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## LDBWA receives shooting club certification

The Lac du Bonnet Wildlife Association (LDBWA) was granted a shooting club licence Feb. 20 for their eagerly anticipated Outdoor Education Centre and Shooting Ranges.

With this pivotal achievement, the LDBWA is thrilled to announce the shooting range is set to officially open April 1 to range pass holders.

The Lac du Bonnet Wildlife Association is a non-profit corporation that strives to foster appreciation and conservation of local wildlife and fisheries while uniting the community in a bond of fellowship and education of natural resources. It is their vision to make North Eastman a better place to live, hunt, fish and enjoy the outdoors by protecting and nurturing our habitat and resources. The LDBWA is an affiliate of the Manitoba Wildlife Federation, the province's oldest conservation organization.

The shooting range – located on PR 214, three kilometres west of Hwy 11 at the decommissioned waste disposal site – caters to both shooting enthusiasts and those eager to acquire outdoor skills by featuring a rifle range, small arms range, trap shoot, archery range and natural areas for future outdoor education programming.

To ensure safety and responsibility, certain prerequisites must be met to attain a range pass. These include active membership in the Lac du Bonnet Wildlife Association and passing their range orientation course. Attendees will be able to purchase their membership, and purchase the range pass. Email [ldbwildlife@gmail.com](mailto:ldbwildlife@gmail.com) for more information.

LDBWA members and non-members interested in a range pass are invited to secure their 2024 membership alongside the season range pass. As a token of appreciation, participants will receive a range pass and four complimentary guest day passes.

The opening of the shooting range will mark the completion of Phase 1 of this exciting project. They are now moving forward with Phase 2, the construction of the outdoor education multi-purpose building, a one-of-a-kind facility in Western Canada. It will be designed to offer a unique space suited for outdoor education, safety and other natural resource-based programs. This allows people of all ages to experience hands-on learning of outdoor skills and form a connection with nature that may be otherwise inaccessible.

The Lac du Bonnet Wildlife Association recognize the dedicated volunteers who have contributed thousands of hours towards the successful completion of Phase 1. The unwavering commitment has been instrumental in bringing the range and education centre to its current progress. As the journey continues, the association looks forward to the support of these champions for the completion of Phase 2.



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## Powerview added to Community Schools Program

The Manitoba government is expanding supports and providing funding for students at École Powerview and six other schools through their Community Schools Program, Education and Early Childhood Learning Minister Nello Altomare announced Feb. 26.

The Community Schools Program provides extra education, public health and social service resources to promote student, family and community well-being. The highest-needs schools get additional grant funding based on demographics and socio-economic factors. Each school has a designated community liaison who builds re-

lationships with students and their families to facilitate participation and student success.

With this new investment of \$560,000, the program will increase from serving 41 to 48 schools with community programming. In total, more than 10,000 students will benefit from the Community Schools Program, the minister noted.

The other schools added include three in Winnipeg and one in each of Brandon, Portage and Norway House. The facilities taking part offer a number of resources and services including breakfast and lunch programs,

literacy programming, parenting information, before-school, evening, weekend and summer programs, mentoring and youth development. Other services such as First Aid/CPR training, cultural awareness activities and crime prevention are also involved.

"We're committed to making sure that every child in Manitoba has the supports they need to be healthy and successful," said Altomare. "Through community schools, we can make sure students from high-needs areas are able to learn and reach their full potential – whether they need tutoring, after school supports or a healthy meal."

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