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Super troopers

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The Super Troopers won top prize for their golfing attire at the 27th Annual Pritchard Memorial Golf Tournament held in Carman last Saturday. Funds raised benefit South Central Cancer Resource and CancerCare Manitoba Foundation in honour of Mike Pritchard. Full details next week.

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Local pianist to serenade Carman Farmer's Market

By Emma McGill

Located just inside the Dufferin Agricultural Society Exhibit Hall, the Carman Farmer's Market opens and beckons community and customers. This bustling market invites you to explore a treasure trove of fresh goods every Friday from June to mid-September. With an array of vendors offering everything from homemade treats to unique innovations, there's something special waiting for you at every table.

The market welcomes approximately 10 to 12 vendors weekly, all with locally grown, baked, created or home-made goods.

A new feature introduced this year is the Featured Farmer booth, where innovative local family farms showcase their unique products such as alpaca wool or certified gluten-free oatmeal.

Vendors also generously donate some of their earnings to a charity of choice, which supports the underlying ethos of giving back and nurturing both people and causes. As a group, the market also donates to the DAS for use of the building each year.

Since its inception in 1988 by Len and Edith Rook of Dufferin Market



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Local pianist Lori Douma will be providing entertainment at the Aug. 9 and Sept. 6 Carman Farmers' Market.

Gardens, the market has fostered a sense of community spirit.

Edith was the first president of the said group. Their family still brings their produce to the market regularly.



STANDARD PHOTO BY LANA MEIER

Carman Farmer's Market vendor Joyce Nicolajsen sells fresh baking every Friday in the Dufferin Agricultural building at the fairgrounds from 4:30 to 6 p.m. All the vendors sell, home grown, home made and home baked.

Ten years later, in 1998, Joyce Nicolajsen joined and sold her baked goods, preserves, and home sewn items. Nicolajsen then took over as treasurer and secretary the following year.

"Our market is a place for local people to vend and test their products," said Nicolajsen.

In 2014, an application process was initiated to make sure that vendor products are locally sourced and produced. The same year, Nicolajsen introduced the community booth, where a local non-profit group can come each week to promote their work and recruit volunteers. She also introduced the weekly busker program.

The introduction of live entertainment like pianist Lori Douma adds another dimension of joy to the market experience, creating a harmonious blend of music and shopping.

Live entertainers change from week to week and are meant for market-goers to listen to while they browse and enjoy the atmosphere.

"They seem to be appreciated by the shoppers and community at large," said Nicolajsen.

Lori Douma, who grew up out west but moved with her family to Manitoba when she was in the eighth grade recently graced the Carman Farmer's Market on June 28, and will do so again on Aug. 9 and Sept. 6.

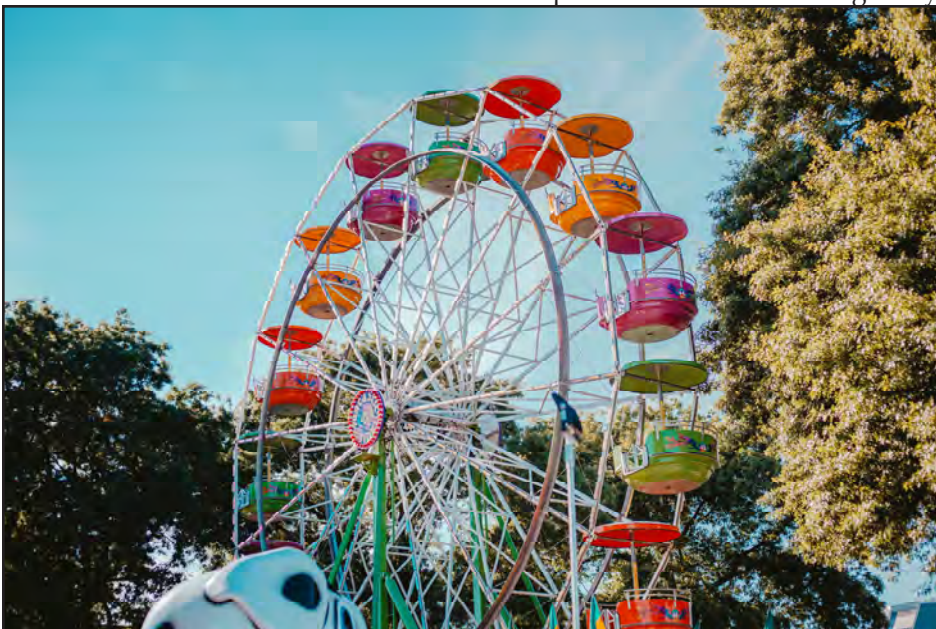
Douma began taking piano lessons at the age of five and was in and out of these lessons throughout her childhood.

"Playing the piano was fundamental during my high school years, as it got me through a lot of those hard days that come with being a teenager," said Douma.

After high school, she took a bit of a break from the instrument while still playing a few pieces here and there for local church concerts. By the end of 2019, she had started playing the piano again frequently, serenading her husband and three children. In 2021, Douma was given the opportunity to play at a wedding and later played at a farmer's market for the first time. Since then, she has performed at farmer's markets about three times a year and enjoys playing occasionally at her church's preservice.

"I love being able to play at the farm-

er's market, and I love sharing the gift of music with people," shared Douma. "Music brings me joy, and I hope and pray that the people who hear my music feel that way through it."



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Boyne Regional Library welcomes students to summer reading program

By Ty Dilello

The Boyne Regional Library's Summer Reading Program is designed to encourage children entering kindergarten to Grade 12 to maintain their literacy skills throughout the summer break.

When children register for the Summer Reading Program, they will receive ten ballots to enter into ten grand prize baskets. On Aug. 28, the Library will draw one name from each basket and contact the winners.

The theme for this summer is "An Adventure on Every Page." A book is an adventure that can take readers to new worlds, whether in a fictional universe or a real place on Earth. Readers can explore new characters and places, ideas, and surprises. Just like an adventure, a book can expand a reader's perspective while teaching them something new.

"This summer, we invite children and youth to explore the Boyne Regional Library and embark on An Adventure on Every Page," said Boyne Regional Library staff member Scarlett Friesen. "We want to encourage children and families to read for pleasure."

Another goal of the Summer Reading Program is to help welcome new

residents and patrons to the Library as they would like to establish the Library as a vital part of community life.

"The Summer Reading Program is a great way to introduce families to the resources available in the library," said Friesen.

If you are entering Kindergarten through Grade 12, you are eligible to register for the Summer Reading Program. Stop by the Boyne Regional Library from July 2 to Aug. 24 to register.

Each week, there will also be a reading or library challenge that, if completed, will grant an extra ballot to enter. Children with a guardian who already has a library card can enter for free, as can children who live in the Town of Carman or the RM of Dufferin. There are also free summer memberships for children who live in the RM of Grey. Other municipalities may reimburse for a membership.

Boyne Regional Library would like to thank Access Credit Union for sponsoring its grand prizes for 2024. They would also like to thank the following businesses for their generous donations towards prizes: Blue Crescent Hotel, Syl's Drive Inn, Home Hardware, Carman 5 Pin Bowling,



STANDARD PHOTO BY SCARLETT FRIESEN

The Boyne Regional Library's Summer Reading Program is back for another summer to help encourage kids from kindergarten to Grade 12 maintain their literacy skills throughout the summer break. Pictured are Boyne Regional Library student staff members Claire, Marleen and Scarlett.

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Please visit the Boyne Regional Library website here for more information: <https://boyneregionallibrary.com/>.

Regional Connections reports on its busiest year yet

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Regional Connections Immigrant Services reported on its busiest year ever at its annual general meeting in Winkler last month.

Executive director Steve Reynolds said the region set records for both the number of newcomers moving into the area and the number of clients they were able to help with their various settlement services.

"In total, we welcomed over 1,700 new arrivals to our communities in our service area, and with all our programs and activities combined, we served over 5,000 clients this year. Those are all-time highs."

The agency has a myriad of programs designed to help immigrants adjust to life in Canada—settlement support services, employment programs, English classes, programs designed specifically for refugees, those for the parents of pre-schoolers, and for school-age kids, and more—alongside partner programs from agencies like Manitoba Immigrant Employment Council, the Pembina Valley Local Immigration Partnership, and the

Dauphin & Area Welcoming Communities Coalition.

"We do try to tie everything together in the same one-stop shop model," Reynolds said, lauding his staff for always going "above and beyond" their

roles to ensure clients' needs are being met and bridges are continually being built in the communities they serve.

"It's amazing how much people, the general community, know what's happening here, or at least have some

idea," he said, pointing out that most certainly wasn't the case in the early years of the agency. "Working together with the community has really grown that awareness, which is great."



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Provincial Green Team funding hurts local community groups

Submitted by Lauren Stone
MLA for Midland

Green Team funding and actions speak louder than words. This NDP government boasts claims of commitment to grassroots community groups and organizations; however, earlier this spring, they demonstrated just the opposite with their drastic cuts to Green Team funding across Manitoba and heavily right here in the constituency of Midland. With the simple swipe of a pen, the NDP have slashed the Green Team program's allocation by \$4 million - more than 41 percent - in budget 2024, leaving local sports clubs, nonprofit groups, daycares, museums, faith-based organizations and municipalities unable to hire the numbers of teens and young adults they need this spring and summer. Premier Wab Kinew's funding reduction to \$5.6 million, down from the \$9.6 million that the Green Team had been granted a year ago under the Progressive Conservatives, is forcing such groups and organizations province-wide to make immediate, hard choices for their programs and services - and how they'll provide them over the next few months. Right here in Midland, we feel those cuts and will be over the busiest time this summer for our organizations. Seventeen programs that rely on this funding applied; all but two saw reductions this year, with seven being flat-out denied

any funding. The Dufferin Historical Society, Miami Railway Station Museum, Youth for Christ Morris all denied. RM's of Thompson, Grey, Macdonald, Morris, Roland, and others all significantly reduced year over year. The town of Morris was also reduced.

In addition, the Manitoba Stampede, Manitoba's largest and only professional rodeo, was cut completely. The Manitoba Stampede has been running since 1964, encompassing over 40 acres of land and seeing 37,000 visitors in 2023, with even more expected at this year's rodeo.

This event's economic impact locally and province-wide is not insignificant, and a void will be felt. Hailed as a Star Attraction with Manitoba Tourism, this event, is different from the others across Manitoba, will surely be suffering from the senseless community cuts imposed already by Wab Kinew and their NDP Government. It's the same situation from Fort Whyte to Ashern to Thompson, as nonprofit community groups and municipalities across Manitoba find the NDP government cutting or eliminating this financial support they had received for staff in each of the past several years - and in most cases, without any explanation. My PC Colleagues and I have been inundated with calls from groups and organizations looking for help and seeking some answers. Kinew



MLA Midland Lauren Stone

has said close to nothing about the reasons for his Green Team cuts and the hurt caused to community groups and young workers. This government tries to say they are a listening, grassroots, community-driven government. Really, this latest move leaves us all to wonder who the Wab Kinew NDP government is listening to and who they are concerned with helping. Is it young workers and nonprofit community-based organizations, or is it just their self-serving interests? The Green Team funding reductions are just NDP politics winning out over community priorities. And Manitobans are paying the price, again.

> IMMIGRANT, FROM PG. 3

Representatives from each of the organization's departments shared a report of their work through the 2023-2024 fiscal year, painting a clear picture of a very active 12 months.

The Settlement Program, for example, provided 1,715 new clients with settlement services, shared director Tina Barkman.

These newcomers came to Canada from 86 countries and speak 69 different first languages, though Ukrainian immigrants continue to make up the largest amount, with 506 new clients.

Canada continues to welcome Ukrainians fleeing the war with Russia in their home country.

"Although requests for settlement services in the first year after arrival are usually more frequent, we have found that requests from last year's arrivals have also been very high ... they need help longer, and the help they need, there are quite a few complex cases," Barkman said.

Employment Program coordinator Jessica Lopez shared their success rate has remained quite high.

They provided one-on-one support to 762 adult job seekers, including as-

sistance with cover letters, resumes, and interview prep, as well as delivering numerous group info sessions and workshops.

As a result, 429 people found gainful employment and 89 are transitioning to additional training and education.

They also worked with over 100 internationally educated professionals to help guide them on the path to receiving Canadian accreditation, with 13 starting their licensing application process, 30 enrolling in classes to improve their language skills so they

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Potential roundabout coming to Elm Creek

By Ty Dilello

On July 2, a public meeting was held in Elm Creek as part of the functional design study of the Provincial Trunk Highway (PTH) 2 and PTH 13 intersection. The community meeting was well attended and is part of the engagement process.

The intersection of PTH 2 and PTH 13 is located just north of Elm Creek. They are both two-lane undivided highways. PTH runs east-west and serves as a key transportation link in Manitoba's highway network, while PTH 13 runs north-south and connects to the Trans Canada Highway (PTH 1) to the north and the United States border to the south.

The study remains in process and continues to be led by the consultant firm WSP Canada Inc. As the study continues, input from all stakehold-

ers, the public, and the rightsholders will be considered. WSP will meet with Manitoba Infrastructure and Transportation in the coming weeks to discuss the public meeting feedback and findings.

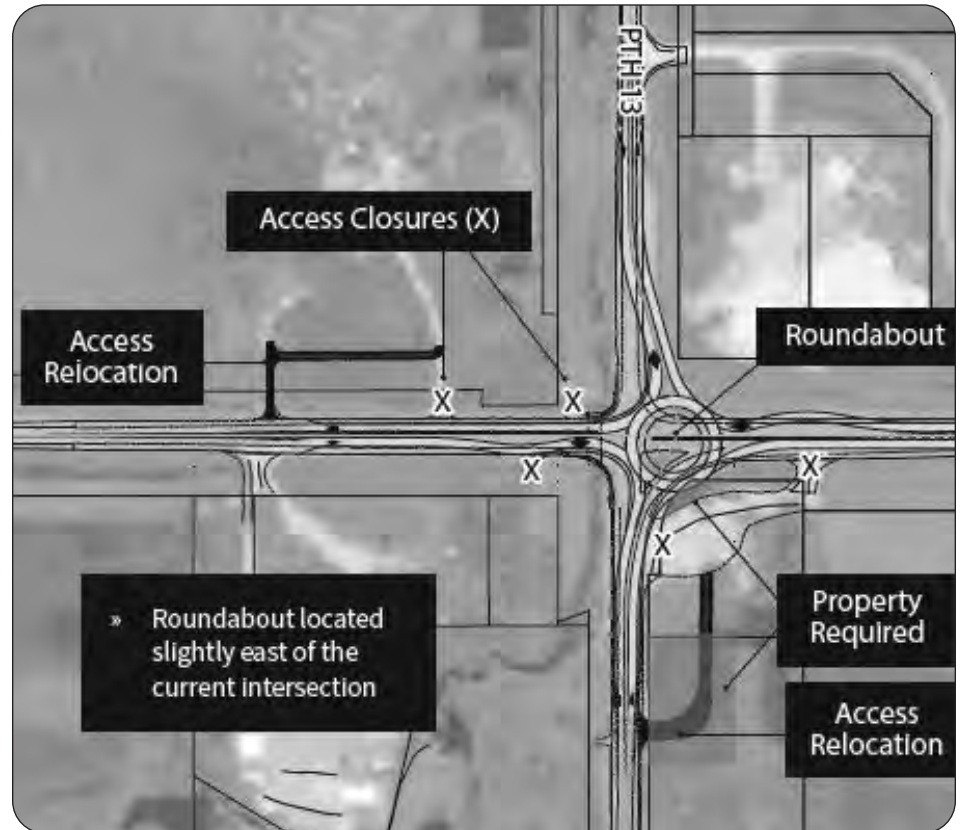
A secondary public meeting will then be hosted in the fall, and final options for the intersection will be presented then.

Options currently on the table for the intersection include an intersection with a right-turn cut-off, an intersection conflict warning system (ICWS), or the roundabout option, which is gaining traction.

Advantages to the roundabout would include:

- Safety (as the roundabout reduces severe conflict points).

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On July 2, a public meeting was held in Elm Creek as part of the functional design study of the intersection at Provincial Trunk Highway (PTH) 2 and PTH 13. One of the main proposals that appears the most viable is for a roundabout as depicted in the photo.

Blossoming with beauty



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As the vibrant colors of blooming flowers and newly planted trees start to grace the streets of Carman, there's a silent force working tirelessly behind the scenes. Carman's Communities in Bloom volunteers wish to recognize the invaluable contributions of the Town of Carman Public Works crew, who have been our dedicated "workhorses" for all CIB flower and tree planting efforts.

It took a lot of preparation on town employees end to prepare the large planters for CIB to fill. And now, staff are hand-digging and planting over 200 trees all around town. Once finished, it will be their responsibility to water them throughout the summer.

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Berry picking season begins

By Lorne Stelmach

Berry season is underway, and there are many options across the region for people to satisfy their craving for all manner of berry varieties.

Differences in local weather and growing conditions means not all fruit is ready to pick at the same time. For example, some strawberry growers started picking earlier this month while others may not have been opening until this week.

On the Mini Acres farm run by Jake and Nettie Friesen south of Winkler, they are liking what they're seeing with their strawberry crop in what is their 11th year of selling strawberries.

"Big juicy berries ... it's looking like a very good crop so far," said Jake Friesen.

In their case, he doesn't see that the recent rainy weather has had too much of a harmful impact.

"Two of our patches are actually on a little bit of a ridge, so they've been getting plenty of rain but they're not getting swamped ... I think it's been just right," he said. "I can imagine though if you've got your patch on a bit of a lower location, that wouldn't be good.

Friesen said they generally have done quite well with their strawberry crop over the years.

"It's been busy, especially during July obviously over the last 11 years. It's been good," said Friesen.

"Over the years, we've had a little bit of challenges with drought and a little bit of hail here and there. We did get some hail this year as well, and we were expecting a little more damage than it had actually done to our crop.



They were just blossoming when we got hail a couple times there. I'm surprised at how well they held up. It didn't do too much damage."

They began picking this year near the end of June with a limited number of berries at that point, but it quickly picked up pace.

"It always starts off slow, and you've got to pick off the ones that are ripe," said Friesen, who sees the start of the season this year as being about average.

They offer both u-pick and pre-picked, and you can also find them at the local markets in Morden, Winkler, and Altona. You can also contact them by calling 204-331-4325 or e-mail to friesenminifarm@hotmail.com.

Maurice Gaultier, owner of NW27 Strawberry Farm and president of the PFGA, was also optimistic now with the weather having improved in recent weeks.

"Despite starting off dry, we've had more than adequate rainfall this spring and early summer," he said. "The cooler weather slowed flowering and fruit development so picking will start a little later than normal, but



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Jayleah Friesen, daughter to Jake and Nettie Friesen of Mini Acres farm south of Winkler, with some of this year's strawberry crop.

the crop looks to be above average. Some sunshine and +20 to 25C days is all the crop needed to get us to picking."

The following are estimated dates as to when fresh fruit will start to be ready for picking:

- Haskap: June 25 to July 2 and for three to four weeks.
- Strawberry: July 1 to 10 and for three to four weeks.
- Saskatoon: July 7 to 14 and for two to three weeks.
- Raspberries: July 10 to 18 and for

two to three weeks.

- Sour cherries: July 10 to 18 and for two to three weeks.

Customers can visit the Prairie Fruit Growers Association website at www.pfga.com to find a farm close to you or the berry of your preference.

It is always suggested people double check with the farm before heading out. Local weather events or large volumes of customers can sometimes result in the farm having to change its plans and close last minute.

> ROUND ABOUT, FROM PG. 5

- No construction of any additional culverts for the drain through PTH 2 is required.
- Improvement fuel consumption.
- Least environmental impacts.
- Least socio-economic impacts (least amount of property acquisition required).
- Lowest cost of the three options.

Disadvantages for the roundabout would be that it does not address the current hydraulic capacity of the culvert for the drain through PTH 2, but would not restrict future upgrades, in addition to traffic being negatively impacted during construction.

The project timelines remain the same. WSP anticipates completing the functional design study by the end of 2024, a detailed design in the winter of 2025, and land acquisition. Once land acquisition has been completed, tendering for construction will begin, and construction is expected to start in 2027.

Residents are encouraged to complete a survey on these proposals as quickly as possible at the link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/28ZYMZ2>. All surveys must be completed and submitted by July 16.

For additional information on this ongoing project, please contact Anya Ingram, who is the Engagement Planner for WSP at anya.ingram@wsp.com or 204-259-1667.

> FARMERS MARKET, FROM PG. 2

Aside from piano, Douma also occasionally picks up the flute, which she has played since the fourth grade. Her other hobbies include sewing, knitting, drawing, colouring with her kids, and participating in plenty of sports, especially soccer.

Douma's piano performances are a rich tapestry of music, ranging from classical to contemporary pieces, and even some hymns. Her repertoire features compositions from renowned artists like David Lanz, Yiruma, and William Joseph.

While listening to Douma's renditions, customers can peruse the selection of vendors. Among these vendors are home baked bread, buns, pies, tarts, and cookies, as well as jams, jellies, pickles, and relish. Others come bearing home sewn items for the kitchen and for babies, live edge woodworking, crocheting and knitting, sourdough, greenhouse tomatoes and fresh vegetables, herbs and preserves, birdseed, pork and beef products, pottery, and fresh cut flowers.

Throughout the years, the Carman Farmer's Market has gone through changes to aspects such as their president or the location it is held at, but it has stayed true to the values of community and local produce and goods.

Celebrating 24 Years of the Gimli International Film Festival

By Autumn Fehr

Looking for something to do this summer?

From July 24 to 28, visit Gimli and enjoy an array of local, national, and international films, including narrative feature films, documentaries, and shorts at the Gimli International Film Festival (GIFF).

"Now more than ever, it's crucial to support the arts, as many film institutions across Canada are facing challenges. We are truly on the verge of making Manitoba the epicentre of film for all of Canada. GIFF is a gem amongst Canadian festivals, and we're fortunate to have it here. Let's celebrate films together! I hope to see everyone at the festival," said Teya

Zuzek, this year's Executive Director of GIFF.

This will be Zuzek's first time directing the international festival.

"I still have to pinch myself; I can't believe I'm leading such a phenomenal cultural institution. What excites me most is seeing my first GIFF come into fruition and celebrating this achievement with my incredible staff, Board, and programmers," she said.

This year, GIFF explores the concept of family, community, and connectedness—all things that have naturally emerged throughout its program of films and poster design.

"We're so lucky to have incredible programmers every year."

New to GIFF this year is their GIFF

Global Industry Summit. It's a free event this year and open to the public - pre-registration is encouraged. It's a great way for individuals to hear about what is happening across the film sector and engage with established professionals from different areas.

Annual events like the RBC \$10,000 Emerging Filmmakers Pitch Competition, 48 Hour Challenge Screening, and Winnipeg Indigenous Filmmakers Collective Screening are also coming back. GIFF's Awards Ceremony this year will be extra special, with Zacharias Kunuk receiving the Alda Award.

Zuzek is especially looking forward to a special screening of Wilderness Trails, a Manitoban film that hasn't been screened since the 1970s. The screening will open with a unique sound performance by a Winnipeg-based artist.

Returning this year are the famous RBC Sunset Beach Screenings, which will take place each night. Enjoy a unique experience under the stars at the beach, and take in one or more of



this year's beach films: Barbie (2023), Summer Rental (1985), Thelma & Louise (1991), Theater Camp (2023), Paddington 2 (2017).

To view the full schedule of this year's films and for more information, please visit <https://www.gimli-film.com/>.

"After the challenging times brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic, it's heartening to see people talking about reconnecting," said Zuzek.

This year, attendees can look forward to an exceptional program that has something for everyone.

A memorial tribute



STANDARD PHOTO BY SUSAN MOONEY

The Carman/Dufferin Communities in Bloom (CIB) has selected a special recipient for their Yard of the Week tribute this year. While August is the official month for the recognition, CIB wanted to honor a noteworthy individual and yard. In this photo, CIB volunteer Lee Collingridge stands with Bill Learmond, whose yard on Bishop Bay has earned the Yard of the Week sign. Bill's late wife Paula Learmond was a dedicated CIB volunteer, known for her work in planting and preserving trees in Carman and other initiatives. She was also instrumental in running the Yard of the Week program, devoting countless hours to its success. Paula and Bill's yard has always been an enchanting sight to see. Sadly, Paula passed away last January and a memorial service was held on June 29 to celebrate her life. As a fitting tribute, the Yard of the Week sign was proudly displayed at the service.

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If you are interested in learning more about this rate application, you are encouraged to attend the hearing, observe the hearing via live streaming, or provide your perspectives through the Board's online comment tool.

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A public hearing on the proposed rate application will be held beginning:

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Please view the hearing via the PUB website link.

Central Manitoba Youth Choir celebrates 40th year with reunion

Submitted

Calling all CMYC alumni!
Central Manitoba Choral Association would like to announce a Reunion Workshop and Concert, October 19, 2024 in Winkler for all former singers, conductors, accompanists, tour managers, tour moms, and parents. #CMYC40 will host a day long workshop, where we will work with conductor, Kristel Peters (CMYC Conductor 2006, 2017) and accompanist, Leanne Regehr Lee, to prepare and then perform an evening concert. It's sure to be the choral event of the year in Central Manitoba, as we perform together with CMYC 2024.

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The program also assisted 35 unemployed or underemployed people through the Gateway to Work Experience for Newcomers program, a one-month training program designed to help them hone their workplace-specific language and essential skills.

Demand for access to these and Regional Connections' many other programs remain quite high, Reynolds said.

"Our language classes, especially this year, had wait lists of 100 to 200 people," he said, noting they are grateful to the provincial and federal governments for stepping up to fund necessary program expansions. "The funders are pretty responsive to us making the case."

Other challenges aren't so easy to fix, though the agency is working with municipalities to try to highlight and, hopefully one day, alleviate them.

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"Lack of public transportation and also day care capacity has always impacted newcomers and our clients," Reynold said, noting difficulty getting across the community in a timely manner or finding someone to watch their kids has prevented some newcomers from taking jobs offered to them. Some families have made the decision to leave the area entirely due to these challenges.

But by far the biggest hurdle faced by newcomers is finding affordable housing.

"It was more of a need than ever this past year, just due to all the growth," Reynolds said, noting the rental market isn't well-suited to meeting the needs of some of the larger immigrant families settling here, with very few multi-bedroom units available.

"Some people would love to come here," he said, explaining that includes immigrant families who perhaps first landed in Winnipeg or elsewhere but then looked to settle in a more rural area. "They have a job offer, they come here and look around and they can't find anything for housing, so we know people have turned down jobs also."

As disheartening as that can be, one thing the community is doing very right is continuing to foster a welcome atmosphere for immigrants.

"I think that's a huge difference in our communities and smaller communities in general: they're really welcoming and people are really involved," Reynolds said. "Our clients, so many say they love being here because they feel welcomed and they feel like the local community is kind and supportive."

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THURSDAY

Time	Event	Location
7:30 AM - 2 PM	DAS Dining Hall Breakfast and Lunch	Carman Arena (26)
9 AM	4-H Beef Female Show / Showmanship Classes	Ring 2 (22)
9 AM	4-H Horse Show - Youth & Alumni Fun Show	Ring 1 (23)
9 AM - 7 PM	Agricultural Education Area & Petting Zoo	AG Education Tent (31)
9 AM	Deadline for Bale Decorating (Starts Wed at 4 PM until 9 am Thurs.)	North of Arena
10 AM - 10 PM	Exhibit Hall	Homestead Coop Exhibit Hall (8)
11 AM	Dead Horse Cider Juicing Demo	AG Education Tent (31)
12 PM to 1 PM	Appreciation Lunch.....	Rendezvous Hospitality Tent (12)
12 PM - 6 PM	Artisan Alley.....	Artisan Alley (13)
12 PM - 6 PM	Country Market - Vendors.....	King's Park Road (29)
12 PM - 8 PM	MB LEGO Users Group LEGO display	Arena B (25)
12 PM - 8 PM	Prairie Exotics.....	Arena Lobby (28)
12 PM - 8 PM	Prairie Trains, Planes and Everything	Arena A (24)
1 PM 4-H	Steer Show	Ring 2 (22)
1 PM - 7 PM	AJ's Mystic Mirror Photo Booth.....	North of Kinette's Booth (4)
1 PM	Opening Ceremonies/Announcements.....	Main Stage (27)
1 PM MB	Provincial Percheron Show Hitch..... Classes, Four Abreast Hitch	ARK New Tech Arena (21)

Time	Event	Location
1 PM - 12 AM	Rendezvous Brewery and Taproom Hospitality Tent with DJ & Dance Floor	Rendezvous Hospitality Tent (12)
1 PM	The Bubble Lab-Foam Party	AG Education Arena (31)
2 PM	Dead Horse Cider Juicing Demo	AG Education Tent (31)
2 PM - 8 PM	Remote Control Hobby Exhibition, presented by RC Manitoba	RC Pit (6)
2 PM - 11 PM	Food Trucks	King's Park Road (29)
3 PM	Wondershows Midway.....	Centre Ave W (1)
4 PM	50th Anniversary Celebration of Graysville 4-H Light Horse & Pony Club	Ring 1 (23)
4 PM	Dead Horse Cider Juicing Demo	AG Education Tent (31)
4 PM - 6 PM	Free Fries	North of Main Stage (27)
4 PM	GREENkids	Main Stage (27)
5 PM - 6 PM	Fubuki Daiko - Folklorama.....	Main Stage (27)
6 PM	Heavy Horse Chore Team Classes, Draft Under Saddle	ARK New Tech Arena (21)
6 PM - 7 PM	SuperFUN.....	Main Stage (27)
6 PM	Wrangler Relay Race	Ring 1 (23)
7 PM to 8 PM	Fubuki Daiko - Folklorama.....	Main Stage (27)
8 PM to 9 PM	The Rainy Day Apparel.....	Main Stage (27)
9 PM - 10:30 PM	Seven Pines.....	Main Stage (27)
11 PM	Open Mic with Rendezvous.....	Rendezvous Hospitality Tent (12)

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Time	Event	Location
7:30 AM To 2 PM	DAS Dining Hall Breakfast and Lunch	Carman Arena (26)
9 AM	4-H Beef Grooming Classes	Ring 2 (22)
9 AM to 7 PM	Agricultural Education Area & Petting Zoo	AG Education Tent (31)
9 AM	CWHA Open Horse Show	Ring 1 (23)
9 AM	MB Provincial Percheron Show and Open Halter Classes, Junior Classes	ARK New Tech Arena (21)
10 AM - 10 PM	Exhibit Hall	Homestead Coop Exhibit Hall (8)
10:30 AM	Open Junior Beef Show	Ring 2 (22)
11 AM	Dead Horse Cider Juicing Demo	AG Education Tent (31)
12 PM - 8 PM	Artisan Alley	Artisan Alley (13)
12 PM - 8 PM	Country Market - Vendors	King's Park Road (29)
12 PM - 12 AM	Food Trucks	King's Park Road (29)
12 PM - 8 PM	MB LEGO Users Group LEGO display	Arena B (25)
12 PM - 8 PM	Prairie Exotics	Arena Lobby (28)
12 PM - 8 PM	Prairie Trains, Planes and Everything	Arena A (24)
12 PM - 12 AM	Rendezvous Brewery and Taproom Hospitality Tent with DJ and Dance Floor	Rendezvous Hospitality Tent (12)
1 PM	4-H Steer Sale	Ring 2 (22)
1 PM - 7 PM	AJ's Mystic Mirror Photo Booth	North of Kinette's Booth (4)
2 PM	Dead Horse Cider Juicing Demo	AG Education Tent (31)
2 PM - 8 PM	Remote Control Hobby Exhibition, presented by RC Manitoba	RC Pit (6)
3 PM	Heavy Horse 6 Horse Hitch, Unicorn Hitch, Ladies Team and Cart Classes	ARK New Tech Arena (21)
3 PM	Farmer Wellness Program Speaker	AG Education Tent (31)
3 PM	Wondershows Midway	Centre Ave W (1)
4 PM	Dead Horse Cider Juicing Demo	AG Education Tent (31)
4 PM - 6 PM	Free Fries	North of Main Stage (27)
4 PM	U of M Speaker - Dairy Farming	AG Education Tent (31)
6 PM - 7 PM	Taylor Morgan	Main Stage (27)
6:30 PM	4-H Beef Show Awards	Ring 2 (22)
7 PM - 8 PM	Paige Drobot	Main Stage (27)
7:30 PM	Baby Farm Animal Yoga (Cost is \$10) for ages 15 and up	AG Education Tent (31)
8 PM - 9 PM	Sweet Alibi	Main Stage (27)
9 PM - 10:30 PM	Tyler Del Pino & The Brasstronautz	Main Stage (27)

Carman Country Fair has jam-pack



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By Becca Myskiw

It's almost time for one of the oldest running fairs in Manitoba.

The Carman Country Fair is this weekend, and with it, entertainment like no other.

The annual fair runs from Thursday to Saturday during the second weekend in July. It includes local 4-H club's shows, livestock shows, horse events, a midway, baking and sewing displays, motorsports, and more, bringing thousands of people to Carman to experience the weekend.

This year, the fair starts Thursday, July 11 with the 4-H Beef female show and showmanship classes kicking off at 9 a.m. The Exhibit Hall will open at 10 a.m. Thursday, with most other events starting at noon or 1 p.m. Dead Horse Cider will be doing juicing demos throughout the weekend, food trucks will open at 2 p.m., and the midway opens at 3 p.m. Opening ceremonies for the fair will be at 1 p.m. Thursday. The Graysville Light Horse and Pony Club will also be celebrating 50 years at the fair this year.

The agricultural education area and petting zoo, midway, and exhibit hall are open all weekend for fair-goers to enjoy. Friday kicks off with 4-H Beef grooming classes, the CWHA Open horse show, and the Manitoba Provincial Percheron Show and open halter classes at 9 a.m. Artisan Alley and the Country Market will open at noon each day of the fair, closing at 6 p.m. The 4-H steer sale will be at 1 p.m. Friday.

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Other events to take in during the fair include the Ren-

devous Brewery and Taproom hospitality tent and dance floor, live music, featuring the Rainy Day Apparel and Seven Pines on Thursday, Sweet Alibi and Tyler Del Pino & The Brasstronautz on Friday, and multiple performers Saturday. The fair will wrap up with fireworks at 10:30 p.m. Saturday.

To view the entire fair schedule, go to www.carmancountryfair.ca/schedule.



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SATURDAY

6 AM to 4 PM	Red River BBQ & Grill Society Championship Cook-off	North of Ring 1 (30)
7 AM to 9 PM	Access Credit Union Free Pancake Breakfast	Ryall Park - Downtown Carman
7:30 AM to 2 PM	DAS Dining Hall Breakfast and Lunch	Carman Arena (26)
8:30 AM	Miniature Horse Open Show	Ring 1 (23)
9 AM - 6:30 PM	Agricultural Education Area & Petting Zoo	AG Education Tent (31)
10 AM	Carman and Community Chamber of Commerce Parade	See Parade Map
10 AM - 2 PM	DAS Fun Poultry Show	AG Education Tent (31)
10 AM	Young Canadian Simmental Association (YCSA) Show	Ring 2 (22)
10:30 AM - 6 PM	Exhibit Hall	Homestead Coop Exhibit Hall (8)
11 AM	Jackpot Yearling Heifer Show	Ring 2 (22)
11:30 AM	Heavy Horse Chore Team Classes and Champion Chore Team Presentation	Ark New Tech Arena (21)
12 PM - 6 PM	Artisan Alley	Artisan Alley (13)
12 PM - 6 PM	Country Market - Vendors	King's Park Road (29)
12 PM - 12 AM	Food Trucks	King's Park Road (29)
12 PM - 8 PM	MB LEGO Users Group LEGO display	Arena B (25)
12 PM - 8 PM	Prairie Exotics	Arena Lobby (28)
12 PM - 8 PM	Prairie Trains, Planes and Everything	Arena A (24)
12 PM - 8 PM	Remote Control Hobby Exhibition, presented by RC Manitoba	Carman Arena - A side (24)
12 PM - 12 AM	Rendezvous Brewery and Taproom Hospitality Tent with DJ and Dance Floor	Rendezvous Hospitality Tent (12)
12 PM	Wondershows Midway	Centre Ave W (1)
12:30 PM	Exhibit Hall Awards Ceremony	Homestead Coop Exhibit Hall (8)
1 PM to 7 PM	AJ's Mystic Mirror Photo Booth	North of Kinette's Booth (4)
1 PM	Pee Wee Cattle Show	Ring 2 (22)
1 PM	MB RC Car Show Display - Between Pullers Heats	Grandstands (7)
1 PM to 2 PM	Xtreme Dogs	AG Education Arena (31)
1:15 PM	Simmental Summer Show / Open Beef Show	Ring 2 (22)
1:30 PM - 5:30 PM	Grandstand Admission Gates Open for Red River Valley Pullers - Modified Tractor Pull	Grandstands (7)
1:30 PM	MB Champion Four Horse Classic, Junior and Cart Classes	Ark New Tech Arena (21)
2 PM	A Living Fairytale - Princess	Fairgrounds (31)
3:30 PM	Best of Barns Cattle Show	Ring 2 (22)
4 PM to 6 PM	Free Fries	North of Main Stage (27)
5 PM	Red River BBQ & Grill Society Championship Cook-off AWARDS	Main Stage (27)
6 PM	Carman Country Fair Open Jackpot Barrel Race	Ark New Tech Arena (21)
7 PM	Announce Bale Decorating Contest Winners	AG Education Arena (31)
7 PM to 8 PM	Brian Jacobs' Band	Main Stage (27)
8 PM to 8:30 PM	Ashlee Bart	Main Stage (27)
8:30 PM to 9:15 PM	Matt Zimmerman	Main Stage (27)
9:30 PM to 11:00	Richard Inman	Main Stage (27)
10:30 PM	Fireworks	Grandstands (7)
9 PM to 10 PM	Exhibit Hall Entries Pickup	Homestead Coop Exhibit Hall (8)

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The rain cleared up just in time for the annual Canada Day parade in Elm Creek on July 1. Elm Creek's professional goaltender, Corinne Schroeder, joined the local Rink Rats for a walk through the parade route. Originally planning to ride in a convertible, Schroeder opted to walk alongside the players due to the weather conditions. Meanwhile, families enjoyed free activities in Elm Creek, with Ella Fortin seen sporting some festive face paint while, and young goaltender Holly Voesenek's stick having her stick signed by Schroeder.



Roland firefighter earns 10-year accolade

By Ty Dilello

Roland Fire Department's Derek Unrau recently received his 10-year firefighting pin for his years of service, in addition to the 2023 Roland Firefighter of the Year Award.

Unrau says that the ten years he's been helping out at the Roland Fire Department have flown by.

"I've always had an interest in the fire service, and it's a great way to give back to your community," said Unrau. "The most memorable moments for me here over the years are just being able to work with the current and past members of this department."

Unrau was very appreciative of recently receiving recognition for his years of service with the Roland Fire Department.

"I really appreciate the recognition of the ten years and the Firefighter of the Year Award, but without a great crew to work with, it wouldn't be possible," said Unrau. "This amazing group of firefighters we have is what makes this fire department, and they should all be recognized for their service."

Unrau notes that the Roland Fire Department is doing well in 2024 despite some key members retiring.

"We just had a few members retire after having a long career on the Roland Fire Department in Murray Peir-



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Roland Fire Department's Derek Unrau received his 10-year firefighting pin for his years of service to the fire department in addition to receiving the 2023 Roland Firefighter of the Year Award. Unrau notes that the years have flown by and has enjoyed every minute of it.

son, Kevin Brown, and Evan Vermette, who all recently retired and left some big shoes to fill. So currently, we are at 16 members, which is a little low, but we have some new members training that will be great firefighters."

Now might be the perfect time if you've ever considered becoming a firefighter. The Roland Fire Department is seeking new members to join their dedicated team. Reach out to a current member for more information

and take the first step toward making a difference in your community.

"It's a great job with amazing people and a good way to give back to the community."

SCRL receives Human Rights Book Award

By Lorne Stelmach

An award from the Manitoba Library Association is welcome affirmation for Cathy Ching and the South Central Regional Library.

As SCRL's director of library services, Ching also hopes receiving the inaugural Human Rights Award could serve as encouragement for other libraries facing similar censorship challenges to what happened here in recent years. Ching and her team were praised for remaining passionately steadfast and remarkably positive throughout.

"It feels good because now we feel like we don't have to apologize ... this just kind of gives us a firm foundation to stand on and that we did right," said Ching in reference to calls made by some in the community for library materials they deemed unacceptable to be removed from library shelves or put somewhere with restricted access.

"The fact that these associations are stepping up and supporting us is welcome," she added. "It has fallen

off the radar, but it's not totally gone, so we want to stay vigilant and make sure we keep our standards and our promises to people that there will always be something for everybody."

The Manitoba Library Association noted how libraries are helping uphold the fundamental values of intellectual freedom, inclusion, and diversity despite recent calls for censorship and the harassment of library workers.

The association, alongside the Association of Manitoba Book Publishers, said it presented the first Human Rights Book Award to Ching and the SCRL in recognition of their "strong resolve in upholding human rights, inclusivity and equity in library access for their library or in the library community at a local, regional, provincial or national level."

SCRL was cited for its determination "to uphold the fundamental right to freedom of expression and the unrestricted pursuit of knowledge for all individuals, regardless of background

or belief."

The nomination further noted Ching's willingness to educate and inspire library peers through conferences and workshops, helping to foster a culture of continuous improvement within her professional community.

"Cathy is an amazing example of the type of people we need in our communities and libraries now more than ever," said KC Bateman, vice-president of the Manitoba Library Association. "Her work and perseverance in the face of adversity is not only inspiring, it's a loud and bold statement that libraries will always be a safe space and will help echo the voices that need to be heard."

"Cathy Ching and the South Central Regional Library system demonstrate an unwavering commitment to keeping our libraries a welcoming, safe space for all," added Chelsey Young, representing the Association of Manitoba Book Publishers.

The award came as a surprise to Ching.

"I hadn't even realized that we were on anybody's radar for the nomination," she said. "They have supported us in our advocacy for keeping books on the shelf and just maintaining that quality of collection."

"It's validation that we did what we needed to do," she added. "There were times where it would have been easier to just say, okay fine and let it go ... we were sometimes encouraged to do that by some members of the public."

"I think what we talk about often is that it was good that it was us as south central," Ching said. "We have lots of support, and we have a great board. If they had targeted a smaller library, it may have gone very differently."

"The glue that held it all together is what brought this award to us, so I think that's huge."

As part of the award, Ching and the South Central Regional Library are receiving 15 books from Manitoba publishers.

Carman Collegiate class celebrates 50 years

By Emma McGill

During the weekend of June 21 and 22, Carman Collegiate was filled with former students, teachers, and staff who gathered to reflect on their past education and the cherished memories it provided.

The 1974 graduating class of Carman Collegiate first entered ninth grade in September of 1970. In order to organise a reunion, high school students and staff who had been involved with the class over the next four years were meant to be invited. Of 137 students in the records, 87 were contacted, along with 7 former teachers. Invitations were sent out, and responses were received from about 65 attendees.

The celebration and reunion took place over these two days and in three venues. The first was at the school itself, where 50 people were taken on a guided tour given by a former classmate as well as former and current staff. On the tour, many changes were noted and appreciated. Attendees were then led on a walk down the River Trail, where the students used to run during gym classes.

Later that night, a group of 81 individuals gathered at Boyne River Bistro for a meet and greet event. According to Carman alumni Lauren Laining, the attendees indulged in appetizers, beverages, and a stunning collection of high school mementos.

The guests marvelled at old yearbooks, photos, newspaper articles, and mannequins dressed in fashion and graduation dresses from the 1970s, some of which had been created in their Home Economics classes. Games were played in which guests could become reacquainted, including "last graduate standing" and "find a person who."

During this celebration, a toast was delivered by alumni Craig Russell. In his speech, he acknowledged the collective memorable moments and hardships that he and his class have experienced during the years since high school, and toasted to the future: "Tomorrow, when all of this fun is done, we'll go



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Carman Collegiate's graduating class of 1974 held a 50th reunion on June 21 and 22.

home. And we'll remember we can still help others, to do good, to fix our mistakes."

The last and third part of the class reunion took place at the Carman Golf and Curling Club, where former classmates and guests met out on the green for a Saturday afternoon 9 hole scramble. Following the game was a Happy Hour and a delicious shared meal. During the meal, the 70 guests had a slideshow presented to them, not only including photos of each of the 137 students but also honouring those of the class that have passed away, in an In Memoriam section. There were graduation photos as well as photos from the 10 year, 20 year, and 30 year reunions.

Over the years, during which alumni have carried their lessons and experiences from high school with them and shaped their own, individual lives, the class has spread out all over the place: Atlanta, Georgia, Minneapolis, Minnesota, British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, and different parts of Manitoba. With this reunion, however, those that could attend travelled far and wide to come together again to both honour their shared past and celebrate each others' presents and futures.

Poem by Pat Whiteside

1974 - ish!
 So here we are, it's been 50 years!
 Isn't that a number that'll bring ya to tears.
 It is hard to believe we graduated so long ago.
 Do you Remember being all dressed up for the big show.
 We gals were fussed up with long hair wound up just right.
 And oh how our gowns made us look angelic for a night.
 Now the guys who wore their favourite jeans each and everyday Showed up in plaid jackets or pants- now there's fashion I'd say.
 Do you remember how we started our journey in time.
 Carman Roland Mrytle Graysville Sperling starting Grade 9.
 So full of excitement, anticipating the mis-adventures for all
 And before we knew it there's construction dust filled the hall.
 Remember the huts used for home rooms and some classes
 Didn't McCutcheon get stuck on one of the window sashes?
 Remember our teachers - we had quite a few.
 Some of them arrived with the school all shiny and new.
 So many courses were offered for our learning pleasure
 These educators I'm sure considered our group a real treasure.
 Wendy and Don Thiessen are two I want to name.
 Do you remember playing the school's Newlywed Game?
 McKinnon, Parker, Myers, Mills, Lowen, Gopaul, Peters, Voth and King
 The Kennedy's, Einerson, Strachan, Little, plus Erna Peters arith-

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If you were late to class it had better be for a very good reason Explosions from class or school did occur - no matter the season.
 Each of these educators had their own style we can attest to that.
 How about Harvey Smith, the Librarian with that ridiculous hat!
 Typing class a life skill we took on manual machine was not so exciting Remember the day Mr Billy got frustrated yelling "Stop that damn typing"
 Freshie Days were held each year with strange outfits and tasks so queer. A tradition it seems where terrorizing kids was allowed each year.
 Pep Rally's were held so our school teams support would not lack Remember those Cheerleaders Shirley and Marj being there to lead the pack Band, Choir, Drama, and Operettas all performed on the stage.
 Do any of you still try these pursuits at this ripe old age?
 Is it just me or is Music of the 70's the tunes we freely sing-a-long
 Do your kids, or grandkids, look at you sideways & say What's that song?
 Our music we considered the best there was - so good for the soul. Driving the streets, tunes a blaring was the way Saturday night might roll.
 Remember school dances or socials, and parties for whatever occasion Doing our best to avoid the local law enforcement's interrogation
 Is this liquid on the car window frame from the bottles you threw out?
 Oh no sir it's pickle juice from earlier tonight - I heard her shout!
 I could not believe my ears as I stood with hands on the trunk.
 It was the truth, the RCMP knew it

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Sports of all kinds were offered for us to partake
 One not better than the other - make no mistake.
 Hockey Teams we had both on the field and ice.
 Our Cougars brought home some wins - so nice.
 Curlers there were so many of us in this crowd.
 A time honoured game but drinking is not allowed.
 Our '74 Badminton star was the one and only Janie Green.
 She could really flip that bird just picture that scene.
 Bowling, soccer, cross-country, and basketball.
 To shoot hoops for our school you didn't need to be tall.
 Trips like canoeing Wpg river, playing fastball in Iowa, or flying to London Many a treasured memory and time, some learning with loads of fun.
 Awards were given to those most deserving in every course.
 Our Grade 12 Honour Roll all female - ladies show no remorse.
 Yes, 50 years seems like a long time But We've all aged like fine wine.
 Some have filled their cup with a classic white
 Are you a mastermind behind a well planned night?
 Some of you are the lovers of a roses Blending the flavours of your life - one would say.
 Some of us are full bodied reds Unafraid to face the challenges ahead.
 What does the future hold as we look beyond tonight
 Just like 50 years ago - let your imagination take flight!

sports & recreation

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U17 Central Energy has strong tournament in Sioux Falls

By Ty Dilello

This past weekend, the **U17 Central Energy** squad was in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, competing in the 2024 Ringneck International Tournament. Central Energy lost in the quarterfinals after going undefeated in the round robin and winning their first playoff game.

In the first game of the round-robin, Maddy Friesen drove in four runs on two hits to lead U17 Central Energy past the Missouri-based Trojanettes team 12-6. Friesen hit a home run to left field in the second inning, scoring three runs, and doubled in the third inning, scoring one.

In the next game, Brooklyn Friesen collected three hits in three at-bats as U17 Central Energy defeated Nebraska Quakes Schmidt 9-1. Friesen hit a solo home run to right field in the fourth inning, singled in the first inning, and singled in the third inning.

Nelia Fehr struck out ten batters on the day. The starting pitcher also allowed one hit and one run over four innings while walking one.

In the final round robin game, Central Energy held on late in the game to win 5-3 over the host team from Sioux Falls in Dakota Energy.

Molly Cowan stepped in the circle first for U17 Central Energy. They allowed five hits and three runs over three and two-thirds innings, striking out four and walking four.

With a perfect 3-0 round-robin record, the U17 Central Energy team was seeded high in the single elimination playoff round.

In the round-of-16 matchup, Nelia Fehr struck out 15 batters as she led U17 Central Energy past St. Peter Hy-

land (Minnesota) to a 6-0 win. Fehr gave up one hit and zero runs over six innings while walking one.

The run ended in the quarterfinals for U17 Central Energy as they lost a 2-1 heartbreaker to the South Dakota Impact.

Both teams were strong in the pitching circle as Molly Cowan started the game for U17 Central Energy and recorded 18 outs. She surrendered five hits and three runs over six innings, striking out six and walking four.

South Dakota got on the board in the top of the third inning, scoring twice to take a 2-0 lead. Central Energy then replied by scoring one run in the bottom of the sixth courtesy of a solo home run to center field by Molly Conrad after a six-pitch at-bat.

However, that was as close as Central Energy would come. They fell 2-1, which eliminated them from the tournament.

"It was another pitching battle, and we just found ourselves on the other side of things," said U17 Central Energy coach Cam Zacharias. "Our defence was incredible all weekend, and we just couldn't get the hits in the last game."

U17 Central Energy's team has been praised for its great sportsmanship on and off the ball diamond.

"Parents and coaches of other teams, and umpires all repetitively told us that our girls are very impressive young women," said U17 Central Energy manager Bobbi-Jo Guffei. "On and off the field, win or lose, that our girls showed admirable levels of sportsmanship. They all smiled and supported each other, so parents and coaches should continue to be super



Lindsay French eyes a pitch in Sioux Falls for Energy U13.



Hailey Baldwin catches for Energy U13 in Sioux Falls.

proud of these girls."

Next up for U17 Central Energy will be the Provincials later this month, where they hope to qualify for the Nationals with a top-two finish.

The **U15 Central Energy** team was victorious in both games of its doubleheader on Sunday afternoon. Their offence exploded against the Winnipeg Lightning, winning 10-2 and 14-1.

"The bats were just on fire today right from the beginning of each game," said U15 Central Energy coach Kevin Perrin. "We had six runs in the first inning of the first game and nine runs in the first inning of game two. So it was a great day for our team."

U15 Central Energy had the weekend off and will return in MPSL ac-

tion with a doubleheader on July 12 against the Interlake Phillies at the Winkler Parkland Diamond. The game times are 6:30 and 8:30 p.m.

The **U13 Central Energy** team was also in action last weekend at the tournament in Sioux Falls, but didn't fare quite as well as they had a 0-3 record in the round robin. They did win one game in the consolation playoffs before being knocked out in the consolation quarterfinals to the Twin Ports Rampage (Wisconsin) by a 5-1 scoreline.

With their MPSL season now complete, U13 Central Energy will prepare for Provincials, where they also hope to qualify for Nationals.

Cardinals earn second straight victory

By Ty Dilello

On July 5, the Carman Cardinals made it two wins in a row with a decisive 9-3 victory over the Altona Bisons. With the win, the Cardinals move to 2-8 on the season, which is still good for last place in the Border Baseball League's East Division.

The Cardinals found their bats early in the contest as they scored one in the first inning, five in the second in-

ning and once in the third to take a commanding lead over the East Division-leading Altona Bisons.

Brent Dunn pitched six solid innings for Carman, with Kevin Dunn coming into the game in relief for the seventh inning to secure the 9-3 victory.

The Cardinals' manager, Jack Pethybridge, is delighted by the team's re-

cent string of victories. With the post-season on the horizon, Pethybridge would like the team to continue its winning ways.

"That's two wins in a row now for us, so we are looking for a strong finish for the regular season and heading into the playoffs," said Cardinals' manager Jack Pethybridge.

With a couple of rainout games yet

to be played along with remaining games in the season, the Cardinals will have an opportunity to move up in the East Division standings if they can keep winning before the playoffs begin at the end of the month.

The Cardinals' next home game is on July 11 against the Morden Mud Hens. The first pitch is at 7 p.m.

Former Flyers at NHL Development Camps

By Keiran Reimer

Two former members of the Winkler Flyers skated in NHL Development Camps last week.

Forward Dalton Andrew was at the Pittsburgh Penguins camp, while goaltender Reid Dyck was at camp with the Winnipeg Jets.

Andrew is the most recent Flyer of the two. He spent the past three seasons with the Flyers, helping them to the 2024 Turnbull Cup as Manitoba Junior Hockey League champions.

Andrew's performance in the 2023-24 season was exceptional, scoring 43 goals and 82 points to earn the MJHL scoring title. His success continued as he won the Top Forward at the 2024 Centennial Cup in Oakville, ON, a testament to his skill and dedication.

Penguins Development Camp began Saturday at UPMC Lemieux Sports Complex in Cranberry, PA, with 48 prospects in attendance for a week of on and off-ice training.

Andrew and the rest of the Penguins prospects will finish camp on Wednesday with an intrasquad tournament.

He will play his freshman season with the NCAA's University of North Dakota Fighting Hawks in 2024-25.

Dyck, who suited up for the Flyers during the 2020-21 shortened MJHL season, wrapped up his camp with the Jets at Hockey For All Centre on Sunday.

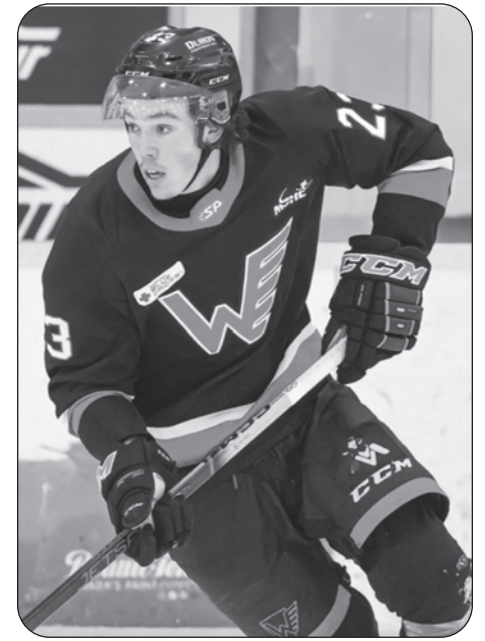
During his time as a Flyer, Dyck posted a 2.78 goals against average and a .920 save percentage to go along with a 3-2 record.

Since his time with the Flyers, Dyck has gained valuable experience, spending three seasons with the Western Hockey League's Swift Current Broncos and representing Canada at the 2022 U18 World Championships.

He is expected to return to the Broncos for the 2024-25 season.



Reid Dyck



Dalton Andrew

Flashback...Tae Kwon Do medals



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Nine Carman Tae Kwon Do Club members competed at the 1996 Invitational Can-Am Games in Winnipeg. In all, the group brought home five medals. Ian Cox captured bronze in 10 and under, and Pat O'Brien bronze in 35+. In sparring, Jarrett Barga got gold, Troy O'Brien got silver, and Amanda Cox got bronze in their weight/age classes. The competition came from Saskatchewan, Alberta, Ontario, North Dakota and Minnesota. Pictured, Carman's Tae Kwon Do Club captured medals at the 1996 Can-Am Games. Back row: Amanda Cox, Pat O'Brien, Jarrett Barga. Front row: Troy O'Brien and Ian Cox

Provincial bound



STANDARD PHOTO SUBMITTED

The Carman Goldeyes 18U baseball team is headed to provincials after accumulating a 5-5 record in the South Central League regular season, which was good for third place in the league standings. The Goldeyes are now off to Portage from July 12-14. The team's roster is as follows: Klatten Dawydiuk, Grant Friesen, Brayden Cox, Zander Cox, Ben Chornomydz, Ryder Wolfe, Liam Goertzen, Adrien McIntosh, Nathan Peters, Cade McCallum, Nixon Jones and Colton Reimer.

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We would like to thank everyone who attended our 70th Wedding Anniversary Celebration on June 22, 2024. Special thanks to our children Debbie and Larry, Teresa and Brian, Val and Wayne, Mike, and Laurie and Denis for their hard work in organizing such a wonderful event.

Thanks to our many family and friends for your well wishes, cards, and gifts, and for the thoughtful messages from those unable to attend.

Each of you have contributed to making our 70th Anniversary truly special.

-Sincerely,
Norm and Doris Allen

CARD OF THANKS

The family of the late Wilhelm "Bill" Runne wish to express our sincere thanks for the many acts of kindness and support we received through cards, flowers and charity donations.

Sincere gratitude and appreciation to the Carman Hospital nursing staff for the care and compassion they provided. Also a big thank you to Doyle's Funeral Home, Pastor Harold Kenyon, organist Deanna Mutchter and to the United Church ladies for the beautiful lunch. It was very comforting to all of us.

-Hella Runne
and family

BIRTHDAY

Come and Go tea
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on Sunday, July 14
from 1 - 4 p.m.
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Water Treatment Plant Operator

Pembina Valley Water Cooperative is hiring a Water Treatment Plant Operator to join their team at the Morris Facility. Experienced operators or someone wanting to start a new career in water are both encouraged to apply.

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Qualifications:

- Water Treatment Certification an asset
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- Good mechanical aptitude
- Experience in a computerized environment
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Training will be provided to obtain water plant operator certification. Interested applicants should forward their resume to water@pvwc.ca by July 26, 2024, or call 204-324-1931 for more information. Pembina Valley Water Coop is Manitoba's 3rd largest water utility producing potable water for 14 municipalities in south central Manitoba. Three water plants feed a network of over 9,000 square kilometers.



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OBITUARY



Audrey Jean Findlay
August 13, 1927 - June 30, 2024

Audrey passed away peacefully at the Boyne Lodge at the age of 96.

Audrey leaves to mourn her daughter Marilyn (Gregg); two sons Murray, Gregg (Lana) and two grandsons Luke and Tanner; two brothers Dave (Linda) and Doug, sister-in-law Pat Findlay and many nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by her husband Allan in 2003; parents William and Edith McNabb; brothers, Harvey, Cameron, Foster, Dwain, Stanley, Raymond and sisters Elsie, Mary, Laura, Grace and Margaret.

Audrey and Allan were married in December 1948 and started their family shortly after. Mom loved the farm life, driving a grain truck at harvest, taking meals out to the field, canning fruit and beets was always a fall tradition, she loved to bake, especially those biscuits.

We would like to express our sincere thanks to the wonderful staff at Boyne Lodge for your care and kindness shown to mom over the past years.

Private graveside service was held July 5, 2024.

In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to Boyne Lodge or Carman Memorial Hospital Palliative Care.

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OBITUARY



Marc Colin Dureault
January 30, 1959 - July 2, 2024

Marc, better known as Fox to his friends and Bear to his wife Anne-Marie, passed away peacefully at Boundary Trails Health Centre after a courageous battle with cancer.

Marc grew up in Fannystelle, MB with his siblings Réal, Alain and Nicole. He farmed with his parents then took up heavy duty mechanics, which came in handy while living his dream as a full-time farmer. Proudly, Dureault Farms continues today as JR Bros. led by his two sons.

Marc married his childhood sweetheart, Anne-Marie on April 28, 1984. Together, they had five children: Julie, Rachelle, Richard, Jérémie and Joelle. He was extremely proud of his kids and grandkids: Arianne, Zola, Emeric, Liv, Lexi and Sadie.

The simplest pleasures in life brought great joy to Marc. He loved adventure whether it was on family vacations, road trips to Boise and McCall, Idaho, snowmobile trips with his buddies, traveling with his wife (Hawaii was his favorite) and those rides on his Harley Davidson Fat Boy. That smile, laugh, and loving personality was contagious to everyone he crossed paths with. Marc always took one day at a time and lived by his motto of: Be kind. Be amazing. Be grateful. Repeat.

Marc will be dearly missed by his wife and children, the extended Dureault and Legault families and all his friends.

The family would like to thank the incredible staff at CancerCare (Health Sciences Centre/ Boundary Trails). We are especially thankful for the kindness and compassion shown to Marc from the medical staff and Palliative Team at Boundary Trails Health Centre.

A church service was held in Marc's honour at the Fannystelle Church on Saturday, July 6th, 2024.

Celebration of Life will be held at the Starbuck Community Hall on Saturday, July 13, 2024 at 1:00 p.m. The services are available to view via Live Streaming.

Memorial donations may be made to the Fannystelle Spiritual Centre, Box 67 Fannystelle, Manitoba R0G 0P0 or to CancerCare Manitoba.

Marc and Anne-Marie thank the community of Carman for making their first town experience a positive one.

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OBITUARY

Julia Susan McDowell
1953 - 2023

Peacefully on November 14, 2023 Julia passed away at Rideau Park Personal Care Home. She will be missed by brothers Barry and wife Carol, Bill and wife Nicki as well as nephews Jeff and wife Anna, Chris and wife Candace and Jeff and Anna's children Jack, Luc and Gabriella.

A memorial graveside service will take place on Friday, July 19, 2024 at 3:30 p.m. at Chapel Lawn Memorial Gardens, 4000 Portage Avenue.

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Southwest Charred Corn Salad with Grapes

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3 tablespoons fresh cilantro leaves

Over open flame on stove, directly under broiler or on grill, char corn, turning with tongs as needed, until roasted all around, about 3 minutes. Set aside to cool.

In medium mixing bowl, combine cucumber, grapes, black beans, onion, jalapeno, olive oil, vinegar, cumin and salt; toss well.

Working with sharp knife in wide, shallow bowl or pie pan, cut corn from cobs. Stand ear of corn upright in bowl and cut from middle downward, rotating to cut down 4-5 times. Invert cob and repeat. Repeat with remaining cobs.

Add corn, avocado and cheese to bowl with grape-black bean mixture. Sprinkle with pepper, to taste, and top with cilantro; toss well.

Yield: 4 servings (6 cups)
2 large ears yellow corn on the cob, shucked
1/2 English cucumber, peeled, halved lengthwise and thinly sliced crosswise
1 cup large green and red Grapes from California, halved
1 cup canned black beans, drained and rinsed
1/2 small red onion, thinly sliced
1 tablespoon fresh jalapeno, minced
2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
4 teaspoons cider vinegar
3/4 teaspoon cumin powder
1/4 teaspoon fine sea salt
1 avocado, diced 1/2 inch

Ask the money lady

Dear Money Lady Readers:

If you read my columns regularly, you know I am a big advocate for planning. I have always believed that without a life plan and directional purpose it's hard to personally grow and prosper. The catch phrase used by many financial advisors is: "If you don't plan to succeed, you plan to fail." Now, I am not saying I still don't believe this – yes, planning helps you push yourself out of your comfort zone to accomplish more, forcing you to try harder and believe that you are worth success. Entrepreneurs continually push themselves to achieve more and part of their secret to success is that they never look at obstacles as negatives, but rather challenges to overcome and to keep planning so they can go further. We all know this to be true, but today I want to suggest we lower our expectations on life, just a little. You see, your happiness in life is irrevocably tied to your expectations.

Let's look at your current income. Income is a key predictor of life satisfaction and mental health, regardless of the actual amount you earn. If you were to get a raise today, but it was less than you expected or believed you were worth, you most likely would be less happy with this income increase. On the other hand, if you had more modest expectations, you would likely be happy with the raise. Now before you get all tied up in the fact that I am telling you to lower your outlook on life, I most certainly am not. Instead, I want you to avoid a "false-hope syndrome" where you stick to crazy expectations way past the point at which you should. False-hope is not the same as optimism. Optimism gives us the ability to expect the best and have a contingency plan for the worst. False-hope on the other hand, means we always need to expect the very best and generally ignore the worst when it occurs. Put another way, when facing an uncertain future, the rose-colored glasses of optimism serve us just fine, as long as we can take them off from time to time for a dose of reality. I believe self-improvement is always important, but it needs to be conducive to your happiness.

Having modest expectations in our relationships is also something



Christine Ibbotson

that could reduce your stress and overall unhappiness. Believing that a coworker, partner, or child should provide you with a higher standard of care, interest, love or support only guarantees your disappointment. People will never live up to your expectations. When we let our expectations define our experience, we're far more likely to be disappointed, unhappy, and resentful. Usually, the actual situation is not as bad as we think it is, it's just different than our expectations.

Those positive or negative expectations will always be harmful to your future happiness. When your planned expectations are too high, you most likely always experience disappointment, since things didn't work out the way you expected. But if you could bring your expectations down a bit, into a more modest viewpoint, you will be more likely to experience exactly what you expect and be content and happier with the outcome.

The key is to balance and manage our expectations in our work life and personal life. Remember, people you interact with are not mind readers. We all have disappointments, complaints and things we would like to be different, but at some point in life you have to stop, be content, and just live the life you have, faults and all.

Good Luck and Best Wishes,
Money Lady

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