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Roland School spreads kindness in the community

By Ty Dilello

Roland School celebrated Pink Shirt Day, an annual event to raise awareness about bullying on Feb. 28.

"We started the day with some announcements about how Pink Shirt Day came to be," said Roland School principal Melissa Benner. "Classrooms had their own discussions on it, and we emphasized the importance of showing kindness to everyone, celebrating each other, and lifting one another up."



STANDARD PHOTO BY MELISSA BENNER

Roland School celebrated Pink Shirt Day on Feb. 28 and helped raise awareness about bullying. Students had a fun day making door hangers and then going out in the community and placing them on the front doors of houses.

The school did a house group activity where all students created a door hanger. Then, in the afternoon, students bundled up and headed door to door in Roland, hanging the door hangers they made on front doors to bring smiles to residents' faces.

"We only made it to the streets clos-

est to the school, but we will be doing this again in the spring when the temperatures warm up a little," said Benner. "It was a heartwarming activity of spreading kindness in our community, and the smiles on students faces while they carried out this act of kindness was catching on."



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Elm Creek School celebrates I Love to Read Month

By Lana Meier

Elm Creek School recently celebrated I Love to Read Month, with special guest reader MP from Portage-Lisgar Brandon Leslie visiting grades 4-12 students.

The chosen theme for this year's event was, "Our Voices are All Unique."

Throughout the month, the school was also fortunate to have a variety of other guest readers visit the students, such as Jared Cummer from the RM of Grey, Grant Dardis of the Portage Terriers, and Barb Lepp and MLA Lauren Stone.

Throughout the month, students enjoyed various additional events, including:

- Stop, Drop and Read,
- World Read Aloud Day
- Book Swap
- Battle of the Books
- caught you reading draw
- Dress up Days:
- Terrier day when Grant came
- Read My Shirt day
- Uniquely You day
- Pink Shirt day
- PJ day

The book swap was held for kindergarten to Grade 6 students. Students in grades 7 -12 were also invited. All



MP from Portage-Lisgar Brandon Leslie was a guest reader at Elm Creek School for February's I Love To Read Month.

standard photos by dennis young were welcome to bring in a gently used book from home and exchange it for a new one. The event was a hit and everyone left with a "new to you" book. Thanks to the overwhelming support from families, the school received numerous donated books.

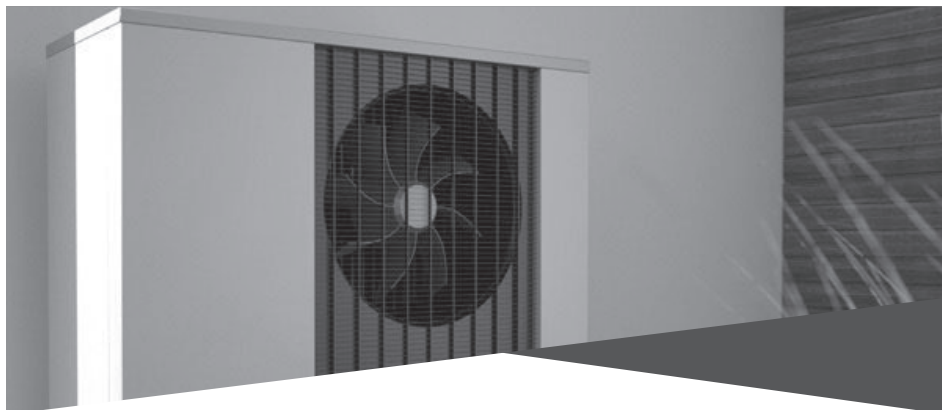


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Students from Kindergarten to Grade 6 took part in the book swap.

Last week was the wind up assembly for K-12 students who enjoyed the tradition of milk and cookies and a school wide buddy reading. There

was a draw for students to win books from the 'Caught You Reading' draw and the final vote for the Battle of the Books.



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Carman Kinettes celebrate Kin Kindness Day

By Becca Myskiw

The Carman Kinettes celebrated Kin Kindness Day by giving away \$500 worth of local goods.

On Feb. 24, the Carman Kinettes celebrated the day by giving community members \$3 Tim Hortons gift cards and \$2 vouchers to the local arena's canteen. The group had 100 of each to give away, and members spent the entire day doing so.

Kin Kindness Day is a way for Kinettes and Kinsmen to make people in their communities smile and to thank them for the support. This year, the day also celebrated 104 years of Kin Canada.

One Carman Knette spent her morning handing out the \$3 gift cards to people entering the Tim Hortons drive thru and the store. Others spent the day giving the \$2 vouchers to those entering the Carman arena.

Knette Deana Gauld was scheduled to hand out Tim Hortons gift cards during the afternoon. When she took over, there were still around 60 cards to give out, so to ensure they all made it into the hands of someone deserving, she went uptown and into stores to give them out.

She went into the liquor store, the cannabis store, Home Hardware, the Boyne Regional Library, and more, giving gift cards to workers and customers. At first, people were confused when Gauld went up to them, but after she explained what she was doing and for Kin Kindness Day, they were excited, happy, and grateful.

"I got hugs from strangers," she said. "Which I love 'cause I'm a hugger."

Gauld had been busy on Kin Kindness Day and on her way to give out gift cards, she wasn't feeling very positive about doing it. After she had

given away all the cards, though, she said was filled with happiness.

"I took it as a lesson," said Gauld. "Making other people happy makes me happy. I was so glad I did it."

The Carman Kinettes currently has 10 active members, with lifetime members helping here and there. The group holds various fundraisers throughout the year, the biggest one being the food booth at the Carman Country Fair, and the money they raise goes right back into the community. The Carman Kinettes have supported local hockey players, the high school running club, and countless community events. Gauld said they're always looking for more members with time to donate. To get in contact, email the Carman Kinettes at carmankinettes@hotmail.com or find them on Facebook at Carman Kinettes.

Fannystelle post office at risk of closing

By Becca Myskiw

The Fannystelle post office is at risk of closing if Canada Post can't find a postmaster to run it.

The Fannystelle post office has been without a postmaster since the end of 2023 when the previous one retired. Since then, Canada Post has run three advertisements promoting the position but to no avail. As the hunt for a new postmaster has been unsuccessful so far, Canada Post met with the rural municipality (RM) of Grey reeve, a local councillor, and Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) Kim Arnal to discuss options.

A well-attended Feb. 12 meeting at the Fannystelle Hall that included municipal representatives, Canada Post representatives, and members of the community had Canada Post bring in community mailboxes temporarily while they continue their search. It was also decided Canada Post would readvertise the open postmaster position two more times – the RM shared

the posting on their website and social media to get the word out and is hoping someone qualified will apply for the job.

If after these two more attempts the Fannystelle postmaster position remains empty, it's likely the community mailboxes will no longer be a temporary solution, but a permanent one. For packages requiring signatures, oversized parcels, stamp purchases, and anything else that isn't regular mail-related, people would have to go to another post office, most likely the one in Starbuck.

The postmaster's responsibilities include sorting mail to post boxes, liaising with the community, selling and promoting postal products, working within the retail hours of operation, supervising staff, keeping the post office neat and presentable, operating the post office with due diligence and efficiency, among other things.

Anyone interested in applying for the position can find it at www.jobs.canadapost.ca/job/fannystelle-postmaster-premises-provided-by-postmaster-%28group-office%29-mb/578440317/.

The Fannystelle postmaster must own or lease the building the post office is in themselves, have a high school diploma (or provincial equivalent), have experience interacting with the public, have knowledge of general mail regulations, methods, and procedures, and be physically fit enough to lift, push, or pull containers of up to 50 lb.

The postmaster will work 20 hours a week and receive a leasing allowance of \$2,020 per year, with the opportunity for a monthly allowance to help offset the costs that come with owning or leasing the premises.

Canada Post says the ideal candidate would reside in the community of Fannystelle or surrounding areas, but applicants within a 50 km radius of the post office may be considered.

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Remembering... secretary-treasurer Colin Rothwell

By Dennis Young

Colin Rothwell was a trustworthy, dedicated employee for the betterment of Dufferin and was once the longest-serving municipal secretary-treasurer (from 1946-1988) in Manitoba's history. But away from the Hall, he sacrificed his family time as a volunteer for many organizations and those in need.

Born in 1923 in Carman, he served overseas for three years during the Second World War with the R.C.A.F. as a member of the 408 Squadron. After service, he married Esther Friesen and began raising a three-person family on Hwy #245.

An avid sportsman, he participated in and supported sports at all levels. Loving to win but always with fairness (except to improve his golf lay), Rothwell taught his teams to be gentlemen. He led by example!

He helped to build and sustain hockey, golf and curling in Carman and was a member of the Legion, Kinsmen, D.A.S., Carman-Dufferin Arena Board, Memorial Hall Board, Recreation Commission and Greenwood Cemetery Board. For his efforts, he received the C.A.H.A. Outstanding Service Award in 1967, the Her Majesty the Queen's Public Service Award in 1977 for public service, the Carman Citizen of the Year Recognition in 1987, and a retirement banquet in 1988.

Colin's interest in horses arose after listening to people like Art Grundy talk about racing in his office. Soon, he was jogging horses regularly, and in 1971, he got a couple of broodmares to raise colts. Two years later, he partnered with Two Mountain Aunt, which was a successful investment both in the circuit and in his heart.

He also contributed significantly to harness racing in Western Canada as a breeder, trainer and official eventually appointed to the Manitoba Horse Racing Commission. Colin was well known and respected with knowledge in the standardbred field. He was the Manitoba Great Western Colt Futurity's secretary-treasurer of the Manitoba Great Western Racing Circuit and the Manitoba Harness

Horsemen Inc. He was a Manitoba Horse Breeders Inc. Standardbred Division Director since its inception and the Racing Commission.

Despite a roomful of accolades and all the compliments, Rothwell was a model of humility. Always genuinely surprised when he was recognized, he never bragged or drew attention to himself. Many would benefit from working with and knowing him.

Many don't know, but Rothwell was the local welfare department in those days.

"There were many times on weekends or after hours that families would turn up at our home in desperate straits," says son David. "Dad would drop everything and go down to the office and provide them with assistance."

Dufferin once was home to a bounty of skunks, foxes and wolves, which was a source of income for the area's poor.

"These folks would show at our doorstep offering to trade ears or tails for cash. Colin would fork out of his own pocket rather than turn them away."

To wrap up his evening of appreciation from Carman then, Colin said, "To be able to work with your bosses and have fun and still carry on municipal business the way we have, it's really a pleasure. That's why my job has been such an easy one...because of the Councils of the past." Pretty sure Councils and staff could say the same thing about "working" with Mr. Rothwell.

"The one thing I will miss the most about the job is the people!"

Abe Loeppky - Town secretary-treasurer 1960-1974 (quoted at Rothwell's retirement): When you talk about fixed assets, you're referring to land etc., but Dufferin's greatest asset ever, is our guest of honour tonight, Colin.

Wilf Mutcher - R.M. Councillor 1977-1980 and Reeve 1981-83: He had a good sense of humour even when meetings went on and on, some all day without a complaint. He would produce records to support R.M. claims against others, which benefited me. Colin had my full respect, which

turned into a lifetime of friendship.

Cheryl Young - Town employee 1976-2023: I had the distinct privilege of working in the same building as Colin, and I contributed my love for the municipal world by being mentored by such a great man. He was always available for guidance, suggestions, or a helping hand. He was a gentle giant, and I was forever grateful for his leadership, knowledge, and friendship.

Dennis Doerksen - R.M. Councillor 1983-2002: I spent almost 20 years with Colin as a councillor. He was the best teacher I ever had. He always had the solution to any problems I had in my ward. And we solved a lot of problems and enjoyed some laughs over a beer or two as well.

Fred Dunn - R.M. Councillor 1995-2023: Colin was the one who guided us through our difficult times. Treating everyone as equals. But socializing with him was the most enjoyable. Once, we went to check a bridge, after hours, of course, and if he did not have some heels in his trunk. We finished the inspection, came up with a solution and I guess finished those heels! What a great friend!

Linda Baleja - R.M. employee 1981-2003: I started working in 1980 as Colin's assistant until his retirement when I was appointed secretary-trea-



Colin Rothwell with his race horse Dusty T-Bird aka Buddy.

surer. I knew how fortunate I was to have learned from "one of the best". He knew every aspect of municipal government and could quote provincial rules and requirements from memory. It always amazed me how, without looking at a map, he knew the section, township, and range of every property in the R.M. He loved to share a laugh, always had a smile, and had time to listen to find a solution to any issue. He was truly a professional, and Dufferin was fortunate to have had him.



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Carman hosting U13 hockey provincials

By Lana Meier

Carman Minor Hockey is hosting Hockey Manitoba U13 Rural A1 provincials this weekend March 8-10.

Teams from all across the province, including Brandon, Morden, Portage, Virden, Carman, Stonewall, Niverville, Dauphin and Thompson,

will be competing for the provincial banner.

The host team, Carman, plays Virden Friday, March 8 at 1:30 p.m. and Thompson at 6:45 p.m.

A full schedule can be found at: <https://hockeymanitobastats.ca/home>

RM of Dufferin holds public meeting on V-Plowing policy

By Ty Dilello

The RM of Dufferin held a Public Engagement meeting on the V-Plowing Policy on Feb. 7 at the Carman Community Hall.

V-plowing is used to remove accumulated snow from roads and surfaces efficiently. Effective snow removal is essential for managing spring runoff. If snow is left uncleared, it can melt and contribute to increased runoff, potentially leading to flooding and water management challenges.

The V shape of the plow can influence how melted snow is channelled to the sides of the cleared path. Proper channelling of runoff is crucial for directing water away from vulnerable areas, such as low-lying regions or areas prone to flooding.

V-plowing can also help prevent the formation of ice patches by removing snow from road surfaces. Ice accumulation can impede water flow and lead to localized flooding when the snow melts.

Clearing roads and infrastructure using V-plowing aids in preventing damage caused by water-related issues, such as erosion and deterioration. Well-maintained infrastructure contributes to responsible water management by minimizing the risk of water-induced damage.

The purposeful use of V-plowing in snow removal during spring runoff can contribute to responsible water management by effectively controlling runoff, preventing flooding, and

protecting infrastructure.

RM of Dufferin Council reviews and approves the v-plowing initiative annually, anticipating the specific needs associated with early spring runoff. This proactive approach ensures the community is well-prepared to mitigate risks and protect valuable yard sites.

The RM of Dufferin held the meeting on Feb. 7 to gain residents deeper insights into the v-plowing process and for people to share their experiences and provide valuable feedback.

"We decided to hold a 'Community Engagement - for V-Plowing' as a result of some contentious issues this past spring," said RM of Dufferin reeve Cor Lodder. "Some larger farmers own their own excavators and like to open their own ditches at a time that they deem to be best for draining their own fields. However, water runs downhill, and the neighbours downstream need to manage and deal with that flow. So we decided that it was in the best interest of good community communication and consideration that we hold a community engagement evening to share thoughts and encourage a positive move forward. Being an optimist and through many years of business leadership, I was confident that this would have a positive outcome. It went well, and for that, we are very thankful."

RM of Dufferin's Municipal Foreman Rodney Last had some comments on the History of V-plowing in



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The RM of Dufferin held a Public Engagement meeting on the V-Plowing Policy on Feb. 7 at the Carman Community Hall. In the weeks since the meeting was held, the RM determined that there will be no changes to the current policy going forward.

the RM of Dufferin, noting that, historically, it starts sometime in March and takes around two weeks to complete. They start in the east and work west.

"Timing is critical," said Rodney Last. "If we start too early, the snow is either too hard and breaks things or too sugary that it will not leave an open path. If we start too late, water starts running underneath and only option is to side dig with excavator."

One of the primary benefits of clearing snow from ditches is flooding prevention. By allowing water to flow freely, we can protect communities and yard sites from the devastating effects of excess water.

Proper drainage also helps safeguard infrastructure such as roads, bridges and real property. When water is efficiently channelled away, it minimizes erosion risk and damage to these critical components of our transportation system and assets.

Some of the questions and answers from the meeting were as follows:

Question – What can we do to hold back and retain the water for future use in spring instead of allowing it to leave the RM?

Answer – Water Management, Boyne Valley Water Initiative, future industry we are trying to attract, filling irrigation ponds, having more irrigation ponds to full, the RM of Dufferin's Wetlands tax credit program

and watershed funding of the program 1/3 we all discussed.

Question – Have situations occurred in the past that caused issues downstream that created heat for the RM with neighbouring municipalities?

Answer – The RM of Morris filed with the Municipal Board a complaint, and the Municipal Board passed an order that required the RM of Dufferin to pay for 50% of the cost of repairs on three drains that extend into the RM of Morris for numerous miles. To date, the RM has not had to pay anything in the past 15-plus years. We have met with them, and they have not invoiced us. We need to be careful as we have had problems downstream and need to avoid this in the future.

In the weeks after the meeting, the RM of Dufferin Council reviewed the discussion points and survey results. However, Lodder noted that there will be no changes to the v-plowing policy. The policy set ten years ago will remain the same in the future.

"The meeting went very well and was appreciated by those in attendance," said Lodder. "The openness and the opportunity to share ideas and listen to others helps build stronger and more progressive communities. One of my areas of interest in getting engaged in Municipal Leadership was Water Management, so this was dear to my heart."

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Intergenerational Day at the Carman Active Living Centre

Bridging generations to enhance quality of life

By Ty Dilello

The Carman Active Living Centre (ALC) held its annual Intergenerational Day on Feb. 29.

The Intergenerational Day was held to bring seniors and students together at the Active Living Centre in Carman. Grade 6 students from Carman Collegiate and Carman Dufferin Christian School participated in the afternoon activities.

Seventy-four students and 27 seniors shared in all different kinds of activities, from table tennis, pickleball, carpet bowling, crokinole, cards, etc.

"One of the seniors, Dale Warkentin, also told action stories of things that he did when he was younger," said Carman Active Living Centre executive director Linda Maslow. "The kids had a really good time listening to him as he's a really good storyteller."

There was a pizza lunch from Chicken Chef and cookies from Crazy Lady's Cafeteria for the students and seniors. The event is hosted each year by the ALC with support from a Manitoba Association of Senior Communities grant.

"Some of the seniors were a little tired at the end, but everyone had a great time," said Maslow. "It turned out to be really good and lots of fun. Lots of organizing was needed to plan it, but it was worth it."

Next up for the Active Living Centre is the Variety Choir show, which will be held on March 27 at 1:30 p.m. It will be performed by the Boyne River Voice choir, which has a bunch of songs to sing. The event is open to the public and is by donation.



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Carman Collegiate and Carman Dufferin School Grade 6 students teamed up with seniors at the Carman Active Living Centre on Feb. 29 to participate in the annual Intergenerational Day.



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Genesis House to host second annual Womens Health Expo

By Lorne Stelmach

The upcoming Womens Health Expo aims to enlighten and educate its participants.

Coming just a couple weeks after International Women's Day, the event set for the Access Event Centre in Morden on Saturday, March 23 will have something for everyone, suggested Sophie Gerbrandt, resource development manager for Genesis House.

"I hope people leave feeling empowered and maybe with at least one tidbit of knowledge that can help them with a healthier life," Gerbrandt said of the day which will include a variety of speakers and displays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is free.

Held for the first time last year, the expo was well received despite being impacted by poor weather.

"Unfortunately last year the event was held on, I think, one of the worst snowstorms that we had last winter, so a number of our presenters unfortunately had to present over Zoom because they weren't able to make it in, and we think that definitely reduced the number of folks who were

able to join us at least in person," said Gerbrandt. "We moved it a little bit further in March to hopefully combat that a little bit."

Gerbrandt said the thought behind the expo is "that prevention is key and supporting women in our community to be the healthiest, best versions of themselves only better our community as a whole.

"Health can mean a whole bunch of different things, and it's important to take time for yourself, whatever that may look like for you," she said. "I think we often find, especially in our community, that women often take on ... roles and put other people before themselves, so this is really to promote personal wellness and to prioritize your own health."

The lineup of presentations and speakers includes:

- 10 a.m. - Mental health with counsellor Tamar Gordon Stoesz.
- 11 a.m. - Lymphedema: what is it and how does it affect women by Linda Menzies.
- 12 p.m. - More Than a Shelter: Genesis House will address some of the social determinants of health.

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The Womens Health Expo, hosted by Genesis House, March 23 will feature a host of guest speakers and displays revolving around physical and mental wellbeing.

- 1 p.m. - Menopause and nutrition with Halee Verzyl, a dietitian with Southern Health-Santé Sud.

"We actually had that presentation last year as well, and it was very popular," noted Gerbrandt.

- 2 p.m. - Endometriosis and pelvic health with Dr. Rachel Noble.

- 3 p.m. - Empowering women with Catherine Wreford, who was on *Amazing Race Canada* and has performed on *Rainbow Stage* and is a cancer survivor.

"[Wreford's] going to be sharing on the importance of seeking help and treatment and advocating for your-

self," Gerbrandt said. "She is a powerhouse. I've heard her speak before, and we're excited to have her end of the day.

"We also have a variety of booths that are going to be set up throughout the day ... covering all aspects of health," she added. "There are going to be movement breaks, so we have some local fitness instructors who are going to be leading us through some short workouts throughout the day."

Learn more online at <https://genesishouseshelter.ca/in-the-know/womens-health-expo/>.

Low to moderate risk of spring flooding: provincial forecasters

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The province is not expecting flooding to be much of a concern this spring.

It is currently anticipating only a low to moderate risk for flooding in some areas, according to Manitoba

Transportation and Infrastructure's hydrologic forecast centre February flood outlook report.

Normal to below normal soil moisture at freeze up and normal to well below normal winter precipitation for most Manitoba basins are the key contributing factors, the report says.

Water levels are expected to remain below dikes and community or individual flood protection levels.

However, the risk of flooding may change depending on weather conditions including amount of precipitation between now and the spring melt.

The spring flooding risk is low to moderate for the Red River and tributaries including the Roseau River and the Pembina River. It's low as well for the Assiniboine, Souris and Qu'Appelle Rivers and in northern Manitoba including the Saskatchewan and Carrot Rivers.

The risk of spring flooding is generally low for the Whiteshell lakes

region too, including the Winnipeg River system, and moderate for the Interlake region. As in other years, there is a risk of ice jam related flooding on the Fisher River and the Icelandic River.

Most Manitoba lake levels are normal to below normal for this time of year and within their capacity ranges, the report says, and the risk of flooding is low for most Manitoba lakes.

The Red River floodway is not expected to be operated under normal and favourable future weather scenarios. However, in the event of unfavourable weather conditions, the floodway could be operated to mitigate water levels in Winnipeg.

The Shellmouth Reservoir is being operated to reduce the risk of flooding downstream on the Assiniboine River while providing sufficient storage for water supply and recreation.

The next flood outlook will be released in late March and will have a better assessment of Manitoba's spring runoff conditions.

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Roland Curling Club celebrating 125 years on April 6

By Ty Dilello

The year 1898 marked the beginning of curling in Roland.

Nov. 11, 1898, was the date of the first meeting of the Roland Curling Club, with D.W. Jones elected as the chair. Land for the construction of the new venture was provided rent-free by Roland MacDonald for a term of five years.

These names, along with many others, assisted in establishing the Roland Curling Club. They were also instrumental in helping bring up the community of Roland with future businesses, organizations, and recreational services.

Over the next 125 years, many changes occurred to the Club and its facilities. Women first started curling in Roland for the 1900 season. Curling at that time meant owning or renting your rocks. It took until 1989 for an artificial ice plant to be installed in the current two sheets the community uses today.

From the original location in 1898, a new property and rink were developed in 1908. The second rink, located just east of the present rink, was destroyed by a fire in 1938. The current facility, home to the skating rink and curling ice was built and in use by 1939. It was initially thought that all minutes and records from the Club were lost in the fire, but since then, several historical items have been discovered.

The Roland Curling Club's first and only Provincial Championship team was the mixed team of Jim and Marion Hodgson and John and Arlene Bartley as they claimed the O'Keefe's National Mixed Curling Championship in the Spring of 1968.

Over the years, both curling families added many family members and wins to the curling Club. Another Roland resident and granddaughter to Jim and Marion, Karen Hodgson, competed at the 2004 Kärcher Canadian Junior Curling Championship in Victoria, B.C. Proud grandparents travelled to Victoria, BC, to see Hodgson throw second rocks for Team Manitoba's Tasha Hunter, who went 5-7 at the event.

From the changes of corn brooms to synthetic brushes and the introduction of artificial ice and the stick, the Roland Curling Club remains active in the community. Visitors to the Roland Pumpkin Fair can find volunteers from the Club serving breakfast pancakes each October before the new curling season starts. Three leagues operate for the 2023-24 season, including Stick Doubles on Mondays, Men's League on Tuesdays, and Ladies League on Wednesday evenings.



Annual bonspiels keep the Roland Curling Club active for interested members and visiting rinks. To celebrate its 100th Anniversary in 1998, the Club re-incarnated using the skating rink surface to make seven sheets of ice available for the Roland Centennial Mixed Bonspiel. Many current and former members returned to Roland for the event, as 56 teams competed. Like other clubs that have declining curling membership, the Club hopes to attract 16 teams for current organized bonspiels.

Roland Curling Club has actively participated in Curl Manitoba events, including the O'Grady and Manitoba Open. Team Michael Zacharias represented the Roland Curling Club well at the recent 2024 Manitoba Open and won the Manitoba Hydro Event. Over the years, other Roland-affiliated teams have won events in the former MCA Bonspiel.

To celebrate 125 Years of Roland, the Roland Curling Club has planned a couple of events. Mar. 22-23 will be the Wind-Up 125 Open Bonspiel. The two sheets will be busy as teams will compete in a 4-end game round-robin format. The entry fee is \$100, and interested teams can contact Derek Baschuk at agtech@mymts.net or visit the Club.

April 6 will be when the Club officially celebrates its 125th at the Annual Banquet and Awards night, taking place at the Roland Memorial Hall. Everyone is invited as the Club will be inducting a new class of Honorary Life Members. Club trophies will also be presented for the celebration. Tickets are \$25 at the 125 Open Bonspiel or by contacting the members of the 125-celebration committee.

"As a small curling club in a small community, the Roland Curling Club is always seeking new members and new sponsors," said Derek Baschuk of the Roland Curling Club. "The Club invites interested curlers to be in



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100th Anniversary O'Grady Cup, pictured back row: Brian Coates, Art Cameron, Gary Unrau, Jim Hodgson, Glenn Phillips; front row, Brian Burnett, Kevin Brown, Derek Baschuk, Bob Horsman and Lyall Dickinson. The Roland Curling Club will be holding its 125th anniversary on April 6 with its Annual Banquet and Awards night at the Roland Memorial Hall.

contact with the Club to enter teams or individuals in any of its leagues. Sponsor signage is available to assist in the upkeep and continued opera-

tion of the Roland Curling Club. To the future of curling."

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Cougars season ends with bronze medal at provincials

By Ty Dilello

The Carman Cougars boys' hockey team has completed their season with a bronze medal win at the Manitoba High School Athletics Association provincials (A/AA) in Boissevain from Feb. 22-24.

"I think overall, as a coaching staff, we were all proud of the progress we saw both individually and as a team," said Cougars' head coach, Michael Heatherington. "Even though we obviously would have liked to go further in playoffs, there was still a lot of positives to take from the season."

The Cougars' hopes for advancing in the Zone 4 playoffs were dashed when they were defeated by the Pembina Tigers in a best-of-three series. The teams battled fiercely, with each winning one game, but it was Pembina who ultimately emerged victorious on Feb. 17 with a 3-2 win in the deciding game.

"I think the only real difference maker in Game 3 of playoffs was a combination of nerves and excitement to start the game," said Heatherington. "It was a huge game for us, so it was only natural to feel nervous and excited. Unfortunately, it resulted in Pembina getting two quick ones on us. After that, I think we settled in well and controlled much of the game from that point on. Overall, it was a really exciting game to be a part of,



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The Carman Cougars defeated the Major Pratt (Russell) 9-3 Trojans in the bronze medal game on Feb. 24 at the MHSAA Provincials (A/AA) in Boissevain.

even though we didn't get the result we wanted. As I said before, we were very proud of the way they battled back in that game."

Despite losing out in the first round of the Zone 4 playoffs, the Cougars also found their way into the MHSAA Provincials (A/AA) in Boissevain through the back door as a wildcard entry. Carman made it to the playoffs after the round robin before losing a 2-1 heartbreaker overtime game to the Killarney/Wawanesa Raiders in the provincial semi-finals.

Carman won the bronze medal game

on Feb. 24 over the Major Pratt (Russell) Trojans by a 9-3 score, led by a Josh Hiebert hat trick. Other Carman goals were scored by Zac Pritchard (2), Grant Friesen, Brayden Porier, Ethan Wilde and Kolton Worms.

After this school year, the Cougars will lose eight Grade 12s, so there will be some turnover with the team's roster. That being said, the Cougars had six Grade 10s this year, with all of them making a ton of progress this year, and all will be a year older and stronger next season.

"You never know who all is coming

up from the younger years, but hopefully, we can fill some spots and continue towards an even more successful season next year. For the players graduating, thank you for the hard work that you put in for the two or three seasons that you played for the Cougars. It's bittersweet knowing they won't be returning to the team next year, but we wish them all the best in their futures and hope they can stick with hockey down the road in some way, shape, or form."

Zone 4 hockey league hands out 2023-24 awards

By Voice staff

The Zone 4 High School Hockey League handed out its 2023-24 awards at game two of the championship series between the W.C. Miller Aces and the Morden Thunder Sunday night.

The Aces headed into the game up 1-0 in the series (having won game one 4-3 Feb. 28), but Morden battled back with a 3-2 win to force game three Monday night. Results were not available at press time.

At the awards presentation, Max Jago of the Pembina Tigers was honoured twice, taking home both the Heavy Metal Designs MVP Award and the Top Scorer Award.

Jago is described as a leader on his team.

"He is always encouraging his teammates to do better, even when behind

in a game," the team's submitted bio for him reads. "He is always a go-to guy if the Tigers need a big goal or to kill off a penalty. Max plays 20-25+ minutes a game and is always ready to step back onto the ice when we need him."

Jago finished the season with 39 points (21 goals and 18 assists) in 21 regular season games.

Winning this year's Lew Mueller Defenseman of the Year Award was Nic Wiebe of the Morden Thunder.

"Nic plays a top two defensive role on the Thunder and is often called upon to match up against other team's top lines," the team shares. "He is big, physical, fast, a good playmaker, rusher and plays in all situations."

Winning the Top Goaltender Award was Darion Penner of the WC Miller

Aces. Penner posted a .927 save percentage with two shutouts and an 11-3 win-loss record in 19 starts (including tournaments) this season.

"Darion's high level of compete along with his sound technical skill makes him hard to score on and gives the team stability and a chance to win every night."

This year's winner of the Lloyd C. Orchard Most Sportsmanlike Player Award is Ethan Wilde of the Carman Cougars.

Wilde contributed 29 points (14 goals and 15 assists) through 17 games this season.

"Ethan's determination to do everything he can to help his team win leads him to be the hardest-working player night in and night out for the Carman Cougars," his team shares.

"Ethan plays the game hard between the whistles and has done so with minimal penalty minutes this season. He is a player who leads by example for his team but is also a great mentor for our players, often trying to help by giving advice and positive reinforcement."

The season's Coaching Staff of the Year Award, voted on by each Zone 4 team, went to the Pembina Tigers; the Charlie Maykut Fair Play Award, awarded to the team with the fewest penalty minutes, went to the Morden Thunder; the Top Defensive Team of the Year, awarded to the team with the least goals against, went to the Mountain Mustangs; and the Official of the Year Award, voted on by the Zone 4 member teams, went to James Nelson.

Burnett inducted to Pickleball Hall of Fame

By Ty Dilello

Roland's Mona Burnett is a pioneer in the growing sport of pickleball and recently found herself as a 2023 inductee of the Pickleball Hall of Fame.

Burnett grew up on a farm in Roland. She had an older sister, a younger brother, and parents who always ensured that there were as many opportunities as possible to explore any sport of interest, as sporting activities were the foundation of her family life.

As a young girl, ice skating and hockey were the preferred winter sports, and softball was the summer activity when she wasn't riding her horse. Once in high school, volleyball and fastball were her primary focus, and she was very involved in the Athletic Council at Carman Collegiate.

While living in Jakarta, Indonesia, and working as a teacher in the 1990s, Burnett was first introduced to pickleball. A group of teachers would get together after school and play pickleball with a whiffle ball in the elementary school gymnasium.

It wasn't until Mona lived in Arizona in 2007 that pickleball would re-appear on her sporting radar. She signed up for an introductory lesson and bought her first paddle; the rest is history. She never put her paddle down and grew with the sport.

"I lived in Arizona for ten years, so I began playing pickleball recreationally every day, which then progressed into tournament play and then to professional tournament play," said Mona Burnett. "I basically grew with the sport."

During her ten years of living in Arizona, Burnett became one of the top female pickleball players in the United States.

In 2015, Burnett had her best event when she won five gold medals (in every event she entered) at the USA-PA National Pickleball Tournament. Throughout her career, Burnett medalled 150 times at major tournaments,

75 of which were gold medals. She had also played and medaled with nine of the 17 current Pickleball Hall of Famers.

In 2018, Mona moved back to Canada permanently to be closer to her ever-growing family. She now lives in Diamond Valley, Alberta, in the foothills of the Rocky Mountains. She has put her competitive pickleball paddle down and has once again picked up her golf clubs.

Burnett was very pleased to hear that she was inducted into the Pickleball Hall of Fame as a member of its recent 2023 class.

"I am humbled by the experience of being inducted into the Pickleball Hall of Fame," said Burnett. "I stand beside many of the greats in the sport and will always cherish this honour. Pickleball has become an extremely popular sport and is now drawing very talented players. It is very different now than when I played. I will maintain that I was a player during the very best of times. We all had so much fun, and we all looked forward to getting together at tournaments and competing to see who won the \$2.50 medal and bragging rights. It's very different now."

Burnett still has family in the Carman area, but her immediate family is in the Calgary area, so she doesn't get to come home as often as she would like to these days.

"I don't get back to Carman too often, but I have very fond memories of my childhood, school days and extra-curricular sporting events. I am not involved as much in pickleball now as I am an outdoor player, and obviously, pickleball is more of an indoor sport in Canada. It is very difficult to find facilities to play, and then to gather three other players is a monumental task. I have returned to the golf course to see if I can conquer that game."



STANDARD PHOTOS BY MONA BURNETT

Roland's Mona Burnett is a long-time Pickleball phenom that was recently inducted into the Pickleball Hall of Fame as part of its 2023 class for her illustrious career on the court.

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Classic Apple Lattice Tart

inches, pressing and trimming neatly to fit; chill 15 minutes.

Peel, core and thinly slice apples into large bowl; sprinkle with sugar, lemon zest and cornstarch then toss well to evenly coat.

Arrange apple slices in pastry-lined tart pan, laying flat.

Beat egg with milk. Brush egg wash around pastry rim.

Cut 1/2-inch strips from remaining pastry sheet and make lattice pattern over apples, crimping edges once lattice is completed.

Brush tart with egg wash and sprinkle with cinnamon sugar.

Bake 35-40 minutes, or until pastry is golden. Allow to cool at least 15 minutes before slicing. Serve with ice cream, custard or cream, if desired.

Servings: 8-10
 2-3 sheets puff pastry dough
 5 Envy Apples
 2 tablespoons sugar
 1 teaspoon finely grated lemon zest
 1 tablespoon cornstarch
 1 egg
 1 tablespoon milk
 1 tablespoon cinnamon sugar
 ice cream, custard or cream, for serving (optional)
 Preheat oven to 365 F.
 Use two sheets semi-thawed pastry to line fluted tart pan approximately 10



Apple and Date Muffins

pan with cupcake papers.

Peel and core apples and dice finely; toss with maple syrup.

In large bowl, combine flour, bran flakes, brown sugar, dates, pumpkin pie spice and baking powder; mix well.

In separate bowl, whisk melted butter, egg and milk.

Add half maple-apple mixture to dry ingredients.

Pour wet ingredients into dry and fold together until mixed. Spoon evenly into muffin tin cupcake papers. Add 1 teaspoon remaining maple-apple mixture to top of each muffin.

Bake 20-25 minutes until muffin mix is set and apple topping is golden. Allow muffins to cool 5 minutes before removing from tin.

Serve with butter or dust with powdered sugar, if desired.

Servings: 12
 2 Envy Apples
 1 tablespoon maple syrup
 1 cup flour
 1 cup bran flakes
 3/4 cup brown sugar
 1/2 cup chopped dates
 1/2 teaspoon pumpkin pie spice
 2 teaspoons baking powder
 1 cup butter, melted
 1 egg, beaten
 3/4 cup milk
 butter or powdered sugar, for serving (optional)
 Preheat oven to 375 F and line muffin



Stilton Cheese Pizza

Yield: 1 pizza
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 1 tablespoon sweet chili sauce
 1 storebought pizza crust
 1/2 cup mozzarella cheese, divided
 1/3 cup stilton cheese, divided
 1 Envy Apple
 4 slices prosciutto

Ask the money lady

Dear Money Lady Readers,

With everything that's going on in the markets today it's hard to know if you have the right investment plan for your future. Here's what all the economists say: "you need to have a well-diversified portfolio which includes bonds, cash, and high-quality stocks, one that is rebalanced based on your age, risk tolerance and future aspirations."

Okay, textbook – right? But what does that mean? How do you do that? How are you going to get started?

Well, you need to be build a financial team. If your car breaks down or you get into an accident, you don't fix it by yourself in your garage? You or your insurance company hires a professional mechanic to fix it and then everything is great again. Same idea with money. You need to have a professional that can help you achieve all those financial goals you want out of your life.

You want an investment "partner." Pick an advisor who really has your best interests at heart, and don't just pick the first person you talk to, or a relative that wants to help out. You want to be selective, not just with the advisor, but also the brokerage firm. Now let's talk about fees. What should you pay? There are 2 types of fee structures – transactional or fee-based.

Transactional fees are charged with every investment transaction. This is often the case when you buy fixed income investments such as bonds. A fee is charged when you purchase the bond and then again when you sell it. There aren't many advisors that still do transactional fee structures when buying securities. That was the old "stockbroker style" of buying and selling stocks on a monthly basis to generate revenue not only for the client but also the broker. Most advisors today lack the expertise to execute this style of investing properly; however, if you didn't have a good stockbroker back then, it still could be costly. We used to call this method the "pump & dump," which was basically how a broker would



Christine Ibbotson

make an income, moving stock around and charging a transaction fee every time. Nowadays advisors want to put you in a fee-based plan, with a fixed monthly fee designed to offer more protection for the clients along with ensuring a consistent revenue stream for the advisor and the brokerage firm.

Basically, you want to ask yourself: is this advisor a valued partner that I'm willing to pay for, and most importantly am I satisfied with the services that they provide?

Personally, I think it's always a good idea to periodically check out the competition, talk to your friends and see what they pay. When you are young you may not mind spending more for investment advice, but as you age and move investments into secure fixed income products with lower risk and smaller gains, your number one problem will be fees and expenses.

Let me leave you with this TIP: Your new advisor needs to be focused on how to secure your capital with adequate growth in the most tax-efficient manner; and if they always do that, you will always make money.

Good Luck and Best Wishes,
 Money Lady

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fresh arugula leaves, for garnish
 fresh basil, for garnish
 toasted walnuts (optional)
 Preheat oven to 450 F.

Combine pizza sauce and sweet chili sauce. Spread sauce over pizza crust.

Sprinkle with half of the mozzarella cheese and half of the stilton cheese.

Cut apple in half then core and slice

into thin wedges. Arrange apple over cheese then top with remaining cheese.

Cook pizza 7-10 minutes until pale golden and starting to bubble. Add prosciutto and cook 2-3 minutes until golden and bubbling.

Serve with fresh arugula and basil. Sprinkle with toasted walnuts, if desired.

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Twisters dropped four games in MMJHL action

By Ty Dilello

The Pembina Valley Twisters found themselves on the losing side of things with four losses last week. Despite the losses, the Twisters are firmly in second place in the MMJHL standings with a record of 27-13-3.

On Feb. 28, the Twisters blasted the St. Vital Jr. Victorias by a 7-4 scoreline. Merek Degraeve led the way with a hat trick, while Derek Wiebe had two goals. Zander Carels and Max Collett had the other goals for Pembina Valley, while Logan Enns had 24 saves in net for the win.

The following night on Feb. 29, the Twisters fell 2-1 in a shootout to the Stonewall Jets. Cody Clark had the lone goal for Pembina Valley, while Owen LaRocque made 42 saves in the loss.

On March 2, the Twisters lost 3-2 at home to the St. Vital Jr. Victorias. Slade Sotheran and Riley Goertzen had the goals for Pembina Valley, while Logan Enns stopped 22 shots in goal for the loss.

The next night on March 3, the Twisters fell 4-2 to the Charleswood Hawks.

Mike Heppner and Alex VanDeynze had the lone goals for Pembina Valley, while Owen LaRocque made 20 saves in net in a losing effort.

"Just the mental aspect of these recent games has been tough," said Twisters' head coach Braeden Beernaerts. "We've been clinched in the playoffs for a while, and locked in second place, unable to catch first or be caught by anyone else. Each team we've played has been battling to make the playoffs, and fighting for playoff positioning, so it can be hard to find that same vibe this time of year when we have nothing to lose or gain right now."

Twisters' sniper Derek Wiebe is currently seventh in the MMJHL's scoring race with 67 points in 43 games, while Merek Degraeve is in eighth with 64 points in 44 games. LaRocque is currently first in the goalie rankings as he boasts a 2.26 goals-against average and a .928 save percentage, while Logan Enns is in fifth with a 2.93 goals-against average and .914 save percentage.

The Twisters close out their regular



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The Twisters' Cody Clark scored Pembina Valley's lone goal in the shoot-out loss to the Stonewall Jets.

season with a home game on March 5 against the Fort Garry/Fort Rouge Twins. The puck drops at 8:00 p.m.

"All we can do is make sure we are playing the right game, staying healthy, and building good playoff tendencies," said Beernaerts. "Our

play has been good these last two games, and we've felt that the scores don't reflect the games at all as we are playing a good game. But we just couldn't get a bounce our way. Once playoffs hit, we should be firing on all cylinders, so it'll be exciting to see where this group can take us."

Female Hawks coach reflects on the season

By Lorne Stelmach

The playoffs came to an end for the female U18 Pembina Valley Hawks, and their quarter-final sweep by Westman was very much like their season as a whole.

The seventh-place Hawks came up short in falling in three straight games to the second-place Wildcats last month, but they gave Westman a good battle.

In both game one and three, the Hawks got into a bit of penalty trouble towards the end, and it cost them. Game two, meanwhile, went to double overtime for a decision that could have gone either way.

"I would say it was probably the best hockey we had played since I joined in," said Keith Graham, who took over coaching duties partway through the season. "Overall, I was fairly happy with how the girls played."

The Hawks kicked off the season with three straight wins, but they veered off course from there and ended with a six-game win-

less run.

The Hawks finished this winter in seventh place at 6-18-4 for 16 points, which was four points ahead of last-place Central Plains and six behind sixth-place Interlake.

A lot of their games were close though, and Graham couldn't fault the team at all for their effort and work ethic.

"I was fairly happy with how everything went," he said. "You come into a situation like that, you're not too sure how they're going to respond and what the rest of the season is going to look like, but they responded quite well."

"They worked really hard throughout the second half of the season," Graham continued. "It's one of those things where if you have buy-in from the beginning of the season, you're just going to continue to be successful ... it took a little time for the buy-in to happen. Overall, I was pretty happy with the effort."

It is a tough, high level of hockey, he noted.

"There's a pile of skilled players in our province. The competitive level is very high. You're competing and battling with the best of the province. It's a great age group to watch."

Abigail Brigg led the Hawks offensively this season with seven goals and 11 assists for 18 points while Jessica Anderson was the top goal-scorer with nine to go along with six assists.

Kasia Rakowski carried the bulk of the workload in net with a 5.88 goals against average and .922 save percentage in 24 games.

Looking ahead, Graham is uncertain about the team's prospects for next season.

"That's kind of up in the air right now. Talking with some of the girls, they are planning on returning for next season," he said, noting he's not sure yet if he'll be back as coach. "I'll have to have a discussion ... we'll see what happens."

PV Hawks fight is on

By Lorne Stelmach

The male U18 Pembina Valley Hawks were fighting to stay alive in the post season this week.

Pembina Valley was on the ropes in their quarter-final series with the Southwest Cougars after dropping game one 6-2 in Souris last Friday. Game two then was postponed from Sunday to Monday evening in Morden. Results were not available at press time.

It was going to be a tough task for the Hawks, who finished seventh and dropped all four regular season games with the second-place Cougar, including one overtime loss.

In game one, Pembina Valley trailed 1-0 and 3-0 at the intermissions before connecting on a pair of powerplays in the third, but that was as close as they could get.

Sam Delaquis and Acoyen Fehr scored for the Hawks, while Bryson Yaschyshyn made 18 saves as the Pembina Valley held a 27-24 edge in shots on goal.

Game three was set for Tuesday in Souris. If the series is extended, game four is scheduled for Thursday in Morden and game five for Saturday back in Souris.

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• Any person who is eligible to vote in municipal elections in the Rural Municipality of Grey can have his or her name added to the Voters List, or have any information about the voter on the Voters List corrected.

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Kim Arnal
Senior Election Official



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Budget 2024-2025 Public Presentation

Each year, Prairie Rose School Division's Board of Trustees presents the annual operational budget for the following school year. This year, the Prairie Rose School Division is hosting a Budget 2024-2025 Public Presentation at **Miami School on March 18, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.**

Prairie Rose School Division is providing a virtual option for those unable to attend the in-person session. The meeting link will be available on our website at www.prsdmb.ca.

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OBITUARY



Gabriel Marcel Antoine Durand
March 12, 1935 – February 24, 2024

Gabriel Durand passed peacefully at the Notre Dame Health Centre on February 24, 2024 surrounded by his loving family at 88 years of age.

Gabriel is survived by five children, Claude (Wendy), Angéla, Michel (Louise), Laurent (Patti) and Marc (Joanne); 11 grandchildren, Matt, Regan, Melissa (James), Marina (Russell), Eliette, Marie, Daniel, Claire, Jocelyne, Brett (Melissa) and Emma; two great-grandchildren, Sophie and Sara; older sister Lucienne Philippe; in-laws Val Durand, Suzanne Durand and Rudy Robitaille; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by his beloved wife of 61 years Georgette (née Deurbrouck); parents, Auguste and Irène (née Fouasse); siblings, Albert, Maurice and Raymond Durand and Clémence

Mao; parents-in-law, Ernest and Augustine (née Julien) Deurbrouck; in-laws, Jean Mao, Emile Philippe, Thérèse Durand and Anita Bibault.

Gabriel was born in Notre Dame de Lourdes on March 12, 1935. He was an innovative and entrepreneurial person with a strong work ethic all his life. He acquired ownership of his parents' farm in 1955. While working the land, he also worked for various contractors, largely running heavy equipment which he was very adept at. But the call of farming was strong so he left contract work and enrolled in the Faculty of Agriculture at the University of Manitoba earning his Agriculture Diploma in 1959.

It was during his first years of farming that Gabriel was smitten by a lovely lady from Rathwell, Georgette Deurbrouck. Married in 1961, they became a formidable couple and farming team. They were innovative farmers and never shied away from adopting new practices and technologies. Gabriel became a seed grower in 1957 and was still a listed pedigreed seed grower in the summer of 2023. In 1965 they embarked on one of their most ambitious projects. They purchased a grain elevator from Federal Grain in Stephenfield and had it moved to the farmyard where they converted it into a seed cleaning plant. This facility is still in operation today. They were also the first farmers in the area to grow rapeseed, the precursor to canola. Gabriel was recognized by several organizations for his contributions to agriculture.

Dancing, travelling, spending Sundays at the lake with the boat and playing cards with friends and family were some of his favourite pastimes. He was a tireless volunteer in his community, often taking key leadership roles. His strong diplomatic and organizational skills gained him the respect and friendship of so many people in his community.

Above all else, Gabriel loved his family. He was a cherished son, brother, husband, father, father-in-law, grandfather and uncle. The farm was often the gathering place for family reunions or simply a fun place to spend the weekend. There was always a warm welcome at uncle Gaby's and auntie Georgette's. Upon his passing, he was appropriately described by one of his nieces as 'the glue of the family'.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Centre de Santé Notre Dame Health Centre or the Notre Dame Parish.

To view the service details and leave condolences, please visit www.afh.ca
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All applicants will be required to have liability insurance and carry Workers Compensation Insurance.

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Although much progress has been made, many questions regarding MS remain unanswered. As a result, Canadian researchers with diverse scientific backgrounds and expertise are turning their attention to MS and working together to uncover important knowledge and develop treatments that will effectively manage symptoms and slow progression. To ensure that momentum in MS research continues, the MS Society administers an annual research competition that provides support for researchers whether they are in the early stages of graduate school or conducting research as independent investigator. Funding researchers across the academic and clinical spectrum enables education and training for the next generation of MS leaders, while reinforcing their passion for the field.

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