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Midland MLA Lauren Stone, right, and her assistant Crystal Malenko enjoy a Tim Horton's Holiday Smile Cookie last Friday after their decorating duties were complete. The duo were busy decorating cookies that were sold for \$1.50 from Nov. 18 to 24 in support of Carman's Community Christmas cheer Board.

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Roland's Pritchard works 1000th NHL game with the Winnipeg Jets

By Ty Dilello

Roland's Al Pritchard is living out his dream as the NHL's Winnipeg Jets massage therapist. On Nov. 7, Pritchard worked his 1000th game with the Jets as the team celebrated his achievement.

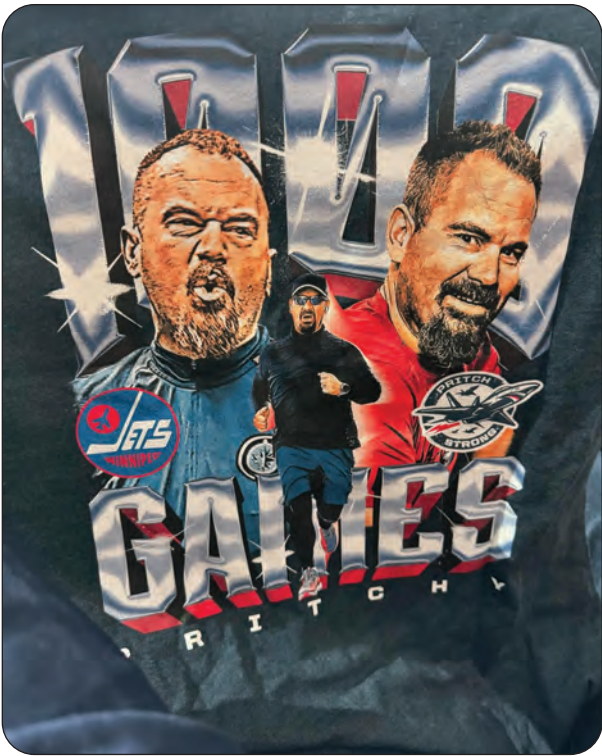
Growing up in Roland, Pritchard had his sights on a pro hockey career in the NHL. After suffering a knee injury as a member of the Pembina Valley Hawks U18 team, he switched his focus to athletic therapy as a way to get to the NHL.

"I was involved in hockey from a very young age, hanging around the rink with my two older brothers," said Pritchard. "Being a water boy and loving every minute spent with their teams. I then played hockey in Carman throughout minor hockey and moved on to play 'AAA' Midget with the Pembina Valley Hawks down in Morden. After getting hurt playing hockey with the Hawks, I wanted to get into some work helping athletes with their injuries. That is what led me to take Massage Therapy at school in Winnipeg."

Pritchard has been working independently as a massage therapist since graduating from school in 2002. After two years of study at the Massage Therapy College of Manitoba, he earned his certification as an Advanced Remedial Massage Therapist.

Prior to joining the Jets medical staff when the team returned in 2011, Pritchard worked with the Manitoba Moose for five years in a dual role as a Game Day Assistant and Massage Therapist.

Pritchard's favourite parts of the job include the privilege of working with NHL players every day.



STANDARD PHOTOS SUPPLIED BY AL PRITCHARD

Roland's Al Pritchard was honoured by the Jets for working his 1,000th game as the team's massage therapist during a Nov. 7 game against the Colorado Avalanche.

"Being involved daily in the best league in the world is the best, along with all the people you meet along the way," said Pritchard. "Every day, I work with my seven best friends and get to go to the rink to work in the NHL."

Pritchard was recognized for reaching his 1,000th game during a recent Nov. 7 game in which the Jets defeated the Colorado Avalanche 1-0. He was surrounded by his family and friends, who were all in attendance to see him get

honoured.

"There is never a bad day in the National Hockey League, and the Jets is a first-class organization from top to bottom. For my 1000th game, I was treated as such. From the organization to the players and from the training staff. I was spoiled and treated first-class all the way. It really shows how much they care and makes all the time and energy you put in daily really worth it."

Today, Pritchard, his wife Rachel, and two children reside in Niverville.

"We ended up moving to Niverville after the first year in the NHL to be closer to my wife's family to get some much-needed help with the kids due to our commitments to our work. We couldn't have been happier with the move."



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Carman and Community celebrate 2024 Business Awards

By Lana Meier

Carman and Community Chamber of Commerce executive director Jodi Winkler, Chamber President Marni Harrison, and Vice President Scott Johnston hosted the 2024 Chamber Business Awards at the Boyne Lodge Bistro last Thursday.

Three guest speakers represented the past, present and future, each sharing their entrepreneurial journey, followed by the awards.

Marge Warkentin, the former owner of Nine Lives Fashions, represented the past, Erin Dunn of Sperling Industries embodied the present, and Jordan Beukema of Beukema Pneumatics showcased the business community's future.

MMJS Law Office was awarded the Outstanding Business of the Year. Partners Scott Johnston and Harley Shepherd accepted the award on the business's behalf.

This award is presented annually to a business that has been in operation for three or more years. It honours a business that has demonstrated continual business excellence through positive business growth, exemplifies superior customer service, and embraces an outstanding commitment to quality.

"MMJS Law Office is a shining example of business excellence in our community and beyond, as they have been serving Southern and Western Manitoba for decades," said Harrison.

"Their team of dedicated lawyers and staff have earned a reputation for delivering exceptional legal services while staying true to their mission statement."

MMJS is one of the largest law firms in the area.

"We are honoured to have their business as very active Chamber members and we appreciate and recognize their commitment to our community," said



Mayghan McEachern presented Karen McGill with the Community Builder Award.

Harrison.

Nominations included Carman Floristas, Webmarkers, Knockabout, Carman Home Hardware, Irwin Fitness, Blue Crescent Hotel, Gardiner Naturopathic Wellness Clinic and Even-song Shoppe.

The New Business of the Year Award was presented to Hometown Car Wash. This business had to have been operating for over one year and less than three years and gained an expanding positive reputation. It must demonstrate excellence in innovation management, marketing, customer services, and integrity.

Hometown Car Wash has quickly become a valued asset to our community. It provides outstanding service and fulfills a much-needed commodity in the area.

The addition of a beautiful building has transformed a high-traffic vacant lot, enhancing the community's appearance and functionality.

Owners Lisa and Dustin Dreger ac-



STANDARD PHOTOS BY LANA MEIER

Hometown Car Wash owners Lisa and Dustin Dreger were awarded the New Business of the Year Award at the 2024 Chamber Business Awards at the Boyne Lodge Bistro last Thursday.

cepted the award and thanked everybody for embracing the car wash.

The Chamber is proud to have Hometown Car Wash as a part of the

membership.

Other nominations included Even-song Closet and The Prairie Poodle.

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Outstanding Business of the year was presented by Chamber president Marni Harrison to MMJS Law Office partners Scott Johnston and Harley Shepherd.



Knockabouts owners Jessica Knaggs was awarded the Social Media Excellence Award from Chamber executive director Jodi Winkler.

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Early Childhood Ed. diploma program coming to Morden

By Lorne Stelmach

Morden will be home to a program to train child care workers starting in the new year.

The Brandon-based Assiniboine College will offer an accelerated early childhood education (ECE) diploma program starting Jan. 7.

It is welcome news for local child care centres, which not only face a need for more spaces but for trained workers as well.

"We are always thankful there are other ways that education can happen for our staff. As with most child care centres, having qualified ECEs to meet the ratio that we need for licensing is challenging at times," said Ang Nickel, director of the Winkler Day Care Centre.

"When accredited schools step up and offer what we need, we hope that some of our wonderful child care assistants will step up and work to make it happen for them," she added. "I really wish that there would have been a program like this when I was going to college for child care.

"It's the best of both worlds, working and making money and going to school and making money. I hope the program will do really well. It's a great way to learn and practice what you're learning."

Through the college's ECE accelerated mentorship program, students attend classes two days per week while gaining hands-on experience working at an early learning centre three days per week.

This "earn while you learn" model allows students to develop their skills in real-world settings while pursuing their studies.

Graduates will obtain their ECE diploma in just 18 months. Students may already be employed at an early learning centre, or seek employment upon starting the program.

The program is an excellent choice for anyone considering a career in early childhood education, regardless of their prior experience in the field, suggested Karen Hargreaves, dean of the School of Health and Human Services at Assiniboine, and there is an advantage for those who are living in the Pembina Valley area to have an opportunity to advance their career in early learning close to home.

"The students can work in a centre three days a week and then take classes two days a week, so it really benefits the centres because students can apply that learning," Hargreaves said.

The program was made possible as part of an \$11.4 million investment by the provincial and federal governments to expand ECE training at Assiniboine, and Hargreaves noted the Morden area emerged as a good choice as far as locations.

"We reached out to directors of centres all throughout the province and economic departments as well to see where there was a need, and Morden was identified as an area that really needed more early childhood educa-

tors," she said. "And we had a facility that we could use to deliver the program there."

Hargreaves sees a good opportunity for the Morden and Winkler region to benefit from this initiative.

"We find that people who train in their own communities usually stay in their own communities to work," she said. "They don't have to leave their communities to go to school. We can bring it to them, which is a great opportunity."

There will be spaces for up to 20 students. Applications for the program are open now, with spaces still available.

Students interested in this program may qualify for financial supports, including a \$5,000 tuition reimbursement from the Province of Manitoba.

Early learning centres hiring new employees to participate in the program may also be eligible for the provincial staff replacement grant which can be used for staffing to fill the void on those days when a worker is in class for training.

"This increased investment in early childhood learning is an important step in increasing access to this training and encouraging new people to enter and stay working in this field. A career in ECE is not only fulfilling, but also an important piece of our social and economic fabric," said Hargreaves.

Interested applicants can visit assiniboine.net/ecementorship for more information.

This week, the way it was through the years

By Dennis Young

100 years ago, in 1924, L J Bennett, Former editor of The Roland News, purchased/modernized The Dufferin Leader, and famed Danish baker L C Klitteng arrived at Adam's Bakery to train in his expertise.

75 years ago, in 1949, A J Strachan

won 1st, 2nd, 4th, and 5th at the Toronto Royal Fair with his swine. Carman Plumbing/Heating sells portable oil or kerosene heaters for \$41.50. They are good for 30-50 hours.

50 years ago, in 1974, Lawrence Aubin lectured in Tulsa about his pioneering work in evergreen winter

storage, and the Councils dropped the Rec Commission's budget from \$76,000 to \$64,000.

25 years ago, in 1999, Johnston Farm Supplies lost \$25,000 in theft, and Carman promoted Christmas Kick-Off Coupons.

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Flashback... Elm Creek gets a new curling rink

By Dennis Young

The wooden curling rink built in 1952 for \$6,000 was starting to deteriorate, so volunteers tore it down after the decision was made to erect a new one.

By February 1979, a game plan was in place, with fundraising out of the hat, and construction had found its draw weight.

The new rink would be a Stanley Steel building consisting of four sheets of artificial ice, a meeting room, and a waiting room with kitchen facilities. A unique new heating system was installed that stores hot water, circulates it throughout the building, and warms the structure.

The community needed to come up with \$180,000 and budgeted \$70,000 through donations and numerous projects, including selling \$100 shares, but fundraising would be an issue after a poor harvest season. The finance committee took out a \$100,000 loan, partially guaranteed by 60 personal loans of \$1,000 each, with the remainder guaranteed by the Manitoba Loans Board. The R.M. of Grey levied an additional tax for one year and co-signed the MLB loan. Applied grants would prove beneficial as well. Their plan of paying it off was \$20,000/year over five years.

A rock-a-thon, walk-a-thons, socials, bingos, catering, curl a turkey, a food

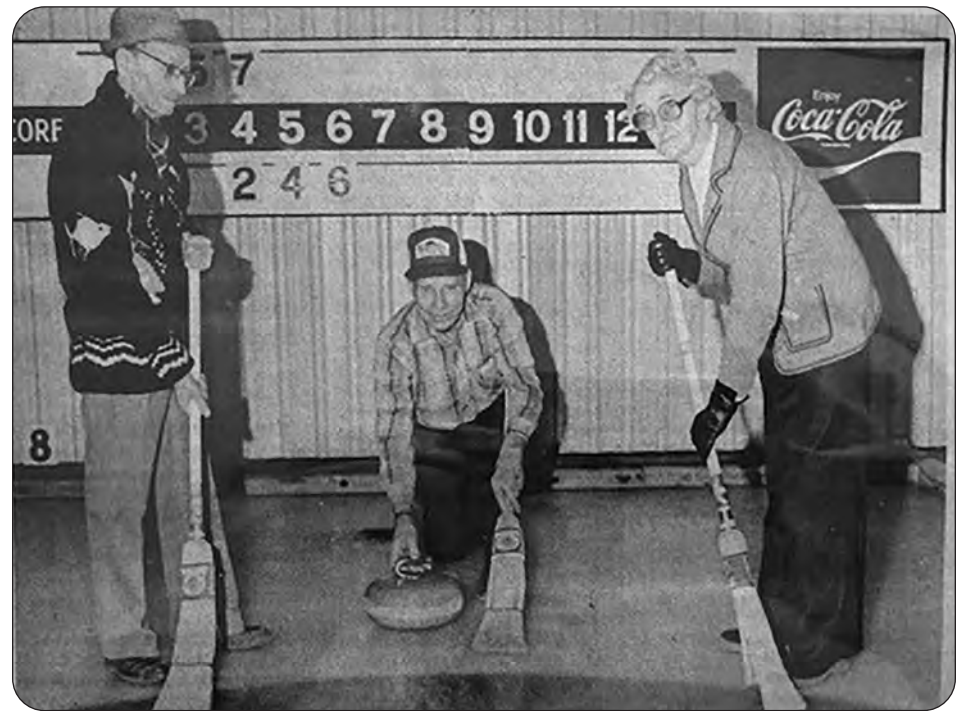
booth at Carman Fair, a raffle, corn sales, and the sale of materials from the old rink, to name a few ideas the finance committee came up with. The Community Supper, which started in '78 to bring in funds, still goes today while the canteen generated income and became well known for the best food around.

The new rink was up and ready for the curling season of 1980, which saw many leagues and bonspiels. Eventually, the bonspiels became so popular that one had to enter weeks in advance and start on Wednesdays or Thursdays to accommodate the numbers. Young mothers would hire babysitters to watch the kids at the rink so they could curl in the afternoons. Part of the waiting room was made into a senior club room, and the school had an active program representing or winning Zone 4 for many years.

March 1981 marked the grand opening of the then-still-unpaid rink. Half the projected cost had been raised, and everything the village could spare went into this.

"We couldn't have picked two worse years for farming," commented finance chair Alice Miller. "In normal years, residents would have contributed \$500 shares rather than \$100!"

That committee would be relevant until 1985, when the loan was paid in



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Garnie Orr and Doris Guppy prepare to sweep for Arne Aune as the officially throw the first rock at Elm Creek's new curling rink in 1981.

full.

"We did not have to use the guarantees. The bank made us do that to take out the loan for a non-private building. We always found the money to make the payments," Miller explained. A steady list of income for the next three years, from baling flax straw to catering events, covered the \$230,000 needed to be debt-free.

Come 1999, renos were needed, and \$25,000 was received as a grant to spray ceiling insulation, add lockers to the basement, recarpet the waiting

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> AWARDS, FROM PG. 3

The Carman and Community Chamber of Commerce awarded Janzen Chevrolet Buick GMC with the Chamber Member of the Year. This award is presented annually to a Chamber member who has exemplified outstanding involvement with Chamber activities and has been an example of a business leader while contributing to the community through the Chamber.

"Janzens has been a steadfast supporter of the Chamber for many years.

They are consistently partnering with us for community events and also serve as a long-time sponsor of our annual golf tournament. Their unwavering dedication to the Chamber and the Carman community embodies the spirit of this award," said Johnston.

The Carman and Community Chamber of Commerce Community Builder Award was introduced a few years ago to recognize a business or individual who is making a significant contribution to Carman and our sur-

rounding communities.

This year, the Chamber recognized and congratulated Karen McGill. She is described as highly passionate, level-headed, with a big heart, and a fierce advocate for people who are poor or marginalized in our community.

"For those of you that have never met Karen, she is well known as the voice on the receiving end of the Christmas Cheer Hamper Registration Line. She will be the first person people in need encounter when they find their way to the United Church seeking a Ministerial grocery assistance voucher, or assistance with accessing services or sending faxes and documents to access government services," said friend Mayghan McEachern.

"Our community is blessed to have you be a part of it!"

Other nominations included Brenda Bryson, Kathy Findlay, Paul's Place, Mary Reimer, Kristie Grant, Rob Bryson and Lindsay Boeve.

This year, the Chamber introduced the Social Media Excellence Award, which celebrates a business or organization that has demonstrated ex-

ceptional creativity, innovation, and impact through its social media presence.

The award was presented to Knockabouts for its outstanding achievements in building brand awareness, engaging with its audience, and effectively communicating its message through various social media platforms.

"Knockabouts sets the bar high in our business community with their fun, dynamic videos and reels that showcase their fearless and playful approach to social media. Whether they're having fun or poking fun at themselves, they consistently create engaging content featuring local models, highlighting their commitment to the community," said Winkler.

"As true trailblazers of social media in our area, Knockabouts inspires other small businesses to step out of their comfort zones and develop their social media presence."

Other nominees were Toews Printing, Carman Floristas, Boyne Regional Library and Peace Lily Therapeutics.

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Christmas at the Museum with horse drawn wagon rides

Festive evening planned Saturday, Dec. 7 from 6 to 8 p.m.

By Annaliese Meier

The holiday season is upon us, and a perfect way to embrace the festive spirit would be a delightful evening at Carman's Dufferin Historical Museum. Mark your calendars for Dec. 7 from 6 to 8 p.m. as the museum is transformed into a winter wonderland filled with joy, laughter, and plenty of holiday cheer.

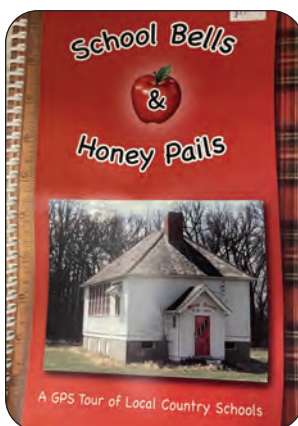
Horse and wagon rides are back this year, thanks to the kindness of a generous donor. It's a perfect way to soak in the festive spirit.

Volunteers will be teaming up with Carman Wellness Connections to offer crafts for children alongside delicious treats like cupcakes, oranges, and drinks.

Don't forget to register at the museum before hopping on the wagon. There is no charge but donations are always welcome.

If you are looking for gift ideas, there are various books available for sale - *Memorable Stories*, *Carman and Area, Part One and Two*, *School Bells & Honey Pails* and a *Museum Cookbook*. Museum sweat-shirts with the logo are also available. *Memorable Stories* is also available at Toews Printing and the R.M. of Dufferin office in Carman.

As the museum work towards exciting renovations, donations are always appreciated. Your support truly makes a difference in preserving our



Dufferin Historical Museum will be selling their books at the Christmas at the Museum event on Dec. 7

community's history.

Approximately \$35,000 has been raised to date, but based on the preliminary quotes and the increase in costs, another \$10,000 is required. The Dufferin Historical Museum is a charitable non-profit organization and tax receipts can be provided for any donations.

New members are always welcome. A membership gives you free admission to the museum when it is open and the funds assist with operations. Memberships are \$10 for an individual or \$25 for a family.

If you wish to contact the museum, please email info@dufferinhistoricalmuseum.com or contact Lori at 204-290-7852.



Dennis Young of the Dufferin Historical Museum shows off the books they will be selling at the Christmas at the Museum event on Dec. 7.

Do you recognize this drawing?



STANDARD PHOTO BY LANA MEIER

Mariel Venzky of Carman purchased a charcoal portrait of General Montgomery, drawn by J.B. Quinn while visiting the Altona MCC earlier this month. Venzky was drawn to the portrait and learned that Earl Montgomery was a Field Marshal and named a hero of the El Alamein Africa area. He died in England in March 1976 and was 88 years old. Venzky hopes that a reader with British ties can help her get this drawing to a place to call home. She is unsure if the portrait could be hung somewhere in Canada or should be sent overseas. If anyone has any information as to where the portrait came from or where it could go please email: news@carmanstandard.ca

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Picture perfect Terriers support from the St. Claude Health Centre

By Ty Dilello and with files from Kasey Kell

In November, residents at the St. Claude Health Centre completed another support project for the Portage Terriers Junior A hockey team.

On Nov. 13, residents displayed their Portage Terrier colouring pages in the facility for all to see. This was a day of smiles and excitement for the residents as the Portage Terriers defeated the Winnipeg Blues by a 5-2 score, marking their eleventh win in a row.

The first support project the residents of the St. Claude Health Centre completed for the Portage Terriers was back in March, just before the Portage Terriers started the 2023-24 MJHL playoffs.

So now, residents eagerly anticipated supporting their local MJHL hockey team this season and found a way by working on another colouring project to support the Portage Terriers during their win streak.

Residents chose their favourite player to colour. A local artist designed the colouring pages of the players to accurately represent each player, including facial features and hand position. Everyone who played for the Terriers during the month of October was coloured, including the dog T-Bone, who is the Portage Terriers mascot.

"The local Junior A team is dear to their hearts, so residents were thrilled



STANDARD PHOTOS BY KASEY KELL

Residents of the St. Claude Health Centre are hockey fans of the Portage Terriers MJHL team. Every year they complete colouring pages of the players on the Portage Terriers roster in the hopes that one day the team will come by for a visit.

to do this project," said Kasey Kell of the St. Claude Health Centre.

One resident proudly exclaimed, "I want to meet (the player), I want to get to know him, and we'd be friends." Another resident commented about their love of hockey and the hockey players from the Portage Terriers, "They need to know about this because we are their fans, we love them, and we want them to have a good game."

Many residents at the St. Claude Health Center are big Portage Terriers fans. Many have family members who are/were hockey players, in-

cluding a resident whose family has a connection to the 1942 Portage Terriers team that famously captured the Memorial Cup.

The resident is Donald "Neil" McDougall. His uncle Lynn McDougall played for the Portage Terriers in 1938-39 and was fourth place in the league's scoring race that season. Lynn's uncle Lindsay McDougall was the trainer for the Portage Terriers for that 1942 Memorial Cup-winning team.

"Residents and others have clearly

expressed their longing to have a visit from the Portage Terriers, even stating they will give a donation to the team and gas money if they come," said Kell. "The residents of the St. Claude Pavillion wish all the best to the Portage Terriers and will be cheering them on as they play the rest of the season."

In December, the residents of the St. Claude Health Centre will have two entertainment guests visiting: Ray of Sunshine and Carmelle.

> FLASHBACK, FROM PG. 5



Fraser Orr cuts the ribbon to officially open Elm Creek's new curling rink in 1981. Holding the ribbon were Finance Chairperson Alice Miller and President Don Woods.

room, install smoke alarms, and install new front steps.

"You always keep facilities upgraded so you're not faced with huge repair bills later on," stated secretary-treasurer Ron Hayward.

After 2000, the numbers declined, as is the case across the province. To generate income, the lobby and the rink, now with a cement floor, are rented

out for summer auctions, 4H, family gatherings, pickleball, and the Community Garage Sale.

Future projects in Elm Creek or any small town could use the slogan these hard-working volunteers adopted: "Don't see what the rink can do for you.... see what you can do for the rink!"

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Midland MLA Stone critical of NDP throne speech and electricity rate freeze

By Ty Dilello

Midland PC MLA and energy critic Lauren Stone is less than pleased with Premier Wab Kinew's promise during last week's throne speech to freeze electricity rates for a year.

Last Tuesday, Kinew promised to follow through on a 2023 election campaign pledge during his throne speech by freezing Manitoba Hydro rates in 2025. It's a hotly contested issue as Manitoba Hydro ended its most recent fiscal year with a \$157 million deficit and \$24.8 billion in accumulated debt.

Manitoba Hydro lost \$157 million, partly due to drought conditions that plagued the Lake Winnipeg basin during 2023. Hydro blamed the massive loss on dry conditions across western Canada, leading to low water levels on Lake Winnipeg, which Hydro uses as a reservoir to power its hydroelectric stations on the Nelson River.

Kinew's NDP government is confident that the independent Public Utilities Board, which has the final say on rate changes, will approve their plans to freeze rates for one year.

Midland's PC MLA Lauren Stone wants to know how much a rate freeze will impact Hydro's bottom line at a time when Manitoba Hydro's

debt stands at \$24.8 billion.

"The NDP is promising a freeze on Hydro rates but have no way to pay for it," said Lauren Stone. "Manitoba Hydro is nearly \$25 billion in debt as a result of the former Greg Selinger NDP's interference in Manitoba Hydro. Thirty-three cents of every Manitobans dollar that they pay for Hydro goes towards the interest costs of the debt. A rate freeze today means prices go up tomorrow on the backs of Manitobans and future generations."

Stone noted that Manitoba Hydro's debt started about ten years ago when they committed to some major hydroelectric projects like the Keeyask Dam.

"It was because of those major projects that happened without the ability to pay for them that has put Manitoba Hydro in this predicament."

Stone would like the NDP to develop a debt management plan for Manitoba Hydro, which she says does not exist yet.

"Governing and governance is about making difficult choices, and Manitoba is heading for a very difficult situation financially," said Stone. "We absolutely need to have a debt management plan for Manitoba Hydro, which we're not seeing right now."

Manitoba Premier Wab Kinew's

throne speech also promised to stop grocery stores from preventing competitors from opening nearby; his government will open more than 100 beds at healthcare facilities, unveil a new strategy for cutting ER wait times and commission a new statute to replace the Queen Victoria monument that was toppled in front of the Manitoba Legislature.

From Stone and the PC's eyes, the recent throne speech was very lacklustre and lacked any real substance.

"We saw a lot of recycled promises from the last throne speech, things that didn't come to fruition over the past year and a lot of empty words. We're heading into \$35 billion of debt as a province, with four billion this year alone. And we keep hearing the NDP promise things with no way to pay for it, and that's what we saw from the throne speech."

For those interested in seeing MLA Lauren Stone before the holidays, she will be volunteering at the Carman Christmas Cheer Board on Dec. 17, packing Christmas hampers with the volunteers in Carman. Stone will also attend seniors' coffee in the RM of MacDonald over the next few weeks, and her yearly Midland Constituency Holiday Open House will be held on Dec. 12 from 4-6 p.m.



STANDARD PHOTO BY LAUREN STONE
Midland PC MLA Lauren Stone is very critical of the NDP government's plans to freeze Manitoba Hydro rates for one year as the Crown corporation is nearly \$25 billion in debt.

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STANDARD PHOTO BY LANA MEIER
Mother Nature dumped a blanket of snow across the province last week with large amounts in the South Western region. Some parts of the province got upwards of 15 cm forcing school closures last Wednesday. Icy conditions didn't stop these youngsters from getting home on their bicycles in Carman. A low of -7 degrees and a high of -4 degrees was recorded on Sunday. The *Standard* welcomes submitted photos to help record the weather of the week. Email: news@carmanstandard.ca

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Roland School opening elf store for first time this year

By Becca Myskiw

Roland School is collecting donations for a one-of-a-kind Christmas shopping experience for students.

The school is opening the Elves R'Us store this holiday season, a second-hand shop full of pre-loved items for students to buy for family members for Christmas gifts.

"We want to be able to share the joy of gift giving with our students," said Roland School principal Melissa Benner. "Giving them the opportunity to 'shop' for their families so they can experience the joy that comes from giving gifts at the holidays and seeing the excitement from their families receiving these gifts."

Other schools in the area have done a store similar to this in past years, and Benner said those have been well received. Marcia Rempel at Roland School organized the elf store after seeing how well it did in other schools. She said she wanted Roland School students to have the chance to get gifts for their family members without them knowing what they got.

"Sometimes you find stuff there that's brand new," said Rempel. "It's a really cool thing. And some things can become a new-to-you item."

The school accepts donations of home items in good condition — knick-knacks, home décor, toys, mini hockey sticks, candles, mugs, hats, and more. Sometime in the coming weeks, the store will open in the school's library, and each student will get to "shop" at the store, a staff member helping them along the way to ensure they get something for everyone on their list. As Rempel organizes the donations as they come in, she's trying to ensure enough for everyone's siblings and parents.

If the school can get enough item donations, the store will be completely free for students, hopefully costing them nothing to go shopping. Once students have all their items, they'll take them to a wrapping station, where staff members and volunteers will wrap their gifts for them. The school is also accepting wrapping paper and tape donations for this part.

"Not everybody gets a chance to go shopping at Christmas," said Rempel. "And it always makes you feel really good if you can give someone something. It's neat to see what they pick out, how perceptive some of them are."



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Roland School is accepting donations of pre-loved goods for a store where students can do Christmas shopping.

The Elves R'Us store also reduces waste, especially at one of the most wasteful times of the year. By encouraging reusing, the store will keep more items out of landfills and out of production this holiday season.

Quebec musician visits Carman



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Golden Prairie Arts Council welcomed Canadian guitarist Thierry Bégin on Nov. 15 to play for a group at the Carman United Church. Bégin was born into a family of musicians, and learned to play several instruments at a very early age. At 12 years old, he chose the classical guitar as his main instrument. Thierry Bégin has won several prestigious competitions including nine international prizes from Spain, France, Belgium, Vietnam and Canada. He also obtained several distinctions in South Korea, Thailand, the United States, Mexico, and Austria.

Christmas light display in full effect



STANDARD PHOTO BY BEV MCLEAN

Last week, the Christmas decorations on 4th Street S.W. in Carman were a delightful display of holiday cheer, featuring Santa and his trusty reindeer. Take a leisurely drive and enjoy in the holiday spirit.

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Twisters fall to last place in MMJHL standings

By Ty Dilello

The Pembina Valley Twisters junior hockey club continues to struggle this season. The Morris-based MMJHL team is now 3-14-1, good for last place in the league standings.

On Nov. 21, the Twisters lost 8-4 to the Stonewall Jets. The Twisters' goals were scored by Dominic Rooney, Rylan Keck, Vlad Stepic, and Darby Olson, while Darion Penner and Maysen Mazurat shared the goal and made 41 net saves in the loss.

The next night on Nov. 22, the Twisters had their best win of the season when they knocked off the top-ranked Charleswood Hawks by a 5-4 scoreline. Ketema Wall led the charge with a pair of goals, while Josh Guilford, Cohen Thomas and Matthew Big-hetty had the Twisters' other goals. Maysen Mazurat was excellent as he stopped 45 shots in goal for the win.


On Nov. 24, the Twisters returned to earth when they lost 7-3 to the Fort Garry/Fort Rouge Twins. Rylan

Keck had two goals for Pembina Valley, while Vlad Stepic had the team's other goal. Maysen Mazurat stopped 25 shots in goal in the loss.

"We played a complete game against Charleswood as we played a full 60 minutes and earned every inch out there," said Twisters' head coach Braeden Beernaerts. "On Sunday, we kind of strayed away from the things that gave us success on Friday. However, coming off three games in four days the boys battled hard this week."

The Twisters are back in action with a single game this week as they return home to face the River East Royal Knights on Nov. 29. The puck drops at 8 p.m.

"We're just going to look to continue sharpening our defensive zone play," said Beernaerts. "Keeping shots to the outside is important and staying on our man. Friday's game was a good step in the right direction of what kind of team we can be."



National Addictions Awareness

Psychoactive substance use is a costly issue

According to the latest data from the Canadian Centre on Substance Use and Addiction, the total annual cost of substance use in Canada is just over \$49 billion. National Addictions Awareness Week (NAAW) takes place from November 24 to 30, 2024, providing an opportunity to increase awareness about the impact of this issue.

The costs and harms associated with alcohol, tobacco, cannabis, opioids and other substances like depressants and central nervous system stimulants can be categorized into four groups. They are, in order of significance:

1. Loss of productivity at work, including the value of lost work time due to premature death and short- or long-term disability
2. Health care costs, including hospital stays, emergency room visits and prescription drugs
3. Costs related to the criminal justice system, including police interventions, court proceedings and correctional services
4. Miscellaneous direct costs, such as research and prevention, vehicle damage and workers' compensation

As a member of society, it's essential to educate yourself. Learning about addictions will help you break down stereotypes and provide much-needed support to individuals battling addiction and their families.

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Elm Creek's Deurbrouck has promising football career ahead of him

By Ty Dilello

Elm Creek's Logan Deurbrouck has recently won Portage Collegiate Institute's (PCI) Trojan's Rookie Offensive Lineman of the Year, PCI Trojan's Dedication Award, and was a nominee for the Triple-A Bob Whitman Memorial Rookie of the Year Award.

The PCI Grade 9 student has played football for seven years and enjoyed every minute.

"My dad is the one who got me into it because he claimed I needed to play a sport, so football is the one we decided on," said Logan Deurbrouck. "Both my parents have been with me doing football this whole time and are both supporting me in different ways."

Even though he lives in Elm Creek, the 6'3", 270 lbs Deurbrouck decided to switch for his high school years to PCI partially because of the school's football program.

"Football is definitely one of the reasons that I switched to PCI, and I believe I made a great choice because, through football, I have met so many more people and have learned so much more through the seniors and

other upper-level students."

As one of the youngest players on the PCI team, Deurbrouck has been holding his own against the older players and excelling as one of the best centres and tackles in high school football.

"This season went overall well for our team, but there were a few tough losses along the way. However, we overcame and improved throughout the year. Although we all tried hard, we did end up losing in the playoffs and that game hit hard for everyone, especially the seniors. After this season, I'm not sure there's another team that I would not want to be on at this high school level."

After the season recently wrapped up, Deurbrouck was pleased to win his team's Rookie of the Year Award and be nominated for the league's Rookie of the League Award.

"It means a lot to be nominated and win Rookie of the Year at the team banquet, and I'm thankful for the great coaching that I received from coaches and even players and for the

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STANDARD PHOTO BY GLO DEURBROUCK

Elm Creek's Logan Deurbrouck enjoyed a successful Grade 9 season playing football for the Portage Collegiate Institute (PCI) squad. He won his team's Rookie of the Year Award at the season's end and was a finalist for the league's Rookie of the Year Award.

Carman Cougars make it two tournament victories in a row

By Ty Dilello

The Carman Cougars high school hockey team were victorious at the recent 52nd Annual Cougars Hockey Tournament in Carman, where they went a perfect 3-0 to win the event on Nov. 16. It's their second tournament that they've won now in this 2024-25 season.

The Cougars hosted the four-team tournament, which used a points system (3 points for a win, 2 for an overtime win, 1 for an overtime loss) because of the shortage of teams. The four teams participating were Carman, Niverville, Warren and Portage.

"It ended up working out perfectly as the last game of the tournament had us and Niverville playing who were both 2-0 going into the game, so it made it a winner-take-all for the tournament," said Cougars' head coach Michael Hetherington.

The first two periods were back-and-forth and finished with Carman up 4-3 going into the third period. The Cougars' players really turned it on from there in the third period as

they scored five unanswered goals to win 9-3.

"Overall, it was great getting our tournament back this year. The players had a blast, and being able to win it was a bonus. A huge thanks to our management for getting the tournament back on and also to all the volunteers that helped make it possible."

The season has also been going well for the Cougars so far. They're currently 7-1-1, which is good for second place in the Zone 4 league. Most recently, on Nov. 18, the Cougars defeated the Mountain Mustangs by a 3-1 score.

"Our only regulation loss was our first game of the season, and I think we've come a long way since then," said Hetherington. "A combination of scoring through the lineup and fantastic goaltending from both of our goaltenders have been key parts to our success. The exciting part is that the coaching staff, as a whole, feels we still have another level that we can get to. That being said, we need to keep



STANDARD PHOTO BY MICHAEL HETHERINGTON

The Carman Cougars are one of the hottest teams going in the Zone 4 High School Hockey League as they recently captured the 52nd Annual Cougars Hockey Tournament on Nov. 16 with a 9-3 victory in the finals over the Niverville Panthers.

working and learning because other teams are right behind us in the standings looking to move up as well."

The Cougars hosted their Hockey Fights Cancer game on Nov. 25. Car-

man was on the road on Nov. 29 to play the W.C. Miller Aces in Altona. The puck drops at 8 p.m.

U18 female Hawks down Capitals

By Lorne Stelmach

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

After losing 4-1 last Wednesday to the Eastman Selects, the Hawks rebounded to earn a 4-1 win over the Central Plains Capitals Friday.

Madison Froese did her best to keep the Hawks in the game against the Selects as she stopped 48 of 52 shots from Eastman, who have been battling with the Winnipeg Avros for first place in the standings.

Pembina Valley trailed 1-0 and 3-0 at the intermissions, but they managed to break the shutout on a goal by Rory Perrin with 5:45 remaining in the game.

Casey O'Brien scored a pair of goals to lead the Hawks to the win over Central Plains while Kasia Rakowski made 25 saves with the Hawks holding a 41-26 edge in shots on goal. Hayden Arkle and Abigail Brigg also scored for Pembina Valley.

Pembina Valley then visited Niverville Monday evening for a rematch against Eastman. Results were not available at press time.

Going into the Monday game, the Hawks remained in the middle of the pack in the standings at 5-8-0 for 10 points.

This weekend has Pembina Valley hosting Yellowhead Friday and then heading to Winnipeg to face the Ice Saturday afternoon.

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league awards; I am very thankful for the coaches putting my name forward to be considered for this award."

Deurbrouck's goals for this sport are the same as many others in his spot, but his main priority is to play at the college level after he finishes high school in a couple of years.

"I'd like to play college at the Division 1 or 2 level in the NCAA in the United States and eventually try and play professional football, but something I wish to accomplish in the short term is I would like to win league championship sometime in my high school career."



STANDARD PHOTO BY RICK HIEBERT

Pembina Valley Hawks goaltender Kasia Rakowski keeps a close eye on this incoming point shot in Friday's home game against the Central Plains Capitals. Rakowski made 25 saves in the 4-1 Hawks win.

PV Hawks U18 male team split weekend games

By Lorne Stelmach

The male U18 Pembina Valley Hawks split their weekend double-header with the Norman Northstars in Thompson.

The Hawks doubled up Norman 8-4 in game one Saturday but then fell 5-2 in game two Sunday.

It was tied 1-1 after 20 minutes in the opener, but Pembina Valley then took command with five goals in the second period to grab a 6-3 lead.

Tegan Fehr and Ragnar Gillis each

scored a pair, with the other goals coming from Ryder Wolfe, Carson Hiebert, Nathan Froebe, and Tyson Pethybridge. Karsen Dyck made 40 saves as the shots on goal were even at 44 each.

Game two saw the Northstars take period leads of 2-0 and 3-1, while Norman goalie Lincoln Richcoo backed it up with a 43-save performance.

Wolfe and Fehr scored for Pembina Valley, and Ryler Gates took the loss in goal with 34 saves as the

Hawks outshot Norman 45-39.

Pembina Valley sits in eighth place at 9-8-1-1 for 20 points, which has them one back of both Eastman and the Winnipeg Thrashers, two behind Parkland, and just one point ahead of Interlake.

The Hawks have a pair of games this weekend against the two teams at opposite ends of the standings. They visit first place Brandon Friday then return home to welcome 13th place Yellowhead Sunday.

Beavers continue to stumble in SEMHL

By Ty Dilello

The Carman Beavers have lost another tough game to keep them falling in the standings. On Nov. 23, the Beavers lost 6-1 to the Springfield Winterhawks. Mikol Sartor had the lone goal for the Beavers, while Luke Zacharias stopped 36 shots in net. With the loss, the Bea-

vers move to 2-3-0, which is good for sixth place in the ten-team South Eastern Manitoba Hockey League (SEMHL).

The Carman Beavers are back in action on Nov. 27 at home against the Winkler Royals. The puck drops at 8 p.m.

The home game on Nov. 27 is extra

special as it is the Beavers' Christmas Cheer Board Game. Please come out and support the Carman and District Christmas Cheer Board by bringing a non-perishable food item, unwrapped toy, or donating to the cause. A collection box will also be set up at the game.

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Sweetpotato Cheesecake Brownies

1 teaspoon vanilla extract
1/4 cup miniature chocolate chips
Preheat oven to 350 F. Spray 9-by-9-inch square pan with floured baking spray.

To prepare brownie layer: In medium bowl, stir brownie mix, sweetpotato, oil, water and egg until blended. Spread batter in bottom of prepared pan.

To prepare cheesecake layer: Using electric mixer, beat cream cheese until smooth. Add mashed sweetpotato, sugar, egg and vanilla; mix until well blended. Spread cheese mixture over brownie batter.

Bake 50-60 minutes, or until wooden pick inserted comes out almost clean. Remove from oven and cool 15 minutes. Sprinkle surface with chocolate chips. Cool completely. Remove from pan and serve.

Substitution: Use coconut sugar in place of granulated sugar.

Recipe courtesy of the North Carolina Sweetpotato Commission

Servings: 16
Brownie Layer:
Floured baking spray
1 package (18.2 ounces) dark chocolate fudge brownie mix
3/4 cup mashed sweetpotato, cooled
1/4 cup vegetable oil
1/4 cup water
1 egg
Cheesecake Layer:
1 package (8 ounces) reduced-fat cream cheese
3/4 cup mashed sweetpotato, cooled
1/2 cup granulated sugar
1 egg



Leftover Holiday Biscuit Pot Pie

Tajín Clasico Seasoning, to taste (about 1 tablespoon)
6 cups leftover cooked turkey, chopped

To make biscuits: In mixing bowl, combine flour, baking powder, sugar, salt and cream of tartar.

Grate butter and mix with dry ingredients.

Carefully add buttermilk and mix until incorporated.

Fold over 5-6 times, roll out and cut into 10-12 rounds.

Place cut biscuits on floured surface.

Refrigerate 30 minutes.

To make turkey pot pie filling: Preheat oven to 375 F.

Heat large pot over high heat and add turkey fat.

Add onions, carrots, celery, bay leaf, garlic, thyme, salt and pepper; gently sweat.

Add 1/2 cup flour and cook 2-3 minutes. Add turkey stock 2 cups at a time, allowing to thicken before adding more.

In bowl, mix remaining flour with turkey.

Add turkey pot, bring to simmer until thickened.

Add seasoning, to taste.

Add pot pie filling to casserole dish and gently place biscuits closely together on top.

Brush biscuits with melted butter and bake 25-30 minutes.

Remove from oven and cool 10-15 minutes before serving.

Total time: 45 minutes

Servings: 4

Biscuits:

1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
2 teaspoons baking powder
2 1/2 teaspoons sugar
1/4 teaspoon salt
2 teaspoons cream of tartar
1/2 cup cold unsalted butter
2/3 cup buttermilk
1 tablespoon butter, melted

Turkey Pot Pie Filling:

1/2 cup turkey fat
1 1/2 cups diced onion
1 1/2 cups diced carrots
1 1/2 cups diced celery
1 bay leaf
1 tablespoon minced garlic
1 tablespoon chopped thyme
1 tablespoon diamond crystal coarse salt
1 tablespoon coarse black pepper
1 cup all-purpose flour, divided
8 cups cold turkey stock

Ask the money lady

Dear Money Lady,

I have just started trading in the stock market on my own (I don't have that much saved yet) and I wondered if you could give me any information about investing as new trader. Do you think I can do this myself, or should I get a bank advisor?

Mike

Sure Mike, I can give you some pointers to get started. Remember, knowledge is power!

The more you know the better!

Even if you plan to get a banker to invest for you – it is a good idea to have some idea of what is happening in the stock market and how it could affect you in the future.

The first thing I would say to get started, would be to make sure you align your personality with your investment strategy. If you've got a short attention span – you might not be good at long-term swing trades. If you plan to be a long-haul investor then just follow your strategy with or without your banker, and don't bother watching the market every day. And if you want to be a day-trader, then remember, investing is not gambling. You can't hop in and out of the market like a profit chasing junkie. The market enjoys eating up inexperienced investors every single day. To do it yourself, there's plenty of software tools out there to allow you to practice first, Mike. Not until you start making money paper trading, preferably multiple times, should you ever consider moving into a live account. You want to make sure your strategies are viable so practice them first. Of course, it won't help you with the emotional aspects of trading, so always remember your capital is everything. This goes for your banker too. Make sure you understand their strategy, rationale, and investment goals with your money, before you hire them to work with you.

Here's some other things you should know about the stock market. The 3 most popular indices for an investor to follow are the S&P 500, the Dow Jones Industrial Average, and the



Christine Ibbotson

Nasdaq Composite. The S&P monitors the top 500 companies in the US, the Dow covers the top 30 largest and most influential blue-chip companies in the US and the Nasdaq covers all the stock traded on the Nasdaq stock exchange, (usually followed to see how technology stocks are doing). Another index to check out would be the Wilshire 5000. This is a total market index and includes all publicly traded companies in the US. Now if you're looking for Mid- or Small-Cap stock picks, you will want to check out the S&P Mid-Cap 400, the Russell Midcap or the Russell 2000. For bonds you want to check out the 10-year T-note Futures and also the 20-year Treasury bond futures.

You may be wondering why you should bother with these indices? Well, they provide an insight on the economy, give us indicators for new trends and most of all they show investor sentiment. They are also used as benchmark indices for some Exchange Traded Funds (ETFs) and Mutual Funds (MFs) that you may want to invest in for the long term.

Take it slow. Get some books on investing and you'll get it.

Good Luck and Best Wishes,
Money Lady

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Leftover Turkey Carnitas Tacos

Total time: 25 minutes

Servings: 2 (2-3 tacos each)

4-6 garlic cloves, peeled and separated
1 pinch salt

1/2 cup fresh bitter orange juice or fresh lime juice with fresh orange juice combo
1/2 cup olive oil

1teaspoon Tajín Clasico Seasoning

1 cup leftover turkey, shredded

1 cup duck fat, ghee or high smoke point oil of choice

4-6 tortillas

Toppings (optional):

pico de gallo

pickled onions

cilantro

pomegranate seeds

avocado

With mortar and pestle, crush together garlic cloves and salt, make paste and place in medium bowl.

Stir in juice, olive oil and seasoning.

Fold mojo into shredded turkey meat.

In large, heavy-bottomed pot over high heat, melt duck fat and wait until it forms a wave. Add turkey, in batches, stirring often, until meat turns light golden brown, then lower heat to medium. Turn off heat.

Heat up tortillas, place turkey carnitas on top and add pico de gallo, pickled onions, cilantro, pomegranate seeds or avocado as desired.

Note: Once browned in duck fat, carnitas can be stored in the fat overnight and reheated over low heat to melt fat and warm carnitas.

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION PEMBINA VALLEY WATER COOPERATIVE REVISED WATER RATES - November 14, 2024

The Pembina Valley Water Cooperative (Co-op) has applied to the Public Utilities Board (Board) for revised water rates for Pembina Valley Water Cooperative Utility (Utility) as set out in rate study dated August 2024. Rates were last approved in 2022 in Board Order No. 138/22, with current rates coming into effect January 1, 2024.

The current and proposed rates are as follows:

	Jan 1, 2024	Jan 1, 2025	Jan 1, 2026	Jan 1, 2027
Current and approved future rates - Board Order No. 138/22				
Water (per cubic meter)*	\$2.44	\$2.50	\$2.57	\$2.65
Proposed revised rates**		Jan 1, 2025	Year 1	Year 2
Water (per cubic meter)*		\$2.50	\$2.67	\$2.89
				Year 3
				\$3.10
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				Year 5
				\$3.46

*Current rates based on 1,000 gallons; proposed rates based on cubic meters. Current and approved future rates have been converted to cubic meters for comparison purposes.

**The Coop is anticipating Year 1 rates to be effective later in 2025 and Year 2 rates beginning in 2027.

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Details of the Co-op's application are available for review at the Co-op office or the Public Utilities Board's office. Any questions concerning the application for revised rates, or the operation of the Utility, should be sent directly to the Co-op.

If you have concerns/comments regarding the Pembina Valley Water Cooperative's application for water rates, please go to www.pubmanitoba.ca and provide your comment. Please note all comments will be forwarded to the Co-op.

Questions or comments should be sent on or before **December 29, 2024**.

The Public Utilities Board is the provincial regulatory agency that reviews and approves rates for water and wastewater utilities in Manitoba, with the exception of the City of Winnipeg. The Board's review process involves:

- the Utility filing a rate application to the Board,
- a public notification of proposed rate changes,
- the Board's review of the application through a public hearing or paper review process, and
- the issuance of an Order which outlines the Board's decision on the rate application and the rates to be charged.

The Manitoba Ombudsman has privacy guidelines for administrative tribunals. The Board is mindful of its obligations under those guidelines. Its decisions in respect of the application being considered will be sensitive to the guidelines. Personal information will not be disclosed unless it is appropriate and necessary to do so. However, the Board advises participants that these proceedings are public and that as a result, personal information protections are reduced.

The Board will then decide whether any further notice is required and whether to proceed with a public hearing or paper review process. All concerns received by the Board will be considered in the Board's decision on rates to be charged.

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OBITUARY



Frances Mae Brown

On Saturday, November 16, 2024, surrounded by her family, Fran Brown passed away at the Carman Memorial Hospital at the age of 90 years.

Fran was born on November 6, 1934, in Lashburn Saskatchewan. Memorial donations may be made to Dementia/Alzheimer Awareness, Canadian Diabetes Association, or to a charity of one's choice.

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OBITUARY



Hella Ruth Runne

January 21, 1940 – November 24, 2024

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of our beloved mother and grandmother, Hella Runne. Hella passed away peacefully at home on the morning of November 24th at the age of 84.

She was born in Bad, Pyrmont, Germany to Friedrich and Irmgard Stuckenbrock nee Tegtmeyer.

Hella immigrated to Canada with her family in July of 1977. She farmed with her husband and sons.

Hella was predeceased by her husband Bill, of 60 years.

She will be lovingly remembered by her family, sons, James Armin (Jade), Frank Axel (Kim); grandchildren, Julianne (Joey) Poncsak, Laura (Spencer) Serviss, Kurt and Thor.

A celebration of life will be held on December 3, 2024 at 2:00 p.m.

at the Carman United Church.

Memorial donations may be made to the Carman Area Foundation, Box 160, Carman, MB, R0G 0J0 or to the Carman United Church, Box 1177, Carman, MB, R0G 0J0.

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Functional Design of PTH 2 at PTH 13 Intersection Improvements

Manitoba Transportation and Infrastructure (MTI) has engaged WSP to complete a **functional design** for improvements at the intersection of PTH 2 and PTH 13 near Elm Creek, MB. The objectives of the project are to improve the geometry, safety, and traffic operations of the intersection to ensure that it meets transportation demands for at least the next 20 years.

Last July, we presented three intersection improvement alternatives. Join us at an open house to review the preferred alternative, tell us what you think and speak with members of the project team.

DATE: Monday, December 9, 2024

TIME: 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

LOCATION: Elm Creek Community Hall
70 Arena Road, Elm Creek, MB

FORMAT: Drop-in (come and go)

For further information

Contact **Anya Ingram**, Public Engagement Planner at: anya.ingram@wsp.com or 204-259-1667



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