patient's nutrition needs. This allows the Dietitians to prescribe the best nutrition plan and plays a role in getting patients better and home sooner.

Another group that can benefit from ACT is older adults living in the community where 1 in 3 are at nutrition risk. Family and friends can Advocate if they notice weight or muscle loss, loss of appetite, frailty, or mental health issues. If these signs are present, collaborate with health care providers such as Doctors, Nurses, and Dietitians. With help addressing these issues, their life can be transformed by improved independence, immunity

and decreasing the need to go to the hospital.

ACT is important with children, too. Up to 1 in 3 children admitted to hospital are malnourished. If you have a child in hospital, advocate by asking if weight, height or length (and head circumference in children under two years old) have been checked. When you go home, collaborate with the healthcare team and ask for a nutrition plan. Ask to meet with a Dietitian if you need help or have questions. This can transform your child's experience by improving growth and recovery and possibly resulting in a shorter stay in hospital.

Nutrition is important at all stages of life; if you have a concern, remember to ACT!

# Every Vaccine Counts! PMH, it is time to get vaccinated

## Submitted

By PRAIRIE MOUNTAIN HEALTH

We are heading into Respiratory virus season. Respiratory viruses are common and tend to spread more easily during cooler weather when Manitobans spend more time indoors with others. Influenza (Flu) and Covid viruses are contagious and can have similar and overlapping symptoms.

The BEST ways to reduce your risk and potential complications:

Get vaccinated, stay home when sick, wash your hands frequently, cover your cough/sneeze, and wear a mask in high-risk situations.

This respiratory virus season, updated Covid and Flu vaccine doses are recommended for all Manitobans 6 months and older. It is especially important for individuals who are considered high risk, those over the age of 65, and children under 5 years of age.

Manitoba Health offers Pneumococcal and High-Dose Flu vaccines to people 65 years and older.

In 2023/24, approximately 25 per cent of the population received flu vaccines and 19 per cent received COVID-19 vaccines. A significantly higher rate was seen in the 65+ age group (54 per cent for COVID-19 and 60 per cent for flu). This year, our goal is



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to prevent missed opportunities and reach those individuals at risk for severe illness sooner. We will offer vaccines at more access points; more providers will be offering vaccines.

You can get your Flu, Covid and Pneumococcal vaccines at a local community clinic, pharmacy, or your Primary Care Provider. All vaccines can be given safely at the same visit. It is recommended to receive your Covid vaccine 6 months since your last dose. Talk to your healthcare provider to

determine the best time to vaccinate you.

Prairie Mountain Health (PMH) Flu and Covid Vaccine Clinics will start October 24. Starting October 5 visit our website for a full list of flu/COVID vaccine clinics and locations throughout the region or follow us on our Social Media pages (Facebook, Instagram, Twitter).

Once again, this year, you can book your vaccine appointment online or call toll-free at 1-844-626-8222 starting October 5.

  
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|-----------|-----------------|------------------|--|
| Elkhorn   | Tue November 19 | 11:30 am to 6 pm | Elkhorn Elks Hall (14 1 <sup>st</sup> St.)     |
| Kenton    | Wed November 13 | 2 pm to 6 pm     | Kenton Memorial Hall (219 Cornwall St.)        |
| Melita    | Tue October 29  | 11:30 am to 6 pm | Melita Legion Hall (95 Main St.)               |
| Miniota   | Wed November 20 | 2 pm to 6 pm     | Miniota Community Hall (568 Miniota Rd.)       |
| Oak Lake  | Wed November 6  | 10 am to 2 pm    | Oak Lake Legion Hall (291 Assiniboine St)      |
| Reston    | Thur November 7 | 12 pm to 6 pm    | Reston R.E.S. Centre (143 3 <sup>rd</sup> Ave) |
| Virden #1 | Mon October 28  | 11:30 am to 6 pm | Sacred Heart Parish Hall *Apts only*           |
| Virden #2 | Wed November 20 | 11:30 am to 6 pm | Sacred Heart Parish Hall                       |



HELEN DRYSDALE

OUT OF HELEN'S KITCHEN

Thanksgiving is a day meant to remind us of our many blessings. Counting our blessings helps us recognize what we take for granted in our daily lives. As we sit down to a meal surrounded by the love of family and friends may we learn to develop the value of intentionally counting our blessings in life every day.

Brightly coloured orange pumpkins are a staple for fall decoration. I, however, prefer my pumpkins made into hearty soups, savory dishes, and sweet treats like pumpkin pie. But you don't have to be limited to pumpkin pie. Try these easy to make pumpkin desserts for your special day or just every day.

Pumpkin crisp

Pumpkin crisp a great finish to any meal. This dessert can be whipped up quickly and is perfect for the Thanksgiving holidays.

- 796 ml can pure pumpkin puree
- 1 cup cream
- 1 cup milk
- 1 cup brown sugar
- 3 large eggs

Two charged for assaulting each other  
Westman RCMP Report for  
Sept. 29 – Oct. 5

Submitted  
By WESTMAN RCMP

During this week Westman RCMP received a total of 96 calls for service. Of these, 33 were traffic related including 12 speeding violations. Also included in the calls for service were 8 suspicious person/vehicle/property files, 6 assault files, 3 wellbeing checks, 5 false alarms, 5 fire prevention act files, 7 mischief files, and 2 uttering threats against a person file.

On Sept. 29 during a routine traffic patrol in Virden, RCMP observed a male driver using his cellular telephone while driving. A traffic stop was conducted, and this driver was issued a traffic offence notice for using a cell phone or other hand-operated electronic device while driving, which carries 3-day license suspension penalty, as well as a \$672 fine.

On Sept. 30 during a

routine traffic patrol in Melita, a traffic stop was conducted. A 46-year-old man was arrested and charged with driving a motor vehicle while impaired and while over 80mg% alcohol. A breath test was conducted with results of 110mg% and 90mg%. He was released on an appearance notice and will appear in court in November. His vehicle was impounded for 30 days, and license suspended for 3 months.

On Oct. 1, RCMP received a report of an abandoned 911 call/hang up where an unknown female was calling from an unknown location for an assault in progress. RCMP investigated and determined the whereabouts of the assault, and that both parties involved had assaulted one another. As a result, a 19-year-old male was charged with assault. He will be appearing in court in December. An 18-year-old female was also charged with assault,

and she too will appear in court in December.

On Oct. 1, during a routine traffic patrol on Highway 257 in the RM of Wallace-Woodworth, RCMP observed a vehicle travelling at a high rate of speed. Radar confirmed a speed of 135 km/hr in a 100 km/hr zone. A traffic stop was conducted, and the driver was issued a speeding ticket which carries a fine of \$508.

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- 2 1/2 tsp. pumpkin pie spice
- 1 cup large flake rolled oats
- 1 cup dark brown sugar
- 3/4 cup flour
- 1/2 tsp. cinnamon
- 1/2 cup butter
- 1/3 cup chopped pecans or walnuts
- Whipped cream

Preheat the oven to 350 F. Lightly grease a 13X9 inch baking dish. Whisk together the pumpkin puree, cream, milk, sugar, eggs and pumpkin pie spice, in a large bowl until well blended. Add to the prepared pan. In another large bowl, combine the oats, brown sugar, flour and cinnamon. Melt the butter and stir into the flour mixture until it is crumbly. Add the desired nuts. Sprinkle over the first layer. Bake for around 50 minutes or until the crumble is a nice golden brown and set in the middle. Serve room temperature or slightly warm with whipped cream.

Pumpkin pudding

This easy pumpkin recipe is perfect for Thanksgiving dessert! A rich and creamy pumpkin pudding with all the flavor of pumpkin pie and none of the fussy pastry crust.

- 1 398 mL can pumpkin puree
- 3/4 cup packed light brown sugar
- 2 Tbsp. molasses
- 1 heaping Tbsp. flour
- 1 1/4 tsp. cinnamon
- 1 tsp. ginger
- 1/2 tsp. nutmeg
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 3 large eggs, slightly beaten
- 1 3/4 cups half-and-half, or light cream or milk

Put all the ingredients in a blender. Pour into a casserole dish. Bake at 350 F for 55 to 65 minutes, or until a knife inserted in the center comes out clean. The pudding may also be baked in individual baking dishes or ramekins. Place the ramekins in a larger pan and fill it with boiling water to a depth of about 1 inch. Bake for 40 to 45 minutes, or until a knife inserted into the center comes out clean.



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# Reston Fun Fair



So much fun at the Fishing Pond at Reston Fun Fair.

Submitted  
By TARA MAXWELL

Reston Rec Plex Fun Fair went on without a hitch on Friday Sep-

tember 27. There were many organizations hosting raffles, lots of games for the children to play, glitter tattoos, facepainting and of

course the famous Cake Walk. Thank you to Fun Fair Committee and all the volunteers for another great community event!



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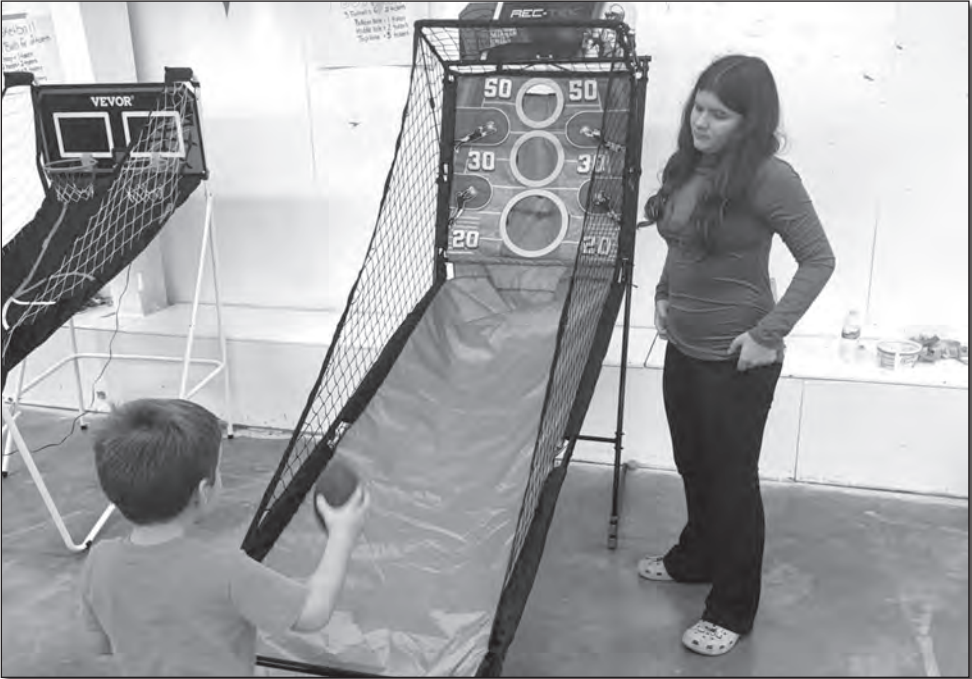
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Facepainting at Reston Fun Fair.



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Skeet ball at Reston Fun Fair.



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| Roll Number | Description  | Assessed Value            | Amount of Arrears & Costs for Which Property May be Offered for Sale |
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| 103500      | LOTS 9 AND 10 BLOCK 4 PLAN 155 BLTO IN SE 1/4 13-7-29 WPM - 39 RAILWAY AVE, SINCLAIR   | L -\$500<br>B -\$2,000    | \$4,064.54   |
| 103900      | LOTS 16 AND 17 BLOCK 4 PLAN 155 BLTO EXC ALL MINES AND MINERALS AS SET FORTH IN TRANSFER 1284300 IN SE 1/4 13-7-29 WPM - 17 LUMSDEN ST, SINCLAIR                                 | L -\$900<br>B -\$21,600   | \$3,210.34   |
| 176200      | LOTS 23, 24 AND 25 BLOCK 4 PLAN 74 EXC OUT OF SAID LOTS 23 AND 25, ALL MINES AND MINERALS AS SET FORTH IN DEEDS 132266 AND 92830 IN NE 1/4 9-7-26 WPM - FOURTH STREET, PIPESTONE | L -\$1,000<br>B -\$12,200 | \$11,369.97  |
| 179600      | LOT 21 BLOCK 6 PLAN 74 BLTO IN NE 1/4 9-7-26 WPM - 132 SIXTH ST, PIPESTONE   | L -\$600<br>B -\$23,000   | \$4,413.52   |
| 181700      | LOT 1 BLOCK 9 PLAN 157 BLTO EXC ALL MINES AND MINERALS AS SET FORTH IN TRANSFER NO. 52759 IN NE 1/4 9-7-26 WPM - 724 SECOND AVE, PIPESTONE                                       | L -\$1,900<br>B -\$17,100 | \$3,999.86   |

**The tax sale is subject to the following terms and conditions with respect to each property:**

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- The Municipality **may** exercise its right to set a reserve bid in the amount of the arrears and costs.
- If the purchaser intends to bid by proxy, a letter of authorization form must be presented prior to the start of the auction.
- The Municipality makes no representations or warranties whatsoever concerning the properties being sold.
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  - i) The full purchase price if it is \$10,000 or less; OR
  - ii) If the purchase price is greater than \$10,000, the purchaser must provide a non-refundable deposit in the amount of \$10,000 and the balance of the purchase price must be paid within 20 days of the sale; AND
  - iii) A fee in the amount \$500.85 (\$477 + GST) for preparation of the transfer of title documents. The purchaser will be responsible for registering the transfer of title documents in the land titles office, including the registration costs.
- The risk for the property lies with the purchaser immediately following the auction.
- The purchaser is responsible for obtaining vacant possession.
- If the property is non-residential property, the purchaser must pay GST to the Municipality or, if a GST registrant, provide a GST Declaration.

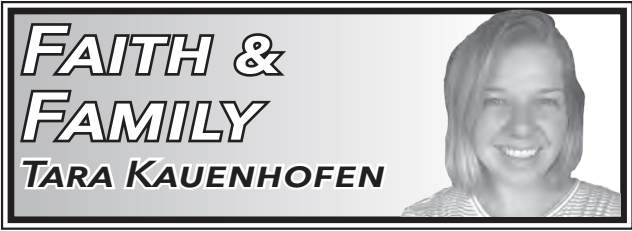
**Dated this 17th day of September, 2024.**

Managed by:



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## Counting our blessings

This past week we had sick kids in our house. Between ear infections and sleeplessness and coughing and runny noses and endless laundry I found myself complaining, and if I'm being brutally honest, ungrateful.

But I was truly stopped in my ungratefulness as I watched the footage of the flooding and damage from hurricane Helene and in the midst of the heartbreak, the fear now with the impending hurricane Milton.

It was a stark reminder to me that the things that annoy me and the things I complain about, should not be.

So today I just want to take a moment, to take pause, and to hold space for all those that have storm prepped, evacuated, and are starting over again.

For those that came home to their homes destroyed only to turn back around to evacuate again. For those who have lost loved ones who may never be recovered. For those who can't evacuate and are praying desperately on their knees for safety. For those that have had to ration their food and water for their children because they are stranded and don't know when help is coming. Today I am on my knees praying for you, my heart breaking with yours.

Today I am reminded, as this horror unfolds in our neighbouring country, that my house still stands, my loved ones are alive and around me, my children are safe, I have food and water, I have electricity and heat. My complaints should not be complaints at all.

As the world watches and waits, as we hold our breath, as Florida braces for yet another devastating impact. As those sitting in vehicles, grid locked on the highway, praying they make it out before the surge hits. As the elderly, the sick, those without means to evacuate sit and pray. I am reminded of the power of prayer and God's sovereignty in ALL circumstances. I am reminded that he brings out the best in people during hard times, he brings them together to help one another.

For every devastating video I have watched this week, I've seen one of people on horseback rescuing families, hauling in supplies. I've seen helicopters air rescuing people and animals, dropping cases of water to people who's roads have washed out.

So today, whether you believe in God or not, whether you pray regularly or not, whether you are watching this unfold or not, please take a moment to send up a prayer, a thought, a kind word for those walking through unthinkable circumstances. When you open your eyes, I want you to look around you and count your blessings, be reminded that your home is standing, your family is safe, you have food and water and to be filled with an undeniable sense of gratitude.

## News from Miniota

**Submitted**  
By LINDA CLARK

Deepest sympathy is extended to Jon, Deanna, Peyton, Ashton and Addison Hawtin on the death of Jon's dad, Victor Hawtin. Vic had been a resident of the Moosomin Personal Care Home.

Congratulations to Dan and Mariah Bryant and big brother Harlo on the birth of Beau Richard on Oct. 3 in Brandon. Congratulations also to the grandparents and great-grandparents and all extended family.

Family are pleased to share that Mae Watters is now a patient at Assiniboine Centre in Brandon, having returned from the hospital in Winnipeg. We wish Mae the return of good health!

Be sure to let me know of your Thanksgiving visitors for next week's news.

Happy Thanksgiving to our readers near and far! May your weekend hold family, friends and good food as we all take some time to count our many blessings!

"Gratitude is the healthiest of all human emotions. The more you express gratitude for what you have, the more likely you will have even more to express gratitude for." -Zig Ziglar



## Notice of Public Hearing

### To Review Maximum Allowable Charges And Fees For Payday Loans and The Government Cheque Cashing Fee Tariff

PURSUANT to subsection 164.1(1) of The Consumer Protection Act (Act) (C.C.S.M. c. C200) (the Act), the minister of finance may, at any time, seek the advice and recommendations of the board with respect to any matter relating to the regulation of payday lenders or payday loans.

In accordance with the request of the minister, the Manitoba Public Utilities Board (Board) will conduct a public hearing to review charges and fees for payday loans and consider the impacts of possibly reducing the maximum allowable rate from \$17 per \$100 borrowed to \$14 per \$100 borrowed. On Dec. 23, 2023, the federal government released draft regulations to cap the maximum cost of borrowing for payday loans at

14 per cent of the loan value. The Board will also consider the impacts of reducing the proportion of a borrower's net pay, which is used to determine the maximum loan amount, from 30 per cent to 25 per cent.

In addition to the review of payday loans, the Board will review and make recommendations to the minister regarding the maximum fee any person may charge in Manitoba to cash a government-issued cheque. The current maximum fee is \$3 plus two per cent of the face value of the cheque.

These considerations, and other related matters, will be included in the Board's recommendations report to the minister.

#### HEARING DATES AND LOCATION:

A public hearing will be held on the following days:

**Date:** Fri., Dec. 6, 2024,  
Mon., Dec. 9, 2024, and  
Dec. 11, 12 and 13, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.

**Location:** Board's Hearing Room – 4th floor, 330 Portage Ave. Winnipeg

#### PARTICIPATION AND SCOPE OF HEARING:

##### Public Participation as an Intervener

The public may participate in this review as Interveners. Interveners provide evidence to the board and are subject to cross-examination. Those seeking Intervener status should file their applications with the board by October 15, 2024. Intervener application forms are available on the board's website [www.pubmanitoba.ca](http://www.pubmanitoba.ca).

Interveners must identify their reasons for intervention and be prepared to cooperate with other interveners to avoid duplication of information.

The board may determine whether an intervener is entitled to costs for participating in the hearing and may set the amount of those costs. Criteria defining the award of costs are described in the board's Rules of Practice and Procedures, which are also available on the website.

##### Public Participation as a Presenter

The public is welcome to provide written submissions to the board. Written submissions should be received by Nov. 1, 2024.

Members of the public may also present their views orally to the board during the hearing. Anyone wishing to present oral submissions to the PUB should contact the board secretary by Oct. 15, 2024

Persons wishing to address the hearing in French are required to notify the board secretary on or before Oct. 15, 2024.

##### Scope of Review

Interveners may also wish to make written submissions regarding the scope of the review and to address any specific issues, beyond the mandatory review requirements that they seek to have the board consider.

##### Filing of Information

All material filed by approved Interveners, as well as public presentations, will be provided on the board's website.

##### Procedure

The board's Rules of Practice and Procedure will apply to the conduct of these hearings. All Interveners must familiarize themselves with the board's requirements. This document is available on the board's website or upon request to the board secretary at 400 – 330 Portage Ave., Winnipeg, MB R3C 0C4, or by calling 204-945-2638 or toll free 1-866-854-3698, or via email at [publicutilities@gov.mb.ca](mailto:publicutilities@gov.mb.ca).

The Manitoba Ombudsman has issued privacy guidelines for administrative tribunals. The board is mindful of its obligations under those guidelines. Its decisions regarding the application being considered will adhere to the guidelines. Personal information will not be disclosed unless it is appropriate and necessary. However, the board advises participants that these proceedings are public and that, as a result, personal information protections are reduced. The proceedings before the board are transcribed and the transcript is posted on the board's website. Names of presenters and their written or oral presentations are included in the publicly available transcripts.

Original signed by

Dr. Darren Christle PhD  
Secretary, Public Utilities Board



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Five days' notice required



# Exhibitors from across Manitoba and Saskatchewan attend Black Gold Classic



SUBMITTED PHOTOS

Champion Heifer --Swindon Ranch--Seldom Rest Sandy 3031 Justin Carvey at halter. From left to right Darren Carvey, Judges Terrance Vodon, Kolton McIntosh, Ty Nykolation .



Chase Airey showing Champion Bull Calf HTA Excalibur 449M.

**Submitted**  
BY JOAN AIREY

September 28 Virden Agricultural Society Fairgrounds was the site of the third annual Black Gold Classic fall cattle show for all breeds.

Great weather greeted spectators and exhibitors to the show. Black Gold Classic Committee is made up of Cody Renz, Naomi Best, Amanda Scott, Everett More, Greg Tough, Ashlee Mitchell and Trevor Nolan. Judges for the day were Terrance Vodon (Virden), Ty Nykolation (Crandall), and Kolton McIntosh (Ericksdale).

"Three years ago, we were sitting visiting after the cattle show in Oak Lake. Cody Renz and I decided we needed a fall cattle show in Virden. Facilities were there and if you don't use them, they plunge into disrepair. We felt a show for people to use as a prep for the major fall shows would work. I phoned a few people to join the committee and it's working really well. The local business community has given us phenomenal support allowing us to organize the show and we receive lots of positive feedback from exhibitors. The first year we had seventy entries now it's at least a hundred head," said Everett More.

There were forty-seven heifer calves in the heifer calf class which were split into seven classes. Champion Heifer was owned by Freyburn Farms-Freyburn Blackbird 36M. Reserve Champion owned by Horner Cattle Company- HFL Rose 4034M.

There were sixteen bred heifers in the bred heifer class. Champion was owned by Swindon Ranch-Seldom Rest Sandy 3031. Reserve Champion was owned by Northern Light Simmentals- Brookslane Lainey 313L.

Futurity Bred Heifers had six entries (they had to be shown as calves) Champion Futurity Bred Heifer was owned by Freyburn Farms-Feyburn Rally Missie 22L. Reserve Champion was owned by More Bros Simmentals -More's Ms. Laya 22L.

Champion Futurity Cow/Calf Pair was owned by More Bros Simmentals-More's Ms. Karma 203K and More's Marshall 402M. Reserve Champion was Gurr's Simmentals -Gurr's Miss Kansas 3K and Gurr's Mr. Maverick 3M. (to be in the Futurity Cow/Calf pair they can to have been shown as a calf and bred heifer at the Black Gold Classic).

The bull class had thirty-six entries. Champion bull was owned by HTA Charolais -HTA Excalibur 449M. Reserve Champion was owned by Horner Cattle Company-HFL Longview Long Shot ET 4074M.

# Xavier recovering in Edmonton hospital



PHOTO BY ANNE DAVISON

Virden Legion Ladies Aux. President Tracy Pappel (left) and Aux member Phyllis Gompf are presenting a \$1,000 donation on behalf of the auxiliary to Keisha Clayton, who is accepting on behalf of Brad and Bree Kyle.

**By Empire-Advance Staff**  
EMPIRE-ADVANCE

On Sept. 24, Xavier Kyle underwent his fourth open-heart surgery, a crucial and life-saving procedure that was performed in Edmonton, AB. at the Stollery Children's Hospital. This and other community donations will help

the family with the costs associated with travel, accommodation, missing work and medical expenses.

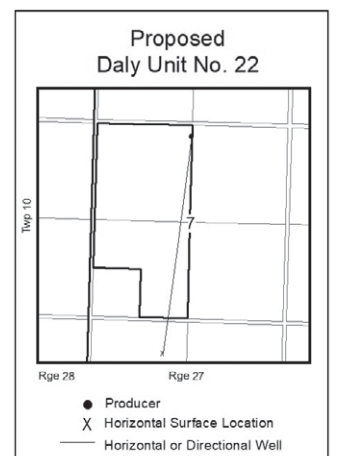
If you wish to contribute, donations can be made to the Xavier Kyle Trust Fund at the Credit Union in Virden, Manitoba. Or via e-transfer to [xaviersheartjourney@outlook.com](mailto:xaviersheartjourney@outlook.com)

## NOTICE

## Under The Oil and Gas Act Daly Sinclair Field

Corex Resources Ltd. has made application under The Oil and Gas Act for approval to form Daly Unit No. 22 and within implement a Waterflood enhanced oil recovery (EOR) operations, within the Lodgepole formation. The inset map shows the proposed boundaries.

If no valid objection or intervention is received in writing by Manitoba Economic Development, Investment, Trade and Natural Resources, Petroleum Branch, at Suite 360 - 1395 Ellice Avenue, Winnipeg, Manitoba R3G 3P2 before **November 1, 2024**, the Minister may approve the application.



Copies of the application can be obtained from:

**Peter Parkinson**  
**Corex Resources Ltd.**  
**Suite 3400, 700 2nd Street SW**  
**Calgary, AB T2P 2W3**  
**(403) 718-6371, [PeterP@corexresources.ca](mailto:PeterP@corexresources.ca)**

The application may be viewed in full at:  
[manitoba.ca/iem/petroleum/applications/index.html](http://manitoba.ca/iem/petroleum/applications/index.html)

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# PUMPKIN PIE BRÛLÉE WITH BOURBON VANILLA WHIPPED CREAM

## Ingredients:

2 cups pumpkin puree  
3/4 cup heavy cream  
1/2 cup milk  
1/2 cup granulated sugar  
1/4 cup brown sugar  
3 large eggs  
1 teaspoon vanilla extract  
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon  
1/2 teaspoon ground ginger  
1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg  
1/4 teaspoon salt  
2 tablespoons granulated sugar  
(for brûlée topping)  
1 cup heavy cream  
2 tablespoons bourbon  
2 tablespoons powdered sugar  
1 teaspoon vanilla extract

## Directions:

1. Preheat your oven to 350°F (175°C).
2. In a large bowl, whisk together pumpkin puree, heavy cream, milk, granulated sugar, brown sugar, eggs, vanilla extract, cinnamon, ginger, nutmeg, and salt until smooth.
3. Pour the mixture into ramekins or custard cups.
4. Place ramekins in a baking dish and fill the dish with hot water halfway up the sides of the ramekins.
5. Bake for 40-45 minutes, or until the custard is set and a knife inserted into the center comes out clean.
6. Allow to cool to room temperature, then refrigerate until chilled.
7. Before serving, sprinkle 2 tablespoons of granulated sugar evenly over each custard. Use a kitchen torch to brûlée the sugar until caramelized.
8. For the whipped cream, beat 1 cup of heavy cream with bourbon, powdered sugar, and vanilla extract until stiff peaks form. Serve alongside the brûlée.



# AWESOME SAUSAGE AND CRANBERRY



- to 7 minutes. Transfer toasted bread cubes to a large bowl.
4. Cook sausage and onions in a large skillet over medium heat for 6 to 8 minutes. Add celery, sage, rosemary, and thyme; cook for 2 minutes.
  5. Pour sausage mixture over bread in bowl. Mix in chopped celery, turkey stock and melted butter; mix lightly.
  6. Allow stuffing to cool completely before loosely stuffing the turkey.

# CRANBERRY DOWN COFFEE

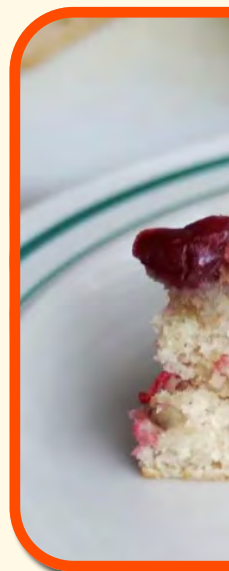
Cranberries and pecans are baked in the bottom of this cake. Turn the cake over for ooh's and ah's.

## Ingredients

2/3 cup packed brown sugar  
1/3 cup butter  
1-1/4 cups cranberries  
1/2 cup chopped pecans  
1/2 cup butter, room temperature  
3/4 cup white sugar  
2 eggs  
1 teaspoon vanilla extract  
1 cup sour cream  
1-1/2 cups all-purpose flour  
1-1/2 teaspoons baking powder  
1 teaspoon baking soda  
1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon  
1/4 teaspoon salt

## Directions

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C). Wrap the bottom of the pan with foil to prevent leaking. Sift together the flour, baking powder, and salt.
2. In a saucepan over medium heat, combine brown sugar and butter. Cook until the sugar is melted and the mixture is bubbling. Sprinkle with cranberries and pecans.
3. In a large bowl, cream together the butter and 3/4 cup sugar. Add the eggs and vanilla, then stir in the vanilla. Beat in the flour mixture alternately with the sour cream.
4. Bake in the preheated oven for 60 minutes, or until a toothpick inserted into the center comes out clean. Cool in pan for 10 minutes, then invert onto serving plate.



# FALL BURLAP WREATH

## Supplies:

- Get some fall faux flowers, leaves, pumpkins, pinecones of your choice (Dollar store ones work great for this project)
- 12" wire wreath form
- Rolls of 6" burlap ribbon (how many rolls you use depends on how close you make your burlap "bubbles")
- Hot glue gun (to glue on the fall embellishments)

## Instructions:

1. Begin by securing the burlap ribbon to the wreath frame by making a knot or tying it on with a pipe cleaner or floral wire.
2. Then you push it through the section of the wire frame twisting and making loops as you go.
3. When you're done you fluff your loops and tuck the end of the ribbon into the wreath with a bit of hot glue.
4. Then you hot glue your fall decorations onto your wreath.





# SAGE, APPLE, TURKEY STUFFING

## Ingredients

3-3/4 cups cubed white bread  
1-1/2 cups cubed whole wheat bread  
1 pound ground turkey sausage  
1 cup chopped onion  
3/4 cup chopped celery  
2-1/2 teaspoons dried sage  
1-1/2 teaspoons dried rosemary  
1/2 teaspoon dried thyme  
1 Golden Delicious apple, diced  
3/4 cup dried cranberries  
1/3 cup minced fresh parsley  
1 cooked turkey liver, finely chopped  
3/4 cup turkey stock  
4 tablespoons unsalted butter, melted

## Directions

1. Gather the ingredients. Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C).
  2. Spread white and whole wheat bread cubes in a single layer on a large baking sheet.
  3. Bake in the preheated oven until evenly toasted, 5 min.
- at, stirring and breaking up lumps, until evenly browned, about 2 minutes.
- apple, dried cranberries, parsley, and liver. Drizzle with turkey stock.

# APPLE UPSIDE-DOWN CAKE



the outside of a 9 inch springform pan with aluminum foil. Mix flour, baking powder, baking soda, cinnamon and salt. Set aside. Melt butter and 1/3 cup butter. Bring to a boil, then pour into pan. Add apples and pecans.

Beat sugar until light and fluffy. Beat in the eggs one at a time, then mix with the sour cream. Pour batter into prepared pan. Push a wooden pick inserted into the center of the cake comes out clean. Turn cake onto a platter and carefully remove pan. Serve warm.

# GIVING THANKS PREDATES THANKSGIVING

By Anne Davison  
EMPIRE-ADVANCE

**D**o you attend a yearly Fall Supper? Or is it a Fowl Supper? Such community events are enjoyed in Canada and elsewhere, sometimes by other names, and fowl may not be on the menu.

Expressing gratitude is a healthy human trait that has existed from time immemorial. Food is so basic that the fall /fowl supper or the Thanksgiving meal has a long tradition that makes room for all cultures in Canada.

The first official Thanksgiving in Canada was celebrated on Nov.6, 1879, but Indigenous peoples in Canada have a history of celebrating the fall harvest that predates the arrival of European settlers. (D. Mills, "Thanksgiving in Canada". The Canadian Encyclopedia, [www.thecanadianencyclopedia.ca](http://www.thecanadianencyclopedia.ca))

Sir Martin Frobisher and his crew are credited as the first Europeans to celebrate a Thanksgiving ceremony in North America, in 1578. They were followed by the inhabitants of New France under Samuel de Champlain in 1606. The celebration featuring the uniquely North American turkey, squash and pumpkin was introduced to Nova Scotia in the 1750s and became common across Canada by the 1870s. In 1957, Thanksgiving was proclaimed an annual event to occur on the second Monday of October. It is an official statutory holiday in all provinces and territories except Prince Edward Island, New Brunswick, and Nova Scotia.

Feasting has long been a cornerstone of human culture, transcending borders, religions, and centuries. Whether it's a holiday celebration, a religious ritual, or a family gathering, the cultural significance of feasting runs deep, symbolising more than just the sharing of food.

It brings people together, marks life's milestones, and often serves as a powerful expression of community, identity, and tradition.

On that note, it is understandable that Thanksgiving, although no longer an official holiday in the Philippine islands since their independence, yet the concept continues there through fiestas and religious festivals celebrated in various places in the archipelago. People within the Philippines place great importance upon family and faith. However, the stuffed turkey may be replaced by a Filipino hog roast.

In the United Kingdom, families celebrate the fall season with a Harvest Festival.

There is no fall celebration more famous than American Thanksgiving, a federal holiday in the US that rivals Christmas, celebrated on the fourth Thursday of November.

President Abraham Lincoln, in 1863, proclaimed a national day of "Thanksgiving and Praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the Heavens", calling on the American people to also, "with humble penitence for our national perverseness and disobedience ... fervently implore the interposition of the Almighty hand to heal the wounds of the nation".

The concept of thanksgiving implies gratitude and humility toward one greater than ourselves, a healthy attitude to be shared among family members and within communities. It's an attitude of respect for the fruit of the land that sustains us, a value embraced by Canada's First Nations as well.





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## Manitoba 4-H council to host second annual Green Tie Gala in support of youth programs

**Submitted**

By SHANNON CARVEY

Manitoba 4-H Council Inc. is excited to announce the Second Annual Green Tie Gala, a fundraising dinner aimed at supporting provincial programs and expanding opportunities for youth members. The event will be held at Assiniboia Downs in Winnipeg on Wednesday, November 6, 2024, and will coincide with the National 4-H "Show Your 4-H Colours" day. Funds raised through this event will play a crucial role in ensuring 4-H Manitoba can continue to offer transformative learning experiences to youth across the province.

"We are thrilled to once again bring together our 4-H community for an unforgettable evening of connection and celebration," says Shannon Carvey, Executive Director of Manitoba 4-H Council Inc. "This event is not only an opportunity to support the next generation of 4-H members, but also a call to our alumni to reconnect with their fellow club members, share their stories, and reflect on the impact 4-H has had on their lives. Together, we can ensure today's youth continue to benefit from the same enriching experiences that shaped our own journeys."

With roots that began in Manitoba, 4-H is proud to be celebrating 111 years as one of the most respected positive youth development organizations in Canada. 4-H Manitoba has over 1,400 members and 400 volunteers, all working toward the common goal of helping young Canadians "Learn To Do By Doing" in a safe, inclusive, and fun environment. Through hands-on experiential learning, 4-H nurtures responsible, caring, and contributing leaders who are dedicated to positively impacting their communities in Manitoba, across Canada, and around the world.

Manitoba 4-H Council Inc. encourages alumni to attend the Green Tie Gala to reconnect with fellow members, celebrate their shared history, and contribute to the future of youth programming. Together, we can build a brighter future for the next generation of 4-H leaders.

Tickets on sale now via the website [4h.mb.ca/green-tie-gala/](http://4h.mb.ca/green-tie-gala/)

## Manitoba First Nations Police Service now policing Gambler First Nation



SUBMITTED PHOTO

**Submitted**  
By MFNPS

The Manitoba First Nations Police Service (MFNPS) officially became the police service of jurisdiction for Gambler First Nation on Tuesday Oct. 1.

Chief David LeDoux, Band Council members, MFNPS Chief of Police Doug Palson, the RCMP, representatives from the Dakota Ojibway Tribal Council Police Commission, and representatives from the province and federal governments were on hand in Gambler First Nation to celebrate the transition of policing to the MFNPS.

Gambler First Nation Chief David LeDoux said, "I would like to thank everyone for making this happen. We are family and we are going to work together for the future." Chief LeDoux went on to say, "This is a historic and important day for Gambler First Nation."

MFNPS Chief of Police Doug Palson described October 1st as an important day for the MFNPS and Gambler First Nation: "The Manitoba First Nations Police Service is very honoured to now be Gambler First Nations' police service. I would like to thank our public safety partners including Justice Manitoba, Public Safety Canada, and the RCMP for their support."

"This week, Gambler First Nation joins Brokenhead Ojibway Nation as one of the newest members of our growing policing family."

Gambler First Nation is now one of ten communities served by the MFNPS and is now a member of the Dakota Ojibway Tribal Council Police Commission. Gambler First Nation is located about 75 kilometres north of Miniota between Binscarth, Man. and the Saskatchewan border.

More information on Gambler First Nation can be found at <https://www.gamblerfirstnation.ca/>

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# Royalty visit to Royal Purple



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Royal Purple royalty visits the Virden group in September: (l-r)Virden's Royal Purple President Karan Galbraith, National Royal Purple Vice President Fran Bayliss (of Virden), National Royal Purple President Joanne Edwards and Ontario Royal Purple Provincial President Sheridan Daoust.

# Habitat for Humanity shares upcoming open house

By Anne Davison  
EMPIRE-ADVANCE

Despite concerns that red tape could hold up habitation of Virden's latest Habitat for Humanity build until winter, Karen McKinnon and her crew steamed ahead and lo and behold, the family will be able to move into their new home this October. McKinnon is the very determined chairperson for Habitat for Humanity, Virden. She said, "It seemed that once we were to an almost completed stage, the possession date was

moved up a bit," adding, "The feeling that the project is almost complete is one of satisfaction and pride in our accomplishment." The Oliva family can take possession on Oct. 21. Before they do, Habitat for Humanity is holding an open house to show the public and donors what has been accomplished. McKinnon, who took an active part in the building herself, had help from Virden and area. "Along the way, we had volunteers when the walls were being constructed and again when the drywall was installed, and of course we had trades such as electricians, plumbers and a drywall finisher. There were also great painters. "But basically, there were four of us doing most of the work. I can't say enough about Dave Jordan, Robert Heath and Bryan Hayward whose expertise is evident in this build. They are very particular and precise in their work. Their dedication to this build is so greatly appreciated."



## NOTICE OF VOTERS LIST / PERSONAL SECURITY PROTECTION

Notice is hereby given that a copy of the VOTERS LIST may be revised at the Rural Municipality of Ellice-Archie Municipal Offices located at 331 Main Street in St. Lazare, or at 318 Railway Ave in McAuley Manitoba on the following dates: October 4th 2024 to November 5th, 2024 between the hours of 9:00 am and 12 Noon and 12:30 pm and 4:30 pm.

At this time the Election Official will be available to update the voters list by:

- a. adding the names of voters who are entitled to have their names on the list;
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**APPLICATION FOR PERSONAL SECURITY PROTECTION**  
A voter may apply in writing to the Election Official (at the address / fax number below) no later than November 5th, 2024 to have his/her name and other personal information omitted or obscured from the voters list in order to protect the voter's personal security. The application may be submitted in person, by mail or fax and must include your name, address and include proof of identity.

All changes to the voters list must be completed on or before November 5th, 2024  
Dated at St. Lazare in the Province of Manitoba, on October 1st, 2024.

Constance Tanguay, Senior Election Official  
Rural Municipality of Ellice-Archie  
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## NOTICE OF REGISTRATION OF PROSPECTIVE CANDIDATE FOR WARD 3 MUNICIPAL BY-ELECTION

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Rural Municipality of Ellice – Archie

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# Over the past year, with Wab Kinew



FILE PHOTO

**By Wab Kinew**  
PREMIER OF MANITOBA

Over the past year, I have had the wonderful honour of leading your provincial government here in Manitoba. During that time, I have seen the best of Manitobans. I had the honour of standing on the beaches of Normandy with our veterans, who as young people, fought to protect our way of life, human rights, democracy, and respect for all people. I joined students and educators as we launched a province-wide school food program that ensures every student in Manitoba has a healthy meal when they need one. I listened to the courageous voices of the family members of murder victims who stood up, demanded justice, and are now working with us to bring their loved ones home.

This year Manitobans came together in the face of great difficulties. I heard the sadness and the pain of the people in Carman who lived through terrible violence and unspeakable tragedy. I visited with people in North-

ern Manitoba who were evacuated from their homes because of wildfires, not knowing if they would be able to return. Our Health Minister and I travelled to hospitals and mental health facilities in every part of our province to hear directly from the workers on the front lines about what can do to fix health care, our government's top priority. These conversations have guided our work to hire more health care workers, open ERs, and make sure you have the care you need close to home.

A year ago, we ran a positive campaign that was focussed on you, the people of Manitoba. After years of division, we are building a Manitoba where no one is left behind. From fixing health care to making life more affordable, our team is bringing Manitobans together from all walks of life and creating a path to a future where every young person in Manitoba can succeed and reach their full potential.

On election night, I said your government can't take the first step, you have to want to take it. But if you do take that

step, our government will meet you. Right now, every kid can access a meal when they show up to school. We are creating a path to housing, a path to recovery, and a path to working and living the positive life that you dream of for yourself. If you take the first step, our government will be there to meet you and ensure that you get all the support you need on your path to living a good life.

Today, we celebrate this anniversary not as an accomplishment from any member of our team. Instead, we celebrate it with a great humility that comes from recognizing the enormous responsibility we have to you, the people of Manitoba. Our commitment to you is the same as it was one year ago: that we are going to continue working every single day to make Manitoba a better place for you, for your kids and for your grandkids. So, thank you to the people of Manitoba. Thank you for trusting us to lead your provincial government. I look forward to another year of working together for all Manitobans.



## 2024/2025 SCHEDULE

Give us a try!  
Curling starts Tuesday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>

### Monday 4:00 pm • Junior Curling League

Get them started at a fun, inexpensive sport. Grades 4-8 only please. Starts November 4th.  
Contact Cory Barkley at 204-851-6405 \$80/individual

### Tuesday Mornings • 10:00 am • Senior Men's Recreational League

Do you miss your morning golf match? Give our club a try!  
Come have a cup of joe, curl a fun, 8-end game with some friends and enjoy a soup and sandwich special from our canteen afterwards. Enter as individuals. Join us for the whole season or just half.

Call Jim Lyons at 204-748-6634 \$220/individual

### Tuesday Afternoons • 12:45 pm • Tuesday Afternoon Ladies' Recreational League

Enjoy an afternoon out with the girls, with coffee and exercise included. Enter as a team or individuals.

Call Jim Lyons at 204-748-6634 \$220/individual

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Get out of the house and enjoy a night on the ice. Stay for a beverage and enjoy a chat with the gals.  
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Get your team together and try something new.

Call Mark Robertson at 204-851-5851 \$80/individual

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\* May require occasional 9 pm draws \* Final scheduling dependant on entries

Questions/Entries to Tyler Strachan - 431-763-3536 \$220/individual

### Fridays • 10:00 am • Senior Mixed League

Enter as teams or individuals in this always entertaining league for everyone who enjoys a day at the rink. Sign up for the whole season or just half.

Call Jim Lyons at 748-6634 \$220/individual

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Come out and take part in this fun Curling League in its sixth season!  
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# SPORTS

## TRAKAKIS BRINGS EXPERIENCE TO OIL CAPS' CREASE



PHOTO BY VIRDEN OIL CAPITALS

By Robin Wark  
EMPIRE-ADVANCE

Nik Trakakis's father played a big role in him donning the goalie pads.

The Virden Oil Capitals goaltender first started playing his position full-time at the age of 10. Trakakis enjoys the challenge that comes with the position.

"My dad was a goalie and he is a big reason why I picked this position," he said. "Being a goalie means you're the last line of defence, which gives you a pretty big responsibility. Sometimes it goes well, sometimes it doesn't, but there's no better feeling than stopping pucks."

The Oil Capitals added

the 20-year-old, veteran netminder in the offseason. As of Oct. 5, the 6-foot, 160-pounder had a 3-2 record this season. Trakakis had posted a 3.00 goals against average and a .909 save percentage. He has formed a strong tandem in net with 19-year-old goalie Gavin Renwick, another newcomer.

"Nik has been a huge

addition for us," Virden head coach Tyson Ramsey said. "He is calm in the net, he is very athletic, he plays the puck extremely well and he is a great teammate. He and Gavin both have been very important in helping our younger group get their feet wet in the league. With Nik, he gives us a chance to win every night and gives our group confidence to play a little more freely and not grip our sticks. We are very happy with both of our goaltenders."

Trakakis hails from Saint-Laurent, Que. The community is a Montreal borough located on the northern part of the island. Hockey has taken Trakakis on an interesting journey since he got his start. He played at St. Andrew's College in Aurora, Ont. Trakakis was the U18 AAA hockey team's Most Improved Player in 2022.

In the next season, he played for and studied

at Northwood School. The prestigious school has helped develop such former National Hockey League players as Tony Granato and Mike Richter as well as female standouts like Sam Faber and Blake Bolden. It is located in Lake Placid, N.Y. That community was the site of the 1932 and 1980 Winter Olympics. Lake Placid's Olympic Center, where Northwood plays, was the site of the United States's famous upset of the Soviet Union on its way to gold in men's hockey.

"Northwood was truly a dream," Trakakis said. "Being able to call the iconic 1980 'Miracle on Ice' rink my home was incredibly special. The hockey program and campus was great. The daily views of the mountains, trees, and wildlife was surreal. It was definitely an experience I will never forget."

Last season he played in the Central Canada Hockey League. Trakakis split

his time between the Navan Grads and Smith Falls Bears, both in Ontario. The Oil Capitals traded for him in the offseason. In Virden, he billets with Michelle Gervin. Trakakis said, "She was very welcoming, and I've really enjoyed my time here so far." He said it has been a great experience living in Virden.

"It's different from Montreal. I've enjoyed getting to experience the 'small town' life, where everyone seems to know each other. My teammates and coaching staff have been awesome and I'm happy to be a part of the Oil Caps."

Trakakis is looking to have a strong final junior campaign. As for the future, he said, "My goal is to play college hockey. From the moment I discovered college hockey, it has been my goal to continue my hockey career while earning a degree to fall back on." He is interested in studying business.

## BRYANT RETURNS, OIL CAPITALS SPLIT

By Robin Wark  
EMPIRE-ADVANCE

With hometown product Bryce Bryant back in the lineup, the Virden Oil Capitals split their games last weekend.

The Oil Caps beat Manitoba Junior Hockey League foe the Niverville Nighthawks, 3-1, on Oct. 4. The next night the visiting Selkirk Steelers won 7-0. The Oil Capitals entered this week with a 3-4-0-0 record.

Bryant rejoined the Oil Caps last week after starting this hockey season with the British Columbia Hockey League's Cranbrook Bucks. The talented forward recorded an assist over three games out west. Last season Bryant posted 10 goals and 19 assists in 52 games as a rookie in Virden. The son of Daren and Roanne Bryant committed last season to play NCAA Division I hockey for Bemidji (Minn.) State University.

"Bryce is highly skilled and thinks the game at an elite level," Virden Oil Capitals head coach Tyson Ramsey said. "He makes others around him better and is a huge addition to our powerplay. It has given our group a huge boost and we are very happy to have him back."

After the Empire-Advance's deadline, the Oil Capitals played on the road against the Northern Manitoba Blizzard on Oct. 8 and Swan Valley Stampeders on Oct. 9. The team hosts the Winnipeg Blues on Oct. 11 and the Winkler Flyers on Oct. 17.

### Last Week

On Oct. 4, the visiting Nighthawks scored the opening frame's lone goal. Avery Laliberte got the puck past Oil Caps netminder Nik Trakakis on a powerplay.

After that Trakakis and the Oil Capitals shut down the Niverville offence. Trakakis finished with 31 saves.

Rookies Maxx Hamelin, with his first goal of the season, and Connor Epp, scoring his third of the campaign, provided the firepower for Virden in the second period. Veteran Marshall Light of Moosomin capped the scoring with a third period marker.

"I thought it was good effort right through our lineup," Ramsey said. "We were able to execute so we could play with pace and capitalize on our chances. Nik was very good in goal and we defended well as a team. A good effort to build on."

Niverville goalie Raiden Legall had 30 saves. Pipestone's Luke Mackenzie competed for Nighthawks.

The Oil Capitals fell 7-0 to the visiting Steelers on Oct. 5. Trakakis made 28 saves on 35 shots. Selkirk goalie Noel Olsonawski had 39 saves. Scoring for the Steelers were Rohan Guevarra (two), Landon Jamieson, Lincoln Ponce, Owen Warnick, Wyatt Witham, and Owen Johnston. As of Oct. 6, the Steelers were undefeated.

### Signings

While the new MJHL season only started last month, the Oil Capitals are already building for the future.



PHOTO BY VIRDEN OIL CAPITALS

Last week the team announced the signing of three players for next season.

Boissevain forward Bryan Laing had four goals and six points through five games with the U18 AAA Southwest Cougars this season. The 2007-born player was a third round MJHL Draft pick by the team in 2023.

The Oil Capitals also signed a pair of 2007-born defencemen. Winnipeg's Miguel Bonin is playing for the U18 AAA Central Plains Capitals this season. Beckham Garchinski is suiting up for his hometown U18 AAA Winnipeg Wild.



# SPORTS

## SLIMMON ENJOYS ROOKIE RODEO SEASON



PHOTO BY DESIGNS BY SADIE

By Robin Wark  
EMPIRE-ADVANCE

Alberta's Lakeland College.

The daughter of Kelly and Tanya Slimmon barrel raced in 2023-2024 for the Rustlers. The Lakeland College rodeo team is based in Vermilion.

"Rodeoing at Lakeland College has been an incredible experience for me," Slimmon said. "The coaches are

Lenore's Ellie Slimmon greatly enjoyed the opportunity to compete in rodeo for

dedicated and knowledgeable, which helps us improve our skills. It's really cool to compete with so many different people from across Canada that share the same passion for rodeo as me."

Lakeland College's current rodeo coordinator, Braiden Bach, and barrel racing/pole bending coach Baylee Graham stated in an email that Slimmon and fellow Manitoban Paige Swain of Shoal Lake "have put their best foot forward completing a successful 2023-2024 Canadian

Intercollegiate Rodeo season. Our team feels fortunate to have competitors coming from all over Canada to be part of our Rustler team. Paige and Ellie brought great competition, positive attitudes and created a fun and competitive environment for our team."

Slimmon is now back at Lakeland College for her second year. She is studying agricultural sustainability.

"I really enjoy it because it combines my love for animals and farming," Slimmon said. "It feels great to be building a career around something I truly love."

She will not be rodeoing with the Rustlers this season as she is working with young horses. Slimmon hopes to compete in future rodeo events on them.

"When working with young horses, I'm excited about the opportunity to build a strong foundation for their training," she said. "I love seeing their personalities develop and helping them gain confidence. It's rewarding to witness their progress as they learn new skills and form a bond with me."

Growing up, Slimmon was part of the Archie 4-H Light Horse and Pony Club for 10 years. She attended local fairs and enjoyed barrel racing and pole bending.

"I then hometowned a couple (Manitoba High School Rodeo Association) rodeos in Oak Lake and quickly fell in love with the sport of rodeo and then got my MHSRA membership and began competing at all the rodeos in the spring of 2020," Slimmon said.

She said she would not have been able to rodeo without the strong support she has received from her parents.

"They've always encouraged my love for horses and rodeo, whether it be helping me, and my horses get the training we need or being there to cheer me on from the sidelines. Their understanding of the dedication it takes inspires me to keep pushing towards my goals. I'm thankful for all their support throughout this journey."

## SPORTS NOTES: FREEMAN RINK ADDS MARIN, WINS IN MORRIS

By Robin Wark  
EMPIRE-ADVANCE

Virden curler Jace Freeman is hoping to have another successful season.

In 2023-2024, the son of Graham and Roxanne Freeman skipped his rink to the bronze medals at the 2024 New Holland Canadian Under-21 Curling Championships in Fort McMurray Wood Buffalo. The rink won seven competitive bonspiels between junior and men's events. Now, with one personnel change, it is seeking more success.

"I think I'm most excited for our junior provincials in Brandon this February more than any other event," Freeman said. "It is the event that we train all year for, and our main goal this season will be to try and win junior provincials and try to get back to junior nationals in P.E.I."

From last year's rink, lead Luke Robins and second Nick Senff, whose father Danny Senff grew up in Virden, are back. Both are from Winnipeg. Third Ryan Ostrowsky aged out. In his stead, the Freeman

rink has added Timothy Marin. He grew up in New Brunswick and represented that province at four national championships. Last season he skipped Alberta 2 at the national junior championships.

"Tim brings so much experience to the team and great shot making ability as well," Freeman said of Marin, who is now based in Winnipeg. "He has played in the same five national events that I have, so we already knew each other quite well. Bringing along another accomplished skip also is great for strategy as I like to hear

his input when I'm unsure on something."

The rink had a great start to its season by claiming the title at the Morris Fall Classic of the Manitoba Junior Curling Tour. It went 5-0.

"I think just being confident in our abilities and sticking to our game plan allowed us to be successful in Morris," Freeman said. "I have won that bonspiel a couple times previously, so I think we were really playing with lots of confidence and comfortability with the ice."

The rink was 2-2 at the

Manitoba Curling Tour's Mother Club Fall Classic. It made it to the quarterfinals of the MCT's Atkins Curling Supplies Classic.

**Brezden Heads to France**

Figure skater Breken Brezden has been selected for her first international assignment. It was announced last week that she will participate in the International Skating Union Challenger Series' Trophy Metropole in Nice, France from October 16-20. Her father, Brian, noted the family had been told it was the first assignment for a Manitoba senior

women's skater in 40 years.

Now based in Ontario, the Dauphin product trained with Skate Virden and coach Patty Hole for many years. Hole said, "she has worked hard for this opportunity."

A Skate Canada media release stated that, "The Challenger Series is an International Figure Skating Series designed to give skaters adequate opportunities to compete at the international senior level and to earn precious World Standing Points."

Brezden has had a strong start to the season. She has won gold twice and bronze two times so far.

**Kalynuk in Finland**

Virden product Wyatt Kalynuk has taken his hockey talents over-

seas. The smooth-skating defenceman is playing for the Lahti Pelicans of the Finnish Liiga. The Pelicans have competed in the league finals the last two years. As of Oct. 6, the son of Randy and Leanne Kalynuk had two goals and two assists through nine games.

An Aug. 9 website story by The Hockey News quoted Pelicans sports director Janne Laukkanen as saying "Kalynuk is known for his offensive skills and his ability to create scoring chances. His strong skating skills and understanding of the game fit well with the Liiga's fast style of play. Although he does not yet have experience playing in Europe, his versatile background in various leagues in North America and in college hockey gives him a good basis to adapt."

A University of Wisconsin alum, Kalynuk has played in 26 National Hockey League contests—all with the Chicago Blackhawks. He has suited up the Blackhawks', New York Rangers', Vancouver Canucks', and St. Louis Blues' top minor league squads in the American Hockey League.



PHOTO BY MANITOBA JUNIOR CURLING TOUR



# NDP's first year in office defined by dysfunction

Submitted  
By PC CAUCUS

WINNIPEG — As Wab Kinew's NDP government marks its first anniversary, Manitobans are let down by diminished economic growth, escalating healthcare delays, decreased public safety, and dysfunctional leadership. "On all fronts, the NDP are not as advertised," said Ewasko. "All Manitobans have to do is ask themselves: Am I better off today than I was a year ago? Is life more affordable? Do I feel safer in my community?" The cost of living crisis has only worsened under Kinew's NDP, as even their one supposed affordability measure has proven to be ineffective: 69% of Manitobans say they have noticed an increase in

gas prices over the last year. Kinew also promised in December to crack down on grocers if food costs did not go down, but close to 90% of Manitobans have seen prices increase for produce, meat, and dairy. A little over a year ago during a leadership debate, Wab Kinew promised to tackle bail reform at the provincial level within his first 100 days. Now 365 days later, there has been no change and Manitobans are feeling even less safe in their communities, with a majority saying that they are worried about crime and public safety. Among Winnipeggers, 66% believe crime is worse now in Manitoba's capital than one year ago. The NDP ran on "fixing" healthcare, but one year later, Manitobans are waiting longer for care. Nearly

90% of Manitobans believe that the province's health-care system is not of good quality, a significant increase from June 2023. "Instead of focusing on improving life for Manitobans, Kinew's NDP spent the last year making life better for themselves, leveraging government resources to boost their popularity," said Ewasko. "Our PC team will continue to hold them to account and shine a light on their failures as they rake in hundreds of millions in new taxes, double the taxpayer-funded political subsidy for their party, force workers to unionize, and hike the gas tax and your Hydro bills at the cabinet table." "Unfortunately, the NDP spent their first year putting politics and popularity over people and progress."

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## Employment Opportunity Sanitation I

The Town of Virden has an opening for a Sanitation I position commencing immediately.

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Typical duties include, but are not limited to:

- Pick-up and load garbage
- Assist in maintenance, repairs and cleaning of equipment
- Must be able to work overtime when required
- Should be able to obtain the required license in order to assume the duties and responsibility of the Sanitary II position when required
- Miscellaneous duties when assigned, including but not limited to, helping other departments or segments of departments within the Town of Virden

**Current starting wage is \$24.73 per hour, with a six month raise to \$25.10 and a twelve month raise to \$25.62.**

This position is generally scheduled for 7:00 am to 4:00 pm, Monday to Friday, but this could vary depending on requirements of the Employer, weather or other circumstances.

A detailed job description is available at the Town Office.

Please forward resumes, complete with covering letter to:

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Town of Virden  
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Email: office.manager@virden.ca

Deadline for applications is Wednesday, October 16, 2024 at 4:00 pm.

## Public Notice: Cemetery Cleanup

The Town of Virden asks that items that have been left on plots be cleaned up by **October 21, 2024**.

All items must be removed from each grave in the cemetery - artificial flowers, ornaments, solar lights, plant hooks, stuffed animals, etc. must be picked up. Only headstones should remain in order to prevent damage to personal items throughout the winter months.

Following spring thaw, families are welcome to replace items to their loved ones' gravesites.

Items that remain after the date above will be removed by Cemetery Maintenance Staff.

## 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](https://virden.ca/p/citizen-of-the-year) or call the Town Office for more information.

### Upcoming Council Meeting: October 22 & November 5

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

## Very Virden Christmas

Sign up now to sponsor this year's event!

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## 2024 Property Tax

Payments are due by **October 31**.



## Town of Virden Notice: Board of Revision

Pursuant to Section 41 of the Municipal Assessment Act, public notice is hereby given that the Assessment Rolls for the Town of Virden for 2025 have been deposited in the Town Office, 236 Wellington Street West, and are open for public inspection during normal business hours. The public is also advised that the Board of Revision will sit at the Town of Virden Council Chambers at 232 Wellington Street West on **Tuesday, November 7th, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.** to hear applications for revision of assessments.

Application for Revision

A person in whose name property has been assessed, a mortgagee in possession of property under subsection 114(1) of The Real Property Act, an occupier of premises who is required under the terms of a lease to pay the taxes on the property, or the assessor may make application for the revision of an assessment roll with respect to:

- Liability to taxation;
- Amount of an assessed value;
- Classification of property; or
- A refusal by an assessor to amend the assessment roll under subsection 13(2) of the Act.

### Application Requirements

An application for revision must:

- Be made in writing;
- Set out the roll number and legal description of the property for which a revision is sought;
- State the grounds on which the application is based; and
- Be filed with the Secretary of the Board of Revision, 236 Wellington Street West, P.O. Box 310, Virden MB R0M 2C0 at least 15 days before the sitting of the Board (by **October 22, 2024**).

Dated this 27th day of September, 2024.

Rhonda Stewart, CMMA  
Chief Administrative Officer  
Town of Virden



# CLASSIFIEDS

## Obituary

### IN LOVING MEMORY HELEN WIENS

It is with deep sorrow and much love we mourn the passing of Helen Wiens at the age of 90 years. Helen went to be with her Lord and Saviour on September 5, 2024 at the Virden Health Center, surrounded by her husband Mano, all of her children and numerous grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Helen was predeceased by her parents George and Margaret Rempel, son-in-law Don Williams, nine siblings, numerous in-laws and other family members. She is survived by her husband of 71 years, children Audrey, Carie, Kathy, LeeAnna (Bruce) and Brad (Angie). 12 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren and 3 great-great-grandchildren, sisters Luella Walker, Shiela Andruchow and Judy Friesen, as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

Helen was born June 29, 1934 in Beaver Flat, Saskatchewan the ninth of thirteen children (six brothers and six sisters). The family relocated to Austin, Manitoba in 1947 and it was here she completed her Grade 8 and then began her working life. Mom often talked about her early years growing up in a large family. They may have been poor in monetary terms, but they were rich in family.

Helen met Mano in the fall of 1952 and they were married in May 1953. And so began a new journey that spanned 71 years. They started their life together in Brandon, Manitoba where they welcomed their daughters Audrey and Carie. They then moved to Miniota, Manitoba where Mano went into a John Deere partnership with his brother John. They lived there for seven years and welcomed their third daughter Kathy. In 1963 the family moved to Oak Lake, Manitoba where they ran a Service Station/Restaurant. It is here they welcomed their fourth daughter LeeAnna and their only son Brad. The oil company pulled the gas pumps and the business became a repair and towing business. The cafe area was turned into a hairdressing shop which Helen operated along with daughter Audrey. After working as a hairdresser for several years Helen quit and worked in restaurants, eventually acquiring a small cafe, The Cozy Corner, which she ran for a number of years. When age caught up to her she sold the business and retired from working outside the home. Mano retired in 2001.

At the age of 42 years Helen achieved her GED and returned to school to take her hairdressing, graduating at the top of her class.

Mano and Helen raised their five children on a small acreage outside of Oak Lake. They had a large yard that was always filled with children. As their own children grew up, got married and had children of their own this home became a favorite place for grandchildren and great-grandchildren to visit, and sometimes stay for extended periods. They sold their property when it became too much for them to maintain and moved in town, where they remained until Helen's passing. Helen has left a huge hole in the families lives and will be missed a great deal.

Donations in Helen's name can be made to the Virden Palliative Care or to a charity of your choice.

## Obituary

### IN LOVING MEMORY OLGA "JEAN" CHORNOBOY JANUARY 14, 1931 – SEPTEMBER 23, 2024



Jean Chornoboy passed away peacefully on September 23 at the age of 93. She was a loving wife and mother who valued her family, her friends, her community and her faith. She committed her life to supporting her husband and children in everything they did, to her community through various board and volunteer roles and to her church.

She will be missed by Harry, her husband of 72 years, her children Harold (Joanne) and Douglas (Katherine), her four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

The Funeral Service will be held on October 11, 2024 at 1:30 PM at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, 4588 Roblin Boulevard, Winnipeg. In lieu of flowers, in memory of Jean, the family has respectfully requested donations to either the Alzheimer Society or Chalice (Canada).

## Thank-you

### Thank-you

The most sincere thank you to everyone for all the beautiful flowers, sympathy cards, gifts, to all the phone calls and inquiries in the passing of my dear daughter Laura. She is going to be missed by all!

Thank you everyone for taking the time to stop me on the street and showing love for myself and family.

Sincerely  
Donna Bajus and family



## Coming Events

### Maryfield St. Andrew's United Church Fowl Supper

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# Kenton kicks off playground plans

## Municipality of Wallace-Woodworth October 8 council meeting

By Dale Davison  
EMPIRE-ADVANCE

The Kenton Community Park Project will be working with Kenton Community Enterprises (KCE) who have charitable status. KCE will manage donations, and the project will be called Woodworth Legion Playground Project. The RM are in full support of the project.

Work on the Ward 2 municipal shop is nearly complete with the final details of construction being wrapped up and yard work ongoing. A small quantity of 2-inch minus aggregate material is required and council approved the payment of \$9376.50 to Sparks Sand and Gravel for hauling the material from the municipal pit.

Reeve Clayton Can-

art and Assistant CAO Iris Vercaigne were authorized to sign the water connection services agreement between the RM of Wallace-Woodworth and the Elkhorn Curling Club.

**GENERAL BUSINESS**

The joint council meeting of the Town of Virden and the RM of Wallace-Woodworth will be held on Nov. 18.

The Safe Work Manitoba conference will be held Oct. 23 in Winnipeg with Cole Delaurier, Christine Volk, Tom McLean, and Marty Sigurdson authorized to attend.

Council approved the payment of \$428.74 to NRG Signs, Inc. for signage at the Kenton Multicourt Project.

The municipality will support the Thunder and Ice Snowmobile club with a donation of \$200 for signage.

Construction of the Elkhorn RTM child-care facility will be reaching substantial completion after Oct. 10 and insurance for the project will be transferred to the RM at that time. Council approved the twelfth progress payment of \$227,058.39 to JQ Built for the work completed up to Aug. 31, 2024.

**COUNCILLOR REPORTS**

Coun. Mark Humphries reported that all the plans have been finalized for the renovation of the Virden library, and tender can now be requested for the work there.

Coun. Cheryl Klemola has resigned from the McAuley library board, and the position will be filled temporarily by Coun. Marla Dyke.

Coun. Lyle Kinnaird attended a handi-van

meeting and said most of the government funding has been received. The van has passed safety and is approved for use.

Coun. Val Caldwell said that Prairie Gateway Tourism has accepted the resignation of the Elkhorn Chamber of Commerce. The organization is looking for representatives from Elkhorn, Kenton and the municipality at large. The bank account balance for the organization is \$13,723.25.

The tourism committee is considering some

winter photo shoots taking pictures of seasonal activities like the Lenore bonspiel, “because it’s such an old building, and it’s kind of like a historical thing and...if we’re going to promote outdoor activities, we have to promote something that people can do,” said Caldwell.

Caldwell also attended the Hamiota Healthy Stakeholders meeting and reported that a new organization, the Hamiota and Area Community Alliance is being organized.

The clinic currently has 4.2 full-time physicians with Dr. Laurel Stevenson starting in the new year as well as a potential fifth physician. The facility still lacks a lab and x-ray technician and there are several positions to fill in nursing.

Hamiota’s senior housing still has a waiting list of 12 people in a facility with 29 suites. Caldwell said, “Prairie Mountain Health made it very clear they will not be increasing the beds in Hamiota for seniors.”





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PHOTOS BY JESSICA COULTER

The team taking care of Eternal Springs helped make this trail safer with the installation of these stairs along the trail.

**By Jessica Coulter**  
EMPIRE-ADVANCE

My husband and I decided to take a break on the weekend and go for a hike at Eternal Springs. I had never been before as I am new to the area, but I will definitely go back again as the trails were beautiful, the landscape was breathtaking and the pond a sight to behold.

Eternal Springs is a hidden gem located north of the Assiniboine Valley just 4-1/2 miles off of highway 259. This recreational area was started by a group of people over 50 years ago as a pond they could stock with trout. It was the perfect location because it is fed by St. David's Spring. This spring supplies freshwater at a rate of 15 gallons per minute and never freezes.

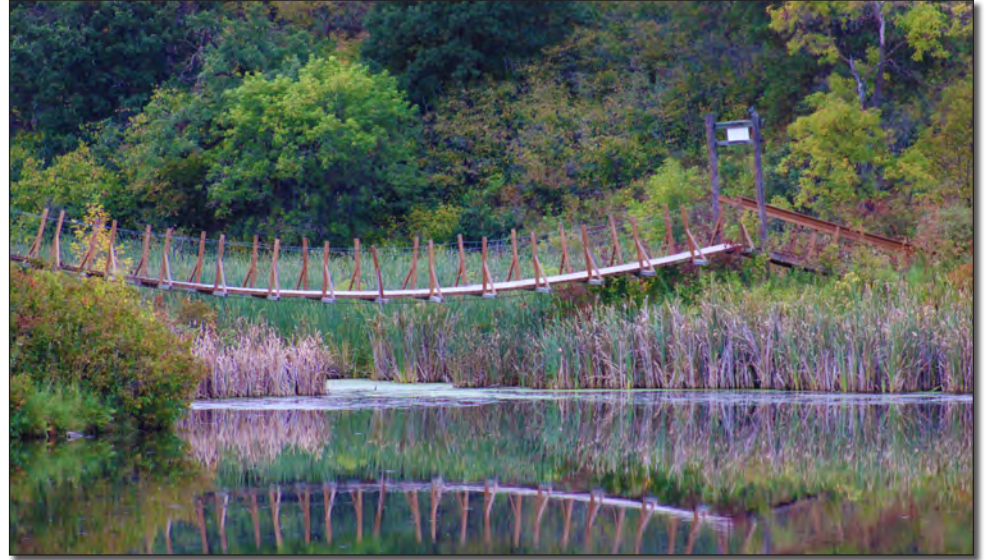
The site of this attractive fishing hole had its ups and downs over the years. The final results are well worth a visit. I was very impressed with the campground area with BBQ pits. The volunteer staff that maintain the area have done a fantastic job with keeping the picnic area clean and usable. We enjoyed walking the groomed trails and crossing the 66 foot swinging bridge that was installed in 2004. There were signs to help visitors identify the differ-

ent birds that could be seen swimming in the pond.

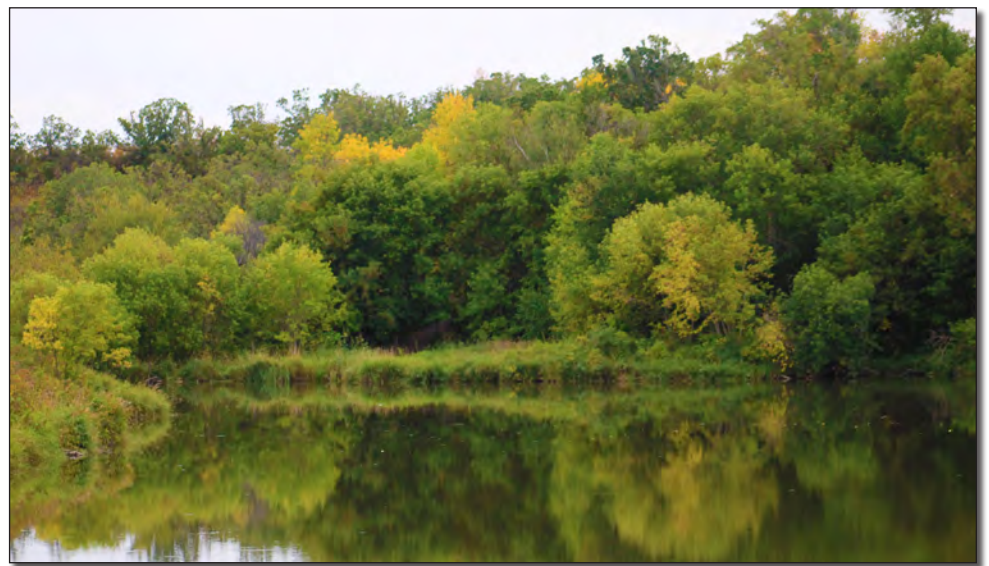
There is about seven kilometres of trails to walk giving everyone a chance to see everything Eternal Springs has to offer. I really enjoyed making this walk this fall with the leaves

changing. It made the trip even more beautiful.

If you would like more information about Eternal Springs, please visit Eternal Springs Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1663517913884177/>.



St. David's Swinging Bridge carries you over St. David's creek and was built in 2004.



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## Reston & Area Veteran Banner Community Celebration

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| Saturday | 9 am – 12 noon |

#### SUMMER WASTE SITE HOURS

(May 1st – September 14th):

|           |                |
|-----------|----------------|
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For more information please contact the Municipal Office:  
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# Pretty but don't touch



PHOTO BY ANNE DAVISON

Red plants in the undergrowth at Silver Bend Trail may be poison ivy but many plants look similar. When walking in the woods, it's best to avoid these red plants because, if they are in fact poison ivy, they can cause a very painful rash.

# Purple Thursday is an opportunity to help

By Anne Davison  
EMPIRE-ADVANCE

Traumatic brain injury can change your life. Royal Purple wants to help those who have survived brain injury as a result of intimate partner violence on the upcoming Purple Thursday.

Purple Thursday, the third Thursday in October, is a special day of connection between the Canadian Royal Purple, communities and women's shelters across Canada. The Canadian Royal Purple adopted brain injury awareness and prevention as their official cause some years ago and have found that brain injury can have many different sources but is all too often a part of intimate partner violence.

You don't need to be knocked unconscious to suffer a brain injury. Intimate partner violence traumatic brain injuries (IPV-TBI) can occur due to a blow to head, face, neck or a sudden jarring or shaking.

Some 75 per cent of IPV survivors evaluated in emergency depart-

ments and shelters say they have experienced a TBI. Choking or strangling can cause brain injury.

Common physical symptoms include headaches, pressure, dizziness, nausea, blurred vision, sensitivity to light/sound, lack of energy. It can also affect brain function causing memory issues, inability to learn information, trouble organizing tasks. The victim may feel overly emotional, easily upset, nervous or anxious. Healthy sleep patterns may be disrupted.

Some TBIs may be seen on a CT or MRI scan, but some concussions, for example, may not be easily discovered through tests.

Head trauma is all too common as women who do not want friends and family to know that they are being abused will cover their faces, leaving their heads open to significant trauma.

Oct. 17 is Purple Thursday, and Virden's Royal Purple will assemble and deliver care bags for those fleeing violence, as well as for

their children.

As their ongoing yearly project, the Royal Purple helps to raise awareness and funds for traumatic brain injury. Intimate partner violence falls within this mandate.

### VALLEYVIEW CO-OP

Valleyview Coop is partnering with Virden's Royal Purple to help survivors of intimate partner violence. You can join this cause through a direct donation or through a C-store purchase on Friday, Oct. 11 where the Royal Purple ladies will be on hand collecting toiletries and cash donations. That day, Valleyview Co-op will be selling Royal Twists, a grape Big Cool and vanilla ice cream combo, and \$1 from each purchase will go to the Royal Purple. As well, Valleyview will match all funds raised, up to \$500.

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### RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF PIPESTONE BOARD OF REVISION

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that the assessment rolls for the Rural Municipality of Pipestone for 2025 have been deposited in the office of the said Rural Municipality of Pipestone, 401 Third Avenue, Reston, Manitoba, and are open for public inspection. The Board of Revision will sit to hear applications for revision of assessment on Thursday, November 14, 2024, commencing at 6:30 p.m. in the Rural Municipality of Pipestone Council Chambers in Reston, Manitoba. Any person who believes that an assessment ought to be revised may make application in accordance with sections 42 and 43 of The Municipal Assessment Act which, in part, are as follows:

#### 42 (1) Application for Revision

A person in whose name property has been assessed, a mortgagee in possession of property under section 114(1) of The Real Property Act, an occupier of premises who is required under the terms of a lease to pay the taxes on the property, or the assessor may make application for the revision of an assessment roll with respect to;

- a) liability to taxation;
- b) amount of an assessed value;
- c) classification of property; or
- d) a refusal by an assessor to amend the assessment roll under subsection 13(2)

#### 43 (1) Application Requirements

An application for revision must;

- a) be made in writing
- b) set out the roll number and legal description of the assessable property for which a revision is sought;
- c) state the grounds on which the application is based, and
- d) be filed by
  - i) delivering it or causing it to be delivered to the office indicated in the public notice given under subsection 41(2), or
  - ii) serving it upon the secretary, at least 15 days before the scheduled sitting date of the Board as indicated in the public notice.

The deadline for filing applications against the 2024 assessment rolls is  
5:00pm, Tuesday, October 29th, 2024.

The Board shall not consider applications which do not comply with the above.

Dated at the Townsite of Reston this 27th day of September 2024

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