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Nine Lives Fashions continues to support local groups

By Autumn Fehr

For 11 years, a core value at Nine Lives Fashions has been giving back to the community they serve.

On Jan. 31, 2023, the Carman shop donated \$1,200 to a local agency in town, The Boyne River Keepers. Over the summer, Nine Lives Fashions gave them \$1,000; giving them a total of \$2,200.

The Boyne River Keepers are a non-profit in Carman whose goals are to “maintain and improve the quality of water that flows through our region.”

“I try to look at agencies in the community that generally support as much of the community as possible. I know many people care about the river, and now we are starting to use the river in a variety of activities in the winter and summer... It’s a relatively new group looking to create a better space and use of a local resource that we have, which is a wonderful resource,” said Marge Warkentin, owner of Nine Lives Fashions for over 13 years. It’s been in business in the community for over 25 years.

The donations from Nine Lives Fashions will help the Boyne River Keepers move closer to its goal of raising funds for an accessible dock at Ryall Park.

“IT’S A RELATIVELY NEW GROUP LOOKING TO CREATE A BETTER SPACE AND USE OF A LOCAL RESOURCE THAT WE HAVE, WHICH IS A WONDERFUL RESOURCE,”

Nine Lives Fashions, a clothing consignment store in Carman, doesn’t sell their jewelry. Instead, consigners and people in the community donate the jewelry. Then, if someone wants a piece of jewelry, they put a donation in their donation box. The donations go directly to various agencies.

Each year a different organization is chosen to donate to.

The store has been running its donation program for about 11 years. Over the years, they have given over \$24,400 to various agencies.

Some other agencies they’ve supported in the past just over a decade include the Family Resource Centre, Carman Collegiate Theatre, the splash pad, the Boyne Regional Library, Boyne Lodge, and the Handivan.

“It’s been a good community involvement, and we’ve been able to support many agencies,” said Warkentin.

In 2023, the agency Nine Lives Fashions will support with their jewelry donations is the school lunch program at the public schools in Carman.

Nine Lives Fashions welcomes jewelry donations. To support the donation program and donate to a local agency in the community, stop at Nine Lives



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Scotiabank donation aids growing Miami Minor Hockey program

Staff

Miami Minor Hockey got a welcome funding boost from the Winkler Scotiabank last week.

Branch manager Kerri Leroux and small business advisor Adam Dmytriw stopped by the Lloyd Orchard Community Arena to present the U7 and U9 Miami Rockets with a \$1,000 donation.

The money comes from Scotiabank's Hockey for All Sponsorship program, Leroux explains.

"Every year we have funds that we are able to use to support minor hockey in our local communities to support hockey for all and increase inclusivity," she says.

In past years the funds have gone to hockey programs in Winkler, Morden, and Altona. This year they wanted to select a smaller program, Leroux says.

"They have perhaps less support, less visibility sometimes," she says, stressing the importance of community support to keep small-town minor hockey "alive and well."

Miami Minor Hockey board chair Brian Weir was certainly grateful for the help.

"This really helps keep our fees af-



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Winkler Scotiabank reps Kerri Leroux and Adam Dmytriw stopped by Miami last week to present the Miami Rockets U7 and U9 teams with a donation of \$1,000.

fordable for families, so it was very welcome," he says. "We'll be putting it towards some new jerseys for our teams and any other of our minor hockey programs that need a little bit of funding."

Weir notes Miami Minor Hockey,

which has about 27 kids from across the region playing this season, is looking to grow over the next few years, including adding an U11 team next fall.

"It wasn't long ago that we didn't have any teams, and now we're slow-

ly growing and the association's getting more numbers every year."

Scotiabank also gifted the kids with some free branded swag, including toques, bags, and hockey pucks.

"The kids loved the goodies," says Weir.



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“A big misnomer for the new and improved green movement”

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This article is about one of the most criminal, insidious, vile underhanded, shady and misleading misnomers of this sort of “new millennium.” It just might be the biggest lie ever told since the best one ever, “Your Check Is In The Mail.” Governments all over the world are all jumping on the huge bandwagon which is quite erroneously called “eco-friendly.” Never mind the overly profiteering investors with the electric car makers who are pleased as punch that so many have been snowed over in an avalanche of lies and deceit. This is just a succinct, short cautionary tale that all sorts of people with a conscience, common sense and/or honourable intentions to be good stewards of our planet.

I have been a keen and avid recycler of all types of precious metals since

the time I could drive down to the regional metal recyclers when I turned 16. I used the proceeds of stripping cars and trucks from everywhere and anywhere I could find them, towards fixing up my own vehicles. I never wanted a new car since in the 80’s they were all such big, ugly bohemths that completely were lacking in style or economy. It was either that or little put-puts with the same problems that may have been economical but had zero style. Furthermore, I had no desire to have to take out a huge loan to buy a newer vehicle. I’ve always done my own mechanical work since I started at the age of twelve, helping my older brothers do some things on their cars where my hands could fir but was too tight of a space for them to get into. I was also helping my friends do tune-ups and maintenance on their rides. Also in an attempt to save them some cash and make a bit for my time. That aside there was a “derelict vehicle” law within the City of Winnipeg which was instrumental in helping me find, ask about and get given cars for free, just to get them cleaned up to keep the “man” off their backs. This

law worked greatly in my favour as about half the time people that I asked about hauling their old cars away they just gave them to. Many other times they would want a little something for it because it may have had decent tires on it or whatever. If it was less than \$100 I would never flinch, since I could always sell the good stuff off of it and make that money back. When I would bring my cars home to my parking spot where I lived the “parts for sale, cheap” sign would go in the window and before I knew it things on it would get sold or spoken for as I had to leave the wheels on them to tow them to MAN-DAK in Selkirk, now GIRDAU. I was both, providing a much needed service all around my neighbourhood as well making a nice bit of cash for my efforts. One of those win-win situations for everyone involved which I actually felt pretty good about.

So now, fast forward to 2016. In the fall of that I had a fairly large load of precious metals that I had gathered thanks to one of my buddies who wanted some stuff cleaned up

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Province expanding access to in-home sleep testing

Submitted by Manitoba government

Manitoba Health’s Diagnostic and Surgical Recovery Task Force has launched a new process for individuals currently waiting for diagnostic sleep testing to find out if they are eligible for an in-home alternative.

The province has an agreement with Cerebra Medical Ltd. to provide in-home sleep diagnostic tests for up to 1,000 patients. The test records brain waves, heartbeats, breathing and other information used to diagnose sleep disorders. More than 8,000 Manitobans are currently waiting for sleep tests, which were previously only

available by attending a sleep lab in person.

The in-home test is available to eligible people at no cost.

Sleep disorders and a lack of proper sleep can have a wide range of effects on health and well-being. Undiagnosed sleep disorders can increase the risk of diabetes, obesity, hypertension and heart disease.

Cerebra is a Winnipeg-based health technology company focused on improving access to advanced technology for sleep assessment and diagnosis. This agreement is a short-term solution to build capacity in Manitoba

to deal with the backlog of sleep tests.

People waiting for a sleep study can review eligibility criteria at <https://www.gov.mb.ca/health/dsrecovery/solutions.html>. Applicants can then complete an e-form online, email inprovpatient@gov.mb.ca or call 1-888-600-0108 to move forward. Individuals may also be referred by a primary care provider.

For more information about the Diagnostic and Surgical Recovery Task Force, visit: www.gov.mb.ca/health/dsrecovery.

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Lawrence Toet joins race for Portage-Lisgar Tory nomination

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The race for the Conservative nomination in Portage-Lisgar continues to heat up.

Former Elmwood-Transcona MP Lawrence Toet gathered supporters together in Winkler Saturday to announce he is running for the position previously held by Candice Bergen, who resigned last week.

Toet joins a field that has four official candidates so far, including former Morden-Winkler MLA Cameron Friesen, Mordenite Liz Reimer, and Branden Leslie from Portage la Prairie.

Toet was an MP in Winnipeg from 2011 to 2015. He lost his re-election bid in 2015 and again in 2019 to the NDP's Daniel Blaikie.

In announcing his decision to return to politics, Toet stressed that he would bring a measure of common sense in his representation of Portage-Lisgar.

"What kind of life are we leaving for the next generation? The social changes, or experiment you could even say, that the Trudeau Liberals are implementing in Ottawa are extensive, and are radically altering the social fabric of our society.

"These changes are eroding the underpinning of a strong work ethic, an entrepreneurial spirit, the notion to live within our means, and the search for common-sense solutions to societal challenges. We need to fight for and defend these important values. And I am prepared to do that.

"For me, the question was could I look back 10 years from now and be content with not getting involved in public service? Looking at the societal changes that have already occurred, and the

ones that seem to be coming, how could I not return to public service?"

Toet said that Prime Minister Justin Trudeau has much to answer for when it comes to Canada's finances, his government's COVID-19 response, and an overall lack of leadership.

"This is a time for healing," he observed. "But it's also a time for learning from the pandemic. In the future we need to make sure we recognize our duty to protect society, while at the same time respecting constitutionally protected liberties."

In speaking with supporters across the riding in recent weeks, Toet said it's clear there are many issues on people's minds—issues he feels strongly about as well—including the negative impact of the carbon tax, the need for additional infrastructure funding, especially when it comes to rural water supply and highway improvements, and concerns over the Liberals' handling of issues such as gun control and medical assistance in dying.

Toet currently lives in Winnipeg but has plans to relocate to Carman with his wife to be closer to family. He noted he has deep roots in the Carman area, and he's spent a lot of time there over the years, stretching back to childhood summers helping out on his uncles' farms.

Prior to his time in politics, Toet spent 25 years as a partner in Premier Printing, a family-owned print and communications business.

No date has been set yet for either the nomination vote nor the riding's by-election.



STANDARD PHOTO ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS
Former Elmwood-Transcona MP Lawrence Toet is running for the Conservative nomination in Portage-Lisgar.

Carman Elementary has lots on the go in February

By Ty Dilello

February is a busy month at Carman Elementary School. It is also I Love To Read month, so there will be plenty of activities planned over the coming weeks.

On Feb 6, the Carman Dufferin Fire Department will be coming to read to some of the classes for I Love To Read Month. They will also be doing a whole school reading train on Feb 13, along with pajama day.

Carman Elementary is then hosting a Tournament of Books throughout February that culminates with an assembly on Mar 1.

The Tournament of Books is a schoolwide book bracket starting Feb 6.

The Bracket is divided by K-2 and 3-5 students. Each side has eight books to read and vote for from Feb 6-24. The format will be displayed on the board outside the staff room start-

ing this week with book covers. And then two books will face off.

"Class will vote which book they preferred and then the teachers will submit the results to the office," said Carman Elementary principal Cecile Affleck. "Once every class has voted on the books, we will move forward the winner for the school to see on the draw board."

On the week of Feb 27 to Mar 1, they will do the final votes.

Finally on Mar 1, Carman Elementary will have a school-wide assembly and will project and listen to the K-2 book winner and the 3-5 winner. And then do a show of hands to determine the final winner.

The Tournament of Books is sure to drum up some interest in reading for all students at Carman Elementary School as they celebrate I Love To Read month.



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Flashback Bobby Hull visits Carman

By Dennis Young

The Golden Jet paid three visits to Carman over his years as a hockey ambassador. First, he attended Car-Duff Pepsi Minor Hockey Booster Night of 1975, when golden pucks were handed out to honour his 50 goals in 50 games.

In 1984 he was the head table guest at the Carman Beavers 20th Anniversary Reunion. He and NHL retired referee Red Storey were showcased in the fair parade riding in convertibles.

He returned for the Beaver's 40th in 2005 at their Sportsman Dinner. Supported by five former Jet teammates, he spoke to the crowd and then held court, telling stories to all who would listen back at his table. Hull would also donate two framed prints auc-



1975 Carman Minor Hockey Day

tioned off to raise funds for the Car-Duff Recreation Department, struggling to meet demands then.

This reporter, who organized the above Reunions, kept in touch with



2005 40th Anniversary Sportsman Dinner 1.

Hull over the years and asked him to attend the 60th last year, but he declined due to health.

Correction

Staff

In last week's edition of the *Carman Dufferin Standard* for the "Flashback... Carman's Chicken Chef 45 and counting" we incorrectly published a name of ownership. It should have said:

In January of 1997, Cliff Holliston 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 businesses serving Carman and the area, averaging 4,000 pieces of chicken a week! Holliston was always the consummate host at many a banquet.

The *Standard* apologizes for the error.

Incredible Creatures: New Species Identified in 2022

By John Gavloski

One of the things I like to write about annually is some of the new species discovered over the past year. Thousands of new species are being discovered every year, from all corners of the earth. It is estimated that there are still many thousands, if not millions, of species yet to be discovered. In this month's Incredible Creatures we will explore some of the new species that have been described in 2022.

Additional Arthropods

More than a dozen scientists with the California Academy of Sciences, along with several dozen international collaborators, recorded many new species of insects and other arthropods in 2022, including 30 species of ants, four beetles, three moths, two scorpions, two spiders and one aphid. In addition to all these new arthropods, they also found 44 new species of lizards. The two species of scorpions were actually discovered by high school students with the help

of scientists from the Academy. Both scorpions are small, desert-dwelling scorpions from the dry, salty lake beds of Central and Southern California. While one of the species inhabits federally protected land, the other can only be found on a narrow strip of unprotected land—about a mile long and only a few feet wide in some places—making the entire species highly vulnerable to human-driven threats. One of the high school students noted "The entire species could be wiped out with the construction of a single solar farm, mine, or housing development. Mapping the biodiversity of a given area can help build the case for why that land should be protected."

In addition to these discoveries of new arthropods, scientists with the Natural History Museum in London described 351 species new to science, including 84 species of beetles, 34 species of moths, seven species of flies, two bumble bees, and 85 species of wasps. Some of these wasps are parasites of other insects and may be

of importance to agriculture for the biological control they provide. There were also 19 new species of stick insects from Australia described this year.

New Geckos

Among the 44 species of lizard mentioned above, 28 were species of geckos belonging to a genus called *Bavayia*, raising the number of known species in this group of geckos from 13 to 41. *Bavayia* is a group of small forest geckos from the mountains of New Caledonia. Species are often brown with white markings. All the species in this genus look quite similar, but scientist have found that they are genetically distinct. Nearly every mountain in New Caledonia hosts a unique *Bavayia* species.

Flamboyant Fish

A colourful fish, called the rose-veiled fairy wrasse (*Cirrhilabrus finifenmaa*), was found in the Maldives' reefs. This fish is a vibrant mix of reds, yellows, purple, and electric

blue. It also glows in the dark, where it is dark purple with fluorescent pink around the head and throughout its fins. It can live 160 to 500 feet beneath the ocean's surface in unexplored coral ecosystems dubbed "the twilight zone", darting through the shadowy, twilight reefs off the coast of the Maldives.

Chocolate frogs

A species of small frog, that based on their colour look like they would be made of chocolate, were discovered in the Peruvian Amazon rainforest. The frogs nose is enlarged, resembling a tapir, giving it the common name tapir frog (*Synaptornus danta*). The frogs small size (about the size of a quarter), and tendency to burrow have helped hide it from scientists. Researchers followed the shrill calls and caught several specimens and confirmed their identity as a new species.

So next time someone asks you what's new, you have a great answer.

> MISNOMER, FROM PG. 4

around his rural property. I had, for many years, dealt with Chisick Metals in Winnipeg which is now owned by Urban Mine. I went there to bring in my load of precious metals, you know, radiators, yellow brass, aluminum, car batteries and the like. The worker in the back called for the manager to come out there to ask him something that I had brought which he wasn't sure if he should take or not. Well, heres the real kicker. The two little bitty 12 volt lithium ion batteries were the items in question. The man-

ager came up to me quite excited and agitated and told me that in no uncertain terms "we can't recycle these." The way he said it made me think that he figured were some type of explosive or incendiary device. Here comes the "real big lie" folks. There has not yet been a method developed to recycle lithium ion batteries. If the way to recycle them has not yet been come up with, why did all of those jurisdictions where they are producing electric cars not make them come up the way to recycle those environmental disasters waiting to happen? This should have been done before any car

maker built the first electric car.

This is just another of many examples all through our lovely "industrial revolution" of the cart coming before the horse. Evil and deceitful governments do their best to convince everyone that buying an electric vehicle is "eco-friendly" and "the right thing to do." Just to cover up the fact that they and all of their pals with these manufacturers in their "investment portfolios" can get even more stupid rich on the backs of hard-working, well-intentioned people. Please, I implore you all to do your due diligence and ask yourselves what the cost is to our

world if these massive batteries end up where? In the ocean where they are "out of sight out of mind." How about a huge secret landfill with the same plot in mind. Don't buy into the total hogwash we've all been told by all those who stand to gain from this electric car revolution and really think about the disservice being planned for "Gods presumably green earth." As sometime down the road logic and well thought out reason must prevail for us to truly "do the right thing."

- Yours Very Sincerely,
Darcy B. Redekopp, Carman

Quiz night in support of Carman's Handi-van



STANDARD PHOTOS BY LORRAINE STEVENSON

Team "ChatGPT" (named after the Artificial Intelligence language model) had a blast at Quiz Night Feb. 3 and were the ultimate victors over opposing teams "Wizard of Odd," the "Know It Alls," and "Ken Jennings' All Stars." Quiz Night is Carman Handi-Van's yearly fundraising event and a popular, laughter-filled evening held each winter at the Carman Golf and Curling Club.

Minnewasta Golf Course hopes to break ground on new clubhouse in spring

By Lorne Stelmach

The Minnewasta Golf and Country Club is getting closer to the day that work will start on its new clubhouse.

The hope is to see construction possibly get underway in April, but that is dependent in part on the financing for the project all being in place.

"Obviously there's lots of work going on behind the scenes with finalizing plans and getting everything ready for blueprints," head pro and general manager Greg Hesom said after the club recently held its semi-annual meeting.

"There's a lot that needs to be done ... there's a lot of groundwork to be done, and it's important obviously to stay fiscally responsible and trying to

meet budgets," he added.

Minnewasta has been working with LM Architectural Group of Winnipeg on the design and plans for the new clubhouse, which will be built by Triple E Developments.

"We've having lots of meeting time with them and back and forth between them and the architects and us and just getting things finalized," said Hesom, who noted Santa Lucia Pizza will continue to manage the food and beverage services out of the snack shack for the time being.

This all comes in the wake of the massive fire that destroyed the restaurant and clubhouse in late 2021.

Minnewasta is working from a fund-

ing base of about \$3 million through insurance coverage. It has also applied for funding through a provincial sports, arts and culture program with the hope of possibly landing \$800,000 to get them to a goal of \$5 million for the project, plus contingency funds.

"Obviously, if we are not successful in getting that, we will have to go back and try to fundraise some more," said Hesom

"We've also fundraised \$1.4 million, which is absolutely amazing. It's just humbling and overwhelming that the community has supported like they have."

The new facility of course will include a restaurant, banquet room, and

patio, but it's otherwise going to be quite different from the old building.

"One difference is the that the pro shop will be moving into the building as well," Hesom noted. "We will also have two golf simulators in there as well ... we're trying to provide a year-round facility.

"And the building itself will look very different," he continued. "The biggest thing we're trying to do is take advantage of the unique and gorgeous views we have, and that's what we'll be trying to achieve with the building.

"I think there will be a lot of excitement and curiosity as things take shape."

Surviving February the Carman way with gift card challenge

By Autumn Fehr

Surviving February and pushing through the last of the brutally cold winter days calls for something unique.

And the Carman and Community Chamber of Commerce has just the right thing to get you through.

Returning for its second year starting Feb.13 until Feb. 17, Carman residents will have the chance to win gift cards to various local businesses in the community.

"The goal of this event is to help our local businesses during the typically slow month of February. This

encourages community members to purchase gift cards, boost sales in local businesses and have something fun to keep the February blues away! The Chamber retains no funds from this event; we just organize the draws while helping to promote our local businesses," said executive director of the Carman and Community Chamber of Commerce Jodi Winkler.

Participating in the challenge is easy. First, residents must create a team with four people – players may be on more than one team.

Each team member must purchase

a \$25 gift card from a business member of the Carman and Community Chamber of Commerce.

To register, one of the team members has to drop off the 4-\$25 gift cards, one for each team member. The team member who drops off the gift cards will give a team name and the team members' names and phone numbers. Teams must register before Feb. 10 at one of the following businesses: MMJS Law Office, Golden Prairie Arts Council, or Nine Lives Fashions.

The Chamber's goal this year is to have 25 teams participate, but the

more teams mean, the sweeter the pot.

Last year when the Chamber ran the event for the first time, it was a huge success, said Winkler. Their goal was 25 teams, but they ended up with 61 teams. The winner won 204 gift cards to various local businesses. Each team member of the winning team ended up with 51-\$25 gift cards each, for a total of \$1,275 in gift cards to support local businesses in Carman!

All team members' names will be

Murray Carman Chrysler forced to close due to staffing shortages

By Autumn Fehr

As businesses in the community battled through COVID-19, it wasn't unusual for shutdowns and staffing shortages caused by illness.

Now, as businesses try to return to normal, many are experiencing staffing issues locally and across the province.

Murray Carman Chrysler is one of the businesses struggling to find staff to keep their doors open. Unfortunately, at the end of December, they had to close temporarily due to staff shortages.

The Government of Canada job market snapshot for Manitoba in December 2022 saw the unemployment rate drop by 0.9 percentage points to 4.4 per cent due to employment growing faster than the size of the labour force.

More specifically, the region of Parklands and North saw the highest unemployment rate, at 4.7 per cent.

Before their closure, the Murray Carman Chrysler had excellent staff. The problem was that they needed more to be able to fulfill their high standards for customer service to serve

their Carman community best the way they deserve to be served, said Randy Klassen, general manager of the dealership.

Klassen also operates the Murray Pembina Valley Dodge Ram in Morden, which has also been dealing with staffing shortages.

"STAFFING SHORTAGES ARE JUST A REALITY, I THINK, PRETTY MUCH WHEREVER YOU GO, AND WE ARE NO DIFFERENT.

At both the dealerships he operates, Klassen has a certain expectation of the quality of service they want to provide their customers at both locations.

"We didn't want to have a location there that was sub-par in quality of service for what we want to provide," he said.

Due to this balancing act, they decided to close the Carman location temporarily, focus on getting the Morden location fully staffed, and serve the whole region in a top-shelf manner.

"The goal was to amalgamate the staff so that we could have one fully staffed location and work towards building Carman up to where we wanted it to be," said Klassen.

Klassen wishes he could say his



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Murray Carman Chrysler closed their doors temporarily at the end of December due to staffing shortages affecting. Management is hoping to be open for regular business this spring.

Morden location has rid itself of this problem, but unfortunately, they still need more staff.

"Staffing shortages are just a reality, I think, pretty much wherever you go, and we are no different. We are working hard to look for people in several different areas in both dealerships. It's a struggle. No doubt," said Klassen.

Currently, Klassen is focused equally on getting both locations staffed appropriately. In addition, they are constantly interviewing and looking for people at both locations, working

to open the Carman location as soon as possible.

Before the Carman location can open, they need four people to get the site to where they feel they can serve the community within their quality standards.

Ideally, Klassen said he'd love to see the Carman location open for late spring, around April or May.

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Candice Bergen steps down as Portage-Lisgar MP

By Lorne Stelmach

Having previously confirmed that she would not seek re-election, Portage-Lisgar MP Candice Bergen last week announced she was immediately stepping down from her seat in the House of Commons

Bergen touched on her decision to resign in a two-minute video posted to Twitter which did not go into detail as to why she's choosing to step down two years before her term in office is up. Bergen declined a request for an interview.

"I'm choosing to leave now not because I'm tired or I've run out of steam," Bergen said in the video. "In fact, it's the exact opposite. I feel hopeful and re-energized, hopeful for our strong and united Conservative party and our caucus under the courageous and principled leadership of my friend Pierre Poilievre.

"I'm more energized than ever, and

I'm optimistic and excited for the future."

Bergen, 58, has served Portage-Lisgar since 2008. She had recently been interim leader of the Conservatives and leader of the Opposition from February to September 2022 as well as having earlier served as deputy leader of the Conservative party.

Her decision to step down from her seat in Parliament means a by-election is needed to decide who will represent Portage-Lisgar until the next federal election in 2025.

There are already four people vying for the Conservative nomination for the riding: former Morden-Winkler MLA Cameron Friesen, Mordenite Liz Reimer, Portage la Prairie resident Branden Leslie, and Winnipegger Lawrence Toet.

In her Tweet last week, Bergen said she was "ending an incredible and very fulfilling 14 years serving my

party, my caucus, and my country."

She expressed gratitude for her family, volunteers and staff as well as the residents of her riding.

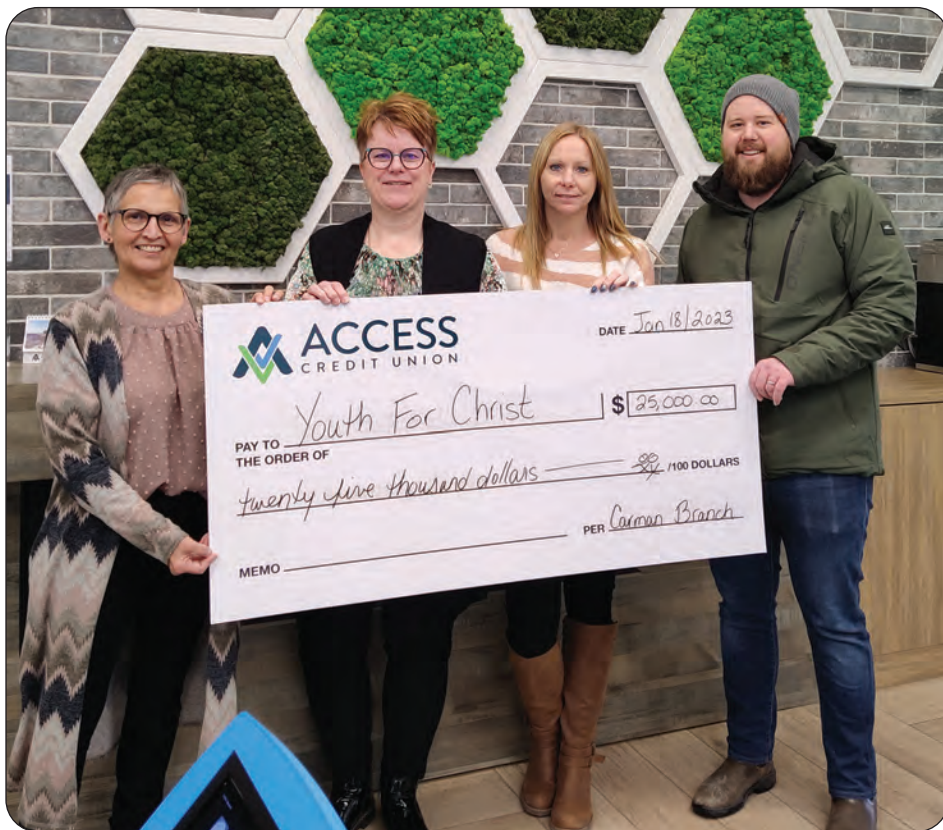
"I'm not really one for long good-byes, but I do have a couple of things that I would like to say," she continued. "First of all, thank you from the bottom of my heart to my constituents, the people of Portage-Lisgar, who've allowed me to be their voice in the House of Commons and in Ottawa for all of these years.

"Thank you also to my colleagues on both sides of the aisle, regardless of your political stripe. I'm really proud of the work that we do here, and I'm going to miss this place," said Bergen. "I feel honoured and respected by my fellow Conservative colleagues and by so many of you, my fellow Canadians, who have reached out to me."



Candice Bergen announced via social media last week that she is stepping down immediately as Portage-Lisgar's Member of Parliament.

Supporting our youth



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The Back Door YFC recently received a \$25,000 donation from Access Credit Union to go towards the building of their new youth centre, which brings the fundraising total to \$1,375,000. They are now at just over 80 per cent of their goal.

"If you drive by the building at 108 Main St., you will see that the exterior finishes of the building are being installed, and similar progress is being made on the inside," said Michael Wilton, program coordinator at The Back Door. "We are very blessed by the generosity of the community."

Nancy Swain, on behalf of Access Credit Union presented the cheque to Tyler Friesen of The Back Door YFC. Pictured, left to right, Jo-Ann Wood, Jeannette Klassen, Nancy Swain and Tyler Friesen.

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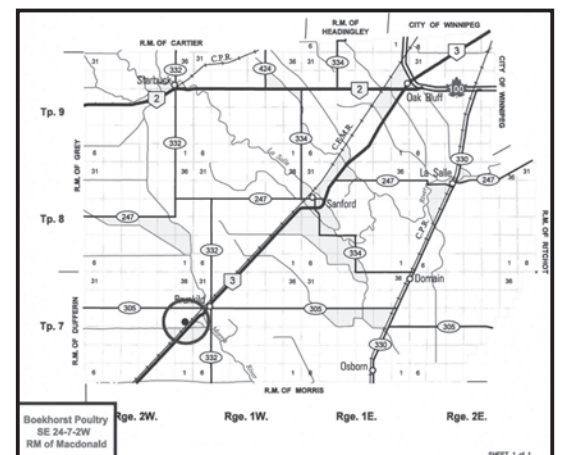
Information submitted in response to this proposal is considered public information and will be made available to the proponent and placed on the public registry.

For more information

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"The fire just rapidly spread so quickly"

Blaze destroys Janzen's Paint and Decorating

By Ashleigh Viveiros

A cloud of billowing black smoke hung over Winkler last Thursday as Janzen's Paint & Decorating burned to the ground.

The popular home improvement and hobby store caught fire midday on Feb. 2.

Store staff had already safely evacuated when Chief Richard Paetzold with the Winkler Fire Department arrived on the scene and entered the building to assess the situation.

"When we got there we observed smoke coming out under the eaves on most of the building already, so we knew we had smoke spread throughout," Paetzold shared on Monday. "At that point, we didn't know how far the fire had progressed.

"I checked inside, I was able to run around a bit inside, and got to the back and you could hear action happening in the back."

Firefighters hooked up to the nearest hydrant and sent a crew inside to attempt to quell the blaze.

"They made it only a few feet in and they had stuff falling on top of them already," Paetzold said. "So we had to quickly decide to go into a defensive mode, because we knew that the nature of the hazards of having all those chemicals—paints and solvents and everything else ... maybe on their own they're not so bad, but what happens when they mix? And knowing fireworks were there also, we decided to move towards a defensive attack, which meant we were going to attempt to try and stop its spread in the attic using piercing nozzles.

"But the thing just rapidly spread so quickly. Basically it got into the fireworks area and then it spread everywhere."

Witnesses on the scene could hear explosions from within the building as fireworks and other chemical products fueled the fire.

"I actually thought at one point we were going to have to evacuate because the crescendo of the explosions was increasing," the chief said, citing the dangers uncontrolled fireworks can pose to emergency crews.

Those explosions eventually tapered off, but it was clear the store was a total loss, and firefighters focused their efforts on saving the surrounding buildings, including the connected offices of WBS Construction to the south.

"We concentrated our water streams on the back wall of the building to keep it up and provide a radiant heat shield to keep the WBS building intact, and we were successful at that."

While it was a brutally cold day, Paetzold noted they were lucky in that the wind was blowing in such a way as to help rather than hinder firefighting efforts.



STANDARD PHOTOS BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS

Firefighters from Winkler, Morden, and Altona were on the scene Thursday as Janzen's Paint and Decorating burned to the ground. Defensive firefighting efforts contained the blaze to the store, saving nearby buildings.

"We probably had the best wind we could have had for this situation because for access we could get around to two and a half sides of the building," he said. "Also, if this had been summer or if we had had a more northerly wind, we could have seen the Maple Leaf mill involved in this too because of all the dust and grain. And then on the other side of that we have Petro-Canada and their storage tanks.

"So, for a bad situation, we ended up having some things go right for us."

Still, the cold was a major challenge on the scene. Frozen water made the entire area a skating rink, equipment and trucks were under strain in the extreme cold, and a couple firefighters suffered frostbite.

On top of all that, because of the contents of the building, the smoke generated by the fire was hazardous. Paetzold

said they were in touch with provincial environment reps for advice on how to limit toxic runoff, and part of Hwy. 32 was closed to try to keep civilians away from the area.

Firefighters were on the scene for about 12 hours. Crews from

Morden and Altona were also called in to help.

Paetzold thanked Harval Homes for offering space in their nearby offices for firefighters to use as a warming shack. There was also an outpouring of food to keep the crews going through the very long day.

"We had a few businesses deliver food to the hall for later and at Harval Homes for us to eat during the operations," Paetzold said. "And then we had just random people stopping by to see if we needed anything. That was very much appreciated. We definitely felt the community's support."

Paetzold noted they were returning to the scene to put out small flare-ups as late as Sunday as combustible materials continued to smolder through the weekend.

An official cause of the blaze has not been yet been announced, though Paetzold stressed it is not considered suspicious.

Janzen's Paint and Decorating has been operating in Winkler since 1992, expanding over the years to include stores in Winnipeg, Brandon, Portage la Prairie, and Steinbach as well.

The destruction of the flagship Winkler location comes less than a year after their Steinbach store burned to the ground. They've since reopened in another location there.



Later trucks from both Winkler and Morden were deployed to battle the fire. Right: The site smouldered through the weekend, with firefighters called back as late as Sunday to put out flare-ups due to the chemical products inside bursting back into flames.



Golden Prairie Arts Council presents Jayme Giesbrecht



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Jayme Giesbrecht

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Jayme Giesbrecht will be performing in Carman on Feb. 10.

No ruffled feathers here



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Sixteen wild turkeys were released near Miami in 1958. Today the flock now numbers about 10,000 in Manitoba. This flock was seen just north of Carman on Feb. 1. A male turkey gobble is a siren song to females while they drum their chests. Females yelp to tell males about their willing location and to call their chicks to order. Both can purr (signals contentment); cluck (to get attention); putt (alarm call); cutt (signal excitement); cackle (leaving or returning to roost); kee-kee (young bird crying "I'm lost"); and whine (indicating aggravation or on a cooler note, just chilling while feeding). Turkeys see in colour with a 270 degree line of sight. Their eyesight is about three times better than that of humans, but they have poor night vision. Wild turkeys fly with the average flight speed of about 60 mph. They run pretty fast too and have been clocked 25 mph. Wild toms weigh in at about 18 pounds on average. The hens average somewhere around 10 pounds. The heaviest wild turkey on record was 37 pounds.

By Autumn Fehr

On Friday, as a part of the Golden Prairie Arts Council's (GPAC) annual performance series featuring top-notch Canadian artists, they will invite musician and singer Jayme Giesbrecht to perform.

Giesbrecht is a singer, pianist, accordionist, and MC specializing in gospel, jazz, and soul. A multi-genre artist from Southern Manitoba, she has been performing for over two decades.

The performance will start at 7:30 p.m. this Friday, Feb. 10, at the Carman Active Living Centre.

Giesbrecht has performed in partnership with the GPAC and had a successful impact on, and connection to the community, said Nigel Bart, art

animateur at the GPAC.

The performers selected for the annual performance series aim to provide the Carman community with relevant, inclusive, culturally sensitive, and diverse performances. Therefore, they are often booked far in advance.

"GPAC hopes to bring exceptional musical and performing arts to our community to engage the creative and artistic demographic of our population as well as reach new audience members from the wider community," said Bart.

Tickets can be purchased by contacting the GPAC at contact@gpaccarman.ca or 204-745-6568. They can be bought right up until showtime at the door. Tickets are \$30 for adults and \$15 for youth.

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Remembering... Carman's Lawrence Aubin

By Dennis Young

Lawrence was destined to get his hands dirty, being the only son of the founder of Aubin Nurseries Ltd. In 1927 his father Gerald began to transform 75 acres of sheep land into cash crops of fruit and veggies before becoming a productive nursery serving Western Canada.

After formal schooling, Lawrence attended a three-year program at the Niagara School of Horticulture. During this time, Gerald was killed, so Lawrence and his mother ran Aubin Nurseries from an apartment in Niagara Falls. They returned home in 1959, and Lawrence took over the business he would have his hands in for 50 years.

It was tough, but he persevered to keep his father's business running. Over the years, he began to add to the stock selection, installed irrigation and mist beds, modern packing and temperature-controlled storage facilities, a new sales office, an outdoor sales area and over 220 acres of nursery maintained by up to 30 staff at peak seasons. All these boosted sales and made Aubin's the prairie leader in growing plants year-round.

Lawrence was highly active in the landscaping and nursery trades associations. Besides sitting on many of those associations, as a Landscape Technician Trade Advisory Committee member, Lawrence assisted in setting up a horticultural training course in Winnipeg. He subsequently received a life membership from Manitoba Landscape and Nursery Association.

The community of Carman was very important to Lawrence. In 1983 he received the Award of Merit from the Town at a Chamber banquet. Upon presentation, it was noted by Frank Graboweski that "Mr. Aubin willingly provides tours and shares his knowledge with others. His publicity to the com-

munity has been an asset to Carman."

As President of the Chamber of Commerce in the 1990s Lawrence was enthusiastic about Carman's future. "Somebody's got to take on the responsibility. If you're going to live in the community, you better support it. I'm not a miracle man, but I'll sure give it a shot." He was very humbled to be recognized twice by the Province of Manitoba for his dedication to the community.

His greatest inspiration came from his faith in God and he did not miss Mass, finding a Church no matter where he travelled on a Sunday. He was grateful for his blessings and always reminded his family, "Nothing is possible without God". He served as a Parish Council member at Our Lady of Mount Carmel and was instrumental in building the present church in 1964.

When Lawrence walked into a room, it lit up with laughter and joy. Lawrence valued the rapport with friends who gravitated to him. Long weekends were camping, golfing, card games and laughs. His family tells me Lawrence loved to tease and play pranks but got even more fun out of being teased and pranked! Here's a few of their stories:

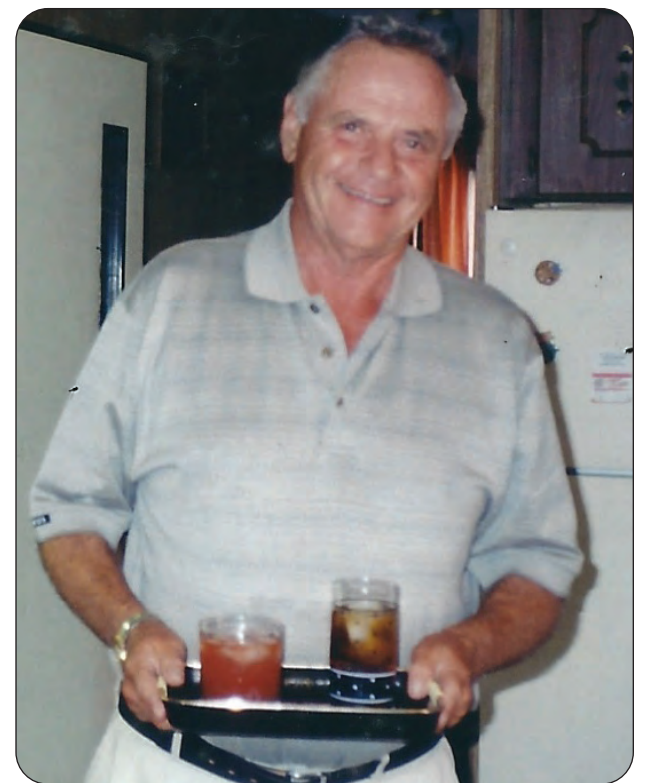
While golfing but expecting a call from Walmart re a huge order, son-in-law Dale Fry kept calling his phone each time Lawrence was ready to tee off! Finally, nine holes and nine mad dashes to his cart later, Dale broke the news to him.

It was Thanksgiving, and Dad put an ad in the paper that said, "Please bring your used turkey bones to Safeway ...signed Ron Stanger". That Christmas Ron got dad back as he put an ad in the paper that said "Please bring your used Christmas trees to Aubin Nurseries ...signed Lawrence Aubin."

Sundays at the Aubins were days of meals with family and friends. There was an occasion when a fellow from the city came up to the backyard deck and wanted to get a tree. Lawrence told him, "its Sunday... we need a day off and so do the plants!"

Eric Warburton (32-year employee) recalls: Lawrence was fair, honest and great to work for but did not have a mechanical bone in his body lol.

Jack Ross (friend for 50+ years) recalls: I was sitting alone in the Ryall Hotel in 1967 when in he walked and joined me. I told him I was going for supper soon but he had a better idea and I was to come home with him. So I did but I found out after I was his buffer as he was well overdue to be home. It was a



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Lawrence Aubin was always entertaining.

little frosty during the meal, but Eileen could not be blamed for that and it didn't seem to bother Lawrence either!

Pierre Ouelette (40-year employee) recalls: Lawrence enjoyed going on sales trips and always made time to meet new and existing customers. He was an excellent salesman. On a personal level, Lawrence was a great mentor for a great coach and me.

Heather Phillips (33-year employee) recalls: When he hit the sales road, the first thing packed was his golf clubs. Many business deals and orders were made on the courses. When early spring came, and it was crunch time, it was all hands on deck and work until it was done! He would drive around the fields to see that all was going well, and if not, he was working right alongside.

He was very proud of his "Brady Bunch" family and all the high jinks at their gatherings. Not to mention his outings with friends were always highlights. His family always said, "For an only child he sure had a big family!"

And even a bigger heart. Lawrence passed May 25, 2009.

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For example, if the Chamber receives 25 team entries, the format would be as follows:

- In the daily draws, the first four names drawn will be eliminated, and the fifth name will receive four \$25 gift cards to share with their teammates.

- When the final draws are made on Feb. 28, names will be drawn one at a time until only one name is left. The winner would then win 35-\$25 gift cards to share with their teammates.

The final numbers of the draw format and the number of gift cards won daily will be calculated and advertised before the first draw.

To stay up-to-date with the competition, follow the Carman and Community Chamber of Commerce on Facebook and Instagram each weekday, Monday through Saturday, to see who has been eliminated from the contest.

Local playwright adapts 'Anne of the Island'

Flatlands Theatre Company brings *Anne* back to the Winkler stage this May

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Flatlands Theatre Company (FTC) will bring the world of L.M. Montgomery's *Anne of Green Gables* to life once again this spring, but this time with the help of a local playwright.

The Winkler theatre troupe is busy preparing for its production of *Anne of the Island*, the third book in Montgomery's series about a precocious orphan adopted by a brother and sister on Prince Edward Island in the late 1900s. The novel follows a grown-up Anne Shirley as she leaves the island to attend college.

Flatland's second play ever back in 2007 was *Anne of Green Gables*, based on the first book in the beloved series. They did it again in their 10th season in 2016 and then followed it up with the sequel—*Anne of Avonlea*—in 2017.

They had hoped to continue the story with an adaptation of *Anne of the Island*, but found one didn't exist. (There is a musical, *Anne & Gilbert*, that gets its second act from the events of the book, but it doesn't look like anyone's ever released a non-musical version of the story for the stage.)

Enter Angela Klassen, a Flatlands veteran who not only played Marilla in the last two *Anne* shows (and is reprising that role again in *Anne of the Island*) but is an avid playwright and longtime *Anne* fan.

"We'd done *Anne of Green Gables* and *Anne of Avonlea* and were looking for a script for *Anne of the Island* and couldn't find anything," Klassen says. "So I just started writing it myself and figured I wouldn't say anything until

I figured out whether it was something I could do.

"What I did was I started by actually copying the book into my Word document and then just separating out all the dialogue," she says. "So when people see the play they're going to notice that a lot of the dialogue is right from the book, because I don't feel like I can improve on L.M. Montgomery."

The tricky part, Klassen shares, was figuring out how to adapt the non-dialogue parts of the book, as well as which parts of the story to keep and which to take out in the interests of theatrical streamlining.

"Every time I had to cut out a scene it took a little piece of my heart with it," Klassen says with a pained smile. It certainly gave her a new perspective and appreciation on the entire adaptation process when it comes to movies or plays. "Now when I hear someone say, 'Oh, that's not like the book' I think, 'Well, of course it's not. It can't be!'"

Klassen began work on the adaptation back in 2018 and FTC had planned to perform it in 2020, but the pandemic threw a wrench into the works.

The extra years gave her some time to fine-tune the script, a process she expects to continue right up until showtime and likely afterwards before potentially publishing the final version for other theatre groups to use.

Klassen is looking forward to seeing her (and Montgomery's) words



STANDARD PHOTO BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS

Winkler's Angela Klassen tackled the adaptation of *Anne of the Island* for the Flatlands Theatre Company, who brings the third installment of the *Anne* series to the stage in May.

brought to life on the stage.

"It's so much fun to see what people are doing with what I've been working on for so long."

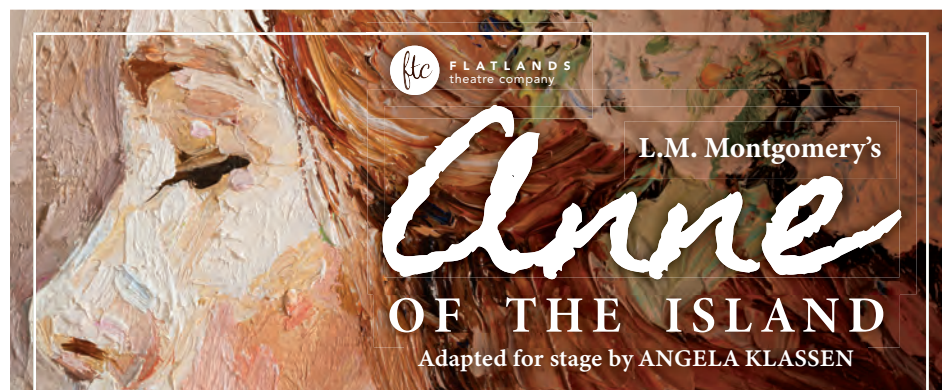
Flatlands board president Janice Dyck Epp says they're thrilled to be hosting the world premiere of Klassen's show.

"We're very excited to highlight and support Angela as a playwright. We're so excited to be bringing this to

fruition, both for her as a writer but also for us to be producing something that is brand new.

"People in this area really love *Anne of Green Gables*, so we're excited to be continuing the story."

Anne of the Island comes to the P.W. Enns Centennial Concert Hall stage in Winkler May 4-7. Tickets are on sale now at winklerconcerthall.ca.



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Beavers close out regular season

By Ty Dilello

The Carman Beavers senior team has completed their 2022-23 regular season after dropping a pair of games last week. Playing in the revamped and ten-team South Eastern Manitoba Hockey League (SEMHL), the Beavers finish the regular season in ninth place with four wins and fourteen losses.

The Beavers lost 6-1 to the Red River Wild on Jan. 31. Fraser Mirrlees had the lone goal for the Beavers, while Luke Zacharias and Rocky Van de Velde split the game in goal.

A few nights later on Feb. 4, the Beavers had a closer game but lost 6-3 to

the Winkler Royals. It was a frustrating game of sorts as the game was tied 3-3 heading into the final period. However, Winkler scored three unanswered goals to win 6-3.

Tanner Mole scored twice for the Beavers, while AJ Nychuk added the third goal. Rocky Van de Velde stopped 40 shots in goal for Carman.

Despite the 4-14-0 record on the season, Carman's Fraser Mirrlees finished the regular season ninth in the league, scoring 30 points in 15 games.

The Carman Beavers are waiting for other team's schedules to wrap up before the SEMHL playoff bracket and matchups get released.



STANDARD PHOTO BY DENNIS YOUNG

The Carman Beavers senior team has now completed their 2022-23 regular season after dropping a pair of games last week.

Twisters win one, lose one

By Lorne Stelmach

The Pembina Valley Twisters gained three of a possible four points as they were on both ends of a pair of games that went past regulation time last weekend.

The Twisters first edged the St. Boniface Riels 3-2 in extra time Friday but then fell 4-3 to the Raiders in a shoot-out Saturday.

Derek Wiebe's connected for the winner just eight seconds into overtime with his 12th of the season and second of the game against the Riels. Kyle VanDenyze also scored on a second period powerplay while Logan Enns made 34 saves as St. Boniface held a 36-30 edge in shots on goal.

Pembina Valley had period leads of 2-1 and 3-2 before giving up the tying goal shorthanded in the third,

and the Raiders then won the shoot-out in five rounds.

Zander Carels, Riley Goertzen and Merik Degraeve all scored for the Twisters. Matt Grysiuk took the loss on 16 saves with Pembina Valley holding a 36-19 advantage in shots on goal.

The Twisters sit in fifth place at 14-11-3-3 for 34 points. They are even with Transcona but have two games in hand, while Charleswood is only one point back. Just ahead of Pembina Valley are Fort Garry Fort Rouge at 39.

It is a busier three game week for the Twisters that started with ninth-place Stonewall Tuesday followed by league leading St. James Friday and then Charleswood Sunday

Cougars in tough

By Ty Dilello

It's been a rough season for the Carman Cougars high school hockey boys team. The Cougars find themselves with six wins and sixteen losses, putting them in seventh place in the nine-team league.

On Feb. 3, the Cougars were blitzed 8-1 by the Morris Mavericks. Jack Bausman scored the lone goal for Carman, while goaltender Maysen Mazurat made 45 saves.

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 Josh Hiebert with 25 points.

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, a 4.13 goals-against average and a very impressive .908 save percentage.

The Cougars are back in action with a road game on Feb. 7 against the NPC Nighthawks, and a home game the following night (Feb. 8) against the Morris Mavericks.

Hockey Manitoba to host Female U16 Evaluation Tournament

Staff

Hockey Manitoba will be hosting a Female U16 – Evaluation Tournament March 31 to April 2 at the Scotiabank hockey for all centre.

The registration form can be found at <https://permission.click/Ez332/ca>

The registration link will also be posted publicly on social media and the Hockey Manitoba website some-

time this week.

The Evaluation Tournament is an open registration event for 2008 and 2009 born female athletes interested in participating in the Hockey Manitoba Female U16 Program. Athletes that attend the Evaluation Tournament weekend will be placed on mixed region teams and play inter-squad exhibition games that will be

scouted by the selected Female U16 coaching staff.

Based on current projections, the cost of the Evaluation Tournament weekend will be approximately \$150+GST per athlete. This fee will be confirmed following the conclusion of registration and the payment link will be sent out to all registered athletes the week of Feb. 13-17.

Following the evaluation tournament, a group of approximately 60 athletes will be selected to move on to Development Camps in June and July before a competition weekend in August. Details on dates and camps can be found on the Hockey Manitoba website via the link below.

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Elm Creek U11 players are headed to Provincials

By Ty Dilello

It was a wonderful week for the U11 hockey teams from Elm Creek. The U11 mixed team (boys and girls) defeated Treherne to gain a berth in Hartney's Provincial 'C' tournament. And the U11 Girls team also earned a spot in their Provincials. So local players will be headed to provincials two weekends in a row.

It should be noted that the U11 Elm Creek girls' team is the reigning provincial champions.

"We are really excited to attend the U11 female provincials in Reston," said Elm Creek U11 coach Ian Lepp. "Our team has girls from Holland, Elm Creek, Carman, MacDonald and St. Eustache. It has been exciting to watch this group come together and get to know each other, and we are looking forward to an exciting provincial tournament to wrap up our year."

Lepp coaches both the mixed team and the all-girls team. He has coached the mixed team since they started in U7 and has coached the girls' team for two years.

Six girls from Elm Creek play on both teams. They have had an up-and-down season, but their top scorer, Jace Reimer, has found another gear. Ainsley Richardson also had three goals in the last game, while Holly Voesenek is reliable in goal and shared duties with Brock Enns on the mixed team.

"Having these six girls play together on both teams helps the girls' team as they are familiar with each other," said Lepp.

The entire town of Elm Creek will be supporting their U11 teams as they compete at provincials this week with hopes of bringing another banner back home.



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Two U11 hockey teams from Elm Creek are headed to provincials two weekends in a row.

Viterra Championships take place this week in Neepawa

By Ty Dilello

The 2023 Viterra Championships will take place in Neepawa this week from Feb. 8-12 at the Yellowhead Arena.

Team Matt Dunstone of the Fort Rouge Curling Club (featuring Gimli's B.J. Neufeld and Colton Lott) will come into the event as the favourite and number one seed.

After curling out of Saskatchewan for the last Olympic cycle, it's Dunstone's first appearance at the Manitoba men's curling championship since 2017. As a junior, Dunstone was a finalist at the Viterra in 2016, losing in the championship game to Mike McEwen.

The revamped Dunstone rink, which also includes former Olympic gold medalist Ryan Harnden throwing lead stones, has had a world-class season as they are currently ranked number two in all of Canada. Out of the nine events that they've played this year, they have reached the playoff round in eight of them. They won a title at Red Deer and Morris, and

lost a couple of finals too.

Reid Carruthers and his squad from the Morris Curling Club will enter the event as the number two seed. After booting off third Jason Gunnlaugson from the team before Christmas, Team Carruthers will be curling at the Viterra with only three players.

It should be noted that regardless if they win or lose in Neepawa, both Dunstone and Carruthers will be at the Tim Hortons Brier as either Team Manitoba or a Wild Card.

Rounding out the top five seeds at this week's Viterra Championships are Fort Rouge's Ryan Wiebe, Fort Garry's Corey Chambers and Fort Rouge's Braden Calvert.

The event has been held in Neepawa twice in the past, the most recent being in 2013.

The Viterra Championships is a modified double knockout event that begins Wednesday morning and goes until Sunday afternoon. The first round matchups are as follows:

Joey Witherspoon, Assiniboine Memorial VS (15) Daniel Birchard, Pem-

bina

- (1) Reid Carruthers, Morris VS Rob Van Kommer, Carberry
- Justin Reynolds, Winnipeg Beach VS (7) Steve Irwin, Brandon
- (10) Sean Grassie, Deer Lodge VS Ryan Hyde, Portage
- Cale Dunbar, Brandon VS (11) JT Ryan, Assiniboine Memorial
- (6) Riley Smith, Thistle VS Steve Pauls, Pilot Mound
- Mark Franklin, Granite VS (3) Ryan Wiebe, Fort Rouge
- (14) Kelly Marnoch, Carberry VS Jeff Stewart, Gladstone
- David Hamblin, Morris VS (13) Steen Sigurdson, Assiniboine Memorial
- (4) Corey Chambers, Fort Garry VS Wayne Ewasko, Beausejour
- Grant Shewfelt, Baldur VS (5) Braden Calvert, Fort Rouge
- (12) Tanner Lott, Fort Rouge VS Richard Muntain, Granite
- Justin Richter, Beausejour VS (16) Hayden Forrester, Fort Rouge
- (1) Matt Dunstone, Fort Rouge VS Tuffy Seguin, Burntwood



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The 2023 Viterra Championships will take place in Neepawa this week from Feb 8-12 at the Yellowhead Arena.

Jace Freeman, Virden VS (8) Brett Walter, Assiniboine Memorial

Jay Kinnaird, Virden VS (9) Jordan Peters, Fort Rouge

The winning team will represent Manitoba at the 2023 Tim Hortons Brier in March at Budweiser Gardens in London, Ontario.

Winkler Flyers beat Blues 4-1 in lone game of the week

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler Flyers had a fine showing in their lone MJHL game of the week.

Their Feb. 3 match against the visiting Winnipeg Blues ended 4-1 in the home team's favour.

The Flyers outpaced the Blues every step of the way, firing 55 shots on net to Winnipeg's 26.

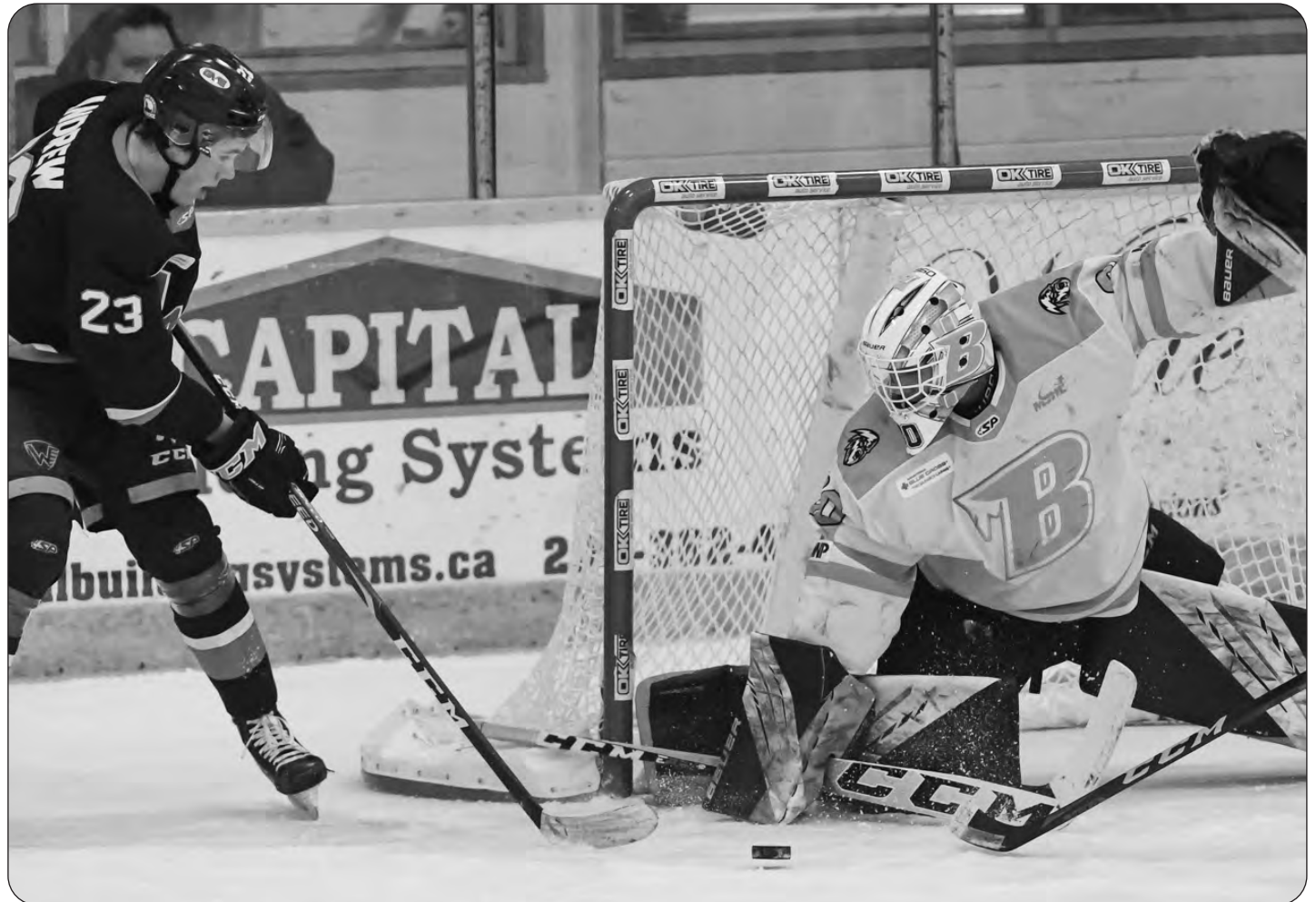
Though the Blues drew first blood seven minutes into the first, goals from Dalton Andrew and Carter Dittmer in a 20-second stretch late in the period gave Winkler the lead 2-1 heading into the scoreless middle frame.

Andrew scored his second of the night in the first half of the third. Trent Penner made it 4-1 a few minutes later with a powerplay goal.

Malachi Klassen turned away 25 shots in goal in the win.

The Flyers have a firm hold on third place in the MGEU East Division standings with a record of 10-5-1 for 60 points. That puts them four behind the Steinbach Pistons in second place and six back from the Portage Terriers in first. The Niverville Nighthawks in fourth place are a full 14 points behind Winkler.

This week the team hosts Steinbach Wednesday night and then plays in Niverville Friday.



Winkler's Dalton Andrew attempts a wrap around scoring move on Winnipeg's Brock Moroz as the Flyers squared off against the Blues Friday night in Winkler. The home team got the win 4-1. **STANDARD PHOTO BY RICK HIEBERT**

Male Hawks riding high on four-game win streak

By Lorne Stelmach

The male U18 Pembina Valley Hawks are riding a four-game winning streak in the stretch run of the regular season.

With five games now remaining, the Hawks took both games of a weekend doubleheader with Eastman as they beat the Selects 6-1 Friday then 4-3 in a shootout Saturday.

Pembina Valley broke open a 1-1 game Friday with four unanswered second period goals on home ice in Morden.

Carter Campbell had a pair of goals while Cedrik Robidoux had a goal and a three point night. Also scoring for Pembina Valley were Jayden Penner, Kam Thomas, and Marek Miller, while Raiden LeGall made 22 saves as the Hawks outshot the Selects 27-23.

Pembina Valley then overcame a 2-0 second period deficit with three consecutive third period goals before Eastman forced extra time with 38

seconds left on the clock.

After overtime solved nothing, Robidoux won it for the Hawks in the fifth round of the shootout. Scoring for Pembina Valley in regulation time were Ty Love, Nate Lodewyks and Sebastien Hicks. Shots on goal were 40-35 for Eastman, with Bryson Yas-

chyshyn getting the win on 37 saves.

The Hawks maintained their hold on third place as they improved their record to 27-7-5 for 59 points. Leading the league are Brandon and the Winnipeg Bruins, both at 64 points, while pursuing Pembina Valley are the two other Winnipeg teams: the Wild and

Thrashers at 55 and 47 points.

Pembina Valley will aim to keep their run going this weekend as they travel to Shoal Lake for a doubleheader with the sixth place Yellowhead Chiefs.

U18 Pembina Valley Hawks to finish in sixth place

By Lorne Stelmach

It was a weekend of mixed results for the female U18 Pembina Valley Hawks as the playoffs loom now with just two regular season games remaining.

The Hawks won 3-1 over the Interlake Lightning Friday in Warren but then dropped a 5-1 decision to the Ice in Winnipeg Saturday.

Pembina Valley spotted Interlake a lone first period goal but then fired home two in the second period as well as an insurance marker in the fi-

nal frame.

Marissa Fehr had a pair and a three point night. The other goal came in from Caitlin Anderson, while Kaylee Franz made 18 saves in net for the win.

The league-leading Ice took period leads of 2-0 and 4-1 on the Hawks while keeping Franz busy in goal with 42 shots. Pembina Valley, meanwhile, managed 23 shots on net.

The Hawks sit at 8-17-1 for 17 points and will finish in sixth place, which has them six and nine points ahead of

Interlake and Central Plains and eight points behind Eastman.

The quarter-finals will see them face the third-place team, but their opponent remains to be decided. The Ice come into the week at 43 points followed by Westman at 42 and Winnipeg Avros at 41 points.

The Hawks end the regular season at home in Morden with games against Eastman this Friday and Yellowhead Saturday afternoon.

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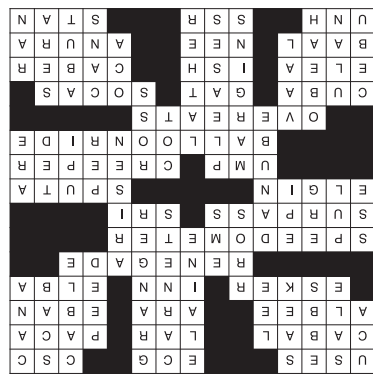
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OBITUARY



Alice Hanna (nee Grabowsky)

Peacefully on Wednesday, February 1, 2023, at the Carman Boyne Lodge, Alice Hanna passed away at the age of 98 years.

She will be sadly missed by her children, Kelly (Doug), Garth (Audrey), as well as her three granddaughters, Liza (Brett) and their children Brennan and Quinn, Jaime (Ian) and their children Kyra and Katie and Alyssa (Sean).

Funeral service was held on Tuesday, February 7, 2023 at 1:00 p.m. at the St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Brunkild with Pastor Trudy Thorarinson officiating.

Memorial donations may be made to the MS Society, the Carman Boyne Lodge, or to a charity of one's choice.

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OBITUARY



Margaret Cox (Lenz)

On February 2nd 2023 our mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and friend, passed away gently and peacefully, surrounded by love.

Born November 27, 1937 in Melita Manitoba to Louis and Mayme Lenz. Margaret was predeceased by her husband of 60 years Robin. She is survived by her six children, Teresa (Terrance) Jackson, Pamela Cox, David (Louis) Cox, Shawn Cox, Michael (Vivian) Cox, Tawny (Scott) Cox-Veldman. grandchildren, Robin, Tara, Delanie, Brooklyn, Trenton, and Mason, great-grandchildren, Nora, Rylie and Mya. She will be deeply missed by all.

Mom always had a big soft spot for animals, and we ask in lieu of flowers, donations be made to Kats Kritters Animal rescue.

The family would also like to acknowledge, and thank the Carman Hospital staff, and Dr. Atchison for the amazing care and kindness shown to our Mother and family.

Thank you to the home care staff, and the many other people who cared for Mom, we are thankful for your loving care.

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OBITUARY



Jacob Heinrich Toews

Jacob Toews of Homewood passed away on Saturday, January 28, 2023 at Carman Hospital at the age of 91.

Jacob was born July 25, 1931 to Henry and Margaret Toews near Rosenfeld, Manitoba. He enjoyed growing up the eldest of five children. The family moved from Neuhorst to Elm Creek/Fannystelle area where Dad attended the Dakota school. Dad enjoyed reading, memorizing, writing, math and music!

Dad felt life was designed for music, specifically singing. He participated in church choirs and Sangerfest during this time. Building houses and barns kept him busy.

On November 3, 1957 he married Evelyn Pearl Wiebe. Daughter Cheryl and son Marvyn were born in the ensuing years. There were dark days to come as Pearl passed away January 5, 1965.

Dad sang at CMBC developing and investing in new and tried friendships. Harmonizing with his brother-in-law Edwin Friesen was good for his soul. He built many sheds and bins with his brother Peter. He had pigs in the barn and land to farm.

On July 15, 1971 Dad married Esther Neufeld. Jake and Esther enjoyed camping, going to church conferences, visiting friends, singing and playing games. A special joy was time with grandchildren. During this time Dad also enjoyed singing in the Morden Men's Choir, often traveling to practices with brother-in-law Elmer Wiebe. They traveled into the States and eastern Canada sharing the gift of song. In June of 2001 Dad survived a heart attack with triple bypass surgery that October. The time with Esther came to an end on September 14, 2011 when Esther passed away.

Dad endured several serious accidents. He moved to 5th Avenue Apartments in Carman where he made friends visiting and puzzling. He walked many miles exploring the town. During COVID we spent hours singing through hymnaries, visiting and praying over the phone.

May 6, 2021, he was admitted to Carman Hospital, then Boundary, Carman, Gladstone Hospital, Third Crossing Manor, Boyne Lodge and Carman Hospital where he passed away on Saturday, January 28 at 5:25 p.m. with Cheryl and Maxine present.

Jacob was predeceased by his brothers Peter in 1984 and Frank in 2022. In his immediate family, he is survived by his brother Henry, sister Mary, brother-in-law Jim, sisters-in-law Margaret, Linda and Anne.

Jacob will be fondly remembered by his children, grandchildren, and their families. He will also be remembered by the Toews, Derkson, Wiebe, and Neufeld families and many friends.

Cheryl and Marvyn would like to thank all those who looked after Dad in the past few years, in Gladstone and Carman, at the lodge and the hospital as well as the homecare he received before that. We also thank all those who have participated to make this day memorable and all those who have wished us well in this trying time. May peace travel with you.

Funeral was at Carman Mennonite Church at 2:00 p.m. on February 4, 2023, interment at Broad Valley Cemetery.

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21. Actor Idris
22. One who behaves in a rebellious way
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30. Distinguish oneself
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34. For each
35. News organization
36. CNN's founder
37. They __
39. Areas off to the side
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45. A kind of sorcery
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52. Beverage containers
53. Edge
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Feta Roasted Salmon and Tomatoes

1 1/2 pounds salmon or halibut fillets, cut into four serving-size pieces

1 cup (4 ounces) crumbled feta cheese

Preheat oven to 425 F. Line 18-by-13-by-1-inch baking pan with foil. Lightly spray foil with nonstick cooking spray. Set aside.

In medium bowl, toss tomatoes, olive oil, garlic, oregano or dill weed, salt and 1/4 teaspoon pepper.

Place fish pieces, skin side down, on one side of prepared pan. Sprinkle with remaining pepper. Lightly press feta cheese on top of fish. Pour tomato mixture on other side of prepared pan. Bake, uncovered, 12-15 minutes, or until fish flakes easily with fork.

Place salmon on serving plates. Spoon tomato mixture over top.

Recipe courtesy of Marcia Stanley, MS, RDN, Culinary Dietitian, on behalf of Milk Means More

Prep time: 15 minutes

Cook time: 15 minutes

Servings: 4

Nonstick cooking spray

3 cups halved cherry tomatoes

2 teaspoons olive oil

1 teaspoon minced garlic

1/2 teaspoon dried oregano or dried dill weed

1/4 teaspoon salt

1/2 teaspoon coarsely ground black pepper, divided



15-Minute Weeknight Pasta

2 cloves garlic, peeled and minced

1 cup reserved pasta water

1 teaspoon finely grated lemon zest

1/2 cup smoked provolone cheese, shredded

1/4 cup chopped fresh parsley (optional)

Parmesan cheese (optional)

Bring water to rolling boil and prepare pasta according to package directions for al dente texture, reserving 1 cup pasta water.

In large skillet over medium heat, melt butter. Stir in onions, carrots and sweet bell peppers. Saute vegetables about 5 minutes, or until they brighten in color and begin to soften. Add tomatoes, salt, pepper and garlic. Cook and stir 1 minute to allow tomatoes to release juices.

Pour reserved pasta water into skillet, stirring well. Bring sauce to boil. Reduce heat to medium-low and simmer 3 minutes. Taste sauce and adjust seasonings, as desired.

Transfer drained pasta to skillet along with lemon zest and smoked provolone cheese, tossing well to coat. Serve immediately with fresh parsley and Parmesan cheese, if desired.

Recipe courtesy of Kirsten Kubert of "Comfortably Domestic" on behalf of Milk Means More

Prep time: 5 minutes

Cook time: 10 minutes

Servings: 6

6 quarts water

16 ounces linguine or penne pasta

2 tablespoons unsalted butter

1/2 cup thinly sliced onion

1 cup thinly sliced carrots

1 cup thinly sliced sweet bell pepper

1/2 cup grape tomatoes, halved

1 teaspoon kosher salt

1/4 teaspoon black pepper

Ask the Money Lady

Dear Money Lady: I have life insurance and I was considering getting disability and critical illness insurance too. It's a lot more expensive, and I don't know whether I should spend the money on it. I'm self-employed. What do you think? Doug

That's a great question Doug – and my answer is a resounding Yes! I want to share with you a story about a long-time client of mine who was gracious enough to allow me to share it with you. Once you read it, you will see why any type of personal insurance is never quite enough, especially when you are self-employed. Today, income protection (disability insurance) is often overlooked and considered too costly by most Canadians, who often feel they have sufficient insurance with their employer. Instead, most people concentrate on life insurance only; however, it is important to remember that 95 per cent of accidents do not result in a death and you are more apt to be badly hurt, disabled or in some way unable to continue working as you did before.

The story begins with a past client of mine, (we will call him Dr. X) that had a very successful dental practice and after discussing his situation agreed to purchase a guaranteed renewable disability income policy that would give him income protection for his business. Dr. X would always call me and complain about the payments but knew that he had to protect his business income since he was the primary breadwinner in the family. He had four girls and a wife that did not work. Dr. X had a big Honda Goldwing motorcycle that he rode in the summers and decided to join a friend by taking a motorcycle driving course at a local college. The friend was a new driver and was not yet licensed. This course apparently had something for all – promising to provide new driving techniques for already licensed drivers, like Dr. X. So, the two men went to the course one Saturday, however they were not allowed to use their own motorcycles. The school provided learning bikes and Dr. X was given a dirt bike. Well, let's just say that didn't work out well. Dr. X flipped the bike and was badly hurt. He broke four fingers on his right hand and shattered his elbow, ulna, and wrist. With no use of his right hand or arm, Dr. X was forced into retirement at age 51 and thanks to his disability insurance could expect a tax exempted monthly income of \$18,600 until he turned 65.

The moral of the story is that you never know what will happen in



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the future and unfortunately, no one is immune to career change or failure, personal accidents, or financial ruin. Things just happen. Life has a way of taking us on a rollercoaster ride of ups and downs and insurance is there for the "what if's" that we hope never actually materialize. Insurance is costly and I know most Canadians will often make excuses to avoid the added expenses to their already tight budgeted lifestyle. But maybe we shouldn't be so quick to decline it. Those people that live paycheque to paycheque nowadays are especially vulnerable, and could be placed in a very comprising position if they were severely hurt and could not work again. Planning for your future must include planning for possible unexpected events. I know that insurance is expensive however, I have yet to come across someone who got an insurance payout, and said: "I got too much insurance money – take some back." On the contrary, after something happens, they always wish they had more.

Here is an insurance stat to leave you with: one third of Canadians aged 35 or older will suffer a disability lasting at least 6 months before they reach 65. Of those who suffer a disability between age 35 and 65, 50% of them will have the disability for 5 years or more and 30% will be disabled for life. If you want to consider critical illness insurance, remember 2.4 million Canadians are diagnosed with a critical illness every year. Here are the stats: cancer affects 2 out of every 5 people in Canada, 97,000 Canadians will have a heart attack or stroke every year and 58% of critical illness claims come from men with a median age of 54. Remember, it is your responsibility to protect yourself and your family.

Good Luck and Best Wishes,

Money Lady

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