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The Boyne River Keepers had a lot to shell-ebrate last Thursday when 72 ladies signed up to paint stepping stones in support of World Turtle Day. Heather McKnight, left, and Rose Ediger show off their artistic creations.

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BRK celebrate World Turtle Day with paint night

By Becca Myskiw

Over 70 people painted stone turtles last week to support World Turtle Day, which falls on May 23 this year. The day was created to celebrate and protect turtles, tortoises, and their natural habitats around the globe. Turtle Guardians says turtles are a keystone species, which is "an animal whose role in the food web is essential to an entire chain of linked species, habitats, and ecosystem services."

This means the ecosystem can collapse without turtles, and other species can become compromised.

Turtle Guardians says turtles can take anywhere from 30 to 60 years to replace themselves in nature, meaning it takes that long for them to have one successful offspring. Once hatched, only 0.06 percent of hatchlings will survive. The organization estimates Ontario has lost more than 50 percent of its turtle population—this comes from them being hit on the road, removed from nature for testing, pets, or other reasons, poached, or deliberately killed.

Because protecting the world's turtle population is vital, the Boyne River Keepers (BRK) celebrated World Turtle Day on May 9 with a fundraising



painting event at the Carman Legion. The event sold out, with 70 people buying tickets to attend.

Local artist Chris Larsen not only led the painting session but also shared Indigenous teachings about the turtle. In Indigenous culture, the land we inhabit is believed to be the back of a turtle. The Indigenous creation story narrates a flood where the turtle sacrifices its shell for the land to grow on until it can be inhabited. The turtle's shell is also divided into 13 sections, representing the 13 lunar months, with 28 smaller sections around them, symbolizing the number of days in a lunar month.

A few days prior to the paint night, a group of five BRK members, along with Larsen, gathered to paint their own unique turtle designs. At the event, attendees were provided with a

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Sandy Cameron and Donna Froese enjoyed the evening painting their stepping stones







Smile Cookie Week a sweet success in Carn

The recent Smile Cookie Week at Tim Hortons Carman, held from April 29 to May 5, was a major success with a fundraising total of \$10,291.98 for South Central Cancer Resource (SCCR).

This year's Smile Cookie Week in Carman set a new record for success, raising nearly \$4,000 more than last year's total.

The beneficiary of the funds is South Central Cancer Resource, which is a community based nonprofit organization providing education, hope, and support to individuals with cancer and their families.

SCCR is an organization that receives no government funding, so every dollar that they need, they have to get through fundraising themselves. The organizations stretches all across southcentral Manitoba as goes from south to the border, east to Emerson and west to Cartwright.

"We promoted the event a little bit more this year on social media, and promoted it with Tim Horton's for a cookie match sponsorship so that companies could make donations to match daily sales," said Jack Pethybridge of SCCR. "We're very pleased with the final total. Last year we were at just under \$6,900, so to make this kind of jump shows the great support from our community."

Rural Buds Cannabis and PKF Lawyers were among the generous sponsors who supported the cause at the cookie match. Additionally, a large number of SCCR board members contributed to Smile Cookie Week, and each day, CIBC Carman's staff dedicated their time to decorating.



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Tim Hortons Carman had a successful Smile Cookie Week from April 29 to May 5, raising an impressive \$10,291.98 for South Central Cancer Resource (SCCR). The dedicated staff members of Tim Hortons Carman, Jeff Doerksen, Linda Doerksen, and Jack Pethybridge can be seen in the photo

SCCR has already been selected to be the Smile Cookie Week recipient in Carman for next year too, so the organization plans to keep doing what they're doing and hopefully surpass this year's to-

"We're looking forward to next year and growing it even more," said Pethybridge. "It's a very good cause, and the owners, Jeff and Linda Doerksen from Tim Hortons Carman, appreciate our work and the people we help."



TURTLE, FROM PG. 2

variety of acrylic paints to choose from, allowing them to unleash their creativity on their own 15 lb stone turtle.

BRK member Tracy Enns said the event went swimmingly, and everyone seemed to have a great time. The turtles everyone painted can now be used as stepping stones in their gardens and yards.

"It was unreal to see the different ideas and the different colours and the different designs that came out," she said. "Our community has always been supportive of each other and as I walked around the room and took a look at the incredible differences with the beauty in every turtle, it kind of reminded me of the uniqueness of every person. How we're all so different but work together for a common

The collective goal of the community was to support the Clearwater family memorial. Each spot at the paint night was priced at \$50, and after covering the expenses, Enns estimated that the event raised nearly \$2,000. While the funds were initially intended for the accessible dock project, which has already reached its goal, they will now be directed towards the Clearwater family memorial in Carman.



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Agriculture is part of the solution

By Cam Dahl, General Manager, Manitoba Pork

It is not your great-granddaddy's farm anymore. While some may have nostalgia for the old farm with a little red barn that housed a few chickens, a couple of pigs, and a dairy cow, it is better for both the environment and the economy that agriculture has modernized. Today's farmers have taken, and are taking, key steps to protect our natural resources while maintaining economic sustainability. Farmers are critical in creating solutions to today's environmental challenges while fostering economic growth and job development.

Being part of the environmental solution includes resolving the algae problem in Lake Winnipeg. People across the country are concerned about the health of the lake. Nutrients are fertilizing algae blooms that consume the oxygen in the water, which in turn harm fish populations and other natural life in the lake. Algae-covered beaches limit everyone's enjoyment of the lake and harm businesses that rely on Manitoba's short tourist season. There have been countless studies and action plans, but solving this complex problem remains elusive.

Some have pointed a finger at Manitoba's farmers as contributing to the problems at Lake Winnipeg. This ignores the significant strides that agriculture has taken to ensure that the right nutrients are put in the right place and at the right time to maximize crop growth and limit nutrient runoff. Gone are the days of the little red barn where manure was spread on the surface without knowing its nutrient content or where fertilizer was applied without knowing what the plants needed.

Modernization of agriculture has revolutionized nutrient management. Take today's hog operations in Manitoba as an example. Before applying manure, farmers are required to file manure management plans with the provincial government. These nutrient management plans are tailored to the specific crop being grown and include soil sampling to help prevent the over-application of nutrients. Over 90 percent of hog manure in Manitoba is injected below the soil surface or incorporated into the soil immediately after application to prevent runoff and to position this valuable nutrient next to the seed where it is needed. Before application, the manure itself is sampled to give an accurate understanding of its nutrient content.

Advances in technology are making the application of manure more precise. Modern equipment can test the flow as the manure is applied, using near-infrared technology, and vary application rates in real-time. Farmers use global positioning technology, ultrasonic speed sensors, and radar to ensure that manure is applied in the right place and at the right rate. The technology that allows farmers to maximize the benefits of this natural fertilizer also helps to minimize nutrient leaching into waterways, including Lake Winnipeg. Similar advances in precision farming are allowing those who use synthetic fertilizers to apply plant nutrition in a way that maximizes its value.

Modern agriculture uses plant nutrition more precisely and efficiently while reducing the potential for negative environmental impacts and producing more food for consumers in Canada and worldwide. This is what being part of the solution means to Manitoba's farmers.

Being part of the solution can also mean taking action beyond the farm. Farmers are prepared to do this and ready to participate in a broad effort to develop solutions to the challenges facing Lake Winnipeg. As a first step we need to bring together expertise from all parts of the Lake Winnipeg basin - call this the Lake Winnipeg



Cam Dahl, General Manager Manitoba Pork

Task Group. The Task Group, which can be called together by the Province of Manitoba, should include representatives from livestock agriculture, representatives from grain and oilseed farmers, representatives from First Nations, and representatives from Manitoba municipalities, including the City of Winnipeg. The Task Group should also include thirdparty scientific expertise to steer the discussions.

The Task Group should be mandated to outline science-based measures designed to reduce nutrient flow into the lake. Some of the potential action items have already been discussed, such as rehabilitating marshes that filter incoming water, ensuring untreated sewage does not flow into the Red River, and increasing the understanding of the "right source, right place, right rate, and right time" principles for nutrient application in agriculture. The Task Group should be charged with presenting ways of breaking down barriers to the adoption of these known solutions as well as new ideas to keep Lake Winnipeg healthy. And finally, the Task Group should be forward-looking and action-oriented rather than a body that rehashes the finger-pointing that occurred in the past.

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FIINN takes the stage at Manitou Opera House June 1

By Lorne Stelmach

There is a family dynamic in play when the Manitoba musical group FIINN takes to the stage.

The band is built around three brothers —Daniel, John and Matt Baron—who have taken their unique friendship and musical talents to craft one of the best musical acts to come out of the prairies

As they prepared for a Saturday, June 1 gig at the Manitou Opera House with local opening act Lakes and Pines, they reflected on how they navigate their relationship while collaborating on music.

"As brothers do, we weren't always really the best of friends, but eventually, through music, we developed an amazing rapport of writing and working together," said John. "That's probably my favourite thing to do: write music with Dan and Matt.'

"I don't think we have a rivalry because that would make three different bands then," said Matt "We're able to be honest with each other in the creative process and we're on the same page enough that we understand each other's ideas.'

"We take our sibling rivalries out on the soccer field," he added.

The double bill featuring Lakes and Pines and FI-INN will be an opportunity to take in two up-andcoming bands in the alt-rock/indie-rock scene in

Lakes and Pines released their first full-length album Peace Comes at Last in 2017. Its 11 tracks showcase dynamic compositions that delve into themes of nature and the human condition. Each song intertwines acoustic roots with ambient guitars, varied rhythms and a prominent string section.

FIINN meanwhile also features Charlotte Friesen and Michael Dunn, and the five of them together create haunting melodies, clever rhythms, and unique soundscapes.

FIINN was initially formed in 2014 when it put out a folk-inspired EP. In 2016, they changed musical direction and decided to write music that they enjoyed playing, not particularly paying attention to a specific genre. This inspired their EP Godsend in 2017 and then later the full-length album Try Me

Now FIINN are excited to be releasing the Already Gone album this coming fall with a collection of songs written with some vulnerability in mind.

Some of the biggest influences in FIINN's music come from another local band, Royal Canoe, but they have a wide variety of musical influences behind their sound.

"Most of our EP songs are riddled with existential metaphors, historical references and references to landmarks such as the infamous Red River," noted Daniel, who added that a change was in the works for Try Me with a shift in focus to writing music that reflected personal experience. That album's songs were written prior to COVID-19's appearance in the world.



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FIINN, featuring siblings Daniel, John, and Matt Baron alongside Charlotte Friesen and Michael Dunn, perform in Manitou next month.

"It wasn't really by design the album has that theme, it just came together that way," said Matt. "A lot of the songs cover that internal monologue."

"These are really fun songs to hear live, if you can imagine, and really fun to play," he concluded.

Proceeds from the Manitou show will go towards maintenance and upkeep of the opera house.

The concert begins at 7 p.m. The doors and cash bar open at 6 p.m.

Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$15 for 17 and under. You can call or text 204-242- 4287 for tickets.

Carman Memorial and Carman Wellness Connections funding announced

By Lana Meier

Manitoba's Premier Wab Kinew, has pledged his government's support for a memorial and allocated \$300,000 to a non-profit organization that played a crucial role in aiding the community of Carman following the tragic murders of five Manitobans in February. This announcement was made on May 1.

"Earlier this year the people of Carman experienced an unspeakable tragedy, but in that darkness Manitobans helped each other," said Kinew. "The front-line staff of Carman Wellness Connections reacted swiftly and compassionately to bring healing to the community by providing resources and emotional health support. Our government is proud to support the important work they do."

Carman Wellness Connections offers mental health services and helps community members navigate mental health and wellness resources. The organization, staffed by volunteers, works within the community to find solutions that minimize the impact of limited income. They work to generate connections and opportunities that contribute to the creation of a community where everyone can flourish.

"We are profoundly grateful to the province for their generous support,"

said Karen Tjaden, board member, Carman Wellness Connections. "This significant contribution provides our non-profit charitable organization with the stability and confidence we need to continue our vital work. With this funding, we can enhance our programs, expand our reach and make a lasting difference in the community. Thank you for investing in our mission and promoting wellness for all of Carman and area community mem-

The premier also announced an additional \$20,000 in funding to help the community build a memorial in honour of the victims to remember their lives and stand united against

Town of Carman Mayor Brent Owen expresses deep gratitude towards the community and all Manitobans for their overwhelming support during this challenging period. The generous financial contributions towards Carman Wellness Connections have been greatly appreciated. In addition, the \$20,000 grant from Premier Wab Kinew and his government towards a memorial in Carman is also acknowledged with sincere thanks. This investment will ensure long-term resources and health assistance for our community members.



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Manitobans urged to be vigilant during tick season

Manitoba Health, Seniors and Long-Term Care urges individuals to remain cautious of ticks, implement measures to avoid bites, and understand when treatment may be necessary. Blacklegged ticks, also known as deer ticks, pose a threat to human well-being as they can carry diseases such as Lyme disease, anaplasmosis, babesiosis and Powassan virus disease. These illnesses can have severe consequences, especially for older adults, young children or individuals with weakened immune systems or existing medical issues.

According to public health officials, it is recommended to see a healthcare provider within 72 hours of removing a tick in order to receive preventative treatment for Lyme disease if:

- the bite was from a reliably identified blacklegged tick; and
- the tick was attached for 36 hours or more, or the tick was engorged (filled with blood).

Blacklegged ticks can be found year-round, with their most active periods occurring in the spring and fall when there is no snow on the ground. As these ticks carry potential health risks, it is essential to know how to differentiate them from the common wood tick. While wood ticks are simply a nuisance, they do not transmit diseases in Manitoba. To tell them apart, black-legged ticks have distinct features such as a red-orange body, black legs, and a black spot on their back. These ticks are also smaller than wood ticks; adult females are about the size of

a sesame seed. When engorged with blood, blacklegged ticks will become larger and change colour to grey and brown. Conversely, wood ticks are bigger in size, have a brownish appearance, and white markings on their back. For reference images comparing these two tick species, please visit: www. gov.mb.ca/health/publichealth/cdc/tickborne/ about.html

Anyone who finds a tick on animals, humans or in various habitats can submit a picture to have it identified by experts, to confirm if the tick belongs to a species capable of transmitting diseases. For more information or to submit a picture of a tick, visit www.etick.ca.

Reduce your risk of tick bites and disease expo-

- applying an appropriate tick repellent on exposed skin and clothing, following label direc-
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- staying to the centre of walking trails;
- inspecting yourself, children and pets after spending time outdoors;
- removing ticks as soon as possible from people and pets, using tweezers; and
- keeping grass and shrubs around homes cut short to create drier environments that are less suitable for tick survival.

Milder winters and shifting weather patterns caused by climate change means ticks are expand-



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People are to be on the look out for Blacklegged ticks.

ing their geographical range to more regions of the province, although southern Manitoba remains the highest risk area.

May is Lyme Disease Awareness Month. To learn more about black-legged ticks, tick-borne diseases like Lyme disease, prevention and treatment, visit: www.gov.mb.ca/health/publichealth/cdc/tick-

First of three speedway race weekends coming up May 25-26

By Lorne Stelmach

The roar of the engines will soon be heard at Dead Horse Creek Speedway, and the Valley Motorsports Association is excited to get racing underway again at the track west of Morden.

"We're still pretty new at this ... but we've got one season under our belt, and we learned a lot. We're going to keep at it and continue finding ways to improve it," said president Chris Unrau. "There was pent up demand here for a long time. There's a lot of gearheads in this area, and motorsports is hugely popular ... people need a place for it."

The association formed as a not-forprofit corporation in 2023 and took over operation of the former ALH Motor Speedway. It's made up of a group of grassroots enthusiasts whose mission is to advance motorsports for the enjoyment of the region.

A lot of their efforts last summer focused on revitalizing the track, starting with reshaping and resurfacing it, and there are more improvements being made this year.

"We've put quite a bit of time and energy and effort into further improvements to the facility," said Unrau.

"We've got some permanent lighting that's getting installed. Little Morden Service has come forward to sponsor a lap leaderboard so we can see how many laps remaining in each race and what position are the top four at any time, so that's really exciting.

"We're going to have a large LED video screen this year," he added. "We're also hoping to move towards some kind of a streaming operation where we would get the races streamed live online ... I'm not quite sure when we will get there, but that is a goal."

Three weekend special events are on tap for 2024.

The McNaught Cadillac Cup will be May 25-26 and will include the attendance of the Northern Late Model Racing Association with a top level of late model competitors.

"That's the best of the best in the region ... the top late model drivers from North Dakota, Minnesota, Wisconsin and Manitoba," said Unrau. "It will bring the top competitors and the top high-powered cars. I can't stress with enough excitement how big of a deal it is to have the NLRA come here to our track."



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The Dead Horse Creek Speedway holds its first weekend of races May 25-26 with the McNault Cadillac Cup.

The GVE Deere Run will go July 5-6 featuring the Watermelon Cup modified special as well as the Brad Wall Memorial.

Closing out the season then in conjunction with the Corn and Apple Festival is the Proven Seed King of the Corn Aug. 23-24.

"It's very exciting. We had such a great response from the community last year that we decided to expand a little bit to three race weekends," said Unrau, noting they are grateful to have all three races fully sponsored.

"The response from the community has been fabulous, and what we hear is that there's a lot of people planning to come out to these events this year.

Tickets are on sale at the Gardenland Co-op convenience store locations as well as online. Unrau encouraged people to get their tickets early.

"The sense I get in the community is that there are a lot of people who want to come out."

More information is available online at deadhorsecreekspeedway.ca.

Flashback... Memories of Sperling school in the 70s, 80s

Former students share stories from teenage times

By Dennis Young

The number of students at the Sperling school declined quickly after the fall of 1963, when Grades 9 to 11 were moved to Carman.

Students who attended the school in the 70s and 80s shared fond memories with the Standard of their days in the schoolhouse.

Joanne Hamilton 1958-1967: "Field days were the best. Always striving to be best at whatever I could. I remember snow forts — burrowing under the snow that could collapse at any moment. And of course, the time I 'accidentally' burned down the little shed in the tree line. The teacher I remember most was Donna McLean who loved her students. She struggled with arthritis but had the most beautiful penmanship. I still have two report cards with comments 'Joanne would do better in class if she would stop her incessant chatter' or 'Joanne would do better in class if she would stop bothering her neighbours.' Do you see a theme here?"

Gordon Brown 1962-1968: "After my first two years in the Masonic Lodge, moving to the 'big brick school' was like moving to a royal estate. The school with its large, high ceiling rooms, wide hallways and the principal's office at the end of the hallway was very impressive to a youngster. One item of social gossip was the report from a student that their older brother was dating one of the teachers and it turned out that Miss Kolbaski returned from summer holidays as Mrs. Delaloye. Pat Jenkins was a constant teacher/principal through my years."

Bob Pauls 1961-1968: "One incident involved the portrait of the Queen at the front of the classroom. A group of boys had snaffled onto a picture out a Playboy, and over the lunch hour had taped it over top of the portrait. When the teacher walked into the room and saw the picture, she almost smiled (almost), then said she was going to step out of the classroom for a few minutes and expected the picture to be gone when she got back. It was.

Then grades 7-8 left in 1971 leaving just 35 attending 1-6 and 3 staff later down to 2. The house used as a teacherage until 1974 was sold to the Holmes family.

Grades 7 and 8 left in 1971, leaving just 35 students in Grades 1 through 6, and three staff who later dwindled

down to two. The A house used as a teacherage until 1974, was sold to the Holmes family."

Sandra Baleja Kippen: 1967-1973: "We were not allowed to go and play in the water come spring. If we did and got wet, we would go to the office where they had some dress up clothes that we would wear back to class so you would be embarrassed and not do it again. In Carman, I missed Sperling's small classrooms and the oneon-one attention and science projects that you got. I remember singing the song, 'The ants go marching one by one hurrah hurrah' and then two by two etc. downstairs. The girls lined up in the gym the boys in the hall and you would never know who you were going to get paired up with. Us girls would hope we get paired up with soand-so and hope we don't get paired up with so-and-so. We always looked forward to our annual track and field day against Brunkild especially when it was our turn to go there."

Donna Ferris-Porter 1971-1976: "Skating along the ditch beside the playground/yard, climbing the trees, the huge slide, and the blended classes. The washrooms were like outhouses in large rooms. Great memories of some great teachers like Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. Rose & Mrs. Biggar."

Erika Baleja Bodnaruk 1972-1978: "The 'forbidden classroom' upstairs that was always locked and you could only go in there for things like picture day or to watch a film on the old film strip projector. The creepy bathroom downstairs where I was always afraid something would reach up and grab me while using the toilet. Christmas concerts in the downstairs gym were the best and the community all came together to celebrate."

Then, after 63 years with just 21 students in attendance, the doors were not opening in 1987. Midland School Division had informed parents of the possibility of this happening by 1989, but other factors came into play as well. To cut costs, there would have to be a change in staff: one teacher for 20 students, not two.

Parents were against to just one instructor, citing the quality of education their children would get.

"Some parents were opposed to having only one teacher, and therefore, were considering taking their children to Carman," Superintendent Pat Claggett said at the time. "If parents would agree to one teacher, the board would reconsider its decision."

When it was discovered that the assigned teacher was not qualified to handle multi-grades, parents of 16 students opted for Carman leaving only four kids in Sperling. It was even



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For 63 years the brick Sperling School contributed to the nurturing of many students until it was closed in 1987 and demolished in 2006. In 2007 grants and volunteers used the school bricks to build a picnic shelter. Pictured here is the school's commemorative plaque erected in 2015.

suggested by some disgruntled parents this was a ploy by the division to "hurry up" the closure.

"The junior and senior students have been going to Carman for a number of years now" parent spokesman Lyle Rance said at the time. "We'd like to see the younger one's close stay closer to home, but not if good education is sacrificed."

Linda Baleja Scott 1975 to 1980: "There was a metal boot scraper near the front steps, and it was famous for many to get their tongues stuck to it in cold weather, including me. The trees provided many hours of entertainment searching for bugs, snakes, making forts and playing teacher. Going to Carman for Grade 6 was very intimidating, and it was hard making friends as most of the kids had their clique already. I missed school being small and personable. The many fun days there have such a warm place in my heart. We were close friends, and our parents were also close making it one big happy place to grow up."

Brian Reid Phys Ed Teacher 1981-1987: The small gym downstairs was always well taken care of by janitors Charlie and Agnus Rose and despite being small, we were able to work up a good sweat in our classes. One of my favorite memories involved recesses in the spring when I hit fly balls to them. We would always start relatively close, but they would always want me to hit longer and higher fly balls to see if they could catch one. There was always the biggest cheer when one of them caught a "big fly ball". It was times like these that made it special to come to the small schools like Sperling and it was sad to see it close.

Debbie Nairn Russell principal **1984 -1987:** To save money during the student decline, the beautiful glass block windows were knocked out and ceilings lowered. We had to move around to find a warm space to work (wearing mitts) and some days had to close as it was too cold. We did not have flush toilets (ever) in that school, just stalls in the basement over a tank that could get a bit ripe sometimes. Travelling book salesmen always needed a pit stop and would come back upstairs wide eyed, slightly ashen and in shock that we didn't have flush toilets. Got the BEST deals on books lol. There were great stories too... like sticking my arm out the door to ring the handbell, being on outdoor duty literally all the time and helping the kids build the best snow forts I've ever seen.

In 1987 Sperling organized a Reunion held at the school yard. Over 600 enjoyed reminiscing at the dinner/dance, wine & cheese, beer gardens, baseball tournament and church service.

The brick structure sat empty, except for the odd exercise class, until burst pipes flooded the basement due to lack of heat leading towards demolition in 2006. The contents were sold off or grabbed for souvenirs while a portion of the brick was turned into a beautiful picnic shelter the next year. The 1924 cornerstone is preserved there as well along with a commemorative plaque that was installed in

For a full 63-year list of staff go to: https://www.mhs.mb.ca/docs/ sites/sperlingschool.shtml

Carman students compete at regional Envirothon

By Ty Dilello

On April 17, two teams of five students from Carman Collegiate participated in the Envirothon Regional Competition at Pinkerton Lakes near Treherne.

Envirothon, the annual hands-on outdoor environmental education competition for high school students, saw both Carman teams emerge victorious in their respective regional competitions. This significant achievement has earned them a spot in the provincial competition, a testament to their dedication and hard work. The provincial competition will be held at the **International Peace Gardens** at the Canada/USA border south of Boissevain from May 23-25.

The Envirothon is designed to encourage teamwork, problem-solving, and public speaking while fostering an appreciation for current environmental issues.

Envirothon, a unique

blend of team competition, environmental learning, and hands-on activities, is not just a competition but a platform for students to develop crucial skills. This approach to environmental education equips students with the necessary tools to tackle environmental issues, fostering collaboration, critical thinking, and public debate skills. It's an inspiring journey of growth and learning.

Thirty-three teams from high schools across the province will now participate in the provincial Envirothon competition from May 23 to 25. The winner of the provincial event will then attend the international NCF Envirothon event in July.

"Both of our Carman teams were excited to qualify for the provincial competition and are looking forward to taking part later this month at the International Peace Garden," said Carman Collegiate teacher Rosanne Massinon.







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On April 17, two teams of five students from Carman Collegiate participated in the Envirothon Regional Competition at Pinkerton Lakes near Treherne. Both teams have advanced to the upcoming provincials. From left to right: Ezra Doell, Ryan Penner, Jacob Florell, Mackenzie Dyck, Daniel Beichter, Sara Gross, Wynelle Dueck, Wrenly Crampton, Lochlan Murray,

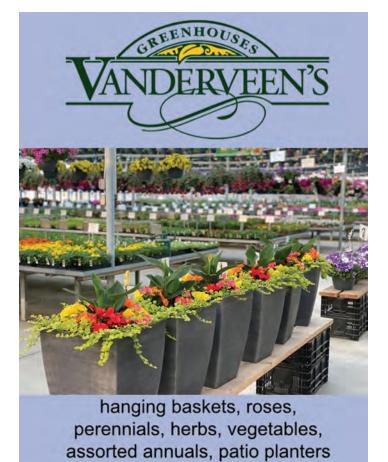
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had continued to produce powerful solar flares. That's on top of previously observed coronal mass ejections (CMEs), or explosions of magnetized plasma. that wouldn't reach Earth until Saturday night. The agency had been monitoring a particularly active sunspot cluster since Wednesday, and confirmed on Friday that it had observed G5 conditions the level designated "extreme" — which haven't been seen since October 2003. In a press release on Friday, Clinton Wallace, Director, NOAA's Space Weather Prediction Center, said the current storm is "an unusual and potentially historic event."

Geomagnetic storms happen when outbursts from the sun interact with Earth's magnetosphere. While it all has kind of a scary ring to it, people on the ground don't really have anything to worry about. As NASA explained on X, "Harmful radiation from a flare cannot pass through Earth's atmosphere" to physically affect us. These storms can mess with our technology, though, and have been known to disrupt communications, GPS, satellite operations and even the power grid.

Spinning for Genesis House



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Nine teams of participants kept the bikes spinning for 12 hours straight at the Aura Studio and Genesis House Spin-a-Thon at the Meridian Exhibition Centre Saturday. The event raised \$7,379 for the women's shelter, and organizers say they're already brainstorming about how to make their second such event bigger and better.



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From Latin dance to farming: a tale of agricultural passion

By Lori Penner

In a surprising turn of events, Cherilyn Jolly-Nagel traded her dance shoes for work boots, leaving behind a thriving career as a Latin dance instructor at Club Med to embark on a new journey in agriculture, much to the shock of her friends and family.

Reflecting on that decision more than two decades later, Jolly-Nagel, formerly the president of the Western Canadian Wheat Growers Association, said, "I left a dream job, and when I fell in love with agriculture, I found my other dream job. I loved what I was doing, but it was a personal challenge to find my place on the farm."

Little did she know that her encounter with her high school sweetheart and her newfound love for agriculture would redefine her career trajectory.

Today, alongside her husband David, Jolly-Nagel manages a bustling family farm in Mossbank, Saskatchewan. But her contributions to the agricultural world don't end there. She has become a prominent voice in the industry, hosting Farm Show TV and engaging audiences across the country on various agriculture-related topics.

However, Jolly-Nagel's journey hasn't been without its hurdles. She recalls a time when morale among

producers was low, and the agricultural industry faced skepticism and disinterest from the public.

"When I got into agriculture, I didn't know that farmers are their own worst enemy. At that time, I realized it wasn't the general population losing enthusiasm for the agricultural industry, it was the farmers themselves."

"Newspapers shared nothing but doom and gloom financial projections. There were no jobs and no young people who wanted to be part of it. When I graduated, farming was not a popular career choice. And yet, there I was, massively gung-ho to join the ranks of the farming crew."

Over the next 20 years, agricultural policy became her focus.

"I should have known that was going to be my fate because I always loved to argue. I will forever be in debt to the Western Canadian Wheat Growers Association that welcomed me to that table with zero experience. They let me cut my teeth on the policy issues that we were working so hard at, and represent that organization. I had the enthusiasm they needed."

Over the years, Jolly-Nagel has tirelessly advocated for the industry, emphasizing the importance of promoting its practices. She highlights the need to bridge the gap between farmers and the public, dispelling misconceptions and building trust through open dialogue and shared values.

She admits that she grossly underestimated the importance of building relationships with the public and showing them how much farmers truly care about the land and the environment and the safety of our food system.

"I took for granted that because my family has been farming some of the same land for more than 100 years, that was enough to gain their trust. We thought we were always going to have their trust. And we just walked out of the tractor one day and wondered why doesn't anybody trust us? And we didn't realize that we needed to be building a relationship with the public first."

So much of the confusion stems from public perception. Or rather, misconception.

'Most consumers picture farms as that little red barn and farming practices from 50 years ago. And we have not done enough of the effort to bring them back up to the present day. Agriculture has gone through tremendous technological change. From precision planting to drone technology. It's the most scientifically advanced industry on the globe. The public doesn't know how we're farming, but even more, they don't know who is farming."

Misinformation runs rampant, she



STANDARD PHOTO BY LORI PENNER Cherilyn Jolly-Nagel believes it's time to share the good stories about farming, and educate the public on what the modern farmer actually does.

"We haven't done a good job explaining not only what we do in agriculture, but who is doing it. We just never took a lot of time to fill in that

"Canadians are now two generations removed from the family farm. From having relatives on the farm, to losing the common sense of how food is grown. If they're only getting their information online, what are they finding? It's not good. If they look up meat, it's bad. GMOs are the worst. Pesticides. Sugar is bad. Chemicals are bad. Everything they read online about farming is bad."

How do we change it? Sharing your values, Jolly-Nagel says, is three to five times more effective with building trust than sharing scientific facts and expertise.

"We don't take a minute during the day to think about the values that are behind every decision we make on the farm. I would suggest if you're using fungicides, and you don't know why, you shouldn't use them. If you really haven't taken a minute about why



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Safety top of mind for farmers, and both levels of government

By Autumn Fehr

As the agriculture industry continues to evolve, so do the challenges with farm safety — pushing producers to embrace a culture of safety in the industry.

Early this year, the federal and provincial governments, through the Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership — a five-year, \$3.5 billion investment by the governments to support the industry — announced they will invest over \$1.5 million over the next five years in the Keystone Agricultural Producers (KAP) for the FarmSafe Manitoba program to promote safe and healthy farm operations in Manitoba.

"As equipment and practices evolve and change the day-to-day realities on Canadian farms, it's vitally important that we take steps to protect our agricultural workers and their families," said federal Agriculture and Agri-Food Minister Lawrence MacAulay. "This important investment will help farmers access essential tools and information to manage risks effectively and keep farming operations in Manitoba safe, sustainable and productive."

The Canadian Agricultural Injury Reporting's most recent findings prove this investment to be crucial.

The report found that between 1990 and 2020, 2,814 agriculture-related fatalities were reported in Canada, averaging 91 deaths per year. Although, between 2006 and 2020, the average number of fatalities dropped by 70 a

Even though this report shows a significant decrease in fatalities on Canadian farms, it still shows that lives are being lost in the workplace, which means work still needs to be done to promote farm safety education and support.

The FarmSafe Manitoba program provides resources for farm safety, such as machinery operation, livestock handling, chemical handling and emergency preparedness. The program aims to reduce workplace injuries and fatalities and promote a safety culture within the agricultural community.

FarmSafe Manitoba provides farmspecific resources, safety assessments, hazard identification, risk management guidance and training sessions.

"This funding provides KAP with the ability to deliver the FarmSafe Manitoba program, which provides Manitoba producers with a suite of resources, tools and services to help them manage safety on their farms,' said Jill Verwey, president of KAP. 'With an increased demand for these tools and services, KAP will be able to support Manitoba producers in their efforts to be safer in their operations and continue to promote what they have available at their disposal."

For farmers like Craig Riese, who has worked as a producer in the Selkirk area for 30 years, farm safety is a "day-to-day thing."

"They (KAP) put the tools and the resources in place, so farmers like myself can contact them, and they can help you put your safety plan in place. They will come out and tour your farm. I've had them out in the past. KAP can't fund this program themselves — they need the money from the provincial and federal government to keep this program going," Riese said.

Growing up on a farm, he's seen the firsthand evolution of technologies and the importance of considering farm safety in all his daily operations as a grain farmer, harvesting wheat, canola, soybeans and corn.

Riese's daily duties vary depending on the season. For example, a day in January is very different from a day in May through November, he said. But no matter the season, safety is always a part of it.

"No longer can a farmer just be enrolled in the Worker's Compensation Board and think that's a farm safety plan. When you have employees, as many farms have now, that are not family members, you are, under the law, obligated to have them in Worker's Compensation, but that's not the end of where the farm safety needs to be. That's just a starting point. We have to, as farmers now, with employees, prove that we are taking safety seriously, that we are training our staff, and that we're giving our staff the tools that they need to work safely," he said.

Riese has taken advantage of the FarmSafe program. Specifically, the documentation aspect has been enlightening for him, and he has learned just how important it is to know your plan and what you are doing.

"It's unimportant until something goes wrong, but if something goes wrong, the onus is on the farmer to prove that they've done safety training and have a safe plan for their farm," said Riese.

Riese encourages all Manitoba farmers to take advantage of the free program to find out where their shortcomings are or what they can do to take some small steps to start documenting safety on the farm.

"As the owners and operators of their farming operations, farmers and ranchers need to be supported in the efforts they take to protect themselves, their families and their workers," said Manitoba Agriculture Minister Ron Kostyshyn. "FarmSafe Manitoba is an invaluable resource that gives producers the ability to use their knowledge and experience to foster a safety culture that promotes physical and mental well-being."

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you use pesticides and why choose to grow genetically modified canola, then maybe that privilege won't be there forever. And I realized if I don't really know why I need access to fertilizer, that privilege can go away real fast."

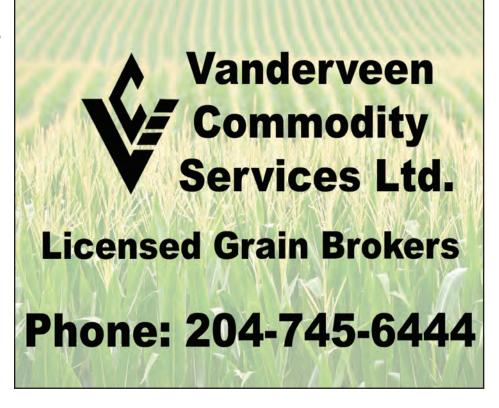
When those horror stories hit the media, producers are forced to react

Jolly-Nagel says farmers need to get to a place where they can promote the industry rather than always being on the defence.

"Start sharing stories about life on the farm. I spend much of my time speaking to an urban audience and sharing the good news stories and I encourage you to do the same."

By sharing stories of life on the farm and championing the values that guide their decisions, Jolly-Nagel believes they can shape a brighter future for agriculture and inspire the next generation of proud farmers.

"We all agree it's important that the next generation is proud of the agricultural industry and a part of that heritage is acknowledging the role that farmers need to play. We must share the good news stories and put our values first. Those tools that we have available to us are a privilege. And if you're using one of those tools today, on your farm, think about it as a privilege so that the next generation will continue to be able to use it. When I think of all the tools that can be taken away, it's a pretty bleak future for the next generation."



Notre Dame school damaged in early morning fire

By Ty Dilello

On the morning of May 7, a fire broke out in the gymnasium of the Notre Dame-de-Lourdes Regional School.

Local fire departments are deeming it an "accidental fire," as the fire started before the students arrived, and no one was injured. Firefighters were able to bring the fire under control and put it out.

The fire began after the janitor had turned on the power in the school that morning. Something had sparked at that time when he turned on the power and the fire just started in the gymnasium.

Lots of equipment in the gym was damaged as there was lots of fire and smoke damage in the entirety of the gym as well as the school.

According to Francophone School Division Superintendent Alain Laberge, the gymnasium has suffered

extensive damage. Recent reports have confirmed that the floor was destroyed and will need to be replaced due to the fire. The cause of the fire is still under investigation but it is believed to be due to an electrical or mechanical issue. Unfortunately, the fire also spread to the mattresses in the gym, which are made of chemical materials. Additionally, the wooden ceiling was also affected by the flames.

As the gymnasium was situated within the school, the rest of the building was also impacted by the fire. The smoke has caused enough damage that about two-thirds of the school is unusable.

Repairs will be done to the gymnasium and other areas of the school in the coming months, with the goal of completing everything before students come back from their summer break in September.

Classes have been temporarily relocated to the nearby Notre Dame Arena in the meantime.

"There's lots of inspections that need to be done

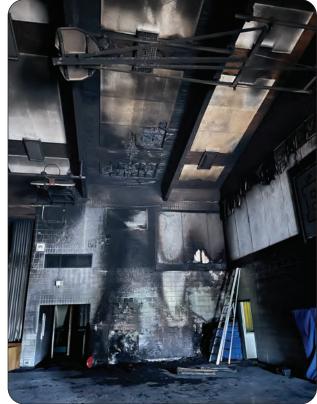
in the gym and the roof," said Notre Dame School principal Daniel Couture. "Next week, we will find out the day that we can move into the north side of the school. But the south side that was more affected by the smoke, that's still a ways away and might go into the summer."

A big thanks goes out to the Notre Dame, Treherne and Somerset Fire Departments that all came out to help with putting out the fire.

"They had to work hard at it, and we're just so thankful that everyone got mobilized and worked together," said Couture. "They did an amazing job."

Couture notes that Notre Dame students are in pretty high spirits now that a few days have passed since the fire.

"There were some rough days thinking about the losses in the gym, but everything is going better now. We're getting a ton of support from the community and coming together, so we'll get through this one day at a time."



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An accidental fire occurred in the gymnasium of the Notre Dame-de-Lourdes Regional School on the morning of May 7, causing significant smoke damage that will take months to repair. Fortunately, no injuries were reported.



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cated police forces, such as the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) or the Sûreté du Québec in Quebec, others rely on contract policing with the RCMP. Provincial police officers enforce both provincial laws and regulations, as well as federal laws within their jurisdiction.

3. Municipal police

At the municipal level, police services are provided by local law enforcement agencies. These agencies are responsible for policing within specific cities, towns or municipalities. Officers at this level handle various duties, including responding to emergency calls, conducting investigations and patrolling neighbourhoods to ensure public safety.

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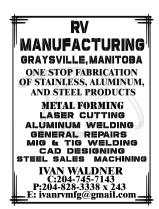
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Sotheran leads Winterhawks to WHL finals

By Kieran Reimer

Sanford's Carter Sotheran is causing a stir in the playoffs of the Western Hockey League.

The 2023 fifth-round draft pick for the Philadelphia Flyers has been a dominant presence on the Portland Winterhawks' defence throughout the entire season. Sotheran is a key reason the team will play in the WHL Championship.

Standing tall at 6'3, 198 pounds on the blue line, Sotheran can be found making plays all over the ice while having a sense of when to jump into a play or stay back.

In his second season with the club, the 18-year-old defenceman scored 13 goals and 27 assists in 66 regular-season games and is continuing to improve in the playoffs, where he has 4 goals and 7 assists in 15 games and a plus-20 rating.

"My skating has gotten a lot better, and a lot smoother," said Sotheran following a 2-1 double overtime victory over the Prince George Cougars that sent the Winterhawks to the WHL Championship.

"Just confidence, playing with the puck, having poise, stuff like that. That's my biggest improvement since the off-season."

Sotheran's Winterhawks features one of the most stacked rosters in the WHL, with multiple 100-point players and seven NHL draft picks.

In the regular season, the Winter-hawks finished first in the WHL's U.S. Division and third in the league overall.

During the playoffs, they swept the first two rounds against the Victoria Royals and Everett Silvertips before eliminating the Cougars in six games in the semi-finals.

Sotheran points to his team's tight bond, which for some Winterhawks players dates back to the 2019-20 season when some of their current players joined the team.

"It's easy just knowing each other and having each other's backs," said Sotheran. "The depth we have is pretty crazy the way anyone can go out there and do their thing and

put pucks in the back of the net, play good defence, and it's been kicking for us all season. It's been a good year, and everything is coming together full circle."

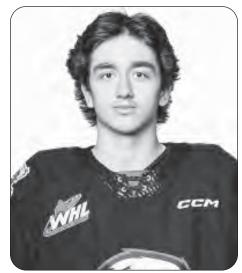
The Winterhawks are one of the more Manitoba-heavy teams in WHL with four players from across the province.

Winnipeg's Alex Thompson and Russell's Ryder Thompson play alongside Sotheran on the backend, while Birtle's Aiden Sotas has been absent from the forward group all season with injury.

For them, representing their province is something they are embracing as Moose Jaw features only one Manitoban in Dominion City's Denton Mateychuk.

"It's a huge honour," said Sotheran. "Being from Manitoba, not a lot of guys are left (in the playoffs) so just trying to represent my town and my province is a huge thing for me and hopefully we can take it all the way."

The Winterhawks now head to Moose Jaw, SK for games three and



Carter Sotheran

four where they will aim to even up the best-of-seven series.

Games three and four will go Tuesday and Wednesday night at 9 p.m. central time from Moose Jaw Events Centre.

The winner of the series will represent the WHL in the 104th Memorial Cup in Saginaw, MI at the end of the month.

U15 Central Energy earns two big wins over the weekend

By Ty Dilello

On May 12, the U15 Central Energy team earned two big victories in the Manitoba Premier Softball League (MSPL) standings when they dismantled Smitty's Terminators in both games of their double-header by 11-2 and 20-0 counts.

With the wins, U15 Central Energy moves to second place in the MPSL standings with a record of 3-1.

"Hot bats and great pitching today made us tough to beat," said U15 Central Energy coach Kevin Perrin. "We are a skilled group of athletes who are fun to coach, and I'm excited to see how far we can take this team. The season has started off with a bang, going three wins and one loss to start, with only giving up two hits in the game we lost."

In the first game, Mya Richard collected three hits in three at-bats as Central Energy cruised to an 11-2 win. She tripled in the second inning, doubled in the first inning, and singled in the fourth inning. Central Energy scored seven runs on multiple hits in the second inning on the way to victory. And Shyanne Goertzen earned the win for the team as she only gave up four hits and two runs over three and one-third innings, striking out seven and walking two people.

Game 2 of the doubleheader saw Ella Conrad collect three hits in three at-bats as Central Energy won again by a 20-0 scoreline. Conrad doubled and singled in the first inning and added another single in the third inning. Addison Nikkel earned the win for Central Energy on the mound as the lefty gave up one hit and zero runs over four innings, striking out eight and walking none.

The U15 Central Energy team is off to Calgary this weekend for the May Long Invitational Tournament and looks forward to competing against some strong competition. They will return to MPSL action on May 25 with a doubleheader (12 noon and 2 p.m.) against the Interlake Phillies at Quarry Park in Stonewall.

The U13 Central Energy team was also in action over the weekend as they dropped both games of its doubleheader with Smitty's Terminators by 8-7 scores in both games.

In the first game of the doubleheader, Kelsey Dyck led the Energy with two hits in an 8-7 loss. Central Energy trailed early but took the lead in the top of the sixth. Lindsay French grounded out, scoring three runs, to give Central the lead, 7-6. The Terminators scored on a passed ball, which helped

Smitty's tie the game at seven in the bottom of the sixth and go on to eventual victory. Dyck led things off in the circle for Central Energy. The left-handed pitcher gave up four hits and two runs over three innings, striking out five and walking none.

In the second game, Central Energy once again outhit Smitty's eight to four but again fell 8-7 in the final score. Hailey Baldwin led Central Energy with two hits in three at-bats. They fought back in the game after falling behind by five runs in the first inning, but the comeback fell just short. Collins Vrooman started the game for Central Energy in the circle and gave up two hits and seven runs (five earned) over three innings, striking out five and walking six. Brady Wiebe pitched three innings, allowing two hits and accumulating three strikeouts.

The U13 Central Energy falls to last place in the MPSL standings now with a record of 1-5. The U13 squad is back in action with a game at 2 p.m. on June 1 at Stonewall's Quarry Park against the Interlake Phillies

The Central Energy U17 team had the weekend off but will return to the diamond on May 18 with a doubleheader against the Smitty's Terminators at 12 noon and 2 p.m. in Morden on Diamond 2.

Carman Cougars have banner badminton season

Carman Collegiate's junior varsity and varsity badminton teams had a successful 2023-24 season at their zone and provincial events.

The Zone 4 championship was held from April 22-25, with only eight players/teams qualifying for the final day of the tournament. The final zone results for Carman's athletes are as follows:

Junior Varsity

Boys Singles - Zach Pritchard (1st), Adam Reimer (7th)

Girls Singles: Megan Gross (4th)

Boys Doubles - Carson O'Connor and Linden Findlay (2nd), Brody Benner and Jackson Best (5th)

Girls Doubles - Sierra Orchard and Gracie Wiebe (2nd), Presley Wolfe and Sophia Cox (3rd)

Mixed Doubles - Carley Southern and Logan Green (7th)

Aggregate Points - Carman was first with 73 points (23 points more than the next school)

Senior Varsity

Boys Singles - Griffin Carnelley (2nd), Nate Phillips (3rd)

Girls Singles - Sara Gross (3rd)

Boys Doubles - Cade MacCallum and Ryder Wolfe (1st), Josh Hiebert and Brayden Cox (4th)

Mixed Doubles - Jayci Best and



The senior varsity team won the Zone IV banner.

Zander Cox (1st), Andrew Wolfe and Leah Findlay (7th)

Aggregate Points - Carman was first with 81 points (37 points more than the next school)

The top two teams/players in each category from the zones qualified for the provincials (unless a top two team can't go in which the next team moves up) that were held last weekend at the Sport for Life Centre in Winnipeg.

At provincials, all teams/players play round robin games in a pool of eight, with the top four in each pool making playoffs. All of Carman's teams at provincials qualified for the playoff rounds and their results are below.

Junior Varsity

Boys Singles - Zach Pritchard (6th) Boys Doubles - Carson O'Connor and Linden Findlay (8th)

Girls Doubles - Presley Wolfe and Sophia Cox were (9th)

Aggregate - Third place overall in the province

Senior Varsity

Boys Singles - Griffin Carnelley (11th)

Boys Doubles - Ryder Wolfe and



Carman Collegiate's junior varsity won STANDARD PHOTOS BY JAMES BALLANTYNE champion honours at the recent Zone 4 championship that was held from April 22-25.

Cade MacCallum (4th)

Mixed Doubles - Jayci Best and Zander Cox (7th)

Aggregate - Third place overall in the province

"Overall, we had an outstanding badminton season with over 50 students participating," said Carman Collegiate's athletic director James Ballantyne. "We hosted nine tournaments at the school, and won both aggregate banners despite being a much smaller school than others we were competing with and had some excellent provincial results."

Basketball Manitoba 3x3 provincial high school champs

By Ty Dilello

On April 26, Carman Collegiate was victorious at the first-ever 3x3 Manitoba High School Basketball A/AA Boys Championship in Winnipeg after defeating Souris School in the provincial final by a 21-19 score.

Basketball Manitoba partnered with the Winnipeg Sea Bears to organize and host the first annual 2024 Manitoba High School 3x3 Championships. Forty five boys and girls teams from around Manitoba competed in the AAAA, AAA, and A/AA classification levels. The event was played at the Sport Manitoba Courts (aka Canada Games Sport for Life Centre).

It was a streetball atmosphere with the advantage of the excellent gym facilities at Manitoba Sport for Life Centre in downtown Winnipeg.

Carman's team included Josh Hiebert, Jack Bausman, Lee Gomez, Zander Cox, and



STANDARD PHOTO BY LARISA ENS Sanford - Penner Collegiate, including Ivy B., Ryan

Carman Collegiate captured the A/AA Boys Championship. Players from left M., Halle P. and Anjali S. defeated John Taylor 11-8 to right, Josh Hiebert, Jack Bausman, Lee Gomez, Zander Cox and Brayden Cox. to be named the AAA Girls Champions.

Brayden Cox, as they played

three-on-three basketball for

the first time in a provincial

"The event did not disap-

point," said Carman's 3x3

basketball coach, Larisa Ens.

"It was a full day of ballin'

with nine courts playing si-

multaneously to the beat of

a live DJ all day long. The

event was not only fantas-

championship setting.

tic basketball, but also there was time between events to meet fellow competitors from other schools who also love basketball, cheer on some big games, and take part in the three-point shooting competition at lunch."

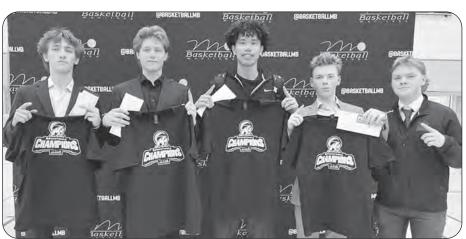
Carman Collegiate was thrilled to take part in such a classy event and even more pumped to win the A/AA Boys Championship.

"The final game had our Cougars up against Souris in a tight game," said Ens. "Jack Bausman hit a three-pointer to win the game. The team was rewarded with Championship t-shirts and a Boston Pizza/Sea Bears prize pack including tickets to the game. It was an absolutely fantastic day."

Other winners from the Pembina Valley included:

The Sanford - Penner Collegiate team defeated John Taylor 11-8 to be named the AAA Girls Champions.

Rosenort SCH #1 beat Ross L. Gray School 20-7 in the Girls A-AA division to win the championship.



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Krahn takes top spot in season-opener

By Ty Dilello

Carman's Keira Krahn emerged as the winner at the 2024 MJT Adidas Golf Series tournament held at Kildonan Park Golf Course in Winnipeg on May 4 and 5.

The Maple Leaf Junior Golf Tour is Canada's top Junior Golf Tour as well as the only national junior tour run exclusively by PGA of Canada Professionals and the 'Road to College Golf' in Canada. At the most recent tournament held at Kildonan Park, a large group of young golfers, aged nine to 19, traveled from four different provinces to showcase their abilities and sportsmanship in six age categories.

Krahn captured the MJT Girls 15-17 and Low Overall Girls title on the weekend by shooting a 76 and a 77 over the two-day tournament, with a remarkable tally of nine birdies throughout the weekend. In the end,

she won her first MJT Tour event by four strokes over her good friend and curling teammate India Young, who is also out of the Carman Golf and Country Club.

> It was a great start to the season for Krahn, who is a Grade 12 student at Carman Collegiate that first started golfing regularly only in the summer of 2020 during the pandemic.

"My friend India and I were bored when COVID began and were looking for something to do," said Keira Krahn. "We decided to take

up golf and fell in love with the sport right away. We entered our first tournament at the Carman Golf Club the summer after, and I realized I loved the competitive side of golf as well."

Krahn was very excited to be able to

win in her first golf tournament of the 2024 calendar year at Kildonan Park.

"I put in a lot of work in the winter, so I was looking forward to seeing how that would translate to tournament play," said Krahn. "I went into the tournament feeling confident with all of my clubs and was very eager to get out and play the first round. Early on, after the first few holes, I felt I was swinging pretty well, and my putting stroke felt solid. I then realized if I kept playing the way I was I could give myself a chance to win. Fortunately, I was able to stay focused and consistent with my game throughout the 36 holes and secured the win."

Krahn has set her sights on the Provincial Junior Championship this season, with hopes of securing a spot in the Nationals to be held in British Columbia this July. Along with this, she has already qualified for both the East Coast Junior Championship and FCG Callaway World Championship. Unfortunately, due to scheduling conflicts, she will be unable to attend either event.



STANDARD PHOTO SUBMITTED Carman's Keira Krahn captured her first-ever MJT Tour stop title at the Kildonan Park Golf Course in Winnipeg from May 4-5 after shooting a 76 and 77, which put her up by four strokes over the next closest competitor.

"Between now and then, I have numerous tournaments scheduled and will continue to work hard to improve my game."

Carman Cardinals to host senior mens home opener

By Ty Dilello

The Border Baseball League is set to start another season of senior ball in southern Manitoba this week.

The Carman Cardinals, a proud participant in the prestigious Border Baseball League, will commence their seventh year with a road game on May 14 against the Winkler Whips. The opening pitch is scheduled for 7 p.m.

All eight teams in the Border Baseball League are playing again this year. Carman will be in the East Division with the Altona Bisons, Morden Mud Hens, and Winkler Whips. The West Division features the Baldur Regals, Cartwright Twins, Clearwater, and Pilot Mound Pilots.

Exciting changes are in store for the Border Baseball League this year. All teams have agreed to an expanded regular season, recognizing the need for more games. This means there will be 17 league games, including three games against each team in their own division and then twice against the teams in the other division.

The playoff format has also expanded to a best-offive series from best-of-three in previous seasons.



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The Carman Cardinals senior team, with a full 21-man roster, is looking forward to their Border Baseball League home opener on May 21 against the Altona Bisons.

"Carman's fans love baseball, and this is a way for them to see more ball and start a little earlier this year," said Carman Cardinals manager Jack Pethybridge.

Cardinals' fans won't have to wait too long for the first home game, which will be on May 21 against the Altona Bisons, starting at 7 p.m.

"Last year's roster is coming back, but two or three players have had interest in joining us too, so we'll have a full 21-man roster joining us," said Pethybridge. "We're looking forward to hopefully doing a little better this year, too, in the standings."

Cardinals

Tues vs Altona Bisons May 21 May 28 Tues vs Winkler Whips **Jun 02** Sun vs Clearwater (2) 1:00/4:00 **Tue vs Morden Mud Hens** Jun 04 7:00 Sun vs Cartwright Twins (2) 1:00/4:00 **Jun 16** Fri vs Altona Bisons 05 7:00 Thu vs Morden Mud Hens Jul

set inspired Ask the money lady MEALIDEAS



Recipe courtesy of "Chelsea's Messy Apron"

Servings: 8

1 large sweet potato

1 bag (10 ounces) dark chocolate chips, plus additional for topping (op-

2 teaspoons pure vanilla extract

1/2 teaspoon fine sea salt

1/4 cup coconut sugar

1 Premier Protein Chocolate Protein Shake

"Caramel" Sauce:

3 tablespoons coconut oil (measured when solid)

3 tablespoons real maple syrup

1 1/2 tablespoons almond butter

1/8 teaspoon fine sea salt

1/4 teaspoon pure vanilla extract

Wash and scrub sweet potato. Pierce with fork several times. Place on microwave-safe plate and microwave 5 minutes; flip and microwave 5 minutes. Allow to cool.

In microwave-safe bowl, microwave

Chocolate Ice Cream with "Caramel" Sauce

chocolate chips in 20-second increments, stirring between each increment until smooth and melted. Set aside.

Remove sweet potato skin and thoroughly mash. Pack into 3/4 cup measuring cup. Place in large blender.

Add melted chocolate to blender along with vanilla, sea salt, coconut sugar and chocolate protein shake.

Place lid on blender and blend on high at least 1 minute, or until ingredients are smooth and incorporated.

Transfer to ice cream maker and prepare according to manufacturer's directions then transfer to airtight container and freeze 2-3 hours.

To make "caramel" sauce: In microwave-safe bowl, microwave coconut oil and syrup 30 seconds. Stir and microwave 30 seconds, or until melted and smooth. Stir in almond butter and whisk until smooth. Add sea salt and vanilla extract; whisk to combine.

Set "caramel" sauce aside at room temperature about 30 minutes. Top ice cream with sauce and additional chocolate chips, if desired.

Peanut Butter Jelly Ice Cream

Servings: 12

cup whole milk

1/2 cup Premier Protein Strawberries & Cream Protein Shake

1/4cup packed brown sugar

1/2 teaspoon salt

large egg, lightly beaten

cup creamy peanut butter 2/3

cups heavy whipping cream

teaspoons vanilla extract

cup sugar-free strawberry jelly In large, heavy saucepan, heat milk, protein shake, brown sugar and salt until bubbles form around sides of pan. Whisk small amount of hot mixture into egg. Return to pan, whisking constantly.

Cook and stir over low heat until mixture thickens and coats back of spoon. Remove from heat; whisk in peanut butter. Quickly transfer to bowl; place in ice water and stir 2 minutes. Stir in cream and vanilla. Press wax paper onto surface of custard. Refrigerate several hours or overnight.

Fill cylinder of ice cream freezer 2/3 full; freeze according to manufacturer's

When ice cream is frozen, spoon into freezer container, layering with jelly; freeze 2-4 hours before serving.



Prep time: 10 minutes Cook time: 30 minutes Servings: 6

6 slices Coleman Natural Hickory Smoked Bacon

6 wooden skewers

1 teaspoon Mexican spice blend prepared Bloody Marys

Preheat oven to 400 F.

Wrap one bacon slice diagonally

Chile Bacon Straws

around each skewer, making sure to overlap edges of bacon so there are no gaps. Don't wrap too tightly or it will be difficult to remove skewers; try to ensure each end of bacon ends up on same side of skewer.

Place each wrapped skewer on wire rack set over sheet pan with end seams down. Sprinkle spice blend over each skewer.

Bake 25-30 minutes until bacon is brown, crispy and fully cooked to give straws their shape. Remove from oven and allow to cool.

Gently slide skewers out of each straw using twisting motion.

Insert straws into Bloody Marys.

I need to purchase a new car this year and I am not sure if I should invest in an EV, Hybrid, or regular vehicle. What do you think? Thanks, Gord.

Hi Gord, this is a great question and one I think a lot of Canadians are wondering since the Canadian government mandated that all lightduty vehicle sales be 100% electric by 2035. The problem for me is the current costs of EV's. Now that vehicle pricing is truly the second highest investment purchase a Canadian will make next to buying a home, is it worth it to invest in electric vehicles now? Maybe not.

Most vehicles have a life span of 10+ years and to get the most value out of your purchase, you should plan to keep it this long. The problem is, we are just a little too far off the 2035 electric switch over date and the current vehicle manufacturers really aren't offering a great selection of electric vehicles at competitive pricing yet. Yes, we are provided with rebate offers from every province to encourage us to "buy-in," but we still have the issues with the scarcity of EV charging stations, especially in rural areas. The best-selling car today is actually not a car at all, rather it remains a light truck. The Ford F-150, Chevrolet 1500 and Dodge Ram 1500 series of light trucks (or pickup's) are still our North American bestsellers. Today, electric vehicles sales only make up approximately 10% annually and most automakers rely heavily on the generous profits realized from their light-truck sales to fund their EV development efforts. Toyota, the world's largest automaker, has announced that for every EV produced, they can make 10 or more hybrids with much less impact to the earth than the energy required to mine and extract precious rare earth minerals from the ground which is what constitutes the average EV bat-

The Canadian government now offers up to \$5,000 in rebates towards the purchase of a fully electric or plug-in hybrid electric vehicle. It's a good idea to check the Government of Canada website under "Incentives for Zero-Emission Vehicles" since not all vehicles qualify for this full rebate and there will be variations to the amount if you plan to lease your new purchase. To be honest, in my opinion, you can still get a better deal on a regular gas vehicle today, but if your budget allows, it would be a good idea to consider a hybrid



Christine Ibbotson

option. Plan to keep this vehicle for at least 10 years to get your money's worth out of it. Remember that most new car sale markups start at 7%-8% and dealerships are more willing to haggle on their pricing at the end of the month. Aim for a 3%-4% reduction in the list price of the vehicle and be prepared to walk if the sales manager won't bend. Guaranteed, if they know you are a serious buyer, they will give in to this reduction in pricing, (a hint from one of my friends who is been in the new car sales business for over 20 years).

If you are leasing your vehicle and writing off the costs as a business expense, then definitely consider an EV or hybrid. This will give you the opportunity to "try it out" since you will most likely be trading in your vehicle after 3-5 years anyway. One thing you need to watch out for - if this is your 2nd or 3rd lease, make sure the car dealer discharges the old lease and sets up a new one. I have seen many times in the past, when we have pulled credit bureaus for clients wanting loans at the bank, that they have had multiple leases registered to their name. This is a banking "no-no" and can definitely hinder your prospects of acquiring future credit. Each lease must be clearly discharged, not transferred. By transferring a lease to a new vehicle, it creates two lease payments on a client's credit report, one for the old vehicle (not discharged but still registered with the VIN number) and one for the new vehicle. Be careful.

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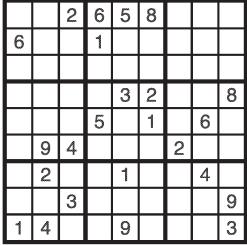
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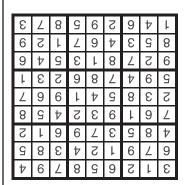


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- 4. Ooze
- 9. A set of eight
- 14 Obstruction
- 15. Swiss mathematician
- 16. Philosophy
- 17. The night before
- 18. A timid person 20. Unifies
- 22. Gangs
- 23. Alternative name 24. Acumen
- 28. Cathode-ray tube
- 29. Tantalum
- 30. Soluble ribonucleic acid 31. Humiliate
- 33. Earthy pigment
- 37. Air Force
- 38. Adult males
- 39. Stiff untanned leather
- 41. Before
- 42. Atomic #18
- 43. Beer mug
- 44. Nostrils
- 46. Type of chef
- 49. Midway between north and east
- 50. They
- 51. Splits
- 55. Walk in a timid manner
- 58. Preserved animal skin with hair
- 59. Popular donut shop item
- 60. You smear it on bagels
- 64. Don't know when yet
- 65. Equal to 10 amperes 66. Synthetic acrylic fiber
- 67. One point south of due east
- 68. Of mixed ancestry
- 69. Home of the Pyramids
- 70. A way to change color

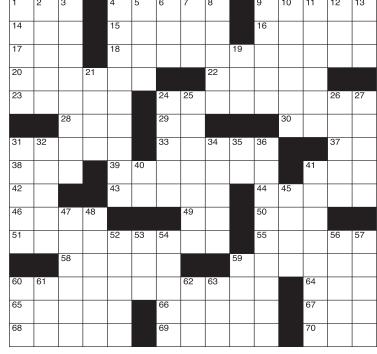
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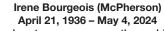
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- 12. Commercials
- 13. Sprinkle
- 19. Make a mistake
- 21. Freshwater fishes
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- 25. Man-made device
- 26. Entrap
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- 32. Greek mythological nymph
- 34. Gregory ___, American dancer 35. Denotes past
- 36. Becoming popular again
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It is with heavy hearts we announce the sudden but peaceful passing of Mom on Friday night in her sleep. She always would say when her time came, she hoped to go in her sleep, and she got her wish.

Irene leaves to mourn her passing her husband Ernie of 68 years: her children, David (Brenda), Jim (Linda), Sharon (Dennis), and Danny (Linda) and daughter in-law Dale. She is also survived by her grandchildren, great-grandchildren, one great-great-grandchild, as well in-laws: Toni (Fred), Lynn (Gary), Paul and Jackie.

Irene is predeceased by her sons, Jack and Roy, her parents, and seven siblings.

Over the years, Mom and Dad enjoyed many fishing trips with family and friends and lots of card games were played. She was known for her homemade bread, which many enjoyed.

As per Mom's wishes, cremation has taken place and a private family graveside service will take place at a later date.

Memorial donations can be made to the Roseisle Memorial Rose Garden, Box 65, Roseisle, MB R0G 1V0 in memory of Irene.

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The Lord in His infinite wisdom called home to Himself, His son, Cornelis (Kees) Brouwer. Though his passing was sudden, the family acknowledges that God is sovereign and does all things

Kees was born on April 23, 1950 in the Netherlands and immigrated to Canada along with his family when he was seven years old. He grew up in Ontario where he and his wife Alice welcomed their four children. Kees had a long and productive career with Walinga, which brought him to Manitoba in 1996. After retiring, Kees continued to keep busy with seasonal work around

town. Kees was always active in his church and the broader community. He was eager to meet people and strived to live a life of service. He was especially dedicated to his blood and platelet donations, making more than 300 donations. His patience and caring nature are attributes his loved ones will remember fondly.

Kees is lovingly remembered by his wife Alice and by his children and grandchildren Rob and Francine Kottelenberg (Russell, Caleb and Elena), Kris Brouwer, and Ali and Cody Unrau (Misty, Shav and Creed).

He is predeceased by his son Cornelis Brouwer.

In lieu of flowers, charitable donations can be made to Canadian Blood Services.

The family would like to thank Doyle's Funeral Home for their assistance in preparing for the funeral and Pastor James Slaa for the excellent pastoral care he has provided.

The funeral was held on Saturday, May 11th, 2024 at 11:00 a.m. at the Canadian Reformed Church of Carman West.

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