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Kaitlyn Foster, left, and Yelim Jun are part of Elaine Owen's Grade 6 crocheting class. For every piece they make for themselves, they make one to donate to someone who needs it. Jun is working on a purple ski band. Read full story on page 3.

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Sheila Dick, left, and Chris Dick made their own version of Portage and Main to celebrate the Winnipeg Blue Bombers' 2021 Grey Cup win on Sunday.

Carman Handi-van raising prices come the new year

By Becca Myskiw

The Carman Handi-van Corp. will be raising rider fees by 25 per cent come Jan. 1.

At the November meeting of the corporation, the board discussed their 2022 budget and rider fees. With fuel costs on the rise combined with the handi-van's regular expenses, it was decided the current prices wouldn't work next year.

Currently, riders have to pay \$4 for a one-way trip within Carman and ticket prices are \$40, covering the cost of 11 rides for 10. Out-of-town trips (within 200 km) are charged \$0.75 per km. They calculated a one-way trip at being just over \$20. For out-of-town trips, the actual cost per km is \$3.24.

"This results in a heavily subsidized service for our riders," said Kathleen Findlay, administrator for the Carman Handi-van Corp.

Besides rider fees, the organization's only other sources of income are from an annual \$20,000 grant under the Mobility Disadvantaged Transportation Program and advertising panels on the van sides.

Their expenses include gas, paying a full-time driver, and ongoing maintenance costs. Luckily, the van now has its own parking space in the mainte-

nance yard thanks to a grant from the Carman Area Foundation (CAF), help from the Town of Carman, and handi-van board members.

"After much deliberation, the Board has made the decision that fares must increase," said Findlay.

One-way trips in Carman will now be \$5, tickets will be \$50, and out-of-town trips will be \$300, with the mileage rate remaining at \$0.75/km. (Out-of-town trips include two hours of friver time).

With the increase, however, the rides will still be subsidized by the balance of funds generated by former Carman Handi-van Corp. auctions and bequests received, she said.

"This new rate still provides a very economical and convenient way to travel around town especially during the winter months," said Findlay. "This has been a difficult decision as we are very much aware that the cost of many goods and services is increasing."

Riders can purchase tickets from the handi-van driver, CIBC, BenefitsRX, or Access Credit Union (ACU) for the price of \$40 until Dec. 31, 2021. The new fees don't come into place until Jan. 1, 2022.

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Miami students making a difference one stitch at a time

By Becca Myskiw

An educator in Miami has been teaching her students to knit, crochet, and loom for the less fortunate for seven years now.

Elaine Owen teaches Grade 6 at Miami School. Her curriculum consists mainly of history and how Canada and Manitoba came to be. A big part of Canada's history is the fur trade, which focused on clothing — so she focuses on it too.

"One year I had this crazy idea," she said. "I thought it might be nice to learn about wool production and pioneers and how Indigenous people made their clothing."

So, she went to the Manitoba Fiber Festival (an annual summer event) and got lessons from the people there on spinning and such. Owen said her mom taught her to crochet when she was in Grade 6, but she wasn't as good as she wanted to be to teach, so she put out a call for the pros: grandmas.

A group of grandmas came to her class that first year once a week and taught the students how to crochet, knit, and loom. They've kept coming and teaching, and Owen's classes have continued to learn. She likes how it interactively works with the different curriculums.

For each item the students make for themselves, they have to make one to donate. The students make toques, mitts, neck warmers, scarves, ski bands, and are soon going to learn to make scrunchies. They haven't yet



Elaine Owen has been teaching her class to crochet, knit, and loom for seven years now. It teaches her students about Canada's history and helps them create a relationship with their community.

decided where they're sending their goods this year, but they've sent their creations to Genesis House, Siloam Mission, Main Street Project, and up to Split Lake in previous years.

"A lot of this is about the community spirit thing," said Owen. "It's about just helping and understanding some people are in a situation where they could use some help."

The program also teaches the students that each culture has some form



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Alex Neufeld took time and care to work on his piece.

of handwork while helping them form a bond with the community's grandmas. Crocheting, knitting, and loom-ing are also life skills they can take on when they leave Owen's class.

Miami School students have also been collecting clothes since Dec. 1 for local shelters and participating in Jeans for Teen with more than 150 pairs collected.

"Middle years

students are keen and energetic, they have the capacity to share their time and talent and this project showcases that," she said.

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Giving challenge gets local foundations more than a combined \$76K

Miami and Area Foundation receives \$12,712, while Carman Area Foundation receives \$63,645

By Becca Myskiw

The numbers for this year's Endow Manitoba Giving Challenge and the Miami and Area Foundation and Carman Area Foundation (CAF) felt the love.

The giving challenge was held from Nov. 15 to 21 this year. Essentially, people are encouraged to donate to their community foundations during that week specifically. The Winnipeg Foundation and the Government of Manitoba each donated \$1 for every \$5 donated to its foundation up to a

maximum of \$2,000. So, when a foundation gets \$5, they get \$7.

This year, Access Credit Union (ACU) also joined the giving challenge and donated the same. So, CAF and the Miami and Area Foundation received \$8 for every \$5 donated.

"It's just an opportunity where we get the added money from the government," said Community foundations coordinator Caddie Crampton. "It's just to take advantage of that situation. Money always goes into the endowment fund from yearly dona-



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The Carman Area Foundation received a total \$63,645 (including stretch funds) during November's giving challenge. The Miami and Area Foundation received \$12,712.

tions. This gets extra money and creates awareness."

She said everyone in the Carman, rural municipality (RM) of Grey, and Sperling areas were very generous. They raised \$57,645 from community donors, and with the added \$6,000 from the Winnipeg Foundation, Manitoba government, and ACU, they were able to add \$63,645 to the non-designated community funds.

When people donate, they could do so through an in-person cheque, cash drop-off, or Endow Manitoba's website. There, they could designate where their money goes to and, if they wanted, which community fund to go to as well.

Tricia Livingston, treasurer for the Miami and Area Foundation, said they received a total of \$7,945 from

in-person and online donations. With the stretch funding, they got an additional \$4,767 from the Winnipeg Foundation, the Government of Manitoba, and ACU, making their total \$12,712 from the 2021 giving challenge.

"The goal is always \$10,000 because that's where we max out the stretching," said Livingston. "I think we'll be pleased enough with that because with all this going on, I think we're just happy for that."

That money will now be added to their endowment fund so they can give more to community organizations and projects with each year to come. Both foundations encourage people to donate year-round but to mark next year's giving challenge in their calendars to max the funding if possible.



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Snowkickers waiting for more snow to open snowmobile trails

By Becca Myskiw

The Pembina Valley Snowkickers hope for more snow to get out on the trails.

The snowmobile club maintains and grooms the trails in the Pembina Valley. They cover 482 km of trails from Cartwright to Morden and up to Notre Dame, complete with signage and all.

The last couple of years has been unlucky for the snowmobilers in the area, who've been lucky if they got out for two months. President of the Snowkickers Kory Van Damme said they didn't groom any of the trails last year and in 2019, got out in January only for the snow to melt soon after.

He said they can't start marking the trails or grooming them until there's at least — at the bare minimum — six inches of snow. He said the ditches probably have around four feet right now, but flat land has next to nothing.

"Ideally a foot or more would be great but out in southern Manitoba it doesn't seem all that often we get that," he said. "If it's anything like the last couple of years, probably no grooming is going to happen."

According to the Farmer's Almanac, December should be a milder month in the prairies with 15mm more snow than usual. January will be three degrees Celsius below average in the eastern prairies and bring 20mm more precipitation than average. They

don't yet have the predictions for February and March but expect February to be mild and dry and March to be mild and wet.

If the Farmer's Almanac is any indication of how the winter will go, snowmobilers will be able to get on the trails in no time. Van Damme encourages everyone — new or not to the pastime — to take the snowmobile safety course online. It informs riders of potential hazards of various trails, what to do if you get caught on open water, the different signs you might come across, and more.

He also reminds everyone to follow the signs and go the posted speed limit.

"The biggest thing when you're not familiar with the area is slow down," he said. "The maximum speed limit is 60 km/hr on a straight and 30 or less if you're in town or a heavily wooded area doing lots of turns and curves. Speed is the number one issue when it comes to snowmobile safety. When you go slow, you're a lot less likely to get hurt if you do hit something or get yourself into an issue there."

Snoman Inc. also has an interactive app for riders that show them where they are, which trails are open, and the condition of said trails. To keep up to date with trail status, go to www.snoman.mb.ca.



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Snowmobile trails in the Pembina Valley aren't open yet as the Snowkickers are waiting for at least six inches of snow before grooming trails.

Correction from Dec. 2

Staff

In the Dec. 2 edition of the *Carman-Dufferin Standard*, we published an article titled "Navigating cancer with the help of nurse navigators." In the article, we wrote Kaeleigh Vodden's name as Kaeleigh Bodden. There are also a total of four nurse navigators working in Southern Health-Santé

Sud, not two as we reported. We apologize for the errors.

Above all, we wish you and yours good health.

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Wheat and Waves donates \$10K to mental health

By Becca Myskiw

A local business has donated around \$10,000 to the Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA) in their two years of selling products.

Wheat and Waves offers polymer clay jewelry and accessories, all-natural wood-wicked candles (each with a hidden gift), greeting cards, and apparel. When the company first started in 2020, they offered just simple stud earrings, but owner Michelle Aldie kept getting customers asking for more — so she delivered.

Now, Wheat and Waves is comprised of a team of three. Aldie founded the business and created its products. Cara Veldman is the boutique manager, and Kaleigh Karlenzig manages their social media.

“When I started Wheat and Waves, I really had to put myself out there,” said Aldie. “I gave away earrings to many people and businesses, telling them about my story and my goals with Wheat & Waves. I contacted local newspapers, radio stations, created a website, and new social media pages specifically for my jewelry. Making myself vulnerable like that wasn’t easy for me. I’m quite shy and introverted, but I knew that’s what I had to do to make Wheat & Waves blossom.”

But Wheat and Waves is more than a local business selling goods. They promise to donate 10 per cent of each sale to CMHA. They also organize fundraising events and social media



Wheat and Waves sells polymer clay jewelry, wood-wick candles, apparel, and greeting cards.

challenges to contribute more. Aldie knows first-hand how hard it can be to find, receive, and afford mental health resources.

“After I was diagnosed with PTSD (Post Traumatic Stress Disorder), it took two years of ‘fighting’ to get the help that I knew I needed,” she said. “I don’t want mental health resources to be something that we should have to ‘fight’ for. Mental Health illnesses such as depression, anxiety, bipolar disorder, obsessive-compulsive disorder, addiction, etc. are real. They are ever-present yet still stigmatized. They can be fatal, just like any physical illness can be, but most importantly, they are treatable with proper care.”

Aldie estimates they’ve donated approximately \$10,000 since starting. She hopes with her fundraising efforts, the number of mental health re-



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Wheat and Waves owner Michelle Aldie has donated \$10K to CMHA in their two years of business.

sources in Canada can increase and become available for everyone regardless of age or location.

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Miami and Area Christmas Cheer Board accepting monetary donations

By Becca Myskiw

Miami and Area Christmas Cheer Board is backpacking hampers for another year.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, this year will look similar to last for the group. They're only accepting monetary donations — no food, no toys. Hamper recipients also receive store credit at the local grocery store, and their children receive a gift card.

The board doesn't have any fundraisers. Instead, they rely primarily on the Miami community for donations, a large portion of those coming from Miami School families and staff mem-

bers.

"In a normal non-COVID year, we have many organizations in our community that donate food and extra touches to make the hampers extra special," said Sandy Stepler of the Miami and Area Christmas Cheer Board.

COVID-19 hasn't changed their hamper numbers, though, as far as they know. She said they give out around 15 to 20 hampers each year and expect the same for 2021, but they don't have finalized numbers yet.

Applications for hampers were open this year from Nov. 1 to Dec. 1. Any-

one in need could apply for one and if they didn't themselves, the board also accepts referrals.

Stepler said they usually pack and deliver hampers in the middle of December in a normal year. They have volunteers who help organize the food, wrap the presents, and deliver the hampers. They haven't finalized the details of how this year will work.

"The Miami and Area Christmas Cheer Board is important because there is a need in our community," she said. "We try to provide recipients with a good Christmas meal, presents, and extra food. The Miami and area

community have always been very generous with food, toiletries, gifts, and little extras that personalize the hampers."

The board is very small and made up of only a few Volunteers. They are unable to be a food bank. That means they can only provide for the local families in need once a year at Christmas.

To donate to the cheer board before the season is up, contact Stepler at sandysteppler@hotmail.com.

Unvaccinated account for 96 per cent of COVID-19 ICU patients

Staff

The unvaccinated continue to fill Manitoba's limited ICU beds.

On Monday, public health officials reported that a total of 142 Manitobans are currently hospitalized with COVID-19, including 90 with active (infectious) COVID-19 and 52 who are considered no longer infectious.

There were 34 people in intensive care at the start of the work week, including 26 with active infections. A total of 96 per cent of patients in ICU are either completely unvaccinated (92 per cent) or only partially vaccinated (four per cent).

Southern Health-Santé Sud is one of five regional health authorities in Manitoba but it currently accounts for half the total COVID-19 ICU patients with 17. The region also has 50 total hospitalizations.

The district has the lowest vaccination rate in the province (62 per cent) and the highest test positivity rate by a wide margin (15 per cent at last report Dec. 1, compared to 5.7 per cent for the province as a whole on Monday.)

Monday's report added eight new deaths to Manitoba's tally since the pandemic began, bringing it to 1,353. The list included five men and women from Southern Health, ranging in age from 60s-90s. Comparing the statistics over the past week, two of the recent deaths were in Winkler.

To date, 66,926 people have recovered from COVID-19.

With 478 new cases coming in over the weekend, Manitoba's total COVID-19 caseload Monday was at 1,700. Five of those cases have been identified as being the new omicron variant

of the virus.

In the Pembina Valley, the case breakdown includes 44 in Winkler, 24 in Altona, 21 in Morris, 16 in Morden, 13 in Carman, 10 in Lorne/Louise/Pembina, six in Stanley, six in Roland/Thompson, five in MacDonald, and three each in Grey and Red River South.

As the fourth wave of the pandemic continues, public health officials are encouraging Manitobans to get their booster shots for COVID-19 as soon as they are eligible.

It was announced last Friday that anyone age 60 or older or those age 18

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Chicks with sticks 1961-62



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Midland Carman Collegiate ladies high school hockey team had a busy and successful season. They played six games and won four, defeating Boyne twice and Graysville twice. They lost one game to Sperling and one to Boyne. Members of the team, left to right: Barb Mcivor, Kathy Sprott, Coach Mel Enstrom, Carol Worden, Deneta Tyminski, Kay Mcnaughton, Nola Smith, Sandra Letain, Carol Skelton, Mildred White, Lynne Haache, Coach Jim Gillespie, Joan Clearwater. Front Shirley Wiebe. Missing from the photo Valerie Doyle, Janie Cochran and Marj Kehler.

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Crossing the border? Make sure you use ArriveCAN app before returning Or risk a 14-day quarantine, even if you're fully vaxxed

By Ashleigh Viveiros

If you're headed south to the United States to do some last-minute Christmas shopping over the next few weeks, make sure you double-check the requirements to get back into Canada without having to quarantine.

People across the country are running afoul of Canada's pandemic re-entry policies, which require all travellers to use the ArriveCAN program (either online or via an app on a mobile device) prior to arriving at border crossings.

The program has people submit their contact details, travel plans, health information such as proof of vaccination, and a scan of their passport.

But many travellers have simply not been aware this requirement exists, instead believing having their COVID-19 vaccination records and passport would be enough to show customs agents. Others have struggled to get the app to work properly at all.

Some Canadians have been turned away at the border until they've completed the digital paperwork, while others found themselves facing a mandatory two-week quarantine despite being fully vaccinated.

The issue was touched on by Conservative public safety critic Raquel Dancho in the House of Commons last week.

The need to use ArriveCAN has been "poorly communicated, to say the least," she said, resulting in MPs

across the country receiving hundreds of complaints in recent weeks.

"The ArriveCAN app has crashed for some users. Many can't access it from poor cell service. Many seniors don't have smartphones. For others costly data plans are out of reach for them," Doncho said. "Something needs to be done about this and something needs to be done about it now."

Public Safety Minister Marco Mendicino stressed the Liberal government is committed to protecting Canadians and that strict border control is more important than ever in light of the new, more contagious omicron variant of COVID-19.

"It's absolutely necessary that we exercise an abundance of caution at the borders to protect everyone so that we can protect the progress that we've made thus far," he said.

Further direction will be given to customs officers when it comes to ArriveCAN, Mendicino said.

"I've spoken with the CBSA [Canada Border Services Agency] so that there's additional guidance to provide the opportunity for travellers to provide the information that is necessary on ArriveCAN in person at the borders."

News of greater leniency when it comes to ArriveCAN comes a little late for some local families.

Plum Coulee businessman Jack Wiebe contacted the *Voice* last week after his brother-in-law landed himself in quarantine for popping down to Walhalla to pick up a package.

"He went across the border to pick up a parcel and he was double-vaxxed and all that, but he went across not aware of the ArriveCAN app," Wiebe said. "He comes back and they gave

him a test kit and he has to quarantine for 14 days."

The retiree has since spent the past two weeks in his home in Morden as punishment for a short trip that, pre-COVID, most people living near the border wouldn't have thought twice about making.

Wiebe said he and his family have been doing what they can to help his brother-in-law through the quarantine period, but it's galling to him that the ArriveCAN requirements weren't better publicized prior to recent news reports about all the problems they've caused.

"There's no signs at the border ... not everybody's computer literate, not everybody's aware of all this stuff with the apps and all that," he said, voicing concern not just for older Canadians who may not think to look into such digital requirements for reentry but also immigrants for whom language barriers might prove a challenge. "People need to be warned. You need the ArriveCAN app to come back without grief."

As the government continues to sort out the issues with ArriveCAN, travellers are advised to educate themselves as to the current reentry rules, make sure the app is working on their phones, and/or fill out the form online in advance and print out or screenshot the receipt just in case it's not working when you arrive at the border. ArriveCAN data can be submitted up to 72 hours before returning to Canada.

Details about ArriveCAN are available at <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/coronavirus-disease-covid-19/arrivecan.html>. You can also find it on the Google Play and Apple app stores.

Manitoba extends pandemic paid sick leave program

Submitted by Manitoba government

The Manitoba Pandemic Paid Sick Leave Program, established to help cover the costs of employee sick leave related to COVID-19, is being extended until March 31, 2022, Finance Minister Scott Fielding announced

Monday.

"To help protect all Manitobans and safely reopen our economy, it is imperative that workers get their COVID-19 vaccinations and stay home from work when feeling ill," said Fielding. "We are investing \$5 mil-

lion in the expansion of this program to give Manitobans further assurance that if they are sick, they can stay home without financial repercussions, while also providing employers with financial assistance to accommodate public

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Manitoba advises of public consultation on regulated health professions act

Submitted by Manitoba government

Manitoba Health and Seniors Care advises that counselling therapists in the province have requested self-regulation under the Regulated Health Professions Act (RHPA) and Manitobans have an opportunity to provide feedback on this application.

The Federation of Associations of Counselling Therapists in Manitoba submitted the application for self-regulation earlier this year. Individuals can provide written submissions to the Health Professions Advisory Council no later than Monday, Jan. 31, 2022.

The Health Professions Advisory Council is responsible for advising the minister of health and seniors care on matters relating to the act, including the regulation of health professions. To do this, the council seeks information from and consults with members of the public, health orga-

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For more information on the consultation and participation process, visit www.gov.mb.ca/health/rhpa/hpac.html.

Pfizer's COVID vaccine shows significant decline in protection against omicron with 2 doses

By Patricia Barrett

The ability of Pfizer-BioNTech's COVID-19 vaccine to protect people from the omicron variant has been shown to be significantly reduced with only two doses of the vaccine, and that a third dose is needed to strengthen immune responses. A preliminary study carried out by researchers from South Africa, Australia and other countries suggests antibody neutralization drops about 41-fold against omicron compared to the original strain of the virus in subjects that had received only two doses of the Pfizer vaccine.

The study titled "SARS-CoV-2 Omicron has extensive but incomplete escape of Pfizer BNT162b2 elicited neutralization and require ACE2 for infection" was published online and has yet to be peer-reviewed.

Fourteen blood samples were taken from 12 participants, six of whom had no record of previous COVID infection nor antibodies to suggest prior infection. The other six participants had a record of previous COVID infection with the ancestral strain, which was first detected in Wuhan, China.

The samples were tested for their ability to neutralise omicron and the ancestral strain (D614G) of COVID. The researchers used live virus and a human lung cell clone that was engi-

neered with an ACE2 receptor to test the neutralization.

ACE2 is a protein that's found on the surface of many cells including the lungs, heart, liver and gastrointestinal tract. The COVID virus binds to ACE2 to gain entry to a cell. Researchers found a 41-fold decline in the neutralization of omicron compared to the ancestral strain, suggesting omicron can escape antibody defences.

"The results we present here with Omicron show much more extensive escape. However, escape was incomplete in participants with higher FRNT50 [Focus Reduction Neutralization Test for measuring neutralizing antibodies or immune response] due to previous infection," the researchers wrote. "Previous infection, followed by vaccination or booster is likely to increase the neutralization level and likely confer protection from severe disease in Omicron infection."

The reliability of the findings is diminished because of the study's small sample size and the experiment having been carried out in test tubes.

But Pfizer-BioNTech agrees that two doses of its vaccine are not strong enough to neutralize omicron.

In a Dec. 8 news release the two companies said more robust protection against omicron is achieved with

a third dose after results from a preliminary study showed a 25-fold-plus reduction.

"Sera from individuals who received two doses of the current COVID-19 vaccine did exhibit, on average, more than a 25-fold reduction in neutralization titers against the Omicron variant compared to wild-type [the ancestral strain of the COVID virus], indicating that two doses of BNT162b2 [the vaccine] may not be sufficient to protect against infection with the Omicron variant," says the release.

However, people who have received only two doses of vaccine may still be protected against developing severe illness after being infected with omicron.

"Although two doses of the vaccine may still offer protection against severe disease caused by the Omicron strain, it's clear from these preliminary data that protection is improved with a third dose of our vaccine," said

Pfizer chair and CEO Albert Bourla in the news release. "Ensuring as many people as possible are fully vaccinated with the first two-dose series and a booster remains the best course of action to prevent the spread of COVID-19."

Scientists are trying to determine whether the omicron variant is more transmissible than other variants such as delta and whether it is more deadly. The variant has a large number of mutations on its spike protein and elsewhere on the virus that increase the probability of it being able to dodge immune defences.

Real-world studies are underway to determine how three doses of the Pfizer vaccine hold up against omicron.

Canada's chief public health officer Theresa Tam and deputy chief public health officer Howard Njoo advised

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> SICK LEAVE EXTENDED, FROM PG. 8

health guidelines."

Announced in May, the voluntary program provides eligible employers with up to \$600 per employee for a maximum of five full days (40 hours) of COVID-19 related sick leave. Eligible sick leave for the program related to COVID-19 includes testing, vaccinations and side effects, self-isolation due to COVID-19 symptoms or care for a loved one in any of these circumstances.

"We introduced this program to address gaps that exist between the federal Canada Recovery Sickness benefit and provincial employment standards for paid sick leave and the response has been very positive," said Fielding. "We will continue to work together with the business community to help Manitoba employers and employees get the kinds of supports they

may need to meet the unique challenges presented by the pandemic."

The federal program covers up to four weeks of leave and requires eligible individuals to apply for leave and wait approximately one week for payment. Under Manitoba's program, employees are paid on schedule and employers can request partial reimbursement from the province. Eligible employees are those who live in Manitoba and work and receive wages here on a full-time or part-time basis. To date, the program has received approximately 4,250 employer applications representing 16,300 workers, totaling \$5.2 million in benefits, with \$275 as the average benefit per eligible worker. For more information, including applications, visit www.gov.mb.ca/covid19/programs/pandemic-sick-leave.html.

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St. Claude Autobody raises over \$2,500 for Movember

By Becca Myskiw

St. Claude Autobody surpassed their goal for Movember and raised \$2,640.

The shop had all eight men working there participate in the fundraiser. This was the third year for the business to participate. In 2019, they raised \$600 and \$1,100 in 2020. They hoped to raise anywhere between \$2,200 and \$2,400 this year. They are happy to report that they raised \$240 more than their goal.

"It feels great to exceed the goal," said shop owner and manager Norm Bruneau. "We were off to a slow start compared to last year, but things picked up over the last few days, and we were able to exceed our target."

Movember has funded over 1,250 men's health projects since 2003. According to the official Movember site, men die five years earlier than women on average — for preventable reasons. 10.8 million men globally face prostate cancer, testicular cancer is the most common among young men,

and one man commits suicide every minute of every day. The male population accounts for 75 per cent of all suicides in the world.

So, the Movember movement gets people to do a few things to raise awareness around these statistics and to raise money for their research and treatment. People can grow a moustache, run or walk 60 km throughout the month (for the 60 men lost to suicide every hour), rally a group for a fun moment, or going on your own adventure.

Each participating staff member had a personal profile up to fundraise for Movember and the shop had one up too. At the end, the individual pages combined their totals with the shop page, getting the \$2,640.

At the beginning of November, Bruneau said they fundraise for the cause because it is worthy. He said guys are laxer when it comes to getting their health checked and talking about mental health, so supporting a



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St. Claude Autobody raises \$2,640 for Movember, surpassing their goal by \$240.

campaign that works to change that is a no-brainer for St. Claude Autobody.

"It feels great to raise and donate that money, but raising awareness about mental health and health, in general, might be the largest impact we have," said Bruneau.

He said 37 people or organizations donated money to their campaign this year. The shop's moustaches will be back next year, too, so he hopes everyone will mark their calendars and save some money for them.

Elm Creek School creating a safe space with GSA

By Becca Myskiw

Elm Creek School's newest club is promoting inclusion. The Gay Straight Alliance (GSA) comprises seven students in Grades 7 to 12 and four staff members. In October of this year, they formed after a school climate survey indicated students wanted a GSA to get going. So, the group of teachers got together and started it.

"We have a GSA because we feel that knowledge is power," said principal Leslie Howard. "And that inclusion is paramount. Our group has three purposes: to educate, to advocate, and to provide a safe space for socializing."

According to the GSA Network, the clubs "unite LGBTQ+ and allied youth to build community and organize around issues impacting them in their schools and communities."

They were once just a safe space for the rainbow community to socialize but are now "vehicles" for social change related to race, gender, and education.

The Elm Creek School GSA meets once every two weeks unless they have a project on the go. So far, they've discussed the group's purpose, brainstormed topics they want to learn about and discuss, and selected one topic to teach others about — pronouns. Everything the group does or talks about is student-driven.

Howard said having the GSA at Elm Creek School is essential as it gives students a safe space to share their struggles and stressors while advocating for inclusion.

She said the school promotes inclusivity in many ways. For example, staff integrates Indigenous teachings and other cultures into the curriculum. In addition, because Elm Creek School is a UNESCO school, they "seek to build peace through international cooperation in ed-

ucation, the sciences, and culture."

"When programming for exceptional students, we do our best to ensure students remain in the classroom as much as possible," she said.

The school also has staff who want to increase their capacity of inclusive practices as part of their professional growth plans. So, some have started using non-gender pronouns when addressing students, with their ultimate goal being that each student and staff member feels safe and has a sense of belonging.

The Diversity Centre says pronouns are how people refer to one another in place of their names. They typically have an implied gender — he, she, him, her — which leads people to make assumptions about their gender.

To avoid confusion, they suggest using gender-neutral pronouns such as "they" and "them" if one doesn't know someone's pronouns. It's also acceptable to ask someone their pronouns.



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> ICU PATIENTS, FROM PG. 7

or older who live in a First Nations community who received their second dose on or before July 10 are now able to receive their third shot of vaccine.

A six month timeframe between second and

third doses continues to be recommended for all other Manitobans age 18+.

Visit <https://manitoba.ca/covid19/vaccine/index.html> for information on the vaccination sites nearest you.

> OMICRON, FROM PG. 9

Canadians last Friday to refrain from travelling and to keep gatherings to 10 people or fewer over the Christmas holiday given alarming increases in COVID infections. New federal government modelling estimates 12,000 cases of omicron a day by January should the variant

overtake delta as the dominant strain.

"Regarding European countries, it's possible the omicron variant will be the predominant variant in the space of the next few weeks," said Njoo in French during a news conference Dec. 10. "We're also observing what's happening in the U.K. and Germany and the same thing could be possible in Canada."

Christmas STORIES

Ms. Salazar's Grade
2 Class, Elm Creek

If I Decorated Our House For Christmas

By Annalise P.

I wish I could decorate my whole house for Christmas! My mom and I are too busy. Mom is working a lot and I am going to school or working on homework...

If I decorated our Christmas tree, it would be bent over with beautiful decorations and it would be super pretty! The lights would be all over the house! I would make cookies covered with colorful sprinkles. I would make a gingerbread house. It would look so real with candy and icing. I would put the stockings over the fireplace.

One cold morning, I found a card on

my breakfast plate. It said,
Dear Ann,
Today is Saturday! Let's decorate for Christmas!

Love: Mom
It was the best day of my life! Yay!
Mom and I decorated and decorated until night.

Mom said, "It's Christmas Eve tonight, you better get right to bed!"

The Crazy Elf

By Byron L.

Once there was an elf that lived on a shelf. He did not like the shelf, so he jumped off the shelf and he went to a hockey game! He hid in some popcorn! It was so loud! He soon became lonely, so he went and bought a ski doo. He went to the North Pole! It was HOT! He noticed it was Australia! He like it there so much, he decided to stay!

The Gingerbread Family

By Natalie E.

Once upon a time, there was a gingerbread family. It was Christmas. The family members were Ashley, Abby, Mommy and Daddy. Ashley

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and Abby wanted to go to the Christmas Fair, but Mommy and Daddy wouldn't let them because they were too busy.

So, Ashley and Abby, hopped in their gingerbread car and tried to drive... Since their car would not start, the girls went crazy! The girls got out and walked. Finally, they made it to the Fair. Ashley and Abby were scared. All of the other gingerbread children were with their parents! It made them even more scared when they tried to buy candy canes with no money. Luckily, they got two free ones.

Soon their parents came. Each parent had a mad face. Ashley and Abby got into trouble! Their parents said, "Why don't we go on the roller coaster?" Ashley and Abby were shocked. They thought they had to go home and have a time-out!

After the ride, the girls went right to bed. The next morning, it was Christmas Eve. Ashley and Abby were worried that Santa might not bring naughty girls any presents. Before Ashley and Abby's parents woke up, the girls made a special breakfast for their parents. They apologized for be-

ing so naughty.

When they went to the gingerbread Christmas tree, the girls were surprised when they saw lots of presents!!

Santa's Big Problem

Wyatt K.

Santa's reindeer got sick and he has to build a new sleigh. It was only a few days from Christmas. He had to work fast to build his new sleigh! Mrs. Claus and Santa had to work hard and fast. When they were done, Christmas was almost there. They did not know how to make the reindeer feel better. The reindeer were sad because Rudolph was lost. The reindeer and Santa went to look for him. They found him sleeping in a tree. They woke him up and told him, "Its almost Christmas, it's time to go!" They went to deliver all the presents.

The Perfect Christmas

By Sadie D.

Once upon a time there were two girls named Olive and Vanessa. They

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were really, really excited because soon it was Christmas. Their dad was a Hydro man and he was away working for a few weeks. In the morning, Mom was going to the store to buy some presents. They really wanted to go with her, but only Olive was allowed to go. Vanessa did not think that it was fair. Their Mom would always say, just Olive goes. It was the morning, Olive ran downstairs. Mom had forgotten to buy her a gift. She felt terrible. Olive whispered to Vanessa to come outside.... Mom did not forget Vanessa's gift, her present was ...

Vanessa's dad came home for Christmas!!

The Missing Reindeer
By Brooklyn D.

One chilly Christmas night, Santa was checking on the toyshop and the reindeer. He discovered that Rudolph was missing! Santa said, "Oh, dear! Where can he be?"

Vixen was thinking about how much they made fun of Rudolph's red

nose...

Santa was very upset. "How can we see in the dark without Rudolph's red nose?" Santa asked.

Santa said, "Now we can't deliver the gifts to girls and boys!"

SO, they went to search for Rudolph. They looked and they looked. Vixen found some footprints in the snow. They followed the footprints to the woods. They found Rudolph.

Rudolph was sad. All the reindeer said sorry for teasing Rudolph about his red nose. Santa told Rudolph that he could lead the sleigh right in the front!

Rudolph was so happy, and he ran to the front! HE was the best reindeer ever!

The Minion's Christmas

By Finnick N.

Santa is going to be late! The Minions said, "Gru you have to be Santa!" Gru put on the red suit and got into the sleigh. Gru said, "On Dasher, On Dancer, On Prancer, and Vixon, On Comet, On Cupid, On Donner and Blitzen, and Rudolph! The sleigh took off in a flash! Gru was going this way

and that way, he went up and he went down. Finally, Gru was back. The Minions put on little elf suits. And in the morning, they put presents under each tree! The End!

The Christmas Party

By Jack J.

It was a big storm in Elm Creek. No one could go to the Christmas party until all the snow plows could clear the roads. Hours later, the plows came. Everyone was able to go to the Christmas party at the hall. The hall was decorated with a Christmas tree, blow up Santa, Christmas lights and even stockings. There was punch and chocolate cake with snowflake icing. Everyone danced and played Duck, Duck, Goose. We partied until 9:30 and then we went home. All the kids had to get to sleep so Santa could come.

The Robbery!

By Dany W.

I can't believe it! Someone robbed the store!

It was Santa?? I don't know why the Jolly Old Man did that?!

OH, I have an idea.... Maybe Santa robbed the store because he needed presents for his elves. The elves didn't get their presents in time to go

on the sleigh. The elves were trying to tell Santa that his sleigh was broken. They all thought that Christmas was over. Santa tried to start the sleigh, but he was too busy to listen to the elves. He fixed the sleigh and off he went just in time.

Santa thanked the elves for their hard work and gave them each a present.

Soon the Police arrived only to see Santa flying away. The store owner saw that all the presents had been replaced. Oh, Santa!

Santa Vs. The Chimney

By Malcolm S.

One cold Christmas Eve, Santa was delivering presents all over the world. He landed softly on my roof. Suddenly, Santa got stuck right in my chimney. He called 911! He thought his boss was going to find out and he thought he was going to get in trouble! The Elm Creek firefighters yelled, "Santa, your butt is burning!" They sprayed water down the chimney. The kids woke up and they saw Santa stuck in the chimney and smoke coming from his butt. The firefighters quickly climbed to the roof and pulled and pulled and pulled, until finally Santa

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wiggled out of the chimney. The family invited everyone in for milk and homemade chocolate chip cookies. Then Dasher, Dancer, Prancer, Vixen, Comet, Cupid, Donner, Blitzen, Rudolph, and Olive dashed away!!!

The Christmas Problem

By Kynsley K.

It was the day before Christmas. I was so excited. My family made Santa cookies and then it was time to go to bed. Soon Santa would come.... But, the next morning, when I got up I ran to the tree. There were no presents! Then I ran to my brother's room and yelled, "Owen, Mason, Mom!" Then I yelled, "Dad!" Suddenly we heard a thud and someone shouted help! "Who was that?" asked Dad and Mom together. "It could be Santa!" said Owen, Mason and Kynsley. We ran to the living room. We found Santa's feet dangling! He was stuck in our chimney!

Too Many Snowflakes

By Drew M.

Once upon a time there was a little boy named Byron and his brother Drew. They looked out the window and there were some snowflakes on the ground. They rushed outside to play in the snow. They got their shovels, but it was too deep! Then their Dad came in his truck. He had a trailer with a Bobcat. He cleared the driveway. Then he picked up Drew and Byron. Then their Mom came out

and she threw a snowball! Mom said to the boys, "it's on! Mom vs the boys!" Eventually, mom fell over and gave up.

The Elves Vacation

By Brooke B.

The elves were flying to Darcie's house to give a little prank. When they were doing the prank in the morning Darcie woke up and found the elves. They brought a toy. Darcie said, "Mom, Dad they brought a toy!" Mom said, "wow!" Dad said, "wow" and Holly said "how did she get it here?" Darcie said, "we should get dressed," and they opened the toy. "It's a Barbie!" said Holly. "It's time for school" said Mom. They got their backpacks and went off to school.

COVID Catastrophe!

By Sasha G.

It was daylight and my mom was driving me to school. It was Monday and there was no Covid. Soon there was going to be Covid. One month later, there was Covid. We had to wear masks at school and in the stores. Two school years later, it still had not gone away. One morning, when Mom and I were getting ready for school, I remembered that we did not have any masks on. I asked my mom if we had to wear masks. Then mom told me that Covid was finally over! THAT WAS THE BEST CHRISTMAS EVER!

The Christmas Cookie Caper

By Ryleigh P.

It was Christmas Eve and I was putting cookies and milk out for Santa. I went to my room to read. I had just started reading, when I heard a noise! I jumped up to find out what was the matter! I ran to the Christmas tree. The cookies and the milk for Santa was gone! I had to make more cookies and get more milk. Once I had put out the new cookies and milk, I went outside to play in the snow. After a while, I came back in. The milk and the cookies were gone again! I decided to stay in the living room,

where the cookies and milk were. I got a net to catch the Christmas Cookie Caper robber. Then my dad came and said, "Yum, more cookies!" I got my net and chased dad until I got him!

Too Many Snowflakes

By Darcie V.

There were too many snowflakes on the ground! I could not believe it. I decided to go outside and start shoveling while my parents were in bed. I even laid reindeer food on the path meant for Santa's reindeer so that they would not go hungry! Finally, I was done, and I went back to bed.

When I woke up, I went to check to see if the reindeer food was gone. The food was all gone. I ran into the house and into the living room. There were so many presents under the tree! I love Christmas so much because we get presents on Christmas Day! My stocking was full of treats. I was so excited for Christmas Day.

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The Grinch and the Ladouceurs

By Bailey L.

T'was the night before Christmas and all through the house, I was waiting for Santa. Suddenly I saw something out the window. It was Santa! Why was Santa here? I wanted to know? Was it a dream? He was so green.... Was he sick? I woke up my mom and dad and we tried to stop him, but he got away! We followed his tracks and we figured out that he lived on Mount Crumpet. He was taking all the toys. Why did he steal Christmas?

My mom and dad told me that his heart was too small. We wanted to help him. But how? So, we made him some special cookies and hot chocolate and we wrapped up a present. We took it up the mountain to give it to him. The Grinch tasted the cookies and drank the hot chocolate. Then he grabbed the present and opened it up. It was a puppy!!! The Grinch started to smile and his heart grew and grew and GREW! He named his puppy Max. The Grinch was now kinder and he wanted to give everything back!

We helped him take all the presents back to all the houses. Merry Christmas to all and to all a good night!

No Presents

By Cooper F.

Yeah! It is Christmas morning! Cooper ran to the living room. There were no presents!! Cooper looked and looked and looked, but he could not find any presents! He looked all day. He felt sad that he did not have a single present.

Finally, he went to bed and in the morning, he ran back to

the living room to check. He found lots of presents! Cooper said, "OH NO, yesterday was not Christmas yet, that is why I did not have any presents from Santa!"

The Missing Snowman

By Avery K.

One beautiful snowy day, a little girl named Avery built a tall snowman. Avery added a hat, a scarf and rocks for eyes. That night, the snowman became real! The snowman decided to run away. The little girl woke up the next morning and went to look at her snowman. The snowman was gone! What happened?? Avery went outside and she built another snowman. This time, she added red yarn for lips, a pink tuque and eye lashes. She wondered what the chances were that this snowman would run away... In the night, the other snowman came back so that he would have a snowman friend to play with. They became good friends and they decided to stay!


The Perfect Christmas Morning

By Hayley B.

Jack and Jim went to bed on Christmas Eve. When they woke up, it was the perfect Christmas morning. The snow was nice and sticky and the Christmas tree was so sparkly and glowing. The house smelled like sugar and candy. Jack and Jim went outside to play. They went sledding and when they came in, they had hot chocolate and marshmallows. Jack and Jim felt so lucky and happy as they looked out the window. Then they saw their neighbor, old Mrs. Salazar. So, they decided to visit her and take her some cookies and hot chocolate. She was so pleased to have a visitor. Jack and Jim were so exhausted they went right to bed.

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Santa's Problem

By Selah F.

Once upon a time, it was Christmas night. Santa was sick! So, Mrs. Claus thought and thought... What was she going to do? She had an idea! Though, she did not know how, she tried to drive the sleigh! The sleigh crashed, ++++++ and finally she got around the whole world!

A Christmas Chicken

By Dante L.

One snowy day on a little farm near Elm Creek, a mother hen lived in Dante's chicken coop. Every day Honey Comb laid one perfect egg. Every day, Dante would give Honey Comb some chicken food, water and some clean straw. Every day, Dante would take her new egg.

Honey Comb was made! She did not think this was fair! She tried pecking the boy, but he still took her eggs!

"THAT'S IT! I'M FED UP!" Honey Comb packed her suitcase and put on her tuque. She went to find a new home.

A fox dressed like Santa stopped Honey Comb, "Hello little hen, why don't you come with me?"

"What big ears you have, Santa!"
"What big Teeth you have, Santa!"
So, Honey Comb ran away and hid in the forest.

That night, she heard a Ho HO HO! Santa landed at the house. She asked Santa for help. Santa said, "Honey Comb, you need a nice warm chicken coop and a nice boy to take care of you!"

Honey Comb knew just where to go.... So, she went back to her warm chicken coop. "Home sweet home!" she said.

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We decorate the tree with a picture of me! I usually to go my cousin's house for Christmas! - Sasha G.

...for all those who do not have a house, I hope they do soon. - Dany W.

I like being with family and friends. I like wishing on stars. I like being

happy and having the people who have presents to be happy when they open their presents. I love eating with family and friends. - Annalise P.

My family gets to come over and we get together. We get stuffing which is my favorite! So far, I haven't got any coal yet. - Finn N.

My family means way more than my presents. We have a big feast with my family. We put up our Christmas tree every year and we put out our stockings. - Cooper F.

It means we get to spend time with my family. - Drew M.

I get to see my cousins at Christmas. - Kynsley K.

I get to meet all of our cousins from Calgary and we all have Christmas dinner together. - Liam F.

Christmas is to be Merry and Christ in Christmas and to spend time with my family. I like to be jolly and the stars all look so pretty. - Avery K.

I celebrate Christmas because Jesus died on Easter and Christmas is his birthday. The Christmas spirit is important to me. - Malcolm S.

My auntie and cousins from the

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- Natalie E.

mountains come and we celebrate my birthday and Christmas. My friends and relatives visit us. It has been a long time since I have seen them. I am SO excited! I love Christmas because we get stockings and open presents.

- Wyatt K.

I spend time with my family and celebrate Jesus's birthday. I love giving presents. It feels so good to see my family happy.

- Selah F.

That God created the world and it is not about presents. Jesus got born!

I love baking cookies with my mom and putting up the Christmas tree.

- Hayley B.

We get stuffing!! We decorated the Christmas tree and we get to decorate our own tree!

- Byron L.

It is Jesus's birth and that my family celebrates by opening presents and I get to see my relatives!

I love having fun, opening presents together, having Christmas baking, and getting new toys. I love having fun in the snow.

- Bailey L.

I love when my cousins come out. I go to my Nana and Papa's and my cousins sometime stay the night at my Grandma's. I go visit all my friends and family.

- Brooklyn D.

Every year, we put up our Christmas tree. We hold hands and sing Christmas carols.

- Sadie D.

Celebrating Jesus's birth, getting presents and giving presents and being with my family.

- Ryleigh P.

My CHRISTMAS WISH....

I wish I could celebrate Christmas with YOU Grandpa (who is in heaven).

- Dante L.

I wish we had more money. I wish COVID was not

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Communities in Bloom looking to big things in 2022

By Becca Myskiw

Carman is about to get a lot more love, courtesy of Carman Dufferin Communities in Bloom.

The group had a strategic planning meeting on Nov. 16 facilitated by volunteer Debbie Iverson. The purpose of the session was to guide the organization's planning for projects in 2022 (and further).

The Carman Dufferin Communities in Bloom group was formed in 2019 to enter the Manitoba Communities in Bloom competition. The competition scores towns across the country on six categories: tidiness, environmental awareness, heritage conservation, urban forestry, landscaped areas, and floral displays.

Since entering, though, they haven't had the chance to compete as COVID-19 has mostly shut it down. So instead, they're hoping to get fierce with it come 2022. To do that, they had to develop a game plan — and that's exactly what they did at the strategic planning meeting.

Carman Dufferin Communities in Bloom focuses on three key areas. The first one is improving the business area on 1st Street, but they don't want to do it alone.

"We have ideas but truly it's the people that are involved," said Susan Mooney from the group.

She said being part of the Carman and Community Chamber of Commerce is a big help in working with the business community to spruce up their area.

The second thing they're focusing on is the various groups in town functioning with more cohesiveness. Mooney said that means the Boyne River Keepers, the town council, Carman Community Pathways, and the chamber all working with Communities in Bloom to work on the town together.

"We're just thinking that instead of working in silos, to be maybe even coming together once a year as a group to celebrate the things that have happened and working towards other things," she said.

Also, the group's itinerary for 2022 is working on the parking lot at Newman Hand Insurance. Rob Bryson from the business already started the pocket park there, but Mooney said they have ideas for each season so people can enjoy the space year-round.

Though the group hasn't participated in the competition yet, Carman Dufferin Communities in Bloom has done a lot for the Town of Carman in their two years. Their most recent and one of their most significant projects



STANDARD FILE PHOTO

Carman Dufferin Communities in Bloom is planning on sprucing up the business area in Carman, working on the Newman Hand Insurance pocket park, and working cohesively with the town's other groups come 2022.

was the Boyne Side Pocket Park by the Riverview senior's apartment block. They added trees, a pergola, accessible picnic tables, benches, and a pathway, along with other plants.

They've also started a social media presence, planted trees around the community, set up dog and bike parking areas, added rain barrels for private residences, put new planters

on Main Street, and more.

They'll know by the end of January if there's a Communities in Bloom competition for them to compete in next year.

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here. I wish Jesus was not nailed to the cross so that he could still be here.
- Dany W.

I wish that my Grandpa did not die. I wish that my elf did not break his leg. I wish that my cat was still alive. I wish that my cousin did not have COVID.
- Drew M.

I wish that all the homeless people could have a home.
- Jack J.

My Christmas wish is that my Great Grandpa Jake could still be here for Christmas.
- Brooke B.

My Christmas wish is that COVID19 wasn't here anymore and that Oma and Opa were still alive.
- Natalie E.

My Christmas wish is that COVID19 would go away because then I could take off my mask and I could pick up garbage out of the ditch.
- Hayley B.

My Christmas wish is that COVID 19 would be gone. Then we would not have to isolate and we would not have to wear masks.
- Ryleigh P.

My Christmas wish is to see my Grandma and Grandpa.
- Bailey L.

My Grandpa drives truck and I want him to be safe in a storm. I hope all the people that do not have any gifts will get gifts.
- Avery K.

My Christmas wish is that my Papa did not have cancer in his spine.
- Byron L.

I wish every family would celebrate Christmas. I wish that my Grandpa did not have cancer. I wish there were no wars. I wish that everyone would have a good life.
- Malcolm S.

I wish I could be in Ms. Salazar's class forever and I really wish COVID would go away.
- Sadie D.

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Tips to ensure holiday road trips are safe and stress-free



After a 2020 holiday season in which the pandemic forced the postponement or cancellation of festivities, families are planning to get together once again in 2021. Many people will head home for the holidays this year, and the vast majority will take to the highway to do so.

The Bureau of Transportation Statistics says the Thanksgiving and Christmas/New Year's holiday periods are among the busiest for long-distance travel. The highways will be busy with motorists criss-crossing the country to visit loved ones. Holiday travel may require covering a long distance in a limited amount of time. Finding ways

to be efficient in regard to time management can reduce stress and improve safety.

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Travel at night

If you can safely manage it, you may experience considerably less traffic in the evening hours than during other times of day. In addition, if kids are in tow, they may sleep much of the way, helping to reduce the number of times they ask, "Are we there yet?" Share driving responsibilities with another person so that each driver can take a break to prevent drowsy driving.

Get a vehicle maintenance check

No one wants to get stranded on the side of the road with a car filled with gifts and treats. It's well worth the investment to have a mechanic give a vehicle a checkup prior to leaving. Get an oil change even if it's a little early to do so. Look at tire tread wear and ensure that you have the right tires for the road conditions where you'll be headed.

Plan your route

People often rely on mobile phone or dashboard GPS systems to get where they need to go. However, it helps to have a general idea of the route so that if service drops out you can still find your way. Scout out rest stops or acceptable restaurants online prior to leaving so you have a plan for making stops in safe areas.

Stock the car

While presents may be taking up valuable real estate, pack a cooler with snacks and beverages to help reduce how many times you need to get off the highway. Also, games or other forms of entertainment can keep children occupied on long trips.

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Calf sales multiply for a good cause

By Jennifer McFee

One good deed deserves another — and another and another and another.

A chain reaction of generosity began when 13-year-old twin sisters Heidi and Allison Braun decided to auction off one of their calves earlier this month and donate the proceeds to CancerCare.

The cause is close to their hearts since Heidi has been battling brain cancer for the past seven years.

The sisters chose their best calf and arranged to bring young Braunco to Winnipeg Livestock Sales in Rosser on Friday, Dec. 3.

That's when their remarkable donation inspired nearly a dozen more acts of generosity, raising approximately \$40,000 for the cause in less than 30 minutes.

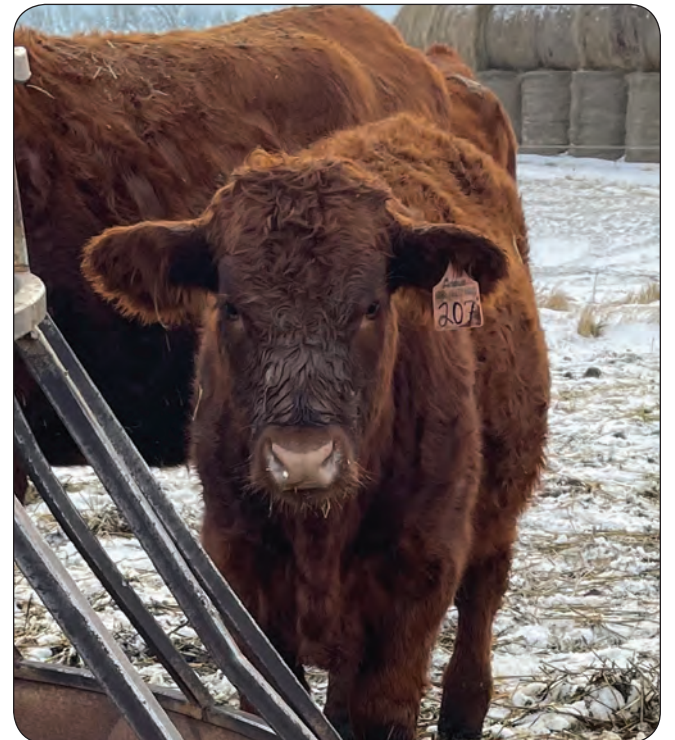
Scott Anderson, manager of Winnipeg Livestock Sales, said they spread the word in advance to try to generate as much attention as possible.

"Lo and behold, we had a pretty fair group of people all here looking to buy a calf, so it worked out well. It was bought and resold 11 times," he said.

"One woman walked in to buy the calf. She stepped up to the plate and paid more than \$9,000 the first time. Then she resold it and bought it back the seventh or eighth time for about \$3,000. So she ended up spending



Heidi Braun, 13, of Gnadenthal has been battling brain cancer for the past seven years.



Heidi and Allison Braun auctioned off their calf Braunco, raising about \$40,000 for CancerCare Manitoba Foundation.

\$12,000 and left without a calf."

Mark Braun, the twins' dad, said Heidi makes frequent visits to Winnipeg for medical appointments from their southern Manitoba community of Gnadenthal near Plum Coulee.

"She would like to raise money for cancer awareness. Due to the nature of her cancer, they can't seem to get a grasp on it," he said. "She's been doing some trial drugs to try to find a cure and she continues to battle with it."

The family operates a mixed farm where they raise cattle, and they also have some hogs, chicken and grain. The twin sisters raise several calves themselves.

"We were very thankful that the girls made the decision to donate their calf. It was good to see that they were willing to put in the effort as well," Braun said.

"We were also very thankful for the livestock community that showed a lot of support. There were people that we knew and people we didn't know, and they all wanted to pitch in and help."

For Heidi, it was an emotionally charged experience.

"She was very overwhelmed. She had tears of joy and she had a lot of

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mixed emotions. As a farm kid, we all know that animals become pets very quick, so that part was difficult," Braun said.

"Then with all the support, she was very overwhelmed by all these rough and tough cattle guys that were willing to help a 13-year-old girl."

Sherelle Kwan, manager of community events and development at CancerCare Manitoba Foundation, said all funds raised by Heidi's calf sale go toward pediatric research and clinical trials at CancerCare Manitoba.

"Fundraisers like Heidi's are so important in helping us understand the daunting reality of this disease, which knows no bounds and plays no favourites. We are so grateful for her efforts and to those who fundraise and donate on our behalf to advance research and treatment," Kwan said.

"Heidi and her family are always coming up with creative ways to fundraise from lemonade stands and scrunchie sales to selling a steer in a live auction. Heidi personally knows the importance of advancing research and clinical trials here in Manitoba, and we are so grateful for her and her family's fundraising efforts."

For anyone looking to contribute towards Heidi's fundraising efforts, donations can be made online through the CancerCare Manitoba Foundation website. For more information, visit www.support.cancercarefdn.mb.ca and search for "Heidi's Calf Sale" or go directly to her donation page, which is part of the steer sale, at https://support.cancercarefdn.mb.ca/site/TR/communityevents/General?team_id=4964&pg=team&fr_id=1633.



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BTHC Foundation campaign nearing its goal

The "Donation Conversation" has raised \$167K and counting; aiming for \$175K

By Lorne Stelmach

A social media campaign to help support Boundary Trails Health Centre is about to reach its fundraising target in its second year.

The BTHC Foundation's Donation Conversation initiative had reached \$167,000 last week, so representatives were optimistic they would equal the amount brought in last year.

"We will definitely reach our goal of \$175,000 or better," suggested foundation board chair Ben Friesen.

"It has been successful again. We have really good uptake from the community ... considering there are so many options and places that people can donate their money," he said. "And it's important because we get all our money from the community."

Pandemic restrictions meant the foundation in 2020 was not able to hold its two major events—the golf tournament and annual gala. This year, only the golf tournament was possible.

The Donation Conversation campaign was created to help fill that void, and the result exceeded their expectations.

It helped them not only maintain but expand their palliative care and spiritual care programs, which represent significant parts of their budget at over \$200,000.

The three month campaign once again has focused on the three areas supported by the foundation. It began in October with palliative care, which takes up the biggest portion of the annu-

al budget at about \$150,000. It continued in November with a spotlight on equipment followed by December's emphasis on spiritual care.

The campaign got significant boosts from a number of sponsors who matched the initial \$30,000, including Greenvalley Equipment, Access Credit Union, BP and Sons Grain, Meridian Manufacturing, Precision Land Solutions and Triple E - Load King. Little Morden Service also kicked things off with \$15,000 right at the start.

"So we are getting close ... it ends Dec. 31, so there is still time for people to get in their donations," said foundation executive director Shannon Samatte-Folkett.

"It's been great. I find it has really helped project us out into the community, using the social media," she said, noting that raising awareness is as important as raising funds.

"It's important to share who we are and what we do because not everyone understands that not everything is paid for by the government, so the foundation steps up for those extras and to support the people in the community and especially the health care workers."

"It's not just a fundraiser ... it's really an eye opener. I've had people come up to me on the street saying I didn't know you guys do so much," said Friesen.

"It's been very gratifying to hear people talking about it," agreed Samatte-Folkett. "It's a way to educate the public and the community about what our hospital foundation does for Boundary Trails Health Centre."

There is still time to make a donation to the Donation Conversation campaign as well as support the 50/50 fundraising raffle.

Also done for the first time last year, the jackpot was over \$38,000, so the winner took home over \$19,000. This year's raffle had reached just over \$23,000 as of last week.

You can get more information and purchase tickets online at bthcfoundation.com/50-50-affle.



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BTHC Foundation board chair Ben Friesen and executive director Shannon Samatte-Folkett are optimistic this year's Donation Conversation campaign will reach its goal of \$175,000 by year's end.

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Community comes through for Genesis House shelter

By Ashleigh Viveiros

November was a busy month indeed for the Genesis House shelter for the victims of domestic violence—but in a very good way.

In honour of it being Domestic Violence Awareness Month, the shelter had several awareness and fundraising events on the go.

Chief among them was the annual Power of the PJs clothing drive, which executive director Angela Braun last week shared had collected a total of 162 PJs for women and children seeking safe haven at the shelter.

“Everybody that comes through the shelter, they get a pair of pyjamas when they come in,” she said. “Most people don’t have a lot of stuff with them when they come, so pyjamas are the first thing we do to make sure people are comfortable, know they’re welcome.”

The PJs collected every November last the shelter for months.

“I think we’ll have enough to get through the year, and that’s the big thing,” Braun said, thanking every person and business who made the campaign such a success.

The main drop-off site for the pyjamas was once again the South Central Regional Library branches throughout the Pembina Valley.

Winkler branch administrator Jess Martens said they’re always happy to

help out in this way.

“We love being able to give back to the community,” she said as Braun stopped by to pick up the donations from all five branches. “The library is someplace where it’s a neutral drop-off point. It’s not dependent on what church you go to or what store you shop at. Anybody is welcome and we’ve got hours in the afternoon and in the evenings and on weekends, so it’s a pretty accessible place.”

“And because we’ve done it for several years now, we get pretty consistent donations. People look forward to it. Generally about mid-October they start asking if we’re collecting for Genesis House again.”

In addition to Power of the PJs, shelter staff were also on hand at several businesses throughout Morden-Winkler last month to collect donations and answer questions about the work of Genesis House.

These events proved to be a big success as well, filling the shelter’s shelves with some much-needed non-perishable food items and hygiene products.

“Those went super well,” Braun said. “It was a different way for us to try and engage with the community, because we haven’t been able to do our usual events.”

Another new way they set out to connect with the community at large was



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Genesis House executive director Angela Braun, left, with the Winkler Centennial Library’s Jess Martens and some of the pyjamas the South Central Regional Library branches collected for the women’s shelter.

through an online auction that ran the last two weeks of November.

“We raised just over \$5,000 through that, which is terrific,” Braun said, noting all of the prizes were donated by generous local sponsors.

The community always seems to come through for the shelter.

“Every time. They just support us every single time,” Braun said, stressing that the generosity of the Pembina Valley is unmatched. “We are so much more fortunate than anybody else. When I talk to any of our sister shel-

ters [across the province] there’s not even a comparison.

“The fact we don’t have a storefront makes it more challenging for all of us, and yet out here people just seem to remember us year after year.”

You can make a donation to the shelter online at genesishouseshelter.ca.

If you’re in an abusive relationship and need help, or if you know someone in that situation and need advice on what to do to help them, you can reach Genesis House anytime at 204-325-9800 or toll-free at 1-877-977-0007.

Responses needed for Pembina Valley Local Immigration Partnership survey

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Pembina Valley Local Immigration Partnership (PVLIP) has put a call out for immigrants to Canada to share their experiences.

The PVLIP Immigrant Survey went live online earlier this month. It will remain open to submissions until Jan. 15.

“The immigrant survey is a way to understand our region better and how newcomers are settling into their communities,” explained PVLIP coordinator Elaine Burton Saindon. “We’re covering multiple topics, from housing, transportation, finding employment, accessing services, and also how the pandemic has maybe impacted people accessing services and has that created barriers or challenges?”

PVLIP has consulted with newcomers about these and other topics on a smaller-scale before, but this study is the largest research survey it has undertaken since it was created a few years ago.

It will help them identify the gaps, challenges, and opportunities that exist, Burton Saindon explained.

“All of these different components

of the survey will provide hopefully enough feedback to help improve services and access to them,” she said, noting the data will be shared with PVLIP’s partners (local municipalities, businesses, and service providers) and will aid in advocating for funding and programming for newcomers.

“Your voice and your opinions and your experiences will translate back to the communities in additional resources and expanded programs,” Burton Saindon said, urging newcomers to take the time to complete the survey.

The survey is open to all immigrants age 16 or older who were born outside Canada and now live or work in the Pembina Valley. This includes permanent residents, temporary workers, international students, refugees, and Canadian citizens. Answers are anonymous and untraceable.

To fill out the survey, scan the QR code in the image at right or go to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/65GPM3F>.

Those who fill out the survey will be eligible for a gift card. Burton Saindon

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hopes that, coupled with the opportunity to share experiences, will see the project draw at least 300 entries.

While the survey has the ability to load in different languages depend-

ing on how your smartphone is set up, you can also contact PVLIP for help if you’re unable to complete it in English. Email info@pvlip.ca or call 204-325-4059.

Carman's live theatre days

By Dennis Young

This time of year used to mark when locals scrambled for tables at On Cue's Dinner Theatre in the Community Hall! What an awesome time patrons and On Cue members had over 3 days and 2 nights of live theatre, music, scrumdolious meals and tons of laughs. Now maybe this can't be duplicated but let's at least reminisce us Carman live theatre's past.

When the Memorial Hall opened in 1920, there was a theatre on the third floor. It hosted many orchestrated productions of local players. From school plays to the Carman Community Theatre of the 40 & 50s, supporters packed that Hall to be entertained. That continued on until 1971 when the Collegiate built a state of the art theatre for its time. The 3 flights of stairs, wooden seats and the once glamorous red curtains were retired...patiently for their next audience that never returned.

In 1981 after encouragement by music teacher Carol Ross-Boggs, several Collegiate alumni were convinced a theatre group would be a great way to continue on with what they were doing during their school days. After some informal meetings, the Carman Community Theatre was resurrected. Its first production would be the musical *The King and I* in March 1982.

Quickly the pieces started to fall into place. Marlene Shewchuk would direct, Ron Peters would handle vocal chorus and Carol would direct the live band. Leads roles were filled, 12 students from Carman Elementary would also have roles and the new theatre group was off. They followed that up with *Fiddler on the Roof* in 1984. Both were hugely successful for audiences and participants alike. The group was under demand.

In 1985 the group was asked to per-

form for the Credit Unions of Southern Mb so 2 members wrote a script about the days' happenings' in a bank. That was followed up with *An Old Fashioned Christmas Concert* play, complete with the school choirs, the Sonatrice Singers & Christmas carols with donations to the Cheer Board.

By now the group was looking for more challenges. So by 1986 talks began the start of a dinner theatre concept. It also saw the renaming to On Cue Theatre. They formed an executive with many members taking different roles on and off the stage over the years. After nailing down a play (1st being *The Hand That Cradles the Rock*) there was a full week that began with a huge stage, built by George and Don Wiebe, moved inside the Hall on a semi. Then members added walls, doors, décor and whatever required for that particular play.

Meanwhile members divvied up the "jobs" of director, producer, advertising, ticket sales, lights & sound, program, catering, props/costumes, makeup and bar. Soon the director along with the cast, with months of practice behind them elsewhere, moved in for dress rehearsals along with the sound and makeup/wardrobe depts.

Productions were Friday & Saturday evenings (occasionally a matinee was held too for students) so leading up to them the Hall had to be decorated and set up to seat 250 per night. Finally along with the maître d, ushers, caterers (meal served by the Grad class), bartenders and cast/crew the Show was on! Then what took months to prepare is dismantled in hours by all members and stored for another year.

These were without a doubt the most popular events in Carman bar none for Christmas time celebrations for 8 years performing: *In One Bed*



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1993 June Groom



1986 *The Hand That Cradles the Rock*



1987 *In One Bed Out The Other...Mary Hewitt and Don Bargaen.*



1992 *It's A Scream.*

and *Out the Other*, *California Suite*, *The Curse of the Aching Heart*, *Lover's Leap*, *It's a Scream*, *June Groom* and *The Second Time Around*. The event was not running its course with audiences, but it was with On Cue. All the plays were comedies, which was expected by patrons but members felt they needed to be challenged more.

So 1995 saw a move back to the Collegiate to perform 2 serious dramas selected & directed by the actors themselves. It would be the last On Cue production.

After teasing themselves long enough that they would do more shows, On Cue announced it was

folding, offering props & costumes to the Collegiate, the stage to DAS (remnants still visible in tall grass by barns) and turned over their storage shed to the Town in 2001 (used as the recycling shed).

In 2019 a "spin off" called *Back On Cue* was formed and they did one production before Covid. For the first time in over 20 years, a local theatre group hit the stage to the sound of cheers in Carman as they performed the introspective play '*Gladys in Wonderland*' featuring actors and actresses from around the region at the Carman Community Theatre. Here's to more to come we hope!

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Bruins best Hawks 4-1



STANDARD PHOTOS BY LORNE STELMACH

Pembina Valley's Bryson Yaschyshyn had his work cut out for him in the Dec. 8 game against the Winnipeg Bruins. Winnipeg outshot the Hawks 39-17 and got the win 4-1.



By Lorne Stelmach

The male U18 Pembina Valley Hawks are mired in a three-game losing streak after falling to the Winnipeg Bruins last week.

Their lone game of the week Dec. 8 in Morden nearly saw them shutout for a third straight time until Keston Worley finally scored with just 10 seconds remaining to make the final 4-1 for the Bruins.

Winnipeg was the stronger, more aggressive team for much of the game, taking leads of 2-0 and 4-0 to the intermissions. They outshot the Hawks 39-17, and Bryson Yaschyshyn took

the loss in goal with 35 saves. Winnipeg was one for seven on powerplays, while the Hawks came up empty handed on two man advantages.

It was a missed opportunity for the Hawks, who were bumped to ninth place at 9-13-2 for 20 points while the Bruins moved into eighth at 9-12-3 for 21 points.

The Hawks return to action this week starting with a visit to Winnipeg to take on the Thrashers Wednesday. They are home in Morden then for a doubleheader with Eastman Friday and Saturday.

Twisters earn three points in weekend action

By Lorne Stelmach

The Pembina Valley Twisters gained three of a possible four points on their weekend road trip.

They fell 3-2 in a shootout loss Friday against River East and then rebounded to edge St. Boniface 2-1 Saturday.

Royal Knights goaltender Jarret Unrau saved the day for River East by

stopping 49 of 51 shots on goal from the Twisters. Across the ice, Logan Enns stopped 34 of 36 for Pembina Valley.

Curtis Rebeck and Ben Hillhorst scored in regulation time for the Twisters, who were then blanked in the shootout won by River East on their third shot.

On Saturday, a pair of goals by Caelan Russell was all that Pembina Valley needed to earn the victory. He fired home his 12th and 13th goals of the season, including a powerplay marker.

The shots on goal were 44-32 in favour of the Twisters, so Martin Gagnon got the win in net with 31 saves.

Pembina Valley remains in third place at 15-3-3 for 33 points, trailing St. James in second place by six points and Transcona in first by seven.

Pembina Valley is at home in Morris for a pair of games this weekend against St. Vital Saturday and St. James Sunday.

Hawks hold their own at Saskatchewan tournament

By Lorne Stelmach

They may have not had the best results, but a game female U18 Pembina Valley Hawks were competitive against some tough teams at a weekend tournament.

The Hawks were in Wilcox, Saskatchewan to take part in the Mandi Schwartz Memorial Tournament, which is billed as the largest U18 female hockey tournament in western Canada.

Held in memory of a young athlete who played at the Athol Murray College of Notre Dame, the tournament

saw the Hawks go winless in their three round robin games and then bow out after their second elimination game.

They started Thursday with a 4-0 shutout loss to Swift Current. Kaylee Franz made 42 saves as the Hawks were outshot 46-15.

Friday morning saw Annika Braun score a third period powerplay goal for the Hawks in game two, but that was all they could manage in what ended up being a 3-1 loss to Edmonton. Tria Enns made 31 saves, with Edmonton holding a 34-13 edge in shots.

Game three also on Friday saw the Hawks take a 3-2 lead in the third before a pair of late goals gave St. Mary's the 4-3 win. Scoring for the Hawks were Cambree Martens with one and Caitlin Anderson with two, while Franz made 30 saves out of 34 shots on net. The Hawks had 18 shots.

Everything came together then in the first elimination game, with the Hawks rolling to a 5-0 shutout victory over their Manitoba league rivals Westman. Mya Pearce scored twice while the other goals came in from Mackenzie Couling, Gracie Carels,

and Jessica Anderson. Enns stopped all 24 Wildcats shots. The Hawks managed to send 29 the other way.

Their tournament ended Saturday evening with a 3-1 loss to Calgary. Pearce scored the lone goal for the Hawks, who got a heroic performance from Franz with 56 saves as Calgary held a huge edge in shots at 58-28.

Pembina Valley returns to league play with a pair of home games against Yellowhead Saturday and Central Plains Sunday afternoon. They go into the weekend in fifth place at 7-8-0 for 14 points.

Dudar scores game winner in Carman's OT win

Staff

Jake Dudar was the hero for the Carman Beavers on Saturday evening.

Dudar scored the game-winning goal 1:11 into overtime to lift the Beavers to a 5-4 comeback victory over the Altona Maroons in South Eastern Manitoba Hockey League action.

Dudar opened the game's scoring 1:13 into the contest.

It was a great win for Carman as the Beavers battled back from a 4-1 third-period deficit.

Fraser Mirrless and Aaron Lewadniuk each had a goal and two assists for Carman while Jake Lotscher also tallied.

Altona's goals were scored by Adam Henry, Haydon Friesen, Paul Remillard, and Justin Augert.

Steve Christie made 56 saves for the win.

Last Thursday, the Beavers defeated the Winkler Royals 4-3 in Carman.

Lewadniuk scored the game winner at 4:55 of the third period.

Quade Froese gave the Beavers a 1-0 first-period lead and then Eric Klasen made it 2-0 early in the second.

But Winkler's Remi Laurencelle scored a pair of shorthanded goals just 21 seconds apart soon after Klasen's goal.

On the same power play, Carman's Quade Froese scored his second goal of the game.

The Royals tied the score at 3-3 when Marlin Froese tallied 57 seconds into the third.

Christie made 34 saves for the victory.

The Beavers, now 6-1, will visit the Warren Mercs on Friday (8 p.m.) and the Royals on Sunday (3 p.m.).



STANDARD PHOTO BY DENNIS YOUNG

The Beavers' Mitch O'Brien moves the puck during Carman's 4-3 home victory over the Winkler Royals last Thursday.

Carman Beavers... South Eastern Men's Hockey League Champs in 1967-1968



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Goaltender Ken "Stretch" Hiebert flashes the glove during the 1967-68 season.

By Dennis Young

The SEMHL had a new rule stating only one player outside of a 15-mile radius would be allowed and each club must name two goalies before the season starts.

With a club already looking shaky, the need for someone to

concentrate solely on coaching and player searching became imperative. The Beaver's hired well-known Tom Rockey as their first full-time coach.

Tom quickly huddled together all the locals including those attending University in Winnipeg. He signed import Joe Cyr as well as Miami's Glennis Scott and Jack Williams when the Rockets folded. When the smoke cleared after Carman's first six games, they were undefeated while playing with just a handful. In fact just seven skaters versus Winkler in a 10-7 win.

Altona again finished in first and repeated as pennant winners ahead of the second place Beavers. Carman eliminated Manitou two straight to face the Maroons. The Beavers faced elimination themselves after dropping 6-3, 5-2 and 4-0 games while managing a lone victory 6-5.

Eight hundred fans attended the fifth game in Altona hoping to see the pennant winners snap the championship jinx. They never saw that, but did witness Carman tying the score 2-2 shorthanded. Neither team were able to break it forcing another date.

What happened next will be embedded in the memories of those Beavers, and probably those Maroons, for years to come. Carman won the next two games 3-2 and 7-3, setting the stage for the eighth in a best of seven series.

The series was tied... only one winner could be named... and two clubs were determined to be that winner. This was the atmosphere that hung over 1,551 fans at the Carman arena Saturday evening.

With the series over, and the long road that led to the final game, I think it would be anticlimactic to attempt to put in writing the events of that final game. It was obvious from the start that both clubs were evenly matched, and picking a winner would be a difficult task.

The Beavers jumped to a 2-0 lead in the first period and increased that lead to four goals in the second period. The final period went by scoreless. Scoring for the Beavers were Joe Cyr, Bill North, and brothers Glennis and Gladwyn Scott.

And so with a 4-0 victory behind them, Carman received the Manitoba Pool Elevator Trophy as reward for their performance. This marked the fourth time in the past five years that the Beavers had been in the league finals, three times that they had won the title by downing Altona in the best of seven final series.

In MAHA play, Carman eliminated Stonewall in the semis then got word that Thompson would be bolstered by three players from Flin Flon. The executive protested loudly to president Bill Addison who explained that Thompson was well within the rules. Carman said they would not play, so Addison advised the Thompson team, already enroute, to proceed to Stonewall instead of Carman. Stonewall won the best of three series!

The Beavers were honoured by more than 200 fans who attended the fifth annual windup banquet at the arena Saturday. The fans supported the claim made by guest speaker Bobby Bend that the Beavers are the best intermediate hockey team in the Province of Manitoba. Club President Bob Takvam introduced the head table guests then called upon GM Percy Bell to present each member of the team with a trophy and team photo.

Cougars keeping win streak alive with Dec. 8 win

By Becca Myskiw

The Carman Cougars keep their streak alive after winning against the Morden Thunder last week.

The hockey team won a hard-fought battle against the now fifth-place squad on Dec. 8. The first period saw one goal from assistant captain Slade Sotheran and one penalty for Sam de Rocquiny. Ryan Orchard scored in the second period for Carman but his team also received three penalties, while the Thunder had one. So that was the end of the scoring in the game, but not the action. Kolton Worms and Brock Wood saw a two-minute penalty each in the third. Anthony Lehmann and Coltyn Plaitin each received a 10-minute misconduct and Lehmann a two-minute interference.

Before Plaitin or Lehmann could get out of the penalty box, the buzzer sounded and the Cougars won 2-0, leaving goalie Gabe Mondry with a shutout. The Cougars played on Dec. 14 and 15 and will hit the ice at home again on Dec. 22 against the GVC Zodiacs.

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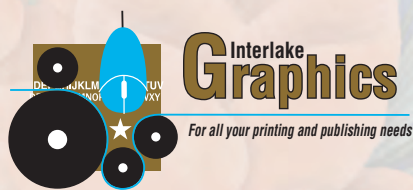
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Baked Tomato Goat Cheese Dip

garlic cloves then add 1/8 cup basil and red pepper flakes. Stir to combine then pour sauce into baking dish.

Smash goat cheese log into ball. Place ball between two sheets plastic wrap. Using hands, flatten cheese into thick, round disc about 1 inch smaller in diameter than baking dish. Remove goat cheese from plastic wrap and place in center of sauce. Drizzle cheese with 2 teaspoons olive oil. Sprinkle with fresh thyme, kosher salt and pepper. Bake on lower rack, uncovered, 20-25 minutes, or until sauce is bubbly and cheese is warmed through.

Place baguette slices on baking sheet. Drizzle or brush with olive oil and sprinkle with kosher salt. Bake crostini on upper rack 10-12 minutes, flipping halfway through. When bread is done, remove from oven, cut last garlic clove in half and rub cut side on bread.

Top dip with remaining basil and blistered tomatoes, if desired, and serve with crostini.

Note: To make blistered tomatoes: Heat skillet over medium-high heat until almost smoking. Add 1 pint cherry tomatoes to dry skillet and let sit 1 minute. Lower heat to low, toss tomatoes with 2 teaspoons olive oil and cook 2-3 minutes, or until tomatoes are about to burst. Remove from heat; sprinkle with pinch of salt and pepper.

Recipe courtesy of Marzia Aziz of "Little Spice Jar"

Prep time: 10 minutes

Cook time: 20 minutes

Servings: 4-6

Nonstick cooking spray

2 cups Spaghetti Sauce

3 cloves garlic, divided

1/4 cup fresh basil, chopped, divided

1/8-1/4 teaspoon red pepper flakes

1 log (10-10 1/2 ounces) goat cheese, softened at room temperature

2 teaspoons olive oil, plus additional for brushing, divided

1/4 teaspoon fresh thyme

kosher salt, divided

pepper

1 large baguette, sliced on bias

blistered tomatoes, for serving (optional)

Position one rack in upper third of oven and one in lower third. Preheat oven to 375 F. Spray small, round baking dish with nonstick cooking spray; set aside.

Add sauce to small bowl. Grate in two



Snowman Pizza Bombs

and evenly top with pepperoni, Canadian bacon and cheddar cheese.

Pinch corners of dough together to round into balls then place in muffin tins.

In small bowl, mix melted butter, garlic powder and Italian seasoning; brush generously over dough balls.

Bake 15-20 minutes until golden brown.

Remove from muffin tin and carefully shape dough balls into circles; place on baking sheet. Cover with mozzarella slices and bake until melted.

Create snowman faces by decorating each with peppers, olives, spinach, mushrooms and cherry tomatoes, if desired. Use remaining sauce for dipping.

1 tube (11.8 ounces) pizza dough

1 jar (24 ounces) Spaghetti Sauce

1 package (6 ounces) pepperoni slices

1 package (6 ounces) Canadian bacon slices

1 package (8 ounces) shredded cheddar cheese

4 tablespoons melted butter

1 teaspoon garlic powder

1 1/2 teaspoons Italian seasoning

1 package (8 ounces) mozzarella cheese slices

Decorative vegetables (optional):

multicolored sweet peppers

olives

spinach

mushrooms

cherry tomatoes

Preheat oven to 400 F.

Cut pizza dough into 12 squares. On

each square, place 1/2 teaspoon sauce

1 tube (18 ounces) polenta

1 1/2 teaspoons olive oil

1 jar (24 ounces) Chunky Tomato, Garlic and Onion Spaghetti Sauce

1 package (8 ounces) shredded mozzarella

2 sprigs, rosemary, destemmed and

chopped

3 basil leaves, chopped

Polenta Bites

It's the most wonderful time of the year! or it?

By Susie Schwartz

Christmas can be magical, wondrous and full of cheer. Lights sparkle on lush branches, snow glistens under the moonlight and children squeal with delight filled with anticipation of a bearded fat man with a sack full of toys. Our holiday music playlists are reserved for this special season, not to be touched for the remaining 10 months of the year. But also, stress can pile up as fast as the season's bills hidden in drawers, depression lives in the extended darkness of the night, diabetes still demands 24/7 care wreaking havoc in eyes and kidneys and hearts, and yes, people still die. Christmas is no cure for hardship. My expert (patient) advice? I don't have any this week.

I will however, tell you something that 46 Christmases has taught me:

Christmas (like life) is neither all bad, nor all good, and it's okay to feel it all. Maybe this year you have zero desire to put up a tree and 'pretend.' Maybe you decided to demolish the supposed timeline of, 'no lights or tree or décor until after December 1st' and go all 'Lampoon' on us on November 1st. Or maybe, you put up a tree and on the same day took a Christmas wreath to your husband's grave and let out a loud cry.

It's all okay. It's okay to celebrate AND grieve. It's okay to feel sad if your child has cancer and the only gift you want to give or receive is to switch places. It's okay to beam with excitement as you wrap the motorized bike your wife has been asking for. It's okay to gather friends, make a car train and drive through the wonderland of lights in city...even if your insulin pump or eye disease has to tag along.

1 block (8 ounces) hard Parmesan cheese

Cut polenta into slices. In skillet, heat olive oil over medium-high heat; fry polenta slices 10-12 minutes on each side until crispy and golden brown.

In saucepan over medium heat, warm sauce.

Place polenta slices on tray and sprinkle with mozzarella. Place 1/2 teaspoon warm sauce on each slice then sprinkle with chopped rosemary and basil. Grate hard Parmesan onto each slice for topping.



Susie Schwartz

Can't we recognize that Christmas can be magical or hard? Can't we see that Christmas can be magical AND hard?

I think the true magic of Christmas lives in community; encouragement; generosity; love. And what better gifts to give?

So...if you are sick, sad, scared or hurting, know that you might feel lost drowning behind all the glitter and baubles and gifts but I know you are out there, and you don't have to pretend.

If you wear a different Ugly-Christmas sweater to work every day for a month just because you can, and dance through the mall wearing jingle bells around your ankles, revel in it. That's awesome.

If you've just lost a parent to Alzheimer's but still want to change your last name to Lampoon, do it all: Laugh, cry, jingle all the way.

And if you can, share the magic of Christmas.

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CLUES ACROSS

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- Pesky insect
- Gets older
- ___ Dern, actress
- Uncouth man
- One who sulks
- Napoleon's king of Naples
- One who swims underwater
- Make amends
- Expressions
- Document format
- What a beaver makes
- Limb
- Photograph
- Golf score
- Moroccan mountain range
- Wrinkled dog breed: Shar ___
- 20th century sex symbol
- Remedy for all diseases
- Bluish greens
- Moved swiftly
- Type of units
- Madames
- Indian religious god
- Potentially hazardous asteroids
- Leak slowly through
- An association of criminals
- A way to push content (abbr.)

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- Large burrowing rodent
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- Estimating
- Bakers use it
- Regions
- Small lake
- Environmentalist nun
- More kookie
- Announce officially
- Israeli city ___ Aviv
- Title given to friar
- Inches per minute (abbr.)
- Buildings
- Pouch
- They steal on the high seas
- It's mightier than the sword
- Going off on a tangent
- Monetary unit
- Young woman
- Type of bulb
- Type of drug (abbr.)
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UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF THE PLANNING ACT NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

On the date and at the time and location shown below, a **PUBLIC HEARING** will be held to receive representations from any persons who wish to make them in respect to the following matter:

The Rural Municipality of Grey By-Law No. 06-2021 being an AMENDMENT to the RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF GREY ZONING BY-LAW No. 5/03, as amended.

And

The Rural Municipality of Grey By-Law No. 09-2021 being an AMENDMENT to the Village of ST. CLAUDE ZONING BY-LAW NO. 375/04, as amended.

HEARING LOCATION: RM of Grey Municipal Office – Council Chambers
27 Church Ave E, Elm Creek, Manitoba

DATE & TIME: January 5, 2022 at 8:00 p.m.

1. **GENERAL INTENT:** That the Rural Municipality of Grey Zoning By-Law No. 5/03 & the Village of St. Claude By-Law No. 375/04 be amended so that:

Part 4: Use and Bulk Tables, Table 4-5 (By-Law No. 5/03) & Table 4-4 (By-Law No. 375/04): “CG” General Commercial Zone – to add “Cannabis Retail” as a Conditional Use as shown below.

CONDITIONAL USES	Site Area (sq. ft.)	Site Width (feet)	Front Yard (feet)	Side Yard (feet)	Rear Yard (feet)
Cannabis Retail	5,000	50	25(b)	15(b)	25(b)

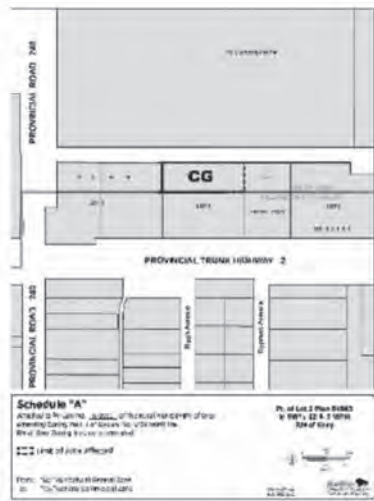
2. That the Rural Municipality of Grey Zoning By-Law No. 5/03 & the Village of St. Claude 375/04 be amended so that:

Part 9: Interpretation, Definitions to add Cannabis Retail – means the premises specified in a retail cannabis license, administered by the Province of Manitoba, where the retail sale of cannabis is authorized.

3. That the Rural Municipality of Grey Zoning By-law No. 5/03 be amended so that: Part of Lot 2, Plan 54663 in SW ¼ 22-8-7 WPM Be rezoned as per the below Schedule A FROM “AG” Agricultural General Zone TO “CG” General Commercial Zone.

4. That the Village of St. Claude Zoning By-Law No. 375/04 be amended so that: Part of Lot 2, Plan 54663 in SW ¼ 22-8-7 WPM Be rezoned as per the below Schedule A FROM “MG” Industrial General Zone TO “CG” General Commercial Zone.

AREA AFFECTED: Pt. of Lot 2 Plan 54663 in SW ¼ 22-8-7 WPM RM of Grey Schedule A **AREA AFFECTED: Pt. of Lot 2 Plan 54663 in SW ¼ 22-8-7 WPM in the Village of St. Claude. Schedule A**



FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:

Kim MacLellan, Coordinator of Planning Services
Carman-Dufferin Planning District, Phone 204-745-2443 Ext 235

A copy of the above proposal and supporting material may be inspected at the location noted above during normal office hours, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Copies may be made, and extracts taken therefrom, upon request.

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APPLICATION FOR THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF GREY TO JOIN CARMAN-DUFFERIN PLANNING DISTRICT

HEARING: Elm Creek Community Hall
70 Arena Road, Elm Creek, Manitoba.

DATE & TIME: January 11, 2022 at 7:00 PM
GENERAL INTENT: The Rural Municipality of Grey is applying to join the Carman-Dufferin Planning District.

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Kim Arnal, Chief Administrative Officer
Rural Municipality of Grey
Phone 204-436-2014

Documents related to the matter to be considered at the hearing may be inspected at the Rural Municipality of Grey office during normal office hours, Monday to Friday (8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.). Copies may be made and extracts taken therefrom, upon request.

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BIRTHDAY

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- Review and partner with Production to ensure schedules and orders are fulfilled
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- Practice Continuous Improvement and 6S, including facility housekeeping
- Achieve expectations to meet standard production efficiencies and KPI's
- Oversee yard storage, as well as monitor yard operations

Job Skills:

- Knowledge of inventory and supply chain management principles and techniques
- Strong math skills, ability to perform intermediate calculations
- Capacity, lead time and production planning and scheduling understanding
- Clean, transparent communication with various levels within the company
- Ability to work without day-to-day direction and manage time independently to meet team goals
- Team player, with a positive can-do attitude

Educational Requirements:

- High School diploma or equivalent
- Post-secondary degree/diploma is preferred

Preferred Experience:

- Inventory management systems (Oracle)
- Manufacturing background
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