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Pedersen on final year of political career

By Becca Myskiw

It was a year of big changes for Midland MLA Blaine Pedersen.

At the beginning of 2021, Pedersen was the minister of the Department of Agriculture and Resource Development. He said going into the year, they had a number of priorities as a cabinet, one of which was putting together a water strategy group to address all facets of water usage. The department reached a federal-provincial agreement enhancing the AgriStability program. They created a recreational fishing regulation proposal that received "widespread approval" from fishers. Work continues within the department on eco-certification of commercial fisheries. They also held another successful crown land lease auction in February along with the many day-to-day happenings.

On July 17, Pedersen announced that he was stepping back from his cabinet duties to spend more time on his constituency duties. He also announced he would complete his current term as the MLA for Midland but will not be seeking re-election in the next provincial general election. He said anyone who wants to succeed him as the PC candidate should contact him.

"Looking back on the year two things obviously

stand out," said Pedersen. "The continuing pandemic and the continuing drought conditions. Manitobans have persevered with the pandemic by getting vaccinated and following the public health orders. As for the drought, water restrictions continue, and we will need some significant precipitation to replenish our water reserves."

For 2022, Pedersen and his team will continue to work on drought-proofing the Midland region, which covers the communities of Carman, Morris, St. Claude, La Salle, Elm Creek, and Starbuck. He said the area will see highway infrastructure renewal in the new year and agriculture and manufacturing will "continue to be strong", while hospitality and tourism shows signs of rebounding.

"We all hope the pandemic will be a thing of the past by next December," said the MLA. "Health care, mental health, surgical and diagnostic backlogs have all taken a toll on everyone."

Pedersen's current term will end on the next set election date which Oct. 3, 2023, unless one is called sooner. He's served as the MLA for Midland since 2007 and served three terms since then. Along with that, he has over 30 years of experience in farming in cattle and grain.

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Midland MLA Blaine Pedersen



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Manitoba Public Insurance to issue third rebate in less than two years

Submitted by MPI

Manitoba Public Insurance customers can expect a rebate cheque in mid-February 2022.

This rebate of \$312 million will result in about \$328 rebated to an average private passenger policy. It's estimated about 578,000 cheques will be issued. Customers planning a change of address should notify MPI no later than January 12, 2022 to ensure they receive their rebate cheque. Rebate amounts of \$10 or less will be credited to the customer's account.

This is the third MPI COVID-19 rebate in less than two years. In total, MPI will have provided rebates of nearly \$500 million to its policy holders \$110 million in May 2020 and \$69 million in December 2020.

This latest rebate was made possible due to a combination of fewer claims during the COVID-19 period and continued strong financial results. The rebate is calculated on the Basic Autopac premiums paid between November 22, 2020 and December 9, 2021 and is expected to be about 27 per cent of the customer's annual Basic Autopac premium.

Corrections

Staff

In the Dec. 16 edition of the *Carman Dufferin Standard*, we published the story "Giving challenge gets local foundations more than a combined \$76K". In the story, we wrote that Access Credit Union gave stretch dollars to both foundations, but in actual fact they only gave to the Carman Area Foundation.

The Miami and Area Community Foundation also received a total of \$22,295.

In the Dec. 23 issue of the *Carman Dufferin Standard*, the article "Back Door only \$70K away from \$1 million goal on capital project", should have included Homewood Agro manager's full name, Dave Van de Velde.

We also published Pembina Co-op general manager's first name as Chris, when it should have said Curtis Lehoullier.

The *Standard* apologizes for the errors.

Bergen focused on bringing community together



Portage Lisgar MP Candice Bergen

By Becca Myskiw

The past year brought a costly campaign and re-election for MP Candice Bergen.

Going into 2021, the Portage-Lisgar Member of Parliament was hopeful the global pandemic would be on its last legs. But, she said in early January, the Conservatives focused on recovery through the forms of vaccines and testing.

"Conservatives continually called on the Liberal government to act faster so Canadians can move on," she said. "I realized quickly that a priority for the riding was going to be bringing people together who were divided over the vaccine issue."

The businesses in the area also needed government support, she said. The

Conservatives "continually pushed" the Liberal government to deliver the much-needed supports, Bergen working personally to stand up for her peoples' freedoms while encouraging them to protect themselves and their loved ones. She said her party effectively got programs, vaccines, and testing for the country.

Outside of COVID-19, she focused on getting reliable cellular phone and internet coverage for Portage-Lisgar residents along with drought recovery.

"I think my priorities as the Member of Parliament and as the Conservative Deputy Leader were achieved," she said. "Whenever my colleagues and I asked the tough questions, results always followed."

Later in the year, Trudeau called the federal election, and Bergen was up against several candidates seeking election for the first time. She is pleased to continue being the voice for her area in Ottawa.

That election, however, was very costly to Canada. Bergen said the Conservative message "resonated with Canadians" and they picked up seats in areas they haven't had in years.

"While I was disappointed we didn't form government, I'm confident that when Canadians go to the polls next time, Conservatives will once again form government," she said.

Bergen said she is going to continue working on bringing her people together in 2022.

YouTube channel reaching Low German speakers around the world

By Ashleigh Viveiros

A Winkler man is becoming something of a celebrity as his Low German YouTube channel racks up views from around the world.

A couple of years ago, Abe Wall was puttering around the getaway he owns out in the Pembina hills south of Morden.

"One day I was sitting there bored, I needed something to do, so I thought I'd make a short little video," he recalls. "I happened to put it on YouTube. And I got so much response for it."

So he made another video, and another, and just like that, Schtrucklaunt Manitoba was born.

The first few uploads saw the retired truck driver simply chatting in Low German, but then he decided to put the kitchen he had up at the cabin to good use.

"I started making cooking videos and telling stories from the past in Mexico, and people were so interested and there were all these comments,"

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SCREENSHOTS: SCHTRUCKLAUNT MANITOBA

Abe Wall has been posting videos to his YouTube channel for the past two years where he shares recipes or tells stories—all in Low German.

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Temporary suspensions at Carman Memorial Hospital- beginning Jan. 4

By Becca Myskiw

Carman Memorial Hospital will not be doing inpatient and emergency department services for the next several weeks.

Effective Jan. 4, the hospital will be doing "necessary upgrades" to the facility's heating and ventilation system. CEO of Southern Health-Santé Sud Jane Curtis announced the services suspensions in a news release on Dec. 31.

"Necessary remediation to the facility's HVAC system has been identified and is being prioritized for repair so that the facility is able to return to its full, normal operations as soon as possible," she said.

The hospital's enhanced primary care, lab, and diagnostics services will remain available while the upgrades happen along with home care and community health services. Curtis said community members in need of urgent or emergency care should call 911 or visit their nearest emergency department.

Health centres in Southern Health with open emergency departments are the Altona Community Memorial Health Centre in Altona, the Morris

General Hospital in Morris, Centre de santé Notre-Dame Health Centre in Notre Dame de Lourdes, Portage District General Hospital in Portage la Prairie, Centre medico-social De Salaberry District Health Centre in St. Pierre-Jolys, Hôpital Ste-Anne Hospital in Ste. Anne, Bethesda Regional Health Centre in Steinbach, and Boundary Trails Health Centre in Winkler. Curtis said she expects the repairs at Carman Memorial Hospital to take several weeks, requiring the facility to suspend said services from Jan. 4 to mid-February. Southern Health will communicate a re-opening date with the community as construction progresses.

Carman Memorial Hospital is a 25-bed facility with a 12-hour emergency department. Inpatients are those waiting for placement in a personal care home (PCH), so the current ones there will be transferred to an appropriate available space within the region. Patients needing emergency services in Carman will be directed to the 24-hour emergency department at the Portage District General Hospital or the Boundary Trails Health Centre. A primary care service is also being

established within the emergency department space.

Carman Memorial Hospital staff in the affected departments will be "re-deployed" to other regional sites in Portage la Prairie, Morden, and Winkler where they'll treat both COVID and non-COVID patients.

Physicians, lab staff, and diagnostics staff will remain onsite to give primary care services, outpatients services, and lab and diagnostic needs.

"We understand that this announcement will cause some concern within the community; however, we want to reassure the public that health services remain available at nearby facilities and in emergency by calling 911," said Dr. Denis Fortier, chief medical officer for Southern Health. "We are also working on establishing primary care services within the emergency department space to support the local community. This renovation is necessary for our longer-term response to COVID-19 and other community health needs and comes at a time when our occupancy in the facility is quite low."

Community members can call the hospital at (204)745-2021 for more information if needed.

COVID in Southern Health RHA following the holidays

By Becca Myskiw

As of the first day of 2022, there are 1,227 active COVID cases in the Southern Health-Santé Sud region.

The test positivity rate is currently at 30.7 per cent in the province, though chief provincial public health officer Dr. Brent Roussin said he expects that number to be higher due to the rapid testing. Specific sites and organizations can now give people rapid antigen tests for COVID-19 rather than the polymerase chain reaction (PCR) test. As of Dec. 27, Manitobans who are symptomatic and vaccinated have been given self-administered tests to take home. They swab their nose and get the results within 15 minutes.

If their first result is negative, they must take another rapid test in 24 hours. If that one is negative again, they take the third one on the third

day. Finally, if any of the tests come back positive, the person must return to a testing site to receive a PCR test to confirm their rapid test result.

Because of this, public health won't be receiving the total numbers of people showing up for COVID testing, making the overall test positivity rate higher. The first sites to be giving out the rapid tests were at 1066 Nairn Ave in Winnipeg, 125 King Edward St. in Winnipeg, 1 Research Rd. at the University of Manitoba, and 100 Easton Dr. in Selkirk. 20 Manitoba Families social services offices across the province also received kits, with some also going to Community Living Disability Services clients and to family service agencies working with vulnerable clients. Southern Health-Santé Sud currently has 1,227 cases, with 41 of those people currently in hospital, 10

of them in ICU. There have been a total of 288 deaths in the health region due to COVID-19.

There were 9,924 active virus cases in Manitoba as of Jan. 1 and 148 of those people are in hospital, and 27 in ICU. To date, 1,392 people have died due to COVID-19. There are outbreaks in the Village View Lodge in Plumage with two cases, Lions Prairie Manor in Portage la Prairie two cases, Manitoba Developmental Centre in Portage la Prairie with 20 cases and Salem Home in Winkler with seven cases.

Due to the province's backlog, people are currently waiting upwards of seven days for their COVID-19 test results. Manitoba also recently changed the required isolation period for those who test positive for COVID-19 from 10 days to five, barring no symptoms are still showing.

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Carman sees numerous accomplishments in 2021

By Becca Myskiw

According to mayor Brent Owen, the Town of Carman had "quite a year".

The year started with the council working on planning, budgets, infrastructure projects, and community grants. What wasn't like any other, though, was that the province was in lockdown.

"With all indoor recreation facilities shuttered, it was the great outdoors, where people met and participated in the many activities," said Owen.

The town established a miniature outdoor skating rink in King's Park next to the new toboggan slide. Carman Dufferin Recreation had 50 pairs of snowshoes for the community to borrow; the Boyne River gave everyone countless hours of entertainment with ice hockey, walking trails, and skating until it thawed in March.

"People from far and wide enjoyed this newfound asset," he said. "The volunteer efforts, along with the creativity in cleaning, flooding, and maintaining the ice was phenomenal."

The town's new waste management program with MWM Environmental was also rolled out in the spring, giving every resident new carts for their trash and recycling. In 2021, the Town completed its street rehabilitation program; Additional water dis-

tribution lines were added along with the inspection, cleaning, and lining of sewer lines. The new water reservoir was also brought online. The town now has potable water provided by the Pembina Valley Water Co-op.

Summer brought 70 growing plots at the Carman Community Garden, summer day camps at King's Park, a full pool, busy splash pad, bouncing tennis courts, buzzing campground, and a busy museum. The Carman Fairgrounds saw the Denim and Dust Barrel Racing Series throughout the summer, which brought people from all over Manitoba to the town.

"The town looked magnificent as always with the flowers from Vanderveens," said Owen. "The new planters and park by Riverview also contributed to the town's beautification."

Another milestone for Carman (and surrounding communities) this year was completing the new Boyne Lodge Personal Care Home, which won the Economic Developers Association of Manitoba Project of the Year award. The Carman Blue Crescent Hotel and Tim Hortons opened their doors for business, as well as Valley Fiber continuing their infrastructure in town to get everyone reliable phone, internet, and TV services.

"As we look forward to 2022, the resiliency and



Town of Carman mayor Brent Owen
hard work of our community will once again prove that no obstacle will hinder progress," said Owen.

Manitoba to delay return to school to Jan. 10, 2022

Submitted by Manitoba government

Manitoba will delay the return to school for students following the winter break to Jan. 10, 2022, to give public health officials additional time to assess the risk of the omicron variant in Manitoba and what changes might be needed on the return to school in early January, Education Minister Cliff Cullen announced last month.

"As we begin the holiday break across Manitoba schools, the Manitoba government would like to thank students, teachers, school staff, school leaders, school divisions, parents and caregivers for ensuring schools have been safe and open for in-class learning since September," said Cullen. "But right now, things are changing rapidly and public health has recommended a slight delay to the return to school. This will give them more time to better assess the risk and look at options for the new year."

Most students were scheduled to return to school on Jan. 6. The change means school staff will return on Jan. 6 for professional learning and to prepare for the continuation of learning, and students will return on Jan. 10. Many childcare centres will remain open for children under the age of 12 to ensure families can continue to access needed childcare services.

The minister noted the delayed return to school would also provide more time for the distribution of rapid tests to schools provincewide. In ad-

dition to vaccination, staying home when one is sick, using masks and reducing contacts, the minister noted rapid tests are another tool that can be used to help screen for cases and provide peace of mind to parents and caregivers.

"We appreciate your understanding and will share any additional information about the return to school as we learn more about the variant and what this means for schools," said Dr. Brent Roussin, Manitoba's chief provincial public health officer. "We have recommended this delay to a return to school in addition to the restrictions under the public health orders and I want to remind Manitobans of the importance of keeping gathering sizes small to allow a safer return to school in the new year."

Roussin noted those eligible to receive a booster vaccine for COVID-19 are encouraged to make appointments or visit a walk-in clinic during the break to better protect themselves and others.

"Again, we extend our thanks to everyone for their efforts over the last several months," said Cullen. "I encourage everyone to do their part to keep schools safe as students head back to class in January by getting vaccinated, minimizing contacts over the holiday break, monitoring for symptoms and, of course, getting tested and staying home when sick."

Manitobans showing signs and

symptoms of COVID-19 should use the online COVID-19 screening tool at <https://sharedhealthmb.ca/covid19/screening-tool/> and visit a provincial

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PRSD working to get back to normal in 2021-22

By Becca Myskiw

It was another COVID-focused year for Prairie Rose School Division (PRSD), and superintendent Terry Osiowy is hoping that's things improve for 2022.

"Overall, it's been a challenging year," he said. "I was hoping as the year started the pandemic would've settled, but it continues so we're still working through restrictions and public health orders changing."

He said it feels like they're going into 2022 the same way they went into 2021 — with a focus on keeping their students and staff safe. However, this school year, they were able to bring back extracurricular sports and clubs, something the students didn't have in the 2020-21 school year.

The last school year was focused on academics. Students were in cohorts and at school strictly to learn. This year, PRSD removed the cohorts, added back activities, and gave the students much needed interactions.

"It's important for mental wellness, physical wellness," said Osiowy. "Last

year was focused on academics but not socializing, the arts, or physical wellness. That part of their growth really didn't happen."

He said the resiliency of his staff over the last year has been exceptional. They didn't see a lot of retirements due to teachers being tired of the restrictions — Osiowy said they stayed, and he's proud of their commitment to their schools and communities.

To keep their students safe, PRSD received funding for Safe Schools Starts so they were able to hire more educational assistants to help their teachers out in the classroom. They've also been monitoring and improving their school's ventilation systems, and staff has either shown proof of vaccination or getting tested for COVID-19 regularly.

The school division also introduced advanced placement (AP) math, science, and English classes. He said those have been moving well. Teachers have also been applying for the Teacher Idea Fund grants, and PRSD landed six projects from it.

"So, even though we're dealing with the pandemic, our schools are still looking at being innovative and creative," said Osiowy.

This past year also saw the introduction and elimination of Bill 64, which caused every educational staff member a lot of stress. It came with uncertainty and took a lot of focus away from the students, so when it was announced they wouldn't be moving forward with it, it was a huge relief for him and his staff.

"It was probably the most stressful experience that I have gone through as a superintendent in a time when we were trying to work through a pandemic," he said. "[The elimination] allowed all divisions to focus on our priorities. We're still knowing we'll see something in the future, but if Bill 64 was rolled out the way they wanted it to roll out, it would've been a disaster. It was happening too quick."

Moving into 2022, he's hoping his schools can get back to rebuilding and recovering projects they put on the backburner due to the pandem-



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Prairie Rose School Division (PRSD) superintendent Terry Osiowy is looking forward to 2022.

ic. PRSD is looking for more ways to provide its students with more career exploration opportunities. They're giving all teachers treaty education training from January to June and incorporating more Indigenous teachings into their classrooms.

Osiowy hopes that if 2022 is like 2021 in any way, it's that PRSD can keep all their students in class full-time again.

Province looking for public feedback on provincial park improvements

Submitted by Manitoba government

As a key part of its commitment to improve the quality and sustainability of provincial parks, the Manitoba government is inviting citizens to

share their opinions about needed improvements and priority areas in an online survey, Conservation and Climate Minister Sarah Guillemard announced last week.

"Earlier this year, our government announced the creation of the \$20-million Provincial Parks Endowment Fund to support projects that enhance the ecological integrity and

or public experiences at Manitoba provincial parks," said Guillemard. "In support of the funds, we are seeking citizen and stakeholder input to help identify priority project areas or themes for funding through the endowment."

The minister noted the annual public survey will help identify broad priority categories under which specific projects will receive funds as part of the endowment's grant process.

These categories, formally established under an endowment fund agreement with The Winnipeg Foundation, include: development and maintenance of trails, boardwalks and associated infrastructure; public-use facilities such as amphitheaters, shelters, day-use sites, playground equipment, docks and launches; park road maintenance; habitat restoration and enhancement; historical assets and cultural sites; campground enhancements; and interpretive infrastructure to support programming.

The engagement plan seeks input from all provincial park visitors and users, including day-use visitors, overnight campers, cottagers and commercial businesses operating within provincial parks, the minister said. The public will have the opportunity to provide suggestions on specific park projects they would like to see funded.

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Three year old Brooks Vanderveen makes a snow angel.



Ophelia Enns (4) found a tree to hide in.



Clementine Enns (1) all bundled for winter fun.



STANDARD PHOTOS BY AMBER ENNS
Micah (8), Ophelia (4) and Amos (6) Enns were enjoying the Christmas break outdoors.



PHOTOS BY BRENT TOURNIER
Merrick Tournier (4) and brother Berkley (6) were busy digging a snow fort during the holiday break.



PHOTO BY SCOTT VANDERVEEN
Austin (6) and Brooks Vanderveen (3) were making tracks on their snowmachine.

RM of Dufferin resilient according to Reeve Gray

By Becca Myskiw

The rural municipality (RM) of Dufferin spent 2021 focusing on the pandemic and aiding their citizens in staying safe during it.

Reeve George Gray said their number one priority was doing their part to help everyone follow health guidelines while maintaining a decent lifestyle. They supported masks, vaccinations, and social distancing through advertising in the Standard and any other means they found work.

"Our citizens responded as they normally do by following the provincial and federal guidelines with very positive results," he said. "We were able to keep the pandemic at bay and carry on with our lives."

Gray said with no snow from the 2022-21 winter and no spring runoff, the lake filled and ran over the spillway due to the groundwater supply and the Pembina Hills escarpment. The summer and its dry heat and lack of rain put the pressure on Stephenfield Lake to supply potable wa-

ter and agricultural water to the area, which was concerning with the low levels.

"We made it through with good decisions and conservations," he said. "If the drought continues into 2022 and beyond some very difficult decisions may have to be made. The drought in some parts of our area has had a negative effect on crop production. Any areas that sustained some timely rains were more fortunate with the crop production they harvested."

He said the municipality has a strong and resilient agricultural sector, and he hopes this winter will see enough snowfall to fill the lake for 2022. He also hopes for timely rains next summer to sustain good crop yields and hay production for the livestock and grain sectors.

In 2021, the public works department of the RM accomplished their priority projects as they usually do. Those projects included ditches, road building, mowing, and more.

In coordination with the Town of Carman, the RM of Dufferin rebuilt the "ring road" from Highway 13 to the cement plant — a total of 1,900 meters.

"The project worked out very well and due to population and sports fields will jointly be dust controlled," he said.

The RM also received a government grant from the province and working with the Town of Carman, they were able to provide emergency generator power at the firehall, RM shop, and the Carman Memorial Hall at no cost to residents.



RM of Dufferin reeve George Gray

"[Twenty twenty one] presented the usual challenges," said Gray. "We were able to accomplish a very successful year despite the pandemic and the ever-watchful eye on our water supply."

He thanks the community for being strong and resilient people who dealt with the pandemic as successfully as they did.



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BTHC Foundation 50/50 raises over \$58,000

Two healthcare workers at BTHC win, share winnings

By Lorne Stelmach

Two local health care workers are sharing the winnings from a fundraiser that is supporting the Boundary Trails Health Centre.

The winning ticket was drawn last week for the BTHC Foundation 50/50 raffle, and it belonged to Caitlin Wiebe, who purchased it with co-worker Shannon Klassen.

Wiebe, who is from St. Leon and works in the emergency department at BTHC, is sharing \$29,190 with Klassen, who is based in the dialysis department but also works casually in the emergency department and intensive care unit.

"I was just kind of shocked," said Wiebe when reached on Monday. "I'm not generally one to win things. A co-worker and I were talking about how it's kind of fun to think you might win even though you likely won't, but you at least hope it's someone you know."

She had no specific plans for her share of the money at this point.

"I'm still thinking about that; I haven't decided on something yet," said Wiebe.

"My first thought was no way, this can't be happening," said Klassen. "It was a total shock ... but an extremely nice surprise to win and to be able

to share it with a co-worker made it extra special."

The 50/50 raffle proved to be a popular draw, and it came with the added benefit that people purchasing tickets knew they would be giving something back to support the regional hospital.

Done for the first time last year, the jackpot then saw the winner take home over \$19,000, so this year's tally far exceeded expectations.

"We were all kind of thinking if we could reach \$40,000, that would be fantastic," said foundation chairperson Ben Friesen.

It was a fun bonus that two health care workers ended up sharing the prize, he added.

"It is kind of nice it ended up in the hospital with two health care workers. They all have put in so much extra time over the last two years, so for two of them to share the prize is really nice."

"It represents about 10 per cent of our base budget for palliative care and spiritual care," Friesen noted of the \$29,120 that will support local health care, which also received a major boost from the very successful Donation Conversation fundraiser which reached over \$230,000 for palliative care, spiritual care, and equipment needs at the hospital.

"We started the donation conversation because we weren't able to hold our fundraising events, and this was another idea that we came up with," said Friesen. "So it all turned out fantastic."

Boyne River trail open for 2022 winter season

By Becca Myskiw

The Boyne River trail is frozen and open for all to enjoy.

Residents who live along the river got the hidden gem going this year after a very successful 2020/21 on it. They brought their equipment onto the ice, cleared a pathway, and checked the ice thickness before deeming it safe for the community.

"The water levels are definitely lower than we would like them to be, so we are hoping for a lot of snow," said Tracy Enns of the Boyne River Keepers.

The Town of Carman let the organization know they didn't want anyone stepping foot onto the frozen waterway before Christmas, so they put staff nearby to keep a close eye on it at all times.

After the holiday, however, people were lacing up their skates and heading out to enjoy the town's attraction. It became popular last year when the warm winter weather and COVID-19 restrictions forced people to enjoy the outdoors.

"It was great for Carman to bring tourists to the area," said Enns. "We talked to people from all over Manitoba and beyond. There definitely has been a decline in the number of people that are using it, but it has also been very cold. Hopefully the weather will improve, and we can all get out there once again."

The trail was closed for a few days near the end of 2021 due to an abundance of snow, but that has since been



A resident clears the path on the trail with their homemade zamboni.

cleared up. The Boyne River Keepers hope community members and their staff can work together to keep the trail open for the remainder of this winter. And, if all goes well, the organization is planning to hold an event on the trail on Louis Riel Day in February.

Last year, underground streams opened up and flooded the Boyne River trail, ultimately shutting it down early. Enns is hoping that doesn't happen again. She reminds people that not all portions of the ice can be checked for thickness and safety, so it's essential to take precautions when out enjoying it. She also reminds people to stay away from the dam and similar areas along the river as water could be flowing there.



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Carman's Boyne River trail is officially open for the public to skate, walk, bike, and play hockey.



There's more to do on the Boyne River trail than skating — some community members take their bikes out onto the ice.

> PARK IMPROVEMENTS, FROM PG. 6

In addition, the province plans to host annual meetings beginning in January with park stakeholder groups to seek their input. All public engagement results will help guide park modernization and improvement activities, while user satisfaction over time will be monitored via the annual survey.

"With feedback

from Manitobans, we can better identify priority areas for improvements so we can make the best use of the endowment fund and ensure our provincial parks continue to be enjoyed by residents and visitors for generations to come," said Guillemard.

The public engagement questionnaire on provincial park improvement priorities is available at <https://engagemb.ca/>.

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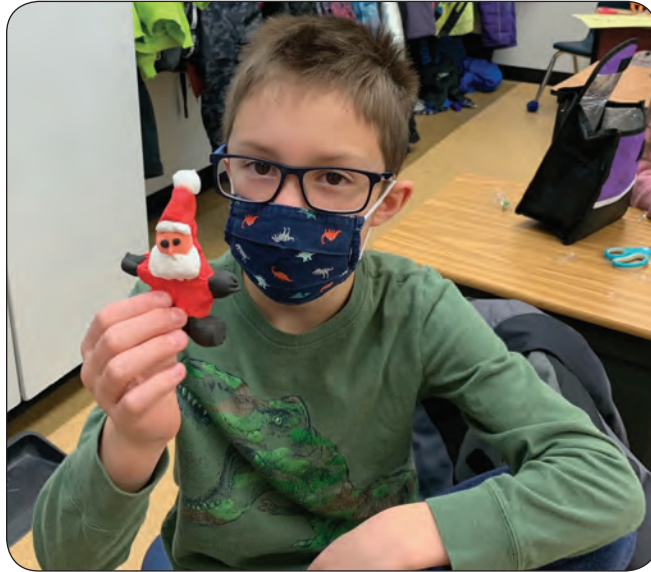
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Carman Elementary students share their love with seniors



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The Carman Elementary grade 3/4 class sculpted Christmas gifts for all the residents of the Boyne Lodge and Boyne Towers. Homestead Co-op and a number of customers donated their unwanted Hey Clay to help the students complete their ornaments. Pictured left to right, Callen, Liam and Esme,

Province changes self-isolation public health order

Submitted by Manitoba government

The Manitoba government is following the advice of public health officials and making changes to the self-isolation public health order to adapt to the prevalence of rapid antigen tests and to help address the surge in COVID-19 cases caused by the omicron variant, Health and Seniors Care Minister Audrey Gordon announced last Friday.

"We need to ensure we take steps to protect our health-care system and other critical services during this surge of COVID-19 cases, many linked to the omicron variant," said Gordon. "These changes will help ensure everyone who should self-isolate does, regardless of how they tested, and will reduce the strain on the health-system workforce as well as other key sectors as more workers report they have contracted COVID-19."

The changes include:

requiring all people who have tested positive for COVID-19 to isolate in-

cluding those who completed a rapid antigen test;

changing isolation requirements to five days from 10 days since the date of the test for fully-vaccinated people who are not showing symptoms;

changing isolation requirements to five days from 10 days since the date symptoms started appearing or the date of the test, whichever is later, for fully-vaccinated people as long as their symptoms are improving and they do not have a fever;

requiring individuals who have only isolated for five days due to the changes above to wear medical-grade mask while in a public setting for the five days immediately following their self-isolation; and

requiring isolation for people who have tested positive who are not fully vaccinated for 10 days after the date of their test as long as their symptoms are improving and they do not have a fever.

The public health orders will come

into effect at 12:01 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 1, 2022. Public health documents and online guidance for stakeholders and the public is being updated and will be finalized in the days ahead.

Public health officials also advise that people leaving isolation must avoid any non-essential visits to high-risk settings or non-essential contact with individuals at high risk for severe disease for an additional five days.

Consistent with previous orders, the order continues to include:

- requiring close contacts who are not exempt from self-isolation requirements to self-isolate for 10 days; and

- requiring people to provide information about locations where people have been in the previous 10 days for contact tracing purposes as required.

Public health officials also ask all household close contacts who are exempt from self-isolation to be particularly cautious while the case is isolating and avoid any non-essential visits

to high-risk settings or non-essential contact with individuals at high risk for severe disease.

"We have looked at data from Manitoba and other jurisdictions, and feel these changes will balance reducing the spread of COVID-19 while ensuring critical services can continue to operate," said Dr. Brent Roussin, chief provincial public health officer. "I ask all Manitobans to get immunized as soon as possible, including a third dose when eligible to reduce the number of close contacts they have, and to stay home as much as possible to reduce the risk of severe illness and reduce the spread of COVID-19."

Roussin also reminded Manitobans to follow the fundamentals, including wearing a well-fitting mask, washing their hands frequently and covering their cough.

For more information on COVID-19 in Manitoba, visit www.manitoba.ca/covid19.

Omicron continues to drive COVID-19 cases up

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Manitoba saw thousands of new COVID-19 cases reported over the weekend, bringing the number of active cases to 15,318—way up from the 9,924 reported on Friday.

Public health officials were expected to release an official post-holiday report on Tuesday, but the updated online dashboard at press time showed the trend of increasing daily case counts continues, with Monday alone

seeing 1,721.

A total of 228 people were hospitalized due to COVID-19 at the start of the week (up 36 from the number reported in the last news release on Friday), including 32 in intensive care (up two over the weekend).

The weekend also saw six more deaths due to the virus, bringing the total to 1,398.

Manitoba's test positivity rate has hit 37.9 per cent.

With the more contagious omicron variant of the virus taking hold in Manitoba, officials took a number of steps last week to try and stem the tide and protect the health care system.

The province's public health orders were updated Dec. 28 to further reduce gathering sizes and limit the potential for community transmission.

While the previous orders had already put capacity limits on gather-

ings that included unvaccinated individuals, the new updates further limit gatherings of fully immunized individuals and those under the age of 12 to 50 per cent of a space's usual capacity or 250 people, whichever is less. This also applies for outdoor gatherings in public spaces.

Restaurants, fitness centres, museums and galleries, sporting and performing arts events, movie theatres,

Hundreds of 'Cards for Care' delivered over the holidays

By Lorne Stelmach

The region came through again to support the efforts of two local women to share season's greetings with others in the community.

The Cards for Care program spearheaded by Shannon Vaughan and Tara Routhier surpassed their goal to at least match the 600 Christmas cards they collected and distributed the previous year.

As they set out to deliver cards before Christmas, they had at least 600 cards between the two of them but with many more also being distributed directly by schools that got involved in it.

"The schools kind of took it into their own hands and delivered their own cards and ornaments to some local groups," said Vaughan, who was delighted to see it become a class project for many students.

"I know they also delivered to some

retailers in Morden," she noted. "I think that was really awesome that they took this on and turned it into their own effort."

Last year's campaign focused on spreading some holiday cheer to seniors during the pandemic lockdown. This year, they expanded things to distribute cards as well to health care workers, grocery store cashiers, firefighters and police in the Morden, Winkler, and Carman areas. The involvement of students and local schools became a big part of the effort with the help of Routhier, who is a teacher at Maple Leaf School in Morden.

"The schools taking it upon themselves was amazing to see," said Vaughan.

She also appreciated getting the support of businesses like Rendezvous Brewery and Taproom.

"They reached out to me and offered to be a collection point for cards, so that was awesome. I think they collected for me at least a hundred," she said. "That was really awesome ... having a local business get involved like that was really helpful."

Vaughan said what makes it work is that it is a simple but meaningful gesture to send greetings or just messages of kindness to let people know others are thinking of them.

"I think it was just a good idea, and people see the value in showing others that they're thinking about them. It's all about community spirit and support ... and especially during COVID, it's gone on so long, much longer than anyone had thought," said Vaughan. "I have a feeling that the schools will continue on with this ... it's an easy thing but it's a fun thing that the kids can do," she concluded.



STANDARD PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH
Shannon Vaughan set to deliver some of the cards the 2021 Cards for Care campaign collected for seniors and frontline workers throughout the region.

"I will definitely keep initiating it as long as I keep getting support back from the community to make it happen."

> LOCAL YOUTUBE STAR, FROM PG. 3

he says. "It kept me going. And it just went from one video to the next."

Today, Wall has dozens of videos up on his channel, which is closing in on 5,000 subscribers and has had over 1.2 million views.

"It's unbelievable. I had never dreamt of this going where it is now," Wall says. "I've had people [commenting] from Siberia ... and actually China. There's apparently Low German speaking people in China too."

Wall, who grew up in Mexico before moving to Canada in the early '80s, sees his videos as a way of preserving a language that's close to his heart.

"There's so many Mennonites, though Low German is actually dying off because the younger generation, they don't speak it or they're not interested in it."

He's had viewers encourage him to start posting videos in Spanish or English, pointing out how much wider his audience could be, but he's not keen to stray too far from his mother

tongue.

"I would get a lot more views, but for me it's not about making money," Wall says. "This is just basically entertainment and also to be a blessing, to show them new ideas."

Many of Wall's viewers are in Mexico or South America, tuning in from sheltered Mennonite communities.

"A lot of people, they don't get to town or they don't have a TV, so when they have something like this to watch, it's something different," he says, sharing with a chuckle that he's had more than a few thank-yous from viewers very grateful to add a new recipe to their family's repertoire.

"I have cousins down in Argentina and they encourage me always to make more cooking videos because their wives, all they know is what they learned from their mothers. And if you can't read ... they can't really look up recipes and learn new stuff."

"A lot of times I get recommendations. Can you cook this or can you

cook that? So I've done some French cooking, I've done some Italian, Mexican cooking. Everything and anything."

He's also an avid storyteller, sharing about life in Canada or retelling inspirational stories he's come across.

"There's so much sadness and seriousness in this world, so sometimes I tell a story where people get inspired or get out of their loneliness," Wall says.

And he's not above a goofy skit or two, including one recent one that had him donning a dress he found at the local thrift shop to play a clumsy female maid.

"People need humour. They need to laugh. Now with this pandemic and everything, you need to cheer people up," Wall says.

That trip to the thrift shop also demonstrated that it's not just people in other countries tuning in—Wall has a healthy fanbase right here in southern Manitoba.

"I go into MCC and I said, 'I'm doing some kind of drama show and I need

a large women's dress, there's this maid that needs this dress' ... and this lady, she recognizes me, and she says, 'Are you going to be that maid?'"

People recognizing him on the street has become increasingly more commonplace, much to the amusement of his family.

"Sometimes I can't even go uptown without someone saying, 'I know you. Somehow I know you,'" Wall says.

But while the fame can be fun, the real joy comes in the feedback the videos get—people commenting how much they enjoy them or calling to share stories of family members in care homes who tune in faithfully to see what Wall has cooked up for them.

"They are just so entertained and just love it. I love hearing stories about that," Wall says.

"I'm retired but somehow I find myself being busier than before," he adds. "But I really, really enjoy doing it."

You can find Wall's channel by searching for "Schtrucklaunt Manitoba" at www.youtube.com.

> OMICRON, FROM PG. 10

and religious gatherings are also all limited to the 50 per cent capacity/250 person limit.

Liquor sales have also been curtailed to end at 10 p.m. daily.

The revised orders are in effect until Jan. 11.

The province last week also made some changes to the self-isolation rules for those with COVID-19.

The changes include:

- requiring all people who have tested positive for COVID-19 to isolate, including those who completed a

rapid antigen test;

- changing isolation requirements to five days from 10 days since the date of the test for fully-vaccinated people who are not showing symptoms;

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five days immediately following their self-isolation; and

- requiring isolation for people who have tested positive who are not fully vaccinated for 10 days after the date of their test as long as their symptoms are improving and they do not have a fever.

Public health officials also advise that people leaving isolation must avoid any non-essential visits to high-risk settings or non-essential contact with individuals at high risk for severe disease for an additional five days.

Close contacts who are not exempt from self-isolation requirements still

need to self-isolate for 10 days.

"We need to ensure we take steps to protect our health-care system and other critical services during this surge of COVID-19 cases, many linked to the omicron variant," said Health Minister Audrey Gordon in a statement on Friday. "These changes will help ensure everyone who should self-isolate does, regardless of how they tested, and will reduce the strain on the health-system workforce as well as other key sectors as more workers report they have contracted COVID-19."

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INSIDE > OUTSIDE > UPSIDE DOWN

PV Hawks keeping a positive attitude despite struggles

By Lorne Stelmach

The male U18 Pembina Valley Hawks have struggled at times this season, but coach Matt Victor hasn't been too concerned about it. As the team came out of the Christmas break, Victor hoped the positive attitude that he has seen so far will carry over into the second half and help the Hawks move up the ranks.

"The mood in the room was still good, so I think that's important for turning things around," Victor said after his team had gone through a tough December which saw them win just two of their seven games, including two back-to-back shutout losses. I think the season has had a lot of ups and downs ... but we've seen a lot of good things, and there's also things that we need to work on," he said. "I think overall it's been a good season.

I don't really have any major issues, and I think there's been a lot of improvement ... there will be some urgency going into the second half, but most of the first half has been okay."

Pembina Valley came into the new year in ninth place in the 13 team league at 10-15-2 for 22 points.

It left them two points back of the Winnipeg Bruins and five behind Yellowhead while just one in front of Norman, so Victor sees potential for them to gain some ground particularly with a strong start in 2022.

"Early in the season, we showed a lot of resiliency. We had some slow starts and kind of got behind the eight ball quickly, but later in the game, we were putting the work in and fighting back and winning some of those games. It's nice to see that character in the team.

"What I would say that we need to

continue to work on is really buy into the principles and have everybody really buying in and just putting in that effort and focus and try to deliver that positive result.

"With our powerplay, we would like to see some more production from there," Victor noted. "I'm quite content with our penalty killing statistically ... they're doing a really good job of shutting it down."

Carter Sotheran is leading the way offensively so far with 11 goals and 31 points, while Keston Worley has been the leading sniper, with 18 of his 21 points being goals. Also at 21 points are Griffin Ayotte with eight goals and Cameron Parr with nine goals.

In net, Raiden LeGall had a 3.22 goals against average and .924 save percentage, while Bryson Yaschyshyn had a 4.52 goals against average and

.871 save percentage.

"Both of our goaltenders have really stood out," noted Victor. "Being rookie goaltenders, they've really shown poise and some consistency, so it's nice to have that on the back end."

"Otherwise, no one person stands out. It's pretty even. Every night, someone different might step up, so it's nice to have that."

Victor will be hammering home a simple message for his team for the second half of the season.

"Really being consistent with those small things and being successful with those small battles will build up into bigger wins and getting those results." The Hawks returned to action Wednesday with a game against the Winnipeg Thrashers before heading north for a doubleheader with Norman in Thompson.

Canada's Olympic mixed doubles curling trials cancelled

Staff

Canada's Olympic mixed doubles curling trials were cancelled late last month due to a rise in athletes testing positive for the COVID-19 virus.

The rate of positive tests - along with the risks associated with travelling caused the cancellation - Curling Canada said in a statement on Dec. 26.

The 16-rink trials to determine Canada's mixed doubles team for the Winter Olympics in Beijing were

scheduled to begin on Dec. 27.

"The increasing numbers of trials-bound athletes testing positive for COVID-19, along with the rise in cases across Canada, made it impossible to stage the event in a safe, responsible manner for athletes, staff and volunteers," Curling Canada said in a statement.

"Unlike the Calgary bubble, which had months of preparation time and allowed athletes to self-isolate at

home, and get tests done prior to their departure for the events, the dramatic rise in positive cases related to the sudden emergence of the Omicron variant across Canada in the past week made those safety precautions impossible to carry out."

The organization's high-performance staff will consult with the Canadian Olympic Committee and Own The Podium on how to nominate a mixed doubles team for China.

Curling Canada had earlier said the trials would go ahead with spectators capped at 50 per cent capacity in Stride Place and with athletes' movements limited to their hotel room, the arena, and transportation to the venue. Canada is the defending Olympic champion in mixed doubles, which made its debut in 2018 in Pyeongchang, South Korea.

John Morris and Kaitlyn Lawes won the first gold medal.

Hawks ready to push hard in season's final months after ending first half in fifth

By Lorne Stelmach

The season so far has had some ups and downs for the female U18 Pembina Valley Hawks, but coach Dana Bell thinks they are well positioned to make a real push in the final few months to come. The Hawks went into the Christmas break in fifth place in the eight team league on a re-

cord of 8-9-0 for 16 points, which had them five up on both Eastman and Central Plains while sitting six back of the Winnipeg Ice.

Although they were further back of the league leaders with Yellowhead at 28, Westman at 26, and Winnipeg Avros at 25, the Hawks have been competitive against all three of those teams. They earned a 5-0 shutout of Westman at a December tournament and managed a win in four games so far against Yellowhead, so Bell was optimistic as they closed out play before the break with a 6-1 win over Central Plains.

"We went to those tournaments in Brampton and Wilcox where we faced some very good competition and fast teams," said Bell. "We knew that would be good for us to bring that fast paced style of game back to regular schedule.

"We had a couple weeks off then over Christ-

mas, and I think we will come back hungry to climb the ranks. We are in a good spot and having fun."

What Bell always looks for from the team is simply to see that consistent effort each time out on the ice whether at practice or in games.

"As coaches, we have been very happy with the teams performance so far," he said. "The girls have been buying into the systems and working hard. As a team, we all know that we need to play a full 60 minutes in this to have successful outcomes."

The Hawks have been led by assistant captain Abbey Bourdeaud'hui, who went into the break as the league leader in both goals and points with 17 and 26 respectively. Other top contributors include Anika Braun with seven goals and 13 points, Caitlin An

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Where are they now? Catching up with... Kathy Wiebe

By Dennis Young

This feature will attempt to renew some acquaintances with those who called Carman 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 Carman?

I was born in Carman in 1956 and lived with my family on a farm just northeast of Homewood.

Q. Did you attend school here?

I attended Elementary grades 6-8 and then High School grades 9-12. Prior to that, I attended the local community school called Broad Valley that provided education from grades 1-8, all in one room. Broad Valley School closed in 1967.

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

In high school I was a bookkeeper for Homewood Co-op, a local hub for farm supplies and the latest community news. I also worked in the Carman Arena concession, providing an (almost) front seat to the Carman Beavers games. The best job though was the summer STEP program, where we painted barns, pulled down chicken coops, while getting a fabulous tan (or sunburn) and a few bee stings.

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

Because we lived a distance from school, access to after-school activities was limited. I had a small part in the musical "Carousel" and the spring fashion show. I recall watching the famous 1972 Canada- Russia Summit Series hockey game with the entire high school in the Collegiate theatre. A Grade 12 highlight was a class trip to England and Wales accompanied by then Vice-Principal Mr. Peters and his very patient wife! We saw the musical "Jesus Christ Superstar" in a London theatre, and visited Stonehenge - without the railings keeping the public from clambering on the ancient rocks, as we did!

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

My parents, Elmer and Linda Wiebe, farmed just northeast of Homewood. My mother was a Registered Nurse and worked at Carman Hospital, Boyne Lodge and the local doctors' offices.

Q. Do you have family living here?

My three brothers Brian, Bernard and Brent, and their families still farm from our parent's original farm, which they have expanded considerably.

Q. What got you to leave Carman and where?

I left Carman after grade 12 to attend nurses' training at St. Boniface General Hospital School of Nursing.

Q. What was your chosen career after school?

I am a Registered Nurse.

Q. Did you move around lots in career or life?

I have had many moves in my career and family life. I met my spouse, Keith, while at University of Alberta, where I was completing my nursing degree. We eventually settled in Winnipeg, where I held several nursing positions. Keith and I both completed Master's degrees at the University of Manitoba. We moved to Calgary in 1997 as Keith became an administrator in education, and I became a director in the Calgary Health Region. In 2005 we moved to Belleville Ontario, where Keith became the head of an independent school, and I was the vice president and chief nursing officer of a group of hospitals. In 2015, I moved back to Winnipeg to become Chief Executive Officer and Registrar of the College of Registered Nurses of Manitoba. Keith retired two years ago and joined me in Winnipeg.

Q. Did you raise any children here or where? Names, where now and doing what?

We have 3 children, all born in Winnipeg. Dylan is becoming a registered psychologist in Saskatoon, SK. Laura is an interior designer in Toronto, Ont. and Kaitlin is a senior policy analyst for the federal government in Halifax, N.S. Having travelled with our kids across the country, we should have anticipated that they might eventually live in different provinces!

Q. What do you do now?

I enjoy my position at the College of Registered Nurses and feel privileged to return to my home province to participate in the changes occurring in nursing and healthcare.

Q. What passes your leisure time?

Unfortunately, leisure time is fairly limited, but I do love refurbishing old houses.

Q. Have you travelled for leisure and where?

Our current travel priorities are visiting our kids, from the east coast to the prairies!

Q. Any future plans? Do you have to do list?

Finishing those renovations!!

Q. Do you ever return to Carman?

I am in Carman often visiting my mother, and pre-COVID, my extended family. I have loved seeing both the changes over the years and also the familiarity of favorite destinations - like Syl's Drive-In!

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

I learned many valuable lessons growing up in Carman, particularly the high school years. During phys-ed I really struggled to complete the river trail run behind the high school. I took up running later as an adult and was able to run that trail, showing that perseverance pays off! At high school graduation I was selected as valedictorian and terrified of making a public speech. Had it not been for Mrs. Mills, our English teacher, I would have gladly bowed out! Public speaking became easier after that experience.

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

Having lived in a number of different cities and provinces over the



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Keith and Kathy Stansfield

years, there is something very reassuring knowing that the strong sense of community of small towns is still unchanged.

If you wish to reach this former citizen please send me an email at denjohnnyoung@gmail.com and I will forward it to them for further contact.



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IN THE MATTER of the ESTATE of **Peter Allan Sawatzky**, late of the Town of Miami, in Manitoba, deceased.

All claims against the above Estate, duly verified by Statutory Declaration, must be filed with the undersigned at 309 Stephen Street, Morden, Manitoba, R6M 1V1 within thirty (30) days of the date of this publication.

DATED at the City of Morden, in Manitoba, this 20th day of December, 2021.

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Henry Martens

February 1, 1925 – December 27, 2021

Henry Martens, of Lindenwood Manor, Winnipeg MB, formerly of Carman MB, passed away December 27th, 2021 at the Riverview Hospital in Winnipeg from complications of Congestive heart failure. Family was blessed to be able to spend time praying and reading scripture to him on his deathbed, and while there is sadness in our separation, we rejoice in his new life with the Lord.

Henry was born in the Ukraine, and came to Canada at the age of 2. He worked as a Teacher, Pastor, and Missionary in Manitoba, Saskatchewan, and Paraguay. He was a husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather, a companion for his wife Sarah and prayer warrior for his family. In his later years he enjoyed visiting with people, reminiscing about the past, and doing crossword puzzles.

Henry was predeceased by his parents, John and Aganetha (Goertzen) Martens, his sister Minna Boyd, and his brother John Martens.

Henry is survived by his wife of 65 years, Sarah (Dyck); his sister Agnes Martens; four children: David Martens (Lenora Enns), John Martens (Tiffany Wiebe), Eleanor Martens, and Paul Martens (Karen Friesen). He also leaves nine grandchildren, and 11 great-grandchildren.

There will be a viewing at Doyle's Funeral Chapel in Carman, MB. on Tuesday, January 4th from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. (CST).

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- Lead and maintain cycle count of all finished goods, resale and BOM products
- Reconcile inventory discrepancies
- Review and partner with Production to ensure schedules and orders are fulfilled
- Monitor and communicate back orders
- Practice Continuous Improvement and 6S, including facility housekeeping
- Achieve expectations to meet standard production efficiencies and KPI's
- Oversee yard storage, as well as monitor yard operations

Job Skills:

- Knowledge of inventory and supply chain management principles and techniques
- Strong math skills, ability to perform intermediate calculations
- Capacity, lead time and production planning and scheduling understanding
- Clean, transparent communication with various levels within the company
- Ability to work without day-to-day direction and manage time independently to meet team goals
- Team player, with a positive can-do attitude

Educational Requirements:

- High School diploma or equivalent
- Post-secondary degree/diploma is preferred

Preferred Experience:

- Inventory management systems (Oracle)
- Manufacturing background
- Basic knowledge of logistic and shipping

Physical Requirements:

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NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING MEMBERS OF ACCESS CREDIT UNION LIMITED (the "Credit Union")

TO: ALL MEMBERS OF THE CREDIT UNION

TAKE NOTICE THAT a special meeting of the Members of the Credit Union will be held at 6:00 pm on Thursday, the 27th day of January, 2022, via videoconference, for the purpose of announcing the results of the member vote on the proposed Special Resolution for the amalgamation of the Credit Union with Noventis Credit Union Limited and Sunova Credit Union Limited. All members wanting to participate in the Special Meeting are required to register by January 26, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. CST.

The Amalgamation Agreement, proposed bylaws, and meeting attendance and voting information package will be available for pickup at any branch of the Credit Union, or online at the secure voting site accessvotes.ca.

Questions from members regarding the amalgamation should be submitted to together@accesscu.ca, or by calling 1.800.264.2926.

VOTING

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT Voting on the Special Resolution prior to the Meeting will be by electronic ballot and will be tallied electronically by a third party provider. Voting will be open from 9:00 am CST on Tuesday, the 25th day of January, 2022 until a motion is resolved at the Special Meeting on the day of the Meeting. Each member may vote on a personal electronic device or should any member prefer, computers/tablets for the purpose of voting will be available at all branches of the Credit Union during operating hours. Voting will end during the Meeting, with no further votes to be cast after a motion to cease voting is passed at the Meeting.

PROPOSED SPECIAL RESOLUTION

WHEREAS the Board of Directors of the Credit Union has recommended that the Credit Union amalgamate with Noventis Credit Union Limited ("Noventis") and Sunova Credit Union Limited ("Sunova") in accordance with the provisions of the Amalgamation Agreement made between the Credit Union, Noventis, and Sunova, dated December 15, 2021 (the "Amalgamation Agreement");

AND WHEREAS it is in the Credit Union's best interests to enter into the Amalgamation Agreement and to amalgamate with Noventis and Sunova on the terms and conditions set out therein;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED AS A SPECIAL RESOLUTION OF THE CREDIT UNION THAT:

1. The execution of the Amalgamation Agreement by the Credit Union be and it is hereby ratified and confirmed;
2. The amalgamation of the Credit Union with Noventis and Sunova on the terms and conditions set out in the Amalgamation Agreement be and it is hereby approved.

SUMMARY OF THE AMALGAMATION AGREEMENT

An Amalgamation Agreement, dated December 15, 2021, has been approved by the Boards of Directors of the Credit Union, Noventis, and Sunova. The agreement provides for the amalgamation of the Credit Union, Noventis, and Sunova into one credit union, to be effective on July 1, 2022. The credit union resulting from the amalgamation will be called Access Credit Union Limited and will have its registered office in the Rural Municipality of Stanley, Manitoba.

Following amalgamation, all members of the Credit Union, Noventis, and Sunova will be members of the amalgamated credit union and all deposits and shares of or loans owing to either of the predecessor credit unions will be deposits or shares of or loans owing to the amalgamated credit union. The common shares and surplus shares of each of the Credit Union, Noventis, and Sunova will become the common shares and surplus shares of the amalgamated credit union on a one for one basis.

Because of the size of the amalgamated credit union, the transaction must be reported to the Competition Bureau of Canada and is subject to its approval.

RIGHT OF DISSENT

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT, under the provisions of Section 127 of The Credit Unions and Caisses Populaires Act, members have the right to dissent to the proposed amalgamation. To dissent, a written objection to the amalgamation must be submitted to the Credit Union at or before the meeting of Members referred to in this Notice.

DATED this 6th day of January, 2022

ACCESS CREDIT UNION LIMITED
By Order of the Board of Directors



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> MEAL IDEAS



Cuban Chicken with Salsa Fresca

minutes or longer.

To make salsa fresca: In medium bowl, mix grapefruit segments, jicama, red onion, grapefruit juice, olive oil, cilantro and jalapeno pepper until combined. Refrigerate until ready to serve.

Remove chicken from marinade. Place chicken in baking dish. Bake 25-30 minutes until chicken is cooked through.

Serve chicken with salsa fresca.

Take Your Salad from Bland to Bold

Step aside, boring salads. A new year and a healthier eating plan can include better-for-you greens and dressings that hit the spot.

Veggies roasted with aromatic spices served on Fresh Express 5-Lettuce Mix are drizzled with lemon tahini dressing in this Moroccan Roasted Vegetable Salad, a delicious vegetarian way to turn a bland meal into a bona fide delight. With green leaf lettuce, red leaf lettuce, butter lettuce, romaine and radicchio, the mix of greens offers a bold combination of textures and flavors for those who love variety and color.

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Servings: 5

- 1 cup grapefruit juice
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 2 teaspoons garlic powder
- 2 teaspoons cumin
- 2 teaspoons paprika
- 1 teaspoon crushed red pepper
- 1 1/4 pounds boneless, skinless chicken breasts

Salsa Fresca:

- 1 cup grapefruit segments
- 1/2 jicama, cubed
- 1/2 red onion, chopped
- 3/4 cup grapefruit juice
- 4 tablespoons olive oil
- 1/2 cup fresh cilantro, chopped
- 1 jalapeno pepper, chopped

Heat oven to 400 F.

In large bowl, mix grapefruit juice, oil, garlic powder, cumin, paprika and red pepper until combined. Add chicken to bowl and turn to coat. Refrigerate 30



Moroccan Roasted Vegetable Salad

long wedges

- 4 whole large carrots, chopped
- 2 red bell peppers, cored and cut into 1-inch pieces
- 2 packages (6 ounces each) Fresh Express 5-Lettuce Mix
- 1 can (15 1/2 ounces) chickpeas, rinsed and drained

- 1/3 cup dried apricots, sliced
- 1/3 cup slivered almonds, toasted
- 2 tablespoons Italian parsley, chopped

To make lemon tahini dressing: In small bowl, whisk tahini, olive oil, lemon juice, maple syrup, Dijon mustard and salt. Add cold water; mix well. If dressing thickens, mix in more cold water.

Heat oven to 400 F. Spray two baking sheets with nonstick cooking spray.

In large bowl, mix olive oil, ras el hanout, salt and pepper. Add sweet potatoes; toss to coat. Transfer to first prepared baking sheet. Add carrots and peppers to leftover oil; toss to coat. Transfer to second prepared baking sheet. Bake 15-20 minutes, or until vegetables are tender. Let cool.

Arrange lettuce mix on four plates. Top each with sweet potatoes, carrots, red pepper, chickpeas, apricots and almonds. Drizzle with dressing and sprinkle with parsley.

Prep time: 20 minutes
Cook time: 20 minutes

Servings: 4

Lemon Tahini Dressing:

- 1/4 cup tahini
- 1/4 cup olive oil
- 3 tablespoons lemon juice
- 3 teaspoons maple syrup
- 2 teaspoons Dijon mustard
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 2 tablespoons cold water
- nonstick cooking spray
- 6 tablespoons olive oil
- 2 teaspoons ras el hanout or garam masala
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 4 sweet potatoes, peeled and cut into



Christine Ibbotson

Ask the Money Lady

wish, and all minor children are taken care of. Income protection is often overlooked and considered too costly by most who often feel they have sufficient disability insurance with their employer. Most people concentrate on the life insurance only, however, it is important to remember that most accidents do not result in a death, and you are more apt to be badly hurt or disabled and unable to continue working. Tax planning is the last asset protection piece. Insurance is a great tool to pay for capital gains tax that your estate will owe upon your death or if you are a business owner, it provides an investment tool with benefits that are protected against creditors. When you are young you should always consider buying into a participating whole life insurance policy that grows over time and has a cash surrender value that you could access when you retire.

The last leg of the stool is Investments. This could be investing in traditional tax incentive products like RRSPs, TF-SAs, or even non-registered accounts. If you prefer, you could completely stay away from the stock market and invest in real estate, as a primary residence and/or rentals. Monetization of money is the key to building wealth. You will never be able to earn and save enough in your lifetime and if you could it would be beaten down by the cost of inflation. This is why you have to invest in assets that will appreciate and grow over time. Debt is inevitable when investing, but you should always have a plan in place; one that gets reviewed annually, to have it eliminated by retirement. No one should ever enter retirement with debt.

Investing could also mean investing in yourself to better your future prospects and increase your income. Remember, it is not practical to think that once you graduate school you can stop learning. Unfortunately, there is always someone else out there who has gone that extra bit further to better themselves and will land the job or position you wanted. Going into school debt is a reality for many even for people in their 40's, many of whom now realize, that they really do want more out of their careers, to set themselves up for their 50's and 60's. Don't ever be afraid to step back a little to be able to leap forward. Build your three-legged-stool and I guarantee you will retire debt free and wealthy.

Good Luck & Best Wishes,
ATML - Christine Ibbotson

Written by Christine Ibbotson, Author of 3 finance books and the Canadian Best-Selling Book "How to Retire Debt Free & Wealthy" www.askthemoneylady.ca or send a question to info@askthemoneylady.ca

Dear Money Lady Readers – Have You Created Your Financial Planning Resolutions for the New Year?

They say that to build a good financial foundation you must have three major items to ensure your long-term stability and to get to retirement debt free and wealthy. Some have even coined it as a "three-legged stool" for without all three, it would topple over just as your financial plan would not be complete without all three foundations laid out over your life. So, let's build your stool for 2022 to ensure you're all set for the future. The three foundations for financial wealth are: Income, Insurance, and Investments. Sounds pretty simple, right? Okay, let's look at each one together.

Income. Well, everyone knows you have to work to survive, that's a given. But, are you earning what you are worth or just what you believe is good enough. Never underestimate your earning potential since the fastest way for you to build wealth is your ability to earn more. You are the most important asset you have. Many people think that there is a ceiling to their earnings, but this is a mistake. Successful people always believe they are worth more. If their employer is not giving them the salary they feel they deserve or the promotions they want over time – they quit and move to another company that will. In relation to your entire life, you only have a small window of time to earn your fortune and build a career, so do it – if you are not happy and feel you are worth more, make the changes you know you should.

Another part of income is getting a portion of your take-home pay to start working for you. Essentially you want to pay yourself first. This can be done by contributing to an employee pension or savings plan. If you are lucky enough to have your employer match a portion of the contribution, then definitely take advantage of this.

Insurance. When we advised clients in the past about protecting their future, we always used the acronym WILT, which stands for Wills, Income Protection, Life Insurance and Tax Planning. You need a Will to ensure your estate is divided the way you