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'Anything Goes!' at Sontrice Singers spring concert

Spring concert April 25 and 26

By Anne Hamilton

Now into their 51st year of making choral music together, Sontrice Singers will present their spring concert *Anything Goes!* on April 25 and 26 at Carman United Church.

Twenty-one choristers perform under the direction of Brenda Doell with founding member Audrey Meyers at the keyboard.

With songs like "Fascinating Rhythm" and "Anything Goes" the concert has something to entertain people young and old alike.

Spring like pieces include the ever popular "Pussy Willows, Cat-tails" by Gordan Lightfoot, "I Dreamed of Rain" and "Sunny."

The program also includes the toe-tapping selections "Old Dan Tucker" and "70s Dance Party" as well as playful numbers, "Pink Panther" and "Friendship." Quieter, more reflective pieces include "Dream," "Only Time" and "Lullabye."

The returning duo of Robert Marginet on bass guitar and Dan Deurb-

rouck on percussion not only accompany the choir but also entertain with their own selections.

In keeping with the theme, choir members may wear whatever they choose (with only one stipulation) because *Anything Goes!* That alone provides an intriguing reason to come to the concert. Tickets are valid for either Thursday or Friday nights.

Sontrice Singers includes members from Carman, Roland, Elm Creek, Graysville and Miami who range in age from teenagers to seniors. Some have been members for nearly five decades.

The group is performing in honour of Marjorie Jenkins, a long-time member and soprano singer who passed away just shy of her 90th birthday.

Marjorie served the group well as head of the costume committee. Her quick wit, sense of humour and youthful attitude will be missed.

Tickets for *Anything Goes!* are available from choir members; also Carman Active Living Centre, BenefitRX Drugstore, Toews Printing & Office Supply

Adult tickets cost \$20, while kids tickets (under 17 years old) cost \$10.



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Sontrice Singers upcoming performance of *Anything Goes!* will feature jaunty tunes for the whole family.



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Tim Horton's Carman Smile Cookie campaign in support of SCCR

By Ty Dilello

South Central Cancer Resource (SCCR) is pleased to announce that everyone's favorite week - Smile Cookie Week is back and taking place April 29 to May 5.

"We at SCCR are incredibly thankful that Tim Horton's owners, Jeff and Linda Doerksen, have chosen our organization for the third time to receive the proceeds from the Smile Cookies sold at their Carman location," said SCCR board member Jack Pethybridge.

SCCR provides service and support to individuals and their families undergoing a cancer journey throughout the South Central Region. As SCCR is not government funded, initiatives such as Smile Cookie week are significant to our organization. Allowing the community to support our organization in a fun, easy way.

Last year, a total of 4,578 Smile Cookies were sold at the Carman Tim Horton's Restaurant. SCCR receives the full amount from every Smile Cookie sold at the Carman store, each cookie is \$1.50. This year, the goal is to sell 6,000 cookies.

For this year's Smile Cookie week, SCCR is looking for businesses in the Carman area to sign up to "Cookie Match" the daily Smile Cookie sales to raise even more money for South Central Cancer Resource.

For example: if you choose to "Cookie-Match" for May 3 and 400 cookies total are sold that day, businesses that have signed for that day would donate \$600. Another option is to sign up for a day and to



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Smile Cookie Week at Tim Hortons in Carman will be returning from April 29 to May 5. All proceeds from each cookie sold will go towards South Central Cancer Resource (SCCR).

set a cap on donations. Example: You could sign up for May 2 and match cookie sales up to a max of 500 cookies for that day, so if they reach over 500 cookie sales you would donate \$750.

Businesses who sign up to be "Cookie-Match" sponsors for Smile Cookie week at the Carman Tim Hortons will receive recognition on the South Central Cancer Resource website as well as their Instagram and Facebook Page. Donation receipts will also be provided to businesses for the full amount donated.

Alternatively, Smile Cookies for a workplace to enjoy can be pre-ordered with deliveries in Carman available!

Smile Cookie week is April 29 - May 5 this year.

Anyone interested in "Cookie Matching" sales or to pre-order cookies please contact SCCR Board Member, Jack Pethybridge at 204-750-8140.

"Your support is so greatly appreciated and goes a long way to help SCCR offer their services to members of our community. This is a fun way to treat your employees and co-workers while supporting our organization! SCCR is so thankful and grateful for the continued support from our local community and Tim Hortons," said Pethybridge.

For more information about SCCR please visit: <https://sccr.mb.ca>

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Heavenly Care adds meals to its service offerings

For the past six years, the Heavenly Care Agency has been providing excellent private home care services in the Pembina Valley and Winnipeg areas to seniors, people with mental and physical disabilities, palliative care individuals, and others.

Heavenly Care's staff are trained to assist clients with all aspects of daily living, including bathing, meal preparation, light housekeeping, medication monitoring, and other daily care routines. They also provide companion services to help clients get to appointments or undertake other required travel.

"Our clients come first," stresses owner Celma Pinto, explaining Heavenly Care for years has offered these services on an in-home basis, with staff travelling to clients' homes to work with them on their individual needs.

More recently, the agency tackled the need for more personal care home options in southern Manitoba by opening one of their own.

"Seniors and others needing personal care often get shipped to remote facilities and families need to travel miles to visit their loved ones," says Pin-

to. "That led to the creation of our first care home facility in Neuenberg/Winkler in January 2024. We offer daytime respite care, short time and indefinite stay."

Now, Heavenly Care has set its sights on addressing another need in the community: the lack of consistent and reliable availability of meal services to seniors, people with mental and physical disabilities, and other vulnerable individuals.

"It has become obvious these vulnerable individuals do not have easy access to nutritional and tasty meals on a daily basis," says Pinto. "In response, we have expanded our services to provide nutritional meals to the most vulnerable people in the community, and offer delivery as necessary."

The service is available seven days a week. Staff can either deliver meals to your door or arrange for clients to eat at the Heavenly Care facility.

A minimum order of three meals is required per delivery. Orders must be placed 48 hours in advance, and a minimum of 24 hours notice is required to modify or cancel an order.

Arrangements for meal services can be made on an individual basis or through an organization or business.

In consideration of individuals with restricted diets, Heavenly Care is also offering pureed as



well as gluten and lactose-free meals available upon special request.

The cost per meal is \$10. For a special request meal, the cost is \$15.

Orders can be placed by emailing info@heavenlycare.ca. "At present, this is inaugural and we are testing the waters to design a meal program that is seamless and cost-efficient," Pinto says. "We also welcome a food services agreement that will serve to streamline our service to [clients] and make it a pleasant experience."

For more information, email Heavenly Care at the address above or head to their website: heavenlycare.ca.

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Inaugural NDP budget gets mixed reviews

By Ty Dilello with files from Lorne Stelmach

The first budget of the NDP Manitoba government earned mixed reviews last week from Opposition MLAs and various provincial organizations.

Conservative MLA for Midland Lauren Stone says that NDP government's budget failed to include any new affordability measures.

Stone notes that the cost of living and affordability are the number one issues impacting Manitobans right now and the top thing that she's hearing from her constituents.

"They announced a couple tax changes, one that's temporary that will basically end in October, the Fuel Tax Holiday," said Stone.

Stone said it was nice to see the NDP's investments to improve healthcare. However, she also said that throwing money at the problem won't fix the staffing issue in Manitoba.

"So, the questions that I have and that our team has is, where are they going to find these people?" said Stone. "How are they going to attract them to Manitoba? They have, essentially, no economic development plan. The economy was barely mentioned, and they have no plan to recruit, train and attract nurses and healthcare workers to Manitoba. So, big budget item but no plan."

Borderland MLA Josh Guenter suggested the budget misses the mark in a number of areas, including the deficit.

"That's a red light on the dashboard that is flashing. It will have to deal with at some point," he said.

He lamented the government ending the phase out of the education property tax and how it was giving school divisions free reign to drive up taxes again.

"There were some repackaged tax measures from the previous Conservative government's time that got a fresh coat of paint," he added.

Guenter was also critical of what he said was a \$164 million cut to the infrastructure roads budget.

"That amounts to a more than 10

per cent cut to the overall infrastructure budget, so that doesn't bode well for our region, which is very much in need of new and expanded water infrastructure as well as road maintenance," he said. "Across the province, our roads need fixing, and that's going to be much harder to do with a budget that's a lot smaller."

Morden-Winkler MLA Carrie Hiebert recognized there were a few specific good measures in the budget—including the fertility tax credit and pre-natal benefit—but she overall also saw shortcomings.

"There's not really a plan to grow the economy ... growing the economy helps us to pay for our social programs and helps to pay for some of the things that they want to do."

Hiebert cited the example of what she described as a doorbell camera rebate program.

"I believe that it's more important to not have that criminal come to my door in the first place. That would be my priority; I want to feel safe."

While there was some commitment to infrastructure support, she suggested it doesn't go far enough.

"They've cut the infrastructure budget by \$164 million, and that's concerning to me," said Hiebert.

"The whole affordability part is a real concern for people in our province and rural Manitoba ... it's been a definite concern for most families," she continued. "There's no robust plan for staffing for health care ... I see that they're putting money towards it, but where's the plan to get that staff to fill the hospitals ... we need to do something for this now."

"We need housing and we need infrastructure," Hiebert stressed. "We've been turned down for a few of the housing initiatives that have already been proposed federally and provincially ... we are in need of housing."

The Canadian Taxpayers Federation, meanwhile, applauded the government for extending its 14 cent-per-litre fuel tax cut, but it was also



MLA for Midland Lauren Stone

calling on the government to rein in spending.

"This gas tax cut extension means more savings for families when they need it most," said Gage Haubrich, CTF prairie director. "It's great to see the government listen to Manitoba taxpayers and help them by continuing to make life more affordable."

By the end of the year the provincial debt will be \$35.4 billion. Interest payments on the debt will cost taxpayers \$2.3 billion this year, Haubrich noted, working out to \$1,520 per Manitoban.

"Despite taking in record amounts of money from Manitobans, the government is still failing to balance the budget," Haubrich said. "The government is kicking the debt can down the road and wasting close to \$200 million per month on interest payments."

The budget adds 350 new social and affordable housing units and invests \$67 million to repair the existing housing stock, but these targets fall far short of the need identified by the Right to Housing Coalition. It called for more significant investments in preserving and expanding the province's social housing supply.

"We cannot expect to make progress against poverty or homelessness without significant and long-term investments in rent-geared-to-income

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RCMP remind locals of gun safety laws amid dead animals on lawns

By Becca Myskiw

A number of locals in Carman have been waking up to dead rabbits on their lawns, shattered flower pots, and the pop of a gun, and the Manitoba RCMP are reminding everyone of gun safety laws.

Whether an air gun, a rifle, or a shotgun, it's important always to follow gun safety laws. RCMP Sgt. Paul Manaigre said because anyone over 16 can purchase the most common air guns, issues arise when they either aren't aware of or choose not to follow the law.

"We use the term, 'replica firearms,'" he said. "If someone were to use it for a not-so-good purpose, that's when issues arise."

The RCMP divides air guns into four categories:

- Air guns that are firearms for purposes of both the Firearms Act and the Criminal Code
- Air guns that meet the Criminal Code definition of a firearm, but are deemed not to be firearms for specific purposes of the Firearms Act and Criminal Code
- Air guns that are replica firearms
- Air guns that are neither firearms nor replicas

The second category, Air guns that meet the Criminal Code definition of a firearm but are deemed not to be firearms for specific purposes of the Firearms Act and Criminal Code, includes air guns "with a maximum velocity of 152.4 metres or 500 feet per second and/or a maximum muzzle energy of 5.7 joules or 4.2 foot pounds", which means most BB

guns and pellet guns. These guns are exempt from licensing, registration, and other requirements under the Firearms Act, and from penalties outlined in the Criminal Code for possessing a firearm without a valid license or registration certificate.

In other words, anyone over 16 can own an air gun in that classification; no Possession and Acquisition License (PAL) is needed.

It's important to note these guns are, however, considered firearms under the Criminal Code if they're used to commit a crime.

"We're going to treat it as a real firearm until we know otherwise," said Manaigre. "If you're using it for a lawful purpose, there's no problem. When you're using it to commit an offence, if the intent is for people to believe it's real, you can be charged as it is."

RCMP code states "anyone who uses such an air gun to commit a crime faces the same penalties as someone who uses a regular firearm."

The actual guidelines around possessing and using these guns is regulated by provincial and municipal bylaws more than by federal law, meaning people should check with their municipality before shooting anything within it.

Air guns in this group are also exempt from the safe storage, transportation, and handling requirement set out in the Firearms Act, but the Criminal Code still requires air gun owners to "take reasonable precautions to use, carry, handle, store, transport, and ship them in a safe and secure manner."

Manaigre added that for those using air guns to target property (like flower pots), the mischief charge comes into play. Targeting animals (like rabbits) brings animal cruelty into question, opening the door for even more charges.

Using most guns under the first classification without a PAL is illegal and dangerous. PAL courses are offered across the province. The eight-hour course consists of learning about each type of non-restricted gun you can legally own and how to safely use, store, and own one. To find a PAL course near you, go to <https://www.mbfirearmsafety.ca/>.

It's important to remember BB guns can cause injury or even death in severe cases. Manaigre always reminds people to use caution when using a firearm, regardless of its classification.

For more information on gun laws and regulations, contact the local authorities.

"IF SOMEONE WERE TO USE IT FOR A NOT-SO-GOOD PURPOSE, THAT'S WHEN ISSUES ARISE."

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housing. We have yet to see a government in this province that either cares enough or is brave enough to make this a priority," said Kirsten Bernas, chair of the coalition's provincial working group.

"We hoped this new government would finally do what it takes to address housing insecurity and homelessness in our communities, but unfortunately this Budget falls short," Bernas added.

The Keystone Agricultural Producers also saw some good and bad in the budget.

"While changes were made to the school tax rebate for residential properties, KAP is pleased to see the 50 per cent rebate maintained for farm properties," said general manager Brenna Mahoney. "We encourage the province to continue working toward the complete removal of the tax on farm properties and that this is taken into account when developing the new provincial education funding model."

The Manitoba Liberal Party said the NDP showed fiscal recklessness by offloading taxes to municipalities while worsening Manitoba's debt.

Interim leader Cindy Lamoureux said the government is hiding its cuts to services by offloading back door taxes on to municipalities in a move she called "reckless and fiscally irresponsible."

Education property taxes increased by \$71 million, she noted.

"Weakening our revenue generation sources puts Manitoba in an irresponsible position to fund our schools, health care facilities and highways. Increases to our school divisions are simply not at the level that many school divisions have called for."

Lamoureux added it is concerning the government is

paying three times more to service our debt than how much is spent on the entire Department of Justice alone.

"Manitobans should be concerned that these are sunken costs that could be going to fund our schools and hospitals."

The budget was a missed opportunity to provide additional meaningful cost relief for Manitoba's small businesses, suggested the Canadian Federation of Independent Business. More needs to be done to ensure small businesses are better equipped to deal with the skyrocketing costs of doing business, they said.

"We appreciate the Manitoba government's efforts in taking an approach to making life more affordable for citizens," said SeoRhin Yoo, CFIB policy analyst. "We would have liked to see the province address more issues that continue to impact small businesses such as red tape reduction, utility costs, and small business supports."

"The challenges facing small businesses in Manitoba are significant and ongoing, with 19 per cent indicating they are at risk of closure," said Yoo. "The skyrocketing cost of doing business is continuing to challenge small firms across the province, who are dealing with insufficient demand, ongoing wage pressures and higher taxes."

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Carman and Community Chamber of Commerce holds AGM

By Ty Dilello

The Carman and Community Chamber of Commerce held its Annual General Meeting on April 9 at the Boyne River Bistro.

Manitoba Chambers of Commerce president Chuck Davidson was the guest speaker. Marni Harrison of CIBC Carman renewed her position as President of the Carman Chamber for another two-year term.

Carman and Community Chamber of Commerce executive director Jodi Winkler notes that 2023 was another year of progress. They are very excited about the momentum that many of their businesses are building and are working hard as a Chamber to help them succeed.

"In the past year we Survived February, hosted our annual Poutine and Burger Week, hosted two successful golf tournaments, held a Career Fair at Carman Collegiate, hosted an amazing parade during the Carman Country Fair, co-hosted meet and greets, collaborated with the Boyne River Keepers

for the annual World River Day, had a wonderful awards celebration, and Kept the Cheer Here while we Holiday Hoopla'd," said Winkler.

The Carman and Community Chamber of Commerce also named its 2024 Board of Directors and Executive at the luncheon.

On the Executive is Marni Harrison (President), Scott Johnston (Vice President), Mayghan McEachern (Treasurer), Ray Shier (Secretary), and Jodi Winkler (Executive Director). The Board Directors are Bill Vanderveen, Kori DaCosta, Tracey Falk, Dale Reimer, Shannon Vaughan, Jordan Beukema, Tyler King, and Ken Reimer.

The Chamber would like to thank all of its members for their involvement, engagement, and sponsorship of events.

"Without the members, none of this would happen," said Winkler. We appreciate the partnership and collaboration that all of our directors and Executives bring to the table, and we look forward to building on it for the years to come."



STANDARD PHOTO BY JODI WINKLER

Marni Harrison, president of Carman and Community Chamber of Commerce, and Chuck Davidson, president of Manitoba Chambers of Commerce, pictured at the 2024 Annual General Meeting of the Carman and Community Chamber of Commerce held on April 9 at Boyne River Bistro.

Roland Town Wide Garage Sale on June 15

By Ty Dilello

The Roland Town Wide Garage Sale will be held on Saturday, June 15, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. It's an annual garage sale day on which local families can support one another and pass items along that they don't use or need anymore.

Community members will sell some items at the Roland Rink, an indoor location, and at various garage sales around the town.

"We've had scattered garage sales in previous years, but it was never the same person volun-

teering to organize it, and it was much less advertised," said Roland Garage Sale organizer Janessa Davis.

Davis has been organizing the town-wide garage sale for the past two years. Last year, they had about a dozen garage sales and a fantastic turnout that they hope to replicate again in June.

"I see it as an opportunity to support one another in a rural town with lots of families," said Davis. "So please come out and check out the town-wide garage sale."

Manitoba RCMP warn public about banking scam

By Lana Meier

The public is being cautioned by Manitoba RCMP about the increasing frequency of interac e-transfer scams.

In these instances, the victim receives an email which appears to be from someone trying to send them an interac e-transfer. At first glance, it appears legitimate, and when the victim clicks on the link and enters in their banking credentials, the scammers are able to steal the banking login information. This gives the scammers access to the account which allows them to withdraw large sums of money.

Scammers are becoming increasingly sophisticated, so extra caution is needed before you accept an e-transfer.

Here are some tips on what to look out for:

- If you are not expecting any money don't click on links and try to deposit money
- Check the email closely, even though it may be personally addressed it does not mean it is legitimate
- Use Interac e-Transfer Autodeposit. If you have Autodeposit set up, Interac e-Transfer transactions sent to your email address will automatically be deposited into your bank account, Autodeposit is the secure way to accept Interac e-Transfer.
- Create strong passwords

• Be conscious about what you share online, including personal identifiable information that hackers can use to access your accounts.

If you were defrauded please contact your local police and report it.

To learn more about safeguarding against frauds and scams, visit the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre.

RCMP MAKES NUMEROUS ARRESTS IN SOUTHERN MANITOBA

Last week, Manitoba RCMP made four arrests and took three kids out of unsafe situations following a child exploitation investigation.

Over an eight-day period at the end of March, the Manitoba RCMP Internet Child Exploitation (ICE) Unit executed five search warrants, made four arrests, and removed three children under six years of age from situations where they were being sexually abused and exploited.

From those five search warrants, executed from March 18 to March 25, 2024, tens of thousands of child pornography images were located.

Three different southern Manitoba communities were involved. The RCMP will not be identifying any individuals or communities that were part of the investigation to protect the identity of the vic-

tims.

The four individuals arrested were all male, aged 37, 40, 42, and 56. All of them were charged with Distributing/Uploading/Possessing Child Pornography, and one of the suspects was additionally charged with Making Child Pornography.

The RCMP National Child Exploitation Crime Centre provided reports to the Manitoba RCMP ICE Unit that assisted them in locating these individuals and executing some of the search warrants.

"This is four arrests and three children removed from traumatic situations in a span of only ten days. I wish I could say that this is a success, and it absolutely is in terms of getting these kids to safety, but it is really a drop in the bucket when it comes to the material we seized," said Corporal Gord Olson of the RCMP ICE Unit in a news release.

"I know people will be surprised at how much child sexual abuse and exploitation material we encountered, but the truth is, this problem is prolific," said Corporal Olson. "It is in every community, and so many children are affected by it. We continue to do everything we can to combat child exploitation and encourage parents to be mindful of how your children are engaging on social media."

Local Manitoba RCMP noted that investigations will continue on this matter.

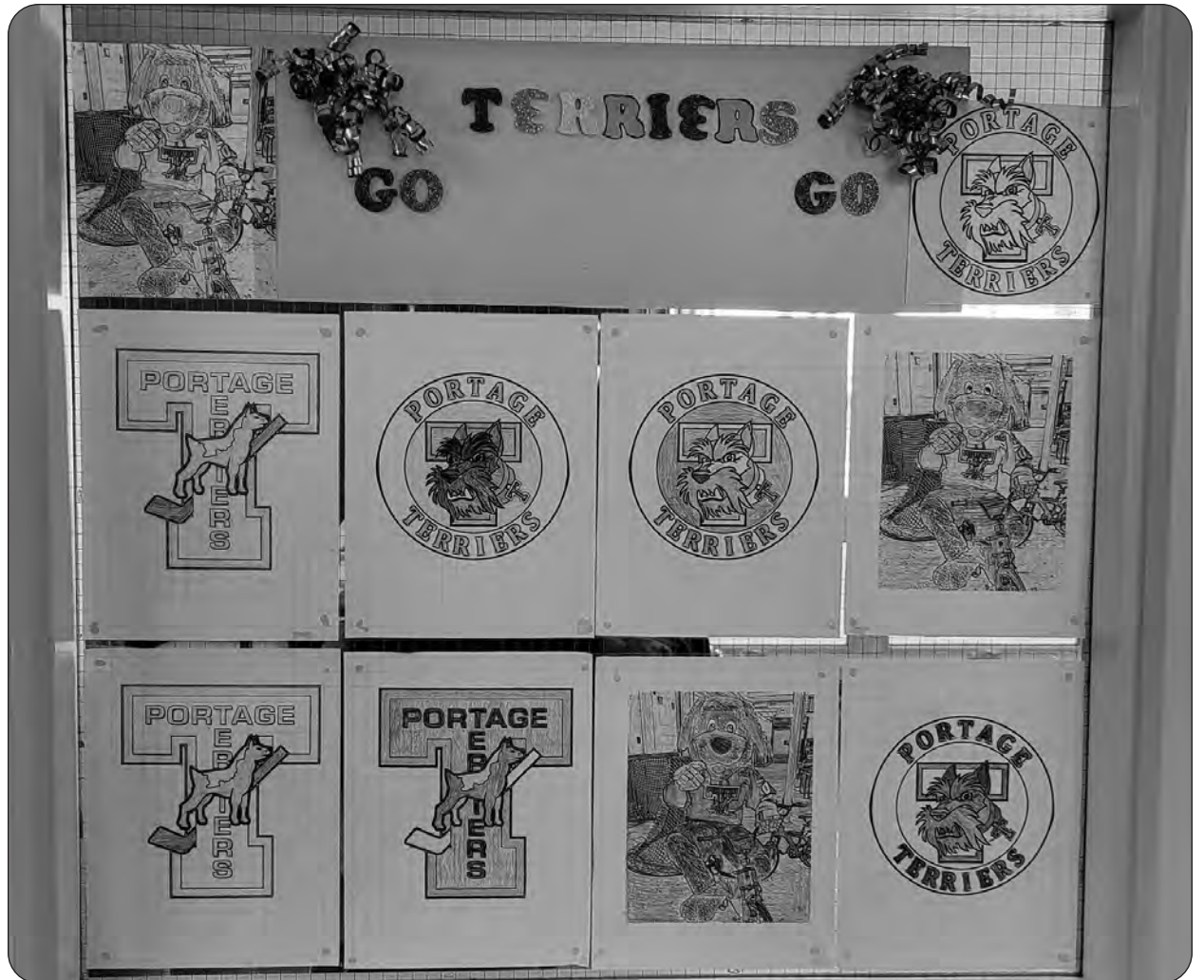
Picture Perfect Support from the St. Claude Health Centre

By Kasey Kell

The residents at the St. Claude Pavillion have been showing great community spirit as many winter sports finish up their seasons.

On March 3, the residents at the St. Claude Pavillion started a colouring project in support of the Portage Terriers Junior A Hockey Team of the MJHL. Many residents love to watch hockey and are big supporters of local activities.

The Portage Terriers had clinched a playoff spot, and with six games left in the regular season, the residents decided this would be the way they would support the Portage Terriers as they finish up their season and during playoffs. Many residents volunteered to colour a page or two, and some donated items. Those who contributed wanted their artwork to be perfect for the team. Residents were particularly motivated to show their support because of the Portage Terrier's efforts to read books at schools during I Love to Read Month. The story of two French-speaking Portage Terrier hockey players, Gabriel Laflamme and Jayden Catellier, reading books at École Arthur Meighen in Portage la Prairie really touched the residents' hearts, since many residents speak French and have a French cultural background. They set up their finished work inside the St. Claude Health Centre on March 8, just in time for the Portage Terrier's last game in the regular season with the Winkler Flyers. The Portage Terriers played against the Winkler Flyers in the Divisional semi-finals, losing the series 4-1, with their season ending on March 30. The residents, staff, and visitors were happy to see the residents' finished work and their support of their local MJHL hockey team.



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Residents of the St. Claude Pavillion did a colouring project to support the Portage Terriers when they started playoffs.

Tana K9 Grooming back in business in south central Manitoba

By Becca Myskiw

Tana K9 Grooming is back in business, and Tana Reidstra reminds everyone of the importance of grooming your furry friends.

After a two-year hiatus during which Reidstra and her husband ran a bakery in Roblin, the couple sold the business and moved back to the area, now living in Plum Coulee. Reidstra has started her grooming business again, offering value packs to kick it off.

Depending on your dog's size, Reidstra's value packs cost between \$60 and \$80. That price includes a bath, blowout, brush out, trim, nail trim, mat removal, and anything else your pup may need. The entire process takes an hour to two hours, depending on the work needed and the type of coat the dog has.

Reidstra offers her services in-home, meaning she'll travel to whoever needs grooming done with a small travel charge for one way.

"I try to keep costs low because everyone's struggling a little bit right now," she said.

Reidstra said trimming your dog's nails is one of the most essential parts of their care. Just like us, she said, ingrown nails hurt for them, and when their nails get too long, dogs tend to walk on their ankles instead of their foot, which she compares to us walking on our heels all the time. This can cause

arthritis to set in sooner, making your dog walk around in constant pain.

Reidstra recommends trimming your dog's nails at least once a month, but some breeds require it more often and others less often. For example, she trims her Rottweiler's nails once every three months, but she does her Malamute's every two weeks.

For those wanting to learn to trim their own dog's nails, she also teaches people how to.

"Animals need proper care and proper care is expensive, so if you can learn to care for them yourself with the right tool, that's great," she said.

Getting your dog groomed often is also important. Reidstra said that with smaller dogs who have a moustache, keeping it too long can cause irreparable damage. When those pups eat, their moustache hairs can get wrapped around their teeth, cutting their gums and then rotting the gum away until the dog loses its teeth.

Dogs with longer coats who spend lots of time outside typically have mud, leaves, and other things stuck in their fur, which gets tangled. If you leave that fur unbrushed, it can create a sort of carpet against your dog's skin, said Reidstra. Because of the moisture, the skin will get irritated and start to rot under your dog's fur.

"It takes a lot more effort than people think," she



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Tana K9 Grooming is operating in the area again.

said.

Tana K9 Grooming will soon start operating on a schedule. Reidstra will work in specific regions on specific days, cutting down on clients' travel costs. To contact Reidstra, message her through the Facebook page, Tana K9 Grooming.

RWB School and Liv Dance to perform in Carman on April 17

By Ty Dilello

Royal Winnipeg Ballet's On the Edge Tour will be making a stop in Carman this week on Wednesday, April 17. The show will also feature local dancers from the Liv Dance Company.

"Our competitive dancers are always excited for opportunities to get on stage and perform," said Jill Livingston, Studio Director of Liv Dance Company. "The girls have been working hard and competing these pieces this season, so we are happy to be able to perform them again with the Royal Winnipeg Ballet."

The Royal Winnipeg Ballet (RWB) School's Professional Division is thrilled to be visiting Manitoba communities and performing stunning, powerful repertoire that highlights the extraordinary talent of the dancers of the Anna McCowan-Johnson Aspirant Program in the On the Edge Tour.

"We are beyond excited to bring our On the Edge performance to 10 communities throughout Manitoba and into Ontario," said Vanessa Leon-

ard, director of the Anna McCowan-Johnson Aspirant Program. "The Anna McCowan-Johnson Aspirants have been rehearsing and refining an incredible program that highlights their versatility with various styles of dance that promise to delight all audience members."

This year's dynamic and intimate series of performances will delight audiences of all ages with repertoire ranging from classical ballet to contemporary and neo-classical. From timeless classics to daring new creations, On the Edge will celebrate the artistic legacy of the RWB and demonstrate the School's continued innovation.

The performance will include excerpts from the lively and charming classical ballet, Don Quixote, filled with romance, fun, and Spanish flair, as well as an excerpt from Rudi Van Dantzig's beautifully haunting Four Last Songs. On the Edge will also feature modern creations by RWB School Resident Choreographer Gabriela Rehak, fiery flamenco from RWB School



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The RWB On the Edge Tour will be performing in Carman this Wednesday, April 17.

Artistic Faculty Maritel Centurion and a new work from former RWB Company Soloist Yosuke Mino.

The show will be at the Carman Collegiate Auditorium on April 17 (Wednesday) at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are

available through Golden Prairie Arts Council (GPAC). To reserve or purchase tickets, visit www.goldenprairieartscouncil.com or call 204-745-6568.

Carman Garden Club annual plant sale happening May 30 – June 1

By Becca Myskiw

The Carman Garden Club is preparing for its annual plant sale and is looking for donations to make it happen.

Every year, the local garden club hosts a plant sale, where locals can buy plants of all kinds for better prices than they would pay at the store. The annual plant sale has been happening for almost as long as the garden club has been active, which is celebrating 95 years in 2024. The sale acts as the club's main fundraiser, growing from a few plants in a few hours to hundreds of plants in a few days.

MCC Thrift has partnered with the garden club, allowing them to hold their plant sale in their store for three days straight. From Thursday, May 30 to Saturday, June 1, people can purchase thrifted goods at the shop while taking in the massive plant sale.

"Last year, we had so many [plants]

that the area we had set up in MCC wasn't big enough, so we had plants in the back we were bringing out as more were sold," said Debbie Vanderzwaag, president of the Carman Garden Club.

People can buy almost any kind of plant at the sale—perennials, annuals, small fruit plants like raspberries and saskatoons, succulents, houseplants, and this year, maybe even a couple of trees. Everything sold is started in garden club members' gardens, and Vanderzwaag said they're hardier than most plants bought at the store because they're already acclimatized to our conditions. Prices range from \$1 to \$10, depending on plant size and quality.

The Carman Garden Club uses funds from the sale to pay for their speakers that present during the year and for their travel mileage to come to Carman. Funds also support the club's

junior gardener program and used to support the flower show, which the club is hoping to bring back soon. The club also typically has one outing for members each year and puts out a scholarship for a



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The Carman Garden Club is accepting donations for their three-day plant sale planned for May 30 to June 1.

graduating student going into horticulture, which they support with the generated funds. MCC Thrift will also receive a portion of funds made at the sale.

Over the last couple years, the Carman Garden Club's annual plant sale has been so successful, they've had leftover funds to donate to local organizations like the Boyne River Keepers and the Boyne Lodge.

To make a sale as big as this one possible, the garden club takes donations from people with plants to spare. Those looking to get rid of some pe-

rennials or annuals need only to call the club and members will remove the plants themselves if those donating don't have the ability or time to.

"We'll come with our shovels and dig them out ourselves," said Vanderzwaag. "If people can't or don't want to dig them themselves, they don't have to. We have lots of members ready to do that."

To donate plants to the club's sale, contact Vanderzwaag at 204-750-1482 or contact club member Liz DeWit at 204-745-3839.

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A feathered friend visits the classroom in Carman

By Jo-Anne Procter

École Carman Elementary School Grade 3 students had a hoot when Jim Duncan, with “Discover Owls,” from Balmoral came to Carman with his feathered friend, Rusty, the long-eared owl on April 3.

Duncan engaged the students by sharing fascinating facts about owls such as — when they fly, they don’t make a sound.

The students were captivated and soaked up all this newfound knowledge about the birds of prey and about Duncan’s work with conservation.

Bringing real owl parts for demonstration, Duncan brought learning to life for the young minds. It was an educational experience students will remember.



Pictured left to right, Jim Duncan shows students the wing span of an owl, Rusty the Long-eared owl, Norah Hannah holds an owl wing while Hadley Gitzel (right) looks on.

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Elm Creek School receives Healthy Together Now grant



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Justine Foster with Southern Health popped by Elm Creek School recently to present a \$2,000 cheque to interim school principal Ashley Cook on behalf of the Healthy Together Now (Re)Connecting with Nature and Neighbours Grant.

By Ty Dilello

Last week, Justine Foster of Southern Health-Santé Sud stopped by Elm Creek School to present a \$2,000 cheque on behalf of the Healthy Together Now (Re)Connecting with Nature and Neighbours Grant to go towards a new project that the school is working on.

Elm Creek School is very excited to use this money to create and install peace poles in its newly developed hammock forest. More details will follow in the coming months.

“We were thrilled to receive this grant,” said Elm Creek School interim principal Ashley Cook. “As a school,

we felt particularly honoured since most of the Healthy Together Now grants go to community organizations.”

Cook notes that the money will be put to good use as the school expands upon the hammock forest portion of its Outdoor Revitalization project, with a specific focus on creating peace poles from which hammocks can hang.

Cook shared that the hammock forest, with its peace poles, will be a versatile space for various activities. It will serve as a quiet reading area, a regulation space for students, and an additional sheltered play area.

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Look what the wind blew in

By Lori Penner

John Gavloski is a fascinated observer of almost any type of wildlife, with a particular interest in all the creepy, crawly visitors that not only harm your crops, but also benefit them.

Based in Carman, with a Ph.D. in entomology, Gavloski has been working with Manitoba Agriculture since 1997, monitoring and providing information on insects that are both beneficial and potential pests to farmers, agronomists and those working with agriculture.

In a recent presentation, Gavloski listed the top insect concerns that producers faced in 2023 and offered a forecast for this season along with scouting and management tips.

The list includes flea beetles in canola, grasshoppers, armyworms, diamondback moths, alfalfa weevil, cutworms, aphids in small grains, field peas and soybeans, and Lygus bugs.

"Flea beetles, grasshoppers and armyworms were major insect concerns in every agricultural region of the province," Gavloski said. "The others were of concern, but more localized and weren't as widespread. Five of those 10 are things that overwinter well here, and five either blew in or migrated in. So, flea beetles, grass-

hoppers wintered well. Armyworms migrate in a purposeful migration. Diamondback moths don't winter well; they blow in. The alfalfa weevil doesn't winter as well as cutworms. Pretty much all aphid species, if they're going to be a problem, it's because they've blown in."

Flea beetles in canola

Gavloski says last year resulted in many issues with flea beetles.

"They were widespread. But it wasn't as bad as the year before. What puts you at a higher risk for flea beetles is sitting and not growing quickly early on."

Producers were treating canola seed with neonicotinoid seed treatment, and many fields received additional insecticide applications. There were also heavy feeding or insecticide applications reported from all agricultural regions.

Gavloski said slow emergence and early season growth makes canola more vulnerable to flea beetles.

"The challenge is to get the canola plants to a stage where they can naturally tolerate flea beetle feeding (3-4 leaf stage) without significant feeding injury."

Last spring's excellent growing

conditions and warm soil resulted in quick germination and emergence in some areas.

Cultural controls for flea beetles in Canada include planting seed as shallow as available moisture will allow. Direct seeding also provides a microclimate which is less ideal.

Producers could also consider stem cutting.

"But there's an art and a science in scouting for females. We're factoring in a variety of things, so you really have to use a bit of intuition and common sense in your decision making."

Grasshoppers

"In our areas, there are many different crops, so some farmers don't have to deal with them in any significant way. Other farmers do. So, it can vary within a region."

Pest species can lay a lot of eggs, and Gavloski says if you get them in early frost, sometimes it cuts down the egg laying before they get a chance to lay their maximum amount.

"Last year, the frost came quite late, and they were able to lay their maximum numbers. They were in warm enough conditions, so they were quite active."

In terms of winter mortality. Gav-



John Gavloski recently shared the top insect concerns for last season and the season ahead with local producers.

loski says don't count on it.

"Soil temperatures of -15 degrees, about two to three inches into the soil are required to cause substantial winter mortality."

This depends on snow cover since eggs are usually laid where snowfall accumulates.

"Even an inch or two of snow is enough to insulate them."

If spring is too dry, it can delay hatch. Grasshoppers need a bit of moisture for hatch, but not a lot. Temperature is what drives the cycle.

"Scout your ditches and field edges, and areas where grasshoppers tend to emerge in your region, starting in early June. That's when you can probably expect to see the hatch starting."

Diamondback moth

The Diamondback moth is blown in by strong south winds into Manitoba across Eastern, Interlake, Central and Northwest regions in July and August.

Their numbers are hard to predict. "It can vary from year to year. The numbers were extremely high in the Altona and Horndean areas last summer," Gavloski said.

Few, if any, survive winters in the Canadian prairies.

"When they move in and get established, the pod feeding is the



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most damaging. If you have good soil moisture and they're feeding on flowers and buds and things, usually plants like canola will produce more flowers and buds and compensate for that feeding. But the plant can't produce more pods and seeds once it gets to that stage. The pod feeding is really what we want people to watch out for."

Aphids in cereals

"Aphids were a concern and are also something that blows in on the winds. They were an issue in quite a few regions. Probably more so in the western part of the province and the central region.

"The problem we ran into last year was they came in quite late, well into July. People were scouting and they weren't quite at soft dough yet. They were still in the susceptible stages. But spring was an issue because we're limited to two registered active ingredients: malathion and dimethoate."

Dimethoate has a 35-day preharvest

interval.

"So, when you're almost at soft dough, that's not an option. And malathion wasn't all that readily available. It's an okay product on aphids. Dimethoate is probably the better product in the long run, but because of the long pre-harvest, it's not an option."

Lygus bugs

Lygus bugs are sap feeders, with a beak like a mosquito. They suck the juice from the plant, and like to feed on nitrogen rich newer growth, like flowers, buds, and seeds.

"They can become a real problem when they're feeding directly on your seeds and will do this with a lot of plants. Last year we had issues in canola, dry beans, and high levels in rye and wheat."

The new economic thresholds for Lygus bugs in Canola suggest a threshold of 20-30 per 10 sweeps for good growing conditions. Using the lower end of the threshold (about 20 per 10 sweeps) may be appropriate for stressed canola with less ability to

compensate for feeding.

The most vulnerable crop stage for Lygus feeding is when seeds are enlarging on lower pods. When most pods become "leathery" and when seeds inside are firm, Lygus bugs can no longer penetrate the pods or seeds with their mouthparts and are no longer an economic threat.

Armyworms

Armyworms are in the same family as the cutworm, Gavloski said.

"These are major pests. They migrate north in springtime, like butterflies. We had some very high levels last year, in late June and July, right across the province."

Armyworms like dense grassy vegetation to lay their eggs, so scouting for them isn't difficult.

"If you have areas that are denser, especially a cereal crop, check those areas carefully. We do monitor and set traps for these adults, and we can give you at least a bit of advance notice if we see them in our traps."

Any field in areas that have significant bird activity should be scouted.



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Armyworms are destructive garden pests that get their name because they travel in small insect armies and consume just about everything in their path.

Also check the backs of armyworms for parasite eggs. Natural enemies of the armyworm are Cotesia wasps, who lay eggs into the army worm.

Manitoba Beef Producers recognizes measures in latest provincial budget

By Lana Meier

The most recent provincial budget includes several initiatives that Manitoba Beef Producers is pleased to see. These measures have the potential to benefit both the cattle sector and rural communities in our province.

According to MBP President Matthew Atkinson, the budget contains significant commitments that are vital for our sector. These include increased funding for the Livestock Predation Prevention Strategy, implementation of the Veterinary Medical Services Strategy to address shortages, and a 2024 freeze on rental costs for agricultural Crown lands. As MBP has advocated strongly for these issues, their inclusion in the budget is greatly appreciated.

Atkinson noted several other commitments that will be helpful for beef producers. They include:

Extension of the gas tax cut to the end of September;

Maintaining the School Tax Rebate for farm properties at 50 per cent;

The reopening of two Manitoba Agricultural Services Corporation (MASC) service centres;

Increasing the loan amount eligible for the Young Farmer Rebate to \$300,000 from \$200,000 and the lifetime maximum rebate to \$30,000 from \$20,000;

Providing a new lending fee credit for farmers under the age of 40 to minimize the upfront cost of financing through MASC;

Continued investments in the suite of business risk management programs;

The development and implementation of a comprehensive trade strategy with a renewed focus on trade relationships and expanding export capacity;

The creation of a value-added strategy for Manitoba farm products;

More apprenticeship training seats, and other steps to help deal with labour shortages, including measures to address gaps in services for temporary foreign workers in agriculture;

Efforts to relieve the shortages of health care professionals, including in rural communities;

Work to address rural crime, including more funding for police services.

Atkinson said that MBP will main-

tain its collaboration with Ministers, government officials, and agency employees in order to promote the growth of Manitoba's beef industry. This open exchange of ideas is cru-

cial as we work towards the shared objective of a thriving provincial agriculture sector and prosperous rural areas.

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Carman Area Community Foundation celebrating 25 years



By Dennis Young

The Thomas Sill Foundation of Winnipeg saw the need and opportunity to establish community foundations in rural communities and challenged communities to establish one for their area. In return, they would contribute up to \$100,000, or another 50 percent of what the Foundation could raise by the end of 2002.

The Carman-Dufferin Economic Development Corporation took on the establishment of the Carman Area Foundation (CAF), with its officer appointed as the first Chairman. One of the first tasks was establishing a Founders Club within the Foundation for those individuals or businesses donating \$1,000 or more, and those donors would be remembered as members of the Founders Club.

The Thomas Sill, the Winnipeg Foundation, and Foundations Canada were very supportive, offering seminars, bylaws, and policy templates to help local Foundations establish appropriate governance. Carman earned \$75,000 in matching funds from the Thomas Sill Foundation, and the Winnipeg Foundation provided an operating grant of \$5,000 to help the Foundation with the set-up costs of the 1998 incorporation and charity registration.

Finally, within five months of completing the four-year challenge, CAF reached its goal of \$300,000 in the community fund by the summer of 2002. Huge boosts had come from the disbanding donation of the local Masonic Lodge and the merger with the Carman Health Care Foundation.

CAF invests contributions it receives in a perpetual endowment fund and

uses the income earned, not the contributions, to make grants to a wide range of charitable groups.

The focus was obviously local for grants; however, for a better return on our investments, the Corporation also purchased bonds from the Town of Carman to develop the pool and from the R.M of Dufferin to assist in funding the rural water expansion.

One of the early fundraising events was the Ken Tjaden Memorial. He was a board member whose family agreed to allow the CAF to host a fundraising golf tournament in his memory. Over 114 golfers helped raise \$12,000. By 2014, they entered a partnership with the Winnipeg Foundation for fund management, ensuring high return rates on assets.

In 2006, the board introduced a new fundraiser concept: a Gala with fine dining, decorated tables, and entertainment at no cost! The only "catch" was that supporters would be encouraged to donate via the envelopes left on the tables. The overwhelming response showed how much people loved the Foundation's mandate of generating funds in perpetuity.

This year marked the 18th annual Gala which saw some fundraising changes over the years caused by COVID. But the board approached those challenges successfully then happily returned to the original template.

In the first year, 2002, \$3,779 was dispersed, while \$150,000 was granted last year.

Some past board members had this to say about CAF:

Brent Van Koughnet 2006-13: CAF had strong executive directors who

built a working relationship with the Winnipeg Foundation. It took some heavy lifting to create a first-class governance manual and strategy. When the market crashed, we were still in guaranteed investments, so we flipped to the Winnipeg Foundation for investment and caught the rally of equities.

Linda MacNair 2006-19: Throughout my tenure, the board was proactive in making significant strides toward improved corporate governance, as there are many rules that apply to the operation. It has been very gratifying to see how the movement in our community continues to grow and flourish, continuing the success of the Foundation. It is a testament to the generosity of our citizens and the willingness of volunteers to step up year after year to perpetuate the legacy of philanthropy in our communities.

Talbot Bergsma 2009-15: In my years, one of the most significant actions taken was the decision made to allow the Winnipeg Foundation to manage the investments of the local Foundation. It subsequently benefited the CAF in ways of support, activities, learnings, as well as financially.

CARMAN AREA FOUNDATION HANDS OUT \$150,000

By Ty Dilello

On April 12, the Carman Area Foundation (CAF) held its annual Gala Fundraiser at the Carman Community Hall, celebrating 25 years of granting in the Carman area. During the evening, the foundation handed out \$150,000 in grants to local initiatives.

"We had a great evening as 41 out of 44 grant recipients joined us, accepting their 2024 grant," said Janine Lodder, CAF Chair. "We have received very positive feedback from

everyone."

The full list of the 44 CAF 2024 Grant Recipients is as follows:

Back On Cue Community Theatre - Local Play Production Performances - \$1,000 - Theatre Fund & Undesignated Community Fund

Boyne Lodge Campus Charity - Purchase Of A Tovertafel (Magic Table) - \$5,800- Health And Wellness Fund, Boyne Lodge Fund, Preston Kitching Fund, Masons Lodge Fund

Boyne Regional Library - Reading Nook - \$3,200 - Boyne Library Fund & Undesignated Community Fund

Boyne River Keepers - Ryall Park Stage 2 River Launch - \$7,800 - Health And Wellness, Lions Health And Wellness Fund, Undesignated Community Fund

Carman & Community Active Living Centre - Washroom Upgrade For Seniors - \$5,000 - Health And Wellness Fund, Undesignated Community Fund

Carman And Area Ball Diamond Building Project - Washroom And Shelter - \$5,000 - Undesignated Community Fund

Carman Collegiate Parent Advisory Council - Music Program Support - \$3,875 - Youth In Philanthropy, Mason's Education Fund, Roland Fund, Dr McClement Memorial Fund, & Undesignated Community Fund

Carman Community Garden - Larger Tool Shed - \$3,500 - Health And Wellness Fund, Undesignated Community Fund

Communtiy Christmas Day Dinner Committee - Community Hall Kitchen Equipment Refurbishment - \$1,140 - Winston Simpson Memorial Fund, Undesignated Community Fund

Carman Dufferin Communities In Bloom - Friends And Family Playground Vitalization Project - \$2,420 - Undesignated Community Fund

Carman Dufferin Fire Department - Rescue Tools - \$12,000 - Undesignated Community Fund

Carman Elementary School (ACSL) - Missoula Theatre - \$1,000 -Mason's Elementary Education Fund, Undesignated Community Fund

Carman Family Resource Centre - Centre Enhancement Project - \$650 - Youth In Philanthropy Fund

Carman Handi-Van - Operational Needs - \$1,000 - Carman Handi-Van Fund

Carman Golf & Curling Club - Viewing Cameras For Curling Rink - \$1,020 - Carman Golf & Curling Club Fund

Carman Memorial Hospital - Comfort Care Project - \$11,000 - Mason's Hospital Fund, Preston Kitching



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Elm Creek's Hartmann plays in All Star Game

By Ty Dilello

On April 13, Elm Creek School's Avery Hartmann participated in the A, AA, AAA Girls Manitoba Graduating High School All-Star Game at the Sport Manitoba Courts in Winnipeg.

It marked a fantastic end to her high school career as Hartmann has played basketball since she was 11 years old when she was in Grade 6.

"I got into basketball because I admired the older students at Elm Creek School after attending a pep rally who played basketball, and I wanted to be just like them," said Avery Hartmann.

This season, Hartmann played a key role in the success of Elm Creek School's Varsity Girls basketball program. She continually had high expectations for herself, leading her teammates to do the same.

At the 'A' Provincial Championships in Glenboro, Hartmann was honoured with the Players Choice Award. This award is given to one female player from the tournament who demonstrates leadership and sportsmanship and is voted on by players from other competing teams.

"This past season was great with our team as we really bonded over the games and time we shared," said Hartmann. "We won the Treherne Basketball tournament and were ranked third in the Province. We've even beaten an AAA school during a tournament and had many tight games throughout the season that



Avery Hartmann was honoured with the Players Choice Award at the 'A' Provincial Championships.

built up our skills as a team. At Provincials, we gave it all we got; however, we came in seventh place after losing to a strong team in the first game of Provincials."

Recently, Hartmann was selected as a Graduating All-Star for the 2023-24 basketball season. She got to play at the All Star Game on April 13 in Winnipeg, along with fellow players from A-AAA schools from all over the Province who a selection committee had chosen.

"I was very excited when I heard I was selected for the All-Star Game



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Elm Creek School's Avery Hartmann, middle with the ball, recently played in the Graduating High School All Star Game on April 13 in Winnipeg. Hartman's team lost 70-62 in the All Star Game.

and the chance to play with the best in all of Manitoba. When I went there, I recognized a few girls from league games, provincials, and many I hadn't seen before. The talent was incredible, and I was happy I got to be a part of it. The All Star Game went well I thought as I had a few rebounds, but I didn't score many points because it was a much faster pace game than I'm used to, so I blocked some shots and played the post position."

Now that she has wrapped up her Grade 12 basketball season at Elm Creek School, Hartmann plans to put basketball on the backburner next

year as she will be focusing on her studies at the University of Manitoba.

"Basketball is the sport I've enjoyed most growing up, and the one I've invested all my energy into," said Hartmann. "I don't want to continue basketball competitively because I'd like to focus on my university studies at the University of Manitoba. I've applied to the Bachelor of Science and have been accepted and I hope to continue my studies at the Faculty of Dentistry. However, I'd like to play on recreation basketball teams if given the chance."

Twisters season comes to an end in MMJHL finals

By Ty Dilello

The Pembina Valley Twisters dream season has come to a close after a four-games-to-one defeat in the MMJHL championship series to the St. James Jr. Canucks.

After splitting the first pair of games in the series, the Twisters dropped the final three games to end their season.

On April 9, the Twisters lost 3-2 in overtime on the road in Game 3. Alex Van Deynze and Derek Wiebe scored for Pembina Valley, while Logan Enns stopped 35 shots in goal in the loss.

A few nights later, on April 13, back at home in Morris, the Twisters lost 4-3 in a double overtime heartbreak-

er. Slade Sotheran scored twice for Pembina Valley, while Derek Wiebe had the other tally. Owen LaRocque stopped 35 shots in net for the loss.

The Twisters' season ended with a rough 5-1 road loss in Game 5. Sotheran scored the lone goal for Pembina Valley, while Enns stopped 18 shots in the loss.

"I think the difference in the series was that they just capitalized on their chances," said Twisters' head coach Braeden Beernaerts. "I felt like we eventually matched them, but it just came down to who could capitalize on a bounce here and there. We've had lots of goalposts that didn't go

the way we wanted, and it got frustrating."

Beernaerts notes how coming up short in the two overtime games was the critical factor in the series for his Twisters' club.

"The double overtime game was the biggest dagger. We were down 2-1 in the series and had come back from being down 3-0 in the game. Up until the last game of the series, we felt as if we had outplayed them four games in a row. To come short again and to go down 3-1 and back to their barn really took the wind out of our sails."

Despite the heartbreak, coach Beernaerts is incredibly proud of the 2023-

24 Pembina Valley Twisters squad that left everything out on the ice all season long.

"These boys took the reigns and ran with it," said Beernaerts. "I don't think many people could say early in the year that we would've gone this far. From the thirteen-game win streak to sweeping our way to the finals, there's lots to be proud of. It wasn't the outcome that we wanted, but every player can hold their heads high tomorrow and be proud of the year that happened."

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Sanford squad named Sea Bears Team of the Month

By Ty Dilello

The Sanford Sabres Varsity Girls basketball team has been named the Winnipeg Sea Bears Team of the Month for March.

It was a fitting accolade for this group of girls who have worked hard on and off the floor to be the best basketball players and role models in their community.

Sanford finished its season with a 25-4 record, winning its zone, and making it to the 'AAA' provincial final, where they ultimately lost. They finished the season as provincial finalists and won tournaments in Stonewall, Ste. Anne and Sanford.

"They had a phenomenal season," said coach Kelli Sinnock. "I'm really proud of everyone for playing their best all season long."

The Winnipeg Sea Bears pro basketball team accepts nominations for junior teams for Team of the Month monthly throughout the season.

"I nominated the girls, and we were asked to highlight the team's success and community involvement," said Sinnock. Every year, the team runs the Mini-Sabres Basketball camp in April, where the current players coach the kindergarten to Grade 6 athletes. They are tremendous role models for the athletes and teach them basketball skills, and the program is a huge success due to the student-athletes that coach."

This is the tenth year of the Mini-Sabres program, and the school currently has 60 athletes registered for it. It has been a big part of the Sanford community every spring.

The Winnipeg Sea Bears noticed this program and promptly selected the Sabres as the most recent Team of the Month.



STANDARD PHOTO BY KELLI SINNOCK

For all of their success on and off the court this season, the Sanford Sabres Varsity Girls basketball team was recently named the Winnipeg Sea Bears Team of the Month for March.

"Our girls were honoured to be selected for the Winnipeg Sea Bears Team of the Month," said Sinnock. The Sea Bears social media team came out to Sanford to film the girls practicing and interview our athletes, and it was just a great experience. Our team only graduates two athletes this June, so we are looking to build on our success next season."

In other local basketball news, the Winnipeg Sea Bears were recently announced as the host team for the 2025 Canadian Elite Basketball League (CEBL) Championship Weekend next summer.

2023 was the inaugural season for the Winnipeg

Sea Bears, marking the CEBL's fourth expansion since launching in 2019. The Sea Bears' season was extremely successful, with four sold-out home games and the top six attendance records in CEBL history in their first eight games.

Championship Weekend 2025 will feature the CEBL's top teams and a festival that includes the league awards and live performances from top local and Canadian artists. It will also feature a three-on-three basketball event and community legacy projects in partnership with Basketball Manitoba and Buckets and Borders, among other activities.

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Fund, Carman Hospital Fund, Health And Wellness Fund, Undesignated Community Fund

Carman Minor Ball - Permanent Base Inserts And Bases - \$2,000 - Dane Nicolajsen Fund

Carman Minor Hockey - Nets For U7 Hockey - \$1,000 - Undesignated Community Fund

Carman Minor Soccer - Cross Pitch Nets - \$4,000 - Youth In Philanthropy, Undesignated Community Fund

Carman Palliative Care - Tilt Wheelchair - \$5,500 - Health & Wellness Fund, Undesignated Community Fund

Carman Seniors Resource - Medical Equipment Loan Program - \$1,500 - Undesignated Community Fund

Carman Wellness Connections - Building Trust Through Recognition, Consistency & Pride - \$1,200 - Undesignated Fund

Dufferin Agricultural Society - Announcing Booth - \$3,000 - Undesignated Community Fund

Dufferin Historical Society - Sign And Bulletin Boards - \$2,000 - Undesignated Community Fund

Elm Creek Missoula Theatre Group - Missoula

Play Production - \$2,000 - RM of Grey Fund

Elm Creek Canada Day Committee - Picnic Tables - \$3,000 - RM of Grey Fund

Elm Creek Housing Corp - Interior Wheelchair Door Openers - \$3,075 - RM of Grey Fund, Undesignated Community Fund

Elm Creek Skating Rink - Canteen Kitchen Renovation - \$5,000 - RM of Grey Fund, Undesignated Community Fund

Elm Creek Stay & Play Centre - Scientifically Exploring Mathematical Minds Program - \$1,000 RM of Grey Fund

Golden Prairie Arts Council - Media Studio Technical Upgrades - \$1,740 - Arts & Stabilization Fund, Undesignated Fund

Linear Grain Fund - To Fund Grants To Underprivileged Children Throughout The Year - \$6,800 - Linear Grain Fund

Katie Cares Inc - Project Linen - \$1,200 - Roland Community Fund

PRSD - Bursary To 2024 Graduating Student - \$400 - Dr McClement Memorial Fund

RM of Grey Firefighters - Elm Creek Fire Hydrant - \$10,000 - RM of Grey Fund, Undesignated Community Fund

Roland Pumpkin Fair - Fair Improvements - \$1,080

- Roland Community Fund

RM of Roland - Continued Revitalization of Community Park \$3,500 - Roland Community Fund

South Central Cancer Resource - Head Covering Project - \$870 - Undesignated Community Fund

Sperling Community Centre District - Sperling Arena Kitchen Renovation - \$10,000 - Sperling Community Fund, Undesignated Community Fund

St. Claude Friendship Centre - Equipment Upgrade For Growing Meal Program - \$4,400 - RM of Grey Fund, Undesignated Community Fund

The Back Door Youth Centre - Foosball Table - \$1,200 - Undesignated Fund

The Historical Society of The RM of Roland - New Outdoor Signage - \$645 - Roland Community Fund

TLC Centre - Front Yard Renovation & Shade Coverage - \$2,400 - Undesignated Community Fund

Town Of Carman - CDRC - Carman Community Hall Project - \$1,000 - Undesignated Community Fund

Town Of Carman - CDRC - Green Slide Pool Project - \$3,055 - Dane Nicolajsen Fund, Kinsmen Pool Fund, Undesignated Community Fund

Wee Care Child Centre - Security System Upgrade - \$2,500 - Undesignated Fund

Where are they now? Catching up with Glenn Peckover

By Dennis Young

This feature will attempt to renew some acquaintances with those who called Sperling and area home at one time or another. I have randomly selected people to answer questions of their past and present so the readers can be brought up to speed on their lives.

Q. Firstly, let's get familiar with you again. When did you live in Sperling?

From 1944 to 1962. My first year on the family farm north of town, and then in the house built for my great-grandparents, the William Wilsons, in town.

Q. Did you attend school here?

Grade 1 to the last grade 12 class before the high school moved to Carman.

Q. What did you do for jobs as a student?

Mowing lawns and then there were lots to do on my dad's farm. Later I worked at the Hooper farm and on heavy earth-moving equipment digging the Norquay Channel.

Q. What activities did you participate in as a student?

Sports were a huge part of being a kid in Sperling. Being a small town, everyone had to play to have enough players to field our teams. My dad was a keen curler and he got me started early – curling in the men's league, high school and bonspiels. I was class president of the high school in my last year.

Q. Did your family live here? Who and what did they do for a living?

My dad, Bill, was a farmer and a

sales representative for the Great West Life. He was active in the Masons, the Eastern Star, an Elder in the church, and executive in the curling club. My mother, Audrey, was a homemaker and sometimes substitute teacher.

Q. What was your chosen career after school?

I studied mechanical engineering at the University of Manitoba, worked for a few years as a technical rep with Shell Canada in Thunder Bay, then went back to school for an MBA at University of Western Ontario in London. My career after that was in management – first with a consulting firm, McKinsey, then with manufacturing companies; American Optical, General Electric and Asea Brown Boveri, all in Southern Ontario - Toronto and Peterborough. I moved back to Winnipeg in 1993 and worked in management for two smaller manufacturers.

Q. Did you meet your spouse here?

My first wife was from nearby Kane. A few years after our divorce, I moved back to Winnipeg, and connected with Carolyn Vogt, who I had known in university. We married in 1996.

Q. Did you raise any children?

With my first wife, we had two children, Jennifer, and Andrew in Ontario. Both are university graduates, married, and call Victoria home. Andrew is dad to twins, Ariana and Owen and they are a big part of our lives. Carolyn's son, Dan, is the chef at a golf resort in Courtenay so all our kids are on Vancouver Island.

Q. Do you have extended family living here?

There are many Peckover cousins living in the Sperling district and surrounding area, and we try to stay in touch.

Q. What do you do now?

Well, I retired in 2002. After Carolyn's retirement from nursing education, we started spending winters in Victoria. We moved full time to Victoria in 2015.

Q. What passes your leisure time? Hobbies? Sports?

I'm an avid reader, crossword and puzzle solver, amateur genealogist, and daily walker. No more sports at age 79.

Q. Have you travelled for leisure and where?

We have travelled to Europe several times, we come back to Manitoba every summer, and sometimes to Ontario.

Q. Any future plans or to do list?

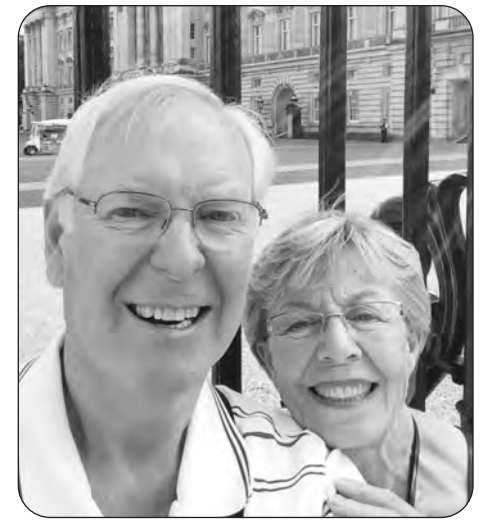
We do want to get back to Europe, but we don't have a "bucket list" – we are happy with all we have done, and if our fate is to live quietly in Victoria, that is just fine.

Q. Do you ever return to Sperling?

After so many years, we don't know many people there, but we do a drive around every time we come back.

Q. What are some of your fondest memories of your Sperling days?

It was a great little place to grow up; the school and the rink were central to our lives: sports, Christmas concerts, playing hide and seek, "give me



Glenn and Carolyn Peckover

a wave", bicycling all around town, Halloween antics. Sperling memories are all about the people! Starting in about 2003, some of my Sperling schoolmates and I started to get together a couple of times a year for lunches or "happy hours" in Winnipeg. The reunions we had are very fond memories. The school reunion of 1987, when something like 700 gathered on a weekend, then similar gatherings for our 2001 centennial, and our 2005 Homecoming. For the Homecoming, I wrote a play about Sperling's history, getting actors together, and staging it in the cemetery. A video of the play is available on YouTube.

Q. Any last words you wish to send to our readers?

I had a website created after the 2005 Homecoming, "sperling.ca", and I have a Facebook page, "Sperling, Manitoba". For anyone interested, they are a way to share memories and keep some of our history alive.

Headingley RCMP attend collision, lay drug trafficking charges

By Lana Meier

Headingley RCMP received a report of a single-vehicle collision on Highway 3 near Brunkild at approximately 8:10 a.m. on April 10. When police attended the scene, the vehicle had been in the northwest ditch and was being towed out. It appears the vehicle had hit the ditch at approximately 1 a.m.

The male driver seemed impaired while a female was found sleeping in the backseat. A search of the vehicle was performed after illegal cigarettes were discovered on the driver. It uncovered crack, cocaine, drug trafficking paraphernalia,

and an undisclosed amount of Canadian currency.

A 43-year-old man from Steinbach and a 21-year-old woman from the RM of Ste. Anne were arrested and charged with Possession of a Controlled Substance and Possession for the Purpose of Trafficking.

Officers used the roadside Approved Drug Screening Equipment on the driver, and it came back positive for cocaine. Charges are pending.

Both suspects were released with a future court date. The driver also had his licence revoked.



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Headingley RCMP arrested and charged a male and a female with Possession of a Controlled Substance and Possession for the Purpose of Trafficking.

Pembina Counselling working to meet rising demand

By Lorne Stelmach

Pembina Counselling Centre continues to see an ever-increasing need for its services, but there may be both good and bad in that unfortunate reality.

It is a challenge for the not-for-profit organization to keep up with the demand, but one can at least be thankful that people are seeking out help, executive director Chris Derksen suggested last week as PCC prepared for its upcoming spring fundraiser.

"I try to look at it positively in that I think, by and large, the stigma around struggling with mental health is declining, and so I think people are feeling more open to the idea of asking for help. I think that's a good thing," he said. "I definitely think there are a lot of circumstances that are stressing people. There certainly are things that are concerning to us.

"We're seeing way more youth than we used to ... again, you can see that as a negative, as they are under a lot of stress ... perhaps in the past those services weren't as available to children or parents never had that possibility or that resource to help children."

PCC holds its spring fundraiser featuring comedian Phil Callaway of

Laugh Again on Thursday, April 18 at 7 p.m. at the Winkler Mennonite Brethren Church. Tickets are free, but people need to register by calling 204-822-6622 or e-mailing reception@pc-cmb.ca.

The fundraiser is vital to the organization, as half of their income comes from client fees but the other half needs to be raised through grants and donations.

"We've grown by so much in the last four years," Derksen shared. "Our budget has literally doubled since 2019 to now, and we more than doubled our counsellors from three in 2019 to eight currently, and we might be adding another one.

"Like any business, the more we grow, the more it costs to operate, so we've having to look at other sources of funding, but this certainly is our primary fundraiser for the year, although we might be doing another one in September."

Derksen noted it is a positive that they have been able to return to doing events like this now post-pandemic.

"We want it to be a really great time of fellowship," he said. "Coming back into doing live events, we wanted to do something special with it."

The evening will also be a bit shorter than in the past, with the entertainment and a bit of an update on the centre. Though they are a faith-based organization, Derksen stressed the performance and evening overall is open and accessible to everyone.

"It's faith-based, but it doesn't make it inaccessible to people who don't hold any faith at all ... it's open to everyone."

And he added the support of event sponsors like Access Credit Union makes a big difference.

"Every donation raised beyond that goes directly to our programming, goes directly to providing support to those who can't afford the full cost of counselling."

Looking ahead, Derksen touched on their plans to add a ninth counsellor.

"Our mission is to serve the Pembina Valley as best as we can, and with the demand not diminishing, we are in need of more people to do it," he said. "Our waiting list doesn't seem to be getting any shorter unfortunately.

"We're doing our best to grapple with that, but really the only way to do that is to add more counsellors," Derksen said. "It's overwhelming ... we've gone from three to eight coun-



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Pembina Counselling Centre's Chris Derksen says the non-profit is working hard to meet the rising demand for their services.

sellors in four years, and just when you think we will start to chip away at that waiting list, it just continues to go up.

"There is certainly a big demand for counselling, and we are doing our best to help meet it."

Phil Callaway to speak at PCC fundraiser on April 18

By Lorne Stelmach

The increasing demand for the services of an organization like Pembina Counselling Centre (PCC) is exactly why Phil Callaway does what he does as an author and speaker.

The host of Laugh Again is known



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Humorist Phil Callaway is the guest speaker at the Pembina Counselling Centre's spring fundraiser later this month.

worldwide for his humorous yet perceptive look at life, and he sees that people in this day and age increasingly need to be cheered up.

"That's essentially what I do," said Callaway, who is featured at the April 18 spring fundraiser in support of PCC at the Winkler Mennonite Brethren Church.

"A big part of what I do is storytelling. That's really where it all started, telling stories of hope in the midst of difficulties, which is something that is what I have really built my career on ... learning to laugh when life stinks."

Callaway is the best-selling author of more than 30 books and booklets, and he is the host of Laugh Again, a ministry of The Good News Broadcasting Association of Canada.

Laugh Again is a humour and storytelling-based program that strives to engage people of all backgrounds with a message of hope and joy found in a daily growing relationship with God and the Bible. It can be enjoyed on radio, web, mobile app, podcast, YouTube and multiple print resources.

All of these family-friendly programs and resources feature Callaway as he focuses on real-life matters

communicated through humorous stories that engage people with both practical and biblical wisdom.

He sees this career path as having its foundation in his upbringing.

"I come from a family where my mom and dad, but particularly my mom, had mental health issues, and so my start in comedy was cheering her up and getting her to laugh when I was just five," he shared. "So that was just a natural response for me to trouble and discovered it was fairly magical," said Callaway. "She would get up out of bed if I did it fairly right ... she would go to the kitchen and fix me breakfast, so it was my first paying gig."

He continues to do a lot of fundraising events and always likes opportunities to support organizations that are doing worthwhile things.

"I used to speak a hundred times a year, but we've cut down on that," he said, noting he now wants to spend more time with family as well.

"I just love doing it. I love being around people and watching them laugh, but then to do fundraisers for organizations that are doing something substantial ... that's a bonus.

"It's a challenging time ... the sta-

tistics are rather alarming when it comes to depression," Callaway said in reflecting on the need for organizations like Pembina Counselling Centre. "They're doing substantial work, so we need to stand behind them.

"People need wise counsel and they're not getting enough of it," he said. "We're in a culture and time where people are discouraged and down and broken and struggling, so when a place like this is over-run ... if I can help them raise some money by bringing them some hope to an audience and giving them something to laugh about then it's right in the centre of where I want to be."

PCC executive director Chris Derksen said Callaway very much fits with their vision and mission.

"We had Phil here a number of years ago, and we thought it was a good time to bring him back," he said. "They say laughter is the best medicine, and truly laughter is a great way to deal with whatever stress there is at the moment."

Tickets for the event are free but need people to register by calling 204-822-6622 or e-mailing reception@pc-cmb.ca.

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Monday April 29, 2024 at 7:00 pm

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RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF GREY NOTICE OF NOMINATIONS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on the following days:
Thursday, April 25th, 2024
Friday, April 26th, 2024
Monday, April 29th, 2024
Tuesday, April 30th, 2024
Wednesday, May 1st, 2024

between the hours of **8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.** at the Rural Municipality of Grey Municipal Office located at **27 Church Avenue East, Elm Creek, Manitoba**

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Nominations deadline is Wednesday, May 1st, 2024 at 4:30 p.m. Nominations cannot be accepted after this time.

All nominations shall be made in writing and shall be signed by at least twenty-five voters or NOT less than 1% of the voters (whichever is the lesser) of the authority or ward (as the case may be), but in all cases by at least two voters. Each nomination shall also be accompanied by the candidate's declaration of qualification.

Nominations must be filed in person at the above location on the dates and hours specified. To obtain a nomination paper, and/or candidate's declaration of qualification, contact the S.E.O. at the address or telephone number listed below.

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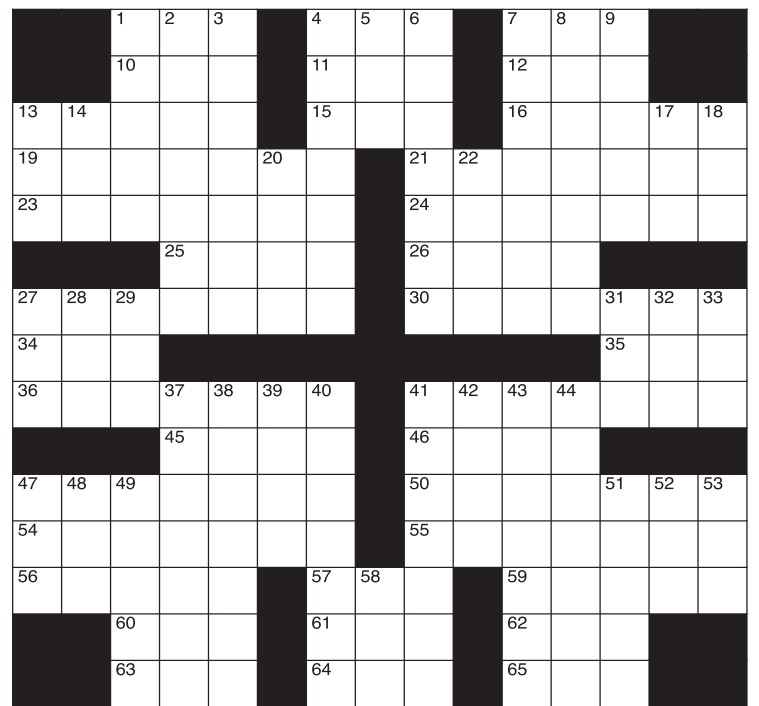
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CLUES ACROSS

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4. For each
7. Airborne (abbr.)
10. Photographs
11. They ___
12. It's important in respiration (abbr.)
13. Monetary unit
15. Cool!
16. A son of Jacob
19. Cut off
21. Devour
23. Agent of one's downfall
24. Best
25. Network of nerves
26. Partner to "oohs"
27. Origins
30. Sewing utensil
34. Alias
35. Swiss river
36. Greek mythological figure
41. Type of whiskey
45. Lay to rest
46. "Rule, Britannia" composer
47. Select jury
50. Feeling
54. Action regarded as morally wrong
55. Makes angry
56. Act incorrectly
57. Defensive nuclear weapon
59. Class of escort aircraft carrier
60. To what degree
61. Buzzing insect
62. The human foot
63. "The Leftovers" actress Dowd
64. A place to stay
65. Sun up in New York

CLUES DOWN

1. An involuntary muscular contraction



2. Earnest
3. Cuts out surgically
4. Can't move
5. Baseball stat
6. British soldier
7. Traditional medicine plants
8. Political party controlled by managers
9. Hebrew prophet
13. Supporter
14. Relative biological effectiveness (abbr.)
17. Liberty Mutual mascot
18. Georgia rockers
20. A place where building is done
22. Large, deep-bodied fish
27. Clothing retailer
28. Supplement with difficulty
29. Annoy constantly
31. Founder of Babism


32. Indigenous person in parts of Asia
33. Sea eagle
37. Leave behind
38. Time of day
39. Colorless crystalline compound
40. They lay out course requirements
41. A diamond has three
42. Algerian coastal city
43. Remove cover
44. Rechristened
47. Distinctive practice
48. Defunct phone company
49. Turkish officer of high rank
51. Eliminate from the body
52. Witness
53. Soviet Socialist Republic
58. Founding Father Franklin



**1.0 FTE PRINCIPAL/TEACHER
Competition #2024-04
Nellie McClung Collegiate (Manitou)**

Prairie Spirit School Division invites applications for a **1.0 FTE Teaching Principal** position to commence September 3rd, 2024. Deadline for applications: **Noon April 23rd, 2024.**

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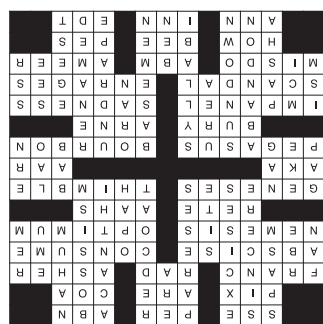
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7:00 P.M.**

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AGENDA ITEMS:

- Annual report of the Board & Management to the membership
- Presentation of the audited financial statements
- Appointment of auditors
- Election of Directors
- Bylaw Amendment - Bylaw Change Proposal - 7.07 Priority of Payment

Current Bylaw

If the Cooperative resolves to repurchase membership shares from or repay patronage loans to members, they must do so in the following order of priority:

- to deceased members whose death has been reported to the Cooperative;
- to members who have reached the age of 70 years;
- to members who have moved out of the area served by the Cooperative;
- to the remaining members on a proportionate basis;
- and to members whose membership has been withdrawn or terminated.

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OBITUARY



Clive Yates Stacey
October 2, 1957 – April 8, 2024

With extreme sorrow I announce the passing of my beloved husband and father, Clive Stacey, at Carman Memorial Hospital on April 8, 2024 at the age of 66 years.

In his passing he leaves behind his devoted wife of 38 years, Pat; and three children Charlene (Brad), Ian (Bren) and Danielle. He is also survived by his sister Jan (Bill); brothers Peter (Liz), Nick and Phil; and nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by his parents Derek and Mollie.

Clive immigrated to Canada in 1982 with his parents and younger brothers where they dairy farmed in the Haywood area. In the 90's he decided to give truck driving a try. He did this until his health declined and retired at the age of 63.

He enjoyed cooking and spending time with family, friends,

camping and his dogs.

A private family service will be held.

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OBITUARY

Gordon Earl Taylor

On Tuesday, April 9, 2024, surrounded by family, Gordon peacefully passed away at the Carman Memorial Hospital at age 92.

Gordon was born in Carman, MB, to Earl and Gladys Taylor. He grew up on the family farm, the third of four children. He moved to Winnipeg in his late teens and worked at various jobs, one of which was driving for Home Provisioners delivering bread to people's homes. He married Shirley Welch in 1952. They built a house in St. Vital and lived in it until 1959 when they and their (then) four children moved to the family farm east of Carman. Their fifth child was born at Carman a few months after they moved there.



Gordon had a mixed farming operation for many years and then switched to just growing crops. In the early 1970's, he started working at the post office in Winnipeg to supplement the farming income. Each work day he drove to Winnipeg, drove his postal route and then drove back home. In January 1975, he was stranded in a blizzard for 34 hours while getting home from work and after he was rescued, he spent many weeks in the hospital recovering from frostbite. Prior to this event, he had never been bothered by the cold, but afterwards he really felt the cold, so he wasn't able to return to his job at the post office. Later, he taught Driver's Education to high school students for many years. He and Mom started going south for a few months in the winters, first to Florida and then Weslaco, Texas. They moved off the farm and into Carman in 2002. Mom passed away four months before their 50th Anniversary.

Gordon met Rosie in Texas and they were married in 2003. They lived in Texas for the winters and Carman for the summers. They did quite a bit of travelling, including several cruises while their health still permitted. Rosie passed away shortly before their 13th Anniversary.

Gordon had a great sense of humour and a down-to-earth way of living. He didn't need anything fancy, but just wanted good quality. He liked to be kept informed about the pursuits and achievements of his family members. He was a faithful member of the Carman Church of Christ.

Gordon was predeceased by his brother Harold, his wife Shirley, and his wife Rosie.

He is survived by his children – Al (Nancy) Taylor of Warman, SK, Wendy (Graham) Bell of Steinbach, MB, Kim (Glen) Knutson of Carman, MB, Bill (Jo-Ann) Taylor of Carman, MB, Wayne (Collette) Taylor of Carman, MB, 17 grandchildren and 30 great-grandchildren. He is also survived by his sister Myrtle Pritchard and his sister Ruby MacKenzie, as well as his sisters-in-law Celia Drever and Thelma Welch.

Gordon was able to live in his own home until just a few months ago. The family is very grateful and thankful to the many caregivers from Home Care who helped him with his various needs at home. Also, many heartfelt thanks to the hospital staff who cared so well for him during his time in the hospital.

A Celebration of Life will take place at the Church of Christ in Carman, Manitoba on Sunday, May 5, 2024 at 3:00 p.m. with Glen Knutson officiating. Interment will take place in the Greenwood Cemetery, Carman

In lieu of flowers, Memorial Donations may be made to the Carman Food Bank.

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PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Subsection 162(2) of the Municipal Act that Council for the Rural Municipality of Thompson intends to present its Financial Plan for the fiscal year 2024 at a public hearing located at:

Miami Civic Centre
530 Norton Avenue, Miami, MB
Thursday April 25, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.

Council will hear any person who wishes to make representation, ask questions or register an objection to the Financial Plan. Copies of the Financial Plan will be made available for upon request, via e-mail or telephone.

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> MEAL IDEAS



Apple Ricotta Crepes

1/8 teaspoon nutmeg
salt, to taste
maple syrup
Ricotta Filling:
1 cup ricotta cheese
1 lemon, zest and juice only
2-3 tablespoons sugar, or to taste
To make crepes: In bowl, combine flour, sugar and salt. Add milk, eggs and vanilla then, using whisk, combine thoroughly. Mixture should be silky smooth. Refrigerate.

To make apple topping: In pan over medium heat, heat butter and brown sugar until bubbly and golden.

Add apples, cinnamon, nutmeg and salt, to taste; cook over medium-low heat until apples are soft. Turn off heat and finish with maple syrup.

To make ricotta filling: Combine ricotta, lemon zest, lemon juice and sugar, mix well and set aside.

In nonstick pan over medium-low heat, melt small amount of butter.

Add one ladle crepe batter, cook until bubbles form, flip and cook until golden. Repeat with remaining batter. Stack crepes to keep warm and soft.

Spread ricotta mixture thinly onto crepes and fold into quarters. Top with apple mixture and serve.

Yield: 12 crepes (2-3 crepes per serving)

Crepes:
1 cup flour
1 tablespoon sugar
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 cup whole milk
2 eggs
1 teaspoon vanilla
butter, for cooking
Apple Topping:
butter
2 tablespoons brown sugar
Envy Apples, sliced or cubed
1/2 teaspoon cinnamon



Apple, Tomato and Goat Cheese Frittata

1 Envy Apple, small diced
1/2 cup sundried tomatoes, chopped
4 ounces goat cheese, crumbled
2 tablespoons thinly sliced chives
Preheat oven to 350 F.

In large mixing bowl, whisk eggs, hot pepper sauce, salt, pepper and milk until well combined.

Stir in apples, tomatoes, goat cheese and chives until well combined.

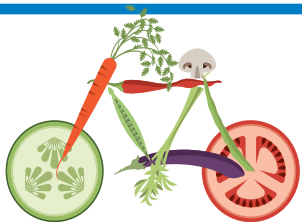
Using 1/3 measuring cup, spoon frittata mixture into oven-safe large skillet or 9-by-9-inch pan.

Bake 25-30 minutes, or until eggs are set.

Let cool slightly then serve.

6 eggs
1 teaspoon hot pepper sauce
2 teaspoons kosher salt
2 turns fresh cracked pepper
1/4 cup whole milk

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Let's start with fixed income investing which is often overlooked because it isn't as exciting as buying and selling stocks. It's primarily a rules-based philosophy that takes all emotion out of the equation. You simply follow the rules and get a solid return. Laddering is the most common method and today there's \$11 trillion invested this way in Canada alone. When you look at the markets from a long-term perspective, fixed income portfolios win every time. They're not as glamorous as picking stock, however because of their stability and security, almost all large corporate and government pension funds are done through this method. One thing you must remember with fixed income products is that they consist mostly of different types of bonds and buying them is like buying real estate. That means, you can't turn around and sell them immediately after the purchase like you can with stock. The way it works is, you buy them at a discount, and then they mature at par. Meaning on the maturity date you know exactly what you're going to get. Most people who invest in real estate and want a tangible asset, choose to diversify their investments in institutional bonds because of the similarities. At the retail bank level, you could also consider structured notes as an alternative fixed income strategy.

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Christine Ibbotson

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Good Luck and Best Wishes,
Money Lady

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