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RECONCILIATION RUN TO TAKE PLACE SEPT. 30TH

Miranda Leybourne, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter Brandon Sun - Aug 24, 2023

Tréchelle Bunn, a member of Birdtail Sioux Dakota Nation, is hard at work preparing for the second annual Reconciliation Run, Canada's first National Day for Truth and Reconciliation half-marathon, which will take place on Sept. 30.

The in-person half-marathon, which participants can choose to run or walk, is happening in Birtle, Man., located 145 kilometres northwest of Brandon. Participants will also have the option to join virtual and satellite runs from anywhere in Canada.

For Bunn, the event, which starts at the site of the former Birtle Indian Residential School, is a way for her to honour her great-grandparents, who were forced to attend it.

"When I was young, my unkan [grandfather] Donald would tell me stories about his time at the residential school and about how when he was there, he wanted nothing more than to just run away and go home," Bunn said. "But he saw the consequences of what happened to his classmates and friends

who did try to run away and got caught." Although the school was located close to her great-grandparents' community, Bunn recalls her unkan telling her it felt like it was "a world away."

"Being able to return to the school with my community and family, and walking home for all those who never returned home at all or who never got to walk home on their own terms, was really important to me and really symbolic." The former school was built in 1882, and used as a school for Indigenous children from surrounding reserves in 1890, before the original building burned down in 1895. In 1894, a new building had been erected on a hill overlooking Birtle, where a pile of gray stone from its foundations is still visible today. The Presbyterian



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Church in Canada ran the school until 1969, when the facility was transferred to the Canadian government. It closed in 1972.

Last year, Bunn teamed up with Dan Schwarz, who took part in 2021's walk with his family, to turn the event into an official Manitoba Runners' Association-sanctioned half marathon, with a theme of "Movement is Medicine."

This year, even more people have signed up for the event, Bunn told the Sun.

"We've definitely seen an increase in the number of early registrations," she said. "I think maybe that has to do with the run happening on Saturday."

Bunn has been touched to see how the run has impacted the elders in her community who have ties to the former residential school, as well as the support it has garnered from people of all backgrounds who are showing solidarity with the residential school survivors, their families and the children who never made it home.

"For a lot the survivors, they try to walk as far as they can," she said. "It's also good for them to see that there's so many people – not just within our community, but also the non-Indigenous community – that are coming out and supporting that, paying tribute to them and honouring them."

It's more important than ever for people from all walks of life and backgrounds to get involved in the truth and reconciliation process, Bunn told the Sun.

"I think we're really seeing an awakening, and I think we have a long way to go still, but ... we're definitely headed down the right path, and I'm excited for the future generations and the change that's going to continue to happen, hopefully."

The reconciliation run has had a positive impact in Bunn's community, she said. An athlete herself, who has played hockey with the University of Manitoba, Bunn said it's incredibly important to ensure that people in First Nations communities have access to events that give them the opportunity to exercise and stay active.

"Running is kind of that movement and that kind of sport and activity that is really accessible to a lot of First Nation communities, because you just need a pair of running shoes. You don't need a hockey arena or a gym."

Running can also be a way for people affected by the dark shadow of residential schools – especially for the survivors – to reclaim their power, Bunn previously told



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the Sun. The very first run brought that home to Bunn, her family members and other members of her community.

"Everything the [residential] school stood for was to totally eradicate Indigenous peoples' culture. And standing there with my family and community and other survivors on that day, and having a ceremony [with] an elder sharing a story at the beginning was just kind of proving that, [although] a lot of damage was done by residential schools, their goal to eradicate Indigenous people and culture failed," she said.

To register for the Reconciliation Run, visit reconciliationrun.ca by Sept. 29. To be guaranteed a medal and T-shirt for the event, register before Sept. 1.

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MEMORIAL RIDE RAISES FUNDS FOR CANCER CARE

Memorial riders on motorcycles, and in classic cars, remember Denis (Deco) Decroliere and Tom Wardman.

Denise Griffith Jul 31, 2023 5:05 PM

On July 23, family, friends and colleagues gathered at Dirty Word Customz a custom car shop to remember two of Oak Lake's sons that lost their battle with cancer. Denis (Deco) Decroliere ran his corral cleaning business in the spring, summer and fall months. In the winter months Deco put in countless hours taking excellent care of our local skating rink. Tom Wardman grew up south of town, later moving to Virden where he ran Alternative Cycles, a motorcycle repair shop. Both men enjoyed cruising on their bikes.

Ninety-three participants registered for this Memorial ride, including riders from as far away as British Columbia and Minot, North Dakota. Many of the classic cars present were from Brandon.



It was an impressive sight as the 70 plus motorcycles and 10 other vehicles fired up and headed out of town, pulling onto the highway heading east. Colin and Evie (nee Elder) Lawson from B.C. led the way, turning north on 21 highway heading up to Hamiota where a pit stop at Pope's Drive In was in order.

On the road again, we continued on to Shoal Lake, turned west to Birtle, then headed south to Miniota, where they obviously had heard that we were coming because they flagged us into the Miniota Motor Inn parking lot. I'm thinking that they opened up especially for us, and we sure appreciated the cold drinks and washroom facilities.

After a short refresher we were on our way once again. The next stop was Virden, where a group picture was taken in front of Tom's Alternative Cycles shop.

The final stop was at the Oak Lake fair grounds where everyone enjoyed more visiting and a meal before they headed for home. There were several draws for door prizes and a 50/50 draw that was won by Mark Houston, who generously donated his winnings back to Cancer Care.

The ride was organized by Dennis Griffith and Mona Kenderdine and Marvin Elder and Marina Enns were a great help. This event was widely supported by the sponsorship of businesses and individuals from the area. There was a surplus of supplies so any unopened buns and cases of water we happily passed along to the Virden and Area Food Cupboard. Donations are still coming in and all proceeds will go to Cancer Care.



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With Miniota ties, Cornish helps Canada Red succeed

An Alberta athlete with area roots is excelling on the nation's volleyball courts.

Robin Wark Aug 11, 2023

Red Deer's Jorgie Cornish recently helped Team Canada Red win bronze at the Canada Cup volleyball tournament. Cornish, who is headed into Grade 11 this fall, is the daughter of former Miniota resident Todd Cornish, and Jodi Cornish who hails from the Russell area. Her paternal grandparents are Miniota's Barry and Lynne Cornish. Cornish was an outside hitter for Canada Red.

"She is an excellent passer and a fierce attacker," Canada Red head coach Natasha Spaling said. "She made a big impact on our team in both of those areas, but her biggest strengths are without doubt her work ethic and her team first attitude."

Last year Cornish competed in the Canada Cup for 15U Team Alberta. She was pleased to wear Canada colours this time around.

"While this was not my first time at Canada Cup, the most enjoyable part was the honour to represent Team Canada," she said. "Being part of a team of some of the best 2007 or later athletes in the country allowed me to be surrounded by an amazing skill set and level of competition. I have forged relation-

ships with so many amazing coaches and athletes that I will never forget."

The Canada Cup was held July 19-23 in St. Catharines, Ont. Before that Team Canada Red and

White trained July 6-18 in that city. Cornish worked hard to ensure she was ready to be a part of the Team Canada program.

"I feel that my physical readiness heading into training allowed me to take my skill set to the next level," she said. "The training at the national level was second to none including coaching staff, facilities and video analysis."



A Big Thank You

On May 18, 2021, we had a small fire in the utility room of our house. It has been a long 26 months since this, but we are finally back in our home, and we owe many thanks to the people that helped along the way.

First, we would like to thank the Birtle Fire Department for their speedy response that kept this a small fire. It is amazing to realize that these volunteer firefighters are business owners, workers, and farmers in the community who drop everything in a second and are there to save your home in 10 minutes.

Thank you to Pam Naylor of Birtle Rentals, Steve Desjardins of DeJard Inn, and Craig and Sabrina Aitchison for having a place for us to live.

Thanks to James Copping of Copping Construction & Carpentry Ltd, Ben & Dale Synder of Chillon Construction, Twin Valley Co-op – Birtle, Fouillard Carpets, Fouillard Discount Center, Leim Garlick of Lakeview Plumbing & Heating, and Trevor Teal for their assistance with the daunting administrative process of the insurance claim.

Many thanks to Sean McDougall of McDougall Electric, Christien Sandstrom of Foam Tech, Harry Adamowski of Adamowski Contracting, and Brandy Harvey from Jenkins Flooring -Dauphin, for jobs well done.

Special thanks to long time friends Kevin & Donna Higgs for taking time out from their retirement to assist with this project and getting us back into our home.

Also a final Thank you to friends, relatives, and neighbours for their help, offer of help, or for just listening to us when we needed to vent.

Everyone's support through this makes a person realize what community is all about.

Thank you!

Marvin & Val Harris

Thank
You

BIRTLE NEWS - By Jan Fleury

Aug 22/23

Donna Marie Yaskiw, formerly of Birtle, celebrated her July 31st birthday by enjoying a trip with a friend taking in Temple Gardens spa in Moose Jaw, SK, along with Calgary, Banff, Drumheller, AB and Watrous, Sk. Happy Birthday Donna.

Word has been received of the passing of Don Rothnie at their home in Smokey Lake, AB. at the age of 69. Don was the butcher at the Twin Valley Co-op grocery many years ago and his wife Allison worked as an LPN at the Birtle Medical Centre.

Visiting with Roberta and Brian Hickman for two weeks at the beginning of August were their daughter Robin along with her 5.5 month old daughter, Elsie Dingle of Penticton, BC. They also visited with family and friends here and in Winnipeg. Barry and Carol Hickman of Vancouver, BC travelled back and forth with Robin and Elsie and also visited with family and friends in the area.

Another successful Agricultural Fair was held at the Fair grounds August 4 -6th. The pancake breakfast, put on by the local Firefighters, saw around 250 people attend to kick off the fair. Home living entries along with heavy-horse events, light-horse events, attractions for the kids and the tractor pull kept all ages entertained during the three days of activity.

Dave Koroscil visited with his Mom, Pat Koroscil, and family and friends in the area for a few days and was able to take in the fair breakfast.

Sympathy of the community is extended to Ralph and Ruthan Kitching and family on the passing of Ralph's sister, Pearl Cooper, on July 29th at the age of 98.

Marj and Bob Barteaux have had a busy few weeks lately. To kick off August, they spent a week camping at Clear Lake and Onanole, visiting with their son David and Jacki Barteaux and their family along with their son Steven and Kristy Barteaux and family of Fanny Bay, BC. Upon returning home, they celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Aug. 13th at a dinner celebration hosted by David and Jacki Barteaux in Foxwarren. Their granddaughter Maddi Barteaux modelled Marj's wedding dress and looked very stunning in her grandmother's dress. Happy 50th Anniversary Marj and Bob! Steven and Kristy and family spent a few days camping in Birtle and they attended Steven's class re-union that was hosted by Tim Fulton at his former home site on the weekend of August 11 - 13th. They then went to Winnipeg to visit with family and friends including Steven's grandmother, Ruth Barteaux. They are now on their way back to BC and have had to change the route due to the wildfires and ferry breakdowns. Safe travels!

The Ladies Golf tournament was held at the Birtle Riverside Golf Club on August 12 with 26 two-person teams competing. Winners were:

Championship Flight

1st Debbie Jensen & Debbie Pielechaty

2nd Cass Lyttle & Kayla Oertel

3rd Danielle Laferriere & Angie Bowley

1st Flight

1st Miranda Hickman & Kayla Higgins

2nd Sydnee Decorby & Karli Fredrickson

3rd Joanne Douglas & Laurelle Boucher

2nd Flight

1st Carla Gambler & Jackie McKee

2nd Vicki Decorby & Myrt Gawiuk

3rd Regan Simard & Stacy Farquhar



I, Jan, had my sister Bev Elchuk of Vancouver and my daughter Janine Urbanovich of Brandon visit on Aug. 11 and 12th and we golfed in the ladies tournament along with friend Judy Gies.

Congratulations to Alice Bolter of Sunnyside Manor in Birtle who celebrated her 100th birthday on August 18th. Her family hosted a tea at the Birtle Drop-In Centre on Aug. 19th with 100 persons attending. A family supper followed at the home of her daughter Gail Salmon. This event was attended by Gail and friend Tom and daughters Deanna and Gerry Lovas and their girls, Amy and Abby and Michelle and Randy Bryant and their family, Monelle, Baker and Hadley, her son Jack and Judy Bolter of Calgary along with their son Shawn and daughter Chelsey also of Calgary.

Another very successful 4-Person Best-Ball Fundraiser Tournament was held at Birtle Riverside Golf Course on August 19th. This event saw 112 golfers tee-off despite the cool windy weather with low score going to Miniota foursome, Jason McKenzie, Brady Bryant, Brady Joseph and Austin McKenzie.

Visiting with Casey and Lyndsay Kyle and Bill and Joanne Kyle last weekend were Cory and Glenys Kyle and family from Lloydminster, AB.

Aug 29/23

In 1919, Ernest & Ethel Fulton, along with Ernest's father David B. & wife Emma Fulton moved to Birtle & settled on 30-16-26 wpm. Ernest's brother John followed to Birtle about 3 years later. On the August long weekend close to 90 descendants came to Birtle for a long overdue reunion. Most of the ones attending belonged to the Ernest & Ethel family with 4 attending from the John & Christine Fulton family. Relatives came from Ontario to B.C. and everywhere in between. Attendees ages ranged from 90 to 3. There was much visiting and getting to meet some family members whom we hadn't met previously. Lots of games (favorite for the youngest ones was the Mud Kitchen), car rally, attending the Ag Fair, barbeque hosted by Jennifer Fulton, banquet at Russell Inn and pancake breakfast at David & Verna Fulton's. On Sunday, trees were planted at 30-16-26 in honor of Ernest, John and Ernest's 7 children (Katie, Harvey, Eva, Victor, Lockhart (Lockie), Mary & Margaret (AKA Peggy). This land is now owned by Tim Fulton –the fourth generation to own this property which is now designated as a Century Farm.

My apologies to Karli Frederick and Brady Brown whose names were misspelled in my golf report from last edition.

Sympathy of the Birtle Community is extended to the family and friends of Coreen Porter of Sunnyside Manor and formerly from Foxwarren, who passed away on Aug. 16 at the age of 86. Coreen worked at the Birtle Health facility for several years.

Pat Bray spent last weekend in Winnipeg visiting with her son, Steve Bray and Susanna Deluca.

Recent visitors with Pat and Margie Bicknell have been Shanna Rae Lee and her children of Winnipeg as well as Donna Black, daughter of the late Elaine and the late Don Black.

BIRTLE FOUNDATION SUPPORTS LOCAL GROUPS

The Birtle Barrel Series would like to send out a special Thanks in receiving the Birtle and District Foundation Grant, with the help of this grant we were able to complete our Backstop project!

The backstop now allows all horses to fully stop when exiting the arena, as well as it keeps our events organized, having to enter and exit from either side, it also is helpful in keeping the spectators safe during the event. We were also able to put money towards a new sign with our logo on it, it has been great help!

We appreciate the grant in helping reach our goal as our committee is a non-profit organization and the barrel racing events held in Birtle have drawn a lot of attention, spectators, and competitors! It is great to see the support!

Again, we as a committee would like to say Thanks to the Birtle & District Foundation for the grant, Tresselview Signs (supporting local!) as well as to our volunteers that we're able to come out and help put our project together!

Thanks!



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SEPT 12	LAST LADIES NIGHT
SEPT 16	LADIES WIND UP
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RBC appreciates all community groups who come together to make Birtle and area a safe and wonderful place to work, live and play. That's why RBC employees rally together to volunteer their time and efforts to help groups like the Birtle Volunteer Fire Department.

As the Birtle Volunteer Fire Department continues its fundraising for specialized equipment, RBC was enthusiastic to volunteer selling 50/50 tickets at the Vintage Snowmobile Derby annual fundraiser for specialized equipment for the department. And by volunteering to help a local community group with a pressing need, the RBC team was able to earn \$1,500 from RBC Foundation to donate to the Birtle Volunteer Fire Department to help them build capacity and to support community safety and resiliency.

To support the safety and resiliency of your home



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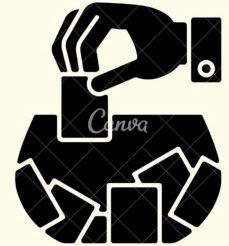
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August

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MINIOTA HAPPENINGS

From the desk of Linda Clark

AUG 15/23

The Miniota community extends its deepest sympathy to Bob and Sharon McKenzie, Jason and Clayton McKenzie and their families on the death of their son, brother and uncle Mitchell on August 8th in Brandon. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Delbert and Pat Cole and David and Dorothy Howard joined Tom Swiston and Kathy Taylor, Winnipeg at Spruce Woods for a week of camping.

Delbert and Pat Cole along with their family Jeff and Tricia Lelond, Brad Hickman, Brad and Stephanie Cole and families joined Kelvin and Cathy Hollier and their families at Blue Lake to attend Kelvin's daughter Kenzie Hollier's wedding this past weekend.

Congratulations to Brett Clark and Kim Johnson who were married on August 12th at their farm home. The reception and dance was held at the groom's parents, Barry and Dianne Clark's farm. Out of province visitors on the Clark side were Bryan Clark and friend, Vancouver BC, Mike Morton, Stettler AB, Megan Morton and friend Andrew Calgary, Chris and Christine Tougas and family Red Lake ON, Daryl and Mel Clark Ituna SK and Ella Clark Saskatoon SK. Guests attending from Kim's side were her mother Ferne Lattery and friend Chris Guinness, Estevan SK, her dad Marty Johnson and wife Jennifer, Bienfait SK, and her grandma Lucille Carlston Regina SK along with other extended family and friends.

On the August long weekend friends met at the home of Gerry and Dorothy Gow. Those attending were John and Melanie Mauseh, Headingly, Bruce and Linda Mitchell, and Sheldon Doole, Bill and Yvonne Spanjer Brandon, Henry and Christine Raupers Newdale and Janice Longstaff, Cardale. On August 8th Dorothy Gow and her niece Raquel from Elkhorn travelled to Flin Flon to spend time with Dorothy's grandson and his fiancée, and also taking in the beautiful scenery while visiting there.

The Miniota Golf Club sponsored a 27 Hole Men's Tournament on Saturday with 42 teams of 2 for a total of 84 golfers. Results were as follows: Championship flight 1st Austin McKenzie and Logan Wotton 2nd Jason McKenzie and Jody Tremblay 3rd Mario Tanguay and Bill McArthur; First Flight - 1st Colby Walker and Dan Bryant 2nd Paul George and Jim Young 3rd George Kreiser and Jeff Alexander; Second Flight - 1st Cliff Davidson and Cory Lowes 2nd Craig Peel and Ed Bryant 3rd Ryan Clarke and Greg Hurlle. The day concluded with supper served by the club house staff.

Sheila Kokorudz enjoyed a holiday to Calgary visiting her daughter Amanda and Angie and their families. She enjoyed a day in Banff exploring the cave and basin in the Banff National Park. Upon her return to Winnipeg she took in an evening of WWE wrestling.

Enid Haines reports her grandson Lee Haines from Peace River placed 7th in the 200 m breaststroke in the Alberta Summer Provincials. Congratulations to Lee and his proud Grandma!

Visiting with Glen and Marg Still was their niece Cheryl Toth, Regina and her daughter Johanna Kristolaits North Bay ON.

Greg Cloake attended the flyin at Ken Pierce's and also travelled with his daughter Carla and Jeff Mortensen of Brandon to the Austin Thresherman's Reunion.

Lyn Young visited with Warren and Betty Shewfelt in Brandon.

"To be kind is more important than to be right, many times, what people need is not a brilliant mind that speaks but a special heart that listens." F. Scott Fitzgerald

Aug 29/23

The Miniota Museum held their annual summer open house with tours in the afternoon. Due to the weather they moved their bbq supper and entertainment with Butch Fleury to the United Church.

It is that time of year when our young people are heading off to college and university, many for the first time. Peyton and Ashten Hawtin are enrolled at Odessa College, Texas. Peyton is studying agriculture with equine and Ashten is in a welding management class. This school also holds rodeo events and so Jon, Deanna and Addy travelled in a second vehicle taking their horses for them.

Gracie Sanders has transferred to the University of Regina and will

continue studying in social work. Devon Sanders having completed his degree has secured a position with MNP in Swift Current where he will work towards achieving his CPA.

Jessica Young has returned to the University of Regina for her 3rd year of education and Michaela Young is returning to Ottawa to seek employment and continue with her volunteer work.

Brooke Thompson and Monelle Bryant are enrolled at the College of Agriculture at the University of Saskatchewan taking Animal Bio-Science.

Emily Bryant is also enrolled at the University of Saskatchewan at Saskatoon in the arts program.

Danni Judd is enrolled at the Brandon University.

Heidi Clark and Riley Sheane are enrolled at the University of Regina in the degree nursing program.

Shane Anderson returns to Brandon Flight Centre at ACC to complete his aviation management certificate and Wyatt Anderson is now living and working at High Level, Alberta.

Needless to say our university students were accompanied to the university of their choice by their parents and siblings to get everyone settled for the year. We wish all our university students a successful year. Be safe and well.

Our best wishes go with Foster Couvier who has moved to Fort Frances for tryouts for the Lakers Junior A hockey team. We wish Foster good luck in making the team.

The Miniota United Church received its annual fall cleaning by several volunteers in preparation for back to worship services beginning September 10th. All are welcome to join us.

On September 6th, once again we will hear the children's voices from across town out on the playground. A special welcome to this year's kindergarten class: Emery Gardham, Scarlett King, Lawsen Maluga, Willen Priestley, Frank Stonehouse, Easton Salt, Potter Sicinski and Kael Sheane. Also a warm welcome to Reghan and Brisdon McLennan to the Miniota School. The staff this year are Britta King, Melissa Hill, Marianna Loconte, Stacy Paull, Jaylene Stone, Tricia Lelond with principal Trevor Lewis. Welcome to a new teaching staff member Andrew Brereton-Waller and to a new EA Ashley Zuk. Also as educational assistants are Shelley Gardham and Courtney Muir. Secretary-Librarian is Laurie Sheane and the new Miniota school custodian is Marc Rivard. We hope students, staff and parents have a wonderful year.

Best wishes go with Logan Armitage, Nolan Armitage, Carson Brown, Khloe Brown, Rain Gies, Liam Lelond, Sophie Priestley, and Kai Wall who move from the Miniota School to Grade 9 at the Birtle Collegiate.

Noticing postings on Facebook to remind people to slow down in school zones as our students return to school. We need our youth to arrive safely. The same can be said for all those harvesting who need to move huge machinery from field to field. May we all find some patience for these people so they too can return home safe. Harvest is in full swing in our area. May everyone enjoy the Labour Day weekend whether you are working or holidaying!

I, Linda, your news reporter, thoroughly enjoyed the Rainbow Stage production of the Little Mermaid this past weekend- marvellous music, singing, dancing and costumes. My quote this week comes from the character of Ursula, "Life's full of tough choices, isn't it?" As our students head into a new year, my wish is that whenever they see a fellow student sitting alone, feeling sad or having troubles, they say hi, smile, ask if they can sit with them and include them. Always choose kindness!



EFFICIENCY MANITOBA TO INVEST UP TO \$2 MILLION TO PROVIDE COMMUNITY ICE RINKS WITH ENERGY-EFFICIENT LIGHTING UPGRADES

UP TO 100% FUNDING WILL BE PROVIDED TO ICE RINK FACILITIES IN MANITOBA, REDUCING ENERGY CONSUMPTION AND OPERATING COSTS

Efficiency Manitoba is launching a new limited-time initiative aiming to help communities throughout the province reduce their energy bills and operating costs. Through the Community Rink Lighting Initiative, the Crown corporation will be providing funding to help multiple facilities with indoor ice rinks replace their inefficient lighting, covering up to 100% of reasonable lighting equipment and associated labour costs.

“Rinks and arenas serve as the social hub of many communities. However, many of them are operating on limited revenue streams and may not otherwise be able to benefit from energy-saving upgrades without additional financial support,” said Kevin Klein, Minister of Environment and Climate and the Minister responsible for Efficiency Manitoba. “We are very pleased to see Efficiency Manitoba provide funding to help improve the energy efficiency and lighting quality of these important community meeting and recreation spaces.”

From September 1 to December 1, 2023, Efficiency Manitoba will be accepting Expressions of Interest from eligible applicants. Submissions will be reviewed and funding will be allocated to a variety of projects with the intent of supporting urban, rural, remote, and First Nation communities throughout Manitoba.

“Replacing inefficient lighting in rinks can lead to significant electricity savings,” said Colleen Kuruluk, CEO of Efficiency Manitoba. “Energy-efficient lighting over ice surfaces provides an opportunity to generate even more energy savings than typical lighting upgrades. Not only will these facilities save money upfront with Efficiency Manitoba funding, but they’ll also benefit from long-term savings on their energy bills. The reduced financial strain resulting from our support is good for the facility and the entire community.”

The advantages of improved lighting in community centres and arenas go beyond saving energy and lower bills. The improved light quality and brightness also creates a more pleasant indoor environment; shadows and glares are diminished, which benefits spectators and athletes alike. More efficient lighting has a longer useful life, resulting in decreased maintenance costs and downtime required for replacement. Additionally, inefficient lighting in these facilities tends to operate concurrently with Manitoba Hydro’s peak delivery requirement; winter evenings when energy use is at its highest. Targeting these types of facilities with efficiency improvements helps reduce strain on the electric grid. Ongoing work with four facilities served as the catalyst for the Community Rink Lighting Initiative. When working with Deer Lodge Curling Club in Winnipeg, the communities of St. Malo and St. Pierre, and the Morden Curling Club to complete energy efficiency upgrades, Efficiency Manitoba recognized the additional financial needs experienced by these types of facilities.

“The Deer Lodge Curling Club is extremely excited to be a part of this new initiative through Efficiency Manitoba and we are grateful that they are including us in this initiative,” said Corey Thompson, Deer Lodge Curling Club President. “Curling clubs are a challenging business to run as budgets are small and money for capital improvements is tough to come by—especially coming out of the pandemic. The outdated lighting fixtures are costing the curling club thousands of dollars each month, and being able to complete this project thanks to Efficiency Manitoba will make an immediate and impactful difference on the bottom line.”

“Communities are facing unprecedented challenges as they are still reeling from the impact of the recent pandemic; this has in turn greatly affected the economic, environmental, and social sustainability of these buildings. This Efficiency Manitoba initiative is a timely one as it will help operators achieve sustainability-focused energy solutions for their facilities,” said Dany Robidoux, Executive Director of Eco-West Canada.

Those who are interested in receiving funding through the Community Rink Lighting Initiative are encouraged to visit efficiencyMB.ca between September 1 and December 1, 2023 to submit their Expression of Interest, or email lighting@efficiencyMB.ca for more information.

NEWS FROM THE FOX

Aug 7/23

By Lori Falloon

August long weekend has come and gone and what a busy weekend it was! Dalmain Redmond, a Foxwarren kid, 82 years young, was out and about with his 12 year old puppy Tosca for a whirlwind weekend of activities with yours truly (Lori) beside them. First stop was the Leisure Centre Saturday morning for coffee, visiting and a look about to see some history. Dalmain and myself then went for a cemetery tour, everything is ship shape, very nice and then down to St.Lazare for a quick bite to eat at the Pioneer Days concession stand. Sunday saw Dalmain and I back to the Fort Ellice valley for a pancake and sausage breakfast courtesy of the RM. Many faces were seen and lot's of visiting was had. Next up was the cemetery on the top of the hill to find an old love of Dalmain's from back in the day. We located it with the help of a St. Lazare native who was attending a family funeral and what a fabulous meeting of the minds that was! A quick nap after a very busy morning and then we were off to the Memory Garden for some free cake and lemonade served by the Museum staff Rebecca Cheasley, her mom Tanis Cheasley and grandma Linda Butler. A very small, but very loyal crowd showed up for food and lot's of visiting in the shade with a beautiful breeze to keep us cool.

If anyone is interested in purchasing a Memory Garden stone for a loved one, please contact Liz Finch or Alan Butler for more information. They need to hit a certain number of interest before they can cast the stones so please feel free to give Liz or Alan a shout and get your loved one in there. It is a very beautifully kept spot run on volunteerism and it keeps our memories alive. And, by all means, our old school bell is there for a swing for old times sake. No one minds hearing the old bell sing.

Aug 15/23

This past Monday, I had the distinct pleasure of attending a fundraising supper for Prairie Thousand. I have written about Rob and Marina before. Rob is an active military man and Marina is his unwavering with her support wife.

Rob suffers from PTSD; being in the direct line of fire who knows how many times will tend to mess with your brain, so to cope with PTSD, Rob cycles. This is year number 3 for Prairie Thousand, entitled "The Shield". It reflects both the geographical route Rob is cycling this year, Saskatoon to Kenora and The Shield is also the name that



first responders wear. I need to be clear, as will Rob and Marina if you ever have the pleasure of meeting them. PTSD affects not only 'The Shield', but people like you and me. It has no discrimination and takes many unsuspecting victims by surprise and if you are not able to recognize and control it, then the end result is hugely traumatic for all involved. So, as I was saying, I (Lori), along with Birtle Royal Canadian Legion Branch #55 comrades John and Noreen Stowe (Miniota), Roger and Brenda Wilson (Birtle), Jean and Marcel Fouillard (St. Lazare) traveled to Elkhorn Legion or a most delicious homemade roast beef and fresh garden vegetables and salads. (Outstanding meal ladies! Wow!). It was at this meal Rob and Marina took to the stage for a few words, and the most incredible surprise announcement. Marina told us that an anonymous donor to us, (not to Rob and Marina), this anonymous donour pledged to match every donation that Rob collects AND, this anonymous donour also stated they will also double any donation given to Rob and Marina by Royal Canadian Legions. So, if you are reading this and have any type of Royal Canadian Legion contacts, I implore you to please, let them know! The fundraiser ends on August 19th, so please get your donations in asap. I will speak for this anonymous donour and say please have all your cheques in to Rob and Marina by the end of the month. You can find Prairie Thousand on Facebook, email priariethousand@gmail.com, or on the web at www.priariethousand.com.

Wounded Warriors offers a variety of services for front line workers and their family members and, my personal favourite, they encourage the use of dogs as emotional support. Dogs, horses, cats, any animal that humans can pet releases endorphins that flood our brains AND the animal we are stroking as well so it is a win win situation and who cannot get behind that 100 percent?



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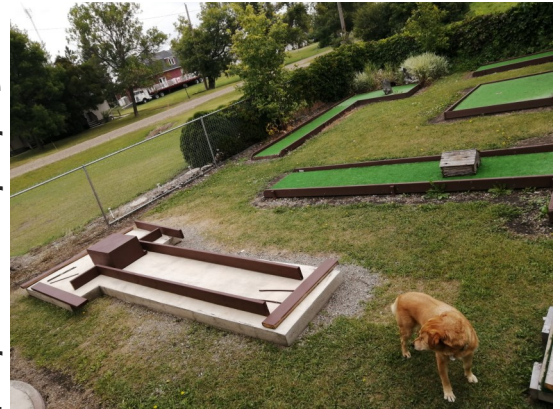
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FALL FUN BEFORE HEADING BACK TO SCHOOL

The Foxwarren Country Club, aka: the mini golf course on the direct east side of the Foxwarren Leisure Centre is now open for business! It has been restored to its former glory AND a 9th hole has (Finally!) been added. Exciting times that require exciting donations. There is a lock box you can pop your hard earned cash dollars into to help offset the costs of upkeep a free facility. The putters and balls are always outside for you so you can access it 24-7. As always, leave nothing but your footprints (and in this case a cash donation) behind.



LOW ENROLMENT MEANS CANCELLATION OF HEALTH CARE AIDE COURSE



Park West School Division
Learners Today, Leaders Tomorrow

Date: Monday, August 28, 2023

Topic: Executive Summary of the August 24, 2023 Regular Board Meeting

1. A delegation made a request to the Board regarding school of choice transportation.
2. The Health Care Aide program was canceled for September due to low enrolment. As of August 15, there were only two applicants, one from a high school and one community member. If there is interest in 2024-2025, we may try to reestablish the program.
3. The administration of Manitoba's Grade 12 Provincial Tests in Mathematics and Language Arts will resume in the upcoming 2023/2024 school year. These assessments will now count for 20 per cent of student final course marks.
4. The Secretary-Treasurer noted a furnishing grant received from the province to support the new school building at Decker Colony.
5. Trustees discussed a survey from the Manitoba School Board Association which requests feedback on their strategic plan.
6. The Board will have their inaugural meeting on September 7 at 7:00 pm. This is the time that the chair and vice-chair for the year are determined as well as other committee memberships. The next regular meeting is September 14 at 6:00 pm

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