

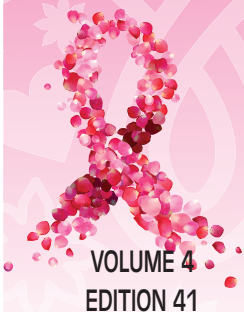


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Charlie Bernstrom and his three daughters Blake, Harper and Briar of Lancaster, Minnesota, won first place with their gigantic gourd at the 2024 Roland Pumpkin Fair's Great Pumpkin Weigh-Off with a massive record-breaking 2,004 pounds over the weekend.

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Record breaking pumpkin wins Roland Pumpkin Fair weigh-off

By Ty Dilello

The Roland Pumpkin Fair was a fun, action-packed event. Hundreds of people came out to enjoy the festivities, but perhaps the highlight of the weekend was the big pumpkin weigh-off and giant drop.

On Saturday, at the Great Pumpkin Commonwealth weigh-off, pumpkin grower Charlie Bernstrom of Lancaster, Minnesota, stole the show once again. Previously being the weigh-off winner three times, Bernstrom was crowned the 2024 champion with a massive pumpkin that smashed the previous record he set in 2018, which was 1,753.5 pounds.

This year, his giant pumpkin weighed 2,004 pounds, making it the largest winner at the Roland Pumpkin Fair. This was also the first time in the fair's history that a pumpkin entry had succeeded in reaching the 2,000-pound mark.

Bernstrom thought he had the record last year, but the pumpkin slated for the Roland Pumpkin Fair in 2023 had a crack, which he discovered when he went to pick it up the day before the weigh-off. Because the crack went into the pumpkin's cavity, it is dis-

qualified from the weigh-off. However, Bernstrom weighed it at home, and it was 2,100 pounds.

The Bernstroms come across the border from Emerson, approximately an hour's drive from Roland.

"We always look forward to coming up to the Roland Pumpkin Fair each year," said Bernstrom. "It's always nice to see so many familiar faces up there."

The Bernstroms weighed their first pumpkin in Roland back in 2013 and have been travelling to Pumpkin Fairs in the Midwest United States and Roland ever since. His three daughters have been with him since the beginning and have been part of the pumpkin-growing process since day one, helping grow them and even naming them.

"We hadn't brought a pumpkin to Roland with us since 2019, and we were excited to bring a big one up this year," said Bernstrom. "So when it weighed over 2000 pounds, and to have all three of our girls up there to see it made it special. Our middle girl Blake had named this pumpkin 'Jas-

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STANDARD PHOTOS SUBMITTED CHARLIE BERNSTROM
Charlie Bernstrom of Lancaster, Minnesota was victorious at the 2024 Roland Pumpkin Fair's Great Pumpkin Weigh-Off, with massive record-breaking pumpkin of 2,004 pounds. Cash prize for first place was \$1,500.



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mine,' so she was excited. They do such a great job running the Roland Pumpkin Fair, and we can't wait to be back next year."

The Bernstroms will now take their giant pumpkins to Stillwater, Minnesota, where they will compete in one more pumpkin fair next weekend to close out their 2024 season.

Other winners in the top ten included: Dan Friesen 1446.5 lbs, Cornie Banman 1335 lbs, Jason Terwin 1322 lbs, Marge Banman 1264 lbs, Henry Banman 1263 lbs, Marlene Terwin 1239 lbs, Scott Myslichuk 1223.5 lbs, Leigh Terwin 1208 lbs, Helen Banman 1198 lbs.



Unfortunately the strong winds last Saturday wreaked havoc on organizers plans forcing a number of events to be cancelled and postponed.

The giant pumpkin drop was rescheduled to Sunday. The 1,200 lb pumpkin was dropped onto a chevy car. The fire department even supplied a crash test dummy that was smashed in the car. The car will be used by the department as a practice car for extractions.

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MP Branden Leslie seconds commonsense legislation to repeal Liberal plastic ban

Branden Leslie, the MP for Portage-Lisgar, threw his support behind Bill C-390. This Conservative initiative will repeal the Liberal government's ability to unilaterally ban plastic products like straws and utensils.

In 2021, the Liberal government classified all plastic items as toxic under the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, paving the way for the environment minister to implement regulations to ban single-use plastics. This designation also allows the Liberals to prohibit a wider range of plastic products, including straws, grocery bags, and stir sticks.

Since being elected, Leslie has constantly heard from constituents that they want this plastic ban overturned once and for all. Those calls only got louder once the Federal Court ruled that the Liberal government's plastic ban was unreasonable and unconstitutional. The Liberals are now appealing that decision in the courts.

Leslie said, "this is a commonsense bill that will reign in the powers of this radical Minister of Environment, who has already shown that we can't trust him to uphold our constitution."

Leslie also highlighted alarming new research indicating that many paper straws on the market are coated with harmful chemicals known as PFAS—substances linked to serious health issues such as low birth weight, cancer, and reduced vaccine efficacy.

"These so-called eco-friendly alternatives may, in fact, pose greater risks to our health than the very plastics we aim to replace," he emphasized.

Financial implications of the ban are also a major focus. Leslie pointed out that the cost of replacing affordable plastic items with pricier alternatives

would disproportionately impact Canadians already grappling with the highest inflation rates in decades. "Two million Canadians are relying on food banks, and one in four are skipping meals due to the cost-of-living crisis," said Leslie.

In a previous video Leslie released on plastics, he spoke about research that shows how the ban could lead to increased greenhouse gas emissions and waste. He noted that the government's own reports indicate that transitioning away from plastic will not result in the environmental benefits they claim. According to the government's own data, Canada makes up only 0.2% of all the plastics that entered the ocean in 2019, and 99% of all the plastics used in Canada are disposed of safely.

"Instead of enacting bans that burden consumers, we should be investing in innovative waste management solutions. Countries responsible for the majority of ocean plastic pollution are found in regions without these systems," Leslie explained.

Leslie also criticized the idea of banning reusable plastic grocery bags, highlighting the hidden costs consumers face when grocery stores sell these bags at marked-up prices. "This is not about saving the environment; it's about profit. Grocery stores are making substantial margins on reusable bags. While they're marketed as environmentally friendly, they require extensive usage to offset their larger environmental footprint," he said.

According to a study from the American Recyclable Plastic Bag Alliance, non-woven polypropylene bags, like the ones people now purchase at stores, need to be reused 50



MP for Portage-Lisgar
Branden Leslie

times to be just as good as a plastic bag in terms of environmental outcomes. Leslie stated that most people now have piles of these bags in their homes and said, "I haven't used one of these bags 50 times and there's no way people are reusing these bags enough times to make a difference for our environment. At least with a plastic bag, I know it will get one reuse in my bathroom garbage can and it will serve a second purpose."

Leslie concluded with a call for a shift in focus. "Canada has the potential to become a leader in plastic recycling, yet the government is ignoring this opportunity. We need to engage with provinces and industry stakeholders to develop comprehensive recycling programs rather than resorting to punitive bans that drive up prices, are worse for the environment, and could potentially put people's health at risk."

To arrange an interview with MP Leslie, please reach out via the phone number or email provided below.

This week, the way it was through the years

By Dennis Young

100 Years ago, 1924....Albert Carman Memorial Methodist Church is 1 year old and the Memorial Hall Theatre shows go for .25 and \$1.

75 Years ago, 1949....A public meeting was held to oppose a liquor li-

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50 Years ago, 1974.....Ernie Sutherland preps boys in wrestling for the Winnipeg Centennial Games and

Carman Fruit/Vegetable sells a head of lettuce for .39.

25 Years ago, 1999.....Moonlight Madness takes over the downtown and the Elm Creek Co-op opens.

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Real people reporting real, relevant news

National newspaper Week Oct. 6-12

By Lana Meier

It's no secret that thousands of news stories are published in Canada each day. From local community features to national breaking news stories, the real people reporting real news in your community work tirelessly to ensure readers have access to credible news they can trust.

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of every newspaper is a team of real people committed to telling real stories that impact the lives of those in their community.

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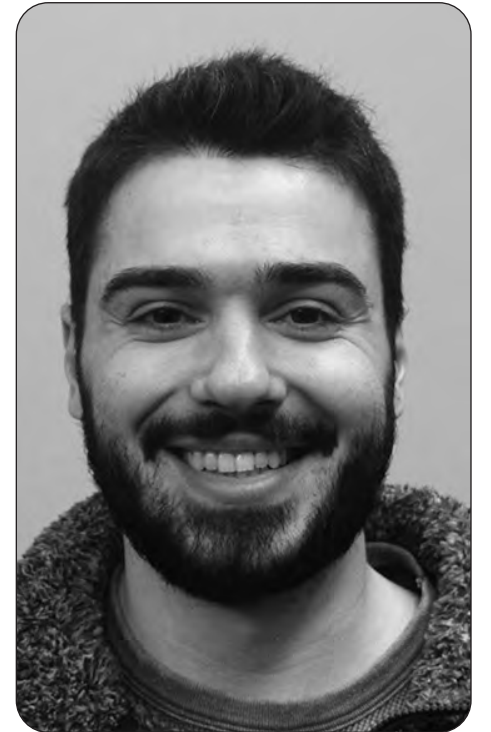
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Ty Dilello, Carman Dufferin Standard, reporter

Flashback 1998 Cougars are Winnipeg Soccer Champs



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The 14-and-under Carman Cougars were the 1998 Winnipeg Soccer The Cougars played in the Winnipeg Division 6 league, and after a mediocre regular season, they poured it on come playoffs. After defeating Riverview and Gateway, the final was versus Maples at the John Blumberg Complex. The contest went into overtime, with Carman prevailing on Shaun Duguay's marker.

Pictured, front kneeling: Shane Termeer, Ryan Doell, Shaun Duguay, Marcel Delaquis, Jordan Templeton, David Vanderzwaag; second row standing: Dustin Hooker, Brock McLaren, Colin Lodder, Lyle Vanveen, Alex Stobbe, Jonathan Stafford, Alex George; back row: Coaches Marc Duguay and Randy Hooker. Jesse Richardson and Coach Robin Cox are missing from the photo.



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Chocolate moustache fundraiser returns at Carman Collegiate

By Ty Dilello

Carman Collegiate's 4th annual "Moc-tober/Movember" chocolate moustache fundraiser is officially underway and is looking to reach a new goal.

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, followed by November, which has become widely recognized as a time to support men's health. Carman Collegiate began its campaign in November 2021 to show its support for a colleague battling cancer. They initially raised \$1,500, which was donated to the CancerCare Manitoba Foundation.

In October and November of 2022, its fundraising efforts once again hit close to home as Carman Collegiate principal Mary Reimer was struggling through her cancer diagnosis.

"We ran the initial fundraiser for only a few weeks," said Carman Collegiate principal Mary Reimer. "In August of 2022, I was diagnosed with breast cancer and in the middle of my chemotherapy treatments, I once again started the fundraiser in October for Breast Cancer Awareness Month and throughout November for men's health."

Through the generosity of the local community, Carman Collegiate donated \$8,300 to the Boundary Trails cancer ward. In 2023, the school was extremely fortunate to have sponsorship, as the Prices Rite Dollar Store in Carman reduced the cost of needed supplies, and OMG's Candy donated 500 pounds of chocolate.

With these donations, the help of the student body in hand-making the chocolates, and the continued support of our community, Carman Collegiate was able to raise an incredible \$18,200 for the cancer ward at Boundary Trails Health Centre in Winkler.

"The 2024 fundraising season is now just around the corner, and we are,



Carman Collegiate principal Mary Reimer is hoping to raise \$15,000 for the Boundary Trails Cancer Unit from the sale of chocolate moustaches.

once again, asking for community support," said Reimer.

Please call Carman Collegiate at 204-745-2001 or email Reimer at mreimer@g.prsdmb.ca for more information or to order your moustaches.

The moustache flavours include the following: milk, dark, white, Skor, peppermint bark, Reese's Pieces, cookies and cream, and candy cane. They are also happy to design and create special orders.

Each moustache is hand-made and only costs \$2. The goal for 2024 is \$15,000.

The fundraiser has raised \$2,263 in just one week of pre-ordering. Once again, all the money will go to the Boundary Trails Cancer Unit.

"It is through the generosity of our communities that we will reach that goal."

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Carman Collegiate's 4th annual "Moc-tober/Mo-vement" chocolate moustache fundraiser is underway as this year; the school hopes to reach a \$15,000 goal. Moustaches cost just \$2.



MLA adds families to her critic responsibilities

By Lorne Stelmach

Morden Winkler MLA Carrie Hiebert is adding to her portfolio of responsibilities with the Conservative opposition in the Manitoba Legislature.

Hiebert added families to her existing responsibilities as the critic for housing, addictions, homelessness and mental health.

Hiebert recognizes how these roles all fit together very well.

"All of my critic roles do intersect and support many of the same things. It works really well actually," said

Hiebert.

"I'm very passionate about the families portfolio," she said. "I've always been following it with the past critic and helping her, working together with her already in different areas, so this has been a really good fit for me."

"I'm really excited about it," said Hiebert, who just marked her one year anniversary as MLA. "I've had a year to really get to know that stuff and just really get involved in those portfolios."

She welcomes the opportunity to focus on these areas as they are very

much connected to things that she very much cares about such as advocating for services like Genesis House.

"When it's something that you are passionate about and something that you want to make a difference in your community and in the province, I think it's easier to do for sure," she said.

"Housing is a really huge, huge concern in our area and of course the province and across the country," she said.

"Specifically in Morden Winkler, we have such a need for housing, af-

fordable housing," she added. "Also the transitional housing is such a big thing right now too. We need that for Genesis House ... it's full to capacity almost every night. That's something definitely I've been advocating for our community. It really is important for us."

She sees her roles as being very connected to vital social services and issues like affordability.

"It's the number one thing on people's minds ... affordability is huge

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Mental health support for farmers

By Haley Cvar

Leading up to National Farmers Day, two Manitoba-based groups are highlighting the significance of mental health and well-being within farming communities. They are providing complimentary support services to address this often-neglected matter. In small towns and rural regions, the tight-knit community dynamic may lead to feelings of disgrace, seclusion, and discrimination when it comes to seeking assistance, especially since your neighbor could also be your primary healthcare provider.

In the agricultural industry, farmers often encounter a variety of challenging factors such as ever-changing weather patterns, pest infestations, fluctuating markets, tariffs, and infrastructure breakdowns. These circumstances can take a toll on their mental well-being, compounded by personal issues such as family dynamics, maintaining work-life balance, and financial struggles.

The Manitoba Farm, Rural & Northern Support Services (Klinic) line and counselling services offered by the Manitoba Farmer Wellness Program (MFWP) are available at no cost, easily accessible, and kept confidential.

Partnering with MFWP, Klinic extends 24/7 Support through the Manitoba Farm, Rural & Northern Support Line. Available to all Manitoba residents, this confidential line offers immediate assistance and relief specifically for farmers and their families. Personal information is not required to use the line, and individuals do not need to be contemplating suicide to seek support. Whether facing loneliness, isolation, anxiety, or depression, people can call toll free at 1-866-367-3276 for the Manitoba Farm, Rural & Northern Support Services line.

MFWP provides counselling services to individuals involved in the agricultural industry, with a focus on addressing the unique pressures faced by farmers. These free sessions, conducted by knowledgeable professionals, aim to reduce the stigma surrounding seeking help. MFWP is committed to offering confidential counselling options that are accessible for farmers, their families, and employees over the age of 16. This includes flexibility in scheduling, with evening, weekend, and remote options available.



Notice of Public Hearing

To Review Maximum Allowable Charges And Fees For Payday Loans and The Government Cheque Cashing Fee Tariff

PURSUANT to subsection 164.1(1) of The Consumer Protection Act (Act) (C.C.S.M. c. C200) (the Act), the minister of finance may, at any time, seek the advice and recommendations of the board with respect to any matter relating to the regulation of payday lenders or payday loans.

In accordance with the request of the minister, the Manitoba Public Utilities Board (Board) will conduct a public hearing to review charges and fees for payday loans and consider the impacts of possibly reducing the maximum allowable rate from \$17 per \$100 borrowed to \$14 per \$100 borrowed. On Dec. 23, 2023, the federal government released draft regulations to cap the maximum cost of borrowing for payday loans at 14 per cent of the loan value. The Board will also consider the impacts of reducing the proportion of a borrower's net pay, which is used to determine the maximum loan amount, from 30 per cent to 25 per cent.

In addition to the review of payday loans, the Board will review and make recommendations to the minister regarding the maximum fee any person may charge in Manitoba to cash a government-issued cheque. The current maximum fee is \$3 plus two per cent of the face value of the cheque.

These considerations, and other related matters, will be included in the Board's recommendations report to the minister.

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The public is welcome to provide written submissions to the board. Written submissions should be received by Nov. 1, 2024.

Members of the public may also present their views orally to the board during the hearing. Anyone wishing to present oral submissions to the PUB should contact the board secretary by Oct. 15, 2024

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Scope of Review

Interveners may also wish to make written submissions regarding the scope of the review and to address any specific issues, beyond the mandatory review requirements that they seek to have the board consider.

Filing of Information

All material filed by approved Interveners, as well as public presentations, will be provided on the board's website.

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The board's Rules of Practice and Procedure will apply to the conduct of these hearings. All Interveners must familiarize themselves with the board's requirements. This document is available on the board's website or upon request to the board secretary at 400 – 330 Portage Ave., Winnipeg, MB R3C 0C4, or by calling 204-945-2638 or toll free 1-866-854-3698, or via email at publicutilities@gov.mb.ca.

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Homestead Co-op donates \$10,500 to three local community groups

By Lana Meier

Thanks to the generosity of the community, Homestead Co-op was able to make a difference on Sept. 17.

Through its Fuel Good Day initiative, a total of \$10,500 was raised with \$3,500 each being given to Carman's Clearwater Memorial Playground Project, Visions of Independence, and the Portage Friendship Centre's Tools for School Program in partnership with the local United Way and Portage School Division. Every litre of gasoline and diesel purchased at Homestead Co-op Gas Bars that day contributed 10 cents to support these worthy causes. We are grateful for everyone who helped us give back to our community in such a meaningful way.

"As we celebrate another Fuel Good Day, we're reminded of the impact that collective generosity can make. Every litre of fuel purchased on this day contributes to strengthening the essential work of local charities and working groups that play such a vital role in our community," said Trent Schidlowsky, General Manager of Homestead Co-op. "We are honoured to stand with these organizations, helping to bring positive change and support to those who need it most. A heartfelt thank you to our members, customers, and partners for your continued dedication and generosity. Together, we are enhancing community life."

The joint effort of the Carman and Community Chamber of Commerce, the Town of Carman, Carman Well-

ness Connections, Boyne River Keepers, and Communities in Bloom is focused on the Clearwater Memorial Playground Project. This initiative aims to create a wheelchair-accessible playground that will serve as a safe haven for all children in our Carman community. The playground will include a memorial sculpture in honour of Amanda Clearwater and her children and niece. The funds from Fuel Good Day will help to further the progress of this heartening project.

The Portage Friendship Centre is devoted to achieving self-sustainability and maintaining cultural, spiritual, and educational initiatives for the betterment of Urban Aboriginal individuals. Proceeds from Fuel Good Day will contribute to the "Tools for School Program". This program, in partnership with United Way and the Portage School Division, addresses necessary resources and support for students to thrive academically each year.

Visions of Independence provides residential, respite, day and supported independent living programs in Austin, Carman, Portage la Prairie, St. Claude and Winnipeg to people with intellectual disabilities. Proceeds from Fuel Good Day will be directed towards programming efforts to enhance the opportunity for the people that are supported, and their staff, to be able to get out into the community.

Fuel Good Day on Sept. 17 was a success thanks to Co-op members and customers across Western Canada. Every year on Fuel Good Day,



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Homestead Co-op's Carman gas bar employee Michael, middle, presented the Clearwater memorial Playground committee \$3,500 last week following the Fuel Good Day initiative. Pictured left to right, Chris Larson (Boyne River Keepers), Judy MacGregor (Carman Dufferin Communities in Bloom), Nancy Clearwater (Carman Wellness Connections), Jodi Winkler (Carman Chamber), Deb Penner (Carman Dufferin Communities in Bloom).

Co-op donates a minimum of five cents per litre of fuel purchased at participating gas bars to local charities and non-profits.

Co-op is pleased to announce that a record-breaking total of more than

\$700,000 was raised on Fuel Good Day 2024. This surpasses the \$685,000 raised in 2019. As always, all funds raised will go directly back into communities across Western Canada.

Members needed for National Advisory Council for Canada's Volunteer Awards

By Jennifer McFee

The federal government is recruiting members to join the National Advisory Council for Canada's Volunteer Awards.

Canada's Volunteer Awards honour the outstanding achievements of volunteers across the country while also highlighting the significant impact of volunteerism in Canada. The awards recognize volunteers, not-for-profit organizations, social enterprises and businesses through five award categories for a total of 21 awards.

The National Advisory Committee is made up of 15 members who serve a three-year term with the possibility of extension by one-year increments for a maximum term of six years. The committee plays a key role in selecting award recipients and promoting volunteerism.

Members are external to government, represent diverse communities

and have knowledge of the voluntary, not-for-profit and social enterprise sectors. Ideal candidates have experience volunteering or working with an organization that supports community development and understand the value of volunteerism.

They advise and assist the minister of Families, Children and Social Development on the selection of Canada's Volunteer Award recipients.

Balmoral resident Brenda Martinussen is a member of the National Advisory Council. Through her role, she is responsible for reviewing and scoring the screened submissions for the Canada's Volunteer Awards.

"I review all the awards for the Prairie region as well as the Thérèse Casgrain Lifetime Achievement award, which is national. Each year, I have also volunteered to review awards in other regions when they are low in NAC members in that

area," she said.


"This year, I am the co-chair of the National Advisory Council as well. I am the only representative from Manitoba on the National Advisory Council at this time."

Martinussen encourages others to get involved, and she can see the benefits of her own involvement.

"I get inspired when I read of all of the great work that people are doing across our country. Across the country, Canadians volunteer around 2.5 billion hours each year. That is valued at approximately \$55 billion," she said.

"Our society could not function as it does without volunteers. I get to play a small part in recognizing some of these great people. With my fellow National Advisory Council members, I also get to engage with a wonderful

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Manitoba Beef Producers looking for producer input on major topics

By Becca Myskiw

Manitoba Beef Producers (MBP) is asking for producer input on a major topic this fall: livestock inspection.

As the organization's fall district meetings begin this October, MBP hopes many producers will attend to give their input on livestock inspection. Manitoba is the only province in Canada without livestock inspections.

Livestock inspection is the process that ensures proof of ownership. At drop-off sites like auction marts, an inspector reviews paperwork or visual aspects like brands or ID tags to confirm that the animal being dropped off is legitimate and not stolen or under improper ownership.

MBP general manager Carson Callum said the province has seen a few major fraud cases with livestock in recent years, making the topic of livestock inspection hotter than ever. He said MBP has been getting recommendations from the sector to investigate its viability more.

So, they're looking to their beef producers for their input.

"With the price of animals increasing, we just really want to get feedback from our producers on do we want this like our western neighbours?" said Callum. "We'd just really like to hear from producers on issues and opportunities they've seen. It's great to get an update from them

too."

The district meetings will also give producers an update on business risk management programs. This year, they will largely focus on predation management issues and discuss federal Bill C-282, which MBP opposes.

Bill C-282 takes supply management off the table in any future negotiations. Supply management is "the act of identifying, acquiring, and managing the resources and suppliers that are essential to the operations of an organization." Canada's current supply management system sets production quotas to balance supply and demand. It also controls imports and reflects production costs, supporting and protecting Canadian producers.

This year's district meetings are in the odd-numbered districts. Each meeting starts at 4:30 p.m. and is in-person:

- Oct. 21: District 13 at the Grandview Legion
- Oct. 22: District 7 at the Minnota Community Centre
- Oct. 28: District 3 at the Carman Legion Auxiliary Hall
- Oct. 29: District 5 at the Austin Community Hall
- Oct. 30: District 1 at the Mountview Centre in Deloraine
- Nov. 4: District 11 at the Ashern Legion
- Nov. 5: District 9 at the South Interlake Rockwood Ag Society in



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Manitoba Beef Producers are looking for input from livestock producers regarding inspections.

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There is also a virtual meeting for all districts at 7 p.m. on Nov. 6.

All in-person meetings have a beef-on-a-bun meal provided for at-

tendees. Meetings are free to attend, but pre-registration is strongly encouraged. Producers can register at <https://mbbeef.ca/events/district-meetings-manitoba-beef-producers/>.



> VOLUNTEER AWARDS, FROM PG. 8

group of people from across the country."

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mation or to submit an application, visit <https://cva-pbc.service.canada.ca>. You can also request a form in an alternate format by emailing info-cva-pbc-gd@hrsdc-rhdcc.gc.ca.

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Back on Cue's director up for the challenge

By Lana Meier with files from Gail Aubin

Nothing misses Faye Harms' watchful eye as Back on Cue's director. We found this director's experience and personality go a long way toward a play's success.

The latest play, "The Tin Woman" by Sean Grennan, is a monumental show, but Harms loves the challenge and said excitement is building with the upcoming shows on Nov. 8 and 9.

We managed to sit Harms down to talk more about directing a play.

What is your experience directing plays?

I have directed plays/productions/musicals for a number of years – both church and community theatre.

How do you do the casting?

A casting call is sent out. All respondents are given the chance to audition. They are given snippets of scripts to review and then present during the audition.

How do you choose a play?

Much reading is involved. Location, content, language, number of characters, age of characters, size of roles, length of play, etc. are taken into consideration.

How do you help actors develop their characters?

You try to help them see the character they are playing not only from their perspective and interpretation of the role, but also as an outsider looking in, such as the audience. Suggestions are made regarding delivery of lines, body language, facial expression.

What challenges have you experienced as a director, and how have you addressed them?

Some days it's like herding cats. Schedules don't jive, cast members become sick, COVID rears its ugly head, finding venues to rehearse in, and so on. Patience is needed as 'life' takes place for ev-

eryone. An early start with rehearsals, helps solidify roles and set the pace in anticipation of performance dates. Knowing there are people in the background who can fill in during rehearsals, and who are taking care of all of the other facets of a production helps greatly.

Tell me about your drama experience growing up?

In church plays, then in plays and musicals during high school. We tackled After that On Cue Theatre was born, where we performed plays and dinner theatres for quite a number of years.

Why are you directing Back on Cue plays?

I enjoy being part of our community theatre and working with all involved with BOC. Friendships formed are treasures in the journey of life. Who knows, there may be an aspiring actor/actress in our group who hits Broadway!

Is there anything else you'd like to share about what a director does?

It's almost like you are taking care of a family. A director prays, crosses their fingers, and sits with pride during the performances, watching all their children on stage.

Back by popular demand is the dinner and show.

"The cast and crew had positive feedback last year on this," said Harms.

Bistro on the Boyne and Breakaway Restaurant are offering a special meal before the show, by res-



Faye Harms




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Director Faye Harms is excited about this year's play, *The Tin Woman* coming to live theatre on Nov. 8 and 9 in Carman.

ervation. Then guests can enjoy the show in the VIP section at the Carman Collegiate and Community Theatre.

Tickets are available at several Carman businesses: One Insurance, Golden Prairie Arts Council and Toews Printing.

There are also many cast members selling tickets. Harms said they are hoping for a sold-out show!

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New photography studio opens in Carman

By Ty Dilello

Leanne Doell Photography Studios is officially open in Carman with a brand-new studio space.

Leanne Doell has been in the photography business for over a decade and has been shooting studio newborn, maternity and family portraiture for approximately seven of those years. She started with a small space in her home's attached garage.

In 2022, Doell received the Carman and Community Chamber of Commerce Outstanding Business of the Year award.

"After years of building a cliental and studio portfolio, I realized that this was the niche I wanted to pursue," said Leanne Doell. "I love watching families grow and wanted to create a space for a family to gather that was comfortable, safe and a canvas for creating beautiful new memories of special times in their lives. Like welcoming a new little one into the family, celebrating a birthday or anniversary, or even just celebrating a moment together as a family."

With her business growing, it became clear to Doell that her aspirations were growing larger than the current studio space could accommodate.

She needed room to grow and for larger groups, so last fall, the Doells started building this new studio space in town.

"My husband and I took a close look at plans and decided that this would be the next step," said Leanne Doell. "I am so grateful to my husband for standing behind me and encouraging me to chase this dream."

The new studio space, finished in August in the yard of the Doell family home, is a spacious 20x40-square-foot



space with an attached bathroom, sitting area with a coffee bar, fridge for water, juice boxes, and nut-free snacks for hungry kiddos. There is also space for children to colour and play while they wait for their turn behind the camera.

The new studio space held an open house on Sept. 24, and the support and response were overwhelming. A ribbon cutting (using a 35mm film) officially opened the doors to Leanne Doell Photography Studios. All enjoyed coffee, tea, and refreshments.

"I have been so incredibly blessed by this community and the support they have shown as I grow and learn in this business. My goal for this new studio space is to create a place that will allow my clients to create joyful memories with the people they love."

For those interested in booking her services, Doell can be reached at leannedoellphotography@gmail.com or 204-750-2779.



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On Sept. 24, Leanne Doell Photography Studios held an ribbon cutting using 35mm film to officially open its door. Pictured with Leanne Doell is her husband Carl and children, left to right, Ezra, Abigail, Leanne, Lucy, Kasey and Carl.



Guests enjoyed coffee, tea, appetizers and dainties at the open house on Sept. 24.



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This year's Fire Prevention message, "Smoke alarms: Make them work for you"

By Ty Dilello

The annual Fire Prevention Week across North America is Oct. 6 to 12. The week began in the United States as a way to commemorate the great Chicago Fire of 1871 and has been held annually since 1911.

The Carman Dufferin Fire Department has partnered with the Boyne Regional Library to hold a colouring contest for kids supporting this year's Fire Prevention Week campaign, "Smoke alarms: Make them work for you!"

Folks can come and pick up and drop off your completed entries at the Boyne Regional Library in Carman for a chance to win a Fire Prevention Basket, which contains a Lego Fire Rescue Helicopter, Fire Station, Fire Engine, books and other goodies. Also, people can check out the Fire Prevention information display at the Boyne Regional Library.

Beginning Oct. 8, children can take home a colouring page and return it to the library before Nov. 1. On Nov. 1, they will randomly draw one name to win the prize basket—one entry per child.

A link to the contest is here for more details:

<https://boyneregionallibrary.com/event/fire-prevention-colouring-contest/>.

The Carman Dufferin Fire Department also offers these key smoke alarm safety tips and guidelines for Fire Prevention Week:

Install smoke alarms in every bedroom, outside each separate sleeping area and on each level (including the basement) of the home.

Make sure smoke alarms meet the needs of all family members, including those with sensory or physical disabilities.

Test smoke alarms at least once a month by pushing the test button.

Replace all smoke alarms when they are 10 years old.

For more information on Fire Prevention week, visit the website here: <https://www.nfpa.org/events/fire-prevention-week>.

The Roland Fire Department would like to add that they plan to do something later in October for Fire Prevention Week, so stay tuned for that. The whole town of Roland was quite busy this past week as they prepared for the annual Roland Pumpkin Fair.



The Carman Dufferin Fire Department has partnered with the Boyne Regional Library to hold a colouring contest for kids in support of this year's Fire Prevention Week (Oct. 6-12) campaign, which is called "Smoke alarms: Make them work for you!" The Fire Rescue Helicopter is one of a number of prizes.



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FIRE PREVENTION WEEK OCT. 6-12

The National Fire Protection Association® (NFPA®) announced “Smoke alarms: make them work for you!”™ as the official theme for Fire Prevention Week™, October 6–12, 2024 at the NFPA Conference & Expo® in Orlando, FL. This year’s focus on working smoke alarms comes in response to NFPA data, which shows that the majority of U.S. home fire deaths continue to occur in homes with no smoke alarms or no working smoke alarms.

“Smoke alarms can make a life-saving difference in a home fire, but they have to be working in order to deliver the needed protection,” said Lorraine Carli, vice president of the Outreach and Advocacy division at NFPA. “This year’s Fire Prevention Week campaign reinforces the critical importance of smoke alarms and what’s needed to install, test, and maintain them properly.”

Having working smoke alarms in the home reduces the risk of dying in a home fire by more than half (54 percent). However, roughly three out of five fire deaths occur in homes with either no smoke alarms or no working smoke alarms. More than one-third (38 percent) of home fire deaths result from fires in which no smoke alarms are present.

“People tend to remove smoke alarm batteries or dismantle them altogether when they don’t know how to fix the issue. These actions put them at serious risk in the event of a home fire,” said Carli. “This year’s Fire Prevention Week campaign gives people the tools and know-how to keep their smoke alarms in working order.”



INSTALL

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TEST

Test smoke alarms at least once a month by pushing the test button.



REPLACE

Replace all smoke alarms when they are 10 years old or stop responding when tested.

Key messages for this year’s Fire Prevention Week theme, “Smoke alarms: Make them work for you!” include the following:

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Three decades of feeding the Carman community

By E Antonio

The Parkview Congregate Meal Program is celebrating 30 years of service to the Carman community.

The meal program originated in 1994 and was initially offered to seniors living in Parkview Manor as part of a grant provided by Manitoba Health.

Nancy McFarlane is the current Senior Resource Director at Carman and has been active in the Parkview Congregate Meal Program for six years.

"We provide a nutritional home-cooked meal for \$7.50 for seniors (ages 55 and older) and persons with disabilities, with a priority on those who are having a hard time making a meal for themselves," explained McFarlane.

Monday through Friday, the meal program's chef, Susan Worms, cooks and prepares approximately 35 meals each day for the lunch hour. Once the meals have been prepared, they are either served directly to residents at Parkview Manor or delivered to people in the community.

McFarlane explained that other similar meal programs only serve ten meals a day, but the Parkview Congregate Meal Program already served ten meals a day nearly seven years ago.

"This program has exploded so much. We are maxed out right now. We only have one cook, and it is a lot on the one cook," she added.

Linda Drewlo was the Senior Resource Director from the start of the program and is elated to see its success in the community.

"I just always thought we had wonderful cooks, they really made the meal program. They made it enjoyable and made it wonderful for the clients," she said.

Drewlo noted the need for the program in the community.

"People were tired of cooking for themselves," she explained. Ultimately, the Parkview Congregate Meal Program has benefitted many people in the area.

The biggest change to the program over the last three decades was the transition from dine-in services to delivery.

"Pre-COVID, it was designed to be a dine-in meal for seniors. A big part of it was to be a social element for seniors, which was exactly what was happening for many, many years."

Due to COVID restrictions, the meal program was required to switch to a delivery service if it wanted to continue offering meals.

"We approached the Carman Handi-Van and asked them 'would you work

PARKVIEW CONGREGATE MEALS					
September 2024					
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
LABOUR DAY	1. Slippy Joe on Bun Potato Wedges Mixed Veggies Lazy Man's Cake	2. Smothered Pork Chops Mashed Potatoes Japanese Salad Zucchini Cake	3. Australian Goulash Fries & Carrots Peach Cobbler	4. Baked Ham Scalloped Potatoes Mixed Veggies Buttertart Slice	
5. Chili Dog Potato Wedges Pickles Pickling	6. Alfredo Chicken Noodles Mixed Veggies Breadsticks Banana Cake	7. Beef Stew Coleslaw Assorted Dessert	8. Pork Parmesan Rice Potatoes & Onion Carrots Cinnamon Bread	9. Roast Chicken Mashed Potatoes Carrots Stuffing Custard Cream Cake	
10. Veal Cutlet Mashed Potatoes Creamed Peas Cowboy Coffee Cake	11. Ranch Chicken & Potatoes Biscuits Carrot Cake	12. Farmers Sausage Hashbrowns Casseroles Cura Fruit Cocktail Bars	13. Sweet & Sour Meatballs Rice Fresh Veggie Salad Mars Bar Cake	14. Pickered Baked Potato Mixed Veggies Tee in a Pan	
15. Pork Sausages Fruit Salad Muffins	16. Chicken Chop Sauce Rice Egg Rolls Blueberry Crisp	17. Cheeseburger Potato Salad Coleslaw Cinnamon-Apple Cake	18. Meatloam Chips Roasted Potatoes Mixed Veggies Assorted Desserts	19. Roast Beef Potatoes Farrigine Fries Chewy Cherry Cake	
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The menu for the Parkview Congregate Meal Program changes monthly.

with us and deliver the meals to these people?" said McFarlane.

The Carman Handi-Van graciously accepted and began to deliver the hot meals all over Carman.

Mike Hecht works hard to ensure that all the meals are delivered hot daily from 11:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

"We have up to 30 meals to deliver each day," he said. And, the delivery of the meals comes on top of the Handi-van's typical services.

McFarlane would like to see more individuals dine in at Parkview Manor as she wants the social aspect of the program to return.

"We are wanting you to come and dine in," she said.

Over the summer, the Parkview Congregate Meal Program hosted a contest for those who dined in.

"If you dined in, you got your name put into a draw for free meals," McFarlane explained.

All of the meals are freshly prepared in the newly renovated Parkview Manor kitchen with the help of many volunteers.

McFarlane compared the process to an assembly line, noting that it takes a fair bit of training to produce the meals in a timely manner.

She gave a special shoutout to three volunteers who have volunteered many hours with the program. "One works two days a week and that is a pretty big commitment. They will know who I am talking about and they deserve the recognition because they realize the importance of it (the meal program)."

The meals are arranged according to Canada's Food Guide, typically including a protein, a starch or grain, a vegetable, and even a dessert.

A menu is created each month and



STANDARD PHOTOS BY DENNIS YOUNG

Meal program chef Susan Worms, right, handing off hot meals to Handi-van driver Mike Hecht to be delivered throughout Carman.



Mike Hecht drives the Carman Handy Van and delivers 30 of the 35 meals every Monday through Friday for community clients.

made available for public viewing. Once the menu is posted, people can place their orders in advance for a meal of their choosing.

"Once a month we are able to give people pickerel," added McFarlane.

She uttered the importance of the program as she saw the demand for it.

By offering a healthy meal, more healthy individuals will live in the community.

"I feel fortunate that we are able to bring this to people. Carman has always been a strong community in

helping each other. It is just one more thing we can do for people," said McFarlane.

The Parkview Congregate Meal Program is always looking for more volunteers. If you are interested in helping, please get in touch with McFarlane directly at carmanseniors@mymts.net. McFarlane advises that the minimum commitment is one day per week.

If you want to order a meal from the Parkview Congregate Meal Program, you must reserve it at least 24 hours in advance by calling (204) 745-3357.

Burger Week a hit

By Ty Dilello

The Carman Golf and Curling Club won the recent 2024 Burger Week competition, which was put on by the Carman and Community Chamber of Commerce.

The golf course's entry in the competition was a crispy chicken burger on a bed of creamy coleslaw and sliced pickles topped with sweet chili sauce and crispy onions.

Chicken Chef Carman, Boyne River Bistro, Breakaway Family Restaurant, and Syl's Drive Inn were the other participants in Burger Week.

"A big congratulations to the Carman Golf Course for winning this year's Burger Week," said Jodi Winkler of the Carman and Community Chamber of Commerce. "It was a tight competition with many fantastic entries, and the Chamber would like to thank all of the participating restaurants for their creative and delicious contributions."

A special thank you goes out to Leanne Doell Photography and Kaleigh Karlenzig for their invaluable assistance in promoting this annual event, making it another huge success.

"Every burger from the five places that participated was so well made and truly delicious, and we can't wait for next year," said Winkler. "Now get out there and continue supporting local."

"Education, justice, health care and a thriving economy that delivers strong social services for Manitoba families will continue to be top priorities as we focus on policies that bring progress back to our communities," said Ewasko.



STANDARD PHOTO BY JODI WINKLER

The Carman Golf and Curling Club's crispy chicken burger was the victor of the 2024 Burger Week competition that was held by the Carman and Community Chamber of Commerce.

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Morden Winkler MLA Carrie Hiebert

right now for everybody and especially people with families with lower incomes."

Hiebert was given the additional role as part of a Conservative cabinet shuffle that put focus on what they see as the NDP government's mismanagement of finances, families and community development.

Lauren Stone, MLA for Midland, assumed responsibility for the finance and Manitoba Hydro portfolios, and Richard Perchotte, MLA for Selkirk, added culture and heritage to his existing responsibilities for advanced education and training.

"The NDP's failure to manage finances, protect vulnerable youth and build Manitoba communities demands accountability," said Wayne Ewasko, leader of the opposition. "Every member of our experienced and talented PC team has an important role as a voice for all Manitobans in the Legislature, challenging Wab Kinew's NDP and holding them accountable for inaction and broken promises.

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Salem Home fall faspa coming up Oct. 27

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Salem Foundation's annual fall Faspa, Fellowship & Song fundraiser takes place at the Winkler Bergthaler Mennonite Church in just a few weeks.

The gathering is at 3 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 27, with funds raised from the event's freewill offering (in lieu of admission) going towards the development of the "Salem Park" project at the personal care home.

"We want to give the residents an opportunity to walk outside, but not on the street sidewalks," explains Salem CEO Karin Oliveira.

Located at the corner of 15th St. and Pembina Ave. in Winkler, the existing sidewalks in the area aren't ideal for residents to navigate on their own or even with a friend or family member.

"Our sidewalk that we have just beside our building, it ends up in the parking lot, so it's not very safe for residents to go on their own," Oliveira says, pointing out the public sidewalks are also alongside a very busy pair of streets and have some sections that are difficult to navigate by those with mobility challenges.

"It's busy, it's noisy, and even when our volunteers or families take our residents out to walk on the sideway, it's quite bumpy," she says. "Sometimes just going up and down, like from the street back up onto the sidewalk, it's not very easy with a wheelchair."

The solution, Salem feels, is to create a new walking path closer to the building that will take residents all around the care home's property.

"We have a design that will take



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The Baker Hutterite Choir will perform at Salem Foundation's Faspa, Fellowship & Song fundraiser Oct. 27.

this sidewalk under the trees, kind of weaving around the trees, around the building," Oliveira says. "It will connect to a door that goes in the building and out again on the other side. The idea is this park will progress—so the sidewalk can eventually continue into the patio there and then it can go around the building and connect to the other patio.

"Eventually, as we finish our construction, we'll have a campus here with a sidewalk where residents can walk safely."

Salem hasn't broken ground on the project yet, but they have drawn up landscaping plans for it. They envision a space that, in addition to the walking path, could one day include memorial benches and trees, art sculptures, and other feature pieces.

"There's a lot of potential," Oliveira says. "We're very excited about this.

We have been working hard to not just do things that benefit our residents, which obviously we do, but that would also somehow include the community. We feel sometimes our residents are disconnected and we are trying hard to connect them back to the community.

"With this walkway, people will have an opportunity to maybe come and visit and just go for a walk."

They estimate the cost to get started to be around \$50,000.

Salem's faspas routinely bring in upwards of \$15,000 to \$18,000—a great start for this project, says Salem Foundation executive coordinator Susan Hildebrand, who notes they've already secured some outside grants to get the ball rolling as well.

"And we've already had some donations come in from family members of former residents who want to donate

to this," adds Oliveira.

This year's Faspa, Fellowship & Song features music from the Baker Hutterite Choir.

The choir is made up of members who call the Baker Hutterite Community on the edge of the Pembina Escarpment home.

Their repertoire consists primarily of sacred German and English pieces in a variety of styles, ranging from baroque to gospel.

On the menu that afternoon are all your faspa favourites: buns with butter or jam, cheese, pickles, and an array of desserts.

"They'll have pumpkin pie with whipped cream," shares Hildebrand. "And then your chocolate cream cheese cupcakes, some apple cinnamon cookies—those kind of dainties that just make your mouth water."

Access Credit Union boosts junior curling

By Lorne Stelmach

Access Credit Union is playing an important role in supporting the development of junior curling in Manitoba.

Curl Manitoba last week announced expanded support for junior curlers through a partnership with Access Credit Union and the Bob Picken Open Masters Bonspiel - known as the 'BOBspiel'.

The agreement will see Access Credit Union expanding the bonspiel's Bob Picken junior legacy grant program by doubling the number of grants available to junior programs across Manitoba each year.

Access Credit Union became the presenting sponsor of the 2024 bonspiel in September, and it will also be supporting the strengthening of Curl

Manitoba's youth curling camps program.

The Access Credit Union youth curling camps are designed as fun and positive one-day camps for young athletes to play, have fun, learn and improve in the sport of curling. Individual and team instruction provide a chance for the young athletes to work on all of the sport's fundamental skills.

In addition to the junior grants program and the youth curling camps program, during the 2024-25 curling season, Access Credit Union will be a Manitoba Open bonspiel event sponsor and the presenting partner for the Dynasty U20 mixed doubles championship.

"Curling is an important social, recreational and competitive sport

across Manitoba, and the young people involved in this and other sports are one of our most important assets," said President and CEO Larry Davey of Access Credit Union. "We consider it a wonderful opportunity to support Curl Manitoba and the many volunteers in their efforts to support junior and youth curling programs."

Curl Manitoba executive director Craig Baker expressed appreciation for the support of Access Credit Union.

"Curl Manitoba has had an important focus on youth and junior development as a priority for the last several years. We can see that emphasis paying dividends in the expansion of junior programs, including numbers in recent junior and youth events. We are excited by the opportunities this

new partnership creates to continue the growth."

Bob Minaker, co-chair of the Picken Open Bonspiel committee, also added his appreciation.

"We have made \$6,000 in Picken junior legacy grants over the past four years in support of some excellent junior programs. Our greatest disappointment has been the other very excellent programs which we have not been able to support. With the help of Access Credit Union, we will be able to turn some of those no's into a yes. It is exciting to think about."

Application information for the new Bob Picken junior legacy grants will be circulated to Manitoba curling club junior activities coordinators in the near future.

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Former Leafs star Blair helped lead Sanford hockey in 1920

By Ty Dilello

With the NHL hockey season fast approaching, let's look at a former Toronto Maple Leafs star of the 1930s who once played his hockey in Sanford.

Andy Blair was the first NHL player in league history to sport any kind of mustache regularly during their playing career. A clutch playoff performer, Blair was always a consistent goal scorer and playmaker, and his peculiar whirling rushes had a powerful crowd appeal, which always made Blair a fan favourite for the Toronto Maple Leafs.

Andy Blair was born in Winnipeg on Feb. 27, 1908. At 6'2" and 180 lbs, Blair was a lanky centreman of his time.

A distant cousin of the great Syl Apps and Murray Murdoch and a relative of Ken Dryden, Blair was quite an athlete growing up, starring in football, rugby, track and field, and even golf. However, it was hockey that would become his primary passion.

Former New York Rangers star Murray Murdoch once recalled how he was the best young kid playing hockey in Winnipeg when he was twelve. That is until Andy Blair showed up at eight years old and was skating rings around him.

Blair played hockey at St. John's College High School (now St. John's Ravenscourt), where he attended class between 1918 and 1925. Legend has it that one night while playing for St. John's, he scored 60 goals against a local team at the start of the midget hockey season. The young players at St. John's were promised a pop for each goal they scored, and Andy had more than enough to open a corner store.

Blair's family moved to the Sanford area in 1925. He played locally in Sanford and for several teams in Winnipeg as he sought to make a living playing professional hockey.

Blair was picked up as a ringer for the Sanford Hockey Team on Mar. 16, 1926, when they won the Senator Molloy Challenge Cup by defeating the intermediate provincial champion in nearby Sterling by a 4-3 score. Blair was the game's top player, scoring three goals to help Sanford win the Molloy Cup.

Blair graduated with a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Manitoba, where he spent five years playing for



Andy Blair joined the Toronto Maple Leafs in 1928.

the school and local teams in Sanford. In his last year (1928) at the University of Manitoba, he won an Allan Cup. Back then, the Allan Cup was given to Canada's amateur champions, and it was just about as prestigious as winning the Stanley Cup.

"He was just a bright guy going to University," said Andy Blair Jr. "He had pro offers for baseball and football as well, but he chose hockey because he played it more than the other sports."

For Blair, he had caught the attention of the Toronto Maple Leafs general manager Conn Smythe during the Allan Cup playdowns, and from there, he was off to play in the big leagues. He scored 27 points in 44 games for Toronto during his rookie 1928-29 season. His 44 points were good for third in the league and likely would have been suitable for the Calder Trophy had it been around; however, they didn't start handing out the Calder Trophy for the league's rookie of the year until 1932-33.

Blair is best known for helping the Toronto Maple Leafs through their 1932 Stanley Cup run. The "Pepper Line" of Frank Finnigan, Bob Gracie, and Andy Blair was the best for Toronto over the course of the playoffs. They were called the "Pepper Line" for their peppery, aggressive style of play. In the Cup-clinching 6-4 win over the New York Rangers, the line scored four of the Leaf's six goals on the night, with Blair finding the back of the net twice for the game's opening two goals.



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n in the NHL with the Toronto Maple Leafs as a star forward in the 1920s and 1930s. Spending some time in Sanford during his youth, Blair is pictured (standing second from right) in a Sanford Hockey Club team photo after scoring the game winning goal to win the 1926 Molloy Cup for Sanford.

"One of the things they got with winning the Stanley Cup was they all got a lifetime pass to Maple Leaf Gardens," said Blair Jr. "And he used to go! He'd go to watch the wrestling or hockey or whatever was on there."

Blair was also instrumental in the Leaf's famous 1-0 win in five overtimes against the Boston Bruins in the following year's playoffs. Though Ken Doraty gets the credit for scoring the goal, Blair stripped Hall of Famer Eddie Shore's pass and set up Doraty for a quick shot past Tiny Thompson. With the game ending in the early hours of the morning, the Leafs had to scramble to the train station to meet once again the New York Rangers in the Stanley Cup finals the very next day. The team did not arrive in New York until 4:30 in the afternoon and were easy prey for the Rangers. The Rangers took the Cup in four games. And for Blair, his Stanley Cup in 1932 would be the lone one of his hockey career.

After eight seasons with the Leafs, Blair and his mustache went to Chicago in 1936 for a final dance with the Black Hawks. Blair, at least, lasted the year. His patented moustache was not so lucky.

"I see the boys got together and made him shave off his Clark Gable moustache," former Leafs teammate Charlie Conacher noted that year. "That is something more than we could get him to do when he played

in Toronto."

The story goes that it disappeared under duress, only after his Chicago teammates repeatedly threatened to do the job forcibly did Blair get around to shaving the moustache away.

Blair retired from hockey after the 1936-37 season. He finished with 160 points in 401 NHL games.

Blair entered the pipe business after his hockey career in Winnipeg and Vancouver before retiring in 1969. He died of a heart attack on Dec. 27, 1977, while visiting his son in Seattle at the age of 69. Today, he is an honoured Manitoba Hockey Hall of Fame member.

The final word on Blair goes to former Toronto Maple Leafs coach and general manager Conn Smythe in his memoirs, who described Blair as a very classy individual who stuttered frequently. The pair liked to talk about game strategy in the dressing room, and here was one of their many hilarious encounters, as told by Smythe: "Some crazy referee gave us a string of penalties. That was before the days of the delayed penalty, and eventually, we were down to only two players on the ice, Chabot in goal and Blair out front. Before the face-off, Blair skated over to the bench and leaned over. I went to see what he wanted. "Ww-w-w-well, C-Conn," he said, "what's the s-s-s-s-strategy n-n-n-now?"

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Zone 4 cross country has nearly 200 runners participate

By Ty Dilello

Approximately 200 varsity, junior varsity, and middle school runners participated in the Zone 4 Cross Country Championships at Stephenfield Park in Stephenfield on Oct. 1.

The varsity boys ran a 5,000-metre race, while the junior varsity boys and varsity girls ran 4,000 m., and the junior varsity girls ran 3,000 m.

The top runners from the Zone 4 competition will now go on to the Manitoba High School Athletic Association Cross Country Provincials, which will be held in Clearwater on Oct. 9. The top three podium finishes in each category at the Zone 4 competition were as follows:

INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

Middle Years Boys

1. Colin Klessens – Parkside
2. Oakley Jerema - Discovery Trails
3. Xach Wesa - Parkside

Middle Years Girls

1. Jamie Breukelman - Dufferin Christian
2. Anne Prins - Dufferin Christian
3. Brylee Mateychuk - Roseau Valley

Junior Varsity Boys

1. Cruz Rutledge – Morden
2. Drew Apperely – Morden
3. Paul Wiens - Morden

Junior Varsity Girls

1. Alina Wiens - Mennonite Collegiate
2. Nel Vanderveen – Sanford

3. Jayla Dyck - Morden

Varsity Boys

1. Nate Phillips – Carman
2. Gideon Hoepfner – Morden
3. Connor Olson - Morden

Varsity Girls

1. Kate Sawatzky - WC Miller
2. Jessica Anderson – Carman
3. India Loewen - WC Miller

TEAM RESULTS

Middle Years Boys

1. Parkside
2. Discovery Trails
3. Tie - Carman/Border Valley

Middle Years Girls

1. Dufferin Christian School
2. Carman
3. Parkside

Junior Varsity Boys

1. Morden
2. WC Miller
3. GVC

Junior Varsity Girls

1. Sanford
2. Morden
3. GVC

Varsity Boys

1. Morden
2. Carman
3. Dufferin Christian

Varsity Girls

1. WC Miller
 2. Dufferin Christian
 3. Morden
- Aggregate – Morden



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The Carman Collegiate middle school boys' team, left to right: Kyle Ballantyne, Auden Crampton, Weston Strange, Quinn Froebe and Logan Braun.



The Carman Collegiate middle school girls' team left to right: Raelene Husbands, Moriah Hector, Ari Selman, Peyton Ziso, Casey Winkler, Reece Fotheringham and Bailey Dyck.

Twisters drop a pair of games

By Ty Dilello

It was a weekend to forget for the MMJHL's Pembina Valley Twisters as they dropped a pair of games on Saturday and Sunday to drop to 1-2-1 in the league standings.

On Saturday night at home, the Twisters lost a 4-3 heartbreaker in overtime to the Transcona Railer Express. Josh Guilford, Spencer Sabourin and Ketema Wall had the goals for Pembina Valley, while Maysen Mazurat made 44 saves in net in goal for his club.

The Twisters took to the ice the next day hoping for a better result, but instead suffered a rough 5-1 loss on the road to the St. Boniface Riels. Slade Sotheran had the lone goal for Pembina

Valley, while Darion Penner made 48 saves in the loss.

"St. Boniface is a veteran team, and catching them on a back-to-back, we knew it was going to be tough," said Twisters' head coach, Braeden Beernaerts. "St. Boniface played with consistency, which comes from experience, and they outplayed us today."

The Twisters are back in action with a home game on Oct. 11 against the Stonewall Jets. The puck drops at the Morris MultiPlex at 8 p.m.

"What we're looking for is getting into looking at some game film and get ready," said Beernaerts, "and get confident in our team's structure for a full sixty minutes."

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Hawks win one, lose two

By Lorne Stelmach

It was a week of mixed results for the U18 male Pembina Valley Hawks.

They fell 5-2 to the Winnipeg Bruins last Wednesday then split a pair with the Interlake Lightning in winning 5-4 in overtime last Thursday then being edged 4-3 Saturday.

A bad first period did in the Hawks against the Bruins, who scored five unanswered goals in the opening 20 minutes.

Hawks' netminder Ryler Gates was busy in making 45 saves with the shots on goal 50-30 in favour of the Bruins. Pembina Valley got goals from Haiden Friesen late in the second period and then Carson Hiebert early in the third period.

Cole Secord was the hero in extra time Thursday with his second goal of the game on a powerplay 3:34 into

overtime.

Hiebert contributed three assists with the other goals coming from Gavin Rondeau, Cohen Pilkington and Ragnar Gillis, while Karsen Dyck made 49 saves with the shots on goal 53-29 in favour of Interlake.

The Lightning then broke a 3-3 deadlock by notching the winning goal with just 1:35 remaining Saturday in Morden.

Gates made 44 saves with Interlake holding a 48-36 edge in shots on goal. Scoring for the Hawks were Friesen and Gillis with a pair.

It leaves Pembina Valley in the middle of the pack in the early going with a 2-3-0 record.

Pembina Valley is on the road to Shoal Lake Friday to take on Yellowhead then back at home in Morden Saturday to welcome Brandon.



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There was a crowd coming to the net here in first period action last Thursday between Pembina Valley and Interlake.

Altona Maroons taking a break from SEMHL season

By Lori Penner

For the first time since the winter of 1951, Altona hockey fans will not be watching their favourite team play at Sunflower Gardens.

The Altona Maroons, a charter member of the Southeastern Manitoba Hockey League (SEMHL), will be taking a one-year leave of absence, ending a streak of 72 years of senior hockey in Altona.

President Byron Loeppky said there were a number of factors that led to the decision.

"The main issue is that over the last number of years, the team hasn't had enough local players that have been able to compete at the level the league has risen to."

Since the SEMHL expanded to 10 teams with the addition of the Ste. Anne Aces, Red River Wild, and Ile des Chenes Northstars in the fall of 2022, the Maroons have won just five of 36 games and finished in last place both seasons. This year the league has added another team from the Winnipeg area, Springfield, led by former NHL player Quinton Howden. Also competing are teams from Carman, Ile des Chenes, Morden, Notre Dame,

Portage, Warren, and Winkler.

"You want to stay competitive," Loeppky said. "It got to a point where we were playing primarily with local players, and we could see we weren't going to be able to compete. This has been our reality for a long time. At some point it catches up, and it's caught up to us unfortunately. We just couldn't ice a competitive team this year."

Consistency has also been a challenge.

"We generally would be able to fill up the roster with players who said they'd play five or six games a year, when what we needed was players who were committed to playing the season," Loeppky said. "But we know even when that happens, players can get hurt, people have family events, they travel for business or recreation, so they're not always available. You need to have the occasional game where everybody shows up, but unfortunately there were games where we'd show up with just eight or nine players, and you just can't compete at this level with that many players."

"We need three lines of forward and three lines of defence that you can

count on, week in and week out. And we just didn't have that."

Loeppky said they don't see that changing anytime soon.

"When we talked to players that were graduating high school and maybe playing for a junior team somewhere, the question was would some of these players come back to play in Altona? Some started families, some would go to Winnipeg to go to school, some move out of province or country, and then you have the odd one who would consider playing, but you need not only the numbers, but you'd also need the capabilities and the abilities to play at this level," he said. "And with the teams that have been added to the league in the last couple of years, particularly around the Winnipeg area, the caliber of play continues to rise, which means if you're not getting better, you're falling further behind."

It may also be a sign of the times, Loeppky surmised.

"Hockey is a huge financial commitment and may not be the sport of choice for as many parents as it was years ago. There are more options now than there were in 1951. Back

then, you either curled or played hockey. This is what the community did. And they watched hockey on Saturday night."

Skipping this season was a tough decision for the executive, he said.

"It always hurts when something is lost. We had dads and grandparents who played on the Maroons. It's a legacy team and we're the only league who has been there from the beginning. We've had many ups and downs over the years, but we're the only team that's been able to navigate through it until now. That says a lot."

The executive hopes to announce some exciting options in the coming months.

"We can lament the Maroons as we know them, but we still have lots to celebrate," Loeppky said. "Something positive and good can come out of this situation."

"We're focusing on the future of the team—and we think there is still a future—and we're excited about that. We don't think this is the end of the Altona Maroons. It might just look somewhat different in the future."

Ride for Refuge supports transitional housing plan

By Lorne Stelmach

Organizers were optimistic the Ride for Refuge fundraiser Saturday would meet if not exceed its \$20,000 goal.

The event had participants walk or bike either a two or five kilometre route that started and finished at the Access Event Centre in Morden.

There were 60 participants, and the donations had been at \$19,350 with money still able to come in until the end of the month, so lead organizer Karina Bueckert was pleased with the response.

"I would say this was a super successful event. A huge thank you to everyone who braved those crazy southern Manitoba winds to come out and join us," she said.

Bueckert was feeling good about their chances to give the shelter a good head start on its future transitional housing project.

With the soaring costs of housing, it's become increasingly more difficult for women who want to permanently



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The Ride for Refuge had 60 participants Saturday in Morden, and they had already nearly met the \$20,000 goal.

leave an abusive partner, and it is estimated only about 12 per cent of women move into their own housing upon



leaving the shelter. The remaining 88 per cent move into temporary living situations or in many cases, return to their abuser.

"This is the first official fundraiser that is fully tasked to the Genesis House transitional housing project. They are working on fundraising for a 25 unit transitional housing project that they would like to complete," said Bueckert.

"Transitional housing is the secondary housing after the shelter. Currently they have one unit and

are in real need for more as the housing demand is tough right now," she said.

Ride for Refuge which is run / operated nation wide by Blue Sea Foundation, which also runs the Coldest Walk of the Year event that Central Station ran last year," she noted. "They approached Genesis House to see if we wanted to participate in this event, so this is our first year doing it, and we are so grateful for all the support."

Tough start for female Hawks

By Lorne Stelmach

It was a rough start to the regular season this past weekend for the U18 female Pembina Valley Hawks.

They dropped all three games on home ice in Morden starting with a 6-1 loss to Westman Friday followed by a lopsided 10-1 win by the Winnipeg Avros Saturday and then a 6-2 defeat by Eastman Sunday afternoon.

In the Friday 4-1 loss to the Wildcats, the Hawks fell behind 3-0 in the first period and couldn't get back into the game despite outshooting Westman 35-21. Kasia Rakowski made 17 saves in the loss for Pembina Valley, which got its lone goal from Hayden Arkle.

The Hawks then had a game to forget Saturday with the 10-1 defeat by

the Avros.

Madison Froese got the start and allowed the first five goals before being replaced by Rakowski midway through the second period. The lone Pembina Valley goal was scored by Abby Brigg on a power play. The Avros outshot the Hawks 49-31.

The weekend then ended with the 6-2 loss to the Selects Sunday afternoon. Rakowski made 39 saves in the loss, and both Hawks goals were scored by Jessica Anderson.

Pembina Valley will look to turn things around this weekend when it hosts the Interlake Lightning in Morden Saturday and then heads to Portage Sunday afternoon to take on the Central Plains Capitals.

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Pursuant to subsection 367(7) of The Municipal Act, notice is hereby given that unless the tax arrears for the designated year and costs in respect of the hereinafter described properties are paid in full to the Municipality prior to the commencement of the auction, the Municipality will on the **29th day of October, 2024**, at the hour of **10:00 AM**, at Rural Municipality of Grey, 27 Church Avenue East, Elm Creek, MB, proceed to sell by public auction the following described properties:

Roll Number	Description	Assessed Value	Amount of Arrears & Costs for Which Property May be Offered for Sale
181400	THE NW 1/4 OF SECTION 1-9-6 WPM EXC THE NLY 1322.4 FEET PERP - 48105 RD 31W	L -\$87,200 B -\$52,000	\$5,601.60
306400	THE SLY 112 FEET OF THE ELY 122 FEET OF LOT 3 BLOCK 7 PLAN 753 MLTO (C DIV) IN W 1/2 15-8-7 WPM - 75 BIRCH AVE, ST. CLAUDE	L -\$11,800 B -\$91,800	\$8,847.48
325400	ALL THAT PORTION OF THE NW 1/4 OF SECTION 15-8-7 WPM LYING TO THE WEST OF THE WESTERN LIMITS OF LOTS 4 AND 5 IN BLOCK 1 PLAN 753 MLTO (C DIV) WHICH LIES BETWEEN THE STRAIGHT PRODUCTION WLY OF THE NORTHERN LIMIT OF LOT 5 AND THE SOUTHERN LIMIT OF LOT 4. EXC ALL THAT PORTION DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT THE SOUTH WEST ANGLE OF SAID LOT 4; THENCE NORTHERLY ALONG SAID WESTERN LIMIT OF SAID LOT 4 TO A POINT DISTANT NORTHERLY THEREON 155 FEET FROM THE SOUTH WEST ANGLE OF LOT 1 IN SAID BLOCK; THENCE WESTERLY AT RIGHT TO SAID WESTERN LIMIT 44.56 FEET; THENCE SLY IN A STRAIGHT LINE TO A POINT IN THE PRODUCTION OF THE SAID SOUTHERN LIMIT OF LOT 4 DISTANT EASTERLY THEREON 90 FEET FROM THE WESTERN LIMIT OF SAID 1/4 SECTION; THENCE ELY ALONG SAID LAST MENTIONED PRODUCTION TO THE SOUTH WEST ANGLE OF SAID LOT 4. - 38 PR 240 RD N, ST CLAUDE	L -\$11,300 B -\$149,700	\$17,062.40

The tax sale is subject to the following terms and conditions with respect to each property:

- The purchaser of the property will be responsible for any unpaid municipal utilities and any property taxes not yet due.
- The Municipality exercises its right to set a reserve bid in the amount of the arrears and costs.
- If the purchaser intends to bid by proxy, a letter of authorization form must be presented prior to the start of the auction.
- The Municipality makes no representations or warranties whatsoever concerning the properties being sold.
- The successful purchaser must, at the time of the sale, make payment in **cash, certified cheque or bank draft** to the RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF GREY as follows:
 - The full purchase price if it is \$10,000 or less; OR
 - If the purchase price is greater than \$10,000, the purchaser must provide a non-refundable deposit in the amount of \$10,000 and the balance of the purchase price must be paid within 20 days of the sale; AND
 - A fee in the amount \$500.85 (\$477 + GST) for preparation of the transfer of title documents. The purchaser will be responsible for registering the transfer of title documents in the land titles office, including the registration costs.
- The risk for the property lies with the purchaser immediately following the auction.
- The purchaser is responsible for obtaining vacant possession.
- If the property is non-residential property, the purchaser must pay GST to the Municipality or, if a GST registrant, provide a GST Declaration.

Dated this 23rd day of September, 2024.

Managed by:

Kim Arnal, Chief Administrative Officer
Rural Municipality of Grey
Phone: (204) 436-2014
Fax: (204) 436-2543



**1.0 FTE Term Teacher Competition #2024-55
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Prairie Spirit School Division invites applications for a **1.0 fte term teacher** position, with specialization working with neurodiverse students, to commence November 4th, 2024 to June 27th, 2025 at **Treherne Collegiate Institute**. Deadline for applications: **Noon October 21st, 2024**.
Details available at: www.prairiespirit.mb.ca or phone 204-744-2145.

FARM LAND FOR SALE BY TENDER

Sealed, written tenders for property in the **RM of ROLAND** described below will be received by:
McCulloch Mooney Johnston Selby LLP
Box 1670, Carman, MB R0G 0J0
Attention: **Harley J. Shepherd**

PROPERTY SE ¼ 15-5-5 WPM
Being 160 Acres

CONDITIONS OF TENDER

- Interested parties must rely on their own inspection and knowledge of the property.
- Tenders must be received on or before 2:30 P.M. on Friday, November 1st, 2024.
- Tenders must be accompanied by a \$10,000.00 cheque payable to MMJS LLP in Trust as a deposit. Deposit cheques accompanying unacceptable bids will be returned.
- Highest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SALE

- The bidder whose tender is accepted will be required to complete an agreement covering terms and conditions of sale.
- In addition to the deposit, the balance of the accepted tender must be paid on or before the date of closing which shall be December 31, 2024 (1/2 payment due December 31, 2024 and 1/2 payment due January 7, 2025) or evidence provided that the purchase funds will be available under conditions acceptable to the Vendor. If the balance of the accepted tender is not paid within the set time limit the deposit may be forfeited as liquidated damages and not as a penalty.
- Possession is not authorized until acceptable arrangements for full payment are made following acceptance of tender.
- Successful bidder will be responsible for real property taxes commencing January 1, 2025.
- The purchaser shall be responsible for payment of GST or shall self-assess for GST.

For further information contact Harley J. Shepherd at:
Ph: (204) 745-2546
Fax: (204) 745-3963
email: harley@mmjslaw.com



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OBITUARY



Robert Hunt Hodgson

With heavy hearts the family announces the passing of Robert Hunt Hodgson, aged 86 of Roland, Manitoba.

He is predeceased by his wife Jacqueline.

Left to cherish his memory are his children Kimberly (Brian Kenyon), Tannis (Rob Piper) and Scott (Tammy); grandchildren, William, Taylor, Hannah, Chad, Megan, Madison, Bobby and Geoff; and great-grandchildren, Asher, Micah, Eden, Ruth and Rosie. Also mourning his loss are sisters Bea Nicholson and Dorothy Tjaden, sister-in-law Cathy Poole (Allan) and Jane Ridley, along with beloved nieces, nephews and cousins.

The funeral service will be held at Roland United Church, Friday, October 11, 2024 at 11:00 a.m. followed by a lunch at the Roland Memorial Hall.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Heart and Stroke Foundation and CancerCare Manitoba.

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

OBITUARY



Marie Valerie Graboweski

Marie Graboweski left to meet the angels October 3rd, 2024. Marie and Frank made their home in Carman 1968 and embraced community in business, church work, charity, and family. Mom loved working and loved serving others. She had a warm and always playful heart that was so visible in her touch, her smile, and in how much effort she put into something that needed to be done. We are thankful for the people who's lives she touched and the so many people who impacted hers.

Funeral is at St. Hyacinthe Parish in La Salle, Friday October 11th at 3 p.m.

Marie believed everyone should eat. Please donate to Manitoba Harvest or your local foodbank.

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SUDOKU

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Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

Level: Intermediate

Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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

Sudoku Answer

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Crossword Answer

CROSSWORD

CLUES ACROSS

- Unsheared sheep
 - Rock TV channel
 - Streetcar
 - Concerning
 - Exclamation
 - Greek goddess of youth
 - Popular type of device
 - Alcoholic beverage
 - Ancient Olympic Site
 - Sharpshoots
 - Tyrion Lannister was characterized as one
 - Pointed ends of pens
 - Measuring instruments
 - Midsection body part
 - Made a mistake
 - Adjusted
 - "Partridge" actress Susan
 - Yell
 - Civil rights city in Alabama
 - Young boy
 - Type of sea bass
 - To call (archaic)
 - Unfortunate
 - Separate oneself from others
 - Hero sandwiches
 - Spy group
 - Florida is famous for them
 - Irritating individuals
 - Luck
 - Hunting expedition
 - WWII diarist Frank
 - Peyton's younger brother
 - Type of wrap
 - Type of overseas tax or levy
 - Soviet Socialist Republic
 - Wake up
- ### CLUES DOWN
- Works of body art
 - Israeli politician Abba
 - Renowned desert
 - Eat greedily
 - She didn't make it through the Fr. Revolution
 - Beat
 - Bloodsucker
 - From a place already noted
 - Counted on
 - Alberta Assn. of Baccalaureate World Schools
 - Something one can make
 - One who abstains
 - Wild ox
 - Type of student
 - Bacterial infection of the skin
 - Expresses surprise
 - What engaged couples ultimately say
 - Crony
 - Where one begins (abbr.)
 - Architectural designation
 - "Matt Houston" actor Horsley
 - More (Spanish)
 - Autonomic nervous system
 - Indigenous peoples
 - Deflections
 - Circulating life force
 - Executes with a rope
 - Natives of an island nation
 - Girls
 - Logician and philosopher
 - Nocturnal hoofed animal
 - Relaxing spaces
 - From a distance
 - Form of Persian language
 - Amounts of time
 - Mathematical designation

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	
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16				17			18		19		
20							21		22		
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> MEAL IDEAS



Crab and Shrimp Sushi Burrito

Prep time: 20 minutes
Cook time: 10 minutes
Servings: 4

- 1 bag Success Jasmine Rice
- 1/2 cup unseasoned rice vinegar
- 2 tablespoons granulated sugar
- 2 teaspoons kosher salt
- 2 tablespoons mayonnaise
- 2 tablespoons Sriracha sauce
- 1/4 teaspoon sesame oil
- 1 tablespoon black sesame seeds
- 4 sushi nori sheets
- 1/2 carrot, ribboned, divided
- 1/2 cucumber, ribboned, divided
- 6 crab sticks, shredded, divided
- 6 large shrimp, cooked, deveined, tails removed and butterflied, divided

Rinse rice bag under cold water to remove starch. Prepare rice according to package directions.

In small saucepan over medium-low heat, heat rice vinegar, sugar and salt

until sugar and salt have dissolved, about 1 minute. Set aside.

In small bowl, mix mayonnaise, Sriracha sauce and sesame oil. Set aside.

Transfer cooked rice onto large baking sheet. Drizzle half the vinegar mixture over rice, turning until all rice is fully coated. Taste and add more vinegar mixture, if desired. Spread rice into thin layer and cool to room temperature. Sprinkle sesame seeds on top.

Lay down one sushi nori sheet. Spread layer of rice on it. Place half the carrots and cucumbers on rice. Place crab and shrimp on top.

Place another sushi nori sheet just under first one and roll. Repeat with remaining sushi nori sheets, rice, carrots, cucumbers, crab and shrimp. Wrap both burritos in plastic wrap. Let rest 10 minutes.

Slice burritos in half and serve with spicy mayo.



Thai Red Curry Chicken and Rice Soup

Prep time: 10 minutes
Cook time: 20 minutes
Servings: 6

- 6 cups chicken broth
- 2 bags Success Basmati Rice
- 1 can (14 ounces) coconut milk
- 2 tablespoons Thai red curry paste
- 1 tablespoon soy sauce
- 1 teaspoon brown sugar
- 1 pound chicken breast tenders
- 2 tablespoons lime juice
- 4 green onions, thinly sliced

In pressure cooker on saute setting over high heat, bring broth and rice bags to boil. Boil, uncovered, 10 minutes. Remove bags with fork and set aside.

Add coconut milk, curry paste, soy sauce and brown sugar to pressure cooker. Turn off saute setting. Add chicken. Cover and lock to seal. Set to pressure cook setting over high heat about 10 minutes, or until chicken is tender. Carefully, manually or natural-

ly, release pressure according to manufacturer's instructions before removing lid.

Set pressure cooker to saute setting over medium heat. Remove chicken and shred with two forks; add to soup along with lime juice and green onions. Remove rice from bags and stir into soup. Simmer until rice is heated through.



Bison Barbecue Meatloaf

Recipe courtesy of "Cookin' Savvy"

Servings: 4-6

- 1 pound ground bison
- 1/3 pound hamburger (optional)
- 2 tablespoons mesquite seasoning or barbecue seasoning
- 1 egg
- 1/2 cup barbecue sauce

Glaze:

- 1 cup barbecue sauce
- 2 tablespoons brown sugar

Heat oven to 350 F.

In bowl, mix bison; hamburger, if using; seasoning; egg; and barbecue sauce. Place in loaf pan.

To make glaze, mix barbecue sauce and brown sugar. Spread over meatloaf.

Bake 45 minutes.

Ask the money lady

Dear Money Lady,

I am doing up a new Will and want to change my executor because I want someone in my family instead of a friend. I am on my own and in my 70's now. I have two daughters that live near me. Should I pick one daughter or can I have both. Thanks Gerald.

Thanks Gerald for your question – you should choose both girls.

By having both daughters as your executors, this will allow them to manage the duties together and if they're your sole beneficiaries, it makes sense to have them together. When you draw up your Will, just make sure that the lawyer uses the wording as "jointly and severally" meaning that one or the other can make a decision about your estate. If it is not done this way, and instead written as "jointly," they will both need to agree, sign or transact on all duties together in person, without exception.

Let's look at the basic duties bestowed on an executor today.

First they will need to arrange your funeral, cremation or burial, so it's always a good idea to pre-plan to make it easier on the executor(s) since the decisions have already been made by you. Once that's done they'll need to get all the ID and credit cards of the deceased and the most recent Will. All credit cards, memberships and services will need to be cancelled. All bank accounts and any safety deposit boxes should be closed, and a new bank account opened specifically for the estate. The bank most likely will want to see the Probated Will in order to do this. If the deceased had private insurance, the executor is to advise the company of the death and arrange payment of any amounts owing under the policies.

Next the executor needs to collect all debts or payments owed to the deceased, and this will include promissory notes, corporate ac-



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counts, or any accounts receivables. If the deceased was a business owner, they will need to obtain a copy of the partnership or shareholders agreement to determine the estate's rights, responsibilities, entitlements and liabilities. All real estate assets and investments will need to be transferred to the ownership of the estate account and it will be up to the executor as to whether the assets should be sold or liquidated.

Every executor must keep impeccable notes and run everything through the new estate bank account. They will also need to advise CPP and OAS and fill out the application for the survivors' benefit for any eligible dependants. Capital gains, losses or any tax obligations will need to be determined in order to file that final tax return with the CRA.

I am pleased that your daughters live near you. There are so many tax implications that arise when your executor(s) is out of province, or even worse, not a permanent resident of Canada.

*Good Luck and Best Wishes,
Money Lady*

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