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## Hoppy Easter

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Auden, almost two years old, and his four-year-old sister Cleah are preparing for Easter at their grandma's shop The Prices Rite. The store has almost everything one could need for Easter — bunny ears included.

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# An almost post-pandemic Easter at The Prices Rite

By Becca Myskiw

It's almost Easter and one business owner is looking toward an almost normal year for it.

The past two Easter seasons have been overtaken by COVID-19, leaving families to shop safely for treats for their young ones. And though it may have been difficult on most businesses, Nancy Cooke, owner of The Prices Rite, experienced quite the opposite.

The world shut down a mere month before Easter in 2020. Business owners everywhere, Cooke included, began to panic. She had almost no customers, no one knew what was safe, and she had to start laying off her staff.

"I thought, 'this going to be the end,'" she said.

No more than two weeks later, though, her staff was back, and Cooke's dollar store had huge orders coming in left and right, all taking advantage of her new curbside pickup option. The main attraction was anything that would keep children busy and educated while their parents tried to teach them from home.

Customers were coming in less frequently, but when they did come, they bought lots of items, stocking up in a way. And Cooke was lucky — she

never had to shut completely down as her business is deemed essential. So, even though she had to tape off certain sections of her store at times, The Prices Rite remained open.

And around the first Easter of the pandemic, Cooke got a brilliant idea to keep sales up and families safe and happy. She had all her Easter stock in — chocolates, candies, baskets, ears, stuffies, and more — but she had no one coming in to buy it. So, she offered pre-made personalized Easter baskets for people to buy.

"It ended being the best Easter we've had since we opened," she said. "It was nice to be able to supply them with something they couldn't get out to get on their own."

She did that again last year and is doing a few of the pre-made baskets this year, but only for those she promised a while ago. Because of the pandemic demand, The Prices Rite didn't get all their Easter stock in on time, so she doesn't have everything she needs to make tens of baskets.

She will get everything in, though, and she already has most of it. However, she enjoyed doing the pre-made baskets. Cooke is looking forward to a post-pandemic business world again,



STANDARD PHOTO BY DENNIS YOUNG

After successfully selling pre-made Easter baskets during the pandemic, The Prices Rite Owner, Nancy Cooke, is ready to get back to normal.

especially when it comes to holidays and having people pick out their items.

"Doing the Easter baskets was a lot

of fun," she said. "It was a lot of work but then we weren't doing a lot of anything else."



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# Manitoba announces award for innovation in mental health and addictions care

Submitted by Manitoba government

The provincial government is calling on Manitobans to nominate individuals and organizations for an opportunity to win a \$5,000 Council of the Federation (COF), Mental Health and Community Wellness Minister Sarah Guillemard announced Friday.

"I look forward to recognizing a deserving individual or organization this summer with this award to highlight the ways they make positive differences in people's lives every day," said Guillemard. "Mental health and addictions are complex issues affecting many Manitobans and every person's experience is unique. The COVID-19 pandemic has brought these issues into greater focus and the COF Award is one opportunity to recognize the incredible work happening here in Manitoba."

The COF Award for Innovation in Mental Health and Addictions Care is a one-time grant to be given in the summer of 2022. The award recognizes innovation and collaboration in the non-governmental, private and academic sectors. Thirteen awards will be presented, one per province and territory valued at \$5,000, to support the initiative and further innovation.

All provinces and territories are implementing their own selection processes and will choose their own

recipients. In Manitoba, a nomination review committee has been established with representatives from the Department of Mental Health and Community Wellness and from Shared Health, the minister noted. The award winners will be announced at the COF summer meeting in July.

Manitoba's mental health and addictions professional community is diverse, Guillemard noted, adding it is hoped nominations will reflect the province's principles of diversity and inclusiveness. Nominations will be evaluated on their innovation as well as on the anticipated success and benefit of the initiative to Manitobans.

The Council of the Federation consists of all 13 provincial and territorial premiers. It enables premiers to work collaboratively, form closer ties, foster constructive relationships among governments and show leadership on important issues that matter to Canadians.

Nominations are now open and will be accepted until May 1. Applicants are encouraged to submit nominations via an online form.

For more information on the award criteria and nomination process, visit [www.gov.mb.ca/mh/mh/cof\\_award.html](http://www.gov.mb.ca/mh/mh/cof_award.html).

## letter to the editor

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Carman's post office clock being painted in August of 1965.

When I saw the article in the Sept. 2, 2021 *Carman Dufferin Standard* of the post office clock being stalled, I remembered a picture I had of my husband (Larry Blanchard) and my dad (Fred Martin) up there painting the dome silver.

This was in August of 1965. The Town of Carman had commissioned them to paint the dome.

- Judy Blanchard

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# ACU donated \$8K in total to local organizations

By Becca Myskiw

Access Credit Union (ACU) made two large donations to community organizations last week.

The credit union announced its \$1,000 donation to the Boyne Regional Library's summer reading program and its \$7,000 donation to the Carman and Community Chamber of Commerce's annual golf tournaments.

ACU has been the main sponsor of the library's summer reading program for several years now. Sandra Yeo, the librarian, said they're grateful for this year's donation as it allows them to purchase prizes as an incentive for the children to read and win.

"The summer reading program is so important to offer to the children in the community as a way to encourage kids to read throughout the summer," said Yeo. "Summer reading is critical to a child's ability to retain information learned the previous year, but also to grow in knowledge and critical thinking skills for the coming school year."

This year, children will get 10 ballots when registering for the program. They can then enter a ballot into each prize basket or put all ballots in one to increase their chances on that one. Names will be drawn at the end of the program, and all funds from ACU will be spent on prizes.

Jodi Winkler, executive director of the Carman and Community Chamber of Commerce, said they're honoured to have ACU as a title sponsor for their Chamber Golf Tournament and the Community Pro Am.

"Their support means a great deal to the Chamber as well as the junior golf and curling programs in our community," she said.

Those two gold tournaments are the only fundraisers for the Chamber, so their sponsors aren't just sponsoring a golf tournament. Still, they're supporting the Carman and Community Chamber of Commerce and the local business community by extension.

Revenue from the Community Pro Am is shared between the Chamber and the Carman Golf and Curling Club, too, so sponsors for that tournament also support local junior athletes.

The proceeds raised from these two tournaments are used to enable the Carman Chamber of Commerce and the Carman Golf and Curling Club to promote economic growth within the community of Carman, promote the sports of Golf and Curling to our community, as well as provide children and youth in our community with both education and resources to participate in the sports of Golf & Curling.



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ACU retail branch manager, Nancy Swain, left, presented a \$1,000 cheque to Boyne Regional Library summer reading program coordinator Angela Dyck for the Boyne Regional Library's summer reading program.

## Boyne River Keepers hosting fundraising events April 23

By Becca Myskiw

Two opportunities are coming up for the community to support the Boyne River Keepers (BRK) and the Boyne River.

BRK is hosting two events in one day this month, both serving as fundraisers for the group's long-term goal of installing a fully accessible dock at Ryall Park.

According to BRK member Kathleen Anderson, there's a dock at the trestle launch, and it was constantly

busy last year. That dock, however, is not big enough to accommodate large crowds, and it's not for people of all ages and abilities.

"We want to have two places where people can dock their canoes and kayaks," she said. "But we also have a number of people living in supported housing and they have challenges they face daily. We want them to get down to the water too."

A fully accessible dock looks different each time, and BRK hasn't decided on their design yet, but they know wheelchairs will be able to get down to the dock, people with intellectual disabilities will be protected from falling into the water, and there will be easy ways to launch a craft from it.



Pictured left to right, Dean North, Kelly Dyck, Nancy Swain, and Tanis Ducharme. ACU donated \$7,000 to the Carman and Community Chamber of Commerce's golf tournaments.

"As much as the trestle launch was used, people had difficulties," said Anderson. "We want people of all ages and abilities to enjoy the river."

So, on April 23 at the Active Living Centre, BRK is fundraising twice to kickstart the bridge project. The first event will be from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. It'll be a silent auction and a sort of craft market. There's no cost for people to attend the market in the centre, but they do have to pay for goods and silent auction tickets if they want them.

Approximately 25 local vendors will be selling their goods — artists, carvers, quilters, bakers, jewelry makers, household décor makers, handmade cutting board makers, and more.

That event ends precisely at 7 p.m. so BRK can prepare for the next event of the night. A semi-formal evening for the ladies starts at 7:30 p.m. and goes until 11 p.m. Women will get wine, appetizers, an open bar, and entertainment courtesy of the Rainy Day Apparel, all for the good of the Boyne River.

There are 20 tables with eight seats at each to be sold, making a total of 160 spots. A single ticket is \$30 and a whole table is \$240, with all funds going to BRK. The event is already 80 per cent sold out so Anderson urges people to buy tickets now. To do that, contact Val Tournier at (204) 745-7148 or at vallouise@hotmail.com.

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# Spider plants for the Back Door: donation campaign by BSI Insurance

By Becca Myskiw

BSI Insurance's spider plant has become a mother — and they're giving away her babies for the good of the community.

The centrepiece of BSI Insurance has become prolific with baby spider plants. So much so, that they started to kill the main plant, so employees Tanya Harder and April Dudgeon removed each seedling from the plant.

The only problem was that the ladies had around 50 seedlings they didn't know what to do with once they did. Each employee at BSI got one for their desk but that still left dozens for Harder and Dudgeon to tend to.

"We didn't want to dispose of all the babies," said Harder. "So, we were trying to find a fun way to get rid of them instead of the garbage."

So, they decided to use their beautiful problem as a way to give back to the community. Each seedling is in excellent health, sprouting into large spider plants. As BSI customers often compliment how great the main plant looks, Harder and Dudgeon decided to let each have a chance to have their own.

They're selling each baby spider plant and giving 100 per cent of the proceeds to the Back Door Youth Cen-

tre.

"We wanted to support someone in the community by selling these plants and we chose the Back Door because...I feel very blessed that we have the Back Door in our community," said Harder, whose children attend programs at the centre. "They do wonderful, wonderful things for our kids and I am so happy to be supporting them."

Each plant costs a minimum \$5, but larger donations are obviously welcome. Contributions that exceed \$45 will get a tax receipt from the Back Door Youth Centre. BSI Insurance will be selling the spider plants until they all disappear or April 29. If there are leftovers by then, they'll donate the plants to an organization who could use them.

All plants people buy come in pots donated by the Co-op hardware store and promotion posters for the donation campaign were printed by Toews Printing and Office Supply.

"We're hoping to exceed expectations and give the Back Door a bit of a surprise and a good amount of money," said Dudgeon.

To get a baby spider plant, walk into the BSI Insurance office and anyone there will be able to help.



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BSI Insurance employees Tanya Harder, left, and April Dudgeon came up with the idea to sell the office's baby spider plants and give proceeds to the Back Door Youth Centre.

## Federal government tables \$52.8B deficit budget

By Lorne Stelmach

The Liberal government sees the federal budget released last week as offering smart, necessary investments with a focus especially on growing our economy.

The Conservative Opposition however sees it differently, and Portage-Lisgar MP and interim Tory leader Candice Bergen particularly sees the influence of the NDP, who have agreed to support the minority government in return for concessions.

"It's not good news for Canadians," Bergen said last week.

"It's an NDP budget. It's a tax and spend and tax and spend big NDP budget, and the Liberals are really going further to the left," she said. "It's dangerous for the country ... when things are good, this government spends, and then when things are not great and we need to have had a responsible government in terms of fiscal policy, it's not there."

The budget offered more than \$85 billion in new spending room that the government cited as coming from a stronger than anticipated economic rebound.

Money is being targeted at speeding the flow of goods through the supply chains, boosting housing supply and boosting business investment among other priorities.

Overall, there is \$452.3 billion in new spending on projected revenue of \$408.4 billion, leaving a deficit of \$52.8 billion.

Among the highlights cited by the federal government:

- \$4 billion over five years to launch a new fund to help cities and municipalities create more affordable housing and \$1.5 billion over two years to create 6,000 new affordable housing units with at least one-quarter of the funding for women-focused projects.

- \$625 million over four years for child care to help the provinces and territories build new facilities and make new investments.

- \$1 billion over five years to create an independent federal innovation and investment agency designed to spur economic growth and address the fact that Canada is ranked last in the G7 in spending on research and development by

business.

- Over \$8 billion pledged over five years for the defence budget to better equip the Canadian Armed Forces, reinforce cyber-security and support a culture of change. The budget contained no road map on whether this would be enough to boost Canada's defence spending to the NATO target of two per cent of GDP.

- Up to \$1 billion for the Ukrainian government through the International Monetary Fund to help keep its government operating.

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## COVID-19 transmission on the rise, but severe outcomes decreasing: Roussin

### Province now offering second COVID-19 booster dose based on NACI recommendations

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Manitoba's top doc says COVID-19 transmission in the province is on the rise once again.

"Manitoba is currently experiencing an increase in COVID-19 transmission. Our data showing wastewater signals have been trending upwards," Dr. Brent Roussin, chief provincial public health officer, announced at a press conference April 7.

The Omicron BA.2 subvariant has become most common strain of COVID-19 circulating in Manitoba, Roussin said, noting it makes up about 60 per cent of all transmissions right now. This variant is more contagious than the Omicron variant, but not necessarily more severe.

"We're seeing that the test positivity rates have been increasing over time. We're seeing an increase in hospitalization admissions," Roussin said, going on to explain that most of those admissions are among individuals age 80 and older. "Over that same time frame, though, we are seeing a decrease in more severe outcomes such as ICU and deaths."

The province says it appears peak hospitalizations may have passed in recent weeks.

"We've seen those increases in cases, transmission, wastewater, we've heard of the increases in hospitalizations, but our modelling continues to show a relative plateau in admissions," Roussin said.

The province no longer updates its COVID-19 data on a daily basis, instead sending out an epidemiology report every Thursday with data for the week before.

For the week ending April 2, 141 people were admitted to hospital

with COVID-19, which was up from 111 the week before. Of those, 11 were ICU admissions (down from 16 the week before). Six deaths were reported for the week (down two from the week before).

While there have been calls for more information more often so Manitobans can have a clearer picture of current COVID-19 conditions, Roussin continued to defend the province's change in its reporting of the virus.

"The data right now, I think it's appropriate for where we are in the pandemic," he said. "I think we are in that transition phase ..."

"We do have to understand that we're going to not deal with this virus the same way as we have for the last two years forever, and at some point we have to transition away from that intense data reporting to less frequently updating."

Public health officials continue to urge Manitobans to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19, including getting the booster shots.

"Vaccines are still the best way to protect ourselves and the people around us," Roussin stressed.

As of last week, about 80 per cent of eligible Manitoba youth age 12-17 had received two doses of vaccine. Among adults, about 88 per cent of eligible Manitobans are fully vaccinated.

"We know in the five to 11 year age range, that's where we could use some work. We're seeing about 41 per cent of 5-11-year-olds have received two doses," Roussin said, urging parents to strongly consider getting their kids vaccinated against COVID-19.

When it comes to booster shots, more than half of Manitoban adults have received a third dose of the vaccine. That number jumps to 70 per cent in the 50+ age range.

The unvaccinated continue to be at highest risk for severe outcomes with COVID-19, Roussin noted, citing data gathered over the past several weeks in Manitoba.

"After adjusting for the age differences, those who are not fully vaccinated are seven and a half times at

greater risk of hospitalization, almost 10 times greater risk for ICU admission, and 32 times greater risk of death" compared to a fully vaccinated individual, Roussin said, noting people with three doses of vaccine increase their chances of positive outcomes by an even greater margin.

"So we know vaccines work. It's made the biggest difference. It's our biggest weapon against this virus and so we continue to strongly recommend to Manitobans: get whichever dose of vaccine you're currently eligible for as soon as you become eligible."

#### Fourth doses

The province last week announced it is offering a second booster dose of the COVID-19 vaccine to certain Manitobans.

Based on recommendations from the National Advisory Committee on Immunization (NACI), the following groups are now eligible for another booster:

- residents of personal care homes and elderly persons housing congregate living sites (such as supportive housing and assisted living) with no age limit;
- individuals aged 70 or older who live in the community; and
- First Nations, Inuit and Metis people aged 50 or older, regardless of where they live.

The second booster should be Pfizer or Moderna and given at least six months after a person's last booster dose, the province has said.

For most people, the second booster dose will be their fourth dose of vaccine. For some immunocompromised people, however, this will be their fifth dose. In these cases it should also only be given six months after their last shot.

A NACI report released last week noted the greatest benefit of a second booster shot is expected in adults age 80 and older and strongly recommended provinces begin prioritizing this age group, followed then by offering a fourth dose to adults age 70-79.

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# Disease, drought, and war – a time of volatility

By Cam Dahl, General Manager of Manitoba Pork

Anyone who tells you that they know where commodity prices will be six months from now is either being misleading or fails to have a firm grip on reality. We are in a time where contradictory pressures on supply and demand are combined with political upheavals. As a result, farmers can expect an extended period of volatility in the prices they receive for the food they produce, and the cost of inputs needed to deliver that food to consumers' tables.

How did we get to this uncertain place? We can start with the COVID-19 pandemic. The pandemic has caused disruptions in international shipping. Labour shortages, which were appearing before the pandemic, have become acute. Government policies, like vaccine mandates for international truckers, have exacerbated labour gaps and logistics concerns. Our supply chain has become more brittle. What was an efficient international "just in time" logistics system has become "just in case", with each link in the value chain having to build in extra shipping time and holding increased inventory. Carrying costs have increased. Uncertainty has increased. This is not going to change anytime soon.

On the positive side, Canadian agricultural value chains have proven to be resilient throughout the pandemic.

Production and processing capacity has been bent but has not broken. We continue to deliver on our promise of safe, high-quality food for Canadians and consumers around the world. This is a competitive advantage.

COVID-19 is only one disease influencing international supply and demand. African Swine Fever (ASF) has devastated pork production in Asia, particularly in China and the Philippines, two countries that are leading destinations for Canadian pork. This has helped support pork prices in Canada. But how long is this going to last? What is the status of Chinese pork production today? Europe has also been hit by ASF outbreaks. What impact will this have on their production and export volumes? How far will ASF spread? These questions are difficult if not impossible to answer. ASF has caused, and will continue to cause, significant market uncertainty and volatility.

There was widespread drought throughout the Great Plains of North America in 2021. For livestock producers, this has meant feed has been hard to find. Many operations that have traditionally been self-sufficient have faced the decision of either buying feed or exiting the industry. Producers' margins have been squeezed by ballooning feed costs. Prior to the fall of 2021, most people would have laughed at the suggestion that feed wheat would be over \$10 per bushel,

but here we are. Will North American crop production levels recover in 2022? How will reduced supply from the Black Sea impact feed prices? Again, we are uncertain.

Which brings us to the third major contributor to market uncertainty — war. Over the past 20 years, the Black-Sea region has become a key contributor to international agricultural markets. For example, before the Russian invasion, Ukraine accounted for 16 percent of world corn exports and 12 percent of world wheat exports. Curtailment of these supplies has already sent the soaring price of feed grains higher. What happens if supplies from the Black Sea stop all together? What impact will the war in Ukraine have on major European pork producers, like the Netherlands and Spain, that rely on the region for feed?

Further, the region is also a critical supplier of fertilizer. Ongoing disruptions in key crop inputs will have an impact on world crop production. The degree to which changes in input supply will impact crop producers, and how long this impact will be felt, is unknown. Also unknown is the impact on world supplies of, and cost of, soybean meal, corn, and feed wheat.

How should agriculture respond to uncertainty and volatility? Risk management tools become far more important when market uncertainty drives increased volatility. Manitoba's

hog farmers run modern business operations. They use risk management tools such as forward contracting for their pigs and hedging feed. However, we can do more to mitigate the growing risks that are beyond the control of producers. First, governments need to reform the current suite of business risk management programs so that they meet the risks farmers are facing today. The pork industry is not alone in calling for changes to AgriStability or access to affordable livestock insurance programs. Second, industry and governments should be looking for ways to improve market and price transparency to allow for better risk assessments. This can, and should, be a collaborative effort that includes all parts of the value-chain.

Manitoba Pork has just held our 57th Annual General Meeting. With all the uncertainty facing producers one might have expected pessimism to be the predominant emotion at the event, but that was not the case. Farmers are optimistic that our pork will continue to see rising demand in global markets. Most are looking for ways in which to grow the sector here in Manitoba, both in production and processing. This attitude goes a long way in explaining the resiliency that the value chain has shown through the COVID-19 pandemic, and it is a predictor of how we will face uncertain days ahead.

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help make zero-emission vehicles more affordable for people. The Canadian Infrastructure Bank will spend \$500 million over five years to build infrastructure to support 1,500 charging stations the government has promised to build throughout Canada.

- \$547 million over four years to help businesses upgrade their fleets to zero-emission vehicles.

Bergen said there were three key things they had wanted to see in the budget starting with tax relief for Canadians, who have been suffering with inflation and rising costs.

"We wanted to see some tax breaks ... we also were hoping that we could see just much, much controlled spending because spending is what adds to inflation.

"We wanted to see a big halt on all of the massive, permanent programs that they've been doing," she said, adding they had also hoped for more effective housing strategies and support.

"We were very frustrated but not surprised that we didn't see any of those three things, and the reason is we can see this now in the budget," Bergen said. "The Liberals have collected a windfall of revenue on the backs of Canadians paying through the nose for things like gas and groceries and essentials. And they're using that money to again spend on big permanent government programs instead of tax cuts or things that will

grow the economy and produce long term productivity and investment."

In her foreword to the budget, Deputy Prime Minister and Finance Minister Chrystia Freeland highlighted what they feel a stronger country looks like:

"It means we need housing that is affordable for everyone, and a system where an entire generation is not priced out of owning a home.

"It means we need to do our part to fight climate change so that we can leave our children with clean air, clean water and a livable planet.

"It means we need to continue to face up to the sins of our past, and ensure that Indigenous peoples in this country are able to live dignified and prosperous lives.

"It means we need a health care system that allows people to see a doctor or a dentist, and to receive mental health care too.

"It means we need to continue to build a society that is truly equal for everyone, because the colour of your skin, or who you love, or where you were born should not dictate whether you get to share in the opportunities that Canada provides.

"And it means we need an economy that allows businesses to grow and create good middle class jobs, and where everyone can earn a decent living for an honest day's work."

## Grant for Trans-Canada Trail

By Becca Myskiw

Thompson's rural municipality (RM) has received a Trail Care Grant to spruce up part of the Miami-Thompson Trans-Canada Trail.

On March 30, the RM shared to their Facebook page they received a Trans Canada Trail grant to be used to clear the way at the Mountain Glen School Site, and then purchase a cement picnic table for it. To clear the trail, though, the municipality needs volunteers.

So, on Saturday, June 4 (International Trails Day), the RM of Thompson and those willing to help will get together to clear the way for the new, long-lasting picnic table. People can also volunteer to continue maintenance on the spot to ensure it's accessible and beautiful at all times.

To volunteer for the project, contact the RM office by email at info@rmofthompson.com.

# Miami Active Living Centre nearing completion

By Becca Myskiw

The new Miami Active Living Centre is slated to open this July.

After five years of planning and over six months of construction work, the work is almost ready for the public.

The current active living centre is an older building with limited access. The new one is going up south of Miami's Main Street, close to the memory garden. The new Miami Active Living Centre will be a place for the local seniors to go, home of the friendship centre, a multi-purpose building, a workout gym, and anything else

people may need it to be.

It's 5,600 square feet, opens job opportunities in town, gives locals a place to host events, and is a space for anyone to stay active in during the warm and cold Manitoba months.

Rural municipality (RM) of Thompson Reeve, Brian Callum, said the total cost of the new facility is around \$1.25 million. Last year, they received \$328,185 from former Miami resident Blair Sharpe, which kickstarted the project, another \$492,215 from the federal government, and \$410,139 from the provincial government.

From Sharpe's donation and the government funds, the RM had \$1,230,539 for the new Miami Active Living Centre. The rest was paid for, thanks mainly to local donations.

Work on the grounds of the new centre started in mid to late September, with construction starting in early October. Since then, it's been non-stop progress, with only a few setbacks due to delays in getting electrical equipment to the site in time.

Callum said they've set the opening date in July with the building up, siding going on, inside painting done,

and more. It was initially going to be in May, but they were delayed by a month.

As soon as construction is done in July, the Miami Active Living Centre will open to the public. Once all the people involved in the project are able to, the RM will host a grand opening with photo opportunities and such.

"To see the fruits of your labour going up...it's exciting," said Callum. "I hope the community is excited for it cause that's what it's there for. It's for the community. I hope people use it."

## Three pilots killed in air crash of 1952

By Dennis Young

Seventy years ago this past February, a pair of tragic accidents at the former CBC/CBW transmitter location (now the RM shop area) killed six people. Three pilots and three construction workers lost their lives over 12 hours. How did this happen?

Although the Second World War was over, Manitoba continued to be an essential pilot-training centre for

air forces worldwide. In this massive postwar reorganization of the RCAF, Canada's largest military Air Training School was established at Stevenson Field (now James Richardson International Airport). It would be a multimillion-dollar investment that included new hangars and other infrastructure — a welcome economic shot for Winnipeg.

One former wartime pilot who

signed on to be an instructor here was Charles Chow-Leong of Lethbridge. He was 29 years old and had 6,000 flying hours under his belt — just the type of man the RCAF was seeking for these training schools.

Flight Officer Chow-Leong's flight on the morning of Feb. 4 was one of 11 to leave the school. He departed in his C-45 Expeditor along with two pilots

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Seventy years ago, six lives were lost when a plane struck the CBC transmitter tower killing three RCAF members.

## NACI recommends second booster of COVID vaccine although unauthorized by Health Canada

By Patricia Barrett

With troubling COVID-19 numbers sweeping across many provinces, as well as waning vaccine protection from first booster doses and the ability of variants to evade vaccines, Canada's National Advisory Committee on Immunization (NACI) recommended last week that a second booster be administered to vulnerable segments of the population.

The recommendation comes even though second doses are considered off-label use, which means a drug is used without regulatory approval from Health Canada.

"Second COVID-19 booster doses are currently not authorized by Health Canada and therefore constitute off-label use," said NACI in a vaccine update titled "Initial guidance on a second booster dose of COVID-19 vaccines in Canada" published April 5.

NACI is an advisory committee that provides medical, scientific and public health advice to the Public Health Agency of Canada.

The committee said there are "concerning trends" in the COVID pandemic and that jurisdictions should prepare for a "rapid deployment" of a second booster for people 70 year of age and older, those who live in congregate settings such as personal care

homes or assisted living facilities, as well as for Indigenous people under 70 years of age.

"Preparation for implementation and deployment of a second booster dose program for groups outlined above is recommended given the increasing circulation of the BA.2 VOC [variant of concern] and the possibility of waning protection against severe disease in those at highest risk," said NACI in its update.

Second boosters can be given six months after the first booster or sooner, said NACI, depending on the how BA.2, an omicron subvariant, is spreading in communities.

"In general, jurisdictions should aim to provide a second booster dose 6 months after receipt of the previous booster dose, but the 6-month interval may need to be balanced with local and current epidemiology," said the committee. "As a result, shorter intervals may be indicated for these older adult populations in these settings at this time."

The committee recommends an mRNA vaccine for a booster unless that type of vaccine cannot be tolerated.

Current scientific data suggest that COVID-19 vaccines offer reduced pro-

tection against omicron infection and symptomatic disease, said NACI, and somewhat lower protection against hospitalization and severe disease compared to the protection they offered against the ancestral (or original) strain of the virus and previous variants of concern.

"This lower protection is also occurring in the context of decreasing protection over time since the previous dose," it said. "Vaccine effectiveness against infection/symptomatic disease for Omicron from a first booster of mRNA vaccine is approximately 60% and decreases over time since vaccination in most studies."

NACI said the evidence on the effectiveness of second boosters is "limited" and is compared to the first booster — given after the first two doses of a vaccine series — as a relative benefit.

"Preliminary data indicates that a second booster dose provides additional protection compared to a first booster, including against severe disease," NACI said. "However, the duration of protection is currently unknown, and the absolute benefit will depend on the residual protection from the first booster dose and on the level of circulating disease in the com-

munity."

Vaccine manufacturers are working on new COVID vaccines, including those that specifically target variants of concern but their "exact composition and timing of availability are not yet known," said the committee.

And further research is needed on "optimal timing" for future booster doses, evaluation of potential risks of providing booster doses earlier than necessary, and vigilant monitoring and reporting of adverse events.

The Manitoba government, which is not providing daily data on COVID infections and hospitalizations, recommended April 6 that personal care home residents, those living in congregate living facilities, individuals in the wider community aged 70 and older and Indigenous people aged 50 and older are now eligible for a fourth dose, according to the government's vaccine website.

The government is recommending an mRNA vaccine be given for the second booster. It recommends the Pfizer-BioNTech mRNA vaccine for people aged 12 to 29 (there is a greater risk of myocarditis or pericarditis with Moderna's vaccine in this age group), and either Pfizer or Moderna for people aged 30 and older.



# Studio tour stop application deadline nears

By Lorne Stelmach

Organizers hope that an annual showcase of the arts across the region will be back bigger and better this fall.

The Pembina Valley Studio Tour will be held for its 18th year Sept. 10-11, and the hope is that it won't need to be scaled back like last year given the pandemic conditions at the time.

"We hope that maybe some more group shows could be back this year," said lead organizer Margie Hildebrand. "And some people show outdoors or at least have some part of their display outside their studio and in their yards."

They are now making their final push for artists, studios, and galleries to sign up to be part of the tour. Registrations began in January with an early bird deadline of April 16 and a final deadline of April 29.

"We've gotten a lot of registrations already, so it looks like it's going really well," said Hildebrand, who noted they were up to 20 registered stops as of last week.

There are always familiar faces and

places featured on the tour, but they also aim each year to vary it a bit and always hope to get some new participants.

"We're always hoping to have some new ones. We're always hoping to have a good smattering of studios and galleries and artists from all over the region," Hildebrand said, noting the tour is a great opportunity for artists to be able to showcase their work and their creative spaces. "We want to create visibility for the artists,

The self-guided tour usually covers an area from Altona in the east to Carman in the north and west to La Riviere and features a variety of artistic mediums—everything from painting and ceramics to metal work and wood turning.

"The public can come and see how the work is done and hopefully buy some of the art as well," said Hildebrand. "I think a lot of people look forward to driving around to the different locations ... it's a really beautiful time of year to be driving around the



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The Pembina Valley Studio Tour, slated to run Sept. 10-11, is accepting applications from artists until April 29.

Pembina Valley.

"You can enjoy the scenery of the Pembina Valley and see what the artists are doing and go into their homes

or their studios and see how they make their art."

For more information, head to [www.pembinavalleystudiotour.com](http://www.pembinavalleystudiotour.com).

## Canada's farmland market remains resilient despite adversity

Submitted by FCC

Canada's farmland values climbed in spite of impacts from pandemic supply chain disruptions and adverse weather that affected parts of the country, as Farm Credit Canada's (FCC) Farmland Values Report showed an 8.3-per-cent national average increase in 2021.

The report, which describes changes in Canada's farmland values from Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, 2021, covers an entire year of disruptions caused by the pandemic, as well as drought that reduced yields across much of the prairies.

FCC reported a 5.4-per-cent national average increase in 2020.

In Manitoba, average farmland values increased by 9.9 per cent in 2021, following gains of 3.6 per cent in 2020 and four per cent in 2019.

"The low interest rate environment and favourable commodity prices seem to have offset some of the many challenges that could have been expected to restrain the demand for farmland and the price producers are willing to pay for land," said J.P. Gervais, FCC's chief economist. "It's a testament to the resilience and business confidence of farm operators who are largely driving this strong Canadian farmland market."

The largest increases were recorded in Ontario and British Columbia (22.2

and 18.1 per cent, respectively), followed by Prince Edward Island (15.2 per cent), Nova Scotia (12.3 per cent) and Quebec (10 per cent).

Other provinces showed more moderate average increases, ranging from Alberta at 3.6 per cent to Manitoba at 9.9 per cent. Saskatchewan recorded an average increase of 7.4 per cent, while New Brunswick showed a 5.2 per cent average increase.

There was an insufficient number of publicly reported sales in Newfoundland and Labrador to fully assess farmland values in that province. That was also the case in Yukon, Northwest Territories and Nunavut.

Gervais notes that Canada's agriculture industry is still facing uncertainty, since labour shortages, supply chain disruptions, geopolitical tensions, farm input inflation and incremental interest rate increases are expected this year. At the same time, FCC is forecasting that receipts of grains, oilseeds and pulses in Canada will increase in 2022, fueled by strong demand and tight global supply.

Increases in farmland values reported across the country are as wide and varied as the factors that may have influenced them. Average farmland values have increased every year since 1993, however, increases were more pronounced from 2011 to 2015 in many different regions. Since then,

Canada has seen more moderate single-digit increases in average farmland values.

Ontario reported the sharpest overall increase, more than quadrupling its 2020 average farmland value increase of 4.7 per cent, while B.C. more than doubled its average increase from the previous year. With a much smaller farmland market, PEI's average increase was more pronounced from one year to the next.

Land markets in Prairie provinces were somewhat tempered by adverse growing conditions, while farmland values in several regions of B.C. were bolstered by limited supplies of available land and proximity to urban areas.

"Sharp increases are often a result of local market conditions coupled with relatively favourable economic conditions," Gervais said. "For areas that reported significant increases, strong demand for a limited supply of land played a key role in bumping up values."

Producers in many regions were buying or selling land to gain operational efficiencies and to support family farm succession plans, which contributed to a strong farmland market in Canada.

Relatively good growing conditions in Quebec, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick contributed to the farm-

land value increases in those provinces.

Gervais reminds producers to have and maintain a risk management plan that takes into account possible economic changes, ensuring their budgets have room to flex if commodity prices, yields or interest rates shift. They also need to exercise caution, especially in regions where the growth rate of farmland values exceeded that of farm income in recent years.

By sharing agriculture economic knowledge and forecasts, FCC provides solid insights and expertise to help those in the business of agriculture achieve their goals. For more information and insights, visit [fcc.ca/Economics](http://fcc.ca/Economics).

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# Travelling American theatre coming to Carman Elementary

## Students putting on performances April 22 and 23

By Becca Myskiw

Carman Elementary students are getting the chance of a lifetime with a touring American theatre company coming to town this month.

Missoula Children's Theatre is coming back to Carman the week of April 18. The school's Parent Advisory Council rallied to bring them back after the COVID hiatus, said member Jodi Winkler. It costs around \$5,000 to get the Missoula Children's Theatre residency, but that cost proved no problem in Carman as local businesses paid for it with sponsorships.

The only stop the theatre centre has planned in Manitoba this year is the one in Carman. They're bringing the play "The Emperor's New Clothes" with them, and Carman Elementary students will be starring in it.

The Emperor takes the "dress for success" advice to heart, wanting to impress new friends. But when his clothes become more important than the people of his kingdom, trouble be-

gins. To help their beloved Emperor find the way back to his heart, his true friends create an elaborate "birthday suit" for the Emperor to wear for his birthday parade celebration. The Emperor quickly and humbly learns that sometimes "less is more."

The Missoula Children's Theatre travels around in a big red van, full of everything they need for a production — costumes, the set, backdrops, lights, and more. On April 18, students in Kindergarten to Grade 6 whose parents signed off will audition for the company. The centre will give the children roles — speaking, singing, chorus, etc. Missoula Children's Theatre's mission is the development of life skills in children through participation in the performing arts.

Then, from Tuesday to Friday, the entire cast will practice daily after school until 8 p.m. They'll perform their dress rehearsal during school hours on Friday, then do the real thing that evening.

Winkler's seen the company's performances first-hand as they've been coming to Carman since 2010, and she's thrilled to see one again.

"The production they put on is amazing," she said.

The community can buy tickets to



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The Missoula Children's Theatre is coming to Carman Elementary April 18 to 23. There will be two live productions at the end of it for the community, with tickets going on sale April 19.

two of Carman Elementary's "The Emperor's New Clothes" performances. The first will be on Friday, April 22 at 7 p.m., and the second will be on Saturday, April 23 at 1 p.m. Tickets go on sale April 19 at 9 a.m. for \$15 each. For more information on how to purchase them, go to @car-

manelementarymissoulatheatre on Facebook.

Money raised from ticket sales will go towards paying for the kitchen renovation at Carman Elementary. More details on that to come on that soon.

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# Nah Yo-dle puts a Low German spin on Wordle

Local man creates Low German version of the popular internet game

By Ty Dilello

Over the course of the past few months, Wordle has taken the world by storm. Hundreds of millions of people are playing the unique word game every day.

But the question is: have you ever wanted to play a Low German version of Wordle? Well, Jared Falk has got you covered with Nah Yo-dle.

Falk, who is originally from Halbstadt and went to school in nearby Altona, says it all started as an off-the-cuff idea.

"I saw a lot of these Wordle clones popping up and thought, 'Someone should make a Low-German Wordle. The idea itself is a little ridiculous, though: make a word puzzle game based around an unwritten language? Ha. Who would play that? Well, it turns out myself and Adrian Trimble [the backend developer] found our-

selves with some spare time and we both like doing something even if it only makes a couple of people chuckle. So really, it's a ridiculous idea that we said, 'Let's build it, why not?'"

Trimble, who was behind the coding and app development for this project, actually doesn't speak a word of Low German, even though he lived in Steinbach for a while growing up.

Falk, meanwhile, picked up bits and pieces of the language as a child.

"All the Low German I learned growing up, I learned because I wasn't supposed to," he said. "My parents and grandparents all spoke fluently, but they would speak in 'Plaut' when they didn't want us kids to understand what they were saying. So, of course, you try hard to learn what you can.

"I don't speak it fluently at all, and it takes me a while to understand what fast speakers are saying. Slowly but surely, I am learning more."

For the initial list of words that a player is trying to guess, Falk sourced suggestions from friends and family for words that might be common for both fluent speakers and people who only grew up around the language to try and make it at least accessible to as

many people as possible.

"A lot of times the more common words on the list are words that I and some friends use on a daily basis without really even realizing that it's a Low German word and the people I'm talking to have no idea what schnetje [biscuits] is."

Also, some of the words in the game that the player is trying to guess are actually English words that might be common in Mennonite culture, like "quilt" or "choir."

The reception for Nah yo-dle has been great so far as the website has been seeing a few thousand people playing every day, which is far more than Falk expected this early on.

"The feedback has been really great so far. We've had a lot of people reach out and say how much of a feel-good thing it is," he said. "It's part game and part nostalgia as lots of people are remembering something about their family or an event from their childhood. Or some people say, 'I use that word all the time.' And some are saying 'that's not how you spell that,' which is always a little funny."

To play the game, head online to nahyodle.com. The website also follows up the word of the day with a defini-

Nah Yo-dle



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Nah Yo-dle is a Low German version of the popular Wordle game. It is the brainchild of Halbstadt native Jared Falk.

tion and maybe a funny anecdote of the word in context on its Instagram account (@nahyodle) and Twitter (@nahyodle).



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# Cadenza Summer Music Week to return

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Douglas Kuhl School of Music's Cadenza Summer Music Week is planning for its return this summer after two cancelled years thanks to the pandemic.

"How the year started, we weren't sure we were going to be able to but it all started opening up and we just felt that students really needed something to look forward to and motivate them," said director Rochelle Drudge of the music camp taking place at the EMM Church in Winkler (600 Southview Dr.) July 4-8.

It's five days of musical instruction in strings (violin, viola, cello, and bass), piano, and, new this year, voice aimed at students age four to adult.

Students spend each day working with accomplished musicians and teachers on such topics as chamber music, orchestra, collaborative composition, musical theatre, and skills building.

Daily noon hour concerts—open for free to the general public—give participants the opportunity to see performances from their instructors and perhaps take to the stage themselves.

Above all, it's a chance to get together with other budding musicians to learn and grow, Drudge said.

"Especially after the last few years of not seeing other students who play, not playing in recitals ... to be able to be together in this context where they're making connections with their peers who play instruments and teachers from across Manitoba—it's an inspiration and a great motivator, which is something we always need when we're learning music but especially right now."

Students of all skill levels are welcome, as are younger children interested in seeing if learning a musical instrument is right for them.

"You might have a four or five-year-old who is thinking they maybe want to start an instrument—violin or piano or cello, they don't know necessarily what—and this is a really great opportunity to explore that for the week," Drudge said of the Explorer program for kids age 4-6. "It's a half-day program where they're just building musical skills, getting to see the different instruments and getting a brief introduction to stings and piano."

The lunchtime concerts can also be a great way to introduce a child to music, Drudge noted, stressing they're open to anyone.

"A lot of students have peaked their interest in music by coming to those concerts ... exposure to music is a big part getting kids interested in it."

Confirmed concert times for the week will be released a little closer to it.

Early-bird registration pricing for Cadenza ends this Sunday, April 17 (\$320 for one child, \$290 for each additional child) and regular pricing registration wraps up April 30 (\$350 for the first child, \$320 for additional). The half-day explorer program is \$175, as is the adult half day program.

Financial aid is available if needed, stressed Drudge.

"One of the mandates for our music school is that music can be affordable," she said. "We work very hard at making this accessible, so if the price is a barrier families are welcome to contact us and we'll make it work."



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Piano, strings, and vocal students are invited for five days of musical fun at the Cadenza Summer Music Week hosted by the Douglas Kuhl School of Music this July.

More information and registration forms are available online at [www.cadenzasummermusicweek.com](http://www.cadenzasummermusicweek.com) or by calling 204-331-4472.



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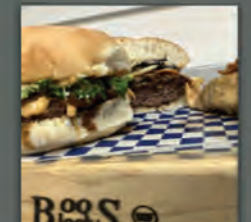
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# Thousands of hearing loss, tinnitus cases reported after COVID-19 vaccination

By Patricia Barrett

Emerging data on some of the adverse effects that may be associated with various COVID-19 vaccines now includes tinnitus and hearing loss.

In January of this year, the World Health Organization (WHO) published a report on hearing disorders dating back to February 2021 (and prior to that) in people who received one of the COVID vaccines, but says further monitoring is required to determine direct association.

In a report titled "Covid-19 vaccines and hearing loss and tinnitus" in the WHO's Pharmaceuticals Newsletter No. 1, 2022, researchers found 531 cases of hearing loss and tinnitus in people who received different COVID vaccines. The WHO's newsletter provides safety information on medicinal products and legal actions taken by regulatory authorities around the world. The hearing loss and tinnitus case reports had been entered into VigiBase, the WHO's global database of individual case safety reports (ICSRs). The hearing disorder cases date from vaccinations administered from the time the first COVID vaccines were made available until late February 2021.

"Up to 22 February 2021, there were 164 unique individual case safety reports (ICSRs) which reported hearing losses ... and 367 ICSRs which reported tinnitus ... with COVID19 vaccine in the WHO global database of ICSRs, VigiBase," states the report.

Health Canada approved Pfizer-BioNTech's COVID vaccine with an interim order on Dec. 9, 2020. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration gave the vaccine emergency use approval on Dec. 11, 2020. Moderna was the second COVID vaccine Health Canada authorized on Dec. 23, 2020. The FDA gave Moderna emergency use authorization on Dec. 18, 2020.

Tinnitus is defined as the perception of sound, often described as ringing in the ears, that doesn't have an external stimulus. It can be intermittent or continuous, occur in one or both ears and be acute or chronic. Hearing loss refers to the partially or completely diminished ability to hear in one or both ears. It can result from damage to the inner ear, the cochlear nerve or the brain. It can also occur after viral infections or be caused by hypertension or certain medications.

The 164 hearing loss cases in VigiBase had been reported from 10 countries. The time to onset ranged from the same day of vaccination to 19 days afterwards, with an average

Table 1. Individual characteristics of reports in VigiBase of sudden hearing loss in association with COVID-19 vaccines (n=23).

Case	Age / sex	Type of vaccine	Dose number	Relevant reactions (MedDRA preferred terms)	Time to onset	Outcome	Type of reporter	Additional information
1.	46/M	Pfizer/BioNTech	-	Tinnitus Sudden hearing loss	7 days	Not recovered	Physician	-
2.	52/F	Pfizer/BioNTech	-	Headache Myalgia Tinnitus Chest pain Sudden hearing loss	9 days	Recovered	Physician	-
3.	4/F	Moderna	-	Deafness irreversible Deafness unilateral Sudden hearing loss	3 days	-	-	Lost hearing in left ear three days after the vaccination, diagnosed by an ENT with "sudden sensory nerve severe hearing loss".
4.	61/F	Pfizer/BioNTech	-	Acoustic stimulation tests abnormal Deafness Sudden hearing loss	1 day	-	-	Sudden total hearing loss, left ear; numbness in face and outer ear.
5.	54/M	Pfizer/BioNTech	-	Tinnitus Sudden hearing loss	1 day	Not recovered	Pharmacist	One day after the vaccine tinnitus in ear, 14 days later still constant tinnitus in ear, sudden hearing loss left diagnosed by a physician.
6.	70/M	Pfizer/BioNTech	-	Deafness unilateral Nausea Sudden hearing loss Tinnitus Vertigo Voice blurred	18 hours	-	Consumer	Woke up with vertigo and nausea, dropped left ear and tinnitus, started hyperventilating, went to the hospital with CT and MRI not showing any abnormalities. Later referred to ENT, who started high dose steroids after audiogram showed abnormal findings, no improvement five days after treatment initiation.

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Cases of hearing loss and/or tinnitus in VigiBase, a database on adverse events maintained by the World Health Organization.

of one day. It affected people aged 19 to 93, with an average age of 49.

Fifty-one people were noted as recovering or had recovered. Fifty had not recovered. There was no outcome information for the remaining 63 cases.

"The most reported COVID-19 vaccines in these [hearing loss] cases were Pfizer/BioNTech (142 cases), followed by Moderna (15 cases) and AstraZeneca (7 cases)," the report states. And most cases of hearing loss were in "young healthy adults with no comorbidities."

The 367 tinnitus cases in VigiBase came from 27 countries. The time to onset ranged from several minutes to 30 days after vaccination, with an average of one day. The subjects' ages ranged from 19 to 91 years old, with an average age of 48.

Of the 367 reports, 90 were noted as not having recovered, 164 as having recovered and 112 were unknown.

"The vaccines received were Pfizer/BioNTech (293, 80%), Moderna (39, 11%) AstraZeneca (31, 8.4%), and Sinovac (1, 0.3%)," states the report.

The WHO's report includes an update carried out in November 2021 on hearing disorders entered into VigiBase. It notes that hearing disorders "have been reported for most of the COVID-19 vaccines."

"On 18 November 2021 there were 37, 529 deduplicated cases ... from 86 countries: 21 countries reported more than 100 cases; another 22 countries reported 10-99 cases; 15 countries reported 5-9 cases and 28 countries reported 1-4 cases," states the report.

Despite the number of growing cases, the WHO says data are "limited" to make a definitive link to the vaccines and

further monitoring is required. In addition to the WHO's report, researchers from Pakistan and Qatar found over 12,000 case reports of people developing tinnitus after receiving a COVID vaccine, either an mRNA vaccine or a vector vaccine.

Their study titled "SARS-CoV-2 vaccine-associated-tinnitus: A review," was published online on Jan. 25, 2022 in the journal *Annals of Medicine and Surgery*. By September 2021, there were 12,247 cases of tinnitus registered in the Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System, which is a U.S. early warning system co-managed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Food and Drug Administration, they wrote.

The researchers said cases of tinnitus arose after people received one of the viral vector vaccines such as AstraZeneca, Sputnik and Janssen, or one of the two mRNA vaccines, Pfizer and Moderna.

In addition to tinnitus, they said other adverse events have arisen following vaccination for COVID, including hearing loss, sensorineural hearing loss, otalgia, anaphylaxis, myocarditis and pericarditis, and vaccine-induced immune thrombotic thrombocytopenia. The precise mechanism behind the development of tinnitus after vaccination has yet to be determined, they wrote, but a "hypersensitivity reaction" or inflammation induced by a COVID vaccine may be responsible. A pre-existing autoimmune condition, such as Hashimoto thyroiditis and gastritis, could also play a role. As well, the "possibility of one or more vaccine components exerting ototoxic effects cannot be written off" and requires further investigation.

"Anti-spike antibodies may potentially react with antigens anywhere along the auditory pathway and initiate an inflammatory reaction involving the tympanic membrane, ossicular chain, cochlea, cochlear vessels, organ of Corti, etc.," they wrote.

Developing tinnitus is "rare" after vaccination, they said, and the COVID vaccines' benefits outweigh adverse effects.

"Although the incidence of COVID19 vaccine-associated tinnitus is rare, there is an overwhelming need to discern the precise pathophysiology and clinical management as a better understanding of adverse events may help in encountering vaccine hesitancy and hence fostering the COVID-19 global vaccination program," the researchers wrote. "Despite the incidence of adverse events, the benefits of the SARSCoV-2 vaccine in reducing hospitalization and deaths continue to outweigh the rare ramifications."

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## Manitoba 55+ Games in Selkirk June 7-9



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Local Games rep Lois Dudgeon hopes to see a good turnout for Team Pembina Valley at the Manitoba 55+ Games in Selkirk this summer.

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Manitoba 55+ Games are slated to return with an in-person competition this summer, Active Aging in Manitoba (AAIM) announced last week.

The 2022 edition of Manitoba's largest 55+ multi-sport event takes place in Selkirk June 7-9. The community was originally supposed to host the 2020 Games, but those were cancelled due to the pandemic.

"It's a tremendous honour to continue the tradition of the Games as the host city and we know the entire community is looking forward to welcoming athletes and visitors to Selkirk," host committee chair Garry Hamm said.

The event is expected to draw hundreds of athletes from all over Manitoba to compete in 15 events, ranging from bowling to pickleball to slo-pitch. It's also a qualifier for the Canada 55+ Games taking place in Kamloops, B.C. in August.

Pembina Valley Games representative Lois Dudgeon says local athletes are champing at the bit to get back out there.

"If the number of calls I've been getting recently about the Games is any indication, people are definitely anxious to get back to in-person Games

after a two-year break."

Pembina Valley usually sends about 80 or athletes to the Game each year, though Dudgeon notes the numbers might be down a bit this time around.

"I'm hoping for my usual Team Pembina Valley turnout ... being the Games are closer to home again; but also expecting there may still be some hesitancy about returning to the Games due to the lingering uncertainty of the pandemic," she said, pointing out there are also a few indoor events not happening for safety reasons, including all the card games.

The Games are always a fun time for older athletes of all ages—from people in their late 50s all the way to those in their 80s and 90s.

"It's just important for older adults to keep physically and mentally active/moving for as long as they can," Dudgeon said. "The social aspect of the Games is also very important to keep interacting with others your same age who share the same interests."

Dudgeon urges Games rookies to consider getting involved.

"Because we really do have fun at the Games .... keeping active partici-

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## Hockey awards



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The Carman Cougars hockey team held their awards banquet this past week presenting a number of awards to players: Marshall and Donna Kenndy Award Team MVP - Slade Sotheran; Sportsmanship, Gentlemanly Conduct and Skill - Gavin McCallum; Top Scorer - Ryan Orchard; Coaches' Award - Logan Cramer and Ethan Wilde; Top Defenceman - Brock Wood (photo missing); Jack Bates Memorial Trophy Most Determined Player - Coltyn Plaitin; Matt McCullough Memorial Trophy - Rookie of the Year - Ryan Orchard; Brian Coates Most Improved Player - Carson Park; Scholastic Award - Evan Penner and Owen Rey.

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## Twisters move on to face Canucks in MMJHL final

By Lorne Stelmach

The Pembina Valley Twisters are now aiming to take down the regular season champs in the MMJHL finals.

The third-ranked Twisters advanced by dispatching second-place Transcona in six games in the semi-finals, while the St. James Canucks eliminated the Raiders in five games in the other semi-final.

The Canucks won four of five regular season meetings with the Twisters, and St. James kicked off Sunday by edging Pembina Valley 5-4 in Winnipeg.

The Twisters trailed 2-0 and 5-1 at the intermissions before making a third period push that included a pair of powerplay goals, but the comeback fell just short.

Nathan Ayotte, Tyler Van Deynze, Merek Degraeve and Riley Goertzen scored for Pembina Valley, which had a 34-31 edge in shots on goal. Logan Enns started in goal and stopped 19 of 24 before Martin Gagnon came on in the third and stopped seven shots.

The series continues this week with game two Tuesday and game three Thursday. Game four is slated for next week Tuesday.

In the semi-final, the Twisters grabbed a 3-1 win in game five last Tuesday, and it was perhaps closer than it could have been as the Twisters outshot the Express 40-25 and had nine powerplay opportunities but only capitalized on one.

Scoring for Pembina Valley were Degraeve and Travis Penner with a pair including an empty net marker with 18 seconds remaining in the game. Enns got the win in goal with 24 saves.

Game six last Friday then saw Joel Vigier win it 2:08 into overtime for the 3-2 victory. TJ Matuszewski and Zander Carels also scored for Pembina Valley, and Enns made 22 saves with the shots 26-24 in favour of Pembina Valley.

### Honours

The MMJHL also announced its 2021-22 award winners and all star teams.

Matuszewski snagged a couple honours as the regular season scoring champion as well as earning the Myron Prymak Memorial Trophy as league MVP. In addition, Matuszewski was named a first team all star



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Pembina Valley captain Travis Penner (8) left the game after receiving a hit to the head against St. James Sunday evening. The Twisters lost Game 1 to the Canucks 5-4.

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pating in an activity of our choice/ we enjoy not, to mention renewing old and making new friendships from Games to Games. We are one big happy Games family."

While the 2020 competition was cancelled entirely, the 2021 edition of the

Games went the virtual route for the first time ever, with participants logging their activity minutes and sharing their stories for a chance to win prizes.

The method provided pretty successful, and so the 2021 Games will

include an online component once again from June 10 to July 10 for anyone who can't make the Selkirk events.

The deadline for registration for the Games is May 13 (May 20 for slo-pitch). Early bird pricing is in effect until April 29.

Due to the fact that people age 55+ are at higher risk for serious COVID-19 complications, athletes need to be vaccinated to compete. Masks are also required.

Head to [www.activeagingmb.ca](http://www.activeagingmb.ca) or call 1-866-202-6663 for more information.

## MJHL to host Prospect Camp for a week this July

### From the MJHL

The Manitoba Junior Hockey League is excited to host the fifth-annual MJHL Prospect Camp July 20-24 in Winnipeg.

The 2022 MJHL Prospect Camp will feature three divisions of players who will be invited to attend the event. Players born in 2004 and 2005 who are currently protected by MJHL teams will feature the Premier division of the camp. Meanwhile, the Draft Prospects division will feature 2006-born players who will have recently gone through the 2022 MJHL Draft (June) identification process by time the

camp begins.

Last but not least, new to the camp will be the U16 Futures division with the top 2007-born players in the province also attending the MJHL Prospect Camp.

The main goal of the camp is to prepare these players on and off the ice for what it takes to be successful in the MJHL and what it takes to advance to NCAA, WHL, USports, and eventually to pro or the NHL. The camp activities will emphasize the elements these players need to focus on to transition successfully from elite minor hockey up into junior hockey.

Successful camp events were held in 2020 and 2021 despite limitations and constraints due to the COVID-19 pandemic, however, plans are underway to host the first full-scale camp since 2019 providing added excitement and enthusiasm for MJHL organizers.

What's included for each Prospect:  
three games (full games)  
On-ice practice/skills  
Off-Ice Testing Combine  
Meals provided by Boston Pizza  
Player Development Seminars/Presentations

Special guests generally include experienced individuals from NCAA,

WHL, U Sports, AHL, NHL

Opportunity for prospects to showcase themselves to scouts from all levels in attendance The 2022 MJHL Prospect Camp will be held at Seven Oaks Sportsplex in Winnipeg. Camp invitations will be distributed later this month followed by further announcements of camp rosters, schedules, and special guests.

For more news about this event and all MJHL updates follow @mjhlhockey on social media or keep posted at [www.mjhlhockey.ca](http://www.mjhlhockey.ca).



# Mercs win Hockey Manitoba Senior 'A' Championship

By Brian Bowman

The Warren Mercs completed an outstanding season with a provincial title.

Warren defeated the Boissevain Border Kings 7-6 on Sunday evening in Virden to claim the Hockey Manitoba Senior "A" Championship.

It was Boissevain's first loss of the season.

"It was a lot of fun," said Mercs' defenceman Chad Deprez. "We didn't have the pressure, I don't think. Everybody was expecting Boissevain, because they hadn't lost all year, to come out on top. So, we were able to play pretty freely and go out there and have some fun, which we did."

Warren got out to a 3-1 lead before Boissevain came back with a goal before the opening period ended. Mercs' goaltender Hayden Dola then made an incredible save with about one second remaining in the first period.

The Mercs took it to the Border Kings in the second period, opening up a 7-3 lead.

In the third, Boissevain scored a pair of goals with the final one coming with just a second remaining in the game

"We were just in a mode, 'Ok, let's just lock it down,' Deprez said. "It wasn't a one-goal game, we beat them by two. We were already celebrating and they kept going. We just ran the clock off for the win."

On Friday night in Minnedosa, Chase Faulkner scored the game-winning goal on the power play in overtime to lift Warren to victory over the Bombers in the two-game, total-goal series.

Minnedosa scored with three seconds remaining to win the game 4-3 which meant both teams had scored 10 goals in the two games, forcing the over-



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The Warren Mercs are the Hockey Manitoba Senior 'A' champions after a 7-6 victory over the Boissevain Border Kings on Sunday evening in Virden.

time.

The provincial championship capped off a great season for the Mercs. Warren had talent in goal, on defence, and up front.

"We always talk about our depth and that's exactly how we got it done," Deprez said. "Most senior teams aren't structured the way we're structured. Every other team has their top line and the rest is pretty thin. We rely on all 23 skaters, or how many that we have, and everybody chips in. That's how

we do it, by committee, so it's a lot of fun that way."

Deprez feels that most guys on this year's Mercs' team will come back next season.

"There are a couple of us with kids that are a little hesitant but I think most guys are talking about coming back," he said. "And we have a few good players coming up that we're looking forward to (having). I think the Mercs will be a strong team again next year."

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> MEAL IDEAS



### Easter Bunny Rolls with Spinach Dip

In skillet, over medium heat, cook spinach, cream cheese and garlic 3-4 minutes until cream cheese is melted. Stir in mayonnaise, salt, onion powder, chili powder, pepper and Italian seasoning. Stir in Parmesan cheese and 1/2 cup mozzarella cheese. Cook until cheese is melted. Keep skillet on burner over low heat.

Remove dough from tubes. Leaving dough intact, roll and stretch into 18-inch ropes. Cut each rope into 12 pieces for 24 total.

On baking sheet with parchment paper, form bunny head by placing one piece of dough in middle then surrounding it with six more pieces. Use 13 pieces to form round body. Use remaining pieces to form ears on top of head.

Scoop hot spinach dip into center. Spoon small portions on each ear. Sprinkle ears and belly with remaining mozzarella cheese.

Bake 18 minutes, or until crescent dough is golden brown and thoroughly cooked.

- Serves: 24
- 16 ounces frozen spinach, thawed
  - 8 ounces cream cheese
  - 2 cloves garlic, minced
  - 1/2 cup mayonnaise
  - 1/2 teaspoon salt
  - 1/2 teaspoon onion powder
  - 1/4 teaspoon chili powder
  - 1/4 teaspoon pepper
  - 1 teaspoon Italian seasoning
  - 1 cup shredded Parmesan cheese
  - 1 1/2 cups shredded mozzarella cheese, divided
  - 2 crescent roll tubes (8 ounces each)
  - Heat oven to 375 F.



### Herb Crusted Bone-In Leg of Lamb

Prep time: 3 hours

Cook time: about 3 hours (depending on size and doneness)

Servings: 15

1 Atkins Ranch bone-in leg of lamb (about 8 pounds)

1/4 cup olive oil

8 cloves garlic, finely minced

2 tablespoons Dijon mustard

2 tablespoons kosher salt

1/4 cup white wine

Herb Crust:

2 large egg whites

2 tablespoons minced rosemary leaves

2 tablespoons minced thyme leaves

2 tablespoons ground peppercorns

1 tablespoon kosher salt

fresh mint sauce, for serving

About 2 hours before preparing, remove leg of lamb from fridge to ensure even cooking. Remove gland to prevent gaminess during cooking.

Preheat oven to 325 F on convection setting. Score skin of both sides of leg of lamb.

In bowl, whisk olive oil, garlic, Dijon mustard, salt and white wine. Brush onto both sides of lamb, pressing into scored crevices.

Place leg in roasting pan on roasting rack. Insert cooking probe into thickest part of meat, not touching bone. Cook about 1 hour and 20 minutes, or until internal temperature reaches 95 F.

Reduce oven temperature to 300 F and cook to desired doneness. For medium-rare doneness, remove lamb once probe reaches 125 F.

To make herb crust: In bowl, whisk egg whites until evenly foamy with tiny bubbles. Brush onto both sides of lamb.

In separate small bowl, mix rosemary, thyme, peppercorns and salt. Press herb crust mixture onto areas brushed with egg whites. Place back in pan and cook about 5-7 minutes until crust is formed and browned. Remove from oven and rest 30 minutes.

Carve lamb, arrange on platter and serve with fresh mint sauce.

# Carman Collegiate at Chamber of Commerce host career fair for students

By Becca Myskiw

Last Thursday, students from across the area filed into the Carman Collegiate gym to scope out post-secondary schools and local career opportunities.

The Carman and Community Chamber of Commerce teamed up with Carman Collegiate to host last week's career fair. Eighteen local businesses, seven post-secondary schools, and numerous other organizations set up tables in the high school's gym to teach students about themselves.

A few of the businesses there were True North Foods, Corduroy Plains, and Sperling Industries. As well, community Futures Heartland came to help young entrepreneurs, Southern Health-Santé Sud came, Carman Wellness Connections was there, and the Carman Dufferin Fire Department showed up and others.

"A lot of our members are really struggling for employees right now," said Chamber executive director Jodi Winkler. "Staffing issues are big, so we just want to show students what's in the community."

The post-secondary schools included Assiniboine Community College, Booth University College, Canadian Mennonite University, Manitoba Institute of Trades and Technology, Providence University College, Robertson College, and the University of

Manitoba's Department of Agriculture and Food Sciences.

Grade 9 to 12 students from Carman Collegiate, Elm Creek School, Miami School, and Dufferin Christian School visited the career fair from 1:15 p.m. to 3:15 p.m. on Thursday. They all had a sheet to fill out with one question from each booth to show they had visited and those who did had a chance at some Chamber prizes while planning for their futures.

Winkler said they were planning a similar event to this one before COVID-19, but it was inevitably cancelled, so they're excited to host it now. In addition, they're hoping to make the career fair an annual event in November, so students have more time to get applications in for jobs and schools.

Gaylene Dueck, career councillor at Carman Collegiate, said students lost the opportunity to visit campuses and career fairs for the past two years so she's excited to offer them that again. A career fair such as this one exposes students to the variety of post-secondary school options and careers available to them — ones they might not have explored before.

"It feels really good in the sense they're students making life choices," she said. "To be able to give that opportunity in this building is a wonderful thing."



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Students from Carman Collegiate, Elm Creek School, Miami School, and Dufferin Christian School spent their Thursday afternoon in the Carman Collegiate gym at a career fair last week.



Eighteen local businesses, seven post-secondary schools, and other organizations set up in the gym last week to show the students numerous options for their futures.

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who were part of a class of about 50, mostly Royal Air Force trainees. They had arrived in Winnipeg in November 1951 with graduation planned for the following August.

That morning was blustery with a low fog, and as the flight continued, the weather worsened. Chow-Leong's was nearing Carman and the CBC transmitter tower. At 570 feet/175 metres, it was said to be the tallest man-made structure on the prairies at the time, making it a perfect landmark for navigators.

However, at 11:55 a.m. Charles struck one of the guy wires causing the plane to spin and crash in a field about 500 metres away. Area farmer David Krahn saw what happened and was the first on the scene.

"I heard an airplane coming and a few seconds later an explosion. I looked up and could still hear engines running but saw nothing....then a second explosion," he explained to *The Dufferin Leader* then.

"Without hesitation, I drove there, and as I neared the building, I saw the flames and rushed inside to tell Mr. Punshon. We grabbed fire extinguish-

ers, jumped in my car and rushed to the scene, but we got stuck in the snow near the tower. We raced to the scene, but it was too late." The three men had already died in the burning wreckage.

When the fog began to lift, the chief engineer, R.L. Punshon, noticed the guy wire was severed and the top 80 feet/25-metre portion of the tower was leaning. Fearing it could fall onto the building, he contacted Dominion Bridge of Winnipeg — the company that installed the tower — to assess and repair the damage.

By 6 p.m. they had everything in place to do such but would return the next day. By 12:30 a.m., three employees began climbing the access ladder built into the core of the tower structure. Twenty minutes later, Punshon said, "I heard a cracking noise up the tower... then I saw something falling high up and heard the foreman shouting, 'She's away.'" The top portion of the tower had broken away.

There were about 25 technicians and engineers around the base, and as the tower started to fall, they all ran, trying to avoid the falling tower and the

broken guy wires whipping around. It was a miracle that all on the ground escaped. Not so for those three workers.

When the wreckage settled, would-be rescuers rushed to look for the men who climbed the tower, but all were dead. One was thrown free, while two were amid the tangled steel. In 12 hours, six lives were lost.

The remains of Chow-Leong were returned to Lethbridge for burial. The two British trainees, Peter Harvey, 20 and Edward Scanlan, 18, had their funerals in Winnipeg at different churches and were buried on the same day in the military section of Brookside Cemetery. The bodies of the Dominion Bridge workers were returned to their respective hometowns for burial.

Numerous inquiries were held into both incidents, although none ap-

pears to have assessed any blame or published. At the time, such accidents were a common occurrence. The RCAF Association of Canada's inventory of postwar RCAF training fatalities notes more than 30 deaths in 1952 alone. In fact, 20 minutes after this crash, another plane buzzed by the tower, narrowly avoiding another disaster!

CBC was knocked off the air until 6:45 a.m. on Feb. 7, when a temporary transmitter was erected. In that 54-hour period, the CBC missed reporting on one of the biggest international news stories since the end of the war: the Feb. 6 death of King George VI and the proclamation of Princess Elizabeth as Queen.

A new tower was built in 1952, and the CBW transmitter, erected in 1948, which remained in Carman until 1992 when it was moved to Starbuck.

# Province boosts support for Manitoba 4-H

By Nicole Brownlee

After plummeting participation during the COVID-19 pandemic, the Manitoba 4-H Council is optimistic members will return.

To help spur interest in the Manitoba-originated organization, the province has committed to a \$900,000 investment in the Manitoba 4-H Council over three years. This builds on the province's \$1 million donation to 4-H Manitoba to provide post-secondary scholarships to current and former 4-H members.

"Leaders invest their time in helping to shape the youth in 4-H," said Derek Johnson, minister of agriculture.

"There are so many assets that 4-H teaches."

Started in 1913 in Roland, Man., 4-H develops leadership skills, communication and self-confidence through projects and activities. In Manitoba, 4-H offers over 90 hands-on projects focusing on topics like beef, photography and machines.

"We're able to use (the investment) for our project materials, project development, the printing of project manuals," said Shannon Carvey, Manitoba 4-H's executive director.

A portion of the investment will also be set aside for each of the 10 area councils in Manitoba to use for events and projects.

"Those area councils are able to use that funding for activities within their area, like camps and clinics," said Carvey.

Area councils can also distribute the money to clubs in their area.

"The funding goes directly to the area council and is directed on to the grassroots level."

Clubs across the province experienced a decline in memberships because the public health restrictions during the COVID-19 pandemic interrupted in-person meetings, but Carvey said the numbers are slowly improving.

Jennifer Harmon, leader of Gimli's Minerva 4-H Club, said before the COVID-19 pandemic, the club would attract around 30 to 50 members between six to 21 years old.

"This year, we're at six kids," said Harmon.

"We're just trying to rebuild."

The province also kicked in \$5,000 to help Manitoba 4-H reach their \$40,000 goal to purchase Clover,



The province donated \$5,000 to the Manitoba 4-H Council to help cover Clover's \$40,000 cost. Agriculture Minister Derek Johnson got to see the cow's complexities inside and out at the Royal Manitoba Winter Fair.

a life-sized cow that simulates birthing a calf.

The 1.36-metre-tall model has an inflatable calf airbed support system, clear vinyl uterine bag and functional udder with a milk tank. The Hereford Model Dystocia Simulator made by Veterinary Simulator Industries gives trainers a realistic view and process of a cow in labour.

"We have had that purchase of the Dystocia Model in the back of our mind for a while now," said Carvey.

Clover will live at the Manitoba Beef and Forage Initiative Learning Centre as an educational tool.

"We'll be able to host workshops and teach our members under the direction of a veterinarian about calving techniques."



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A life-sized model and simulator of a cow in labour attracted crowds at the Royal Manitoba Winter Fair on March 30.

Johnson demonstrated Clover's abilities on March 30 at the Royal Manitoba Winter Fair in Brandon, delivering a calf he has dubbed Leaf.

"There's everything that you would feel when you would reach inside a cow to pull a calf," said Johnson.

"You can place the calf in different scenarios, like if the calf is breached."

Johnson said Clover fits Manitoba 4-H's "Learn to Do by Doing" motto perfectly.

"Clover is a very hands-on, powerful teaching tool."

To learn more about Manitoba 4-H clubs, visit [4h.mb.ca](http://4h.mb.ca).

# Carman Air Crash and Charles Chow-Leong



Charles Chow-Leong

By Dennis Young

Upon the research for this disaster outside of Carman, I learned a thing or two what First Officer Charles Chow-Leong faced to become a pilot.

He was the eldest of eight children born to Chinese immigrants. His father, Ling, came to Canada in 1901 to help build the Canadian Pacific Railway. When the Second World War broke out, Chow-Leong wanted to enlist in the RCAF but found it was off-limits to people of colour.

That wasn't the only discrimination Chinese Canadians faced. There was the federal government's "head tax"

on Chinese immigrants, which was \$50 when it was first imposed in 1858 and \$500 in 1903. In 1923, when it was found the fees didn't curtail Chinese immigration as expected, the Chinese Exclusion Act was enacted to ban it outright.

As the war dragged on and entered the Pacific region, the Air Force was desperate for new recruits and changed its acceptance policy in October 1942. Chow-Leong was among the first Chinese Canadians to sign up for flight training and graduated from No. 7 Service Flying Training School at RCAF Station Fort McLeod in Sep-

tember 1943.

Chow-Leong took part in the Burma campaign, then was stationed to India, patrolling the Indian Ocean specialized in para-trooping, supply-dropping and glider-towing. After the war, Chow-Leong went to China and flew for a Chinese commercial airline. He returned to Canada in 1951.

In all, about 600 Chinese Canadians fought for Canada in the Second World War. It was thanks in large part to their service that the Chinese Exclusion Act was finally repealed in 1947.

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Please be advised that a **general municipal election** will be held on **October 26, 2022.**

Prospective municipal election candidates must register with the Senior Election Official (SEO) during the registration period before they may begin to accept contributions, incur expenses, fundraise or borrow money for their campaign.

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that candidate registrations will be received:

**For the office of head of council:** Between May 1, 2022 and September 20, 2022

**For the office of councillor:** Between June 30, 2022 and September 20, 2022.

at the Rural Municipality of Thompson Municipal office located at 530 Norton Avenue during the regular hours of business.

To obtain a registration form contact the SEO at the email or telephone number listed below:

Dallas Braun  
Senior Election Official (S.E.O.)

R.M. of Thompson  
204-435-2114

[cao@rmofthompson.com](mailto:cao@rmofthompson.com)

Dated at: Miami, MB on April 8, 2022.



## RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF GREY ELM CREEK, MANITOBA R0G 0N0 PUBLIC NOTICE

Public notice is hereby given that the Rural Municipality of Grey intends to conduct the following Pesticide Control Programs during 2022.

1. To control noxious weeds and brush on road allowances and highways within the Rural Municipality of Grey and to control noxious weeds on public owned parks and cemeteries within the R. M. of Grey boundaries. The projected dates of application on the aforementioned properties will be from May 15, 2022 to October 31, 2022. The herbicides to be used include:

2,4-D Amine	Aminopyralid	Dicamba
Glyphosate	Diflufenzopyr	Metsulfuron-methyl
Triclopyr	LI 700	Aminocyclopyrachlor
Non ionic surfactant		Picloram

2. To control the following pests including grasshoppers, elm bark beetles, forest tent caterpillars, cankerworms, mosquitoes, rodents, emerald ash borer, etc. The proposed dates of application for these programs will be from January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022. The insecticides to be used include:

Carbaryl	Chlorophacinone
Bromadiolone	Malathion

Any resident of the Rural Municipality of Grey likely to be affected by these programs and opposed to the issuance of a provincial use-permit may submit written comments within 15 days of this publication identifying the specific program they are opposing to:

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**R.M of Grey Council Chambers  
27 Church Avenue East, Elm Creek, Manitoba  
Thursday April 28, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.**

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

Copies of the financial plan will be available for review and may be examined by any person during the regular office hours of the Municipal Office at 27 Church Avenue East, Elm Creek, Manitoba.

Kim Arnal  
Chief Administrative Officer  
R.M. of Grey

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

Sudoku Answer

S	D	V				G	S	M
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Crossword Answer

## X CROSSWORD

**CLUES ACROSS**

- Runs PCs
- An entertaining, eccentric person
- Small, faint constellation
- Indigo bush
- Not excessive
- African antelope
- A way to fly a glider
- Tough softly
- In the course of
- Early Mesoamerican people
- A way to drop down
- Mistake!
- Housing developments
- Baseball stat
- No (Scottish)
- Type of cuisine
- British Army infantrymen (abbr.)
- Marry
- Buffer solution
- Legendary rock band
- Recording industry show
- A way to consume
- Lake in Botswana
- Political action committee
- Field force unit (abbr.)
- Very eager
- Excessive fluid accumulation in tissues
- Nocturnal insect
- Challenged to perform
- Thus far
- Famed NYC arena
- Commercials

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**CLUES DOWN**

- Small, purple-black fruit
- Baltimore ballplayer
- Highly seasoned sausage
- Split pulses
- Northwestern Mexico town
- Edible fruit
- Upper-class southern young woman
- Sums up
- The most worthless part
- Dash
- Sufferings
- Clearinghouse (abbr.)
- Indian title of respect
- Poems meant to be sung
- Actor Cooper
- Luke's mentor \_\_\_-Wan
- Clumsy person
- Figures
- Polish Baltic coast peninsula
- Old cloth
- Explosive
- Automobiles
- 007's creator
- The Volunteer State
- Old Irish alphabet
- Japanese city
- Portrayed emotion
- Observers
- Mimicked
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- Male parent
- Peter Griffin's daughter

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### CARD OF THANKS

Thank you to Dr. Berard, doctors and nurses for the great care that Coralee received at the hospital at Notre Dame de Lourdes. One day a nurse said, "bring the dog in", this was the first of many visits that Bo brought joy to Coralee, thank you to the nurse. The staff at the foyer at Notre Dame provided great loving care to Coralee and always welcomed Bo and I on our many visits. Thank you everyone for all your kind thoughts and messages and all the goodies. Thank you to Craig Johnston and Mark Reimer of Doyle's for all your help.

-Ted Storey and family

### CARD OF THANKS

Sincere thanks for the messages from far and near of sympathy and hope, flowers, food and donations in memory of Carol. She was a kind and loving daughter, sister and friend and will be missed. Thank you to Pastor Trudy for her kind words and Rose Ediger for the music at the service. Thank you to Craig and Doyle's for looking after the arrangements.

-Eleanor Orchard  
Bryan and Crystal  
Bruce and Colleen  
Wayne and Kyla  
and families

### OBITUARY

#### Doreen Woods

Doreen Joyce Woods (nee Fry), 74, of Carman, Manitoba, passed away on April 3rd, 2022 after a battle with cancer.

Doreen was born on October 20th, 1947 to William and Dorothy Fry in Miami, Manitoba.

In 1963, Doreen met Lawrence Woods, and they wed in January of 1966, going on to have three children, Gary, Ricky and Kelly.

Doreen dedicated her life to being a fantastic and wonderful mother and grandmother. Doreen's humble, kind and generous values were instilled on her family. She enrolled in educational programs to prepare her for the workforce. These programs included volunteer work, Doreen volunteered as a teaching assistant in a kindergarten class, which eventually led to employment.



Doreen bravely endured and managed health issues for decades, and while doing so was often observed expressing concern and caring for others in the family.

Doreen was predeceased by her father William Fry, mother Dorothy Fry, sister Edna Morrison, brother Lionel Fry, and brother Gordie Fry.

She is survived by her husband of 56 years Larry; her brothers Raymond Fry, Stan Fry, and her sister Ruth Amell; sons Gary (Carolyn), Ricky (Cheryl), Kelly; grandchildren Holly, David, Mathew, Wesley and Jacob and great-grandchild Maija and many nephews and nieces.

A private family service will be held at Doyle's Funeral Chapel with interment in Greenwood Cemetery, Carman.

Donations may be made to the Crohn's and Colitis Canada.

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## TOWN OF CARMAN PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is given that the Council of the Town of Carman will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, May 12, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of Memorial Hall, to consider a proposal to annex certain land from the Rural Municipality of Dufferin to the Town of Carman. The lot in question is Lot 11; Plan 1000-C and shown on the map below. The annexation proposal has been forwarded to The Municipal Board and is supported by both the Town of Carman and the RM of Dufferin. Any interested parties are invited to attend the Public Hearing to receive additional information regarding the proposal. Written submission will also be received by the Town of Carman until the time of the public hearing. Copies of the proposal are available for review at the Town of Carman office, 12-2nd Avenue SW, Carman.



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## OBITUARY



### Kathleen Coralee Storey (nee Nordquist)

Coralee passed away on April 5, 2022 at the Notre Dame Foyer, at the age of 85 years.

She is survived by her husband of 67 years, Ted Storey; daughter Patricia (Gary) Odium, and daughter Sherry Storey and partner Kelly Hagblom. She is also survived by her brother Lloyd Nordquist (Dulcie), brother Jim Holland (Barb) and good friends Marlene Terwin and Elsie Fry.

Later in life she found her paternal father, Tom Holland. There were many happy reunions with Tom, wife Mary and family. She met many Holland/Gosnell relatives.

She always had many flowers and plants in her yards and home. She took hundreds of pictures of animals and nature. She also did a lot of painting and read many books.

The family would like to thank the staff at the Foyer for their wonderful care. Bo, her companion therapy dog made every visit with me (Ted), and was a staff favorite.

Memorial donations may be made to the Notre Dame Foyer, Box 190, Notre Dame de Lourdes, Manitoba, R0G 1M0.

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## OBITUARY



### Myrtle Rose Poersch (Seekings) January 13, 1932 - April 2, 2022

With great sadness we announce the passing of Myrtle Poersch. Funeral Service will be held Saturday, April 16, 2022 at 2:00 p.m. at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Brunkild, MB.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Heart & Stoke Foundation or charity of choice.

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## OBITUARY



### Hugh Green

Peacefully at the St. Claude Health Centre on Thursday, March 31, 2022, Hugh Green passed away at the age of 73 years.

He will be forever remembered by his loving wife Denise (née Dupasquier); his children Ronald (Karine), Kevin (Nadine) and Sandra Green (Walter); his grandchildren, Charles, Daphnée, Philippe and Nicolas. Also left to mourn are his brothers and sister, Gary (Roseline) Green, Bob (Marie) Green, George (Chantal) Green, Pat (Ted) Graham; his in-laws, Annette Green, Hank (Jan) Dupasquier, Lorraine (Maurice) Cox, Norbert Dupasquier, André (Yvette) Dupasquier, Gilbert Dupasquier and Norman Dupasquier, as well as numerous nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

Hugh was predeceased by his parents Harry and Jeanne Green, his parents-in-law Charles and Augustine Dupasquier, by his infant brother, brother Rick Green and niece Karen Joyal.

A Celebration of Life will be held at the St. Claude Catholic Church on Saturday, April 30, 2022 at 2 p.m.

The funeral service will be available to be viewed via Live Streaming. If you would like your name to appear in the in the guestbook, please email your name to office@afh.ca

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The Gardens on Tenth is a Seniors Complex in Altona Manitoba committed to serving our tenants through facilities, programs and Services.

We are currently seeking a dependable, detail-oriented professional to fill the role of a Bookkeeping & payroll clerk. In this full-time position, you will ensure accurate and timely payroll delivery, in addition to managing the company's accounts payable and receivable functions and budgeting. This position is ideally suited for individuals who are well organized, have excellent time management skills and can maintain a high level of performance while maintaining accuracy.

#### Duties of the position include

- Overseeing and providing financial, administrative, and clerical services in order to ensure effective, efficient and accurate financial reporting.
- Processing of Accounts Payables and receivables as well as Payroll
- Budget preparation
- Tenant Invoicing
- Month End and Year End procedures
- Prepare reports for government bodies
- Ensure compliance with government regulations
- Work as a member of a team and coordinate the flow of information between multiple departments while keeping maximum efficiency.

#### Skills and Requirements:

- Secondary Education in accounting or at least 3 years related experience and proficient knowledge in the following areas, accounts payable, accounts receivable, maintaining general ledgers, bookkeeping, assisting with payroll functions, financial reporting and procedures.
- Knowledge of Sage Premium Accounting and simply accounting procedures
- Oral, listening, written and interpersonal communication skills and phone etiquette
- Proficiency in Microsoft Office applications (especially Excel)
- Ability to work individually and as part of a team
- Strong analytical, organizational and communication skills

#### Pay Package

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Please submit a resume and cover letter to hr@gardensonthenth.ca

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The Gardens on Tenth is a Seniors Complex in Altona Manitoba committed to serving our tenants through facilities, programs and Services.

We are currently seeking a dependable, detail-oriented person to fill the role of an administration assistant. This position is ideally suited for individuals who are well organized, have excellent time management skills.

#### Duties of the position include

- Provide front desk reception duties: greet tenants and visitors answer questions, give directions and manage flow of traffic in the office
- Answer phone/email inquiries to coordinate between various departments
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- Update, organize & maintain files & records for all departments
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- Data Entry

#### Skills and Requirements:

- Work Experience 2 yrs., preferred
- Oral, listening, written and interpersonal communication skills and phone etiquette
- Proficiency in Microsoft Office applications (especially Excel)
- Ability to develop and maintain a positive working relationship with others
- Detail oriented, ability to multi-task, with strong organizational skills are required.

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