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**Carman's best**

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Jorja Best skated her competitive routine at Friday's carnival, the end-of-year showcase for the Carman Skating Club. Their show told the story of How the Rink Grinch Stole Christmas.

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# Carman Skating Club wraps up the year with carnival

By Becca Myskiw

The Carman Skating Club finished their year showcasing their talents in a retelling of How the Grinch Stole Christmas.

On Friday, the approximately 50 skaters in the club got together for their end-of-year carnival. That included the CanSkaters, Parent & tot CanSkaters, Rising Stars, and Star-Skaters, having children from three to 16 years old on the ice that day.

To wrap up every year, the Carman Skating Club puts on a showcase with a theme. This year's theme was the one they worked on two years ago before COVID-19 shut everything down. So, with completely new choreography and many new skaters, they told the age-old story of the Grinch.

Parents of the skaters got to the Carman Arena at noon on Friday to start wrapping the boards and to set up the Whoville decorations. Kirsten Nicolajsen, vice president of the club, was lead on decorations for the carnival and communications for the year. Erin Pethybridge organized the CanSkate program, and coaches Deb McKinnon, and Jody James organized each routine shown on Friday.

"It takes many hands to make light



Wyatt James spins Jorja Best during Friday's performance.

work for an ice carnival this size," said club treasurer Donna Wytinck.

There were skaters dressed as reindeer, elves, toy soldiers, and more to



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The reindeers performed the Reindeer Hokey Pokey.



Brendan Hogan was a toy soldier.



Emma Nicolajsen performing her routine on Friday.



Emily Alme performs her routine.

tell the story. In between telling that, the club's star skaters took to the ice one by one to perform their routines they did for competitions.

Amelia Wytinck is one of the star skaters who performed at all four competitions the club went to this year. She said the first one was really stressful because it was her first competition in nearly two years, but as the year went on, her score reflected her progress.

said she felt like she was improving after being able to land an axel and a double toe and those scores secured that thought for her.

Jorja Best also saw herself improve this skating season. She skated in two competitions this season.

"I started off being that one person who as really bad and now I stand out," she said.

The end-of-year carnival is a showcase for the skaters as much as it is a fundraiser and awareness raiser for the Carman Skating Club. Donna Wytinck said that because so many community members come out to watch, it shows the younger children

and those who aren't skating what they can do in the club. In addition, it gets them to want to join.

There was no fee for people when they entered the show, but there was a full donation box early on. That money raised gives the club a good start for their next season, said Donna Wytinck, which will start the first week of October. Registration begins in September.

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# Steppers win Charolais World Virtual Show with a bred heifer

By Becca Myskiw

Miami's Steppers are making international headlines after winning the Charolais World Virtual Show in two divisions.

Charolais Charbray International hosted the show to build an intra-country business and connect farmers worldwide during an isolating pandemic. It had three divisions: French, Purebred, and Charbray, each judged by three judges worldwide. Producers from France, Czech Republic, Ecuador, Canada, Mexico, Australia, Estonia, and Columbia participated.

Miami's Stepler Farms entered the Purebred competition with Brynn Stepler's bred heifer, Gabby. The heifer was named after Brynn Stepler's favourite country singer, Gabby Barrett.

When she was a calf, nine-year-old Brynn Stepler picked out Gabby from their main herd. She then halter broke her, worked on getting the heifer to trust her, and made Gabby her 4-H animal, taking to her a number of shows before the Charolais World Virtual Show in January.

Gabby was 21 months old at the time of submission and 1,624 lbs. Andre Stepler said the show's timing was perfect for them because when they submitted, it was show season, and Gabby was the heifer they showed all fall. In other words, she was in perfect spirits and shape to be displayed on the



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Brynn Stepler's bred heifer, Gabby, won Grand Champion Purebred Female and People's Choice Female Champion at the Charolais World Virtual Show.

world stage.

"The work had already been done," he said. "So, one morning we grabbed her, took a video, and submitted it."

Andre Stepler said this show was a lot different from the others they typically enter because it is international.

"It's a dynamic experience because all around the world, people have a different opinion on what a

good animal is," he said. "In one country they look for a certain trait and in another they might not want that at all. It's virtually anyone's game."

Another difference is northern cattle compared to the south. To survive in a climate like Miami's, the Stepler's Charolais's need to have lots of hair. Closer to the equator, they want the animals to be slick-haired. Things like that are dependent on location.

The one standard, though, in all cattle genetics is the structure of the animal and its functionality. You want a maternal heifer and a masculine bull.

On top of that initial submission video, Brynn Stepler also campaigned for Gabby to win People's Choice Female Champion. She took a video with the heifer every day leading up to voting and campaigned on social media for her to win — and she did.

By the end of the 2021 Charolais World Virtual Show, Brynn Stepler and her heifer, Gabby, had the titles of Grand Champion Purebred Female and People's Choice Female Champion.

Gabby has since calved and moved on from her grain diet to silage.

The other winner in the Purebred division was High Bluff Stock Farm from Inglis, Manitoba. They won for Grand Champion Purebred Bull.

# Moderna's COVID-19 vaccine approved for children aged 6 to 11

By Patricia Barrett

Health Canada has approved Moderna's Spikevax COVID-19 vaccine for use in children aged 6 to 11.

Moderna joins Pfizer-BioNTech as the second vaccine authorized by Canada's health agency for children in this age group.

Moderna submitted data to the agency after carrying out a trial to assess the effects of the vaccine in the six-to-11 age group.

"After a thorough and independent scientific review of the evidence, the department has determined that the benefits of this vaccine for children between 6 and 11 years of age outweigh the risks. Health Canada has authorized a primary two-dose regimen of 50 micrograms per dose to be administered four weeks apart. This is half of the 100 micrograms primary two-dose regimen authorized for people 12 years of age and older," said the agency in a March 17 statement. "The clinical trial showed that the immune response in children 6 to 11 years of age was comparable to the immune response in people 18 to 25 years of age, supporting the vaccine efficacy in this younger age group."

It added that no "serious" adverse events were observed during the trial.

Moderna said its mRNA vaccine was found to be "generally well tolerated" in a KidCOVE study it carried out to evaluate safety, tolerability and effectiveness. Over 400 children in Canada

took part in the study, which had over 4,000 child participants.

"Health Canada was the first regulator to fully approve our COVID-19 vaccine, and we are pleased they have taken this important step to expand this authorization to children aged 6 to 11 years," said Moderna chief executive officer Stephane Bancel in a March 17 statement.

On the same day, Moderna announced it had asked the U.S. Food and Drug Administration for ap-

proval to offer a fourth dose – an additional booster dose – of its vaccine to adults aged 18 and older.

Research has shown that the vaccine's protection wanes within months of receiving a third dose. A similar loss of protection against COVID was also found with Pfizer's mRNA vaccine. Moderna's vaccine carries an increased risk of myocarditis and pericarditis, particularly in males 18 to 24 years of age, the company advises.

Health Canada authorized Moderna's vaccine for adults in December 2020 and for children aged 12 to 17 in August 2021. Moderna is working on an omicron-specific vaccine booster and is in the process of carrying out research with participants.

"Our goal has been to remain ahead of the virus and we are committed to generating and sharing data with public health authorities as they prepare for the fall booster season," said Bancel in a March 10 statement.



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## Roussin delivers final regular COVID-19 briefing

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Manitoba's top doc held his final regularly scheduled COVID-19 briefing last week.

Coming one day after the last of the province's public health orders expired, chief provincial public health officer Dr. Brent Roussin emphasized at a virtual news conference March 16 that Manitoba is transitioning into the next phase of the pandemic—learning to live with the virus.

"We're certainly at a different place in this pandemic," he said. "We've been able to change our approach from strict public health measures to public health recommendations. That guidance is now available online to help support people in their own decision making to assess their level of risk when it comes to things like mask wearing, physical distancing, and how many people they're comfortable with gathering."

The past two years have been filled with loss and divisiveness, Roussin observed, and it's time to move forward.

"We know that COVID-19 will very likely be part of our lives for years to come, so we can't wait for COVID-19 to be gone before we start our journey of healing."

Roussin called on Manitobans for understanding and compassion.

"We may not have agreed on the

best approach on public health measures ... we may not all agree on the timing of the loosening of the restrictions, but I'm sure we can all agree that all Manitobans have been faced with tremendous challenges and difficulties during these last two years.

"We see businesses now, some choosing to keep the proof of vaccine, others leaving that in the past. Some people will continue to wear masks, others will give that up. For many, these choices aren't easy. But we sure can make it easier on each other if we show some respect, kindness, compassion for other people's decision as we navigate this transition period."

Even with restrictions gone, modeling suggests Manitoba will continue to see a downward trend overall in COVID-19 hospitalizations, Roussin said.

On Monday, the province's online COVID-19 dashboard had 388 people in hospital with the virus (down 26 from the Monday before) and 22 in ICU (up two). The death toll was at 1,731. Manitoba has already begun shutting down its pandemic infrastructure. Numerous testing sites were set to close this week and many vaccination supersites—including the one in Morden—are already closed, with more to follow in the weeks ahead. Roussin said embedded in these closure plans are plans to re-



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Dr. Brent Roussin, chief provincial public health officer, appealed to Manitobans again for understanding and compassion as we move to a new phase of the pandemic.

open testing and vaccination services again if needed in the future.

Vaccines will continue to be offered through clinics, pharmacies, and at the supersite at the RBC Convention Centre in Winnipeg, which will remain open for now.

Health officials will continue to actively monitor COVID-19 indicators here in Manitoba, nationally, and around the world, Roussin stressed.

"This is the last formal COVID-19 briefing, but I can assure Manitobans that our work on this virus is not stopping at this point."

## Manitoba's flood conditions improve for March outlook

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Things are looking a little better when it comes to potential flooding along the Red River this spring.

In its second 2022 spring flood outlook last week, Manitoba's Hydrologic Forecast Centre put the worst-case-scenario for spring flooding at the levels seen along the Red in 2011.

That high risk of flooding is with unfavourable weather conditions—lots of rain or snow over the next few weeks.

With favourable conditions, the risk of flooding is still considered major, though more like the peak levels seen

in 2019 from Emerson to the Red River Floodway Inlet.

"Normal" weather over the coming weeks would put the expected flooding levels close to that seen in 2020.

Red River tributaries, including the Roseau, Rat, and Pembina rivers are also at a high risk of moderate to major flooding, depending on what the next few weeks of weather brings us.

Due to below normal soil moisture at freeze-up and normal to well above normal winter precipitation, there is high risk of moderate flooding in the Assiniboine River and its tributar-

ies, including Souris River basin, and in the eastern region, including the Whiteshell Lakes area, the report notes.

The risk of spring flooding is low for Interlake and northern Manitoba regions. The risk of flooding for most Manitoba lakes is also low.

The province notes the predicted peak levels of flooding across Manitoba right now are expected to remain below the dikes and community flood protection levels, which have been raised significantly since the Flood of

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# Carman Wellness Connections halfway through resource pilot project

By Becca Myskiw

Carman Wellness Connections is halfway through its pilot project of hosting a drop-in every Tuesday to share resources.

In 2019 at a community round table of 100 people, it was decided Carman needed a way to address poverty. One thing identified was that there are many resources in the community for those facing poverty, but many people don't know they exist or how to access them.

Carman Wellness Connections was formed, and several working groups within it to address that issue. Karen Tjaden is co-chair of the organization and a minister at Carman United Church and Crossroads United. After delays due to COVID-19, she was able to bring a plan to fruition and start showing people the resources they need with the drop-in pilot project.

"Poverty can really isolate people," she said. "Even in a small town, we don't all know each other, so our hope is to make new connections with each other and help one another all participate. Community is always stronger when working together and when we know one another. So many good things can happen when we break down barriers."

The drop-in happens at the Carman United Church hall every Tuesday

from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Essentially, Tjaden and a few other members of Carman Wellness Connections are on-site to share resources with people in need. They have information on everything and anything people might need but don't know how to access, like filling out government forms on housing and income support.

"This is a drop-in got whatever people need," said Tjaden. "Carman Wellness Connections' goal is to address poverty in our community."

It started in December and will go for six months — after that, Carman Wellness Connections will have learned enough of what the community needs to figure out ways to connect people with resources. Then, they'll move the drop-in to a permanent place that's set to be in the lower level of the Carman Memorial Hall, where there will also be an office space for the group.

The December theme focused on community resources, and one they wanted to highlight was the library. So, Boyne Regional Library brought in books for people to borrow and their take-home craft kits for people to do.

This month, the group is starting a new endeavour of focusing on nutrition and food. They'll be making meal bags to sell for \$2 to \$4 for those in a tough time financially and have them



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Karen Tjaden is co-chair of Carman Wellness Connections. They're hosting a drop-in every Tuesday for people to receive information on how to access resources they may need.

available at each drop-in.

Alita Montgomery is co-chair of the Food Security Working Group within Carman Wellness Connections. She said the meal kits would be a huge help for those just needing that extra sustenance.

"Poverty's a huge issue, and not being able to sustain yourself is really hard," she said. "So, when you can get that extra help and get the extra resources it's really helpful."

If anyone in the community has questions regarding anything they might need help with, they're encouraged to go to the drop-in on Tuesdays. There is also more information at [www.carmanwellnessconnections.ca](http://www.carmanwellnessconnections.ca). Manitoba 211 is another site with community resource information. The group recommends that people use it and groups with resources to enter their info into the site.

# Faouzia 'shocked' and 'excited' to be nominated for Juno

By Becca Myskiw

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Faouzia is shocked to have been nominated for the Breakthrough Artist of the Year Juno award.

The 21-year-old singer was given a heads up that she should watch the Juno nomination ceremony this year — which has never happened before — so she did. Sister by her side, they turned on the show, and she heard her name coming back to her through the screen.

"I was so excited and truly shocked," she said. "Even though I was told to watch I still wasn't sure that I'd really be nominated."

Faouzia grew up following the Junos and discovering new artists because of them and the exact award she's nominated for. She said that getting that nomination all these years later is a dream come true.

Nominated alongside her are artists 347aidan, Jessie, Pressa, and Tesh. Faouzia said she believes every song she's put out there and every event she's performed at has led to this for her.

"I don't think there was one major defining moment," she said. "But there were many milestones over the past year that have probably led to this nomination."

A few of those milestones might have been the releases of her songs "Hero" and "Puppet", their accompanying music videos, and the music video for her song "Minefields" with John Legend. In addition, she performed with Legend on the Today Show and on Kelly Clarkson in February 2021 and Show. She also did a photoshoot with Elle Bulgaria, played multiple concerts in the USA, and sang "O Canada" at the NHL All Star Game, among other things.

"It took a lot of hard work and perseverance but it's times like these that can be one of the many indications that you're on the right path," said Faouzia. "And it's great to be recognized alongside so many other amazing artists."

She will be at the Juno Awards on May 15 and said she'll be happy to be there and be nominated whether she wins the award.

"If I don't win, I'll be cheering very



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Faouzia was shocked to receive her Juno nomination for Breakthrough Artist of the Year.

loudly for whoever does because every artist that has been nominated deserves the win."

Faouzia is currently finishing up

multiple projects that have kept her busy, one of which is her new song "R.I.P." which will be coming out soon.

# Celine A. Houde, Carman's only female principal, passes away

By Becca Myskiw

Carman Collegiate's only female principal passed away recently.

Celine A. Houde died on Nov. 24, 2021, at 90 years old. Houde was raised in Bendard, Manitoba, attended school in Elie, known as l'Academie and College St. Joseph. She furthered her studies at the University of Manitoba, the University of Montreal, and the University of McGill, where she got her Masters in Education.

Part of Houde's teaching career was spent at Carman Collegiate. Della Heaman remembers her as her homeroom teacher in Grades 11 and 12. Houde was an assistant principal before principal and taught French along with the title.

"She was a very good French teacher and she cared about the kids," said Heaman. "If you had a problem you could go to her."

Heaman recalls struggling just a little in French class and Houde putting in extra time after hours by forming a tutoring group for those who needed it. Another former student, Dennis Wilton, said she was very involved with the student community and the community outside of school, being part of various groups in and out of the building.

From 1961 to 1963, she was principal of Carman Collegiate — one known commonly as being fair.

"She wasn't a pushover, but she wasn't hard to deal with at all," said Heaman. "If there was a problem, she dealt with it. Can't ask for better with a principal."

One of those "problems" came from Wilton and his friends. They decided to take a Friday off to play pool, returning just in time for buses, but Houde caught them and expelled all

four of them. Their parents had to go into school to talk with her so each of the boys could be reinstated.

"She was a very understanding person and very fair to the students," he said.

Heman went on to teaching after high school and she said having a female role model in a power position probably influenced that.

"I just thought we women could do whatever we wanted," she said.

Houde lived her life for the better of others. She sat on various boards of various organizations that had to do with her values of faith, justice, and culture, and she welcomed two Laotian families into her home at one point. She also travelled across Canada, parts of the U.S., Europe, Israel, the Orient, Haiti, and Brazil. She was also a recipient of the Caritas Award in 1997.



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Carman Collegiate's only female principal, Celine A. Houde, died in November 2021.

## SCCR looking for volunteer drivers for its transportation program

By Ashleigh Viveiros

South Central Cancer Resource is putting a call out for volunteer drivers for its transportation program.

The program provides cancer patients with door-to-door rides from their home community to local and out-of-town hospitals for their medical treatments.

It started back up again last fall after being shut down for much of the pandemic, albeit with far fewer drivers than before the break. Pre-pandemic, the program had upwards of 120 volunteers. Now it's about half that, says SCCR program resource coordinator Karla Leite.

"We just haven't had the same number of drivers as we had before, so we're trying to restart the program and recruit new drivers," she says, explaining the program reaches out across SCCR's service area, which stretches from Roblin in the west to Morris and Emerson in the east, north into Dufferin/Carman and all the way south to the U.S. border.

"In all of those areas we need drivers," Leite stresses. "Some we have a few, but we need more. And some areas we have very few or none at all right now."

Volunteer drivers are reimbursed for their mileage, parking costs, and also

a meal if necessary.

SCCR's stats for the program record an average of between 3,000-4,000 trips in a year, Leite says, pointing out that some of those trips do include clients who drove themselves or had a friend or family member do it and were then reimbursed for their costs, same as a volunteer driver would be.

For many cancer patients, the rides are a real help during what is a stressful time. Many find themselves having to travel for treatment multiple days a week for potentially months.

"It's an important program for the clients who need to get to medical treatment in Winnipeg or even Boundary Trails and who maybe aren't well enough to drive themselves or don't have family or friends available to take them," Leite explains, adding they also have some clients who simply don't have a reliable vehicle they can use and can't risk missing a treatment because of it. "Then our volunteer drivers are extremely important."

Wanda Hovey has been involved with the program for about eight years now. She's currently the driver coordinator for Morden's volunteers.

"It's basically perfect because my two favourite things are driving and helping people. So if I can put that together ..."



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Morden's Wanda Hovey has been a volunteer driver for South Central Cancer Resource for several years now. She enjoys combining her passion for driving with the opportunity to help people.

Most of her rides are to Health Sciences Centre in Winnipeg. Some weeks she finds herself making the trip several times; others, not a one.

It's a flexible way to give back, Hovey observes, and one that is clearly very much appreciated by the people using the service.

"They are always extremely grateful because even clients who have families who are willing to do it sometimes, that's quite the burden if they're going in for 28 treatments, right? So if they can just give us a call ... it's one thing we can totally take off their plate."

"If you've got a heart to help people, this is one of the best things you can do."

Becoming a driver is a pretty simple process. You'll need to have access to a vehicle, pass a criminal record check, and provide a few references.

"Drivers come in all different shapes and sizes," says Hovey. "Some are still working and so they fit this in as kind of an extra. Others, they're retired and they can go almost anytime."

If you're interested in getting involved, contact SCCR at 204-822-9541 or head to their website, [www.sccr.mb.ca](http://www.sccr.mb.ca), for a volunteer application.

## > FLOOD OUTLOOK, FROM PG. 4

the Century in 1997.

"The magnitude of the spring runoff on Manitoba's rivers is still very dependent on weather conditions from

now till the spring melt and during the spring melt period," the report stresses. "A late thaw and spring rainstorms could result in a rapid snow melt that

increases overland flooding and the flows on tributary streams and the larger rivers.

"A single precipitation event similar to the rainstorm that occurred in the summer of 2014 could change the flood

outlook significantly."

The complete March Outlook Report can be found at [www.gov.mb.ca/mit/floodinfo/pdf/2022/march\\_2022\\_flood\\_outlook\\_report.pdf](http://www.gov.mb.ca/mit/floodinfo/pdf/2022/march_2022_flood_outlook_report.pdf).

# Preserving our past: “No more floods” the Boyne River Diversion

By Dennis Young

“Carman residents crowded into the Carman Community Hall last Friday as representatives from the Federal and Provincial governments and the Town of Carman signed a \$6.1 million agreement to provide funding for a Boyne River diversion project.” published in the *The Valley Leader* July 12, 1988.

We are currently at the mercy of Mother Nature’s bountiful snowfalls, we can be thankful that flooding is a thing of the past due to this “ditch”. How did this come about?

Carman felt the heartbreak of floods in 1896, 1923, 1970, 1974 and 1979 and Marge Whiteside’s home, backed on to the Boyne, took the brunt of it each time. It was after the ‘74 disaster, she had had enough and began phoning others affected by the water, and soon a core of determined enthusiasts formed the Citizens Flood Committee. It was the start of a long road of lobbying for Carman’s diversion.

All levels of government sidestepped and delayed any decisions and only increased the frustration for this group of locals trying to get an “ear”. It took five years and the 1979 flood to get an “ear” with studies and costs now at the forefront. However, those studies indicated a cost ratio too rich for a simple rubber-stamp approval. “On further questioning, we found that this study was based on a 1970 fly overestimate with inflation adjustments to the present day,” committee member Dale Adams tells me.

“Bob McGregor and I were in charge of doing a survey to evaluate the flooding costs for homes and businesses in Carman as part of the necessary cost/benefit analysis, which was essential to get funding,” committee member Gord Selinger informs me. A major breakthrough occurred in 1987 when the Committee presented a firm cost estimate completed by PFRA engineers for them.

“When new engineering estimates were completed, new numbers were considerably lower, which gave us some hope of flood relief” Adams contin-



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Carman Flood Diversion committee: left to right, Dale Adams, M.E. Burnett, R.D. McGregor, Verla Driedger, G.T. Selinger, Marjorie Whiteside, H.E. Bennett, Ron Peters, Roger Kissick and R.S. McKenzie. Missing from the photo, Helen Dickinson and Barry Driedger.

ued. Meanwhile, to add to the Carman and District Water Diversion Committee’s woes, Carman was designated a flood-risk zone. Meaning little or no government funding would be made available for buildings to be constructed in that zone! Also structures in the zone would not be eligible for flood compensation! Carman’s reputation and growth as a potential hub of ag industry was already marred by the floods and now would be further damaged by this designation. Now the fight was not only to save the Town from future flooding but also from the ultimate effect of this flood zone.

The next step....getting local, provincial and federal levels to agree to this latest study. “In 1988 incoming M.P. Charlie Mayer phoned me to inquire about the diversion, and I indicated that the missing ingredient was the Federal funding and I put him in touch with Jack Penner, the lead Minister for the file,” says Don Orchard.

The final step occurred July 8, 1988 as Federal Grain and Oilseeds Minister Charlie Mayer, provincial Environment Minister Jack Penner, and Mayor Bob McKenzie signed the official agreement guar-

anteeing the three levels of government’s financial support for the diversion.

The agreement stated that the Government of Canada would contribute a maximum \$4 million as well provide engineering and project management through the Prairie Farm Rehabilitation Administration. The Province of Manitoba contribution would be \$1.75 million and the Town would pay the province five per cent of the capital cost to a max of \$350,000.

The Province and the Town would share the responsibility of ensuring that the diversion is maintained while the Town assumes the diversion is mowed according to provincial standards. All other maintenance and operation costs incurred during or resulting from a declared flood are the Province’s.

The “McKenzie ditch” would be 9.8 km in length and would handle flood flows which caused \$3 million in damages in 1979 alone!

Upon completion in 1992, a dedication ceremony and plaque unveiling was held north of town with the two original committee members Marge Whiteside and Bob McKenzie proudly in attendance. Whiteside then said, “Paul Sanders and M.P. Charlie Mayer were responsible for the action that finally gave us the diversion.” Mayor McKenzie added, “The community started something 20 years ago, worked patiently and got it finished.”

“The official opening of the diversion is a result of the cooperative efforts of all three levels of government,” Charlie Mayer proclaimed. “Without his early interest, the federal funding would probably not have been in place prior to the 1988 federal election. From my perspective, Charlie Mayer was the linchpin for the project” Orchard added.

Adams wraps it up “When it was all over I had a great feeling of relief and satisfaction that we would not have to face this possible crisis every year and the community would have the opportunity to grow.”

## Hazardous chemicals in RATs result in uptick of calls to poison centres

By Patricia Barrett

Health Canada is advising Canadians to handle rapid antigen test kit components carefully after being made aware of an increase in calls to poison centres.

Rapid antigen tests, or RATs as they’re called, contain buffer solutions that are needed to carry out the test, which determines whether a person is infected with COVID-19.

There have been reports of accidental ingestion or contact with the skin. Children and pets could be at heightened risk.

“Health Canada is aware of approximately 50 calls made to poison centres in Canada related to accidental exposure, which have resulted in minor health outcomes,” said the agency in an advisory dated Feb. 24. “Health Canada is advising Canadians on a precautionary basis to help mitigate the risks associated with misuse, accidental ingestion or skin exposure.”

The agency did not identify the RATs associated with the calls to poison centres.

When used as intended, the agency said RATs are safe and effective. But the liquid solutions in many

test kits contain chemical preservatives, such as sodium azide and proclin. These can be “poisonous if swallowed or absorbed through the skin, particularly in children and pets,” said the agency.

Small doses of sodium azide can lower blood pressure and larger doses may cause more serious health effects, it said. Proclin, which is found in many kits, contains chemicals that can cause skin and eye irritation, as well as allergic reactions.

“Accidental ingestion or skin exposure to very small quantities of liquid solutions would not be expected to cause the serious effects associated with larger doses,” said the agency. “However, even small quantities may cause effects in small children and pets.”

The risks associated with a test kit may not appear on the label and the instructions.

RATs have been made available in schools, workplaces and other settings.

Health Canada advises the public to:

- Keep rapid antigen test kits and solutions out of the reach of children and pets
- Do not swallow the solutions, and avoid eye and skin contact



- Wash hands thoroughly after use
- Contact your local Poison Information Centre in cases of accidental ingestion or direct skin exposure to test kit solutions.
- If spillage occurs, rinse well with water
- Follow all instructions for proper disposal
- Report any health product-related side effects or complaints to Health Canada

The Manitoba Poison Centre is available 24 hours a day. Call toll-free 1-855-776-4766.

# Co-ops come together to support aid for Ukraine

By Nicole Brownlee

A Red River Co-op employee who immigrated from Dnipro, Ukraine, to Winnipeg in 2015 has united Co-op locations across the province to collect over two tonnes of medical and tactical supplies for people in Ukraine.

"Several days after the war started, I was frantic. I was thinking, 'What can I do to help Ukraine? What do I do? Why am I here in Canada? Why am I not there?'" said Anna Karpenko.

Many of Karpenko's family members were in Kyiv when Russia invaded the country in late February.

They were able to evacuate Ukraine's capital city safely and fled to Dnipro in central Ukraine.

"Dnipro is relatively safe for now, and I hope it stays that way," said Karpenko.

In late February, Karpenko found a Canadian freight company based in Toronto that could send humanitarian packages to Poland, which could be picked up by truck and transported to Ukraine.

Grateful for an outlet to help Ukrainians, Karpenko began organizing items to send to Toronto and shared



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Red River Co-op employee Anna Karpenko has collected over three tonnes of medical and tactical supplies for Ukraine.

the news on Facebook.

"In a day, we had so many things donated and brought over that I had to do a call out for volunteers for packaging and wrapping."

Red River Co-op covered the \$6,000 cost of sending the first shipment from Manitoba to Toronto by truck.

The shipment of medical supplies, like tourniquets, gauze and bandages, and tactical gear, like elbow and knee pads, flashlights and walkie-talkies, reached Ukraine with the help of Come Back Alive, a Ukrainian organization that supports the Armed Forces of Ukraine.

The cost of sending the second shipment to Toronto was covered by 12 Co-op locations across Manitoba, including Moosehorn, Ukrainian Farmers, Homestead, Prairie Roots, Dauphin, Interlake, Beausejour, Domain, Twin Valley, Clearview, Pembina, Sun Valley and Neepawa-Gladstone. The second shipment with around two tonnes of supplies reached Toronto and is being prepared to send to Poland.

"Co-ops were built to support community and our thoughts are with the people of Ukraine during this time," said Adrian Shabaga of Moosehorn Co-op.

"It really is overwhelming. I never thought that the response and the support would be so immense," said Karpenko.

The Ukrainian Farmers Co-op in Fisher Branch was one of the 12 Co-op locations to help Karpenko collect supplies and is now taking donations



The Co-op made and sold over 64 pots of borscht.

to support Ukrainian refugees coming to Canada.

"I think anytime the community finds somewhere they can donate, people are extraordinarily generous," said Kyle Yaciuk, owner of the Co-op.

The Co-op has also raised over \$3,500 by selling homemade borscht.

Sherisse Danish lead the project, using her baba's recipe, and with the help of volunteers Ronnie Dandeneau, Aurele Meilleur, Jim Danish, Anne Podaim and Yaciuk, Danish to make over 64 pots of soup.

Ukrainian Farmers Co-op is also accepting supplies including bedding, toiletries, and diapers on behalf of the Ukrainian National Foundation in Winnipeg. All monetary donations will be sent to the Ukrainian Canadian Congress in Winnipeg and the Canadian Red Cross.



## Hog sector making strides for small-town Manitoba

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# Carman Elementary students bring history to life

By Becca Myskiw

It was a blast to the past last Friday at Carman Elementary School.

The Grade 4 classes put on a living wax museum last week for their friends and family to enjoy. The students have been learning about historical figures and on Friday, they came to life.

Grade 4 teachers Coreen Johnston and Brittany Sherred have been teaching their students about researching and presenting. Students chose someone from history to study and present from the "Who was/Who were" series of books.

Johnston said they focused on traditional research so the Grade 4s wouldn't get used to searching for every answer on the internet. She wanted her students to know the importance of researching with a book.

After the children picked their historical figures and found all they needed to on them, they created books with information on the person, why they chose them, a quote from them, their attributes, their education, and fast facts about them.

Then, Johnston and Sherred taught the students how to write an essay, going over the opening paragraph, the three body paragraphs, and the closing. Finally, the students typed their reports on their historical figures and got ready for the next part: becoming them.

"The living wax museum is sort of like the cherry on top," said Johnston. "It's the fun part after we've done the research and the work."

On Friday, the students came to school dressed as their historical figures and full of knowledge about their life. Around noon that day, the school opened its doors for the first



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Chelsea Dyck as Helen Keller.



Mack MacRae as Steve Irwin.

time in two years to the public and let them walk around the "museum."

The students would stay still (like a wax figure) until someone came to them. Then, they'd come alive and tell their audience about their life story from life to death, unless they're still alive. The Grade 4s learned to project, keep eye contact, speak clearly for this project, and have fun.

A few of the presentations had Bailey Dyck as the famous Dr. Seuss, Carla



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Carman Elementary's Grade 4 classes became a living wax museum last week to showcase their research on historical figures.



Carla McKnight as Mozart.

McKnight as Mozart, Bret Lavalee as Sitting Bull, Mack MacRae as Steve Irwin, Mason Cox as Elvia Presley, and Everly Dyck as Princess Dianna and Chelsea Dyck as Helen Keller.



Bret Lavalee as Sitting Bull.



Mason Cox as Elvis Presley.

# Kap calls for immediate back to work legislation

Submitted by KAP

Keystone Agricultural Producers (KAP) calls upon the federal government to introduce back-to-work legislation so that the current CP rail work stoppage ends immediately. Additionally, immediate and cooperative action by all parties needs to be taken.

"The work stoppage will exacerbate an already difficult situation. A work stoppage for any length of time means lost shipping opportunities that will never be recovered. The current global supply chain crisis has people around the world very concerned about their food and energy supply," said Bill Campbell, president, Keystone Agri-

cultural Producers.

Rail service for the agricultural value chain is critical to meeting demand for our domestic and export customers. The livelihoods of Canadian farmers, and the entire value chain, depend on Canada's ability to deliver agricultural product efficiently and on time. Past service disruptions have caused significant damage to Canada's reputation as a reliable supplier.

"Delays in fulfilling contracts have also impacted the reputation of the Canadian brand with our customers," added Campbell. "Reliability is a key component of the Canadian brand. Shortfalls this year, and in the past

such as 2013/14, will resonate with customers for years to come."

There is currently a backlog of grain on farm that was expected to have been delivered to export customers. Additionally, there are shortages of dried distillers' grain, soybean meal, fertilizer and feed that are needed urgently and require rail transport.

Additionally, fertilizer, which is desperately required by producers in the spring, must be brought up from the United States into Canada and needs to be distributed throughout supply networks over the next month. Canadian Pacific Railway plays a major part of this operation.

"The agricultural value chain has been advocating for some time that rail service be deemed an essential service that would prevent future work stoppages and secure Canada's supply chain," concluded Campbell.

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# Quilters gather in Carman to make quilts for Ukrainian refugees

By Becca Myskiw

Last week, almost 20 women got together to make quilts for the coming Ukrainian refugees.

Maureen Carr put a call out on Facebook two weeks ago, asking any quilters to lend their hands on Tuesday, March 15 for the cause. They set up shop in the Carman Legion Ladies Auxiliary Hall that day from dusk till dawn, sewing machines and fabric were strewn around the room. Some were experienced quilters; some were brand new; others were just there to help wherever they could.

Carr got the idea on a Sunday, thinking about the war in Ukraine, and knowing this was a way she could use her skills to help and enjoy doing so. She's made a number of quilts to donate to other causes before this and knows this is something people need and appreciate.

"It's nice to know that people are so willing to give," she said last week. "And a quilter is the first person that'll do more than their share because they're doing something they love. And if they can give it to people, that's a bonus."

Florence Petrash from Sundown and Dianne Lazaruk from Roseau River came to Carman Tuesday morning to quilt for the Ukrainians. They were two of 18 women there by noon. They're both part of Compassionate Quilters, a group in Vita dedicated to charity quilting.

"When they put out the call for help, we figured this is what we should do," said Petrash. "I'm not Ukrainian, but my husband is Ukrainian, and both his great grandparents came from Ukraine."

The Compassionate Quilters made quilts for the Syrian refugees that came to Manitoba, so they're not new

to the idea. Petrash has also registered to host a couple of Ukrainian families when they get to the province because "somebody has to do it so why not?"

Lazaruk has the same great grandparents as Petrash's husband. She said they were part of the first wave of Ukrainian immigrants in 1895, and they initially settled in the Vita area.

"It's heartbreaking to watch the news," said Lazaruk. "It's amazing the determination that the people have. That you know, Ukraine's been under someone else's rule for so many years and just 30 years ago they got their independence, and it's so important they will fight to the death."

Carr said Tuesday went so well; the ladies plan to quilt all month. They had a bunch of quilt tops and bottoms put together by Tuesday afternoon, ready for batting and completion. She said she believes the group can easily make over 50 quilts before the month is over.

The plan for the finished quilts is to keep them in Carman until Ukrainian refugees get to Manitoba. Then, they'll ensure the blankets get in the hands of those who need them.

The one thing the quilters didn't have a lot of to bring was batting, which is what they're accepting donations for. Batting is the fluff that goes between the quilt layers and makes the blanket warm, and it's more expensive than the other pieces needed.

On Tuesday, they had \$400 worth of batting bought and paid for by donations, but as the group plans to continue to make quilts, Carr said they'll continue to accept donations for the material.

People can e transfer [gmcarr112@gmail.com](mailto:gmcarr112@gmail.com) to donate money for the batting. Any extra at the end will be donated to help people in Ukraine.



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Maureen Carr organized a day for quilters to make blankets for Ukrainian refugees.



Denise Payment was making a baby blanket.

# Thanks for Farming Tour coming to Winkler

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The third annual Thanks for Farming Tour will make a local stop this summer.

The trade show has announced its 2022 tour will include Swift Current, SK from July 12-13 and Winkler July 28-29.

Organizer Jeremy Matuszewski, who heads up the Winkler-based Thunderstruck Sales & Marketing, is eager to bring the show home. Last year's Manitoba stops had to be cancelled due to pandemic restrictions.

"Manitoba hasn't had anything in two years. No farm shows, really. It's been tough," Matuszewski said.

Now, with the province's public health restrictions beginning to ease, the time seems right to remedy that.

"We felt like the stars were all aligning to do something in Winkler this year," Matuszewski said.

The show will take place both inside and out at the Meridian Exhibition Centre, featuring as many as 125 exhibitors.

"We're going to take over basically the whole grounds," Matuszewski said. "We're going to be bringing in speakers that can add value to the different farms and ranches in the area, and we've got a couple other tricks up our sleeves this year that we're

not announcing yet ... but farmers can expect to come and they're going to get free food, they're going to get free beer, they're going to get speakers. There's going to be some really cool, innovative products that will help them solve problems on their farms."

The focus of the show remains to connect with and also thank ag producers for all that they do.

"The Thanks for Farming Tour offers education, entertainment, and the opportunity to meet with and learn from innovative ag businesses," said Matuszewski. "But most importantly, it allows us to provide a place to celebrate and thank the farming commu-

nities for what they do to give back, giving credit where credit is due."

Giving back is another hallmark of the show, with admission proceeds going to support a local charity.

In Winkler this year that charity will be the Central Station Community Centre.

"Central Station does a lot for our community and they haven't really been able to do many fundraisers either," Matuszewski said. "So it was really a no-brainer."

Exhibitor and speaker details will be released in the months ahead. Learn more online at [thanksforfarmingtour.com](http://thanksforfarmingtour.com).

# The New Customs breathing again after live concert in Carman

By Becca Myskiw

It was like coming up for fresh air on Friday for The New Customs when they hit the stage in Carman for nearly the first time in two years.

Last week, Golden Prairie Arts Council (GPAC) hosted a live concert at the Carman Active Living Centre. It was the first indoor concert they hosted since the start of the pandemic and one of the only ones in general, aside from the one day of outdoor music last year.

The New Customs is an indie-folk duo of Emma Cloney and Dale Brown from Winnipeg. The group gets inspiration from people and places, making misheard song lyrics their own and turning life stories into song lyrics.

They were a full-time touring band before COVID-19, playing different stages across North America almost every night. Then, everything changed and “the floor dropped out.”

“It was a wild shift from playing for people every night to playing for the house plants,” said Cloney.

The band was slated to play in Carman in June 2020, but the concert was evidently cancelled. However, she said since then, GPAC has kept in touch with them, anxious to bring the duo to town.

“[Carman] is one of those great gems in Manitoba where you find music appreciators,” she said.

In 2020, The New Customs were on a high from playing a festival in New Orleans. They had shows upon shows lined up for what was supposed to be the most exciting year of their careers thus far. Now, they and all the other “surviving” artists are trying to re-

book their lost gigs.

Brown said rebooking the gigs is like a musical traffic jam. Each artist and group had their directions, their bookings, and they all had to stop at once. Now, they’re just beginning to move again, but no one really knows where to go, and not everyone is around anymore.

“That’s a long time to wait and not earn money,” said Cloney. “People had to move onto other things.”

The New Customs are grateful they didn’t have to move on. Though they tried playing virtual concerts, the group only did one because it wasn’t the same. In fact, it was more saddening than anything for them.

“There’s something about moving air in a room full of people,” said Brown. “There’s no connection like it.”

After hitting the Carman stage for 40 minutes, the duo took an intermission and didn’t stop smiling the whole time. Brown said the night was like removing a mask after a long day and being able to breathe again — it’s relieving.

The New Customs encourage people to get out and take in live music wherever they can these days, in a safe way.

“Now is the time,” said Cloney. “Go. Go out, see the concert, do it safely. Part of nourishing yourself is also nourishing the soul.”

Brown agreed.

“Now that we have the option, make a point of going to see that concert or go to that museum or whatever you want to do that we haven’t been able to do for two years,” said Brown. “Do the thing.”



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Emma Cloney of The New Customs indie-folk duo.



The New Customs, Dale Brown and Emma Cloney, performed in Carman Friday night. It was one of their first live concerts after two years.

## PVWC working to build capacity across its system

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Last year proved to be a busy one for the Pembina Valley Water Co-op (PVWC) when it came to projects designed to increase its capacity across the region, and things aren’t expected to slow down much in 2022.

The organization, which includes 14 member municipalities in southern Manitoba, held its annual general meeting late last month.

CEO Greg Archibald said they managed to get a lot of necessary projects completed or started in 2021.

“The first one would be the Stephenfield upgrade. In the end that was about \$6.9 million,” he said, noting the project was supported through a mix of PVWC, federal, and provincial dollars.

Upgrades at the Stephenfield Wa-

ter Treatment Plant included a new intake and pipeline from the lake, increasing capacity from 40 litres per second to 60.

This was vital to allow PVWC to meet the water supply needs of Carman, which shut down its treatment plant last year.

“We went all the ways from doing 35 per cent of their water to 100 per cent, so we needed the capacity,” explained Archibald.

A new booster station is under construction halfway between Carman and Stephenfield Lake. That project will be completed by May.

One wrinkle does remain for Carman, however, as the demand for water in the area continues to grow.

“We can go 60 litres a second but we don’t have a license to be able to take

it out of the river,” Archibald said. “So we’re talking about that. ... it’s an open discussion from an economic development perspective that we’ve been participating with the government on.”

Improvements were completed as well at the Morris treatment plant. The \$1.9 million project boosted plant capacity to 100 litres per second.

“That’s our allocation out of the Boyne [River],” Archibald said, explaining that increased capacity like this at any point in the system helps the entire network, as water is routinely shuttled across the region as needed.

“One of the things people don’t realize is that we move water around,” he said, stressing that an improvement project in a given community or area

ultimately affects everyone who gets water from the PVWC system.

“People don’t realize it’s the whole system. They’ve said to me, ‘Well, I don’t need to worry about that because that’s not the plant that feeds us.’ Oh yes you do. Because we’re all tied together here.

“That’s the thing: the resilience of the system. That’s what we’ve been working on.”

To that end, PVWC also completed a 24 kilometre pipeline to run water from the Roland reservoir all the way to the Boundary Trails Health Centre. The line was extended to support increased water flow to Morden as well.

A booster station is being built north of Winkler to allow that pipeline to become operational, hopefully by

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May.

PVWC is also working on an in-ground booster to allow for water to be routed into Morden as needed.

Looking ahead, the biggest project by far on the co-op's radar are improvements at Letellier.

The \$16.4 million, two-year project (with funds from all levels of government and the PVWC) includes a new four million liter reservoir alongside a new intake, pipeline, and lime room.

"I call that phase one because that kind of gets us ready to have more water head over through the corridor, but it doesn't actually upgrade the plant," observed Archibald. "It gets more water out of the river—we have a license of 100 litres/sec out of the river and we just got approved to pull up to 300 litres/sec, so we're going to have a lot of capacity here when we get this all done."

The planned phase two will include further upgrades at the plant to increase capacity.

The co-op is also working to improve the connection between the Morris plant and the Roland reservoir, with new booster stations, among other upgrades, being built to keep the water flowing steadily.

"We're busy working on it but it will take some time to get it done," Archibald said, noting they're aiming for an October completion.

The drought conditions of the past

year certainly painted a clear picture of just how important water capacity is across the system.

While projections are for some flooding this year instead of a drought, PVWC continues to work on its plans to meet both the immediate and long-term water needs of what is one of Manitoba's fast-growing regions.

"We're doing a capital planning process now, looking at the next five years," Archibald said. "The municipalities have all told us what they think their needs are going to be and we're working through that to figure out what would that look like and then talking to the funders, to government, to try and figure out a way to fund some of those things."

"This would be a good time for government to help us," he said, "because strategically investing in some of this stuff could help the whole region from an economic development perspective."

Drinking water is just one part of it all, Archibald added, pointing to the ever-increasing needs of the region's agri-businesses as well.

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The Pembina Valley Water Co-op had a busy year of projects in 2021. Above, right: Upgrades to the Stephenfield Water Plant included new filters and a new intake and pipeline to increase capacity.



The Morris water treatment plant also saw improvements, including a new membrane skid addition.

## Carman Beaver championships: celebrating 2005-2006 season

By Dennis Young

Changes "upstairs" began when Jack Pethybridge finally was able to shake free of the Beaver Club he restarted in 2001. However, he became the League Commissioner - some people never learn. GM Dennis Young went to work and found a new president in Frank Toews and a vice president in Jean de Rocquigny. For another year, Brad Platt ran the bench and ice.

In SEMHL news, Oakville and Warren were granted franchises, and the league now had an eight-team loop. This increase in interest can be attributed to the new two import restricted rule, which would increase fan support due to more local players. Did Carman ever have locals out too - 40 at tryout camp!

With a massive changing of the guard on skates as well, Beaver goals were in abundance 10-3 Mercs, 12-1 Seals, 11-1 Morden, 9-3 Altona, on the way to a 12-0 record by Christmas. As of Jan. 3, Carman had 120 goals for, double the closest competition and 31 goals against. With assistant coach Rob Hamm, Platt had their hands full just keeping the team up for games.

The main offence came from newcomers Marc Gaudet of St. Claude, import Ryan Butterfield and local RCMP Nic Morisset. (They would finish the year 1-2-3 in scoring).

Soon the record was 17-0, with Kendall Enns and Paul Gaudet joining the Top 10. Then it was 20-0, and a perfect season was in sight until Carman let the Maroons go up 6-0 and they lost 7-6 in Altona.

However, a 23-1 record still surpassed the previous SEMHL record of 22-2 held by the 1990 Morden Redskins. Carman's best year to this was 27-3 in 1980-1981 when they won the league and Provincials.

So playoffs began, and the Notre Dame Hawks beat Carman in the opener...oh no, not the playoff jinx again! No, not this time when the defending champions the Hawks were pushed aside four games to two, and Morden was next. They, too, took one from the Beavers, but that was it as Carman won the title on Morden ice.

Besides the 23-1 league and team record, other team awards were League's Lowest Goals Against with 61 and a 2.54 average split between



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Pictured left to right, Nic Morisset, Marc Gaudet, Ryan Butterfield, Scott McIntosh, Kyle Weir and Paul Gaudet.

Eugene Brewer and Ryan Major. Paul Gaudet won the League Sportsman, and Ability Award and the League MVP went to Marc Gaudet. Ryan Butterfield secured the league scoring title with 80 points just two points over his linemate Marc and shared the Playoff MVP with him.

Ten Beavers attended the SEMHL All-Star game held at the MTS Centre. Ryan Butterfield, Marc Gaudet, Paul

Gaudet, Nic Morisset, Kendall Enns, Jess Vanderveen, Dan deRocquigny, Kyle Weir, Scott McIntosh and Kendall Ferris (replaced by Dan Bell) played an East vs West contest.

Team awards: Coaches Award Nic Morisset, MVP Marc Gaudet, Best Defenceman Kyle Weir, Top Scorer Ryan Butterfield, MIP Scott McIntosh, Rookie Jesse Vanderveen and Sportsmanship Paul Gaudet.

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## Miami rink wins Mixed Provincial Championships

By Ty Dilello

The 2022 Chicken Chef Mixed Open Provincial Championship was held this past weekend at the Carman Curling Club. Thirteen teams from across the province were in Carman competing in a triple knockout event.

In the end, it was the Corey Chambers (Lisa McLeod, Nigel Milnes, Jolene Callum) rink from Miami going undefeated throughout the bonspiel.

Chambers defeated Assiniboine Memorial's Justin Richter 6-5 in the semi final before knocking off Pembina's Daniel Birchard 6-2 in the provincial final.

Team Chambers will now represent Manitoba at the Canadian Mixed Championship next fall.

The 2022 Strathcona Trust Senior Men's and Senior Women's Provincial Championship were held in Beause-

jour last week as well.

On the men's side, it was the Randy Neufeld team from La Salle that will represent Manitoba at the Everest Senior Championships, location to be announced. Neufeld and his team of Dean Moxham, Peter Nicholls, Dale Michie, fifth Andy Stewart defeated Richard Muntain (Darren Oryniak, Alan Purdy, AJ Girardin, fifth Curtis McCannell) 9-4 in the provincial final.

On the senior ladies' side, the final featured Neepawa's Terry Ursel and her team of Wanda Rainka, Brenda Walker, Tracy Igonia and fifth Darla Hanke. They defeated Judy Colwell's rink from East St. Paul (Wendy Nykoluk, Cathy Burtnack, Donna Smiley) in the final by a 9-1 scoreline.

Team Neufeld and Ursel will go on to represent Manitoba in Dec 2022 at the Senior National Championships.

Finally, Gimli's Kerri Einarson is



**2022 CHICKEN CHEF MIXED PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONS**

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Miami's Corey Chambers won the provincial mixed curling championships at the Carman Curling Club over the weekend. (left-to-right: Jolene Callum, Nigel Milnes, Lisa McLeod, Corey Chambers)

currently in Prince George, BC, at the Women's World Curling Championships. At the time of press, Einarson has stumbled out of the gate with a

2-2 record after losses to Norway and Switzerland. Einarson's games can all be watched on TSN, with the finals happening on Sunday evening.

## Jennifer Jones joining forces with Team Zacharias

By Ty Dilello

Altona's Mackenzie Zacharias made a major move on the curling world last week as her team announced that they will be joining forces with Jennifer Jones.

Jennifer Jones is arguably the most decorated curler in the history of the

sport, with six Scotties titles, two World Championships, and an Olympic gold medal to her credit.

After her own team was disbanding following this season, the 47-year-old Jones made her intentions clear that she wanted to continue curling and do so out of Manitoba.

Jones will join Team Zacharias (Mackenzie Zacharias, Karlee Burgess, Emily Zacharias, Lauren Lenentine) for the next quadrennial, taking things on a year-by-year basis.

The new partnership will see Jones skip the 2020 World Junior champions and reigning Manitoba Women's champions as Team Jennifer Jones.

"When I came home from the Olympics, I knew in my heart that I wanted to keep curling," Jones said in a statement last week. "When we realized that our team would be going in different directions, I really put some thought into what team I could put together or what team I could join, and I kept coming back to Team Zacharias."

"Mackenzie, Karlee, Emily and Lauren are so talented and definitely the future stars of our game. They are also great people who are full of energy and excitement and want to grow and learn as curlers. In talking with them, we had the same goals, and we really believed we could create a winning formula on the ice and have a lot of fun along the way. The fact that we are all from Manitoba just makes it that much more special."

Jones will be taking over the skipping duties from Zacharias, and everyone on the Altona rink will es-

entially be moving down a position. Emily Zacharias and Lenentine will alternate at the lead position. However, there will likely be some lineup switch-ups throughout the season, with all of them in university.

Team Zacharias has made a lot of noise in the curling world the last few years, having won the 2019 and 2020 Canadian Junior Women's Championship before winning the 2020 World Junior Women's Championship. They also won the Manitoba Scotties this season and represented our province at the past two Scotties National Championship (once as Manitoba and once as a Wild Card team).

"We are so excited for the opportunity to play with and learn from Jennifer Jones, someone who we've looked up to in Manitoba for so long," said Mackenzie Zacharias. "Jennifer is a legend in women's curling and has won everything there is to win. The wealth of experience and knowledge she brings to the curling ice is unmatched, but she is also a great person and leader. We absolutely can't wait to get on the ice next season."

Going forward to the 2022-23 season, the new Team Jones plans on playing all of the Grand Slam events and hopes to be at next year's Scotties.

## Provincial champs



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The Carman Cougars U11 Silver Team won the Silver 1 Division League Banner on Sunday. Pictured back row coaches Warren Nordquist, Greg Friesen, Andrew Bartley and Derek MacLean (missing Darren Nykoliation). Middle row Ian Wiebe, Owen Nykoliation, Cole Lemky, Ryder MacLean, Austin Reimer, Shane Pethybridge and Bret Lavallee. Front row Kenzie Bartlett, Luke Nordquist, Casey Winkler, Jax Bartley and Mason Cox.



## Year-end awards

The U18 Pembina Valley hawks handed out their year-end awards earlier this month. Sebastien Hicks was named Best Defensive Forward, Tyler Moroz won the Unsung Hero Award, Rookie of the year is Cameron Parr, MVP is Griffin Ayotte, Top Scorer honours went to Carter Sotheran, Keston Worley was the Top Goal Scorer, Raiden Legall and Bryson Yaschyshyn received the Coaches Award, and Most Improved was Liam Goertzen.

SUBMITTED PHOTO

# Twisters oust Twins, move on to face Express

By Lorne Stelmach

The Pembina Valley Twisters are moving on to the MMJHL semi-finals after ousting the Fort Garry Fort Rouge Twins.

The third ranked Twisters took the best of seven quarter-final series in five games, winning four straight after dropping the opener.

Pembina Valley wrapped it up with a 4-1 win last Tuesday in game three followed by a 4-1 victory in game four Friday and then a 6-3 win Sunday in game five.

The Twisters spotted the Twins an early goal in game three but then shut them down the rest of the way as they took control with three unanswered second period goals. Travis Penner, Riley Goertzen, and Caelan Russell scored in the middle frame and then Cody Clark put it away with an empty net goal in the third period. Logan Enns made 30 saves with the Twisters holding a 42-31 edge in shots on goal.

Jacob Carels scored twice as the Twisters took period leads of 1-0 and 3-0 in a game four that got chippy late

in the third with a number of misconducts handed out.

TJ Matuszewski and Tyler Van Deynze also contributed on the scoresheet, while Enns made 39 saves with the shots on goal 48-40 in the Twisters' favour.

Pembina Valley then scored four unanswered goals after being even at 2-2 with the Twins after 20 minutes in game five as they wrapped up the series. Scoring for the Twisters were Matuszewski, Clark, Merek Degraeve, Nathan Ayotte, Nico Vi-

gier, and Curtis Rebeck. Goalie Martin Gagnon got the win on 16 saves as the shots on goal were 44-19 in favour of Pembina Valley. The Twisters will next take on the second place Transcona Railer Express, who ousted the seventh ranked River East Royal Knights in five games. The schedule for the series had not been set as of press time.

The other semi-final will feature the first place St. James Canucks against the winner of the St. Vital Victorias and Raiders quarter-final.

# Flyers face the Blues in first round of playoffs

By Ty Dilello

The Winkler Flyers have finished their regular season and will now meet the Winnipeg Blues in the first round of the playoffs this week.

Game one takes place at the Winkler Centennial Arena at 7:30 p.m.

Head coach Justin Falk has been impressed with how his group has battled adversaries down the stretch to put themselves in a good position in the playoffs.

"It's been an interesting month and a half here. We've battled many injuries and have had a lot of scheduling conflicts and some busy schedules to boot," he said. "But I'm really proud of our group on how we've answered the bell here.

"With key players gone down, we've had a next man up mentality. So there's been lots of cool, unique opportunities for guys that weren't able to get in the lineup earlier in the year."

The Flyers have had major regular seasons from its star players Justin Svenson, Jayden McCarthy, Trent Sambrook, and Josh Beauchemin. This year, Svenson led the entire MJHL in points with 82 in 54 games.

"Everyone's stepping up by committee as we push to get better each

day," observed Falk. "You need big years from key players that are close to graduating out of your program, leading on the ice and off the ice by example.

"All of these players, it's been a great year for their development. When I say that, I mean they all came through the pandemic in different ways, and it's affected them differently as everyone has a different situation."

The team finished the regular season in third place in the MJHL East Division with a record of 33-16-3-2 for 71 points, trailing the Steinbach Pistons in first by 16 points and ahead of the Winnipeg Blues—who they beat in their final regular game of the season 3-2 last Friday night—in third by 10 points.

The Flyers will now meet the Blues in a best-of-seven first round series. Home ice advantage will be key here for the Flyers as they look to play off of their large crowd at Winkler arena.

"We've had a lot of great close games with them, so it'll be an exciting battle," said Falk. "With restrictions gone and full arenas, these guys are able to experience the Winkler Flyers fanbase and community that we've talked about, but most haven't had a chance to see. The opportunity they're get-

ting now, we've had some big crowds so far in March. And going down the stretch in the playoffs, it'll be a lot of fun."

Falk knows all too well from his own professional hockey career how much a home crowd's support can boost a team.

"We were six rows deep on standing room only last game, so it's been really cool. Our guys feed off the crowd, so to give the community a great experience is wonderful."

Both of the Flyers' goaltenders, Dylan Meilun and Malachi Klassen, have been excellent this year, and Falk expects them both to play in the postseason.

"Both goalies have been playing so well ... I can't speak highly enough on their support for each other. They've picked each other up and put in the extra work with each other together."

The Flyers' most significant test, perhaps, this postseason will come down the road against the incumbent first-place Steinbach Pistons. The Flyers have played them eight times this year and have won three, so the team believes it would have a puncher's chance at them if they do indeed matchup against each other.

"Steinbach runs a great program

with a great team that works hard and plays hard," said Falk. "Whoever you play in the playoffs, it doesn't really matter. You gotta bring it every night."

Finally, the last few months have been an especially trying time for the Flyers' organization. Their hearts are hurting right now for the White family as assistant coach Ryan White's son Gordie has been diagnosed with an incurable brain tumour.

"It's been a difficult go for our group, organization and community. Our hearts hurt for Ryan, Gordie, and their family right now. We continue to pray and support them how we can. It's a further opportunity for our players to recognize perspective and the situation that they're in right now that they're playing exciting junior hockey in a great community with a sold-out rink. You couldn't ask for anything more."

After opening the series against the Blues at home this weekend, the Flyers hit the road to play games two and three in Winnipeg next Monday and Wednesday. Games four and five are back in Winkler Friday, April 1, and Sunday, April 3.

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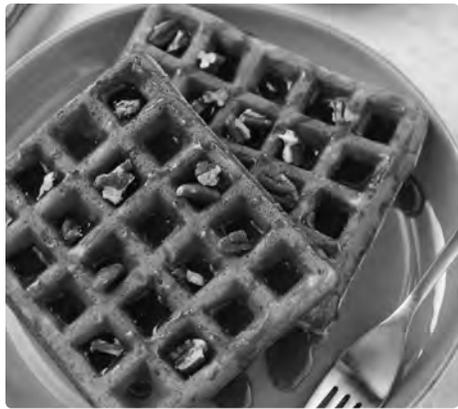
## Blueberry Banana Smoothie

2 tablespoons apple cider vinegar blend  
1 tablespoon almond butter  
1/2 cup bananas, frozen  
1/2 cup blueberries, frozen  
1 tablespoon chia seeds  
1/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon  
1/4 teaspoon minced ginger  
1/2 cup berry yogurt

fresh blueberries, for garnish (optional)  
In blender, blend spinach, water, apple cider vinegar, almond butter, frozen bananas, frozen blueberries, chia seeds, cinnamon, ginger and yogurt until smooth.

Pour into two glasses and garnish with fresh blueberries, if desired.

Servings: 2  
1 cup spinach  
1/2 cup water



## Butter Pecan Waffles

1 egg  
Pearl Milling Company Syrup, for topping  
toasted pecans, for topping (optional)

To make browned butter: In small skillet over low heat, place butter. Increase heat to medium-low, stirring butter with heat-proof spatula. Cook and stir until butter reaches desired brown color. Remove from heat and stir in pecans.

Place pancake mix in large bowl. Add 3/4 cup milk, egg and browned butter. Stir until large clumps of batter disappear. If batter seems too thick, add additional milk 1 tablespoon at a time to reach desired thickness. Let batter stand 4-5 minutes before cooking.

Pour batter into lightly greased waffle iron. Bake until steam stops or as directed by waffle iron instructions. Top with syrup and toasted pecans, if desired.

Yield: about 6 waffles (4 inches each)  
Browned Butter:  
2 tablespoons unsalted butter  
1/2 cup chopped pecans  
1 cup Pearl Milling Company Original Pancake & Waffle Mix  
3/4 cup milk, plus additional if necessary, divided



## Banana Walnut Pancakes

2 bananas, mashed

Homemade Whipped Cream:

1 cup heavy cream  
2 tablespoons sugar

Toppings:

1 banana, sliced, for topping  
2 jars (5 ounces each) walnuts in syrup  
24 ounces Pearl Milling Company Syrup

Place skillet over medium heat.

In large bowl, stir pancake mix, milk, eggs, oil and mashed bananas.

Spread 1/4 cup pancake batter on skillet. When pancake begins to bubble, use spatula to flip. Cook until golden brown on each side. Repeat with remaining batter.

To make whipped cream: In small bowl, whip heavy cream and sugar until thickened.

Top pancakes with homemade whipped cream, banana slices, walnuts and syrup.

Yield: about 20 pancakes  
2 cups Pearl Milling Company Original Pancake Mix  
1 1/2 cups milk  
2 eggs  
2 tablespoons oil



Christine Ibbotson

Dear Money Lady, could you write about reverse mortgages – I am not sure if I should consider one. Alma

Dear Alma – that is a great idea and I know others would like to know too. Thank you.

I love the latest TV commercial with actor Tom Sellick about reverse mortgages. It must be his fabulous mustache and soothing voice. Okay, all joking aside, it is almost impossible to escape the cadre of aging male actors and athletes who've found a second career as pitch-men for reverse mortgages. Kurt Browning is the front man for Canada's CHIP reverse mortgage product. So, it is not surprising that Alma is consider it.

Reverse mortgages have their place as a viable equity product and there are only two lenders in Canada that offer them: Home Equity Bank and Equitable Bank. Most of the time this product is sold through a mortgage broker and is designed to meet the need from aging homeowners that cannot qualify for a traditional home equity loan or line of credit because they no longer work or can't make the monthly payments. This type of equity-take-out loan allows someone to access a portion of the value of their primary residence without selling it or making monthly payments to repay the debt. Now before you get too excited, let's discuss the pros and cons of this product.

To be eligible for a reverse mortgage you must be 55 or older and own your home. The matrix for qualification is based on three criteria: your age, home value, and location. Of course, the amount provided by the lender will be higher if you live in an urban center as opposed to rurally, and you can choose to get a lump sum payout or have a scheduled payment setup. There are many different types of reverse mortgage products with some that are fully open and others that are locked in. The interest rates range from 4.5 per cent to 7 per cent compounded annually and repayment is due upon your death, when you sell the home, or if you decide to end the contract and pay back the loan in full.



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The setup and cessation fees are quite high and of course you will need to do this through a real estate lawyer because a lien will be placed on your property for the loan. Some additional fees could involve prepayment penalties if you pay off the mortgage before it's due and independent legal advice requirements. Some initial start-up fees can be added to the balance of your loan, (which will incur additional interest over the life of the product) but others may need to be paid up front, to be deducted from your payout.

Obviously, the pros to reverse mortgages are that you don't have to make regular loan payments and you can turn the value of your home into cash without having to sell it. The cons would be that it is quite costly to do so, with interest rates so much higher than most other types of mortgages and secured lines of credit. The biggest drawback I see with this product is that the equity you hold in your home may go down over time as you accumulate more and more interest on your loan. The other problem is that when you die, your estate must repay the loan + interest + fees within a set period of time, regardless of how long it takes to settle your estate, leaving the onus on your beneficiaries.

I know there are many retirees that have considered this option, even my mother talked about it. It is definitely an option to "stay and play," but I must caution you on the compounded interest component. Interest is continually added to your loan each month and tacked on to the principal balance. Each month, interest accrues on a larger balance, meaning you are basically paying interest upon interest. If you are looking to this product to shore up your financial resources so you can stop working, pay off credit card debt or travel and enjoy life, I would suggest you either sell and right-size your home or look to a conventional lender with lower lending rates. Think of a reverse mortgage not as an added benefit to owning a home, but as a tool of last resort to be considered in your older years, when every other resource or option has been exhausted.

Good Luck & Best Wishes,  
ATML - Christine Ibbotson

Written by Christine Ibbotson, National Radio Host and Author of 3 finance books plus the Canadian Best-Selling Book "How to Retire Debt Free & Wealthy" [www.askthemoneylady.ca](http://www.askthemoneylady.ca) or send a question to [info@askthemoneylady.ca](mailto:info@askthemoneylady.ca)

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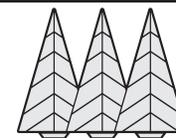
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### APPLICATION FOR THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF GREY TO JOIN CARMAN-DUFFERIN PLANNING DISTRICT

**HEARING:** Elm Creek Community Hall  
70 Arena Road, Elm Creek, Manitoba.

**DATE & TIME:** April 13, 2022 at 7:00 PM

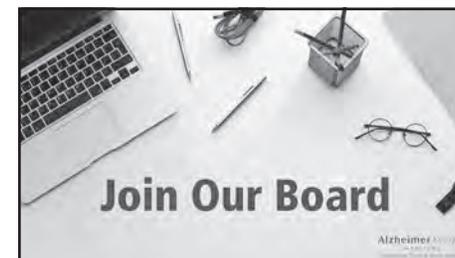
**\*\*This is being re-scheduled as the original date of January 11, 2022 was postponed\*\***

**GENERAL INTENT:** The Rural Municipality of Grey is applying to join the Carman-Dufferin Planning District.

**FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kim Arnal, Chief Administrative Officer  
Rural Municipality of Grey  
Phone 204-436-2014

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March 4th, 2022



**RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF DUFFERIN PUBLIC NOTICE REGARDING THE 2022 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 2022 at a public hearing in the

**Rural Municipality of Dufferin Memorial Hall, 12-2nd Ave SW, Carman, MB Tuesday, April 12th, 2022 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/residents/government/rm-of-dufferin/rm-meetings-minutes/ 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 7th day of March, A.D. 2022.

**Sharla Murray, CMMA**  
Chief Administrative Officer  
Rural Municipality of Dufferin

**The Express Weekly News Classified booking deadline is Monday at 4 p.m. prior to Thursday's publication Please Call 204-467-5836**



**RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF THOMPSON PUBLIC NOTICE**

Is hereby given that the R.M. of Thompson intends to conduct the following Pesticide Control Programs during 2022:

- To Control noxious weeds on road allowances and municipal properties. The projected dates of application will be from May 15, 2022 to October 1, 2022 The herbicides to be used include:
  - 24D Amine 600
  - Tordon 22K
  - Glyphosate
  - Truvis
  - Navius
- To control weeds and turf fungal disease on the Miami golf course and greens. The projected dates of application will be from May 15, 2022 to November 15, 2022 The herbicides/fungicides to be used include:
  - Par III
  - Round Up
  - Rovral Green GT
  - Banner Maxx
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- To control insect pests, including grasshoppers, mosquitoes, etc. The projected dates of application will be from May 15, 2022 to October 31, 2022 The insecticides to be used include:
  - Malathion

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	9	8	3	2					
								9	
	3	7							2
								5	
	4	3		6	2				9
7			1		8		4	3	
4				1				3	
	6			4	5				1
			6						

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4	2	6	3	7	6	1	5	8
1	7	8	5	4	2	6	9	3
9	3	5	6	1	8	4	2	7
3	4	9	8	6	1	7	2	5
6	8	2	7	5	9	3	4	1
7	5	1	3	2	4	9	8	6
2	9	4	1	8	6	7	3	5
8	6	9	3	6	7	5	2	1
5	8	6	9	3	2	4	7	1

Sudoku Answer

## CROSSWORD

**CLUES ACROSS**

- One who regrets
- Time zone
- Subway dweller
- Bend in a river
- Alias
- Isodor \_\_, American Nobel physicist
- Very (music)
- Zero
- Phil \_\_, former CIA
- Competitions
- Unwell
- Puts in place
- Gets rid of
- Allows light to pass through
- Climbed quickly
- We all have it
- There's a North & South
- Emaciation
- Supervises flying
- Very dark colors
- Unwanted
- Grants
- Three visited Jesus
- Wife of Amun
- Broadway actress Daisy
- A Spanish river
- I (German)
- French opera composer
- Six (Spanish)
- Last letter
- Spiritual leader of a Jewish congregation
- Noah had one
- Make a mistake
- Tall plant

**CLUES DOWN**

- Computer memory
- "Et \_\_"; "And wife" (Latin)
- Ancient Syrian city
- College army
- Cassava
- Talented
- Capital of Estonia
- Finger millet
- In a way, assists
- Men's fashion accessories
- Misery
- Skin disorder
- Selling at specially reduced prices
- Good friend
- Stationary portion of a generator
- Expression of disappointment
- The 17th letter of the Greek alphabet
- Where birds fly
- Midway between north and northeast
- Chaotic states
- Comedic actress Gasteyer
- Kids' dining accessory
- Snakelike fish
- Midway between south and southeast
- Assign lifelike qualities to
- One who cites
- Midway between east and southeast
- North wind
- One or the other
- Cavalry sword
- Of the Hungarian language
- Life stories
- Flat tableland with steep edges
- Swiss river
- Plant that makes gum
- French cleric
- One point east of northeast
- Free from



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## OBITUARY



### Carol Ann Orchard

On Monday, March 14 after a courageous 5-month battle with cancer, Carol passed away at Riverview Health Centre in Winnipeg. She is survived by her mother, Eleanor; brothers Bryan (Crystal) Alexander and Isabella; Bruce (Colleen) Austin and Liam; Wayne (Kyla) Ryan and Sierra. Predeceased by her father Fred Orchard and grandparents.

Carol was born in Carman on October 22, 1968, and grew up in Graysville and attended school in Graysville and Carman Collegiate. Carol took part in 4-H as well as the band at Carman Collegiate. She attended Red River College and has been employed and living in Winnipeg.

Carol volunteered for various charities. One of her favorite things to be a part of was Dreams Take Flight to Disney World. She enjoyed spending time at Assiniboine Park.

In lieu of flowers donations can be sent to Assiniboine Park Zoo (Assiniboine Park Conservancy, 55 Pavilion Crescent, Winnipeg, MB. R3P 2N6) or Winnipeg Humane Society (45 Hurst Way, Winnipeg, MB. R3T 0R3).

Funeral service took place at Doyle's Funeral Home with interment in the Greenwood Cemetery Columbarium, Carman.

Doyle's Funeral Home  
in care of arrangements  
www.doylesfuneralhome.ca

## OBITUARY



### Roger Gaultier

Peacefully at his residence with his wife by his side, in Roseisle, Manitoba on Thursday, March 17, 2022, Mr. Roger Gaultier passed away at the age of 75 years.

He leaves to cherish his memory his wife Diane (née Toupin); children, Mireille (Michel) Rouire, Nina (Logan) Olberg, Natalie (Mark) Van Den Bussche, Jean-Pierre (Catherine) Labossière, Richard (Jennifer) Labossière and Pierre (Mackenzie) Gaultier; grandchildren, Kimberly (Devan), Karina (J.C.), Mélanie (Mitchell), Josh (Jacqueline), Marina (Tyler), Josée (Danny), Dominic, Connor, Liane (Gabriel), Jaden (Tessa), Shyel, Teryn, Samuel, Isabelle, Kyle, Brooklyn, Jillian and Hallie; and his great-grandchildren, Landon, Sara, Hailey, Keaton, Brantley, Bentley, Kinsley, Annabelle, Amélia and Rosalie. Also left to mourn are his brothers and sister, Gerald (Paula) Gaultier, Paul (Elaine) Gaultier, Lorraine (Marcel) Espenell,

Bernard (Dorothy) Gaultier and Luc (Ellen) Gaultier and his brothers and sisters in-law, Roger (Diane) Toupin Robert (Lucie) Toupin, Nicole (Gilles) Vielfaure, Marc (Jo-Anne) Toupin, Mario (Corinne) Toupin, Guy (Tina) Toupin, Richard (Monique) Toupin and Lise (Guy) Grenier along with numerous nieces, nephews, relatives and many friends.

Roger was predeceased by his parents Pierre Gaultier and Marguerite (née Dupont); his brother Rene (Agnes) Gaultier; his parents-in-law, Norbert and Irène Toupin and by his sisters-in-law Mona Gaultier and Dolorès Toupin.

Roger, born to Marguerite (Dupont) and Pierre Gaultier, on March 23, 1946. He had six siblings, Gerald, René, Paul, Lorraine, Bernard and Luc.

He started school in St. George and Lee School in Rathwell. He also attended St. Claude for high school. Roger was a very hard working man, he worked in Portage at the base as a painter, then in Stony Mountain as a paint instructor. Then Roger went on to be a trucker, which turned out to be his passion.

Roger met and married the love of his life, Diane Labossière, a single mom of five children, Mireille, Nina, Natalie, Jean-Pierre and Richard, who became his family. His dreams came true after the birth of his son Pierre. Now his life was complete.

Roger was a gentle giant who wore his heart on his sleeve and will be missed for his loving ways.

Funeral service was held in Somerset, Manitoba at the Notre Dame de la Nativité Roman Catholic Church on Wednesday, March 23, 2022. Memorial Service at 1:30 p.m. followed by Funeral Mass at 2:00 p.m. Interment will take place at a later date in Roseisle, Manitoba.

Memorial donations may be made to the Roseisle Memorial Rose Garden, Box 65, Roseisle, MB. R0G 1V0 or call 204-828-3191 or drop off at the Roseisle Store.

To view the service details and leave condolences, please visit [www.afh.ca](http://www.afh.ca)

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## OBITUARY



### Carrol Bruce

Elizabeth Carrol Mae Bruce (nee Gray), 81 of Carman, died peacefully on Tuesday, March 8, 2022, at Carman Memorial Hospital.

Carrol was born August 24, 1940 in Birtle, MB. to Knox and Ruby Gray, the younger of two children. She married Andrew Bruce on July 14, 1962, in Carman, MB. In October 1963 while living in Carman, Carrol and Andy welcomed their first child Heather. In May, 1967, their son David was born in Gladstone.

After leaving school, Carrol received her Teaching Certificate from Teacher's College and began her lifelong career of teaching. Carrol stayed a few years in Culross, MB, and after marrying Andy, they spent 10 years in Gladstone where Mom took a teaching position at Golden Stream (a small country school). In 1973, Carrol and Andy moved their family back to Carman. Carrol took a

teaching position in Graysville and would drive back and forth for a few years until she and Andy moved to Graysville. Carrol continued teaching in Graysville until her retirement in 1995.

In 1995, Carrol and Andy purchased their new house trailer, returning to Carman. They loved to spend time on their back deck – visiting with friends, picking apples, watching wildlife and feeding the birds. Carrol was known to scare the occasional stray cat out of the yard with her "repeater" pellet gun.

The kitchen was Carrol's place, where she would spend countless hours cooking and baking for her family and friends. Arin spent time baking with Grandma in the kitchen, laughing and giggling while Grandpa sat at the kitchen table as their taste tester. There was always a sweet treat in the kitchen when visiting. In the fall during harvest, Carrol could be found at River Trail Farms delivering baking for the crew working at the shed.

Carrol also made Dad's lunches faithfully every day as he travelled from Graysville to Carman for work. One day, David travelled home with his dad and watched him throw his lunch out the window. David couldn't wait to get home to tell his mom what his dad had done.

Carrol was active in track and field in her late years of school. In 1958, she won every event for her age category including high jump, hop-skip and jump, and the sprint events. Carrol was very proud of Mackenzie's accomplishments in athletics - often standing at the finish line or sitting in the bleachers to cheer her on. Carrol also curled competitively and spent numerous hours at the Graysville curling rink, curling in league and bonspiels. She was also seen coming and going from the furnace room.

In the summer, if you couldn't find them at home, Carrol and Andy could be found at the Carman Golf Course either golfing in league play or playing with friends and family. Even after she stopped playing golf herself, Carrol loved riding around in the cart as a marshal at some of Dayne's junior golf tournaments, or just riding along with him to keep his score honest if he was out playing a round by himself.

Carrol always supported Andy's baseball career, either in the Carman Slow Pitch league, local tournaments, or travel tournaments they went to like Gladstone, MB. Andy's playing career came to an

abrupt end during the Gladstone tournament where he broke his ankle falling out of a truck. The true story was that Mom was driving too fast and Dad fell out of the back of the truck and broke his ankle.

As many know, Carrol was a talented pianist and also played the organ from time to time. Carrol played for herself but loved to play for family and friends. She played many years for the Graysville School Christmas Concert, and more recently, she would entertain her neighbors at Meadowood, often not even knowing it as they would often stand outside her door just to listen to the beautiful music. We, as family, will certainly miss her music gift.

While Heather and David were growing up, they were the priority in Carrol's life. She saw the inside of many rinks while watching Heather figure skate and curl at the Provincial level. Carrol also travelled to more rinks to watch David's hockey games and tournaments in the winter, including a bus trip to Saskatchewan, and many baseball games in the summer.

Carrol would chauffeur her grandchildren to various activities like swimming, golfing, curling and to Syl's for ice cream afterwards. As the kids got older, they started to chauffeur grandma around to their activities, but still ended up at Syl's. Carrol was lucky enough to watch all her grandchildren graduate from high school which was very important to her. Once a teacher, always a teacher: education was important to her.

Carrol is survived by her two children Heather (Bob) Hiebert and David (Lisa) Bruce; grandchildren Lynley (Riley), Arin (Ryan), Meghan, Mackenzie and Dayne; and great-grandchildren Isla and Harvey.

Carrol was predeceased by her loving husband Andy in November 2016.

A graveside service will be held on Thursday, July 14th, 2022 at Greenwood Cemetery, Carman.

Donations in Carrol's memory can be made to Boundary Trails Hospital and Canadian Cancer Society.

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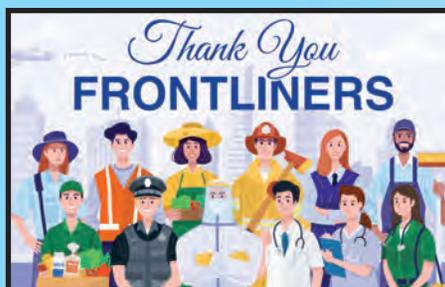


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