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### Jennifer DeKezel's Journey of Service, Mentorship and Entrepreneurship

by Giselle Lussier  
GAZETTE STAFF

For Jennifer DeKezel, growing up in the small town of Baldur and being adopted by Norbert and Brenda DeKezel at four months old instilled in her a strong sense of community and resilience - qualities that have served her well in her 17-year career with the Toronto Police Service. From a young age, DeKezel knew she was adopted and was always incredibly grateful for the loving home her parents provided.

However, as she grew older, she became curious about her roots, particularly as her skin was darker than the children she grew up with. This curiosity stayed with her as she navigated her life.

Shortly after her 18th birthday Jen met her birth mother and three siblings, all of whom are now an important part of her life. While her adoptive parents provided a stable, nurturing environment, meeting her biological family has given



Former Baldurite and current Toronto Police Officer Jennifer DeKezel holds one of her God-daughters, and namesake, who is the daughter of one of the many girls she has mentored through the group she created many years ago: Girlz will be Girlz, helping at-risk girls tackle some of life's biggest challenges. PHOTO SUBMITTED

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### Date for ground breaking has been set!

by Gayle Johnson  
GAZETTE STAFF

The Spirit Sands Medical Clinic Committee has made tremendous progress, transforming an idea into a forthcoming construction reality! The dedication and support from the community members in the Rural Municipality of Glenboro South Cypress and the neighboring municipalities have made this project happen.

According to Vice Chair Alexis Einarson, everything is aligning perfectly: all contracts have been awarded, a new registered nurse has been hired, and Alexis was thrilled to announce that the official groundbreaking ceremony will take place on April 29th at 6 p.m. at the site of the new Spirit Sands Medical Clinic, located at 214 Warwick Ave. With construction set to begin soon, and we watch the Clinic take shape, we can take immense pride in the fact that when we unite for the good of all, remarkable things can happen!

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# Chad Berry and Mike Fisher presented King Charles III Coronation Medals

by Gayle Johnson  
GAZETTE STAFF

On March 3, 2025 a media release was sent out indicating that Larry Maguire, Member of Parliament for Brandon-Souris, had announced the names of 30 Westman residents who would be receiving the King Charles III Coronation Medal.

One of those people was Chad Berry from Cypress River.

Chad, a quiet, humble, and unassuming gentleman who is quick to flash an easy smile received an email indicating he had been chosen to receive one of the 30 King Charles II Coronation Medals to be given by Larry Maguire, Member of Parliament for Brandon-Souris.

“When I got the email, I didn’t know what I was getting the medal for,” said Chad.

He later found out he had been nominated by someone from the local Legion.

“I was humbled that someone would nominate me. I don’t do things within the community for accolades or recognition, I do them to help out and improve what we already have. Our whole family works together for the greater good.”

He went on to say, “We support local because it is important to build and maintain a strong community for our family and our staff and their families. We want them to be able to live close and thrive. We want them to raise their families here and have the next generation stay as well. If we don’t work together for the greater good of all, we risk losing it.”

What will Chad and his family be doing going forward?

“We will continue doing what we do!”

The Berry name is synonymous with kindness and caring for others. Supporting their community is something they all feel very strongly about.

“We understand the importance of community

and we work to help ensure it remains vibrant. I appreciate the support of the community and the nomination.”

Congratulations and thank you Chad for being the man you are!

### MIKE FISHER

Whether he is umping a baseball game, driving the school bus or any one of a number of other activities he is involved in, he is giving it his all!

When Mike received the email notifying him that he would be receiving one of the 30 King Charles III Coronation medals being distributed by Larry Maguire, Member of Parliament for Brandon-Souris, he fully admitted he was very surprised and humbled.

“I don’t do any of the things I do for recognition, but I have to admit, it felt good to be appreciated! Unfortunately, I have never been told who nominated me.”

Mike often downplays his substantial contributions to the community, but it’s impressive how he manages to balance it all. We can’t help but admire the dedication behind everything he does!

“My family is the

driving force behind my passion for life. Family, fun and community in that order are the three things that are important to me.”

Mike is truly a cornerstone of the community, involved in a wide range of impactful activities. As an active paramedic, he has consistently stepped up during our most challenging times, providing critical support when we need it most.

Moreover, he has umpired more baseball games than most people have ever watched, and although not everyone agrees with his calls, his authority and respect among players is undeniable.

He is also the driving force behind the immensely popular Wawanesa Lion’s Kids Country Fair, showcasing his commitment to creating memorable experiences for others.



Mike Fisher from Wawanesa.



Chad Berry from Cypress River. PHOTOS BY SUZANNE PADDOCK

This is just a glimpse of his many remarkable contributions, highlighting his unwavering dedication to our community.

Mike admitted, “I wouldn’t do anything differently. I enjoy my family, my life and my community. I have been extremely active in the

community my entire life, just like my parents and my wife.”

Mike Fisher is a big man with an even bigger heart. Sorry Mike, but we all know it’s true!

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# VIEWPOINT

## Scammers are continuously evolving and refining their tactics



### OF INTEREST

GAYLE JOHNSON  
GAZETTE STAFF

Recently, we were able to speak to Tim Klassen, President and CEO of Sunrise Credit Union.

Tim is very passionate about

not only protecting Sunrise Credit Union customers, but also getting the word out to the general public about scams and how to protect yourself in this ever-changing environment.

Tim started the conversation by saying, "We are seeing a lot of scams, and they aren't slowing down."

He then started listing several of the scams that have circulated, that have left victims bewildered as to how anyone could do this to them, and how they didn't realize they were being victimized.

He went on to say, "Scammers are continuously evolving and refining their tactics. We face a wide range of scams, from those specifically targeting grandparents to romance scams and impersonators posing as representatives from the Canada Revenue Agency, banks, or credit card companies. There are countless scams out there, and the reality is that just when you think you've encountered every trick in the book, a new one emerges! Artificial intelligence has dramatically intensified the threat of scams, with scammers now able to easily use a brief recording of your voice to create a convincing imitation. This means that a caller could sound exactly like a family member, asking for financial assistance, when it's actually a scammer on the other end. It's crucial to stay vigilant and protect yourself against these deceptive tactics."

**Interviewer:** How do scammers get their victims to believe they are from the credit card company and get their credit card information?

**Tim:** "It's easier than you might expect. Scammers can easily reach victims through various methods, with phone calls being a common tactic. They impersonate representatives from legitimate companies, presenting themselves as friendly and eager to assist in resolving issues or verifying suspicious charges on credit cards. During these calls, victims are typically asked to confirm their credit card numbers and provide personal information. Many people, believing they are speaking with their credit card company about potential fraud, feel compelled to share the information to protect themselves from unauthorized charges. However, it's crucial to recognize that even if the company's name appears on your caller ID and the person on the other end claims to represent that company, it doesn't guarantee their honesty. Always verify independently before sharing any sensitive information."

**Interviewer:** That is unnerving! How do we know if we are being contacted by the actual company they say they are from or if they are a scammer?

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Jared and Tammy McIntosh were enjoying a nice, sunny stroll in Baldur last week but Harv and Mya were more interested in greeting the photographer. PHOTO BY SUZANNE PADDOCK

## Are you trying to be everyone's cup of tea?



### MOTIVATIONAL MUSINGS

BY I'M A  
WORKIN' PROGRESS

I've been reading Mel Robbins' Let Them Theory, and WOW - I can understand why this book is a bestseller. I must admit, I was surprised by how much I got out of it. I've read so many self-help books over the years, I didn't think there were many golden nuggets left to find. But this one? It hit differently.

One of the concepts that really made me stop and reflect is the idea that we spend way too much energy trying to be liked by everyone. Somewhere along the way, many of us picked up the belief that being liked equates to being worthy.

Think back to something you really wanted to accomplish but never even started because you were afraid of what others would think. Maybe you kept a dream tucked away in the back of your mind because the risk of judgment felt too heavy. Or maybe you've changed the music you listen to, the way you dress, even the way you speak - just to blend in, just to avoid the sideways glances or subtle eye rolls.

I think about this every single week as I sit down to write this column. That voice in my head screams: Who am I to try and motivate others toward a better, happier life when I can't always find it myself? There are people out there with degrees, credentials, years of training - people far more qualified than me. What if readers think, "Who does she think she is?" Or worse, "What a joke."

But right here is a truth bomb: not everyone is going to like us - and that's okay. The freedom that comes from embracing that simple idea is enormous.

One of Mel's points that really struck me was this: "People will always have negative opinions about you, and there is nothing you can do to change that." Let that sink in for a moment. We have over 70,000 thoughts crossing our minds each day - so isn't it wild to believe we could ever control someone else's thoughts, when half the time we can't even control our own?

We could be the kindest, most thoughtful version of ourselves and still, someone out there will roll their eyes or criticize us. So why not follow our gut? Why not do what we feel is right for us? Because the truth is, there will always be

people who approve and people who don't. Chasing approval is like running on a treadmill - you expend all this effort and never really get anywhere. But when you step off and start walking in the direction that feels authentic, everything begins to shift.

Until now, I've been referring to acquaintances and friends - but what about those we love? Our family, our children, our spouse and our best friends. Do you have positive thoughts about them all the time? I'm going to go out on a limb here and guess not. There are often negative thoughts that cross our minds - but do we love them less? No. Those thoughts are just passing annoyances, not the whole story.

So if that's true of the people closest to us, isn't it kind of wild to believe we can control how everyone else feels about us? It is physically and neurologically impossible to control what other people think - so why waste our precious time trying?

That's not selfish - it's self-honouring.

Mel's message? Let them. Let them misunderstand you. Let them judge you. Let them walk away. Let them think what they want. Because

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Looking Back

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AULD DAYS

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1935-90 YEARS AGO

A quiet wedding took place in the United Church manse on March 23rd when Jean Jackson became the bride of Norman King.

1945-80 YEARS AGO

Ledrew Sigurdson, who has been in the service over four years and about two years overseas, returned to Canada March 15th. Lewdrew was stationed in England and Scotland.

1955-70 YEARS AGO

Plans are underway for the 75th anniversary of Glenboro on July 1st and 2nd ---- Stella Mae, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. J. Fredrikson, became the bride of John Vertz on April 2nd at the Lutheran Parsonage. The father of the bride officiated.

1965-60 YEARS AGO

The Glenboro-RM of South Cypress Centennial Committee decided to support a need for elderly person’s low rental housing units ---- Mr. Colledge, long time employee of the IPL in Glenboro, was honoured on his retirement.

1975-50 YEARS AGO

Work is nearing completion on the low rental housing Senior Citizens apartments on Lyall Street. The building will consist of 10 single and 4 double units.

1985-40 YEARS AGO

Milt Budd, Vi Lyall, and Myrtle Lyall were awarded honorary memberships in the Glenboro Agricultural Society.

1995-30 YEARS AGO

CliffCullen, who has previously served as project coordinator for the Association for a Clean Rural Environment and as weed supervisor for the Glenboro-South Cypress Weed Control District, will now serve as the new agent for the Manitoba Crop Insurance agency in Glenboro.

2005-20 YEARS AGO

Cypress River United Church raised approximately \$4,000 at a goods and services auction. Darin Bouchard was auctioneer ---- Spring run-off has washed out several roads in Argyle ---- Braydon Cullen, Nathan McPhail, Austin Mustard and Addison Cullen won silver medals in the ‘B’ event at the 13 & Under Youth Curling Jamboree in Winnipeg.

2015-10 YEARS AGO

Walter and Wendy Cullen, who run Oak Springs Farm near Stockton, were awarded the 2014 Assiniboine Hills Conservation Award. The farm has been in the Cullen family since 1915.

GLEANINGS

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1915-110 YEARS AGO

Nurse Tuck is attending Mr. Geo. Wanless who has pneumonia ---- Messrs. H. Wood, F. Fargey and Myers, who are studying at the Agricultural College in Winnipeg, are home for Easter holidays.

1925-100 YEARS AGO

At the annual Town Board meeting, the secretary was instructed to check the prices of a new tank for the fire engine ---- Mr. Sam Horrocks, who has been attending the Hempton Motor College in Winnipeg, is home for the summer ---- All interested in golf are requested to attend a meeting in the CNR waiting room.

1935-90 YEARS AGO

Passed to rest: J.H. Elgar on March 30th at age 68. Pallbearers were Archie and Tom Irwin, Joe Kerr, Wm. and Dave Thompson and Wm. Spring.

1945-80 YEARS AGO

Mr. Cole has taken over the General Store business of Coad & Wright in Ninette ---- Sam Money passed away March 26th at age 84.

1955-70 YEARS AGO

A tentative date by the Manitoba Telephone System for the local service is February, 1956 ---- Mr. Mac Wanless has purchased the trucking business formerly owned by I. Webster ---- The Neelin valley presents the appearance of a lake with water covering the road to Cartwright ---- Water over No. 18 highway north of Ninette washed out the Hilton road.

1965-60 YEARS AGO

Roy Scott of Hilton captured a calf at the Scramble at Brandon Fair ---- John Lockerby and Nelson Cooper, along with two curlers from Bisbee, won 1st prize in 2nd event in the Bisbee bonspiel ---- Wendell Bradford was honoured at a farewell tea at the San before accepting a position with Investors Syndicate.

1975-50 YEARS AGO

Miss Bonnie Lee Otto and Brian Hill were married March 1st at St. Stephen’s Anglican Church ---- The Ninette U.C.W. tea and bazaar realized a profit of \$412.

1985-40 YEARS AGO

Ivy McKenzie of Ninette was presented with a “Special Award for Volunteers” at a recent awards dinner of the Canadian Cancer Society ---- Vern Campbell took first place in the Novice heavyweight event at a Judo Tournament at Portage ---- The Tiger Hills School Board has accepted the resignation of J. Russel Chambers as custodian of Belmont School.

YESTERYEARS

COMPILED FROM PAST ISSUES OF THE BALDUR GAZETTE

1925-100 YEARS AGO

Robert Kilgour passed away at the age of 90 ---- Rev. F. and Mrs. Hallgrimson have left to take charge of a church in Iceland ---- Mr. and Mrs. Gordon McPhail and family have left to reside in the Peace River.

1945-80 YEARS AGO

Mr. and Mrs. E.B. Laxdal and family have moved to Baldur ---- Born to Mr. and Mrs. Bill Gantzel, a son, April 1st.

1965-60 YEARS AGO

R. Ramage was elected president of the Chamber of Commerce ---- JohnMcLennan passed away April 6th at age 78 ---- Born to Mr. and Mrs. Murray Gillies, a daughter, March 27th and to Mr. and Mrs. Ken Riglin, a son, March 27th.

1975-50 YEARS AGO

Glen MacGillivray was named top goalie at the Knights of Columbus tournament at Killarney ---- Colin McLennan won a calf at the Calf Scramble at Brandon ---- Born to Mr. and Mrs. Bill Waffle (Gosselin) a daughter, March 28th, to Mr. and Mrs. Milton Macklin, a son, March 26th and to Mr. and Mrs. Don DeBaets, a daughter, April 6th.

1985-40 YEARS AGO

A heat exchanger has been installed in the curling ice side of the rink ---- Chosen to the Tiger Hills All-Star hockey team were: Belmont - Ron Scott, Greg Vertz, Rick Shadlock, Maurice Hutlet and Dennis Kelly, Baldur – Gerry Barr, Darcy Dearsley and Mike Johnson.

1995-30 YEARS AGO

Donalee Jones won the Myrtle Young trophy for the highest mark in Sacred Solo at the festival ---- Sena Anderson is now a resident at Baldur Manor ---- Mariapolis Co-op reported sales of \$10,634,693 for the past year ---- Mary Brinton Cline passed away April 1st at age 76 ---- Gary Bates and Larry MacKay won the dart tournament at Belmont Hotel ---- Elizabeth Myers passed away April 3rd at age 57.

2005-20 YEARS AGO

Jody Penner (Gillies) spent ten days near San Diego with the Mennonite Church group repairing some 40 homes damaged in a big fire.

2015-10 YEARS AGO

The RM of Prairie Lakes held an Open House at their new Municipal Shop in Dunrea ---- The Strang sisters who both grew up near Baldur, celebrated their birthdays: Marguerite Lockerby turned 95 on March 29 and Doris Stone will be 94 on May 28.



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TAKE A BREAK ...

WONDERWORD

By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: First, read the list of words, then look at the puzzle. The words are found in all directions - vertically, horizontally, diagonally, backward. Circle each letter of a word found and strike it off the list. The letters are often used more than once so do not cross them out. It is best to find the big words first. When you find all the words listed in the clues you'll have a number of letters left over that spell out the WONDERWORD. To see the answer use the link below the puzzle.

Spring Is In the Air

April 4, 2025

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Solution: 5 letters



News  
BRIEFS

■ Defibrillator

The Darlingford 125th Committee has officially closed its bank account, with a gift to the community. An AED has been purchased to share between the Darlingford Community Centre and Darlingford Pembina Heritage Museum.

■ Adds to fleet

A 2024 Ford 550 is a recent addition to the Darlingford Fire Department. It is equipped with a 300 gal. water tank.

■ Passport pop-ups

In just four days, MP Dan Mazier and his team hosted eight pop-up passport service events in St. Rose, Dauphin, Rosburn, Russell, Rivers, Minnedosa, MacGregor and Carberry – helping more than 800 individuals apply for their Canadian passports.

■ Body cams

Prairie Mountain RCMP now have body worn cameras. Every member in the Roblin/Russell area now have them.

■ Concerns

Grassland municipality has held three meetings recently in order to help gauge the likes, gripes and needs of the municipality. Infrastructure was the main topic of concern for ratepayers, particularly water and waste water.

■ New CAO

Laurie Dalziel, the former assistant CAO has been appointed the new CAO for the town of Melita.

■ Award

The Pembina Valley Watershed District has named Darrell and Cheryl Harder of Dustyridge Family Farms their 2025 Conservation Award Winner.

# Walter Lockhart awarded for his large bear

by Gayle Johnson  
GAZETTE STAFF

The Manitoba Bowhunters Record Club recently hosted a banquet where one of Baldur’s own was honoured with an award for the second-largest bear shot with a bow in Manitoba!

So, who is this award-winning bow hunter?

None other than Walter Lockhart.

We were able to speak with Walter, who shared the details of his multi-year hunt with us:

“We had tracked that bear for at least six years.

“I passed him up four years ago because I was tracking what I thought was a larger bear at the time. I had my second chance the same year with what looked like a perfect shot. Unfortunately, I completely missed the bear when my arrow deflected off a branch.

“It was very disappointing!

“A couple of weeks later, the same bear crossed our paths again. This time, my son Owen took aim, but the arrow hit a little high and too far forward, allowing the bear to escape with only a slight flesh wound. It was enough to let him know there were hunters around, causing him to run off into the bush.

“He proved to be a wise bear.

“After the interaction with Owen, the bear stayed away from that spot in daylight, and we rarely picked him up on any trail cams after dark.

“Our paths never crossed over the next few years, with only a rare sighting of the beast on our trail cams.

“It’s wild to think that during the six years we hunted that bear, we had seen him quite a bit on the trail cam footage, but we only saw him maybe five times live. He was very sporadic, showing up just a few times a year.

“Leading up to the night I finally shot this long-sought-after, award-winning bear, I was actually after another bear who had been seen on the cameras hanging around the area with a female bear friend.

“I sat quietly, patiently waiting.

“Then, as if on cue, the bear I had been tracking for the past 6 years wandered into view. I couldn’t believe my luck!

“Taking careful aim, I hit him with a perfectly executed shot.

“I had to call for expert assistants (my sons, Owen and Mayson) to move this monster. We all knew this beast was big, but didn’t realize he would score as well as he did. Bears are



After missed opportunities and six more years of growth, bowhunter Walter Lockhart was able to harvest this huge black bear, although he wasn’t yet sure exactly how big it had grown.

hard to judge because of how they are scored.

“As soon as my taxidermist saw him, he knew immediately it was a once-in-a-lifetime bear.”

When the scoring was completed, this bear was the second-largest bear of

all time, shot with a bow in Manitoba.

It also ranked in the top 5 of all time to be recorded by the Pope and Young Club, who have been preserving and documenting the bowhunting heritage across North America for over 60 years.

How big was this bear? Walter said; “The largest bear on record scored 22 13/16, and mine scored 22 11/16, it was so close to number 1 in Manitoba!”

Not many of us can even imagine facing a bear, never mind one that large.

Congratulations on your award Walter!



Walter Lockhart of Baldur was honoured by the Manitoba Bowhunters Record Club as his recent entry is the second largest bear ever taken by a bow in Manitoba; a mere 2/16” from number one.

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# Scammers are continuously evolving and refining their tactics

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**Tim:** “The only way to ensure your safety is to hang up and contact the company directly. Scammers often provide a phone number that directs you to someone who claims to be legitimate, but this is just another ploy in their scheme. Always use trusted numbers that you know belong to the actual company, and make that call immediately. The company can confirm if there are any suspicious charges on your account and guide you on the necessary steps to protect yourself from further scams. People are deceived by scammers every day, and there is no need to feel embarrassed - reporting the scammer is crucial. If you’ve inadvertently shared personal information, take immediate action by reaching out to any relevant companies, such as your credit card provider, bank, or credit union. It’s vital to notify them so they can help safeguard your accounts effectively.”

**Interviewer:** The whole idea of scamming people seems outrageous. How have scammers become such an enormous problem?

**Tim:** “You have to remember that scammers do this for a living. It is their job, and this is how they feed their families, so

for them to survive, and keep feeding their families and paying their bills, they have to keep getting better.”

**Interviewer:** Are you seeing or hearing about any new scams?

**Tim:** “There are several investment and crypto scams currently circulating. Scammers are contacting victims through text, coming across as completely legitimate, just like any other scammer. They will promise great returns, in fact, returns that seem too good to be true. Once you see something that is too good to be true, well, it probably is. Stop corresponding and block them. If you have given them any banking or other personal information, contact your bank or credit union immediately and let them know. They can’t be stopped unless you take the necessary steps to notify those who can help you. You should also contact your local RCMP detachment and they can direct you on the next steps to take.”

**Interviewer:** This is scary to even consider, but is it possible for scammers to get your information from your computer?

**Tim:** “Yes, there are several options out there, but one in particular claims to be a free downloadable cleaner for your computer that will eliminate any harmful

software your computer may have picked up. The ad for the free downloadable cleaner promises that once your machine is cleaned, it will run like new. This is a scam!

“Never download anything that unexpectedly appears and offers something for free. Unless you have visited a specific, trusted website and requested a computer cleaner or any other software, do not interact with it. Delete it and move on. If it’s an email, hit the report junk button, if available, and then delete the email.”

**Interviewer:** How else can we protect ourselves from scams and scammers?

**Tim:** “Always remain vigilant and question any requests for money or personal information. Do not share sensitive details over the phone, text, or email unless you have verified that the source is legitimate. To confirm the authenticity, contact the company directly using a trusted phone number - never assume that they are telling the truth.

“If you give out financial information or transfer funds and later realize it was a mistake, act immediately. Contact your credit union or bank without delay; they are available 24 hours a day, ready to assist you. Additionally, report

the scam to the RCMP to help prevent others from falling victim. Stay proactive and protect your information.”

**Interviewer:** What other tips and tricks can you share with our readers to help combat this epidemic?

**Tim:** “Along with what we have already covered, it’s important to note that your passwords are often your weakest link in security. They need to be strong to be effective. Use a combination of uppercase letters, special characters, and ensure they are at least eight characters long. Avoid using names or birth dates, as these are among the most common passwords and the easiest to crack.

“For added security with e-transfers, be sure to enable the auto-deposit function to help protect yourself. If you need assistance changing a password for your Sunrise

Credit Union card or activating the auto-deposit feature, please visit the branch. One of our agents will be more than happy to assist you.”

**Interviewer:** Do you think there will ever be an end to scammers?

**Tim:** “I don’t see that happening anytime soon. This is a trillion-dollar industry worldwide, and it is constantly evolving. The only way to stay ahead of this problem is to avoid interacting with them. The Canadian government will never call, email, or text you asking for money. Similarly, credit card companies won’t randomly reach out to you to ask for personal information or your credit card number. I cannot stress this enough: never give out any information to anyone, and always contact the company directly if you receive any suspicious communication.”

**Interviewer:** What is Sunrise Credit Union doing to protect their customers?

**Tim:** “We have a dedicated marketing department that provides valuable information on spotting scams and protecting yourself. Our vigilant risk and fraud department closely monitors all internal money movements. If you suspect that you’ve been scammed, reach out to us immediately. While recovering lost funds may not be possible, we are committed to safeguarding your accounts and assets held with us. Remember, there’s no shame in being scammed; we’re here to support you in securing your financial well-being.”

A special thank you to Tim Klassen for reaching out to the Gazette and taking the time to share this in-depth information with our readers.

## Trying to be everyone’s cup of tea

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in the end, how others perceive you is more about them than it is about you.

I’ve spent too many years trying to win people over - softening my edges, people-pleasing to the point of exhaustion - and then wondering why I felt resentful, anxious, or unsure of who I even am or what I really think anymore. And as hard as it is to swallow, it’s okay that not everyone likes me. The truth is, not everyone will.

But after reading Let Them, I’ve come to see

this differently. As long as I’m being true to myself - and not doing or saying anything with the intent to hurt others - I’m okay. In fact, I’m better. I’m lighter. I’m more me.

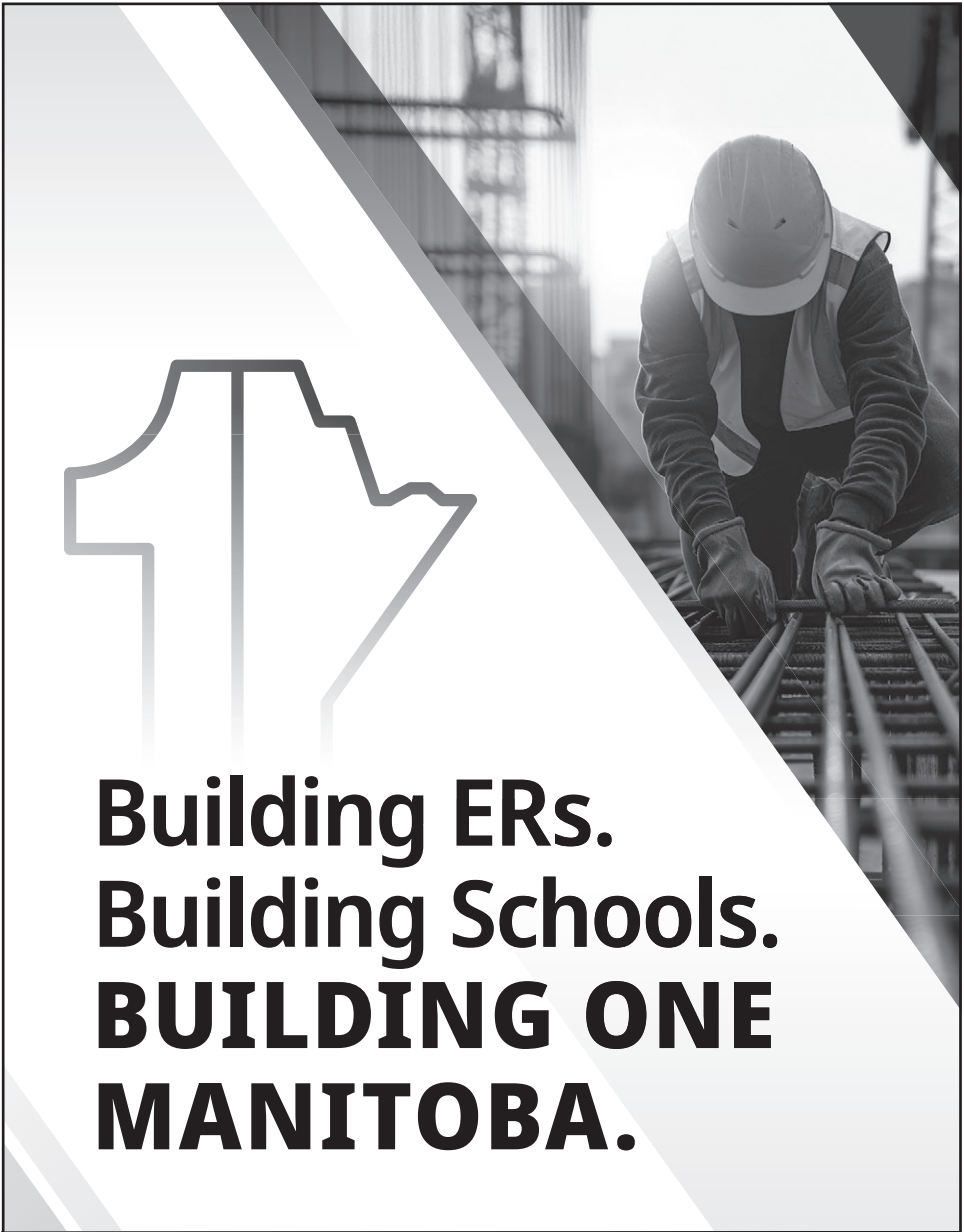
It’s not easy. It takes practice. But slowly, I’m learning to shift my focus from “How do I get them to like me?” to “Am I being true to myself?” Because at the end of the day, that’s the relationship that matters most - the one I have with myself.

So here’s my invitation to you: let go. Let go of the exhausting need to be liked by everyone. Let go of the second-guessing,

the overthinking, the editing of yourself just to fit someone else’s mold. This week, try choosing you. Say what you mean. Wear what feels like you. Take one small step toward that dream you’ve been holding back on.


And when the doubt creeps in - because it will - remember this simple truth: you don’t need to be everyone’s cup of tea. You just need to be your own.

As Mel Robbins so perfectly puts it: “You can’t control how people respond to you. You can only control who you show up as.”



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## DeKezel's Journey of Service, Mentorship and Entrepreneurship

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her a deeper understanding of her identity and strengthened her sense of connection to her roots.

DeKezel's journey to Toronto began fresh out of high school at just 18 years old, naïve and unprepared for the reality of leaving her small-town roots behind. "A new girlfriend of mine who was moving there invited me to move, so I did," she recalled. "I had \$200, no job, and after three months, my friend moved away. There were no cellphones, no internet back then. I was confused, but it was like the universe wanted me to go bigger, to explore and I was needed elsewhere. It was confusing because I was alone, couldn't afford a flight home, and was way too proud to let anyone down of my new mission, so I stuck it out. "I recall spending my first Christmas alone, my sweet parents sent me a little mini Christmas tree which I still have with me through all my moves 30 years later."

Despite the challenges, she persevered, taking on a variety of jobs - waitressing, working as a



Jennifer DeKezel, originally from Baldur, has drawn on incredible inner strength to become a Toronto Police Officer and so much more to many people.

home decorator designer, starring on a TV show called Single Girl Diaries, working with those with special needs, and even as a legal assistant - gaining diverse skills along the way. But it was a unique opportunity that would ultimately change the course of her life.

Eventually she landed

a position working and touring with NHL Legends, where she sang the national anthem, was game day organizer and liaison with local Police and Fire Associations from across Canada. The experience immersed her in a world of discipline, teamwork and leadership, all of which would later prove invaluable in her policing career.

During her time on tour, she frequently interacted with police officers assigned to the events. Working alongside them - and sometimes even giving them instructions - taught her the importance of standing her ground while remaining personable and confident. It wasn't long before some of these officers took notice, recognizing in her the very qualities that made a great police officer. "They encouraged me, and their belief in me made me think, 'Maybe this is something I could do,'" she said.

That encouragement, along with her growing passion for service, led DeKezel to make the bold decision to apply to the Toronto Police Service - a choice that would ultimately define her career. The process took over a year and a half. On her first attempt, she failed the physical test.

But instead of letting that setback discourage

her, it only fuelled her determination. "I was more determined than ever," she said. "Failing made me realize how badly I wanted this. So, with the help of some really good friends, I started training even more intensely."

Her perseverance paid off. She passed the test, earned her badge, and officially became a Toronto police officer.

Early in her career, DeKezel responded to a call at a school in a high-crime area, where a group of girls were involved in a serious bullying situation. In that moment, she realized how deeply these young women needed mentorship and positive role models.

"It's tough out there - it's emotional and not very pretty," she said. "These girls need something positive in their lives."

Determined to make a difference, she launched Girlz Will Be Girlz, a mentorship program aimed at empowering young women. She started with four girls, meeting weekly - not just in classrooms, but on scenic walks, over a bowl of fruit, or in a coffee shop - wherever felt most comfortable for meaningful conversations.

"I know what it's like to be a young female, to have body issues, to not feel accepted and navigate through all that female stuff," she said sincerely. Girlz will Be Girlz was mostly funded by DeKezel, and finding the funds on her humble salary was not always easy, but she found a way. "It was so important to me that I never break a promise to these girls who had already experienced so much already."

Seventeen years later with over 70 members, Girlz Will Be Girlz has continued to grow. Every other year, four new young women join, many of whom later become mentors themselves. Over the years, they have celebrated birthdays, marriages, births, and, most importantly, their own journeys of self-worth and confidence. Jen has not only been a positive role model, but she has become their friend - and, really, a part of the family. "I am a godmother to two

of their children," she said, beaming with that contagious smile.

In addition to her policing and mentorship roles, DeKezel has thrived as an entrepreneur with Monat, where her success has provided her the opportunity to fund her charitable projects, further expanding her impact in the community.

In recognition of her hard work and dedication to her community, she was presented with the prestigious HERO Award. An award which she used to fund a special project: decorating a spare bedroom into a whimsical retreat for her Girlz and foster children - a space of comfort and care for those she mentors.

But Girlz Will Be Girlz is just one of the many ways DeKezel gives back. For the past 15 years, she has led Toys for Kids, a program that raises over \$10,000 annually to provide Christmas gifts for families in need. She is also the driving force behind Songs for Seniors, a group of young girls who perform singing and dancing routines in nursing homes, bringing joy to elderly residents.

Beyond her own initiatives, DeKezel is an active member of several community organizations, serving as an executive member of both the Chief's Communion Breakfast and the South Asian Internal Support Network. She is also a proud member of the Women's International Support Network, further advocating for mentorship and leadership among women in law enforcement.

Her volunteer efforts extend even further - she dedicates time to New Visions Toronto, which supports individuals with complex developmental disabilities, and Advocates for Etobicoke Youth, participating in multiple charitable events to support at-risk youth.

While DeKezel has never had children of her own, her heart for nurturing and protecting others led her to become a dedicated foster caregiver, offering emergency placements for children of all ages. Her home has

been a haven for children in need, providing them with safety and stability during times of crisis.

And while her role as a police officer and mentor keeps her busy, she is also a devoted dog mom to her highly trained and beautiful golden doodle, Bella, who has become a beloved companion and source of comfort in her life.

Jen's unwavering dedication to service has not gone unnoticed. She has received numerous awards for her contributions to community engagement and law enforcement, including:

- The Jim Snee ProAction Cops & Kids Award for her exceptional commitment to youth outreach;
- The Association of Black Law Enforcers (A.B.L.E.) Award, recognizing her leadership and impact;
- The Citizen of the Year Award from the Toronto Maple Leafs Sports and Entertainment, honouring her outstanding community service.

Most recently, DeKezel's dedication and leadership earned her another significant honour - she was nominated by her peers to join the Toronto Police Service's Women's International Support Network. This prestigious group fosters mentorship, professional development and advocacy for women in law enforcement, further amplifying her efforts to support and uplift others.

From the quiet streets of Baldur to the demanding front lines of Canada's largest city, Jennifer DeKezel's journey is a testament to the power of perseverance, service and the unwavering belief that one person can make a difference. Through her work in policing, mentorship and entrepreneurship, she continues to shape a safer, more supportive community - one girl at a time.

"My heart is full," she said. "These kids are so easy to love. When you love, there are no boundaries to how much you give." She added, "My heart goes out to the elderly and children - after all, they are often the forgotten and our future."



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# Ground breaking date has been set for medical clinic

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# Morgan DeSpiegelaere finds success in writing and livestock

by Giselle Lussier  
GAZETTE STAFF

For many, life on a farm is a full-time commitment. The unpredictable demands of animals, the changing seasons, and the never-ending to-do list keep most farm families busy from dawn to dusk. But for Morgan De Spiegelaere of Bruxelles, farm life has become the foundation for something bigger - an entrepreneurial journey that blends her passions for animals, education, and storytelling.

A farm wife and young mother, Morgan has managed to carve out a unique career from home, combining her background as a registered veterinary technician with her experience raising goats. But that's only part of the story. In between farm chores and family life, she has also found the time to write and publish four books - two fiction

and two non-fiction - turning her love of literature into a tangible accomplishment.

Morgan's background as a veterinary technician, combined with ten years of experience at the Glenboro Vet Clinic, has proven invaluable in her daily life on the farm. Her knowledge of animal care became especially useful when she found herself in an unexpected situation - her firstborn baby was milk intolerant.

"The sensible thing to do was get a goat and feed him goat's milk," Morgan said with a smile. What began as a practical solution soon evolved into something more. As her son grew older and became more tolerant to cows milk, Morgan found herself with an overabundance of goat's milk. Not one to let anything go to waste, she began experimenting with ways to put it to good use.

That necessity turned

into an opportunity. Today, Morgan creates and sells a variety of handmade goat's milk products including soaps, lotions, lip balms, shaving soaps, bath bombs and bath salts. Morgan also keeps her mind and imagination open for new ideas for new product line with each developed with care, using natural ingredients - many of which are grown in her own garden. The intoxicating fragrances are all nature-derived, reflecting her commitment to quality and sustainability.

Her natural products are sold at farmers markets, craft sales, the occasional Ladies' Night, on-site and on-line through her website.

What started as a way to nourish her child has grown into a thriving small business, proving that sometimes, the best ideas come from life's unexpected challenges.

**ESCAPING INTO STORIES - THEN WRITING HER OWN**

While life on the farm is busy and fulfilling, Morgan has always loved escaping into books. From an early age, she found joy in immersing herself in thrilling stories that transported her beyond the fields and fences of rural Manitoba. But one place, in particular, has always captivated her imagination: Scotland.

"I don't know why I have always been fascinated with Scotland, but I am," Morgan admitted. "So, my trilogy is set in Scotland."

Her love of storytelling eventually led her to create her own worlds. She begins her writing process with an outline. While she has her characters thought out, their personalities grow as the story develops. Once her novel is completed, she does a final edit following specific guidelines, then formats it through Kindle Direct Publishing. The book covers are her creations as well. Her books are published and sold through Amazon.

Between farm chores, running her goat milk business, and raising a family, Morgan has learned to carve out time for writing whenever she can. Early mornings, late nights, and quiet moments throughout the day allow her to weave tales of adventure set against the rugged beauty of Scotland. She is presently working on the final book of her Trilogy. "Writing is therapy for me, I love to let my imagination soar and put my thoughts to paper,"



Author Morgan DeSpiegelaere signs a book for a fan between her many other tasks around the farm. PHOTO SUBMITTED

she said smiling.

Morgan's ability to balance multiple passions - agriculture, entrepreneurship, and writing - has made her an inspiring example of rural creativity. She proves that even in the heart of the prairies, dreams of far-off lands can come to life on the page.

Morgan's journey showcases the creativity and resilience of rural entrepreneurs. By merging her skills in animal care, her passion for farming and her love of literature, she has crafted a fulfilling career that allows her to work from home while contributing to her family's livelihood. Her story is a testament to what's possible when passion and perseverance come together.

While writing

fiction was somewhat as an escape for Morgan, writing nonfiction proved to be challenging. "I was self taught when it came to making products with goats milk and it was very hard and frustrating finding guidelines and government regulations," she explained.

To Morgan, the two non-fiction books seemed like an endless process, filled with obstacles and lessons learned along the way. Her goal was to create a straightforward, reliable guide that simplified the process and made it achievable for others.

From tending goats to crafting dreamy romance stories, Morgan De Spiegelaere is proving that the farm life doesn't mean putting dreams on hold - it can be the very thing that inspires them.



Morgan DeSpiegelaere has written two non-fiction books relating to farming with goats, and two fictional books with a third in the trilogy yet to come. PHOTO SUBMITTED

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# Janzen Boys deliver an electrifying performance

by Gayle Johnson  
GAZETTE STAFF

If you missed The Janzen Boys live, you missed one of the best travelling groups to stop in Cypress River!

On April 4, The Janzen Boys delivered an electrifying performance at the Cypress River United Church, a venue celebrated for hosting remarkable concerts. The large audience was kept spellbound by an impressive array of tunes that will undoubtedly resonate in their minds for some time.

The band confidently identifies as a “rootsy, harmony-singing folk trio,” but their enthusiastic fans recognize them as nothing short of extraordinary!

Who are The Janzen Boys?

In 2012, when Mick was only nine and Simon was 12, the family returned to Canada from Japan and settled in Winnipeg. Music had always been a central part of their lives, so once they settled in their new home, they knew it was time to embrace their musical journey. Mick confidently shared that Simon had the idea to start busking at The Forks, a

lively destination known for its diverse and thriving busker village.

The trio, now calling themselves The Janzen Boys, secured a showcase spot at the West End Cultural Centre by winning a contest organized by the University of Winnipeg, “Uniter Fiver.” This exciting opportunity enabled them to reach a broader audience, introducing their music to people who might not usually attend busking events.

During the summer of 2014, The Janzen Boys took it on the road all the way to Kelowna, B.C., performing at farmers’ markets, various music venues and any other places they could find. According to Simon, “the trip was fantastic.”

They have crafted compelling stories and music for plays that have captivated audiences at theatre festivals. They have taken the stage alongside many renowned Canadian musicians and showcased their talent at prominent festivals and shows, including Dauphin Country Fest and the Festival du Voyageur.

They have also successfully released EPs,

CDs and vinyl albums. Following their standout performance in the Manitoba Arts Network Emerging Artists series, the trio confidently booked concert dates in towns and cities throughout Manitoba.

The Boys thrived in their musical endeavours until the world paused for the COVID-19 pandemic. This challenge only showcased their remarkable resilience.

They used this time to sharpen their talents and enhance their production skills, resulting in outstanding YouTube videos. Their content is truly unmissable!

When the pandemic restrictions were eased, The Janzen Boys hit the ground running and haven’t really stopped.

After the concert in Cypress River, they are set to take it on the road again on May 1st, kicking off their tour in Camrose, Alberta, at the Bailey Theatre, carrying on and continuing to wow audiences at various venues throughout Alberta and British Columbia for the entire month of May.

Following that, they’ll return to Manitoba for an exciting gig on June 8th



PHOTO BY SUZANNE PADDOCK

The Janzen Boys held a fabulous concert in Cypress River United Church on Friday, April 4.

at the Ship and Plough in Gimli. After a brief recharge, they’ll embark on their eastward journey starting July 10th, where they’ll captivate fans in Richard’s Landing, Ontario, and continue their momentum with stops in Quebec and Nova Scotia.

There is no holding The Janzen Boys back and we all hope they continue to share their amazing musical talents with us for many years to come.

If you missed their Cypress River concert, you can find them on YouTube <https://www.youtube.com/@thejanzenboys>.

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Many thanks to the Cypress River United Church and the Tiger Hills Arts Association for continuing to bring exceptional music and entertainment to our small towns!

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## OF INTEREST ...

# Donalee Jones a perfect blend of rural life and media production

by Giselle Lussier  
GAZETTE STAFF

Donalee Jones has managed to do what many would consider impossible - balance a thriving television career with the rural farm life she always knew she'd return to. As Senior Production Manager for Great Tastes of Manitoba, a popular cooking show that highlights Manitoba producers and farm-to-table ingredients, Jones has carved out a unique space where her passion for media and her deep roots in agriculture intersect.

Growing up on a farm in Baldur, Jones always had a strong connection to

rural life as well as the arts. Yet, when she pursued an education in media, she never imagined she would find a way to merge the two worlds. "I always knew I wanted to raise my family on the farm. But I never dreamt I could do that while working in television," she said.

She jokes about how she pretty much recorded her entire class during their last two years of high school. "I got my hands on a camcorder and had it with me all the time. I was intrigued by seeing life from behind the lens - from different angles, etc. - so I guess that's what motivated me to sign up for the media production program at ACC."

As a young graduate from the Media Production program at Assiniboine Community College in Brandon, she was unsure where her diploma would take her. At the time, her dream was to work behind the camera - but fate had other plans.

By chance, she was offered an internship at MidCanadaProductions in Winnipeg to assist with developing shows, researching television series, and participating in commercial productions. "I was recommended to apply for the position by one of my teachers. If not for that, I probably never would have applied - but I did, I got the job, and



"Great Tastes of Manitoba" TV show Host Dez Daniels and Producer Donalee Jones share a glass of wine on set ... because they had to, for work reasons. PHOTO SUBMITTED

while it may not have been the career I pictured myself in, it was the perfect fit for me."

She worked there for seven years until she and Scott decided to return to the farm north of Cartwright. "I just assumed my television career was over - who would hire a TV producer in Cartwright?" she admitted.

In those early years back on the farm, Donalee was occasionally called upon for small television contracts, which she managed to juggle alongside farm life. But in 2016, when Frank Digital took over Great Tastes of Manitoba, she received a call from Chris McIvor, who told her about an opportunity that felt tailor-made for her.

"He (McIvor) was right, it was perfect for me and I took on the position jumping back into the workforce full-time and have been producing the show ever since."

It was a perfect fit in more ways than one; not only reigniting her television career, but it enabled her to stay rooted in the rural family life she loved.

Great Tastes of Manitoba has been the province's most-watched food series for 35 years. While the show has seen a change in ownership from Hummer Productions to Frank Digital (2016), it has always remained true to its roots. As Great Tastes wraps up its 35th season, a few behind-the-

scenes changes are being implemented - and Jones is excited to introduce the series to new audiences.

Until now, the entire season was taped over a period of a couple of weeks. "This worked really well for me as I only had to commit to a week or two away from home each year. But now, we're moving to taping only a few segments at a time on a monthly basis. I think it will be better for the show. It will make creating seasonal recipes much easier," explained Jones.

While the goal of the series is to showcase farm-to-table recipes, doing so authentically was a

challenge when taping everything in one block.

Great Tastes is presently aired on Saturday evenings on CTV, with full episodes broadcast Canada wide on the The Rural Channel as well as through the Great Tastes website or the Great Tastes YouTube channel. Starting in September 2025, new content will be released weekly on Great Tastes Social Media channels. Through her work with Great Tastes of Manitoba, Jones plays a key role in bringing the stories of Manitoba's farmers and producers to viewers

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Producer Donalee Jones helps keep the set relaxed and on-point.

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# Donalee Jones a perfect blend of rural life and media production

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across the province. The show, which has become a staple in many households, celebrates local food, sustainability, and the importance of supporting homegrown ingredients.

Donalee wears many hats – from interviewing producers to developing meal plans, taping episodes and coordinating seasonal recipes she also tests the recipes as well in her own kitchen. “For a few years I was the only staff member, so I was able to do the work on my own schedule. Sometimes from the cab of a tractor or grain truck. It was/is very flexible. My youngest son was on set with me for a whole week when he was a month old,” she reminisced smiling.

One of the most favourite parts of her job is meeting the farmers and their family and sharing

their story. “Everyone is so welcoming and genuine in their passion. I learn so much and am always surprised at how welcoming and forthcoming everyone is,” she says then adding, “Having been raised on a mixed grain and cattle farm I thought I was pretty knowledgeable, but I have learned so much about the different sectors in the industry.” And the access doesn’t begin and end with the small family farm: Donalee has often been granted access to the behind-the-scenes of food processing facilities and research and development labs.

But Jones’ contributions to her community don’t stop at television. She is also a passionate advocate for the arts and has been running SMILE, a program that encourages self-expression through storytelling, music, drama

and - most importantly - laughter. “The arts are such a powerful way to connect people, build confidence and bring joy,” she said.

Whether she’s coordinating a television production or leading a creative workshop, Donalee Jones embodies the spirit of someone who has found a way to honour both her professional skills and her rural upbringing. By staying true to her roots while embracing her passion for media and the arts, she proves that sometimes, the best of both worlds really is possible.



This bald eagle may well be searching for his next supper. PHOTO BY SUZANNE PADDOCK

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# Plan a visit to Holland Emmanuel Historic Church

by Sandra Rex

Nestled in the picturesque community of Holland stands the Holland Emmanuel Historical Church. Originally an Anglican Church, the church is a stunning example of Gothic Revival style architecture designed by Andrew Maxwell, a well-known architect from the Holland area. It has a striking spire that graces the prairie skies!

A Building Committee was formed in early September of 1892. The Building Committee was authorized to canvas for pledges and successfully raised \$1875.00. The Committee received permission to proceed with construction of the church with the provision that the cost not exceed \$2000.00 without furnishings.

The first sod was turned on September 5, 1893 by Rev. H.D. Cooper and Frank H. Dagg. The

building was completed in 1894. It was consecrated by His Grace Archbishop Machray of Rupertsland.

In the early years, furnishings were provided as memorials, notably the Holland family whose family name was used for this community. There are five beautiful stained-glass windows. The east windows were designed and produced by the Luxfer Prism Company in Toronto. Documentation is available for viewing in the church. These windows were dedicated in memory of many members of the Holland family and in memory of four local soldiers who lost their lives in World War I. The south windows were built and installed by R. McCausland Limited from Toronto; a company who is incidentally the oldest, continuously owned Canadian stained-glass company in the western hemisphere. The south windows were dedicated

to Dr. Pennefather, one of Holland's earliest physicians. Over the years other memorials were made in memory of faithful congregants. The Women's Auxiliary donated the pulpit, a bell for the bell tower and electric lights.

In 2009, Emmanuel Anglican Church held its final service and the church was deconsecrated. The Holland Emmanuel Historical Site Committee was formed in the hopes that it could safeguard an amazing piece of Manitoba history. The committee had to begin the process of incorporation as the Diocese would only sell to an incorporated organization.

Many years ago, Margaret Mead, anthropologist is famously quoted as saying, "A small group of thoughtful people could change the world." And nothing could be more fitting than for the group of dedicated volunteers



The Holland Emmanuel Historic Church has stood proudly since 1894 and is still used today for special events. The original investment by the community has served the area very well.

of Holland Emmanuel Friends Inc. who have devoted themselves to the preservation of this historic building. Over the years, they fund-raised tirelessly to upgrade and preserve one of the oldest buildings in the community. The foundation had to be stabilized and an electric furnace was installed to maintain some integrity for the structure. Eaves and roof had to be upgraded and the building had to be painted both

inside and outside. Windows casements had to be repaired and prism glass had to be installed in some existing windows. Because there is no running water a composting toilet made it possible for the building to function well. There have been cases installed to showcase some delightful artifacts.

This beautiful historic church has been and will continue to be used for many different purposes and functions.

Holland United Church worshipped there following the tragic loss of their church following a lightning strike. There have been musical concerts, weddings, services of thanksgiving, funerals, pie sales, fashion shows, meetings and wonderful tours of the building. The committee continues to work diligently to preserve this historic site.

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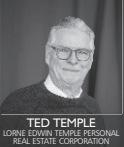
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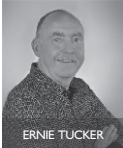
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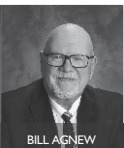
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# Veteran Park will feature two fully accessible washrooms

by Gayle Johnson  
GAZETTE STAFF

Exciting news was announced at the RM of Argyle council meeting held on March 11: Veteran Park will soon feature two fully accessible washrooms! Ayeh Arta, the Chief Administrative Officer of the RM of Argyle, took proactive steps last year by submitting a grant application to the Enabling Accessibility Fund. Ayeh commented, “I successfully secured this grant for Holland and Cypress River in my previous role and have eagerly awaited its availability again since joining the RM of Argyle in 2022. More than a year ago, I collaborated with Lori Johnson, Assistant Administrative Officer, for onsite measurements when I submitted the application

- huge thanks to her for her unwavering support!” We are thrilled to announce that we have been approved for \$91,803, which is now in our hands. This amount covers 75% of the total cost for building and retrofitting the facilities. The remaining 25%, totalling \$30,601.08, has already been allocated from the RM building reserve. Regarding the timeline for construction, Ayeh confidently stated, “With Council’s approval, I have engaged a designer to create the building plans, paving the way for us to proceed with tendering.” The RM of Argyle is well-prepared and has two years to submit the final report for this important project to the Government of Canada.

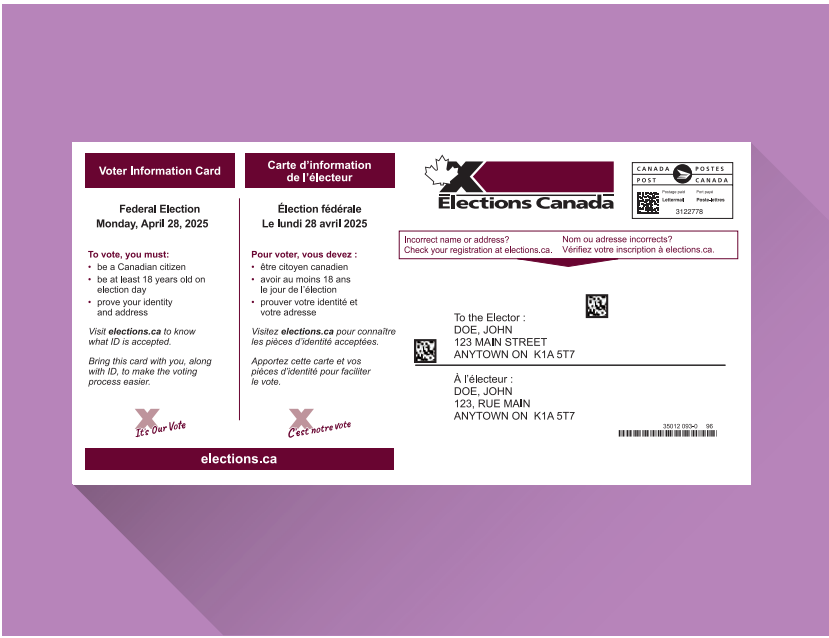


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# Big Ears Donkey Ranch celebrates 25 years of excellence

by Gayle Johnson  
GAZETTE STAFF

And just like that, 25 years have passed!

This month, Ron and Suzanne Paddock, the proud owners of Big Ears Donkey Ranch in Baldur, Manitoba, are enthusiastically celebrating a remarkable milestone.

Suzanne reminisced, “It feels like only yesterday when we welcomed our first three donkeys: a pair of Mammoth jennies named Rhoda and Penelope, alongside a registered large standard jack we affectionately called Myron, from Sundown Donkey Farm, Olds, Alberta.

Reflecting on their journey, Ron added, “We’ve navigated numerous changes, gained invaluable insights, celebrated many successes, and faced heartaches along the way. But every moment has contributed to the rewarding experience of owning Big Ears Donkey Ranch.”

Observing the couple with their donkeys is truly inspiring. The bond of trust

and respect shared between them and these majestic Mammoth donkeys is evident, as these gentle giants behave more like beloved companions than the weighty creatures they are.

Mammoth donkeys have become a highly sought-after rare breed, with the exceptional animals at Big Ears receiving attention from farms around the world. To be classified as Mammoths, jennies need to stand at least 54 inches tall, while jacks must reach a minimum height of 56 inches.

As the Paddocks prepare to celebrate this significant anniversary, we were able to talk to them about their rich history over the past quarter-century and their plans for the future of Big Ears, as their animals continue to enchant farms globally.

“It’s astonishing to realize we have raised 143 Big Ears mammoth donkeys that have found new homes,” Suzanne shared, with Ron nodding in agreement.

After bringing Rhoda, Penelope, and Myron home in 2000, their herd began to expand when each jenny gave birth to a foal in 2001. Both babies, adorable little jacks named Rusty and Ruban, were cherished additions. Ruban found a new home, while Rusty remained at Big Ears, a large and robust donkey that Ron and Suzanne believed would be perfect for driving as he grew older.

In the early spring of 2002, Ron and Suzanne began harness training Myron for cart pulling at various fairs. Myron took to it effortlessly as if he had been doing it for years. His debut performance in Holland, Manitoba, was a resounding success, leaving the audience unaware that it was his first time pulling a cart. That same season, Myron also showcased his skills in the Pelican Lake Ag Society Parade and the Baldur Homecoming Parade, where he truly excelled.

This was the same year that Ron and Suzanne also found the perfect name for their ranch. Inspired by the frequent comments they received regarding their donkeys’ notably large ears, they embraced the name Big Ears Donkey Ranch.

In 2003, Rusty’s full sister was born. Being a perfect example of a Mammoth donkey, she was chosen to carry on the Big Ears bloodlines. As Rusty matured, he took over the cart-pulling



Three-generation photo from far right: “Lizzy”, then her daughter, “Othaly” then Ron and “Onyx” who is “Othaly’s” daughter, and Suzanne. All three donkeys were raised at “Big Ears.” Since this photo, “Lizzy” has passed away, and “Onyx” has relocated to Quebec and now has a daughter of her own. PHOTO CREDIT TO NANCY DALMAN.

duties from Myron. Like his father, Rusty adapted to the harness and cart with ease, and once Adeline was old enough, she proudly joined Rusty in parades, tied behind the cart and beautifully adorned with a sawbuck pack saddle.

Unfortunately, it was found that Adeline was unable to bear a foal, but this led to a brilliant opportunity. The decision was made for her to team with Rusty, forming a distinguished double driving team, which has flourished over time.

In 2003, Ron and Suzanne successfully returned to Alberta to acquire additional registered jennies, significantly expanding

their herd. During this period, they also proudly joined Canadian and US donkey associations, establishing themselves as the only registered Mammoth donkey ranch in Manitoba.

With the demand for Big Ears animals continuing to rise, it became essential for them to expand to meet the growing requests. Given the limited number of Mammoth donkeys in Canada and their closely related bloodlines, Ron and Suzanne were on the lookout for new bloodlines, launching an extensive search for a new Mammoth jack.

Their search took them to The Hollyfield Farm in Leesburg, Virginia,

where they discovered Hollyfield’s Pilgrim - affectionately known as Pilgrim - a striking young spotted jack who would be a perfect fit for the Big Ears herd. In March 2005, Pilgrim arrived at Big Ears, instantly making himself at home. Over the years, he sired 43 foals before passing away at the age of 17.

In 2007, Rusty and Adeline made their inaugural appearance at the Manitoba Royal Winter Fair in Brandon, proudly representing mammoth donkeys for Rare Breeds of Canada.

This was also the year that Big Ears first took

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# Big Ears Donkey Ranch celebrates 25 years

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center stage at the Thresherman’s Reunion in Austin, Manitoba, after which year after year, Rusty and Adeline delighted the crowds by delivering brides to their weddings (yes, that actually happened one year), assisting in the harvest of sheaves, and joining the vibrant Vintage Parade. The team was a beloved fixture with the exception of 2011 when they were kept back at the Ranch, allowing four remarkable miracles from Big Ears to fill in for them.

In 2011, Big Ears achieved a remarkable milestone.

In April of that year, the farm welcomed an incredible pair of twins; a beautiful 32-inch red roan jenny named Ida and her brother Ivan, an impressive little black foal measuring just 26 inches tall. The occurrence of twin foals is exceptionally rare and often comes with low survival rates. Against all odds, Ida and Ivan thrived, nursing within an hour of their birth. Their mother, Dovey, carried them for an impressive span of

359 days, a noteworthy duration considering the typical gestation period for this breed is 12 months.

While the birth of one healthy set of twins is extraordinary, the likelihood of having two sets in a single year is unheard of. Big Ears Chloe defied all the odds, and in June of the same year, after a gestation period of 349 days, she gave birth to another remarkable pair of twins: Prudence, a stunning 30-inch frosted white spotted foal, and her brother Sherman, a delightful 27.5-inch black jack. Like their older counterparts, this new duo arrived healthy and full of life.

With two sets of exceptional twins, Ron and Suzanne were overjoyed, sharing their excitement at the Thresherman’s Reunion. The charming foals quickly became the center of attention, capturing the hearts of everyone in attendance. Now, as the twins have grown into adults, they are currently in the process of being harness trained, with dreams of forming a four-in-hand team in the future.

In the spring of 2017,

Ron and Suzanne acquired Siemon’s Chechotah from Garrett’s Mammoth Jackstock in Stilwell, Oklahoma. “It was a tremendous honor to bring home Siemon’s Chechotah, a striking black jack with a pedigree tracing back to the renowned Siemon line of mammoth jackstock from Ohio, USA. Chechotah was exceptionally well-mannered and easy to handle, making him a great addition to our breeding program.”

“In the spring of 2019, we also welcomed two sorrel jennies, Scarlett and Willow, from Garrett’s Mammoth Jackstock. All three animals proved to be top-notch breeding stock!”

In 2021, Townley’s Samson was imported from Townley Jackstock of Buchanan, Tennessee, USA and is currently Big Ears only jack.

“Today, our entire herd is registered, and our animals are in high demand worldwide.” It’s hard to believe that 25 years have already passed since we acquired our first three animals. Since then, we’ve received numerous invitations to participate in

various fairs and festivals, including an invitation to the Calgary Stampede, although we were sadly unable to attend.”

Ron and Suzanne have had their story featured in various media outlets, including TV and radio interviews, as well as publications such as More of Our Canada in 2010 and Prairie Farm Report in 2011.

Big Ears Donkey Ranch has received notable recognition for its exceptional bloodlines and high-quality stock, along with a strong commitment to the best health and animal care practices.

“We keep meticulous health records for all our donkeys. When a donkey is sold, the buyer receives a detailed information package that includes the donkey’s health record, a veterinary report, and, when possible, photos from the animal’s early days.”

When asked about their plans for the next 25 years, they responded, “We never really know. Our plan is to continue doing what we love and enjoy ourselves while doing it!”

# Grant Jackson is the Conservative Party of Canada candidate for Brandon-Souris

by Gayle Johnson  
GAZETTE STAFF



Grant Jackson

Grant Jackson has officially been confirmed as the Conservative Party of Canada candidate for Brandon-Souris, a role recently vacated by the unexpected departure of Larry Maguire. This move positions Grant as a strong contender for the role, signaling his commitment to representing the interests of the residents of Westman in a broader capacity.

Grant may have a youthful appearance, but he brings a wealth of valuable experience to the table. His determination, hard work, and unwavering dedication to his constituents have earned him immense respect and recognition.

Grant, a proud native of Souris, established a strong foundation by earning his Bachelor of

Arts (Hons) in History from the University of Brandon after high school. He launched his career with the Progressive Conservative government, where he excelled in various vital policy areas such as justice, families, mental health, the environment, and the executive council within the Premier’s office. His contributions have made a significant impact in shaping effective policies in these crucial sectors.

During this time, Grant worked closely

with other prominent Conservative innovators and trailblazers, including MP Larry Maguire, with whom he collaborated in Ottawa. This invaluable experience empowered him with a deep understanding of what it takes to be an effective representative and a strong leader.

Grant’s decisive victory in the Sprucewoods riding showcased his ability to leverage his extensive knowledge effectively. As the Member of the Legislative Assembly for Sprucewoods, he has taken a proactive role in numerous initiatives, successfully passing legislation to bolster community foundations, championing the establishment of new schools in Brandon and Western Manitoba, and driving improvements in educational outcomes

and higher education standards for students across Manitoba. Furthermore, he has been instrumental in holding the current Premier Wab Kinew and his NDP government accountable for their actions.

What are Grant’s future plans?

As the Member of Parliament for Brandon-Souris, Grant is committed to vigorously championing the removal of provincial trade barriers and actively creating more jobs in the agricultural sector. He will seize every opportunity to boost employment in Westman by driving the growth of the oil and gas industry. Furthermore, he will advocate for the expansion of the Brandon Municipal Airport, unlocking its potential and enhancing its connectivity.

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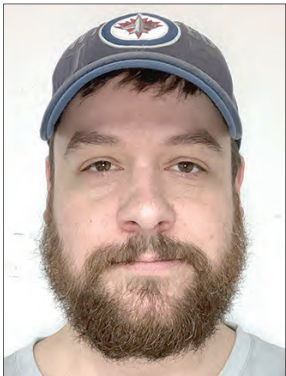
# Pembina Hills Minor Baseball League elects new executive

by Patti Hacault  
PEMBINA HILLS BASEBALL

The Pembina Hills Minor Baseball League is on the verge of launching the next season in 2025.

In a recent General Annual Meeting held in Carberry, the representatives from the communities of Manitou, Somerset, Baldur, Holland, Notre Dame de Lourdes, Carberry, Portage la Prairie, Treherne, Glenboro, Cartwright, Bruxelles, Rock Lake (Pilot Mound, Crystal City, Clearwater and Mather) covered material, made decisions, and announced AAA coaches for the year.

The league’s executive



Taking on the role as the new President of Pembina Hills Minor Baseball League is Alain Bazin of Notre Dame de Lourdes.

is selected from various communities on a rotating basis. Alain Bazin, who hails from Notre Dame de Lourdes, will be the new president starting this year for a two-year term.

Chris Unrau (Carberry) assumes the position of past president. Ryan Mangin (Holland) will take over as the incoming vice-president. Anthony Friesen (Pilot Mound) takes on the role as the AAA convener and league representative of the MBA Competition Committee. Ashley Harrison (Treherne) will remain as the treasurer and RAMP coordinator, while Riley Wise (Swan Lake) remains as the Umpire in Chief. Patti Hacault (Holland) still holds the secretary and webmaster positions.

League convenors for the year are Rally Cap – operates locally in each community. Grand Slam/

Rookie (9U) – Donalee Jones (Cartwright); 11U Anthony Friesen (Pilot Mound), 13U and 15U – Alain Bazin (Notre Dame); 18U TBD.

Days designed for games will be: U9 & U13 – Tuesdays / Thursdays; U11 & U15 – Mondays / Wednesdays and 18U TBD.

The AAA coaching appointments were announced. Darrick Jones (Baldur) will be the head coach for 18U, with Justin Reid (Manitou) and Jason Walker (Portage) serving as assistant coaches. Nathan Ramage (Pilot Mound), Corey Anderson (Glenboro), and Mark Shearer (Glenboro) will be covering the 15U team. Heading the 13U team will be Phil Wells (Wellwood) and Ryan De Ruyck (Bruxelles).

The following rule changes are edited in the Baseball Manitoba Handbook ahead of the 2025 season:

No bunting at 11U Provincials and 13U Tier 1, 2 and 3 (and Zone 1 A); No intentional walks at 11U Provincials and 13U Tier 1, 2 and 3 (and Zone 1 A); Add a Mercy rule (up 15 after 3) for all divisions.

Allow an Extra Hitter (EH) or Designated Hitter (DH) at 18U Provincials (Tier 1, 2, AA and AAA)

Implement a time limit

of 2.5 hours for 3vs3, 4vs4, 5vs5 games at the Tiered Provincials. No pitch will be thrown after 2.5 hours.

Shorten game length by one (1) inning in round robin games only for Tier 1, 2 and 3 at all age classifications - 11U to be 5 innings and 13U+ will be 6 innings.

All tie-breaking games will be played as 3-inning mini-games. The 4th inning (extra inning) and beyond to be played with the international rule – runners on first and second base to start the inning.

At the Pembina Hills Minor League level rule changes include:

The U15 AAA team will be allowed to compete in the WABA League for the 2025 season with a team of up to 13 players to single roster. Additionally, they have the option to substitute 3 AP players (from the tryout cuts exclusively) during league games.

During the season of 2024, 18U players had the option of rostering on either single roster (AAA or league play) or two. They were allowed to play on both. The ruling imposed on a trial bases will now be in effect.

AAA players are not allowed to play AA Provincial Tournaments.

This year, MBA will also proceed with an AA program. The goal of the

AA provincials is about player development and is not about the provincial championship. The provincial winner does not advance to any out of province events.

Baseball Manitoba will announce how many Zone 2 teams will advance to the AA provincials and how they will be chosen soon. This is dependant on how many teams will be formed in Zone 2 and that info will be available once leagues have a better idea how they will proceed.

Locally, Pembina Hills Minor Baseball League will be hosting an Umpire Camp in Swan Lake on Saturday, April 16, 2025. A Spring Training Camp for U13 and U 15 players will be held in Holland with Blaine Fortin on Saturday, May 3rd.

The Pembina Hills executive and local communities along with its volunteers / coaches are instrumental in developing baseball to the area since its amalgamation. Acknowledged were the past presidents Peg Maxwell (Pilot Mound), Wade Watson (Pilot Mound), Jesse Janz (Baldur), Mike Johnson (Baldur), Glen Lowry (Manitou), Chad Foster (Somerset), Robert Gudnason (Glenboro), Claire McKay (Rock Lake), and Chris Unrau (Carberry).

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Manitoba Hydro has applied to the Public Utilities Board for a 3.5 per cent average increase effective January 1, 2026, 3.5 per cent average increase effective January 1, 2027, and a further 3.5 per cent average increase effective January 1, 2028. Manitoba Hydro is requesting increases to obtain the revenue needed to run the electric system, perform maintenance, and rebuild and expand the system as needed to continue to provide reliable, safe and effective service to customers.

**For a residential customer without electric heat** (using an average of 1,000 kilowatt-hours (kWh) per month), the average impact of the proposed increase is approximately \$3.70 per month after January 1, 2026, an additional \$3.80 per month after January 1, 2027, and an additional \$3.95 per month after January 1, 2028.

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Further details of Manitoba Hydro’s Application are available at: [www.pubmanitoba.ca](http://www.pubmanitoba.ca).


You can share your views on the proposed rate increases with the Public Utilities Board in three ways:


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## Pleasant Valley Golf Course preparing for another busy season

Pleasant Valley Golf Club is excited for this upcoming season of golf. Even though there is snow on the ground, spring is coming soon. Golfers are cleaning their clubs and practicing their swing. But it is hard to choose which is the most favorite hole on this beautiful 18-hole Championship Course. Everyone talks about hole 15 because of its high elevation, but the view from Hole 17 is very picturesque with the valley spread out before you. Superintendent, Tim Kroeker, says his favorite hole is #6. It is a reachable Par 4 with multiple water hazards. Risk and reward at its best!

Other amenities at the club include a nine-hole practice putting green, 40

golf cart rentals and a fully licensed clubhouse and restaurant. You can enjoy food or a beverage on our front patio or back patio. Plus, any day treat yourself to a soft ice cream.

Here is a list of our events for this 2025 season:

- Wednesday, June 4th - Ladies 50+ 2 Person Scramble
- Thursday, June 19th - Senior Men’s
- Friday, July 4th - Men’s All Ages 2 Person Scramble
- Friday, July 11th - Ladies Open
- Friday, July 18th - Par 3 Tournament 4 Person Scramble
- Thursday, July 24th - Senior Men’s 2 Person Scramble
- Friday, August 8th - Ladies All Ages 2 Person Scramble

- Thursday, August 14th - Senior Men’s
- September 6th & 7th - Men’s Open
- Men’s Night of Golf, every Tuesday Evening non-members welcome
- Ladies Night of Golf, every Thursday Evening non-members welcome

Stay tuned to our social media: PVGC Facebook and Instagram for future announcements. Also check out our revised website [www.pleasantvalleygolfclub.ca](http://www.pleasantvalleygolfclub.ca) for more details or give us a call at 204-537-2487.

Pleasant Valley Golf Club is a hidden secret and there is just “Nothing Quite Like It”! We look forward to seeing everyone real soon.

From all the staff and Cheryl Berry, Manager PVGC



# CMM Plumbing ready to serve the area

by **Gayle Johnson**  
GAZETTE STAFF

I would like to introduce Dustin Conrad, who heads up the plumbing division at the CMM Operations office in Cypress River.

Don't let Dustin's youthful appearance fool you; he is a highly educated and seasoned plumber with many more years of extensive experience than you might expect.

"I was always helping my uncles on the farm fix anything and everything. I loved being hands-on and learned so much even before graduating high school in 2016," shared Dustin. "I started doing a lot more plumbing work in 2017 and really enjoyed it, so it was an easy choice when looking at a career path."

Dustin continued, "I started at Red River

in 2018 and apprenticed under Rene Degraeve from DeGraeves Plumbing. I learned a lot in school, but I learned even more during my apprenticeship. Working with someone with that much knowledge really helped me!"

When asked about his areas of specialization, Dustin thought for a moment; "I take on anything. Sometimes it takes time to figure out the best course of action for the really tough jobs, but I am fortunate to know many seasoned plumbers who have seen just about everything, and are always willing to help out," he explained.

"Right now, I am managing a huge variety of emergency calls - issues like no water, broken pipes, and major leaks, but beyond that, I am fully equipped to handle everything from bathroom renovations and

installations to any other plumbing-related tasks and problems." Barn plumbing installations and issues? "Not a problem at all. So far, there hasn't been a job I couldn't tackle."

When discussing sand points, I asked about the common problems of sediment and grit that can lead to low or non-existent water flow in pipes.

"Sand points are common in this area, and we are well-equipped to address the issues that can arise from them. Sediment is a significant concern and can be very damaging when it enters your water system. We can provide our customers with very effective, high-quality filters designed to keep sediment out, which helps extend the lifespan of your water system. By preventing sediment from entering your lines, our filters can save you from



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Dustin Conrad of CMM Plumbing in Cypress River is ready to handle all of your plumbing needs.

the inconvenience of low or no water flow, as well as various other potentially costly plumbing issues caused by sediment."

Dustin also mentioned; "We recently acquired a revolutionary sewer camera and locator that has transformed my approach

to diagnosing problems. Instead of excavating pipes and risking damage, this camera allows me to inspect a problem line in real-time on my phone, pinpointing issues immediately. This not only streamlines our work but also saves you money."

Dustin was able to

show me a video of a recent line check using the sewer camera. After seeing the detail and clarity of the video feed, I have to admit, it was quite amazing!

If you find yourself in need of a plumber, give Dustin a call at 204-723-0599.

## What has happened to our birds?

by **Lorelie Mitchell**

Birds Canada, based in Port Rowan, Ontario, has recently released a report on the status of groups of birds found in Canada. I have permission from them to use their information from this report to give you a heads up on the state of birds in our area. They have used ten categories to cover all the birds of Canada. These include Waterfowl, Birds of Prey, Wetland Birds, Marine Birds, Forest Birds, Arctic Birds, Long-Distance Migrants, Shorebirds, Aerial Insectivores and Grassland Birds. The category showing the worst drop in population is the Grassland Birds, birds that we have here in southern Manitoba.

Waterfowl are showing recovery from over hunting and habitat loss. Overall populations have increased by 46% since 1970. Wood Duck have increased. However, there is a leveling of the Waterfowl line on the graph for the last 10 years.

Birds of Prey were severely affected by DDT. Since DDT pesticide was removed from use in Canada, Falcons and other hawks have increased their numbers by 35% since 1970.

Wetland Birds such as the Least Bittern have remained stable in population. Some species in this group do show an increase of 21% but other species need more study and are not showing this increase. Ducks seem to be doing better than the coots and rails.

Marine Birds, those found on the oceans around us, I will leave as we are far from an ocean in southern Manitoba. Most in this group are showing declines or are near 0% change.

Forest Birds are showing a decline of 2%. Evening Grosbeaks, once common at our winter feeders, have shown a marked decline. Those of us that put out feed in the winter have noticed the declining number of individuals at our feeders over the last few years.

Arctic Birds, also a long distance from us in southern Manitoba, have shown a decline of 28% since 1970. The Willow Ptarmigan found in Northern Manitoba appears stable, but other species are declining.

Long-Distance Migrants, such as our Warblers that return in the spring, have declined by 29%. The Blackpoll

Warbler, seen here in May, is down by 80% since 1970. This is a group of species that are challenged by climate change and habitat loss in both their summer homes and their winter locations.

Shorebirds, of which we have several species, are down by 42% since 1970. How is the Killdeer doing in your area? Do you see as many as you used to see?

Aerial Insectivores have declined by 43%. The Bank Swallow, once common here, is now hard to find and shows a decline of 90%. Others in this group include the Barn Swallow and the Purple Martin.

Grassland Birds, those found in our fields and pastures, are down by 67%. The Chestnut-collared Longspur is down by 95% since 1970. I found this species common in 1982 and now have not seen one for several years.

What can we do? Create bird-friendly spaces. Leave the road allowances along our roads for the birds. Be careful with your spraying of pesticides and other chemicals. You can help make a difference. To see a graph of the records and to learn more visit the following online at [stateofcanadasbirds.org](http://stateofcanadasbirds.org).

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- Must be able to work outdoors for extended periods of time in various weather conditions.
- Must be willing and able to work weekends, statutory holidays, and overtime as required.
- Must successfully complete the Manitoba Aquatic Invasive Species watercraft inspection training (provided).

### Qualifications:

- Strong interpersonal skills with the ability to work in a team environment.
- Experience working with the public.
- Effective verbal communication skills.
- Strong attention to detail with a high level of accuracy.
- Ability to work independently under minimal supervision.
- Strong organizational and time management skills including the ability to work under pressure.
- Effective written communication skills.

### Duties:

The Municipal Watercraft Inspector plays an integral role in enforcing Manitoba's Aquatic Invasive Species Regulation, particularly inspecting watercraft and water-related equipment, communicating with and educating the public about the Province's Aquatic Invasive Species Program; and promoting and educating the public about the stewardship practices they must employ to prevent the introduction and spread of aquatic invasive species in Manitoba and specifically Pelican Lake. Accepting payments will be required. Successful candidates will be expected to work evenings and weekends, including statutory holidays and outdoors in various weather conditions. Initial plans are 12-hour days with four days on, four days off rotation. Start date: April 28, 2025 for 20 - 26 weeks. Successful candidates must obtain a criminal record check.

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# MEET YOUR COUNCIL SERIES ...

## R.M. of Glenboro-South Cypress Councillor Dale Fisher

by Gayle Johnson  
GAZETTE STAFF



Dale Fisher

My life has been deeply rooted in the agricultural sector, starting as a grain farmer before expanding into cattle farming. Over the years, I've also ventured into the construction industry, managing my own company. During this time, I have made hundreds of connections and key contacts that have been invaluable. Balancing work and personal life, I found joy in raising three children alongside my partner, instilling in them values of hard work and dedication that have shaped our family's legacy. Each aspect of my journey has taught me valuable lessons about commitment, resilience, and the importance of nurturing the next generation.

**ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

Recently, I had the opportunity to form a marsh committee in collaboration with the Rural Municipalities (RMs) of Argyle, Prairie Lakes, and Glenboro-South Cypress, where I proudly serve as the Chairman. This initiative aims to address the ongoing challenges related to water management in our region. By bringing together these municipalities, we hope to create a unified approach to tackle the issues caused by the mismanagement of water channels, which have historically left us grappling with significant drainage problems. One of the key accomplishments of our committee has been arranging for the clearing and maintenance of the water channel. This crucial step ensures that water can exit the marsh effectively and in a timely manner, thus preventing potential flooding and other issues that have plagued all RMs involved. We are actively working with the landowners affected by these changes, listening to their concerns, and ensuring their interests are taken into consideration as we implement these improvements. Additionally, I am part of the doctor recruitment

committee, where we have experienced notable success. Just three months ago, we welcomed a new doctor to our community, which is a significant milestone for our healthcare services. This achievement reflects our commitment to improving access to medical care for residents and demonstrates the collaborative effort of the committee to attract and retain healthcare professionals in our area.

I collaborated closely with Prairie Mountain Health to facilitate the recruitment of an additional physician, who joined our team approximately a year and a half ago. This effort was crucial to enhancing the healthcare services available in our community and ensuring that we meet the growing demand for medical care.

As a member of the Board for Spirit Sands Medical Clinic, I am proud to share that our municipality has committed \$450,000 toward this vital project. This funding not only demonstrates our dedication to improving healthcare access but also positions the clinic as a cornerstone of community health initiatives.

In my role on the building committee for the Spirit Sands Medical Clinic, I'm excited to report that the project has successfully gone to tender and has been awarded to contractors. We anticipate construction to commence within the next five to six weeks, marking a significant step forward in our goal of expanding healthcare facilities in our area.

Additionally, I successfully negotiated a property deal for the Council's approval with a landowner for the purchase

of 21.8 acres of railway property. This land will be transformed into a hub for residential and commercial development, which is expected to stimulate local growth and enhance the overall appeal of our municipality. These efforts underscore our commitment to fostering a vibrant community where residents can thrive.

I understand the ongoing challenge posed by major derelict buildings in our community cannot be overlooked any longer. These structures not only harbor safety concerns but also detract from the overall aesthetic and value of the neighborhood. To address this issue effectively, I believe it is crucial to implement a bylaw specifically targeting derelict buildings. Such a regulation would lay down clear guidelines for property owners, ensuring that these eyesores are either renovated or demolished in a timely manner. By taking these steps, we can revitalize our community, creating a safer and more inviting environment for all residents.

To advance our sustainability initiatives, it is crucial to establish face-to-face meetings with key governmental figures. Engaging directly with the Minister of Environment and Climate Change will allow us to discuss collaborative efforts in addressing climate issues. Additionally, a meeting with the Minister of Agriculture can provide insights into sustainable farming practices that align with our goals. Lastly, connecting with the Minister of Municipal and Northern Relations will help us explore community-driven solutions to environmental challenges. Building these relationships will be instrumental in fostering a comprehensive approach to our environmental objectives.

Throughout my journey working with Prairie Mountain Health and Shared Health, I have witnessed firsthand the crucial importance of maintaining our hospital system at its full potential. Collaboration is key in

ensuring our healthcare infrastructure meets the needs of our community. It's rewarding to see how collective efforts can result in improved patient care and efficiency within our facilities.

My background in construction has proven invaluable, especially in recognizing issues related to overbilling. This experience has sharpened my ability to scrutinize financial discrepancies and advocate for fair billing practices. By applying a keen eye for detail, I work to ensure that every dollar spent is justifiable and benefits the health services we provide.

Additionally, I am committed to addressing the housing challenges faced by paramedics and healthcare professionals. Finding suitable accommodations is vital for attracting and retaining talent in our healthcare system. By actively seeking solutions, I aim to foster an environment where these dedicated individuals feel supported and can focus on delivering exceptional patient care.

Another area of focus has been water drainage issues in collaboration with Manitoba Transportation and Infrastructure. Proper water management is essential not only for public safety but also for the longevity of our community infrastructure. By advocating for effective solutions, I strive to ensure that our infrastructures can withstand and adapt to changing environmental conditions.

Moreover, I have taken a stand in fighting for owners facing overpriced farm assessments. This endeavor is about fairness and equity in taxation. Many farmers work tirelessly to sustain their livelihoods, and ensuring their assessments are just is a principle I strongly support.

Lastly, I remain engaged in advocating for changes in government policy that I believe are misguided. Challenging the status quo is not always easy, but when I see policies that negatively impact our community, I feel compelled to speak out. It is

essential that we push for a government approach that is thoughtful, equitable, and beneficial for all.

Other Boards I currently serve on:

- Growth and Prosperity - Natural Gas
- Glenhaven Senior Housing
- Assiniboine Delta Aquifer
- Spirit Sands Medical Clinic
- Spirit Sands Medical Clinic Building Committee

As I look towards the future, I have several key plans that I hope to implement for our community's well-being.

First and foremost, establishing a medical clinic is a priority, ensuring residents have access to essential healthcare services.

Attracting and retaining qualified medical professionals in the area will be crucial to the clinic's success.

In addition, I intend to focus on the ongoing maintenance of the marsh while preserving its natural beauty and ecological significance.

Another important initiative is the development of 55-plus housing, catering to our aging population.

Addressing everyday issues will be a part of this vision, alongside tackling concerns related to the Assiniboine Delta Aquifer.

We're also facing challenges with the new lagoon project, which has been stalled due to bureaucratic red tape.

Lastly, exploring the possibility of a town water supply could greatly benefit the community. Each of these elements plays a vital role in shaping a thriving future for our residents.

A good Councillor plays a crucial role in representing the interests of their community, and I believe there are several key qualities that contribute to their effectiveness.

First and foremost, I think listening and then talking is essential.

Engaging with constituents and understanding their concerns lays the foundation for meaningful dialogue and decision-making. A Councillor must approach

these conversations with empathy and an open mind, ensuring that everyone feels heard and valued.

Another important characteristic is the avoidance of excuses.

A Councillor should take ownership of their responsibilities and be ready to tackle challenges head-on. This accountability builds trust within the community and demonstrates a commitment to finding solutions rather than deflecting blame.

Additionally, honesty must be at the forefront of their actions; under no circumstances should a Councillor lie to the public. Transparency fosters trust, and when issues arise, it's vital to address them openly rather than sweeping them under the rug.

Moreover, a proactive approach is essential for any Councillor.

Going out of your way to resolve issues shows dedication to the community and an earnest desire to improve the lives of constituents. Coupled with this is the need for common sense; practical, thoughtful decision-making can lead to effective resolutions that align with community values. Following up with constituents on their concerns reinforces this commitment to transparency and accountability.

Lastly, being vocal and advocating against governmental wrongdoing is crucial. A Councillor should not shy away from standing up for what is right, even if it is unpopular. This courage to speak out not only reflects strong leadership but also inspires others within the community to engage and advocate for positive change. In sum, a mixture of listening, accountability, transparency, proactivity and advocacy defines what makes a truly commendable Councillor.

I have to say that we currently have a great council that all work together very well!

Without our council working together with the various boards and committees in our municipality, we could never have achieved as much as we have.



# Dino-Mite Fun Stomping into Glenboro

by **Giselle Lussier**  
GAZETTE STAFF

There’s something about dinosaurs that sparks instant curiosity in kids - their massive size, mysterious extinction, and those impossible-to-pronounce names. Tapping into that timeless fascination, Jen Martin, Director of Spruce Lakes Recreation District, is bringing Walking with the Dinosaurs to Glenboro on Saturday, April 26th.

“I’ve been trying to book DinoMite Adventures for a couple of years now but they were always booked. So I’m really excited they’re finally coming to Glenboro,” said Martin. “It’s going to be an unforgettable experience for kids and adults alike!”

The life-sized dinosaurs have been walking with

guests and exploring destinations throughout rural Manitoba as well as a number of venues throughout Winnipeg; and are a crowd pleaser to the young and young at heart. In fact upon entrance to the hall you will be greeted by a towering 30’ inflatable Brontosaurus; and it is as friendly as it is massive in size greeting each guest as they embark on their journey.

DinoMite Adventures brings realistic, life-sized dinosaur puppets that walk, roar, and interact with guests in a fun, educational way. Children will have the chance to get up close and personal with their favorite prehistoric creatures - without the threat of becoming a Dino-snack.

The event runs from

noon to 4 p.m., and in addition to walking with the dinosaurs, families can enjoy a magic show, a fossil dig, and a Dino-egg photo opportunity. Golfers - young and old - can even brush up on their putting skills with a round of Dino-style mini golf!

Tickets are affordably

priced at just \$10 per person or \$25 per family. Advance tickets can be purchased by contacting Jen at glenbororec@gmail.com. “If it’s difficult for you to get to town, you can also purchase by e-transfer and your name will be added to the list,” Martin explained. Tickets will also be available at the door.

## Holland United Church News

An adaptation of John 12:1-8, Mary and the Jar of Ointment, provided the backdrop to Lent V worship under the leadership of Wendy Denbow of Plumas. The Gift of Mary influenced the service’s hymns, including “Said Judas to Mary” and “A Prophet-Woman Broke

a Jar.” Isaiah 43:16-21, Philippians 3:4b-14 & Psalm 126 were also read. Attendance was 17 adults and 6 youth. This coming Palm Sunday service includes Communion. Heather Grobb & Sacraments Elder Delores Early will lead. Service begins at 10:00 a.m. Until then, keep the faith!

## TAKE A BREAK ...

### STR8TS

No. 746

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You can find more help, tips and hints at [www.str8ts.com](http://www.str8ts.com)

Previous solution - Medium

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How to beat **Str8ts** – Like Sudoku, no single number can repeat in any row or column. But... rows and columns are divided by black squares into **compartments**. These need to be filled in with numbers that complete a 'straight'. A **straight** is a set of numbers with no gaps but can be in any order, eg [4,2,3,5]. Clues in black cells remove that number as an option in that row and column, and are not part of any straight. Glance at the solution to see how 'straights' are formed.

### SUDOKU

No. 746

Tough

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The solutions will be published here in the next issue.

Previous solution - Medium

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5	1	8	7	4	9	3	6	2
7	6	9	1	3	2	4	8	5
2	4	7	9	1	8	6	5	3
9	8	3	4	5	6	1	2	7
1	5	6	2	7	3	8	4	9

To complete Sudoku, fill the board by entering numbers 1 to 9 such that each row, column and 3x3 box contains every number uniquely.

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# Belmont and District Historical Society busy making improvements

by Gayle Johnson  
GAZETTE STAFF

The Belmont and District Historical Society is actively advancing its mission with impressive progress. Committee member Vicky Gillingham reports that significant efforts have been devoted to transforming the basement area of the building into a vibrant and inviting space. “Our talented committee members have

completed the flooring, and we are currently working on a storage room. Soon, we’ll move on to the painting phase. Once that’s finished, we’ll start designing our exciting new displays,” Vicky stated confidently. The committee has ambitious plans to feature a variety of local organizations, including churches, schools, and community groups such as the Eastern Star,

Masons, Rebekahs, and Lions, among others. Additionally, they will have an extensive display dedicated to recreational items. The Belmont Museum will welcome the public during the May long weekend, and the committee is excitedly planning a Grand Re-Opening event for this summer. Stay tuned for more updates!



Work is progressing on the basement area of the Belmont Museum. PHOTO BY SUZANNE PADDOCK

## Sunshine Highway Relic Run “Movie” Premiere & Roaring Twenties Concert

Last summer vintage cars followed a 1921 route from the U.S. border south of Crystal City through Glenora and Baldur to Brandon. Called the “Sunshine Highway” the original route was established between Brandon, Manitoba and Sioux City, Iowa. Automobile travel became a way for owners of the new-fangled cars to experience the countryside and towns and villages. Pre-1940 vehicles and their proud owners, from all over Manitoba took part in the Sunshine Highway Relic Run in July of 2024. Manitoba historian Dr. Gordon Goldsborough and his compatriots photographed and video-ed that historical re-run of the original Sunshine Highway route in Manitoba. This will become a You-Tube video, but before it is posted to the internet, there will be a premiere of the short “movie” (about 15 minutes

long) at the Parklane Theatre in Crystal City. The Crystal City Printing Museum has printed a commemorative Route book about the 1921 Sunshine Highway and the 2024 Sunshine Highway Relic Run (with a modern color photo insert) which will be for sale that day. The book was laboriously worked on and printed, letter by letter, as it would have been back in 1921. As well as the Sunshine Highway Relic Run movie, there will be a Roaring Twenties variety concert to complete the afternoon. To match with the era of Bonnie and Clyde and the beginnings of automobile travel in the 1920s and 30s, the concert (still in its planning stages) has a theme of entertainment from that era: barbershop quartet, recitation, family group singing, ragtime piano playing and more. (Anybody want to volunteer to dance the

Charleston?) Some of the Sunshine Highway Relic Run participants will be arriving in their antique vehicles which will be parked outside the Theatre. See the accompanying ad with the appropriately dressed Checkley family and their 1926 Hudson Brougham Sedan photographed during the Sunshine Highway Relic Run. Dressing from that era is encouraged! Refreshments will be served. Enjoy a cup of coffee and peruse some of Mike’s displays about the original Sunshine Highway. Mike Webber of the Crystal City Printing Museum will have 100 year old newspaper snippets from the Crystal City Courier about the 1920s Sunshine Highway. All proceeds from the afternoon of vintage entertainment will go to the Parklane Theatre. Mark your calendar for Sunday, April 13, 2025 at 2 p.m.

## Get ready for the Walk-A-Thon



RECREATION  
REVIEW  
BY JEN MARTIN  
SPRUCE LAKES DISTRICT

Spruce Lakes Rec is thrilled to announce Dino Adventures: “Walking with the Dinosaurs” at Glenboro Kinsmen Hall at the end of April! Family passes are available for \$25 (up to 5 people per household) or individual tickets for \$10 each. Enjoy a fun-filled day with roaming dinosaurs, baby dinos, mini golf, a dinosaur egg photo spot, fossil dig, games, and a magic show at 2 p.m. Join us on April 26th from Noon to 4 p.m. If you plan to attend, I hope to hear from you at glenbororec@gmail.com or call 204-827-2575. Tickets will also be available at the door, but we prefer to sell the majority in advance. Even if you just let me know you’re planning to attend I can put your name on our list for the door. Dance, Pickleball, and

Step 2 continue. Our 2nd class for the Gluten Free Perogies on April 9th will be running! Carol at SIS and myself at Spruce Lakes Rec partnered on this program so we could bring it for all ages. The venue is the Raystone. If there is any interest in an evening class, please let me know. We will switch up venues for this class too. Get ready for the Community Walk-A-Thon! Compete with neighboring communities like Baldur, Minnedosa, Deloraine, and more to see who can walk the most kilometers in April. There are a dozen communities to challenge, so let’s show them what we’ve got! Pick up your tracking sheets at my office (Spruce Lakes Rec – in the museum building), the Municipal office, the library, or the post office. Make sure to submit your total kilometers by May 2nd to my office or drop them off at the municipal office. Let’s aim for victory and

have a blast while doing it! The fun started on April 1st, so lace up your walking shoes and let’s go! Family Day is scheduled for June 15th this year. I’m excited about this free event but can’t manage it alone. If you can spare an hour or two in the afternoon or have a special talent like magic, face painting, juggling, organizing a car show, or singing (family), and would like to volunteer, please reach out to me. We also need volunteers to supervise bouncers and assist with running games. The Ball Day and our Town Wide Yard sales will be set for Saturday, May 24th. We haven’t started our sign up for the map just yet but if you are interested in being a part of that it will be coming soon. Please check our website for updates www.glenboro.com (events) along with our Facebook, Instagram and Tik Tok pages too!

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# Seniors Services for R.M. of Prairie Lakes residents

by Myra Jonsson  
RESOURCE COORDINATOR

I will be holding an afternoon event to assist those 55+ who would like to request for the new plastic Manitoba Health Card. I will assist you by completing the online registration form with you. You will need to bring your current paper Manitoba Health Card with you. Date: Monday, April 28th, 2025, 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Ninette Activity Centre. You will need to register for this event to book a time slot. Please call me at 204-528-3374 or send an email to seniorsprairielakes@gmail.com. If you receive my answering machine, please leave me your name and phone number so that I can return your call when I am in the office. Note: If you would like an event held in your community (Belmont or Dunrea), please contact

me and I will arrange a date.

This is your invitation to join us for the Senior Independent Services Annual General Meeting which will take place on April 22nd, 2025, at 2:00 p.m. at the Argyle Drop-In Centre – 121 First St., Baldur. The Guest Speaker will be Noreen Kolesar from Mindstage. The topic will be Mindful Moments - Wiser Brain Strategies for Everyday Life. Refreshments will be served following the presentation. Everyone is welcome to attend. Hope to see you there!

Also, Save The Date. Seniors Independent Services is planning a jigsaw puzzle challenge in support of “Let No One Be Alone Week.” We will work together in teams of 4 to complete a jigsaw puzzle as quickly as possible. The team who completes the puzzle the fastest will be the winner.

This will be a free fun event to spend time together. Date: May 5th, 2025, 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Ninette Community Place. All 55+ welcome to attend. You will need to register for this event. Please call me at 204-528-3374. If you receive my answering machine, please leave me your name and phone number so that I can return your call when I am in the office. Note: If you would like an event held in your community (Belmont or Dunrea), please contact me and I will arrange a date.

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Seniors Independent Services Office Hours: Wednesdays 9:00 to 4:00 pm. For more information on these and other services, or if you have any questions, please contact me (Myra) at: 204-528-3374 – if you receive my answering machine - please leave a message, or email me at: seniorsprairielakes@gmail.com

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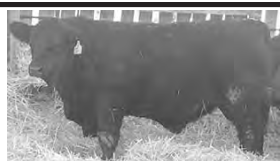
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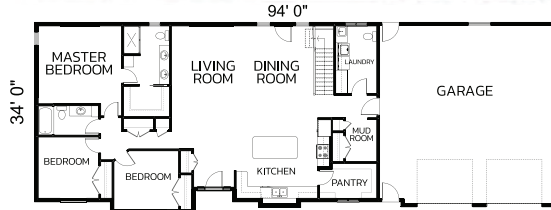
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Saturday, May 17, 2025, dance 1:00 - 8:00 p.m. and supper at 5:00 p.m.  
Sunday, May 18, 2025, dance 12:00 - 6:00 p.m. and supper at 6:00 p.m.  
Admission for Saturday & Sunday is \$50.00 each day or \$90.00 for both days or \$130.00 per person for all 3 days. For more info call Cyn at 204-537-2708 or Linda 204-537-2289. Proceeds to Belmont Hall. 21,25,26c

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**THE GLENBORO LIBRARY AND THE STEP IT FORWARD COMMITTEE** are putting on an Easter Egg hunt for ages up to 12 years on April 12th from 2-4 p.m. at the Glenboro ball diamonds. Back up date for bad weather is April 27th. Please watch for any changes in the scheduling of this event. Free to attend. 20,21c

**YOU ARE INVITED TO A LADIES’ SPRING TEA** hosted by the Glenboro Bible Chapel on Saturday, May 3 @ 2 p.m. Featuring a seed and plant exchange. Share your surplus and find some new ones. ALL donations received will be contributed to the SPIRIT SANDS MEDICAL CLINIC. 21-24c

**MEN’S THURSDAY NIGHT GOLF** starts Thursday, May 8th (weather permitting) and runs every Thursday through to mid-August. Participants must be a paid-up member of the Glenboro Golf and Country Club. Entries close at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 30th. Late entries will NOT be accepted. Phone entries to Mark McGregor on cell at 204-573-6678. Also anyone interested in golfing but doesn’t have a partner, also give Mark a call and he can try to set some teams up. 21-23c

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**PELICAN LAKE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY** is hosting *Easter Breakfast* Saturday, April 19th at Ninette Community Place. Breakfast is being served from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. Cost: Adults \$15.00, Children 5 to 10 - \$10.00, Children under 5 are free. 10:45 the Easter Bunny is hosting an Easter Egg Hunt followed by pictures with the Mr. Bunny. Cost to enter hunt is \$5.00. 21c

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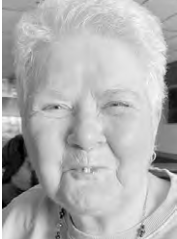
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## Grassed Waterways:

Natural or constructed channels grassed to prevent erosion and protect water quality.

## Small Dams:

For livestock watering, wildlife, erosion and flood control.

## Well Decommissioning:

Maintain or improve groundwater quality and remove hazards, CAWD caps your well at no charge!

## Shallow Wetland Conservation:

Incentive payments to not drain or fill shallow wetlands.

## Equipment Rentals:

- Tree Planter
- Mulch Applicator
- ATV Grass Seeder

## Land Conversion:

Funding may be eligible to convert annual crop lands and cultivated marginal lands to perennial cover. Funding may cover the cost of the seed as well as a rate of \$35/acre to seed. Annual incentives may be eligible.

Call with any questions you may have, or to discuss any trouble spots to see if we have a program to help.



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- Solid Weld-In Tongue



**GREAT DEALS ON EQUIPMENT**

**TRACTORS**

- Deutz 5080D Keyline, loader, 80hp ..... **CALL!**
- McCormick X6.470, w/loader, 4000 hrs. .... **CALL!**
- Two McCormick X6.55, 2021, will have new loaders ..... **COMING IN**
- McCormick X7.690 Powershift, 2020, 2000 hrs., loader/grapple ..... \$215,000
- Deutz 6210, 2016, p-shift, 4300 hrs. .... \$125,000

**BALERS**

- McHale Fusion baler/wrapper ..... \$85,000
- Kuhn LSB 1290D ..... \$85,000
- Kuhn LSB 1290, 3x4 baler ..... \$79,500
- MF 4180V, 2022, 4x6 silage, w/knives, 2500 bales, still has 1 yr warranty ..... \$75,000
- Kuhn LSB 1290, single axle ..... \$52,500
- MF 2956A, 2018, 10,500 bales ..... \$45,000
- Vermeer 605N, 2017, 10,000 bales ..... \$42,000
- Vermeer 605N, 2016, net, 14,500 bales ..... \$42,000
- Vermeer 604Pro, 2018, 14,000 bales ..... \$42,000

**RAKES**

- Kuhn 6501 Rotor Rake ..... \$22,500
- Enrossi 14-wheel Rake ..... \$15,500
- NEW Kuhn & SAMAZ Rotor Rakes ..... **ALSO IN STOCK**

**MOWER/CONDITIONERS**

- Kuhn 4060, 13ft. rubber cond., new cutterbar ..... \$35,000
- McHale Pro Glide F3100 front mower cond ..... \$33,000
- Vermeer 3700 13 ft. Disc, steel rollers ..... \$32,500
- AgCo Heston 3315 15 ft. Disc, rebuilt cutterbar ..... \$29,500
- JD 496 disc cond., 2001, 13ft. rubber rollers . \$19,500

**MOWERS**

- New Vermeer & Samaz mowers, pull type .... **IN STOCK!**

**SWATHERS**

- NH Speedrower 130, 2015, 36' duraswath, Autosteer GPS ..... **REDUCED \$119,000**
- Challenger SP115B, 36' w/PU reel ..... \$40,000

**BALE PROCESSORS**

- Vermeer FPX9000, sold as new ..... \$39,500
- Bale Boss square bale shredder ..... **CALL**
- HiLine 7000 ..... **CALL**
- HiLine CFR650 ..... **CALL**

**SILAGE BAGGERS**

- Euro Bagger, 10 ft. tunnel ..... **AVAILABLE!**
- New Tubeline Bale Wrappers ..... **IN STOCK!**

**FORAGE HARVESTERS**

- FP230 pu head / processor ..... \$37,000
- Myers 4220, forage box ..... \$32,000
- Dump Chief Silage hi-dump ..... \$12,500

**MIXERS**

- Penta 1120HD, front cross conveyor ..... \$65,000
- Supreme 900T, 2014, new liners, good screws \$53,500
- Supreme 700T, 2006, dogleg on r discharge ... \$39,500
- Lucknow XLR 1480, 2016, c/w folding discharge ..... \$38,500

**MANURE SPREADERS**

- NEW Tubeline Nitro vertical beaters, two 750's ..... **IN STOCK!**
- NEW Kuhn HP 140 and HP 160's ..... **IN STOCK!**
- NH 7090M HD spreader ..... \$18,500
- NI 3743 spreader, upper beater ..... \$15,000
- JD780 push spreader ..... \$13,500

**CATTLE EQUIPMENT**

- ArrowQuip systems on display! Chutes, headgates, 30ft. self standing panels ..... **CALL!**



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