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Grade 5 student Ian Wiebe proudly cut the ribbon to mark the completion of Carman Elementary School's new kitchen on March 8.

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Carman Elementary celebrates kitchen renovations

By Ty Dilello

Carman Elementary School celebrated the completion of their kitchen renovation with donors, contractors, students and staff on March 8.

Grade 5 student Ian Wiebe had the honours of cutting the ribbon with the ceremonial scissors to signify the kitchen is now open for business after \$40,000 in renovations were completed.

The renovation included the replacement of the existing countertops with steel countertops, replaced the appliances (refrigerator, stove and dishwasher), installed a new range vent, new cupboard doors and drawers, cleaning, repairing and repainting all the cupboard surfaces, replaced the sink and purchased all new cooking paraphernalia such as pans, pots, utensils and a stand mixer.

At the same time, the Prairie Rose School Division replaced the flooring and lighting and repainted the facility's interior.

Carman Elementary School fundraised the \$40,000 cost from grants and donations from local companies, churches and private community members. They also ran fundraisers through the Advisory Council for School Leadership (ACSL) last year, including a pizza fundraiser and a class photograph fundraiser.

For the students and school staff, the new lunch program at Carman Elementary School provides a five-day-a-week nutritional meal program that parents can participate in. The program has been operational since October, averaging between 70 and 100 meals per day.



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Staff and students with Carman Elementary School held a ribbon cutting ceremony on March 8 to celebrate the completion of their new kitchen for the school. Pictured back row, left to right, Trent Schidlowsky with Homestead Co-op (donor), Cam Phillips of Phillips Construction (contractor), Laura Znack, Carman Area Foundation treasurer (donor) and Erin Dunn of Sperling Industries (donor), along with (middle row) Cameron Pethybridge (Grade 6 student), Janine Lodder, chair of Carman Area Foundation (donor), Helen Klassen (Elementary School Food Service Manager) and Austin Reimer (Grade 6 student). In front, Grade 5 students Bailey Dyck and Ian Wiebe, and Sonia Picton, chair of the ACSL board.

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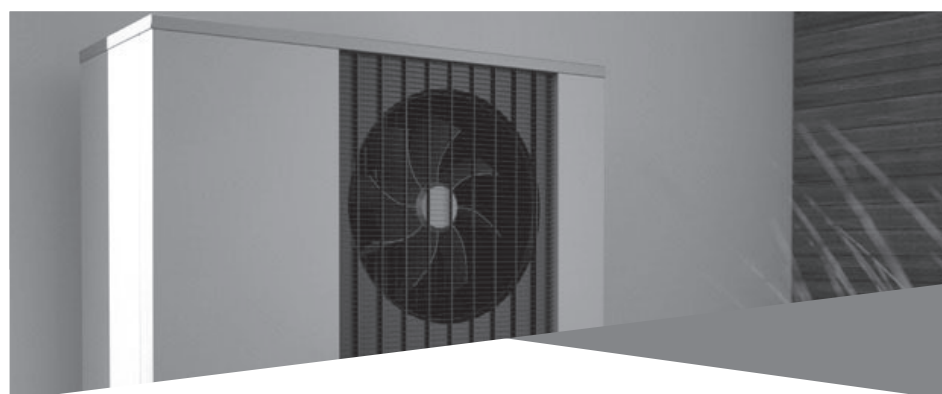
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Carman skaters perform the greatest show



Blake Wiebe, age 4, first year skater in the Parent and Tot pre-CanSkate program.

By Ty Dilello

On the evening of March 10, the Carman Skating Club held its annual year-end Carnival at the Carman Dufferin Arena to celebrate the skater's achievements. This year's theme, "The Greatest Show," was inspired by the 2017 musical film The Greatest Showman.

"We would like to thank the arena staff who maintain the arena and look after us well during the skating season," said Donna Wytinck of the Carman Skating Club. "Also, all the parents that volunteer their time throughout the year to make our skating programs a success."

Over 70 skaters performed and entertained friends and family. The Carman Skating Club had over 60 CanSkaters, five Rising Stars, and five Star Skaters this season. Coaches Debra McKinnon (CanSkate) and Jody James (StarSkate, Rising Star and Parent and Tot) choreographed all the Carnival numbers.

Rising Star is a bridge program connecting CanSkate to StarSkate, teaching figure skating elements to the skaters. This year, they skated to "A Million Dreams" and were part of the intro and finale.

Nine-year-Rising Star Rhiannon Boeve (nine years old), who skated in the Carnival, said, "I'm living one of my longest dreams, to wear this fancy dress while I'm skating."

Also new this year at the Carnival,



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On the evening of March 10, the Carman Skating Club hosted "The Greatest Show" Carnival at the Carman Dufferin Arena with their 70 skaters of all ages and abilities performing.



Rhiannon Boeve, age 9, Rising Star performing in "The Greatest Show."

eight of the StarSkaters and Rising Stars did a synchronized skating program.

"Our five Star Skaters also performed their competitive programs they competed with throughout the season and also took part in helping to choreograph their show numbers along with their coach Jody James," said Wytinck. "Behind the scenes was a real circus as well, as the StarSkaters had five different fast costume changes between numbers. The show also took time to recognize our Team Toba pairs team, Wyatt James and Jorja Best, who just returned from the Canada Games in Prince Edward Island in early March."

Carman Skating Club's President Kirsten Nicolajsen envisioned turning Carman Arena into a complete circus experience for one evening for this year's Carnival and pulled together



Wyatt James, right, and Jorja Best, recently competed in the 2023 Canada Winter Games in PEI.

an excellent decorating committee of parents to help out.

"This truly was one of our greatest shows," said Nicolajsen, President of the Carman Skating Club. "I am so proud of our skaters and volunteers for coming together for a magical evening of skating I will never forget. The support we received from our community and volunteers was heartwarming."

"Thank you to my board of directors for pouring their hearts into this show. My dream team organized professional face painting, costumed 70 skaters, hand-crafted decorations and even helped out on the ice. We can't wait for next year's show."



Emma Nicolajsen, StarSkater age 10, "This is Me!" shows off her balance and strength with her shoot the duck.

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New accounts required for Manitoba Parks Reservations service

Submitted by Manitoba government

Manitoba Natural Resources and Northern Development is encouraging Manitoba Parks customers to plan ahead for the launch of the new Parks Reservation Service on March 27.

Manitoba Parks is reminding campers the existing service at www.manitobaparks.com will be available until

March 24 at 4 p.m. to access and take note of any favourite sites from previous reservations.

Account information will not be transferred from the old reservation service to the new site. All users will need to create a new account starting on March 27 and are encouraged to browse the site to become familiar

with the new service in advance of reservation opening days.

Reservations for the 2023 season will occur over six days in April. Reservations will open at 7 a.m. each day for the following campsites and facilities:

April 3 - All cabins, yurts and group

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letter to the editor

Kudos for speaking out against our ag ministers

This short and not so sweet shout out to Shelley Dyck from Ste. Rose du Lac is in response to her recent letter to the editor. Way to go Shelley, for going after our former Premiers' little minion Yes Men. I met Mr. Ralph Eichler when I lived in the Interlake from having worked in his home for a couple of days on one occasion. I personally thought that he was a pretty decent person and I feel greatly for his being put in the stupefyingly awkward position of damage control guy following the many blunders, screw-ups and hidden agenda policies brought forth by our former Agriculture Minister, Blaine Pederson. It is difficult to recall them all as there were so many but suffice to say, from reading many articles over his term that he seemed to have done a really great job at angering just about every farmer based organization, dairy farmer, cattle rancher, hog, grain and mixed farmer in Manitoba. I was very surprised by the Premiers decision to put this obvious career back-bencher into such an important portfolio but was not surprised by Mr. Pedersons decision to not run for office again following the debacle he created as

Ag Minister. The way in which the ruling Tories recently "Pulled the grass out from under" the numerous cattle ranchers who depend on Crown Lands for their livelihoods by selling them to these big corporations makes me shake my head so hard it hurts. I always have wondered how many phone calls, text messages and e-mails his and the Premiers office received from irate farm organization leaders and farmers in general, irate about what the heck was happening in their very important sector of our provincial economy.

Shelley Dycks "Shame On You" doesn't even begin to describe my feelings for the sheer audacity and top-down governance tactics of our former "super control freak" premier, Brian Pallister. He brought the shame to all Brians on the recent National Brian Day. His popularity plummeted almost as fast as a falcon diving for a mouse on a farmers field. Putting inexperienced and inept MLA's into such important portfolios is more than likely the stuff he laments over the most as his biggest mistakes as leader. These Yes Men must have been put there for just that reason since it can't be based on representing the good people that put you into that office with their votes. Had that been the case, Mr. Pederson would have gone to bat for farmers rather than taking a machete to their livelihoods amidst programs that have

been decimated, gutted and hacked apart like a yearling steer bound for the freezer.

I encourage anyone and everyone to look up the very sad but true track record of our local MLA's time as our Ag Minister to get the full picture or better yet ask a farmer you know directly unless it may cause them more stress than they can take. Anyways, good on you Shelley, for bringing the scorn and the wrath. I do not envy our new Premier one bit for being handed the bailing bucket of a fast sinking ship. The culture of Top-Down Train Wreck style dysfunctionality must end and our provincial representatives must start to be held accountable for their bone-headed moves. Like putting the wrong person into a very important job for too long and may the damage control commence. All I have to say to that is wow, what a way to govern a province.

Good luck, the right honourable Heather Stefanson. You have got your work cut out for you. And oh yeah, before I forget, your recent vote buying financial frenzy isn't going to work as my favourite reporter from the *Winnipeg Free Press* said in an article I read recently pointed out that spending sprees by government in an election year just insult peoples' intelligence.

- Yours Very Sincerely,
Darcy B. Redekopp, Carman.

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Local ranch owner named Novice Cutting Co-Champion



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Brenda McQueen riding her main cutting horse, Time In Montana (Monty) at Evergreen Land & Cattle in Steinbach.



McQueen cutting on Amando Smoothie, a horse she borrowed from her partner to stay in the competition for the 2022 season, at the Morris Stampede.

By Raegan Hedley

Cutting? No, not with a knife. It's a sport with horses!

"It's a different sport...a lot of people don't even know what cutting is or understand how you get points," says Brenda McQueen, owner of Rocking Q Ranch in Stonewall.

If you've never heard of cutting, here's how McQueen describes the sport: "In a cutting competition, you have two and a half minutes to show the judge how good you and your horse are at cutting cattle."

According to Wikipedia's page about cutting, during the allotted time, the horse and rider must cut at least two cows from the herd, and one must be a deep cut, meaning the cow must come from deep inside the

herd instead of from the edges.

Each contestant has four helpers: two are designated as turnback riders, who help to keep cattle from running off to the back of the arena, and the other two are designated as herd holders to keep the cattle bunched together and prevent potential strays from escaping into the work area.

The hardest part according to McQueen? "When you're riding a cutting horse you can never even lift up your hands off the horse. If you lift them, you get docked points right away. You're controlling them with your legs."

At the beginning of the competition season, McQueen's cutting horse, Time In Montana, came up sore because of a front tendon problem in

his front leg. To compete, you need to use a horse that's been trained to cut, and McQueen retired her last cutting horse RJ after a great career and a championship win in 2018.

When it comes to winning, McQueen says you have to get points throughout the season to work up to it. With her horse on the mend, she sat on the sidelines until she turned to her partner, Garry Gerbrandt, and said, "let me just get on Amando and see if he'll cut for me."

Amando Smoothie was a cutting horse but became a turnback horse after a streak of quitting out of nowhere

on his riders.

"Luckily, he never quit on me and we kept going," she says. "That was actually at the Morris Stampede that I tried him out. So thank goodness, he came up for me and got me some points there."

Despite not showing in as many classes as she would've liked, McQueen was able to make a comeback.

"The last class of the year, that's what helped me win the finals."

The Manitoba Cutting Horse Association had its 59th annual awards banquet to celebrate the winners of

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HISTORIC HELP for Manitoba Seniors

Budget 2023 provides more for seniors to strengthen home care, expand seniors' housing and enhance accessible transportation.

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Province implements year-round recreational fishing for most species

By Patricia Barrett

The provincial government is implementing new rules for recreational fishing that include year-round fishing for most species in most waterbodies and dropping the requirement for anglers to sign a licence, but it's also putting new possession and size limits on some fish species.

The province manages both the recreational and commercial freshwater fisheries on behalf of the federal government and can establish rules on fisheries' open and close times, possession limits, fish size limits and fines.

The government amended the Manitoba Fishery Regulations to implement its new Recreational Angling Strategy, which contains measures aimed at "increasing angling opportunities" while protecting fish stocks, according to the new regulation's executive summary.

Angling in Manitoba generates about \$600 million a year, according to the 2021 Recreational Angling Strategy.

In addition to allowing year-round fishing for most species in most waterbodies, the 2023 changes include lifting prohibitions on non-angling methods of fishing such as spear-fishing, seine netting and minnow trapping in order to give anglers more options, dropping requirements for recreational fishers to sign a paper fishing licence, allowing unsigned electronic recreational fishing licenses, reducing the daily number of caught fish of certain species, requiring more large fish of certain species to be returned to the water and requiring an earlier removal of fishing shacks (not anglers if the ice is sufficient) in certain parts of southern Manitoba.

A majority of waterbodies had been closed to all angling for a few weeks each spring, and the change to year-round fishing will support "fishing lodges, local tackle shops, and angling outfitters with more business during these spring weeks," states the regulation.

A spokesperson for the provincial department of natural resources and northern development, which oversees the fisheries, said the new regulation will provide more opportunity to fish for some species and increase the protection of "sensitive" species.

"While anglers will be able to fish for species such as smallmouth bass and northern pike all year, walleye [pickerel] will have a closed season to protect them when they are spawning," he said.

The government extended the walleye closure on Lake Winnipeg by one week to protect spawning fish, said

the spokesperson. And anglers will only be able to keep walleye and sauger between 35 and 55 centimetres. Across Manitoba, anglers are prohibited from retaining walleye over 55 centimetres. Possession limits across the province for walleye and northern pike are being reduced from six fish to four.

Limits for lake trout have also been reduced from two fish to one, according to the regulation. Lake whitefish limits have been reduced from 25 fish to 10. And white bass limits are reduced from 25 fish to 10.

Fish added to the limits – where there were no previous limits set – include burbot which is set at six fish, bluegill and pumpkinseed set at 10 fish, brown bullhead and black bullhead set at 25 in the aggregate and freshwater drum set at 10. Bigmouth buffalo have a limit of zero as it is a species at risk.

"Reducing daily quotas and possession limits for certain high value recreational fish is intended to help conserve these species and help ensure the long-term sustainability of recreational fishing in the province," states the regulation.

The regulation also set limits on the size of fish that can be caught. Anglers can still catch "trophy fish" and document the catch with a photo, but they have to return the fish to the water. The regulation says this could "actually increase the likelihood of catching a trophy fish over time."

Recreational fishers will no longer be allowed to let fish spoil or be wasted. Previously, there was an exemption for rough fish.

"There is no need to allow rough fish to be wasted; the [recreational] fisher can simply return the fish to the water if they do not intend to consume it or otherwise use it," states the regulation.

The government consulted in 2021 with the public on the proposed changes to recreational fishing, states the regulation, and that overall, "feedback from the entire engagement process was supportive." Almost all the stakeholders voiced their support for year-round recreational fishing.

However, the Manitoba Lodges and Outfitters Association (MLOA) and other respondents expressed concern with the closure dates set for the walleye and sauger fishing season, saying they'd "not be able to target walleye for one additional week each spring."

To accommodate their concerns, the government shortened the walleye close time by one week in the south from what was originally proposed. The MLOA and other respondents



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An angler with a pickerel caught during a fishing derby in Gimli.

also expressed concern about the closure of the Red River to all angling for an additional week, and the government "modified" the time to address that concern.

Some recreational anglers expressed a desire to see commercial fishing quotas reduced, and the government intends to increase the collection of fisheries data to monitor fish populations in order to make future adjustments, if necessary, states the regulation. No consultation was undertaken for the changes that were made to commercial fishing.

The departmental spokesperson said the stakeholder groups represented over 10,000 anglers and they supported the changes.

The changes related to recreational fishing "are not expected to impact Indigenous persons," states the regulation. The government had, however, mailed letters to 70 Indigenous communities and organizations to inform them of the proposed changes to recreational fishing and invite feedback. Only one Indigenous organization submitted a response with concerns about the proposed changes impacting their food supply. The government's opinion is that the changes to recreational angling add "enhanced protection measures" for certain higher value fish through reduced possession limits and size limits and will not negatively impact food supply.

Some respondents expressed concern about how changes will be enforced and the answer given, according to the regulation, was the "same way as they are now." However, the spokesperson for the department said: "Last December, the province announced \$1.7 million additional support for the conservation officer program."

Whether a reduction of daily quota and size limit restrictions for some

waterbodies and some fish species will balance out year-round fishing and the now allowed non-angling methods of fishing are yet to be seen.

But the government can adjust the rules "as necessary" for both recreational and commercial fishing, says the regulation. If recreational anglers adhere to the new rules, they will benefit over the long-term by "helping ensure the sustainability of recreational fishing" and increasing their chances of catching large trophy-size fish.

The regulation will have negative impacts on the taxidermy industry and angling derbies, states the regulation. The new size limits will affect taxidermy services because trophy-size fish have to be returned to the water.

New size limits will affect competitive fishing events where prizes are awarded for the largest caught fish based on catch-and-retain fishing. Fishing derbies will have to adopt photo evidence along with an approved measuring device, states the regulation. The government might provide funding to defray the cost of equipment needed for competitive events at a cost that's "not expected to exceed \$50,000."

In addition to changes to recreational fishing, the new regulation also makes changes to the commercial fisheries' close times and fishing quota. It states that these changes "are not anticipated to have a negative impact on commercial fishers," as they align with current fisheries management practices.

A question about how many commercial fishers were in favour of the regulation went unanswered by the spokesperson.

The regulation comes into effect on April 1.

Carman Handi-van Corp. in search of new board members

By Autumn Fehr

Since Oct. 1986, the Carman Handi-van Corp., a non-profit organization, has proven to be an essential service for the community.

However, to keep the service going in the community, two to three new board members must join to continue the operation's success.

Under the Transportation Options Network for Seniors (TONS) guidelines, Carman Handi-van is eligible for the Mobility Disadvantaged Transportation Program (MDTP), which grants them \$20,000 each year for operating one handi-van in the community. The TONS guidelines refer to transportation for 55+ seniors and mobility disadvantaged people.

"As the administrator of Carman Handi-van, I hear very often how much this service is needed and appreciated. These comments come not only

from the riders but also from the business people in the community and anyone who sees the van in operation," said Carman Handi-van administrator Kathleen Findlay.

In January and February 2023, there was an average of 380 one-way rides per month. That's about 20 per day, said Findlay.

The service also assists with delivering meals from the congregate meal program at Parkview. This delivery is essential for those who cannot attend the noon meal in person.

Currently, the board has a chair, a vice-chair, and an administrator. The administrator covers the minutes and treasurer duties.

"We need to add new members so that they become familiar with the operations and will be ready to assume duties in the future. As with all organizations in Carman, our board members are getting

older. Every organization needs the next generations to become interested in volunteering to keep things like the handi-van going," said Findlay.

The board meets once a month, but not in July or December. They have held a quiz night fundraiser and hope to continue planning and putting on this event.

The board is responsible for hiring drivers, purchasing a new van when needed, keeping up with the maintenance of the van, and communicating with the drivers – mostly just the general operation of the handi-van service, which is done at meetings.

Anyone interested in joining the board can reach out to Findlay at kfindlay@mts.net or

(204) 745-2916. The annual general meeting of the Carman Handi-van Corp. will be held on April 20 at 7 p.m. at the Carman Golf and Curling Club for new board members to join.

> NEW ACOCUNTS REQUIRED FOR MANITOBA PARKS , FROM PG. 4

use areas (including Hecla and Camp Morton recreation halls);

April 5 - Campsite reservations for all western and northern region parks including Asessippi, Bakers Narrows, Clearwater (Campers Cove and Pioneer Bay), Duck Mountain (Blue Lakes, Childs Lake, Wellman Lake), Manipogo, Paint Lake, Rainbow Beach, Rivers, Spruce Woods (Kiche Manitou), Turtle Mountain (Adam Lake), William Lake and Wekusko

Falls;

April 11 - Campsite reservations for Birds Hill and Winnipeg Beach;

April 12 - Campsite reservations for south Whiteshell including Caddy Lake, Falcon Beach, Falcon Lakeshore and West Hawk Lake;

April 13 - Campsite reservations for Nopiming (Tulabi Falls main campground, Bird Lake, Black Lake, Shoe Lake, Beresford Lake) and north Whiteshell (Big Whiteshell, Brereton

Lake, Nutimik Lake, Opapiskaw, Betula Lake and White Lake); and

April 14 - All remaining locations including Camp Morton, Grand Beach, Hecla, Hnausa Beach, Lundar Beach, Moose Lake, St. Malo, Stephenfield and Watchorn.

Otter Falls Campground in Whiteshell Provincial Park, Tulabi Falls walk-in backcountry sites in Nopiming Provincial Park, and Birch Point Provincial Park Campground

will not open for reservations, as the campgrounds are under construction for flood-related repairs this spring. Opening dates for these campgrounds are undetermined at this time.

Campers should continue to check www.manitobaparks.com for additional information and updates prior to the opening of the reservation service.

> CUTTING CHAMPION, FROM PG. 5

the 2022 season on Feb. 11, 2023. Despite splitting her season between two horses, McQueen was named co-champion alongside Tanya Harms Watkins — and her horse Popcorn — in the \$5,000 Novice rider class.

"Tanya and I have been competing against each other for a few years now. She is a great rider and has a great horse, so competition is tough," says McQueen. "I am very fortunate to have amazing horses and to be a part of a great club."

This is McQueen's first championship win since she retired RJ, and she says it was very exciting.

"I say it doesn't matter if I win to myself because I'm so nervous, but I'm pretty competitive. I think everybody's out there whether they think it or not."

McQueen was introduced to cutting by Gerbrand in 2015. She switched from competitive trail riding to cutting and says she was hooked.

"There are lots of things that could happen - you can't predict what cow you're going to pick. You might get good cattle and do well. Then you

might get really bad cattle that are running end to end and there goes your class. You never know what's going to happen that day...you could be the top rider and still blow it."

"My horse always looks after me out there. It's definitely an adrenaline rush, I think that's what keeps people coming back."

The Manitoba Cutting Horse Association's 2023 season starts back up in May, and Rocking Q Ranch is hosting a show in August. Visit the club's website for more information about upcoming events and competitions: mbcutting.ca

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Maria and the Mennos films on location in Winkler, Altona

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The cast and crew of *Maria and the Mennos* were in the Winkler-Altona area last week for location shooting as the sitcom wraps up filming of its first season.

Maria and the Mennos takes a comedic look at the family dynamics at play when a Mennonite son and his Filipino-Canadian wife move in with his parents (played by Reinfeld native Erna Peters and Morden's own Chuck Fefchak).

The show, which has been shooting interior scenes at a house in Winnipeg the last few months, was here to film at the MCC Thrift Shop in Altona, Sunny Day Products and the art gallery in Winkler, and a few local farmyards.

Co-creator, writer, and Winklerite Tina Fehr Kehler says it was important for them to shoot on location in the area the show is set.

If they're trying to accurately depict a Mennonite community, then filming in an MCC Thrift Shop was a given, she says, noting they wanted it to be Altona's because that was the very first MCC thrift store in Canada.

Similarly, Sunny Day, with its shelves and shelves of Mexican products, was the perfect location for a scene revolving around Mennonite cooking.

"Audiences who aren't from here don't realize how intrinsic Mexican and Mennonite culture is together," says executive producer Orlando Braun. "Everyone here just accepts it

as normal, but we're pointing it out."

The past few months of shooting have been an exhausting whirlwind, but everyone is pleased with how the show is shaping up.

"It's has been a marathon, but it's been a really delightful experience," says Braun. "The crew has come with this delightful attitude every single day and brought fantastic energy to the set, and I think it really shows in the quality."

"It looks like a real TV show," quips Fehr Kehler. "It's kind of freaky."

Fehr Kehler is certainly no stranger to seeing the words she put on the page brought to life, but this is her first TV sitcom.

"It's so cool, especially when the actors get it and a joke really lands," she says.

"I think the actors have each embodied these roles in ways we didn't always [envision] when we were writing it," adds Braun, explaining the act of filming is very much a collaborative exercise. "So we've done a little bit of tweaking as we've gone along."

It's truly a multicultural set both behind the camera and in front of it, Braun shares.

"We've had Mennonite and Filipino writers on the show and Mennonite and Filipino directors," he says. "They're all bringing their own authentic backgrounds. None of this is just surface level—we're actually exploring these cultures and how they clash together in the most Manitoba



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The cast and crew of *Maria and the Mennos* set up shop at Sunny Day Products in Winkler last Wednesday to film a few scenes. The store remained opened throughout, with production working around the presence of customers.

way possible."

"That part is beautiful. I love it," says Fehr Kehler. "It's totally authentic because it comes from our lived experiences."

"And it's not just Mennonites and Filipinos," she adds. "I think anybody from any cultural background will be able to connect with it."

Playing the titular Maria is Winnipeg actress Victoria Exconde. Her husband, Nate, is played by Steinbach's Kenton Dyck.

During a break from filming scenes at Sunny Day on Wednesday, the duo reflected on the experience they've had bringing this cross-cultural story to life.

"It's been absolutely amazing," says Exconde. "Everyone's been so fun and supportive throughout this whole process. It's sad it's coming to an end in a few days."

The cast and crew have truly become a family, observes Dyck.

"Most of us hadn't met before we started, and then it's like putting together a whole workplace all at once and then hoping that they all work well together," he says. "We've had such a great time with this."

While they'll have to wait along with everyone else to see the finished episodes, they have high hopes for the

show based on the amount of laughs they've had just reading and performing the scripts.

"We don't even know what the end product looks like," Dyck says. "But if the fun that we're having on set comes through, it's going to be a great show."

Reflecting on the depiction of both the Mennonite and Filipino communities, Exconde notes it's representation she wished she'd seen more of growing up.

"It's so great to see that represented," she says. "And it's not just leaning into the stereotypes."

"I think both of us haven't really had the chance to see our cultures in media like this," Dyck adds. "I mean, growing up in Canada you get to see the whole Canadian thing, but you don't see Winkler and Steinbach represented very often."

"And in many communities like Winkler, there are a lot of Filipino and Mennonite folks ... it's been really fun to see those two mix."

Maria and the Mennos will air this fall on Yes TV, an Ontario cable channel, and the Castle streaming platform. Details for whether it will air on a Manitoba or perhaps even a national network have not yet been released.



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Roland Mother Goose Program looking for parent and children

By Ty Dilello

The Parent-Child Mother Goose Roland program for young children is hosted by Crystal De Jaegher and takes place at Roland Memorial Hall on Friday mornings from 10-11 a.m.

Most brain connections are built in early childhood, from ages 0-6 years and are the basic foundation for success in school and life. The program introduces adults and children to the pleasure and power of using rhymes, songs, and stories together including a wind chime craft.

De Jaegher, a mother of three, had previously taken her children to a Mother Goose program, and she and the kids enjoyed it dearly. She is now leading the program in Roland.

"The Mother Goose program engages children with classic Mother Goose nursery rhythms," said Crystal De Jaegher. "Rhymes, rhythm and the repetition help develop early literacy skills. While the movement play during the program helps to build on

their fine motor and social skills, I also introduce different mediums of crafting that a lot of children do not get at home."

Parents gain skills and confidence which can enable them to create positive family patterns during their children's crucial early years. Children benefit from enjoyable, healthy early experiences with language and communication.

There is no need to register for the program as it is completely free, so parents are welcome to drop in with their child on Fridays that they're able to attend.

"These programs also give parents time to focus on the child. Parents are busy people, and they need time to focus and not be pulled away from the phone ringing or the dishes sitting in the sink," said De Jaegher. "And I believe play is a great way for children to gain the skills they need to step into school confident and ready to learn."



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Roland is hosting a free Parent-Child Mother Goose program at Roland Memorial Hall on Friday mornings from 10-11 a.m. Toddler Bridgette Ford looks over her mom's shoulder, while Caroline shows off a craft that was made recently.

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Polar Plunge raises \$10K for Special Olympics

By Lorne Stelmach

The polar plunge held Saturday afternoon at Lake Minnewasta raised around \$10,000 for Special Olympics Manitoba.

Nearly 30 participants were brave enough to take the leap into the icy water for a good cause.

"We're really happy with the funds raised and the number of people who took part," said organizer Sgt. Scott Edwards of the Morden Police Service and the Manitoba Law Enforcement Torch Run.

"The whole atmosphere of having it at the lake with the pond hockey tournament was neat to see, and I think it worked out well," he added. The Morden fire department hosted its hockey tournament that same day.

"The feel of all the people gathered around, cheering everyone on was good.

"The weather made it a little easier. It wasn't minus 30 with a wind chill after you hopped out of the water. It was a little more bearable. The water temperature was probably no different than when we jumped in the tank in the past at the Access Event Centre.

"We took as many safety precautions as we could to make sure that everything was safely done," noted Edwards, who also added they were grateful for the support from the Morden fire department, Earl Dyck, James Friesen, Shawn Dias, and Elite Crushing's Levi Wiens for their work to make the event safe on the ice.



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The Polar Plunge at Lake Minnewasta Saturday saw nearly 30 participants jump into the cold lake in support of Special Olympics Manitoba.

Flashback....Buckee Daze

By Dennis Young

During the late 1970s and early 80s in the heyday of the Kinsmen, the Club hosted a town-wide event called, Buckee's Happy Daze in March. Carman swelled with participants, various events, and curious onlookers for two full weekends.

At the rink, you could jam pail curl, take power toboggan rides, enjoy the Ice Skating Carnival, and watch the

Queen Contest and Minor Hockey Night with plenty of games.

Elsewhere there were snow and ice sculpturing, a family bowling tournament, a crokinole tourney, a toboggan poker derby, a fish derby at Stephenfield and Church services offered at your parish choice. Buckee Da Beaver has yet to be seen since!

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Carman's Arnett was well-travelled pro

By Ty Dilello

Carman's Frank Arnett was a well-travelled professional hockey player in the 1950s and 1960s. He played 529 games as a defenceman in the old Western Hockey League for the Seattle Bombers, Winnipeg Warriors, Seattle Totems and Los Angeles Blades.

Frank Arnett was born in Carman on June 6, 1932. Known by his nickname "Crash" to most in the hockey circles, Arnett started playing hockey as a youngster in Carman, where he learned the game and progressed through the local ranks.

In the fall of 1950, he moved to Brandon to play junior hockey with the Brandon Wheat Kings, where for two seasons, he earned much praise as one of the league's top defensemen. He then turned professional in 1952 with the Seattle Totems of the Western Hockey League (WHL).

While in Seattle, Arnett met Dianne Miller and married the following year.

Arnett spent 1953 to 1957 playing and coaching hockey in Valleyfield, Quebec, and North Bay, Ontario. Then following 1957-58 with the WHL's Winnipeg Warriors, Arnett returned to Seattle, where the Totems were league champions that year.

He remained in the Western League with Seattle and the Los Angeles Blades until 1964 when Arnett moved to Calgary, where he began working on his high school and post-secondary education.

Crash Arnett could score as a defenceman, but he also found himself in the penalty box plenty over his career, as in most seasons, he would lead his team and league in penalty minutes.

Arnett retired as a professional hockey player in 1964. In his final season, he was fined \$300 and given an indefinite suspension for roughing up a referee during a WHL playoff game.

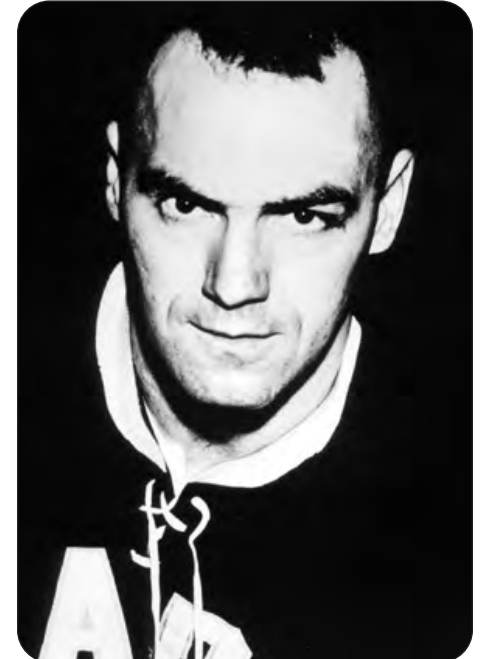
Arnett was later reinstated and

given his amateur card so he could play senior hockey in Western Canada for the likes of the Nelson Maple Leafs, Kimberley Dynamiters, Calgary Spurs, Calgary Stampeders and Prince George Mohawks.

In 1965, he received a scholarship to Notre Dame University in Nelson, British Columbia, where he studied and coached the Nelson Maple Leafs to the Western International League championship.

After spending much of his hockey career on the west coast, Arnett returned to Manitoba to teach and work in the schools. He would go on to serve as principal at both La Riviere School and Pilot Mound School.

Arnett is 90 years old today but this journalist has struggled to find Arnett, so if any readers know him, feel free to drop me a line, as I'd love to chat with Mr. Arnett and fill in some more of the blanks in his career. Please email: tydilello20@gmail.com



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Kraft Hockeyville 2023 announces Top 4 community finalists

Submitted by Kraft Hockeyville

Kraft Heinz, in partnership with the National Hockey League (NHL) and the National Hockey League Players' Association (NHLPA), has announced the Top 4 finalists competing for the coveted title of Kraft Hockeyville 2023. Those communities are (from West to East):

- Maple Ridge, British Columbia (Maple Ridge Planet Ice)
- Ste. Anne, Manitoba (Maurice Chaput Arena)
- West Lorne, Ontario (West Lorne Arena)
- Saint-Anselme, Quebec (Centre Sportif Bellechasse-Dorchester)

Over the last 17 years, Kraft Hockeyville has awarded \$4.5 million to 93 communities to support Canada's aging sports and recreation infrastruc-

ture. The program is dedicated to building stronger, more connected, and inclusive communities across the country through the love of the game of hockey. The Top 4 community finalists are one step closer to cementing their place as part of the program's longstanding legacy, alongside most recent winners Sydney, Nova Scotia (2022); Elsipogtog First Nation, New Brunswick (2021); and Twillingate, Newfoundland and Labrador (2020).

In a very close competition, the Top 4 community finalists were selected based on their nomination stories and their ability to score additional rally points by engaging their community and demonstrating their passion and pride for the game of hockey.

"This year's program has once again reinforced the important role pas-

sionate hockey communities play in both growing the game and making it more inclusive and accessible for all Canadians," said Adam Butler, President, Kraft Heinz Canada. "We received thousands of entries from deserving communities and narrowing it to four finalists was certainly a challenge. This year's Top 4 finalists truly embody the heart and soul of hockey and now it's up to Canada to vote for the winning community."

The 2023 grand prize winner will have an opportunity to host an NHL® preseason game and receive \$250,000 to be used towards arena upgrades, in addition to the coveted title of Kraft Hockeyville 2023. This year's winner, and each of the three runner-up communities, will also receive \$10,000 worth of new hockey equipment for

their minor hockey programs, courtesy of the NHLPA Goals & Dreams fund.

All Canadians from coast-to-coast can play a role in determining the winner of Kraft Hockeyville 2023 by voting for one of the Top 4 communities online at krafthockeyville.ca. Voting opens on March 31 at 9 a.m. ET and closes on April 1 at 5 p.m. ET. Votes per person are unlimited but can only be cast on the website during the voting phase. The winner will be announced live on Hockey Night in Canada the evening of April 1 following the conclusion of the voting phase. For complete contest rules and programs details, and to learn more about the Top 4 finalists, including their stories, photos, and videos, please visit krafthockeyville.ca.

High-risk groups now eligible for spring COVID-19 booster shot

Staff

Manitobans with the highest risk of negative COVID-19 outcomes are now able to get their spring bivalent booster shot.

Following recommendations from the National Advisory Committee on Immunization, Manitoba Health last week announced the shot is available for adults aged 65 and older; Indigenous people age 45 and older, including First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples, regardless of place of residence; residents of long-term care

or assisted living facilities; and adults aged 18 and older who are moderately to severely immunocompromised.

They recommend people wait six months between booster doses for the best immune response.

You should also wait six months between this shot and your last COVID-19 infection. At a minimum, you need to at least be recovered from the infection before this dose.

Eligible people are advised to discuss the timing of spring boosters with a health-care provider. This is because

Manitoba Health is anticipating a fall 2023 COVID-19 booster campaign. Getting a dose in the spring could affect when an individual would be eligible to receive a booster dose in the fall.

Manitoba Health also continues to encourage people to get a COVID-19 booster dose if they did not receive one as part of the fall 2022 booster campaign.

Vaccine appointments can be made at medical clinics, pharmacies, and many other locations by

phone at 1-844-626-8222 or online at <https://patient.petal-health.com/login?groupId=6032>.

Walk-in vaccinations are also available at many locations.

As of March 4, nearly 78 per cent of all Manitobans have received at least two doses of a COVID-19 vaccine and about 20 per cent of Manitobans have had at least one dose of a bivalent COVID-19 vaccine.

TEDx Morden is at the Kenmor March 30

By Lorne Stelmach

Morden is getting on board with the TED Talks movement with its own local version this month.

TED (Technology, Entertainment and Design) Talks are influential presentations and videos from speakers on such topics as education, business, science, tech, and creativity.

TEDx events are independently organized under a free license to organize TED-format events in local communities. TEDx Morden will host speakers March 30 at the Kenmor Theatre.

It is an opportunity to bring together local, passionate individuals to help spark dialogue about innovation and ideas, and a couple of the participants voiced their excitement recently at the opportunity to be involved.

"I love TED Talks. I do listen to them, and I love the nuggets ... and the book Ted Talks, which I just went through, is excellent. I'm so glad for it. It's helped me," said Morden physiotherapist Rebecca Atkinson, who will be one of the five featured speakers here.

"There's lots of local people who have interesting stories to tell and have done lots of really cool stuff," said Marcus Wiebe, founder of the Dead Horse Cider Company and a fellow speaker. "I listen to Ted Talks myself too, and I'm just hoping I can provide something of that similar quality."

Joining Atkinson and Wiebe on stage will

be Larry Davey, president and CEO of Access Credit Union, art historian and fine arts professional Tricia Dyck, and David Daniels, a traditional knowledge holder and ritual leader from the Long Plains Reserve. They will all be speaking around the theme *Wind of Change*.

Wiebe and his team at Dead Horse Cider have worked to create award-winning ciders showcasing the uniqueness of Manitoba apples, a prairie fruit that was forgotten and going to waste.

"I'll be talking about opportunities you face in the business sector ... sometimes they come from places you don't normally expect," he explained. "It's the first time I've done something like this, so I'm a little nervous, but it should be fun."

"I hope people will get just, not even necessarily be inspired but perhaps realize sometimes things don't go the way you planned, but that's okay."

Atkinson was drawn to be part of the TEDx Morden because of how different experiences and perspectives can all tie together for a common good. Her presentation is entitled "Tai Chi and Tea as Therapy."

"It's about trying to create a sense of self ... and community, the reliance upon community and accepting and using the influence of change to our benefit," she said. "Tai chi is all about change; that's what tai chi means; the interplay



Clockwise from above: Speaking at the first Morden TEDx event is David Daniels, Larry Davey, Marcus Wiebe, Tricia Dyck, and Rebecca Atkinson.



of Ying and Yang, this dynamic ever changing universe.

"I'm trying to offer a way that people can feel empowered for their health with others because you need others; you cannot do anything alone in our world."

The evening kicks off with networking from 4-4:30 p.m. followed by speeches from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$40 each or four for \$140. You can find more information and bios for all the speakers online at www.tedxmorden.ca.

Community reminded to be on the lookout for counterfeit bills

By Ty Dilello

Last week, the Carman and Area Chamber of Commerce put out a notice that there have been reports of counterfeit money being circulated in the community and surrounding area and to look out for them.

"We've had three occurrences lately in the Town

of Carman as well as several others in the Pembina Valley area, and some in Central Plains as well," said Corporal Shae Argue of the Carman RCMP. "So we've been working with other detachments to collectively investigate these incidents as it's still under investigation."

For business owners, if you think it's a counterfeit bill, then you're allowed to refuse that payment method, especially if it's a larger bill. If it doesn't feel or look right, it's probably counterfeit. It's also important to note that the bank does not reimburse you if you find a counterfeit bill.

"We're telling businesses to train their employees to take a look at the bills and know the difference between real and counterfeit bills," said Argue. "And even businesses should think about not accepting as high of denominations such as a \$100 bill just to be safe. People carrying that money, should go to the bank and have it broken down."



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Carman and Area Chamber of Commerce are reminding everyone to be cautious of counterfeit \$100 bills being circulated in the community.

Telltale signs that you might have a counterfeit bill include if the colouring is off, the size of the bill is smaller, and the holograph is from a smaller denomination. Also, if you look carefully, the sizing of the image is smaller on the fake bill. And the bill feels like tough paper rather than polymer.

Please get in touch with your bank or credit union if you want further information on detecting these counterfeit bills.

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Morden Magics celebrating 35 years of gymnastics

By Lorne Stelmach

The Morden Magics gymnastics club is aiming to get the word out as it marks a milestone this year.

The club would not only like to raise awareness and promote itself but also get more people involved, especially as coaches.

It comes with the organization marking 35 years since it became officially known as the Morden Magics, which is short for Morden Artistic Gymnastics International Club.

"They actually had kids then who would come up from Walhalla, so that's how the name started," explained Jen Martens, who is head coach for the competitive program.

"The fact that we're still going, I think, is a big deal," she said. "Many surrounding towns don't have gymnastics club and we still do, so we support many athletes who come not just from Morden but from Winkler, Carman, Altona, Plum Coulee and Manitou ... all these places come to us.

"I think it is a big thing for Morden, so it would be nice to have a little more support and just have people be more aware."

The club currently has 175 kids registered in its three programs: kindergym, recreation, and competitive.

Martens noted the overall numbers declined during the pandemic, which also impacted them in another key way.

"We've been very grateful to the city

that we have always had a place at the Access Event Centre. When COVID happened, we got turned away because it got turned into the vaccination supersite.

"Luckily we were able to be in the United Church, which had a gym space to rent. It was small for us, but we were at least able to keep things going."

Their ultimate dream would be to some day have their own facility somewhere.

"We have to set up all of our equipment and take it down every week. It's hard on the equipment and it's just hard work," Martens said. "The talk is always could we have our own facility? That is the dream ... I don't know how

practical it would really be, though."

Right now what the club really needs to move forward is more people to get involved as coaches.

"It's unfortunate we are not able to register as many kids as we would like because we just don't have the coaching for it," Martens said. "It would be nice to find more coaches so we wouldn't have kids on waiting lists who don't get into the program."

The Magics wrap up the current season with their annual display on Tuesday, April 11 starting at 6 p.m.. There is a \$2 admission that goes to support Kidsport. Children five and under get in for free.

If you are interested in getting involved with the club, e-mail magics.coach@gmail.com.

"THE FACT THAT WE'RE STILL GOING, I THINK, IS A BIG DEAL,"



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Morden Magics coach Jen Martens' daughter Lux, left, is wearing her mother's old suit, which was the club's original competitive uniform, while daughter Raelyn, right, is wearing the club's new suit. The Magics have been active since 1988.

ManSEA hosting sustainable energy conference in Morden

By Lorne Stelmach

An upcoming conference in Morden will focus on the theme of energy independence for Manitoba.

The Manitoba Sustainable Energy Association (ManSEA) gathers April 4 at the Access Event Centre, and it will bring together leading experts, innovative businesses, and government officials from across the province and beyond.

Discussions will explore sustainable energy solutions that could help Manitoba become more self-sufficient and less reliant on non-renewable resources.

"It really does effect everyone and anyone ... it really does affect everyone from multi-million corporations right down to individual households," said Alexander Lavoie, ManSEA board member.

"Energy independence is not only important for our environment but also for our economy, so we are thrilled to be hosting this event to address these critical issues," he said. "We have a responsibility to future generations to ensure a sustainable and secure energy supply, and this conference is an excellent opportunity to encourage discussion and action toward that goal."

The mission of the association is to promote the sustainable development of Manitoba's energy resources. It believes that long-term prosperity and quality of life will be possible only if we transition from non-renewable to renewable energy throughout the province—a change it believes can create significant economic development opportunities.

Conference attendees will have the opportunity to attend presentations and networking sessions and check out a variety of exhibitor displays.

Topics will include integrated resource planning processes, energy savings for businesses and residences, phosphorous and biochar production from biomass, and renewable technology opportunities and challenges, among others.

"With the increased focus on environmental social governance from a variety of sectors, sustainable energy has certainly been an important piece of that," said Lavoie.

"There's a big focus on energy efficiency, making your house more sustainable," he added, noting for example the Manitoba Environmental Industries Association has an energy

advisor program which can do individual energy audits for households. "And there are some programs and grants available out there, especially through Efficiency Manitoba, which a lot of people don't realize can help them save money.

"We really are hoping for individuals to educate themselves a little more on energy efficiency and the ways that we can achieve it," said Lavoie. "The other piece is to find opportunities to save money by looking at the different options with organizations and businesses that are located in Manitoba."

For more information or to register (early bird discount deadline is March 24), head to www.mansea.com.

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Carman Spurs are new volleyball team in town

By Ty Dilello

The Carman Spurs are a newly formed Club Volleyball team who is a determined and passionate group of girls (nine in Grade 8 and one in Grade 7). The Spurs are coached by Lynn Rempel and Laurhys Bergen, who are equally as excited about the great sport of volleyball and the development of the young talent in the Carman area.

Rempel and Bergen recognized this group's enthusiasm and quickly jumped in to organize play beyond the Grade 7 and 8 season at their Carman school.

In early December, most of the group voted to pursue "Club Volleyball" as an option locally in Carman. As a result, club Volleyball has become one of the primary development programs for volleyball in Manitoba, as teams train and play from January through May each year.

"We have had two early morning practices per week since the middle of November because this group of athletes are also busy with dance, basketball, and hockey after school," said Laurhys Bergen. "We invited students from Elm Creek, and they willingly drove to Carman, before school, on those chilly early mornings to join us."

The Spurs are in the Manitoba Volleyball Association (MVA) Youth Club League, which, for them this season, has included two tournaments, the 14U Girls Premier Tournament on March 10/11 at Dakota Community Centre in Winnipeg and the Parkland Vipers Tournament in Dauphin on April 8. They have also travelled to play exhibition games against nearby clubs, the Winkler Aztecs and Southern Storm in Altona.

"Coaching this group of girls at this stage of their volleyball development has been one of the highlights of my long involvement in this sport," said Rempel. "They are a bright, athletic group who bring a lot of enthusiasm to every practice. In addition to developing technical skills, the club has been invested in encouraging an understanding of the sport while appreciating and respecting the many commitments and interests these athletes have outside of volleyball."

With the formation of a new club, countless hours



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The Carman Spurs have a home game in Carman on April 2 at 4 p.m. in the Carman Collegiate. Left to right, back row, coach Lynn Rempel, Kimisha Scott, Sophia Cox, Madeline Bergen, Lennox Dunn-Larsen, Josie Crampton, coach Laurhys Bergen; front row, Madison Froese, Amelia Wytinck, Shelby Nicolajsen, Emma Friesen and Presley Wolfe.

are spent filling out forms, arranging games and tournaments, and attending coach development workshops. As well, there are startup fees associated. These include Manitoba Volleyball Association membership fees, both as players, coaches and for the team, jerseys and warm-up shirts, tournament fees, gym and referee fees, and travel expenses.

The Carman Spurs are very thankful for the following sponsors who have generously sponsored the team for the 2023 season: Town of Carman, Rural Municipality of Dufferin; McCulloch Mooney Johnston Selby Law Offices; Carman Physiotherapy; Kinette Club of Carman; Greenland Equipment Ltd and McKnight Farms Ltd.

If you'd like to cheer for the Spurs, the next home game will be on April 2 against the Vision Volleyball Club from East St. Paul. The game will take

place at 4 p.m. in the Carman Collegiate gym.

"It has been my absolute pleasure to coach and mentor this dynamic team," said Bergen. "I am extremely proud of our efforts, on and off the court, in creating a local club volleyball program for our community. My hope is that during our time spent together this season, that our athletes felt a strong sense of belonging and pride because every single one of them brought something unique to our team."

The Carman Spurs intend to offer Club Volleyball to this specific age group of athletes again next year. However, if there is enough interest from players and coaches, they would love to see the Carman Spurs Club Volleyball program grow to include other age groups.

SEMHHL champion will be decided this week

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Ste Anne finally pulled off a win in the South Eastern Manitoba Hockey League championship finals last week.

The Aces took game four in front of a hometown crowd Sunday afternoon, following three straight wins by the Morden Bombers.

Morden did what it could to keep up in Sunday's game, with Tyler Peers

getting the Bombers on the board midway through the second period and then Mike Rey scoring twice in the last five minutes to tie the game at 3-3 before the Aces scored a power-play goal to re-take the lead 4-3 heading into the last intermission.

Rey scored his third goal of the night early in the final period, but it wasn't enough to catch up. Ste. Anne added two more to win their first game of

the series 6-4.

Reed Peters guarded Morden's net and made 28 saves off the 34 shots he faced. Morden had 31 shots on goal.

The loss was certainly a far cry from the Bombers' efforts a few nights earlier in game three, which they took 9-3.

The lengthy list of goal scorers included a hat-trick from Jaden Townsend, two from both Jory Mul-

lin and Rey, and singles from Jay Fehr and Tyler Peers.

Peters made 49 saves in net.

Morden led the best-of-seven series three games to one heading into game five Tuesday night in Morden. If needed, game six is back in Ste. Anne Wednesday night and game seven is in Morden Saturday.

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Twisters facing Hawks in MMJHL quarter-finals

By Lorne Stelmach

The Pembina Valley Twisters will be aiming to take down the Charleswood Hawks in the MMJHL quarter-finals.

The best of seven series gets underway this week between the third place Hawks and sixth place Twisters.

Pembina Valley came into the series as the underdogs with the Twisters losing four of the five regular season games. Charleswood finished at 27-

13-3-2 for 59 points. Pembina Valley was 22-17-3-3 for 50 points.

The Twisters closed out the regular season with a 5-3 loss to Transcona Friday and then earning a 6-4 victory over the Raiders Saturday.

Two goals within about two minutes of the third period by Transcona broke open what had been a 3-3 game early in the final frame.

Merek Degraeve, Mike Heppner, and Zander Carels scored for Pem-

bina Valley while Logan Enns made 22 saves as the Twisters won the shot battle 30-27.

The Twisters trailed 4-2 early in the third against the Raiders before firing home four unanswered goals.

Caelen Russell had a pair while singles came in from Degraeve, Jonathan Dyck, Slade Sotheran, and Kyle Van-Denye.

Shots on goal were 38-27 for the Twisters with Matt Grysiuk getting

the win in net with 23 saves.

The quarter-final kicked off Tuesday night. Results were not available at press time.

The series continues with game two Thursday, game three Saturday, and game four Sunday.

The other quarter-finals have St. James facing St. Boniface, River East against Transcona, and St. Vital taking on Fort Garry Fort Rouge.

End of the line for U18 AAA Pembina Valley Hawks

By Lorne Stelmach

The season came to a crashing halt for the male U18 Pembina Valley Hawks.

The third place Hawks fell 7-2 Saturday to the second ranked Winnipeg Bruins, who took the best of five semi-final series in three straight games.

Game three in Winnipeg went awry in the opening frame for the Hawks as they fell behind 4-1 and then trailed 5-2 after 40 minutes.

Kam Thomas and Carter Campbell scored for Pembina Valley, while Raiden LeGall made 28 saves with the Bruins holding a 39-23 edge in shots on goal.

The series had the potential to be

close, as the two teams had split their regular season series with two close wins each. The Bruins and the Hawks in the end were separated by just a single point in the regular season standings.

It became a different story, though, in this series as the Bruins took the opening two games with a pair of 4-0 and 7-0 shutouts.

"We went in there as an underdog, and we needed a lot of things to go right early to them feeling the pressure ... it actually went the other way around, and they got off to a good start," said Hawks head coach Dorian Miller.

"Credit to them, they're just a really

good team out of the whole league, that's the match-up that gave us the most problems ... we were always on our heels against them."

The Bruins will now face either the Brandon Wheat Kings or the Winnipeg Wild in the finals. The decisive game five for that series took place Tuesday night.

Miller takes pride in what the Hawks accomplished this year in what they had thought would be a bit of a rebuilding season.

"I couldn't be happier ... the hope was to fight for a playoff spot and see what happens," he said.

"The boys became such a close knit group, such a fun group ... and they

improved, so being in the final four is a great season for them," Miller said. "I have nothing but praise for the team and how they handled the year and improved and bought in and stuck together."

As always, they will now lose some players as they age out of the program, but Miller thinks there are good prospects for next season.

"There could be a solid group back. Age-wise, I think we only lose five guys, but there's probably two or three guys who will move on to junior A," he said. "It's still a good nucleus that is eligible to come back."

Flyers finish season in third, face Pistons in playoffs

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler Flyers wrapped up their last week in the Manitoba Junior Hockey League regular season with two

wins and a loss.

In a preview of the playoffs to come, the Flyers faced the Steinbach Pistons on Wednesday. The Pistons won it 2-1.

Daniel Isaak got Winkler's lone goal late in the first period while the Pistons tied it up in the second and then got the game-winner midway through the third. Malachi Klassen made 39 saves in net as the Pistons outshot Winkler 41-32.

The Flyers bounced back with a 3-2 overtime win Saturday night at home against the Dauphin Kings.

Dalton Andrew drew first blood a few minutes in and Carter Dittmer tied the game at 2-2 early in the third to force overtime. There, Trent Sambrook scored for the win.

Klassen made 31 saves in net this game off 33 shots on goal. His teammates had 52 shots.

In the final game of the season Sunday, Winkler dropped the Niverville Nighthawks 6-4.

Goal scorers included Andrew (with two), Gavin Waltz, Mike Svenson, Lucas Ens, and

Carter Dittmer. Aidan Comeau was in net this game and made 18 saves as Winkler outshot Niverville 28-22.

With that, Winkler's record for the season is 35-16-5-1 for 77 points, which puts them behind the Portage Terriers (90 points and the regular season champs) in first place and the Steinbach Pistons (85 points) in second in the MGEU East Division standings. Rounding out the top four and also making the cut for playoffs are the Niverville Nighthawks (56 points).

In the MGEU West Division, the Swan Valley Stampeders took first place followed by the OCN Blizzard, Virden Oil Capitals, and the Dauphin Kings.

The East Division playoffs get underway this weekend with the Nighthawks taking on the Terriers and the Flyers battling the Pistons.

Winkler heads to Steinbach for game one Friday followed by game two in Winkler Saturday. Games three and four are next week Tuesday (in Steinbach) and Wednesday (in Winkler).

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RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF DUFFERIN PUBLIC NOTICE REGARDING THE 2023 FINANCIAL PLAN

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to subsection 162(2) of The Municipal Act that the Council of the Rural Municipality of Dufferin intends to present its financial plan for the fiscal year 2023 at a public hearing in the

Rural Municipality of Dufferin
Memorial Hall, 12-2nd Ave SW, Carman, MB
Tuesday, April 11th, 2023 7:00 p.m.

Council will hear any person who wishes to make a presentation, ask questions, or register an objection to the financial plan, as provided.

Copies of the financial plan are available for review and may be examined by any person on our website <https://www.carmanmanitoba.ca/duf-finances/> or during the regular office hours of the Rural Municipality of Dufferin office at 12-2nd Avenue S.W., Carman, please call ahead for pickup at (204)745-2301. Dated at the Rural Municipality of Dufferin the 6th day of March, A.D. 2023.

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