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Navigating the river

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A number of Carman youth have signs erected along the Boyne River displaying the names of the river crossing that they suggested. Kelly Seward, left, Edwin Pritchard, middle, and Val Tournier of the Boyne River Keepers were instrumental in the organizing of the signs.

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New signage on local bridges



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Boyne River Keepers have recently hung new signage on some local pathway bridges in Carman. The names were chosen by youth in the area. Pictured, left to right, Kelly Seward, Edwin Pritchard and Val Tournier.

By Ty Dilello

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pathway bridges in Carman. The names were chosen by youth in the area.

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As interest in the river grew, Boyne River Keepers received multiple requests from community members to name the footpath crossings so that people could be aware of their location when they are on the river.

“We decided to invite elementary students to submit their choices for each bridge,” said Edwin Pritchard of Boyne River Keepers. “We received numerous suggestions from three different classrooms. So a big thank you to the teachers and students who took the time to pick and submit names.”

It has taken some time to collect and choose the names, gain permission to hang them, design the signs to meet necessary standards, and work out the best hanging system that would ensure protection for the signs, as well as the structures from which they

hang.

But now, as of last week, the signage is all proudly displayed on the pathway bridges. Pritchard worked very hard on this project to hang the signs, while Val Tournier and Kelly Seward assisted in the work to ensure the job got done.

Starting at Boyneside Park and heading upriver, going west, the names for the bridges are Riverview Bridge, Fisher’s Trestle Bridge, Mikawaadad (Ojibway for ‘beautiful’) Bridge and Forest City Bridge.

“The Forest City Bridge was completed after a naming contest,” said Pritchard. “The committee chose ‘Forest City,’ as that was the name for the small community that grew around the old mill site at the southwest corner of what is now Carman.

Manitoba Accessibility funding available

Submitted by Manitoba government

The Manitoba government is calling for applications for grants of up to \$50,000 from the Manitoba Accessibility Fund (MAF) for organizations that will promote accessibility and remove barriers for people with disabilities, Families Minister Rochelle Squires, minister responsible for accessibility, announced Monday.

“The Manitoba Accessibility Fund was established to help organizations make changes to eliminate barriers to their services,” said Squires. “The first intake last year resulted in 30 groups

across the province receiving over \$750,000 in funds to promote accessibility and remove barriers for people with disabilities. Our government encourages Manitoba businesses and organizations to apply for a grant this year to help continue to increase accessibility in the province.”

Applications for the 2023-24 intake period begin today and must target the three accessibility standards under the Accessibility for Manitobans Act affecting customer service, em-

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Back Door Youth centre close to completing goal



STANDARD PHOTOS BY TYLER FRIESEN

The local Youth for Christ in Carman is close to completing its goal of \$1.8 million (about \$400,000 short) for its brand-new Back Door Youth Drop-In Centre.

By Ty Dilello

The local Youth for Christ in Carman is close to completing its goal of \$1.8 million (about \$400,000 short) for its brand-new Back Door Youth Drop-In Centre.

Inside the new facility will be a gym space, multipurpose room, commercial kitchen, new offices, and lots of open, modern space for students grade 4-12 to enjoy and call their own.

The new facility will also continue to hold drop-ins, boy and girls nights, lunch programs, and will look to expand its free programming and activities when staff gets settled into the new space.

"The large sum is definitely thanks to our community and God's faithfulness," said Tyler Friesen of Carman Youth for Christ. "Of the \$1.375 million raised so far, over \$1.25 million are private donations from local businesses and individuals who feel the project is important and needed in our town. We have just done our best to put the

info and opportunity to give out there, and folks have caught the vision."

Youth for Christ Carman is applying for a few more grants, but they will depend mostly on the generosity of the community to finish off the \$400-425,000 in funds needed.

"We are trusting in God's provision, which has been so evident up to this point. Construction should wrap up mid to late spring, and then we will have some equipment set up and furnishing to do before we officially open the doors."

If anyone is thinking of investing in the project and in our area's students, Friesen would love to give you a tour of the project and hopefully solidify that this is a good investment and show them exactly what their hard-earned dollars are doing.

"We want to send a big thank you to all those who have already given money to make this dream that started long ago, finally come to fruition."

Concert correction

By Ty Dilello

In the article "Golden Prairie Arts Council hosting upcoming concerts" published in last week's edition of the *Carman Dufferin Standard* we had an incorrect date of the Royal Manitoba Theatre Centre performance.

Assassinating Thomson will be at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 1 at Carman Collegiate Community Theatre.

In *Assassinating Thomson*, critically acclaimed Legally Blind Performer/Creator Bruce Horak paints a portrait of the entire audience while interweaving his own story and the tale of celebrated Canadian painter Tom Thomson's unsolved murder. Art, politics, grief, comedy, triumph, ambition, love and murder are intertwined in a one-man tour-de-force as Horak tells his own fantastically inspiring tale and reveals the unique way he sees the world. Following the performance, the unique painting created during the show will be auctioned. Pro-

ceeds from the live auction will be donated to Canadian Guide Dogs for the Blind.

Having lost over 90% of his eyesight to a childhood Cancer, Horak has navigated the world of the fullysighted his entire life. Bilateral Retinoblastoma is a cancer which appears on the retina of the eyes, the treatment of which left Horak completely blind in one eye, with extreme tunnel-vision, light sensitivity, floaters, and a cataract in the remaining eye. For the past 25 years, Horak has pursued a career in the performing arts and has won numerous awards for his performance, writing, direction and creation. He has performed across Canada, the United States and Europe and became *Star Trek's* first blind actor when he played Hemmer on *Star Trek: Strange New Worlds* first season in 2022.

Tickets for both shows are \$30 for adults, and \$15 for youth, while kids five and under are free.

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Millions invested to help families, communities, address health-care system pressures

Submitted by Manitoba government

Winnipeg's long-awaited CentrePort Canada Airport Area West regional water and wastewater project will go ahead as part of a \$140-million investment in nine municipal projects by the Manitoba government, Premier Heather Stefanson announced last Friday.

"This new funding package builds on our government's significant measures to provide Manitobans with relief from the rising costs of living including the federally imposed carbon tax," said Stefanson. "Our government is eager to work with our municipal partners to invest in critical infrastructure projects that support the growth of our communities and our economy."

The total cost of the nine jointly funded municipal water and wastewater projects will be \$259 million. This includes a provincial investment of two-thirds of the funding for CentrePort Canada's Airport Area West regional water and wastewater project that is critical to the growth of Winnipeg and surrounding communities. The Manitoba government will provide \$40 million of the project's total \$60-million budget and the City of Winnipeg will provide \$20 million.

"The expansion of CentrePort South is one of the most significant economic development projects Winnipeg has seen in decades," said Mayor Scott Gillingham, City of Winnipeg. "Adding servicing to this land un-

locks the potential for thousands of new jobs, hundreds of millions in investment, expanded trade opportunities for Winnipeg industry and new housing to help serve our growing population."

An additional \$100 million is being invested in eight municipal projects from Brandon and Portage la Prairie to Morden and the Rural Municipality of Springfield, said Stefanson.

The funding of critical infrastructure is one component of a nearly \$850-million support package to help Manitobans make ends meet, relieve pressures on the health system and foster economic growth across the province, the premier added.

The premier noted the measures include:

- \$200 million in cash payments to Manitobans from the Carbon Tax Relief Fund;
- \$318 million to address pressures in the health-care system;
- \$120 million for community and economic development and growth;
- \$50 million to support Ukraine relief efforts in Manitoba; and
- \$20.7 million in previously announced federal grants that the Manitoba government is allocating to municipalities for transit funding.

These recent funding commitments build on the Manitoba government's initial affordability measure that provided approximately 145,000 families with children and a household income of less than \$175,000 with a

cheque for \$250 for the first child and \$200 for each additional child, and provided more than 52,000 seniors with less than \$40,000 in family income a cheque for \$300.

In addition, the 2022 program provided Manitobans receiving Employment and Income Assistance (EIA) a long-overdue increase to the basic needs rate. EIA general assistance clients without dependent children began receiving an extra \$50 per adult each month and all EIA disability clients began receiving an additional \$25 per household each month.

The premier noted historic tax relief measures were also part of the \$2,020 Tax Rollback Guarantee, which has now exceeded the original commitment and is \$2,400 or \$4,800 for a two-income family as of 2022-23. Some of these initiatives include:

- indexing personal tax brackets and the basic personal amount;
- reducing the PST to seven per cent from eight per cent;
- exempting the costs of home insurance, personal services and preparing income tax returns and wills from PST;
- reducing vehicle registration fees; eliminating probate fees; and
- phasing out the education property tax.

To find out more about how the Manitoba government is helping Manitobans, visit: <https://www.manitoba.ca/helpingMB>.

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ployment or information and communications. Projects must fulfil one of three objectives including:

- raising awareness about the prevention and removal of barriers;
- developing tools, resources and training to support compliance with legislated standards; or
- removing barriers to information and communications electronically, in print, and in person.

The Manitoba Accessibility Fund, managed by The Winnipeg Foundation, was launched in 2021 with

a \$20-million investment. The fund promotes increased compliance with the Accessibility for Manitobans Act, which became law in 2013 to ensure accessibility in important areas of everyday life, the minister noted. The act's accessibility standards target government and public sector organizations, businesses, non-profit groups and municipalities.

"We were grateful to be a recipient of the Manitoba Accessibility Fund last year and are excited about the upcoming launch of our new communi-

ty education learning portal that our grant supported. The learning portal will help Manitobans learn about the Accessibility for Manitobans Act standards and about accessibility overall," said Samuel Unrau, acting manager, community inclusion and support services, Manitoba Possible. "This fund will make meaningful impacts for all Manitobans as we look to eliminate barriers experienced by persons with disabilities in our communities. We hope that others will

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Online meditation service launched



Peace Lily Therapeutics owner Mayghan McEachern launches online service.

By Autumn Fehr

On New Year's Day, Peace Lily Therapeutics launched its new online forum, Patreon.

The new service allows anyone to access the meditations that owner Mayghan McEachern offers for \$7.50 a month.

Clients can access it through the Patreon app or the website on any device.

I'm hoping this will help clients with their mental health/well-being and be more convenient for them to use on their own time and in the safety of their own space. Meditation is not a one-time fix-everything sort of thing. Once you start practicing meditation regularly, you'll begin to feel better, want to do better for yourself, and become more aware of your mind and body, breathing, etc. It's an excellent stepping stone for self-discovery/self-healing," said McEachern.

Every Monday, McEachern uploads a new check-in video. These videos are similar to how she runs her in-person classes. The check-in is a 20 to 30-minute guided meditation that provides relaxation that shares the basics of meditation and different ways to ground or work at it by yourself. There are also shorter monthly videos that range from two to ten minutes.

"It's like taking an in-person class at your convenience and in the comfort of your own home," said McEachern.

To kickstart the new service launch, Peace Lily Therapeutics is offering it at the discounted rate mentioned above until the end of March.

Peace Lily Therapeutics is currently working on in-person classes for the spring. Dates to be determined.

Local restaurants dish up tasty options for La Poutine Week

By Jennifer McFee

Local restaurants are serving up plates of ooey-goey goodness for La Poutine Week from Feb. 1 to 14.

To participate, restaurants across the country can create a one-of-a-kind poutine, and diners can vote for their fave at lapoutineweek.com. The website also features a voting leaderboard that showcases the Top 5 restaurants in real time.

At Kahleigh's Brew Barn, located at 40 Main St. in Riverton, they're serving up a creation called "Dirty Spicy Pickle Poutine."

"This year we decided to go with something with pickles in it. Pickles are all the rage lately. Our dill pickle pizza went over very well with customers and deep fried pickle spears are one of our top sellers. After trying to the McCain Spicy Pickle fries at our staff Christmas party this year I knew I had to incorporate these into Poutine Week," said owner Kahleigh Dubois.

"Don't let the word 'spicy' scare you, though. It's a mild heat. Our Dirty Spicy Pickle Poutine is made with regular fries and spicy pickle fries topped with mozzarella and cheddar cheese, gravy and topped with some dill pickle slices and green onion, served with a side of ranch."

Dubois decided to participate again because they had so much fun last year.

"Last year, we were in the Top 5 for Canada for the first seven days of Poutine Week. Although it's awesome to be so highly rated, we do it all for the fun of it," she said.

"It really gets the creative juices flowing. We have a large variety of poutines available on our menu already, so it's fun coming up with something new for our customers. We call them 'Dirty Fries.' Fries loaded with toppings is definitely our main sellers. February isn't normally a busy time of the year, so it's a perfect time to drive up some business."

At Smitty's Restaurant and Lounge, located in the Selkirk Inn and Conference Centre, general manager Alana Waite shared the delicious details of their entry.

"We participated in La Poutine

week to bring some excitement to our guests during the coldest time of the year, add some life to our days," she said.

Their poutine entry is called "Selkirk Pizza Poutine" featuring delicious French fries, house-made gravy, bacon, pepperoni, tomatoes and green onions, and smothered in mozzarella cheese.

"We are doing another in-house poutine just for fun," she added. "It is not a La Poutine Week entry, but it is a breakfast poutine for Smitty's Selkirk. It is called 'JBs Breakfast Poutine' and it is French toast cut in slices, deep-fried, topped with cream cheese topping drizzled on top sprinkled with cinnamon and sugar — and topped with your choice of blueberries or strawberries and an optional scoop of ice cream."

According to the website for La Poutine Week, several more nearby restaurants have also jumped on board.

At Seagulls Restaurant and Lounge, located at Lakeview Resort, they're featuring an entry called "Kase Poutine with Pickled Steak." This delicious dish includes steak-cut Cajun fries, drenched in a four-cheese sauce, layered with caramelized onions and topped with a four-ounce pickled steak, beef demi glaze and crispy onions.



At Appy Place, located at 363 Main St. in Stonewall, poutine connoisseurs can enjoy an entry called "Pork Belly Poutine." This tasty treat features a choice of "Appy seasoned" house-cut or crinkle-cut fries topped with crispy fried pork belly, house-made bacon beer gravy, classic cheese curds and pub cheese, and finished with fresh arugula and sweet red bell pepper.

And at McGee's Original Grill at 96 Main St. in Carman, diners can enjoy a submission called "Grandma's House" made with home-style fries, cheese curds and gravy, topped with corn and homemade sweet and sour meatballs.

For a full list of restaurants participating in La Poutine Week, and to cast your vote, visit www.lapoutineweek.com.

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Pedersen presents Jubilee Medals to locals

By Ty Dilello

Last week, ten community leaders were presented with Queen Elizabeth II's Platinum Jubilee Medals. The ceremony occurred at the Legislative Building in Winnipeg on the morning of Jan. 24.

The medals are given to Canadians who have significantly contributed to their country or community.

"The ceremony went well," said Blaine Pedersen, MLA for Midland. "As it was in Winnipeg at the Legislature, not all recipients were able to attend. Of the ten recipients in the Midland Constituency, five attended the ceremony. For those not able to attend, I will present them in person at a later date."

One thousand Manitobans have been selected from among many thousands of nominees. Those nominated were individuals who have made significant contributions to their province, with a strong emphasis on community-mindedness, service, and reconciliation.

All honourees have been presented with a commemorative lapel pin created by the Canadian Heraldic Authority and a commemorative medal designed for the occasion by Members of Parliament.

"Manitoba leads the country when it comes to volunteerism, and these recipients are shining examples of this," said Pedersen.

Betty Park (Carman) was a long-time nurse at Carman Hospital for 33 years that helped start the first ambulance service in Carman. She and Charlie Froebe of Carman were among the ten recipients of the Jubilee Medal.



STANDARD PHOTOS SUBMITTED BY BLAINE PEDERSEN

Last week, a group of ten locals was presented with Queen Elizabeth II's Platinum Jubilee Medals. The ceremony took place at the Legislative Building in Winnipeg on the morning of Jan. 24. The medals are given to Canadians who have made a significant contribution to their country or community. Pictured left to right, Betty Parks, Charlie Froebe, Claudia Schmidt, Clifford Harrison and Kimberlee Daley.

"I found it quite surprising, and it's humbling in a way because there are so many other people in this community that have done so much more than I have ever done," said Park. "So I'm not sure exactly how this award would have come about, but I'm very thankful. I appreciate being nominated as it is quite an honour."

"I'd been to the Legislative before but only to do a conducted tour, so it was interesting to see the Lieutenant Governor. The ceremony was great and a little overwhelming because there's certain protocols to follow. It was also my first time singing God Save The King," said Park.

Charlie Froebe is a long-time volunteer in multiple local organizations and was involved in the early organization of the Canola Growers Association, both in Manitoba and nationally. He was also the 1984 Town of Carman Citizen of the Year.

"It was pretty cool receiving the

award," said Froebe. "My daughter flew in from Vancouver to come with me, so that was nice as you can only take one guest. I had no idea I was even being nominated, so it was a big surprise to earn this."

The full list of Jubilee Medal recipients and bios are below:

Kimberlee Daley- La Salle

Patient research partner with Crohn's & Colitis Canada as well as its effects on Mental Health. Fundraising coordinator for La Salle Nursery School.

Clifford Harrison- La Salle

Farmer, Ag Rep with MB Agriculture, member of farm debt resolution committee. Long standing member of Domain community including United Church, 4-H, and Legion.

Claudia Schmidt- Morris

Long time supporter and volunteer and institution with the Morris Library, Morris Stampede, and other community organizations.

Heather Lewko- Sanford

Volunteer in education, high school

hockey, local rec centre, and all matters fundraising for the Sanford community.

Clarke Burnett- Miami

Together with his wife Ruth, they were instrumental in starting the Miami golf course. Heavily involved in the Miami history book and many other community organizations.

Darren Plett- Rosenort

Volunteer with the Rosenort Community Centre and with the trail committee building a walking trail for the community. Church volunteer as well as other community organizations.

Donald Woods- Elm Creek

Retired teacher, volunteer firefighter, mentor/coach/caretaker with the local curling rink club. Local historian for all things in Elm Creek and surrounding area.

Pauline Rourie- St Claude

Hairdresser in St Claude for many years. Volunteered with arena, fall suppers, and senior centre in her community.

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apply to the Manitoba Accessibility Fund and work together to create a more inclusive and accessible Manitoba."

Eligible applicants, which must have been in operation for one year prior to application, include:

- registered charities;
- non-profit organizations incorporated and registered with the Companies Office;
- non-profit organizations that have a bank account and can verify activity for at least one year;
- local businesses or corporations based in Manitoba providing ser-

vices to Manitobans that are registered with the Companies Office;

- on-reserve businesses and organizations that meet all other eligibility requirements;
- municipalities and local authorities such as planning districts and Northern Affairs Community Councils; and
- universities, colleges and school divisions.

For more information on accessibility in Manitoba and the Manitoba Accessibility Fund, visit: <https://accessibilitymb.ca>. The application deadline is March 10.

Boyne Regional Library celebrating I Love to Read Month

By Autumn Fehr

Grab your favourite book and cozy up - I Love to Read Month starts now!

Book lovers can flock to Boyne Regional Library for activities to enjoy all month long.

This month, regularly scheduled programs will continue to take place at the library, such as French Storytime on Feb. 4 and 18 @ 10:30 a.m. and Homeschool Hang on Feb. 10 @ 10:00 a.m., with an I Love to Read theme.

All month long, the library will have "I love my library because..." hearts available for children to fill out and an I Love to Read scavenger hunt to explore. Boyne Regional Library will

also be visiting schools in the community to read to different classes.

But the fun isn't just for the kids!

Adults will receive one ballot every time they visit and check out books from the library. They are also encouraged to write reviews for the books they read during February. Review sheets and ballots can be picked up at the library. All reviews must be in at the library by Feb. 28.

To add to the month's fun, the library will draw for a prize each week. Draws will happen on Feb. 8, 15, and 22, with the final draw for the book reviews happening on March 1.

Registration opens for Cadenza Summer Music Week



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Cadenza Summer Music Week gives students the chance to learn from industry professionals and have some fun with fellow music-lovers.

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Registration is now open for the Douglas Kuhl School of Music Cadenza Summer Music Week.

Director Rochelle Drudge says they're eager to get things back to normal after years of cancelled events followed by the last-minute planning of last year's camp due to the uncertainty surrounding public health restrictions.

"It was a bit smaller last year," she says. "We're anticipating a larger group of students this summer simply because we are able to start planning so much earlier."

Cadenza 2023 takes place at the Winkler Elementary School July 3-7, offering a variety of themed classes for strings (violin, viola, cello, bass), piano, and voice students led by industry professionals.

Voice sessions were a new addition

in 2022 that was very well-received, Drudge observes, and they're back again this summer.

"We started with that last year with the musical theatre," she says. "We'd like to see that program grow."

There are full-day and half-day programs on offer, as well as orchestra-only sessions, adult classes, and an explore program for kids with no previous experience who want to try out an instrument.

Cadenza also opens its doors to the community every day that week for free noon-hour concerts, with advanced students and instructors performing.

"It's a great community festival featuring quality instrumental music," Drudge says, urging music-lovers and families to plan to come check it

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Volunteer Elise Dubourg facilitates French Storytime at Boyne Regional Library on the first and third Saturday of every month at 10:30 a.m., where she reads french stories to kids.

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Free provincial park entry for month of February

Enjoy winter by exploring provincial parks

Submitted by the Manitoba government

The Manitoba government will once again offer free park entry for the entire month of February so Manitobans and visitors can take advantage of the many winter activities available in provincial parks, Environment, Climate and Parks Minister Jeff Wharton announced last Friday.

"In Manitoba's provincial parks, winter is a season worth celebrating," said Wharton. "Our government is pleased to make it easier for Manitobans to participate in invigorating, enjoyable winter experiences surrounded by our province's natural beauty."

Vehicle permits are not required in any provincial park in February, but Snopasses are still required for snowmobiles using trails. Entrance fees still apply in national parks.

Provincial parks have groomed trails for a variety of activities includ-

ing cross-country skiing, fat biking, snowshoeing and hiking. Paint Lake, Spruce Woods and Turtle Mountain provincial parks also offer outdoor skating areas, hockey rinks and toboggan hills. Hecla/Grindstone Provincial Park has ice-fishing shelters on Lake Winnipeg that are free to use.

Manitobans are encouraged to check trail conditions before visiting parks. Trail maps and updated reports can be found at: https://www.gov.mb.ca/sd/parks/recreation-and-activities/trail_conditions/index.html.

Trail users are reminded to only use trails for designated activities, keep dogs on leash and practise the principles of "Leave No Trace."

Park interpreters in Birds Hill, Spruce Woods and Whiteshell provincial parks offer numerous guided programs to enrich visitor experiences. Highlights for the month of February include wolf howl hikes, snowshoe treks, ski clinics, quinzhee building and ice fishing. Event details and registration information can be found at www.manitobaparks.com.



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Manitoba provincial parks will have free entry for the entire month of February to encourage people to take advantage of the many winter activities available.

Teachers can also book free guided field trips to Birds Hill, Spruce Woods and Whiteshell provincial parks, along with virtual programs to bring park interpreters into classrooms.

Annual park vehicle permits will be available for purchase beginning on

March 1. To purchase a permit, visit: www.manitobaecensing.ca.

For more information on winter activities and interpretive programs in provincial parks, email ParkInterpretation@gov.mb.ca or visit www.manitobaparks.com.

Flashback....Carman's Chicken Chef 45 and counting!

By Dennis Young

By Dennis Young

It all started when Fred Thorgilsson and his business partner Ed Purvis dropped the Chicken Delight franchise they were running at 22 1st Street SW in Carman and reopened it as Chicken Chef in 1978.

The duo didn't have the notion of opening franchises, but people approached them, and one by one, Chicken Chefs started to sprout up in small towns that big chains would only sniff at. Thorgilsson and Purvis understood the tight margins rural entrepreneurs often operate under, so they kept their franchise royalty fee to just 3 per cent of net sales compared to 8 per cent at most other chains.

Purvis spent more time at the Winnipeg head office that served as the warehouse supplying the coatings and seasonings that made up the



Ed Purvis working in the kitchen in the early days of purchasing the Chicken Chef franchise.

trade secret recipe. After operating the Carman location for 10 years, Purvis and Thorgilsson sold the restaurant to Cliff and Marg Holliston to concentrate more on expanding throughout Manitoba.

Chicken Chef always fought against the percep-



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The Chicken Chef team, left to right, Shawn and Kim MacLellan, Shelly Lucking and Cliff Holliston.

tion that it is just another fried-chicken joint. Of course, no one dresses up as a southern gentleman or wears a chicken costume. Still, with that theory, Chicken Chef franchises pecked their way up to 37 restaurants, including three in Saskatchewan and one in Sioux Lookout.

In January of 1997, Thorgilsson was joined in the business by his daughter Kim and son-in-law Shawn MacLellan. Together they kept busy with dine-in, take-out, and catering busi-

nesses serving Carman and the area, averaging 4,000 pieces of chicken a week! Thorgilsson was always the consummate host at many a banquet.

"We have many fond memories of their time at the restaurant especially all the close friends and relationships our family made with customers and staff" said Kim MacLellan, but in December of 2012, they sold the restaurant to Michael and Misty Friesen who operate today at the same location started back in 1978.

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What you wear as you walk down the aisle is one of the most significant decisions for your wedding day. Do you envision yourself in a classic bridal gown, or do traditional styles feel confining to you? To help you express your unique personality on your big day, 2023 has plenty of fresh design trends to inspire you.

1. Something blue

An alternative to classic white, blue is the darling of bridal dress designers for 2023. Look for gowns in shades like periwinkle, ice blue and cornflower.

2. The little white dress

If you have a playful spirit, a darling cocktail dress provides ease of movement so you can kick up your heels. Bridal designers offer an array of white party minidresses embellished with ornate details befitting the classic bridal gown.

3. Bridal pantsuits

Do you want a look that's less fairy princess but doesn't compromise on the drama? Bridal fashion is making huge strides with striking white heirloom separates. These immaculately tailored suit pieces will easily integrate with your post-wedding wardrobe. You may consider adding romantic flourishes like lace, bows or a tulle train.

4. High slits

Picture the classic bridal gown with a flash of femme fatale. An elongating glimpse of the leg can balance the fullness of your dress's silhouette. Wear a delicate strappy sandal to extend your leg line.

5. Conscientious choices

If you want to express your values in your gown choice, look for a brand that uses sustainable fabrics or repurposed antique lace. Some

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Cameron Friesen looking to make jump into federal politics

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Cameron Friesen is stepping down as the Morden-Winkler MLA and throwing his hat in the ring for the nomination to represent the Conservative Party of Canada in Portage-Lisgar.

Friesen, who was also Manitoba's finance minister, gathered supporters in Winkler Friday to announce he had notified Premier Heather Stefanson he would be leaving her cabinet and resigning from his seat in the legislature.

Friesen leaves his provincial job behind in the hopes of stepping into the shoes of Portage-Lisgar MP Candice Bergen, who announced last fall she would not be seeking re-election.

In recent weeks, several other cabinet ministers in Stefanson's government have announced they will not be running in the 2023 Manitoba general election. Friesen acknowledged the timing of his own departure from provincial politics will likely generate questions, but he stressed the opportunity to potentially make the leap to the federal stage is one he can't pass up.

"I want to be clear—I do not feel like

I am moving away from something. I feel like I am moving towards something, seizing this opportunity to do a next thing," he said. "I think today's decision is about saying I believe I have more gas left in the tank. I believe the last eleven-and-a-half years have prepared me well for what's next, and now it will be up to the people of Portage-Lisgar to decide for themselves."

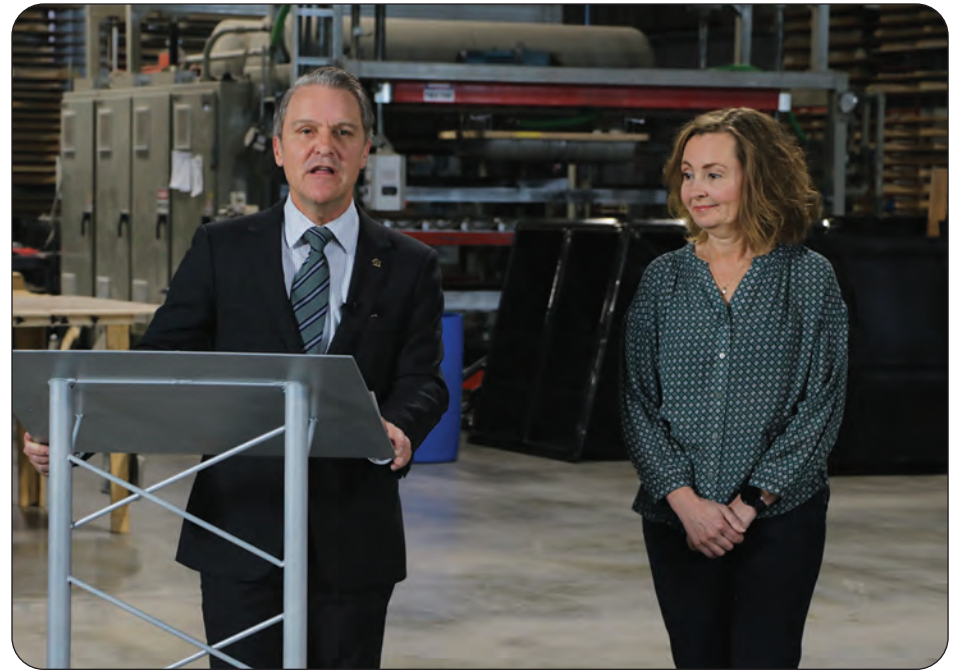
Friesen believes his track record as an MLA coupled with his experience as Bergen's chief of staff prior to his own foray into politics makes him well-suited to represent Portage-Lisgar.

"I embraced the provincial issues because they were near and dear to me. But it's interesting how, after having done that for eleven-and-a-half years, I felt myself prepared for other challenges," he said. "I believe that Canada is in need of change at the federal level, and it needs leaders and servants of the people to show up, put their name on the ballot, and be part of a move to describe a new vision for Canada and who Canadians are."

"I couldn't be more delighted by the leadership that Pierre Poilievre is giving the Conservative Party. That factored into my decision."

Friesen outlined three pillars behind his campaign for the nomination: roots, relationships, and results.

"I think they are three key ingredients for anyone who wants to represent Portage-Lisgar going forward,"



STANDARD PHOTO BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS

Cameron Friesen, with wife Shelley on hand to show her support, announced last week that he will be leaving his role as Morden-Winkler MLA to try for the Conservative Party of Canada nomination for Portage-Lisgar.

he said. "I am from Southern Manitoba. I live here. We raised our family here.

"And I have relationships throughout the region," Friesen continued, noting he's taken the time over the past decade "to get to know my constituents, to work in my roles as finance, justice, and health minister, to meet people in communities and get things done.

"And finally, results ... we've gotten a lot of things done in the last number of years, and I think that people want

to know that a representative in Ottawa has the ability to get things done."

So far, two other people have formally announced their intention to run for the Tory nomination in the riding: Portage la Prairie's Branden Leslie and Morden's Liz Reimer.

Only members of the Conservative Party of Canada can vote on who they want to be their candidate for the riding. A date for the nomination vote has not yet been set.

\$200-million carbon tax relief fund announced

By

As part of the Manitoba government's ongoing effort to help Manitobans make ends meet, Premier Heather Stefanson today unveiled a \$200-million Carbon Tax Relief Fund aimed at helping 700,000 Manitobans cope with the negative impacts of rising winter costs, from food to fuel.

The 2023 Carbon Tax Relief Fund will provide help for all Manitobans including seniors, singles and couples with or without children who lived in the province on Dec. 31, 2021, and

whose family net income that year was less than \$175,000.

"Last fall, we pledged to continue to help Manitobans as help was needed," said Stefanson. "Given the cost shock Manitobans are facing this winter from the federal carbon tax and other related increases, we believe Manitobans need our support again now."

The premier reiterated the Manitoba government's calls for the federal government to put an immediate halt on the carbon tax and its harmful increases.

The Carbon Tax Relief Fund will provide \$225 per single person and \$375 per couple. For couples, the lower income earner will receive the payment.

"Our initial affordability package focused on helping families with children address back-to-school costs and seniors with fixed or low incomes address inflation-related challenges," said the premier. "Our new Carbon Tax Relief Fund will broaden access to support almost every Manitoban who

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Female Hawks earn 2-1 shootout win over Capitals

By Lorne Stelmach

They needed to go to a shootout to get it done, but the female U18 Pembina Valley Hawks picked up a win in their lone game of the past week.

The Hawks edged the Central Plains Capitals 2-1 in Morden Sunday afternoon with Leah Pouteau connecting for the shootout winner after the game went scoreless in overtime.

The last-place Capitals opened scoring in the first period and then Mya Pearce connected in the second to tie it up for the Hawks.

The win boosted the Hawks' record to 7-16-1 for 15 points, but they remain stuck in sixth place. They are four and seven points ahead of Interlake and Central Plains and eight behind Eastman.

Pembina Valley has four regular season games remaining starting with Interlake this Friday in Warren and then against the first-place Ice in Winnipeg Saturday.

The Hawks also had a pair of exhibition games over the weekend against the Pilot Mound Prep team. They came away with 3-2 and 4-2 wins.

Game one saw two goals come in from Jessica Anderson and one from Pearce. Pearce scored again in game two, along with Caitlin Anderson, Gracie Carels and Emma Durand.



STANDARD PHOTO BY RICK HIEBERT

Pembina Valley's Mya Pearce tries to get a shot on Central Plains netminder Elyse Denbow Sunday in Morden. The Hawks got the win 2-1.

Male Hawks make short work of visiting Rangers

By Lorne Stelmach

The male U18 Pembina Valley Hawks swept their at-home double-header against the Parkland Rangers last weekend.

Both were close games against the 11th-place Rangers, but the third-

place Hawks edged Parkland 5-4 Friday evening and then 4-3 Saturday afternoon.

Carter Campbell, Cedrik Robidoux, Sebastian Hicks, and Liam Goertzen all contributed a goal and an assist for the Hawks in game one, while Kam

Thomas also connected for Pembina Valley.

The Rangers held a major edge in shots on goal at 45-20, but Raiden LeGall had 41 saves to help backstop the Hawks to the win.

Thomas' power play goal midway

through the final frame was the winner Saturday as Pembina Valley trailed 2-0 after one period but had it even at 3-3 after 40 minutes.

Hicks, Adrien McIntosh, and Campbell scored the three unanswered second period goals for the Hawks while Bryson Yaschyshyn made 33 saves with the shots on goal even at 36 apiece.

Pembina Valley maintains their hold on third place at 25-7-5 for 55 points. They trail Brandon at 62 and the Winnipeg Bruins at 59 points while remaining six ahead of the Winnipeg Wild.

The Hawks will have a good chance to build a winning streak as they have a home-and-home double-header with seventh-place Eastman Friday in Morden and Saturday in Beausejour.

Beavers fall to Mercs in SEMHL action

By Ty Dilello

It's been generally a tough time for the Carman Beavers senior team over the course of this 2022-23 season. Playing in the revamped and now ten-team South Eastern Manitoba Hockey League (SEMHL), the Beavers currently sit in ninth place with a record of four wins and twelve losses.

On Jan. 26, the Beavers lost a tough game to the Warren Mercs by an 8-5 scoreline. Ben Dalke led the way for Carman with two goals, while Fraser Mirrlees, Daniel Nychuk and Jack Bausman had the other goals. Luke Zacharias and Rocky Van de Velde both appeared in goal for the Beavers.

Despite the 4-12-0 record on the

season, Carman has a pair of players that are in the SEMHL's top-ten scoring leaders. Fraser Mirrlees is in sixth place with 29 points and Ben Dalke is in eighth place with 28 points.

The Carman Beavers are back in action on Jan 31 with a home against the Red River Wild. The puck drops at 7:30 p.m.

Mixed week for Pembina Valley Twisters

By Lorne Stelmach

The Pembina Valley Twisters had mixed results this past weekend against teams they are pursuing in the MMJHL standings.

The sixth-place Twisters dropped a 6-2 decision Friday to third-place River East but rebounded for a big 9-2 win Sunday over Fort Garry Fort Rouge.

Pembina Valley was stymied by

Royal Knights netminder Ashton Howarth Friday as the Twisters held a 48-34 edge in shots on goal, but it was River East who connected for five unanswered second period goals.

Riley Goertzen and Kyle VanDenyze on a powerplay scored for the Twisters. Logan Enns stopped 23 of 28 shots before being replaced after two periods, then Matt Grysiuk stopped five of six shots in the third period.

Goertzen then had a big six point game Sunday including a goal and five assists as the Twisters took period leads of 2-0 and 6-1 over the Twins.

Slade Sotheran, Merek Degraeve, and Brett Bergman each scored a pair for Pembina Valley with the other goals coming from Caelan Russell and Derek Wiebe. Enns got the win in net with 31 saves as the Twisters were outshot 33-26.

Pembina Valley sits at 13-11-3-2 for 31 points, which has them four ahead of St. Boniface and just one ahead of Transcona while sitting even with Charleswood, though the Hawks have the edge with one more victory.

Pembina Valley remains at home this weekend as they welcome St. Boniface Friday and then the Raiders Saturday.

Winkler Flyers win two against Neepawa Titans

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler Flyers made short work of the Neepawa Titans to add two more to the win column last week.

Game one Friday night in Winkler saw the home team double up on the visitors 4-2.

Mike Svenson and Zach Nicolas scored in the first to make it 2-1 heading into the middle frame. There,

Trent Penner made it 3-1 before the Titans closed the gap by one with a few minutes left on the clock.

Period three was very nearly a scoreless affair until Trent Sambrook put the final nail in, scoring Winkler's final goal with 1:12 to go.

Malachi Klassen made 28 saves in net as the Flyers outshot the Titans 33-30.

Winkler won the rematch in Neepawa the next night 3-1. Goals this time came courtesy of Nicholas, Svenson, and Jayce Legaarden in the second and third periods. Neepawa managed their lone goal midway through the second.

It was Aidan Comeau between the posts this match. He made 32 saves off 33 shots. His teammates fired 25

the other way.

Winkler remains in third place in the MJHL MGEU East Division standings with a record of 26-10-5-1 for 58 points, trailing Steinbach in first (62 points) and Portage in Terriers (also 62 points).

The team kicks off February with a home game against the Winnipeg Blues this Friday night.

Cougars lose in shoot out against Pembina Tigers

By Ty Dilello

The Carman Cougars gave it a spirited effort last week but fell in their only game to the Pembina Tigers in a shootout. The Cougars find themselves with a six wins and fifteen losses record, which puts them in seventh place in the nine-team league.

On Jan. 25, the Cougars fell 5-4 to

the Tigers in a shootout. Josh Hiebert, Kolton Worms, Colton Reimer and Ryan Orchard had the goals for the Cougars, while Maysen Mazurat stopped 50 shots in net.

The Cougars made an impressive comeback in the game as they fought back from being down 4-0 to score four straight goals to force overtime.

Sadly, the Cougars fell in a shootout that lasted six rounds.

Ryan Orchard is still leading the way as the team's leading scorer with 44 points, including a whopping 32 goals. Behind him is Ethan Wilde with 26 points and Hiebert with 25 points.

Goaltender Mazurat, a Grade 11 student from St. Claude, continues to be

a bright spot on the Cougars' team. He currently has a 6-11-1 record, with a 3.90 goals-against average and a very impressive .913 save percentage.

The Cougars are back in action with a road game on Feb 3 against the Morris Mavericks. The puck drops at 5:45 p.m.

> TAX RELIEF, FROM PG. 10

has to drive to work, take their kids to activities or go out to buy groceries."

Statistics Canada's Consumer Price Index reached a near 40-year high in June 2022 in Manitoba, peaking at 9.4 per cent growth year over year. In December 2022, the rate of growth was eight per cent, the highest among all provinces.

"Food and transportation costs have risen dramatically in the last few

months, putting pressure on family finances," said Stefanson. "But every family's circumstances are different, and they will know how to best spend this money to help them make ends meet."

The premier noted that the 2023 Carbon Tax Relief Fund is part of an \$850-million package that will be detailed in the coming days meant to:

- address financial pressures within the health-care system;

- support Manitoba municipalities with targeted project funding; and
- help communities and industries to continue to recover.

Today's funding commitment, the premier added, also builds on an

initial 2022 program that provided approximately 145,000 families with children and a household income of less than \$175,000 with a cheque for \$250 for the first child and \$200 for each additional child, and more than 52,000 seniors with less than \$40,000 in family income a cheque for \$300.

In addition, the first phase of the affordability package provided Manitobans receiving Employment and Income Assistance (EIA) a long-overdue increase to the basic needs rate, the premier said. EIA general assistance clients without dependent children began receiving an extra \$50 per adult each month, and all EIA disability clients began receiving an additional \$25 per household each month.

Stefanson noted historic tax relief measures were also part of Budget 2022 with a \$2,020 Tax Rollback Guarantee, which has now been exceeded to \$2,400 or \$4,800 for a two-income family. Some of these initiatives in-

clude:

- indexing personal tax brackets and the basic personal amount;
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- phasing out the education property tax.

"Our government is committed to helping Manitobans make ends meet as they continue to face rising prices due to inflation and the largely hidden, federally imposed carbon tax," said Stefanson. "We truly hope this new Carbon Tax Relief Fund will help ease the strain many families are facing this winter."

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Unfortunately, sadly, Bonnie is no longer with us, but the Mona Lisa still smiles in the Louvre. Time moves on. We miss Bonnie, terribly.

We lost our wonderful lady in 2020 just before COVID set in. Thank goodness for the timing as we had gotten to have a funeral and we got to go to the hospital during her final hours. So sad, but what a blessing. So many didn't.

Bonnie (Strachan) Froebe was such a trooper. She loved feeding hoards of people, at our house, for the church, and for the DAS.



She was blessed with common sense which saved me on many occasions and steered numerous others on the right path. Various discussions were resolved through her wisdom. I would not have been able to do all the things I did without her help and assistance. She was a gem.

She loved to travel. We travelled the world. Yellowstone National Park was one of our favourites.



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OBITUARY



Thomas James Phillips
April 19, 1946 – January 25, 2023

Thomas Phillips passed away at the Carman Hospital with his wife at his side.

He was predeceased by his parents Donald Earl and Florence (Biddie) Phillips.

He is survived by his wife Kathy of 30 years; three children, Reg (Kisten), Karen (Roy) and David; five grandchildren, Christina (Robert), Andrew (Kaitlyn), Dustin, Kaylee, Zoey and two great-grandchildren Jaxson and Ryker.

In keeping with Tom's wishes, cremation has taken place. At his request there will be no funeral. Interment at Fairview Cemetery, Roland.

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OBITUARY



Sarah Isabel Fraser
(Bella Nordquist)
(nee Deamel)

September 26, 1930 – January 18, 2023

Our beautiful mom has passed away at 92 years, at Tabor Home Personal Care Home in Morden.

She is survived by her five daughters, Valerie (Vernon Williamson), Nowell (Barry Kunzelman), Dolores, Gloria and Melva (Doug Touchette); 12 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren; step-children Debby (Ken Jorowski), Ray JR. and David; two sisters, Donna (Harold Veldhuis) and Joyce (Ewart Hudson) and brother Maurice (Linda Deamel).

She was predeceased by first husband Melvin Nordquist of Miami in 1974 and her second husband Raymond Fraser in 2019. Celebration of Life will be held in the spring.

Donations in her memory to Miami Cemetery, C/O RM of Thompson, Box 190, Miami, MB. R0G 1H0.

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OBITUARY

Doreen Waddell (nee Dracass)

Doreen Waddell passed away at Tabor Home in Morden on Monday, January 23, 2023 at the age of 88 years.

Doreen was born on the family farm west of Sperling, Manitoba, the youngest of five children born to Sam and Myrtle Dracass. She grew up helping on the farm and would tell stories about how scared she was of being pecked by the chickens when collecting eggs and trying to dress up the barn kittens. As a teenager she began playing softball on a team that included her older sister, Marion, and future sister-in-law, Muggs. The team was so successful that in 2009 they reunited in Brandon to be inducted into the Manitoba Softball Hall of Fame. Jack would often remark how, as a teenager, he hated playing catch with her because he was trying to impress her and had to pretend the balls she threw with her wicked arm didn't hurt when he caught them. He must have been successful because they started dating soon after and the childhood sweethearts married on August 18, 1956.

After high school, Doreen attended Normal School and received her teaching certificate. She spent several years teaching in nearby country schools and in the city at St. James and, after her marriage, Edmonton before settling down to be a full-time mother and homemaker. Jack was employed by CIBC and the couple happily settled wherever the bank took them including Edmonton, Winnipeg (three times), Elm Creek, Gimli and Minnedosa. Daughter, Teri, was born in 1960 followed by son, Michael, in 1967 – the perfect banker's family, they said. Doreen was always an active community member. She coached youth softball, served as a Girl Guide leader, Kinette and Sorority Sister and volunteered at Concordia Hospital. When the kids were older, Doreen returned to the education field as a teacher's aide at Tanner's Crossing School in Minnedosa and Maple Leaf Elementary in North Kildonan. She and Jack also enjoyed travelling, often to Arizona with sister Marion and her husband, Burt. In 2012 Jack and Doreen moved one last time, settling in Morden to be close to Mike's family.

Doreen is survived by daughter Teri Nicholson, son Mike Waddell (Vanessa), sister-in-law Margaret (Muggs) Dracass and eight grandchildren Jacquie (Rob McGregor), Brad, Rory, Kelsey (Christian Bouley), and Rick Nicholson, Justin Nguyen, Fallon and Darra Waddell as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by her husband of 63 years Jack Waddell, parents Sam and Myrtle Dracass, brother George (Geordie) Dracass, sisters Ileen Kendall, Muriel Farstad and Marion Mitchell as well as much loved brothers and sisters-in-law.

Cremation has taken place and a memorial service will be held at a later date.

Donations in Doreen's memory may be made to Tabor Home Inc. or Boundary Trails Health Centre Foundation.

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