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Santa's helpers take a break

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Ripplen Frost, left, Ben Steppler, middle, and Austyn Angers from Miami School sing about Santa taking a break while recording their virtual Christmas concert.

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Virtual Christmas concert at Miami school

By Becca Myskiw

Santa is going on vacation at Miami School this year.

Santa feels old and tired in the cold weather at the North Pole. But, a bit further south, toy factory owner Mr. Grimley feels annoyed that Santa is giving toys away for free. So, his head employee, Wally, devises a plan to get Santa out of the way so Mr. Grimley can have a monopoly on Christmas presents.

Grimley's Toy Factory puts on a show to make Santa think he's won the "National Farm and Family Sweepstakes" and they send him on vacation to Paradise Island. With Santa gone, Mr. Grimley and Wally take over his fac-

tory, leaving it up to two young people — Kevin and Ellen — who overheard the plot to save Santa and remind Mr. Grimley of the true Christmas spirit.

Kindergarten to Grade 4 students spent most of December practicing for their Christmas concert "Surfin' Santa." The Grade 4 class filled the leading roles of the play — Santa, Mrs. Claus, Mr. Grimley, and Wally.

Santa's character is less jolly than usual in the play as he feels his age and the cold weather creeping into his bones. Mrs. Claus is a concerned wife who wants Santa to not waste time on vacation. Mr. Grimley is a grumpy factory owner who feels like he's owed more in life than what he's got. Wally

is a loyal Grimley employee who's more clever than he's given credit.

Because of COVID-19 and its restrictions, music teacher Carissa Boschmann decided to have the students perform the play in a virtual format. So, she recorded each scene individually on a camera and edited it together. Once edited, they uploaded it to a private YouTube account for family members only to watch.

"The idea of a virtual format came from trying to figure out how we could get back to some semblance of normalcy within all the safety rules and regulations we need to be following," she said. "We knew the traditional format of cramming everyone into the gym was not going to fly and so started trying to brainstorm alternative options. But, unfortunately, we didn't come up with a lot. It was this or perform out on the play structure and that just didn't seem as favourable an option."

She chose "Surfin' Santa" because she did it herself in Grade 2 and ordered a class at a previous school she worked at a couple of years ago. This year, she was told she could go ahead with a play, so she borrowed the sheets she ordered years ago, and here they are.

Boschmann has only been at Miami



Shane Derksen played Santa for Miami School's virtual Christmas concert, which tells of Santa wanting a break and a toy factory owner trying to steal his monopoly on Christmas.

School since September, but she said she's gathered the Christmas concert is a big part of the community's Christmas festivities.

"I have heard from a lot of students and staff, and even some parents, that they are super excited that it is back this year, even if it's not exactly the same as it used to be," she said.



**Merry Christmas, Happy New Year
and all the best of the season
to you and your family**

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(Left to right) Teyla Leroux, Tyler Harder, and Maddison Derksen perform "Gotta Getaway" while recording their virtual Christmas concert.

Merry Christmas



~ O come let us
adore Him ~

Nostalgia and Noel: Mount Nebo Trees in Miami, MB



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Mount Nebo Trees in Miami sells around 600 Christmas trees each season.

By Becca Myskiw

It's been 13 years in the making, but Mount Nebo Trees in Miami is in full swing.

Gary and Wendy Martens started planting Christmas trees on their property in 2008 after they retired. They had gone tree hunting every year with their children but had to do it in America because there were no tree farms in the country.

Soon enough, they found a few in Manitoba, one of which was in Steinbach. The Martens became friends with the Steinbach tree farm owners and observed their operation — the trees, the outdoor fires, the cookie, and hot chocolate sales. So, they decided to start their tree farm and based it on that one.

In the spring of 2008, they planted 1,000 trees. And every year since then, they've grown 1,000 more. Not all of them take, though. Gary Martens said

they lose about half or more of the trees they plant each year and more recently due to the drought.

The Martens let God water their trees and get their grandchildren to help plant. Unfortunately, a Christmas tree takes around 10 years to grow, so they didn't open for business or start selling trees until 2017.

"They grow about a foot a year," said Gary Martens. "Trees can be four feet or 15 feet; they come in all sizes. So it depends on what you want."



He said that Mount Nebo Trees has a couple thousand trees that are too big as most people don't go for the 15-foot trees. Six to eight-foot trees are most popular. The ones that are too big will have to be sacrificed to make room for new ones. Gary Martens calls it recycling the space.

Mount Nebo Trees is finishing their third year of selling only. They weren't open last year due to COVID-19 and its regulations, so they're happy to be selling their trees again in 2021. Most weekends, they get over 120 families in and sell 120 trees. They open the second last weekend of November and stay open for the following four weekends, selling trees for a total of five weeks.

Each tree Mount Nebo Trees sells is

at a flat rate of \$60 no matter the size or shape. When a family finds their special tree, they borrow a saw to cut it down, take it to the nearest road, and Gary Martens will take it to their vehicle with his jeep and trailer after putting it in the tree shaker to get rid of bird nests and such. People then have the option to net it for an extra \$3.

"In many cases what we hear is that [current parents] had that experience with their own parents and families when they were younger, and they want to carry it on with their children," said Gary Martens.

In other words, the tree business is booming thanks to the nostalgia is offers.



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Carman Collegiate Grade 9s want more recreation opportunities

By Becca Myskiw

Carman Collegiate's Grade 9s have a few ideas about how to improve Carman economically.

Student teacher Alyia Stoesz gave her "Reading is Thinking" class a project based on their personal conversations. She said they were talking among themselves about how they wished the arena was updated and that the skate park would come back.

So, Stoesz and English teacher Verna Clemis discussed how they could do a unit on passion projects and what the students would like to see Carman improve on.

At the beginning of December, she gave them the outline for the project. Essentially, students were put into groups and decided on one thing they'd like the town to improve. They then had to find information on location, budget, advertising, possible grants or fundraisers, contacts, and other information needed to get said project done. Then, they had to present their ideas to the class.

"It also teaches them how to present, they're learning how to do research, and learning more about their own community," said Stoesz. "And it's something that the kids can work on that they are interested in, and they want to learn more about."

The presentations were on Friday, Dec. 17 and Tuesday, Dec. 21. Director of economic development for the Town of Carman and rural municipality (RM) of Dufferin Tyler King came to take in the presentations on Friday and hear the students' ideas.

First to present on Dec. 17 was a group of three who want to see the town install a new skate park. They said it presents the opportunity for skaters to show off their skills to each other, it gets people out and active, and improves socialization when one skater shows another a trick.

Another group that same day also thought the town should build a new

skate park. Both thought the space next to Carman's Active Living Centre would be a good place for it because it's pleasing to the eye, easily accessible, and is open so parents can spot their children easily.

Both groups found the project would cost around \$150,000, depending on the type of skate park and who builds it. After King asked which type the students would like to see, they said one with ramps, rails, and a small bowl, so skaters of all experience levels could go there.

"Since our last skate park has been torn down, we would love to build this with our community," said Darren, a Grade 9 presenter on the skate parks.

Another idea a group had was to build a dog park half an acre to an acre in size. They would want a six-foot tall fence, a feeding and watering area, a shaded area, a restroom, a digging area, an obstacle course, and benches and tables in it. Their total budget was \$10,750. King said the town's been looking at making a dog park, but they haven't found the right location for it. The group who presented the idea couldn't find one either.

One group presented the idea of a dirt bike track for \$10,000 in by the Carman Transfer Station. Another wants to see a mountain bike trail in the forest area by the river trail. They would make it 1.43 km long, complete with jumps, for a total of \$112,000 at most. They said it would get residents exercising and they'd have fun doing it. They believe a mountain bike trail would also bring outsiders in and keep the pathways safer for walkers by giving bikers their own trail.

The last group of the day on Friday proposed an outdoor shooting range. They said it would have three benefits: give teens a safe place to learn to shoot, give hunters a good place to practice their shot, and give people with similar interests a place to hang



Student teacher Alyia Stoesz had her students give presentations on what they'd like to see Carman improve on.



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Sasha, left, Darren, middle, and Lane were just one group who wants to see Carman build another skate park.

out and have fun. The range would need different kinds of targets and a backstop. The group thinks it should go by the new ball diamonds in town.

King took all the ideas he heard on Friday and asked the students about them so he could understand how to bring the ideas to council.

GPAC hosting concert series in the new year

By Becca Myskiw

Golden Prairie Arts Council (GPAC)

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The 2021-2022 Winter Concert Series kicks off on Jan. 13 and goes until March 18. Six different shows will happen at the Carman Active Living Centre throughout the three months in place of the an-

nual concert series GPAC hasn't been able to hold for the last two years.

"Now we're able to offer live indoor performances to fully vaccinated patrons," said Brenda Major, executive director. "So, we're really excited to be rescheduling and trying to fit in everyone we couldn't get in our concert series in 2020."

Tickets will be \$30 a show or \$150 for all six shows. Everyone attending will have to be fully vaccinated (with proof), follow current health restrictions at the time, and wear a mask un-

less seated at their table.

Kicking off the series is the Gordie Tentrees Trio on Jan. 13 at 7:30 p.m. Tentrees was born in Hamilton, Ontario, then moved to the Yukon when he was 24. It was then he started writing music. Since then, he's performed across North America, Europe, Australia, the UK, and Ireland. He has eight records solo and with sideman Jaxon Haldane from Winnipeg.

On Jan. 29, Warren Friesen + Li'l

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Letters to Santa from Elm Creek's students

Elm Creek School's Grade 2 students tell Santa what they want for Christmas

Dear Santa
How many elves do you have? How is Rudolf and how old is he? Now what is your favourite cookie? I am sorry I made a mistake.

I have been a good boy at school and working really hard. Please bring a pellet gun, a remote control car and a remote control boat. Merry Christmas to you.

- Love your friend Wyatt Kehler

Dear Santa
How are you? How are Your reindeers? I believe in you! How are your elves? I've been trying to be good. What kind of cookies do you want this year? What is your favorite candy? Can I please have a hokcye board game can I please have a American Girl Doll can I please have a book for me to read with my mom and dad and with my sisters and the book is called Captain Under pants and the attack of the talking toilets. Another book I would like is cold packman. Merry Christmas Santa and Mr.s Claus. Thank you.

- Love your friend Darcie Voesenek

Dear Santa
How are the reindeer! Wut are al the reindeer names I have bin trying to be gud moste of the time. Im sorry for beying bad a little bit. How is your Mrs Clas our family bleevin you can you please bring my A rumat cuntrul car and also can you please give my a nerf gun also please a bayblld how are your elves I hop you have a gud Christmas.

- Love your friend Malcolm Sisson

Dear Santa
How much Elvs do you have? How is Rudolph doing? I believe in you Santa! I have bin mostly good. May I please have a globe. May I please have a walkie talkie. May I please have a Lego set with 1000000 pieces.

Meery Christmas Santa!

- Love your friend Cooper Frost

Dear Santa
how is mrs claus. how are you doing. what kind of cookies do you want on Christmas. I've ben helping my mom and Dad cleen the Table and I'm relly nice. what are you doing on Christmas. may I please have a popit, a

cheeta swetter and a big Barbie house. I Love you Santa merry Christmas Santa!

- Love your friend Sadie Dykyn

Dear Santa
How are you!!!! What cookies would you like? I have been preetey Good and may I have 3 things 1. A pet fish 2. Captin Underpans 3. Air horn. I belive in you!

- Love your friend Byron Lepp

Dear Santa
How are you. I believe in you! how many elves are there? I have been trying to be mostly good how are the reindeer. how is Mrs. Claus. What kind of cookies do you want this year may I please and thank you have a remote control semi and a Nintendo switch and LaserX.

- Love your friend Dany Williams

Dear Santa
What are the reindeers names? How many elves are there? How is Mrs. Claus? What kind of cookies would you like this year? I've been trying to be good. This Christmas may I pleas have 1. A notebook 2. A stuffie 3. A chapter book

Merry Christmas Santa!

- Love your friend Natalie Esau

Dear Santa
How are you? How many elves are there? I have been mostly good. I helped Dad feed the pets and once helped Mom clean the bathroom. This christmas may I iplease have a book about komodos, slime and a dragon stufy. Thank you! Merry Christmas!

Love your friend Ryleigh Penner

Dear Santa
how is Mrs. Clas? How are the reindeer?? How are the elves? I am trying two be good. may I please have a magic Mixie and a tablet. I believe in you!

- Love your friend Alice Kulinich

Dear Santa
I have a few qustians. How are you? How are the reindeer? How many elves are there? I have been good! because I help my brother do the dish-washer! please bring me these three things: a cake, candy and a board game! I believe in you!

- Love your friend Sasha Gunther

Dear Santa
How is it going? How menee elves are there are? I been pred good. I helpt with emptyeng the deshwoher please mae I have a Xbox a unoicorn stufee and a set of rolerblads thank you!

- Love your friend Selah Finck

Dear Santa
How are you? How is Mrs. Claus? What type of cookies do you want? I was trying to be good. May I please have a LoL and a notebook and a Lago set. Merry christmas!

- Love your friend Annalise Penner

Dear Santa
How is Rudolph dueing I bin ok? I bin hilping ot with Mom. How many elves? Please can I hav a tracktor, and a barn, and a grain bin? Moire Kream-ic "Merry Christmas!"

- Love your friend Liam Fortin

Dear St. Nicholas
How is Mrs Claus? how mene reindeer do you have I think I bin Pretty good This year. Please Bring me a Nintendo Switch, Pellet gun bullets and an ultra Blaster. I believe you.

- Love your friend Jack Jones

Dear Santa
What cookies do you want! how is Mrs claus? I was good. May I have a doll howse and may I have accessories for the house, and may I holv an American Doll bed. Mereee chrstmas

- Love your friend Brooklyn Desserre

Dear Santa
How are you and Mrs. Claus? How many elves are ther? What are the reindeer names? I bin mostly good. I hlpd my Mom and Dad made a rink. I bleeve of you! May I please have a pretend computer and a American Doll and a journal?

- Love your friend Kynsley Kippen

Dear Santa
how is Rudolph? What are the reindeers names? My behavior is pretty good but I have don a few bad things. Please have a hoverboard pleaseeeeee. MERRY CHRISTMAS!!! I wood alsow like Ryan toys. And new books. I love Chirstmas. Merry Christmas.

- Love your friend Avery Klassen

Dear Santa
I believe in Santa! haow is Mrs. Claus? Wut kind of cookies? both I helpt my mom throe the trash and dad I took the dog four a peeee. I want a Lego set. I want a nethr golie set. Maye Cresmse.

- Love your friend Drew McIntyre

Dear Santa
How are the elves! and how are you! This year I have good some times. This christmas, may I please have a book and a hoverbord and a lol. Thank you.

.. Merry Christmas.

- Love your friend Brooke Banman

Dear Santa
do you take vacations. How many Elves do you have? what are your Elves names? When is your birthday? I have been good. Do you have pets? What is your favorit movies? How old are you? I hop you write Back? Can I please have a magic Mixie? can I please have a tablet. Marry CHRStaM Santa Marry CHRStam Mrs Claus and elves.

- Love your friend Bailey Ladouceur

Dear Santa
How are you? Hows the NorthPole? and Mrs. Claus? did a reindeer have a babby? I have bin pretty good. what I want for christmas is an American Girl tv, Julie the American Girl. Also a Nintendo Switch. Merry christmas.

- Love your friend Hayley Boyachek

Dear Santa
I hav been very good this year I helpt mom clean down stairs How is Mrs Claus? Can I please hav a typewriter, a Lego set, a Santa suit. Santa how meny elvs do you hav? bye Santa.

- Love your friend Finn Nickerson

Dear Santa
How are The reindeer and How are you doing Santa and I hav bin gud stumtums and you hav a mare Kresmes Santa and can you gat me a racetrak with a remote control car, and a helicopter with a remote control, and a Starwars Figure. MERRY CHRISTMAS!

- Frum Dante Lucier



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Enforcing public health orders

Health Minister Audrey Gordon was asked to comment on how the province intends to enforce the new, more restrictive public health orders in communities where many people have been ignoring previous restrictions since the start of the pandemic.

The persistent lack of enforcement of mask use in many Winkler stores, for example, was being called out on multiple social media posts over the weekend, with people posting photo after photo of shoppers navigating stores like Superstore and Walmart without masks.

While masks in indoor public spaces have been mandatory in Manitoba for some time now, the sight of maskless shoppers going about their business seemingly without consequence is nothing new to anyone who shops in the community.

Still, officials insist enforcement has been and continues to be a priority.

"We're going to continue to work with the Department of Justice on enforcement and ensure that enforcement is stepped up," Minister Gor-

don said. "And that individuals that are not abiding by the orders that we have stated today are held to account for that."

Premier Heather Stefanson was asked a similar question about enforcement earlier in the week.

She told reporters that true enforcement isn't happening in Southern Health—the health district that has the lowest vaccination rate in all of Manitoba and, in recent weeks, the highest rate of COVID-19 patients requiring ICU care.

Stefanson said that 68 per cent of all COVID-19 tickets issued between October and December were in Southern Health.

If you break down the enforcement reports the province puts out every week, there have been a total of 201 tickets handed out to businesses and individuals for breaking public health orders between Sept. 27 to Dec. 12. The weekly totals range from lows of nine tickets to highs of 33 tickets.

"I don't want anyone to think out there that we're not taking enforce-

ment seriously," Stefanson said. "And where we need to take more action, we will."

Winkler police Chief Ryan Hunt told the *Voice* in an interview last week that local police are increasingly being called out to assist Public Health officers in their enforcement efforts in Winkler.

"If they encounter somebody that is angry with them or won't provide them with identification then they call us and we'll go there and try and mediate it," he said, noting the number of these incidents of angry individuals refusing to cooperate with enforcement officers has been on the rise of late.

Hunt pointed out that refusing to provide identification when being ticketed for violating public health orders can result in an arrest, though that is never the resolution to these types of incidents that officers hope to see.

—Ashleigh Viveiros

Micro-fiction writing contest winner announced

Grade 10 student
Joshua Comeau
from St. Claude
wins one night stay
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The Golden Prairie Art Council jury selected Joshua Comeau's submission for first place in the 2021 Microfiction Contest. Comeau is a high school stu-

dent from St. Claude School Complex. There were approximately 50 entries from all ages and communities in our catchment area including RM Grey, Roland, Thompson, Dufferin and Town of Carman. Comeau received a one night free stay at the Blue Crescent Hotel and \$35 in Chamber Bucks.

The 12:30 Train

By Joshua Comeau

Grade 10 St. Claude School Complex

I watched the dark countryside fly by outside the widow, as the locomotive sped toward the train station. An object, its movements jittery, yet quick and spider like crawled its way onto a hay bale. I passed it off as a hallucination, brought on by lack of

sleep, but something about it still felt wrong. Suddenly a scream rang out across the train car, a sickening, guttural, throat-tearing scream. Heads snapped away from their phones and windows, looking for the disturbance. A woman sat limply, the window beside her shattered, head encased in darkness. Multiple twitching legs jutted out of the darkness, probing and feeling the air and seats around her. A deafening silence fell in the car, only broken by the occasional whistle and gust of wind rushing through the broken window. Suddenly more screams started up, as more of the creatures climbed through the window, heading towards us.

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DAS in need of volunteers to host more events

By Becca Myskiw

The Dufferin Agricultural Society (DAS) is looking forward to a future with agriculture connections, gathering opportunities, and new events.

On Thursday, Dec. 9, the DAS held their annual general meeting (AGM), and discussed the results of their community feedback survey and the plan because of it. The survey was sent out in October of this year with the hopes of getting the community's feedback on how DAS should become a multi-use facility.

The first thing on the survey was if DAS ensures the Carman Fair continues to be a free event, they will make decisions that ensure its long-term financial viability and possibly expand activities into the downtown area. Eighty-four per cent of answers either strongly agreed or agreed.

Next on the survey was if DAS should convene community groups to discuss working together and sharing resources. Eighty-four per cent of answers either strongly agreed or agreed. Then, the survey asked if

people thought DAS administration and facilities could support Carman residents and organizations to launch community events like Battle of the bands. Eighty-six per cent of answers either strongly agreed or agreed.

The survey went on to see if people thought Das should take over the campground management. Sixty-one per cent strongly agreed or agreed. Eighty-nine per cent of answers strongly agreed or agreed that DAS could work to ensure the infrastructure attracts more equine events to Carman and 77 per cent strongly agreed or agreed DAS could explore the feasibility of a multi-use facility that serves as a regional riding facility and activity space.

President of DAS Deena Boklaschuk said as much as all those options would be good monetarily, they don't all make sense for the organization because volunteers strictly run it except for their secretary. The perfect solution: more volunteers.

"The more volunteers we have, the more events we can put on," said Bok-

laschuk. "We will stay status quo if DAS stays the same number of volunteers."

Because they didn't want to make a plan that relied on getting more volunteers, DAS created one to survive their current board.

"It's a long-term goal," she said. "It's a Rome wasn't built in a day kind of thing."

The first thing they're focusing on will be connecting people to agriculture. To do that, they'll implement and increase the feasibility of livestock fair events and improve and implement summer horse events.

The second thing DAS is focusing on is creating opportunities to gather. They'll strengthen coordination of the fair, increase significant music events in partnership that use the stage and grandstand, and they'll increase opportunities to run beer gardens and community events.

"We realized we need to partner with more community groups like 4-H and GPAC because we don't need to be duplicating events in our town,"

she said. "We can make them bigger and better."

The third thing they're doing is enabling new events and initiatives. To do that, DAS will identify and respond to incubator opportunities, support and launch incubator initiatives, and explore the feasibility of being a year-round facility.

DAS is hoping to create more opportunities for them to make money. Right now, they're only supported by sponsorships, which they're grateful for, but they can do more for the town with more funds. To do more, though, they need more people.

"As much as this town wants to see more events we need to see more volunteers as well," said Boklaschuk. "We don't need more ideas because we have a pile of them. We need more bodies."

To volunteer with DAS or ask any questions about it, email Boklaschuk at deena.b@gmail.com.

Manitoba could see 1,000 new cases a day thanks to omicron

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Manitoba could be in for a rough start to 2022 thanks to the omicron variant of COVID-19.

Chief provincial public health officer Dr. Brent Roussin released some sobering projections for the next few weeks at a news conference Dec. 15.

While this variant is not yet the primary form of COVID-19 in Manitoba (at press time Monday there were 17 confirmed cases, the delta strain still remaining the dominant one), it's clear from other juris-

dictions that it's only a matter of time.

"We know definitely it is much more transmissible than the delta variant," Roussin said, noting research is still being done on the severity of illness it causes and the impact omicron may have on vaccine efficacy, but the fact it spreads much more rapidly is clear. "We need to be very prepared for an exponential growth of omicron throughout Canada, including Manitoba."

Looking at what's happening

in other parts of Canada and in the United Kingdom, where omicron has a 35 per cent daily growth rate, Manitoba is on track to start seeing 223 cases a day by Christmas and over 1,000 new cases daily in the new year.

To put that in perspective, last Thursday Manitoba reported 218 new COVID-19 cases. It was the highest daily count in six months. It then reported 239

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Pluggier will take the Carman Active Living Centre at 7:30 p.m. Friesen is a singer/songwriter from Winkler. He has two albums under his belt.

Leaf Rapids will serenade the town on Feb. 11 at 7:30 p.m. The Winnipeg folk duo started writing about family history and long-forgotten tales. Their album "Citizen Alien" has been nominated for a Canadian Folk Music Award for Contemporary Album of the Year.

Local favourite Jayme Giesbrecht from Morden will perform with her jazz quartet on

Feb. 25 at 7:30 p.m. Giesbrecht started singing in church and has since explored various genres, almost all of which she performs.

The Royal Manitoba Theatre Centre will put on a one-person comedy show on March 5 at 7:30 p.m.

"Everybody needs a little bit of comedy right now," said Major. "It's been a long time and we thought a comedy would be suitable for these times instead of a very heavy play."

The New Customs will end off on March 18 at 7:30 p.m. They're

an Indie folk duo from Winnipeg who works to capture stories in their songs. They play with two strong voices, a guitar, a mandolin, and a fiddle in hand.

Major encourages people to attend the series to support the artists who haven't had the opportunity to perform in years. GPAC can put it on thanks to a grant from the Government of Canada. The grant pays the performers, sound technicians, the venue costs, and more.



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Back Door only \$70K away from \$1 million goal on capital project

By Becca Myskiw

The Back Door Youth Centre has received \$13,500 in donations for their capital project just in time for Christmas.

Since 2016, the Back Door has raised money for a 4,000 square-foot addition to their current centre. In addition, they purchased the lot next to theirs, which currently holds the Piston Ring building, and will demolish or move it once they're ready to build.

The expansion will give the organization more space they need. It will include a 40 x 60-foot multipurpose room with a 20-foot-high ceiling for floor hockey and basketball. It will also have better washroom facilities, more office space, and more accessibility for those with disabilities.

The total cost of the project is around \$1 million.

Pembina Co-op donated \$10,000 to the cause. Becky Switzer, human resources, marketing, and community relations at the company, said when there are projects like the one the Back Door is doing, they take it to their board of directors and decide on a donation.

Based on the size of the expansion

project and the total dollars needed to complete it; they decided to give the large donation of \$10,000, which is quite big for Pembina Co-op.

"It really ties in with our mission and that's to positively impact the communities we serve," said Switzer. "It helps youth. We believe in the youth in our communities. They're the future. They're hopefully some of our future employees. We look to support causes that help youth with education, recreation, and the arts."

Also donating to the project is Klos Realty Ltd. Paul Bergen from the company said the Back Door provides youth with a safe place to meet and interact with peers and mentors.

"Through relationships and various activities teens feel valued, gain social skills and grow in confidence which can only benefit Carman, since they are the future contributors to our community," he said. "We are grateful for the staff that work tirelessly to put out a great program."

With the two donations, the Back Door has now raised around \$928,500 total, which means they have \$71,500 left to raise. However, because of their current matching campaign, they ac-



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Pembina Co-op donated \$10,000 to the Back Door's capital project, while Klos Realty Ltd. donated \$3,500. Pictured left to right, Homewood agro manager Van de Velde, Pembina Co-op general manager Chris Lehouillier, The Back Door executive director Tyler Friesen and volunteers Michael Wilton, Stevie Jeske, and Kristina Wilton.

tually only need \$35,750 in donations before the end of the year to meet their \$1 million goal.

"We're still shooting for that spring start," said Tyler Friesen, executive director of the Back Door. "Once we get the million that'll be no problem.

We'll be on target. It's great to have some big donations come in at the end of the year. It's amazing. We're so thankful for the Carman community and Pembina Co-op represents a bunch of communities so to have them choose us is amazing."

Pfizer's COVID pill found to reduce risk of hospitalization, death by 89%

By Patricia Barrett

Pfizer's COVID-19 oral treatment, Paxlovid, has been found to substantially reduce the risk of severe disease and death, according to a statement issued last week by the company.

The drug also has the potential to inhibit the omicron variant, which has been found to multiply 70 times faster than other COVID strains and is currently sprinting through countries around the world.

Paxlovid, which consists of Pfizer-developed nirmatrelvir (a protease inhibitor) and ritonavir (another protease inhibitor used to treat HIV), showed about a 10-fold reduction in viral load in high-risk patients, decreasing their risk of hospitalization and death.

"In the final analysis of the primary endpoint from all patients enrolled in EPIC-HR, an 89 per cent reduction in COVID-19-related hospitalization or death from any cause compared to placebo in patients treated within three days of symptom onset was observed, consistent with the interim analysis," states a Dec. 14 Pfizer news release.

Pfizer enrolled 2,246 high-risk adults (those likely to be hospitalized or die from COVID) from trial sites in North and South America, Europe, Africa and Asia, with 41 per cent of the patients located in the U.S.

Paxlovid works by suppressing an enzyme called protease that the COVID virus needs to replicate.

The pharmaceutical company first began conducting a series of protease-inhibition studies in

July and has submitted results to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for emergency use authorization. Paxlovid has yet to be approved. Interim results from another Pfizer study with 673 adults considered at standard-risk (a low risk of hospitalization and death) showed that Paxlovid has a 70 per cent reduction in hospitalization and death. That study enrolled 1,140 adults from North and South America, Africa, Asia and Europe. Final results with all the participants are forthcoming.

Paxlovid also shows the "potential" to maintain "robust antiviral activity" against omicron and other COVID variants of concern, as well as other kinds of coronaviruses, said the company.

"Nirmatrelvir has shown consistent in vitro antiviral activity."

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new cases the next day.

The data shows omicron's reproduction number is four times that of delta's. The virus in Ontario has also been shown to double every three days. Delta, in comparison, has a doubling rate of 34 days.

"We know, from other jurisdictions, once we see this spreading in the community, we are weeks away from it being our dominant strain," Roussin said. "We need to act now to decrease the impact of this very concerning variant in Manitoba."

To that end, Roussin urged Manitobans to get vaccinated and, if you've already been fully vaccinated, to go for a booster shot as soon as you're eligible.

"We know that our best protection against this variant or any of the other variants that are circulat-

ing is to be vaccinated," he said, pointing out unvaccinated people are five times more likely to contract COVID-19 than those who are fully vaccinated and 18 times more likely to end up in intensive care.

Manitobans who received their second shot six months ago may see a decrease in protection as the immunity begins to wane. There are also some eligible Manitobans—about 16 per cent—who have yet to go for their first dose.

"So we're making that plea to Manitobans to do whatever we can to get as many eligible people vaccinated," Roussin said. "If that means your first or second dose, we need that. And if it means you're eligible now for your third dose, we need as many eligible Manitobans to get that vaccine in the next two weeks, before what we know is going to be a

large amount of gathering during our holiday season, before we have widespread community transmission of omicron, which we also know is on its way here."

Roussin also urged people to be cautious over the holidays, especially when it comes to those with a higher risk of severe outcomes if they contract COVID-19—people over 60 or with underlying medical conditions.

"You need to be very, very careful about your plans to gather," he stressed, encouraging people not to host large gatherings and to avoid coming into contact with too many people from outside your household. "If you have higher-risk people at those gatherings, you're putting people you care about at risk."

Stricter pandemic restrictions now in effect

By Ashleigh Viveiros

New public health orders went into effect Tuesday morning in an attempt to stem the expected tide of the more contagious omicron variant of COVID-19 in Manitoba.

“Rising COVID-19 transmission, case counts, and the introduction of the omicron into the province means we need to introduce new measures and introduce them now,” Health Minister Audrey Gordon said at a late afternoon press conference in Winnipeg on Friday. “We need to delay the emergence of omicron to give all Manitobans time to get their third dose and reduce the demands on our health care system as much as possible.

“Case counts and hospitalizations are rising and we must be proactive in protecting our health care system. We need to be sure that we have hospital beds available to provide care for patients in need.”

In Monday’s COVID-19 update, the number of Manitobans in hospital with the virus was at 137. Twenty-seven of those were in intensive care.

Health officials also announced that the number of omicron cases in the province had risen to 17—up 12 from a week earlier.

“We’ve continuously urged Manitobans to get vaccinated, whether that be their first, second, and now their

third dose,” said Dr. Brent Roussin, chief provincial public health officer. “At this point, from what we see on the significant increase in transmission of the omicron variant, we need to go further.”

Roussin lamented the need for further restrictions, especially days before the holidays, but stressed the toll omicron is having on other jurisdictions makes it clear “decisive actions” must be taken before community transmission of this strain gains a footing in Manitoba.

“We know that no one wants to hear news of new public health orders, but as we enter this holiday season we must work together as Manitobans to slow the spread of omicron,” he said.

The new restrictions include:

- private indoor gatherings are limited to 10 additional people plus the household if all are fully vaccinated (youth ages 12 and under are exempt from needing to be fully vaccinated);
- private indoor gatherings are limited to five additional people plus the household if any of the individuals ages 12 year and older are unvaccinated (youth ages 12 and under are exempt from needing to be fully vaccinated);
- outdoor gatherings at a private residence are limited to 20 additional people plus the household if all are fully vaccinated (youth ages 12 and

under are exempt from needing to be fully vaccinated);

- outdoor gatherings held on public property are limited to 50 per cent of the usual capacity if all in attendance are fully vaccinated (youth ages 12 and under are exempt from needing to be fully vaccinated), and 50 persons total if anyone present is unvaccinated (youth ages 12 and under are exempt from needing to be fully vaccinated);

- indoor and outdoor sporting and recreation capacity is reduced to 50 per cent for spectators, games and practices can continue but no tournaments will be permitted;

outdoor ticketed performing arts events, indoor recreational businesses, seasonal facilities and events, group instructional classes and bingos, casinos and VLTs are limited to 50 per cent capacity and must continue to restrict admission to those who are fully vaccinated (youth ages 12 and under are exempt);

- day camps are limited to no more than 25 campers and camper groups must be cohorted, overnight camps are prohibited under these orders;

- gyms, movie theatres, museums and libraries are limited to 50 per cent capacity with proof of immunization required everywhere except libraries;

- restaurants and licensed premises are limited to 50 per cent capacity with a maximum of 10 people per table and

proof of immunization required, and members of the public are required to be seated except when travelling to get food or beverages or engaging in sporting activities; and

- faith-based gatherings are limited to 50 per cent capacity with proof of vaccination or 25 per cent capacity or a total of 25 people, whichever is lower, when proof of vaccination is not required and cohorts may be implemented where groups can be physically divided up to a maximum of 10 cohorts or 250 people.

All other public health orders not listed above remain the same as before. The restrictions remain in effect until Jan. 11.

Asked whether Manitobans should still gather for the holidays, Roussin urged people to give the matter serious thought.

“My thoughts are that everyone, in addition to these restrictions, need to take into consideration their personal risk assessment,” he said. “If you or someone you love is at high risk of a severe outcome, then you need to reconsider just how many people need to be in your bubble.”

On Monday, Manitoba’s COVID-19 case count was at 2,183. The death toll has hit 1,366, with several new deaths reported over the weekend. The five-day test positivity rate provincially has jumped to eight per cent.

Manitoba hoping for a cold, snowy winter following dry summer

By Ashleigh Viveiros

It’s too early to say what the winter and spring will bring in terms of precipitation or flooding, but it’s clear Manitoba headed into the winter in a pretty dry state in many areas.

Infrastructure Minister Ron Schuler unveiled the findings of Manitoba Infrastructure’s Hydrologic Forecast Centre’s 2021 Fall Conditions Report at a press conference in Winnipeg last Thursday.

“Soil moisture in most Manitoba basins is near normal to below normal, with the exception of some portions of the Red River Basin in the United States. That has a normal to slightly above normal soil moisture,” Schuler said.

“Base flows on most Manitoba rivers are normal to below normal for this time of year, with the exception of Northern Manitoba, which has normal to above normal base flows,” he continued.

“As of Dec. 10, 2021, the Red River at Emerson, Manitoba is at 1,800 CFS, or cubic feet per second. Normal for

this time of year would be 1,522 CFS, which means the Red River is currently flowing slightly above normal,” Schuler said, attributing the increase to weather events south of the border. “Conversely, the Assiniboine River at Headingley is at 400 CFS, which normally runs at 679 CFS.”

Meanwhile, most major lakes in the province are at below normal to well below normal levels for this time of the year.

“Lake Manitoba continues to be at 810.2 feet—near an historic low for this time of the year,” Schuler said. “Normal would be 811.9 feet. Not since 1942 has Lake Manitoba been this low.”

Lake Winnipeg is also seeing incredible lows—it’s currently at 711.9 feet. Normal for this time of year is 713.2 feet.

“Keep in mind, that is more than a foot difference on a very large body of water,” Schuler pointed out.

Still, Lake Winnipeg has nothing on Morden’s Lake Minnewasta, which is a full nine feet below its normal level

of 1,079 feet.

Meanwhile, Lake St. Martin and Lake Winnipegosis are both below normal while Dauphin Lake and Lake Wahtopanah are just at or slight above normal levels.

The Whiteshell lakes are faring better thanks to dam regulation and fall precipitation, putting them at “optimal levels for this time of year,” Schuler said.

Projections for the winter favour normal to below-normal precipitation for most of Manitoba. In a normal winter, Manitoba sees an average of about 100 centimeters (40 inches) of snow.

“Good for this year would be 100 cm of snow to a high of 130 cm of snow,” Schuler said.

“If we get low snowfall, lots of above average, warmer temperatures, and lots of sunshine, which could cause snow sublimation, Manitoba could see a very difficult growing season for 2022,” the minister said. He noted the provincial government is already working with producers to see how

they might provide assistance, should it be necessary.

Asked whether other parts of Manitoba might find themselves under water use restrictions next summer, as Morden was this year, Schuler said it is a distinct possibility.

“If we end up with warm temperatures ... if we get a lot of sunshine ... if we don’t get a lot of moisture, we could be coming back with some pretty dire reporting. And then there’s going to have to be some pretty serious conversations insofar as water conservation is concerned.

“Let’s hope that we get a very normal prairie winter and then we don’t have to have these discussions with Manitobans,” Schuler said, adding that the ideal for the months ahead would be “very cold—normal for Manitoba—lots of snow, minimal sunshine, and a normal melt ... that would be best for what we might be facing in spring.”

The province will start releasing flood outlooks in February.

Carman cheer board packs 149 hampers hampers for those in need

By Becca Myskiw

Another year, 149 more Christmas hampers packed.

Last year was odd for the Carman and District Christmas Cheer Board. They only gave toys and gift cards to the families in need due to the harsh COVID-19 restrictions. However, this year, things were somewhat back to normal with volunteers packing boxes full of food on Dec. 14.

Last Tuesday, less than 40 volunteers filled the Carman Community Hall to pack the hampers. Deanna Hendricks, board chair, said they packed 149 hampers, the same as any average year.

The cheer board didn't take food donations this year because of COVID-19 and the minimal number of volunteers they were going to have. Hendricks asked that only experienced volunteers come to help on packing day to do more work with fewer people and keep numbers down in the hall.

"Because people couldn't donate food, we have got toys," said Hendricks. "The most incredible toys. So many toys."

Because of the large number of toys donated, she said every child would get more than one toy this year, too.

Almost all the food they packed came from the Homestead Co-op food store in Carman. The cheer board made their list, the co-op got everything to-



The Carman and District Christmas Cheer Board packed 149 hampers this year. Bev Gibson packed a few on Tuesday.

gether for them, and it was all brought into the hall. The morning of packing, though, Hendricks noticed a problem. "I'm sitting there doing my thing," she said. "People are carrying in food from the Co-op and putting it on tables. About an hour and a half in, someone comes up to me and says there's a sign that says canned soup but there's no canned soup on the table."

Every year, the cheer board is gifted 1,000 cans of soup from someone. They didn't get that because they couldn't take food donations this year. So, they



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Stacie Enns came to pack the hampers on Dec. 14.

didn't have soup on the ordering list (because they never have to buy it) and they didn't buy it.

So, a volunteer phoned the food store and spoke to the manager, Justin Major, who proceeded to pull 500 cans of soup off the shelves and get it to the hall to be packed.

"Now, everyone gets soup," said Hendricks.

The volunteers worked all day Tues-

day and finished up on Wednesday to be ready for pickups, which started at 5 p.m. on Dec. 15. Then, on Thursday, driver volunteers did their work delivering the hampers to the rest of the families.

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Bird watchers needed for annual Christmas Bird Count



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The National Audubon Society is looking for locals to bird watch on Jan. 2 for their annual Christmas Bird Count.

By Becca Myskiw

The National Audubon Society calls on locals with bird feeders to watch what comes their way.

Every year at the beginning of January, thousands upon thousands of bird watchers across North America count the bird populations in 2,600 locations.

"The annual survey uses community volunteers to track the health of bird populations at a scale that scientists could never accomplish alone," said Rhonda Smith, a Carman area bird watcher.

The data gained from the survey records every bird and bird species in specific areas. It helps scientists see how the North American bird population has changed over the past 100 years and understand the long-term impacts of climate change on the people.

Smith said bird migration patterns and populations are impacted when changing weather patterns cause changes to the landscape, mating patterns, and the population in the birds' food sources.

"The count is a valuable tool for conservationists, as it informs strategies to protect birds and their habitat and helps identify environmental issues that could have implications for people as well," she added.

Last year, Carman had 29 volunteers participate in the Christmas Bird Count. In addition, 19 bird feeder counters and 10 field counters "craned their necks, squinted their eyes, grabbed binoculars, and perked up their ears" to contribute to the best count the town's had thus far.

Each count is performed in a count circle with a diameter of 15 miles. Carman's is 7.5 miles in each direction from Highway 3 and Highway 13. It happened on Jan. 2 last year and had a record count of 36 species and a total of 2,379 birds that day.

"We are not sure if it was because of the mild start to winter or if the birds didn't get the memo to fly to warmer locales for the winter," said Smith.

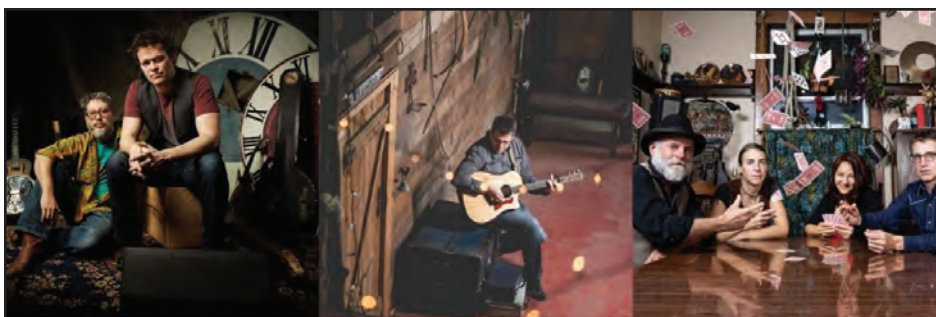
New species found last year were three Horned Larks and a Northern Flicker. Unusual but not new species were the Northern Cardinal, the Red-winged Blackbird, American Robins, the Mourning Dove, and Bald Eagles. Other noteworthy bird sightings were 4 Snowy Owls, 331 Snow Bun-

tings, 123 Pine Siskins, 2 Purple Finches, and 2 Merlins. The most significant number counted for a single species was House Sparrows, with 1,075. Carman is also consistently known for its high concentration of Wild Turkeys, with 230 birds counted which was the highest tally for all of Manitoba's bird counts last year.

Purple Finches created a considerable interruption as far south as Florida and the Gulf Coast. Evening Grosbeaks moved southward for the first time in a while, Pileated Woodpecker numbers were up across the continent, and the Ruffed Grouse population is still declining.

This year's count is on Sunday, Jan. 2. It's open to bird watchers of all skill types. Beginners can be paired with a team of more experienced bird watchers. Contact

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Operation Santa Paws a big success for PVHS

By Lorne Stelmach

The Pembina Valley Humane Society is grateful for the strong support shown by the community for its recent supply drive.

The organization of course always welcomes donations, but the recent Operation Santa Paws was a more concerted effort with the lofty goal to stock the regional animal shelter's shelves with enough supplies to last them through 2022.

On the final day of the campaign Saturday, directors were delighted to see that it had not only met but exceeded some of their specific targets.

"We went into this not knowing how well this would work out, and I can say my expectations were blown out of the water," said Holly Thorne, PVHS public relations chair. "I'm just so thrilled with everybody who has made the effort to support us, and all the businesses as well."

In total, there were over a thousand individual items donated between Nov. 20 and Dec. 18.

The goals included 600 cans wet cat food, 350 cans of wet dog food, 200 boxes/bags of clumping cat litter, 200 bottles of bleach, 25 bottles each of

dish and laundry detergent, 20 boxes of compostable bags, and 15 jars of peanut butter.

Arriving at those numbers was somewhat challenging given the unusual circumstances of the past two years, Thorne noted.

"We had looked at 2020, but that was such an unusual year ... we had an outbreak of kennel cough, we also had ringworm, which we're still dealing with again now," she said. "We feel like we had gone through our supplies at a rapid rate, so we took those numbers, but maybe it was a lofty goal."

"Now we can say we have reached our goal for cat food and dog food, and we have reached most of our goal for laundry detergent ... peanut butter and dish detergent we're a hundred per cent. We've totally gotten what we need in those areas."

"The biggest things that we still need and will always need are clumping kitty litter," Thorne continued. "We will always need bleach, and we will always need compostable kitchen bags. Those are the ones that we are short on right now, but we always need them throughout the year."

Thorne suggested the support reflects not only people having a passion to help care for animals but also a recognition of the importance of the service that the humane society provides.

"Clearly we have the support of our



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PVHS board members Holly Thorne and Tanya Rempel with Layla, an 11-year-old pooch who is looking for a loving home or foster home in which to enjoy her golden years.

community when it comes to wanting to make sure that our animals in the shelter are cared for," she said. "It's fabulous that the community sees the importance of what it is that we do and why we're doing it."

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Rutherford's Pool Hall and Bowling Lanes burnt down in 1952. In 1953 Tom Rockey built the current building as a liquor store which became a pool hall. He sold it in 1957 and was known as Geordie's Pool Hall. Then Dick Boeve moved his Heating business there by 1971. Brad's Jewellers occupied it in 1975 for the next 21 years until Karl and Marie Curpen opened Mauritian Jewellers in '96 (no info when they closed). The current owner, Nancy Reimer, started The Price is Rite in November of 2010.

Roseisle family starting from scratch after losing everything to house fire

By Becca Myskiw

In a devastating house fire, Cindy McDonald and her family lost everything.

The Roseisle family lost their historic home to a blaze on Saturday, Dec. 11. McDonald was making meat pies with her neighbour for Christmas. They used both ovens, going back and forth from house to house to monitor the cooking.

She had just gotten a new convection stove from her children, too, so she was excited to use it for the meat pies. So when McDonald took a batch out of her oven, she put them on top of the stove to cool off, turned everything off, and covered them with a tea towel so her pets wouldn't get into them.

Then she went back to her neighbours to help over there and said she had to go back home in 15 minutes — when she did, her whole stove and kitchen cupboards were in flames. She thinks her puppy smelled the meat pies, jumped up, and hit one of the front knobs, ultimately turning the stove on. Because her oven was new, McDonald had no idea she could have locked those and prevented that.

She instantly tried putting the fire out with the water in her kitchen but was unsuccessful. The flames kept climbing, getting bigger and bigger. It became hard for her to breathe as the house got smokier, so she made the decision to get her pets and get out.

McDonald got all of her pets except two out. One kitten ran back in, and she never found one cat in time to get it out. Along with their furry family members, she grabbed her son's medication and a tub of family photos sitting in the hallway.

"Because we have no cell service, I had to run to the neighbour's to call 911," she said. "We then went to the store to get fire extinguishers, but we couldn't put it out. Fire just goes so fast."

The Carman-Dufferin Fire Depart-

ment was at her house within 25 minutes, but it was too late. There was no saving her two-storey, 4,000-square foot 1936 home — the original Roseisle general store. She and her family (her three children who are now adults) lived in the home for 21 years.

The family found a place to rent just a mile and a half out of town, no more than two miles away from all their family.

Inside their home that burned, though, was everything they had. Their clothes, furniture, money, identification, cooking ware, Christmas gifts, and more. The community banded together instantly to get them a kitchen table, bags of clothes, and utensils. People are still dropping off things they need and donating to a GoFundMe created by McDonald's daughter-in-law.

The GoFundMe is raising money for the family to rebuild their home. One of the first donations came from a person McDonald met when she was 18 and living in New Zealand.

"You're just touched by a lot of people in times like this," she said. "We feel surrounded by love and people who care."

To donate to the campaign, go to https://www.gofundme.com/f/help-cindy-and-her-family-rebuild-their-home?utm_campaign=p_cp+share-sheet&utm_medium=copy_link_all&utm_source=customer. If people are unable to contribute to the GoFundMe, Furet said they're accepting extra items people may have at



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Cindy McDonald and her family lost their Roseisle home to a fire on Saturday, Dec. 11.

home. People can drop those off at the Roseisle grocery store.

"All they have is the clothes on their back," said Desiree Furet, the organizer. "They're starting from scratch again...The money that is raised in the GoFundMe will also go towards the cost of living for the meantime."

McDonald said her brother would clean up the area their house burned down on, and they'll start rebuilding once they get everything sorted out with the insurance. Her next steps, for now, are trying to replace everything in her wallet — her identification, credit cards, debit cards, vaccination card, and more.

She's also working on a list of everything in her house. That's for the insurance and finding out what they now need to replace.

"It's the craziest thing to lose everything," she said. "I was wearing crocs when it happened. An hour later, my feet are freezing, and I don't have boots to change into. That realization is the hardest part."

The Miami community has been taking care of the family as best they can. On Thursday, Dec. 16, \$9,605 was raised on the GoFundMe. (The goal is \$15,000). People instantly ran to Walmart to get them basic clothes; they already had a kitchen set and some furniture, along with mounds of utensils. Someone fighting their own battle with cancer also brought them a Christmas tree.

"You definitely know when you live in a small community how close you are," said McDonald.

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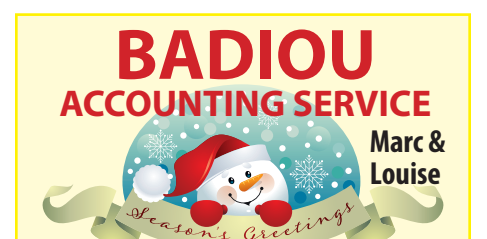
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Funds raised for minor ball

By Dennis Young

On Dec. 11, after one year away, Carman Minor Ball and the Odds n Ends Hockey Team co-hosted and fed 170 social starved businesses/staff, friends and families at the Active Living Centre. Minor ball was the sole recipient and the ticket sales, silent auction and bar receipts will go towards the new ball facility north of Town.

Comedian Big DaddyTazz was the lone headliner and he did not disappoint. For two hours he stretched his story lines from kindergartener hijinx to his hilarious handling of his OCD & ADD afflictions.

Since the Odds n Ends Hockey Team started this Evening of Laughs/Comedy Night in 2013, the event has raised \$54,500 for some local worthwhile projects.

The Boyne Lodge and the New Personal Care Home were the first recipients of \$13,000 over three years. The Splash Pad committee accepted \$9,500 the next two years. Then Carman Mi-



Big Daddy Tazz, left, and Erin Lemky from Carman Minor Ball.

nor Hockey and Carman Minor Ball got involved, assisting with sales and volunteering for two years, and split \$30,000.

This year's event raised \$5,100. All comments tell the organizers to continue on in 2022!



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Carman Minor Ball and the Odds n Ends Hockey team hosted a comedy fundraiser for Carman Minor Ball on Dec. 11.

> COVID PILL, FROM PG. 8

ity against the previously identified variants of concerns (i.e., alpha, beta, delta, gamma, lambda, and mu). In addition, nirmatrelvir potentially inhibited the 3CL protease associated with Omicron in an in vitro biochemical assay. This indicates nirmatrelvir's potential to maintain robust antiviral activity against Omicron," states the release.

If authorized, Paxlovid will be administered in doses consisting of two 150 mg tablets of nirmatrelvir and one 100 mg tablet of ritonavir, twice daily for five days.

Most of the treatment's side effects were found to be "mild in intensity," but there were also serious adverse events. Those weren't listed in the news release.

Full study data are expected to be released later this month and submitted to a peer-reviewed publication.

"This news provides further corroboration that our oral antiviral candidate, if authorized or approved, could have a meaningful impact on the lives of many, as the data further support the efficacy of Paxlovid in reducing hospitalization and death and show a substantial decrease in viral load. This underscores the treatment candidate's potential to save the lives of patients around the world," said Pfizer chair and CEO Albert Bourla in the news release. "Emerging variants of concern, like Omicron, have exacerbated the need for accessible treatment options"

Pharmaceutical company Merck has also made a COVID-19 pill, but the FDA has yet to authorize it for use as it was found to be less effective than first thought and safety concerns have been raised over a risk that the drug can cause mutations in human DNA.

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Last-minute holiday shopping tips



Some people thrive by doing all of their tasks early. Others seem to do their best work when faced with a time crunch. The methods individuals use to manage their time at work and play may extend to the ways they approach holiday shopping as well.

There's no right or wrong way to handle holiday shopping tasks, though Christmas Eve crowds at malls and throughout shopping districts suggest that there's more late comers than there are early birds. The following tips can help those who typically wait until the last minute to check names off their lists.

- Create a budget. When rushing around from store to store, it may be easy to spend more than you want to. Make a list of how much you want to spend on each person, and stick to that limit for each person. Move on to the next store if you didn't find what you need in your price range.

- Establish a time limit. Stores have strategies in place to keep shoppers in their establishments longer, hoping you'll make impulse buys. These tricks include scenting the air with inviting aromas, putting necessities at the rear of the store, failing to display the time, and putting discounted items by the registers or door to attract shoppers. Set an alarm on your watch or phone for each store so you get what you need and get out on time.

- Subdivide bulk gifts. Think about purchasing bulk gifts like gift baskets

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from wholesale clubs and then breaking them down into individual gifts. This way you can gift several people on one purchase and save time in the process.

- Choose one-size-fits-all gifts. Think about a gift that can be purchased for multiple people so you can save time shopping for individualized gifts for everyone. For example, print a personalized photo calendar for several members of your family. You also can purchase multiple subscriptions or memberships to zoos or magazines

for people on your list. Streamlining gifting in this way may save money as well as time.

- Choose in-store pickup. Rather than scouring various aisles, you can shop a retailer's website and then pick up items in the store. You'll save on potential shipping fees but still benefit by avoiding crowds.

Some people wait until the last minute to do their holiday shopping. A few tricks of the procrastinator's trade can make last-minute shopping go smoothly.

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Carman's water tower landmark came down

By Dennis Young with Town staff notes

You see water towers everywhere, especially in small towns. Carman has had one since 1907/08 and in this article I will attempt to explain how it worked for 114 years... now just a memory in the sky.

A water tower is simply a large elevated tank of potable water. The height, which provides the pressure, must be enough to supply a certain level to all of the houses and businesses in the area. "Ours was always between 40-48 PSI throughout Carman" Town Superintendent Joe Richardson tells me.

Typically a tank is sized to hold about a day's worth of water for the community served. If the pumps fail (for example, during a power failure), the water tower must hold enough water to keep things flowing for about a day.

How did it get up there? Joe explains "The Boyne River's raw water was gravity fed into a pump house well which then was pumped into the water treatment plant (1st plant opened in 1960 with the additional one in 1983). There it was put into a large mixer tank, called a Clarifer, where lime, soda and alum were added to clean the water."

"From there to a C02 tank to stabilize the PH, from there to sand filters for final cleaning. At that point chlorine was added as it went into our 350,000 gal. plant reservoir storage and pumped by three pumps into the 50,000 gallon water tower."

Our water consumption averaged 240 gallons of water per minute. Water fluctuates throughout the day with lower consumption in the overnight hours. The Town's 500 GPM pump ran and maintained the lower level during the day when people were using water.

The smaller 250 GPM pump then cut in to maintain the tower level during the night hours when less was in demand.

During a fire, the water demand increases significantly and may greatly exceed the capacity of the pumps at the water plant. Carman's 750 GPM pump guaranteed that there was enough pressure to keep water flowing through the hydrants.

However the aging tower and plant pushed Carman Council to move ahead with plans in 2016 for a new 800,000 gallon reservoir and pump house. Built in the Industrial Park, it was put into operation June 25th this year.

With new water main upgrades and improvements to Stephenfield water plant, the project soared to just



It took seven hours to bring the Carman water tower down.

under \$13 million split between Federal Gov't, Provincial Gov't, Manitoba Water Services Board and the Town. Contributions to cover the improvements at Stephenfield were made by Pembina Valley Water Corp.

The old plant and adjacent buildings were knocked down/hailed away over a two month period leaving the 125 foot Tower for last Friday. By torching 15-16 feet at a time off the four legs, it took Total Demolition Ltd. of Portage seven hours to lower it. "I know a liner was put inside this thing in the early 80s and was showing its age for sure, says Joe Richardson "but now that I have seen it up close, the metal was very thin with pin holes starting to show!"

There you have it. The next time you are driving through small towns, take the time to notice the water towers. They soon will be a sight of the past!

Overflows:

"The tank was originally made of wood and was struck by lightning in the late 1920s. Sid Warburton, in charge of the water utility, started pumping water into the tank until it overflowed and put out the fire. They put in the metal tank in the 1940s after the war. I was working at the Dry Cleaners across the street when steel workers walked around the top of the railing not wearing any sort of safety harness. I could hardly watch them as it was so dangerous," recalls Carm Colvin.

The 85,000 lb. Tower was built in Chicago and sent here in pieces for as-



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Total Demolition of Portage had the task of leveling Carman's water plant buildings and dismantling the water tower last week."



Two cranes were used to stabilize the tower. By cutting the 4 legs off in 10 foot lengths, the Tower was almost to the ground.

sembly.

A former Carman man secretly used the tower ladder to overcome his fear of heights during his own fireman training.

A local student and his girlfriend climbed to the top but lost the nerve to come down.

I have had heard of interest from readers hoping to see their "treasure" kept in town. Well at least the siren might be on display as Joe was able to confiscate it. Try explaining to generations from now why for years we had to be told it was 12 o'clock lol!

sports & recreation

INSIDE > OUTSIDE > UPSIDE DOWN

Last Mile Athletic Club runner breaks Manitoba indoor track record

By Becca Myskiw

Carman's Last Mile Athletic Club (LMAC) recently sent four runners to cross country nationals in Ottawa, and one came out 13th in the country in U18.

Marina Gross is a 17-year-old runner who's fresh off competing with the University of New Brunswick (UNB) at Boston University, where she ran against Division 1 women. She started doing triathlons when she was just four and gradually gravitated towards running thanks to LMAC coach Lyle Myers.

She trains for two to three hours every day, often starting at 7 a.m. to swim. This year, she's also been cross-training with the Triathlon Club in Winnipeg.

"This year has been a bit more stressful with many decisions for future plans," said her mom and LMAC board member Joanne Gross. "She wants to represent Canada at bigger events like the Pan Am Games and make Team Canada."

Before Marina Gross headed to Boston to race with university students, she was racing against high school students at home with her teammates Sara Gross, 15, Kristin Peterson, 17, Hana Lysiuk, 15, Nathan Dyck, 15, Nate Phillips, 14, and Jaron Johnston, 14.

Along with training together up to 12 hours a week running gravel roads, hallway circuits, and working out in the gym, each runner trains religiously on their own.

"All the work has started to pay off, and the team is getting noticed at meets," said Joanne Gross.

Marina Gross was fastest at cross country provincials for the U18 women coming in at 13:22 for the 4 km race. Dyck and Phillips took first and second respectively for the U16 boys, while the U16 girls win was claimed by Sara Gross.

Come the end of November, Marina Gross, Peterson, Dyck, and Sara Gross headed to cross country nationals held in Ottawa. Two of those athletes were just 15 years old, competing against U18 runners in a muddy, cold course four to six kilometres. Marina Gross finished 13 overall at the competition, making her the 13th best runner for the age group in Canada.

Five days after her national finish,



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Nathan Dyck was one of four runners who went to cross country nationals in November.

she headed to New Brunswick after UNB invited her to look at their campus and come on the seven-hour bus trip with them to Boston University. Joanne Gross said Boston is known for its indoor track, one of the fastest in the USA by professional runners.

"It was exciting to see and race against many runners that inspired her as she started her running journey," she said.

In the 3,000 metre women's race, there were four heats of 15 to 18 runners. Marina Gross came in second in her heat, the second one.

"There weren't any other high school athletes that we know of," said Joanne Gross. "Though there were a few other unattached."

In her race, Marina Gross broke a Manitoba record for the indoor 3,000 metre race for U18 women with her time of 9:36. She placed 15 out of 55 runners.

"It made it a very memorable trip, and she was grateful for the opportunity the coach from New Brunswick gave her," said Joanne Gross. "She felt that it helped her confirm for herself that she can compete at that level and will be ready to join those Universities next year."

In January, Marina Gross will be visiting several post-secondary schools to get a better idea of which would best suit her for competing in Division 1 running and giving her the education she wants. In the meantime,



Marina Gross recently travelled to the Boston University to run with UNB. She broke a Manitoba indoor track record with her time of 9:36 while she was there.

LMAC runners are hitting the track at the University of Manitoba for the indoor track season. They're currently working on beating their personal bests (PBs).

"Coach Lyle Myers has always had the philosophy that each runner should focus on achieving PBs for themselves and encourages them to set individual goals and work towards those goals each year," said Joanne Gross. "He keeps diligent records for each runner and reminds them of their potential and im-

provement regularly. His leadership and knowledge has led these young athletes to many successes both on the race track and in life."

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Beavers drop pair of SEMHL games

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The Carman Beavers were defeated 4-3 in a shootout by the Winkler Royals in South Eastern Manitoba Hockey League action on Sunday.

Carman jumped out to a 2-0 first-period lead on goals by Derek Wood and Matthew Lehmann.

Winkler's Marlin Froese and the Beavers' Brett Takvam (shorthanded) traded second-period goals.

The Royals tied the score at 3-3 with goals from Froese and Remi Laurancelle. Laurancelle's power-play goal came at 13:54 of the third period.

Carman goalie Steve Christie made 40 saves.

On Friday, the Beavers lost 7-0

to the Mercs in Warren.

Matt Jacobucci, James Maxwell, and Riley Vautour scored to give Warren a 3-0 lead 10:14 into the game.

Cole Murdock and Vautour tallied in the second and then Chad Deprez, on the power play, and Trent Genyk netted goals in the third.

Vautour finished the game with four points while Maxwell and Genyk each had three points.

Hayden Dola made 29 saves for the shutout. At the other end, Christie stopped 43 Warren shots.

The Beavers, now 6-2-0-1, will visit the Royals on Jan. 4. Puck drop is 7:30 p.m.



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Carman Beavers' forward Jake Dudar battles for the puck in the corner with the Warren Mercs' Eric Swanson during SEMHL action last Friday in Warren.

Close games end in a split week for PV Twisters

By Lorne Stelmach

The Pembina Valley Twisters had a pair of one goal decisions last weekend but came away from them with a win and a loss.

The MMJHL team needed overtime Saturday but picked up a 7-6 victory over the St. Vital Victorias before coming up just short Sunday in falling 5-4 to the St. James Canucks.

It left the Twisters sitting in third

place going into the break on a 16-4-3 record for 35 points. They trail St. James at 45 and Transcona at 42, while trailing them are St. Vital at 30 and River East at 26 points.

Pembina Valley lagged behind 3-1 and 5-4 at the intermissions against St. Vital. Nico Vigier tied the game with 1:15 remaining in regulation and then Curtis Rebeck notched the winner with his second of the game just

10 seconds into overtime.

T.J. Matuszewski, Travis Penner, Merek Degraeve, and Jordan Keck also scored for Pembina Valley while Martin Gagnon made 22 saves. Shots on goal was 37-28 in the Twisters' favour. Pembina Valley trailed 2-1 and 3-2 at the intermissions against St. James, which held a slim 36-34 edge in shots on goal. Logan Enns took the loss in net with 31 saves.

Matuszewski and Vigier each scored a pair for Pembina Valley to bring them to 16 and 14 goals respectively so far this season. The Twisters will now recharge for when they return to action in the new year with two teams they have been pursuing in the standings. Transcona welcomes Pembina Valley Jan. 4 and then it is on to St. James Jan. 7 before hosting Stonewall in Morris Jan. 9.

Hawks thrash Winnipeg but fall to Selects in U18 AAA action

By Lorne Stelmach

There were mixed results for the male U18 Pembina Valley Hawks last week as they headed into the Christmas break.

It started off with the Hawks snapping a five game losing streak in outscoring the Winnipeg Thrashers 8-6 last Wednesday, but they then

dropped both ends of a weekend doubleheader with Eastman, as the third place Selects won 4-2 Friday and 6-1 Saturday in Morden.

Pembina Valley will head into 2022 in ninth place in the 13 team league at 10-15-2 for 22 points. It left them two points back of the Winnipeg Bruins and five behind Yellowhead while

just one in front of Norman.

The Hawks

broke out of their scoring slump in a big way against the Thrashers, as a 4-3 lead after two periods led to a wide open final frame with Pembina Valley outscoring Winnipeg by that same amount.

Carter Sotheran had a goal and a four point night, and Griffin Ayotte and Carter Campbell contributed two goals and three points each. Also scoring were Kam Thomas, Sebastien Hicks, and Keston Worley.

The Hawks were two for eight on powerplays and killed off their five shorthanded situations. Shots on goal were 35-27 for Winnipeg, so Raiden LeGall got the win in goal with 29 saves. On Friday, Sotheran opened scoring on a powerplay goal for the Hawks, but they gave up four unanswered goals until Cameron Parr connected with only 16 seconds remaining. Shots on goal were 39-25 for the Selects with Bryson Yaschyshyn holding the Hawks in the game with 35 saves. Raiden LeGall then had an even busier night in net Saturday as he stopped 47 shots with the Hawks outshot 53-28.

Worley scored the lone Pembina Valley goal in the third period as Eastman held period leads of 1-0 and 5-0.

The Hawks return Wed., Jan. 5 when they host a return match with the Thrashers before heading north for a doubleheader with Norman in Thompson.

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Hawks fall to Chiefs, bounce back to beat Capitals

By Lorne Stelmach

The year ended on a winning note for the female U18 Pembina Valley Hawks this past weekend.

The Hawks had dropped a third straight game in falling 5-2 to the Yellowhead Chiefs Saturday, but they recovered to pick up a 6-1 victory Sunday afternoon over the Central Plains Capitals.

It sent the Hawks into the holiday break in fifth place in the eight team league on a record of 8-9-0 for 16 points. That has them five up on both Eastman and Central Plains while six back of the Winnipeg Ice. Leading the way are Yellowhead at 28 points, Westman at 26, and Winnipeg Avros at 25. At the bottom is Interlake, which remains winless in 16 games.

Yellowhead held period leads of 1-0 and 4-1 Saturday night in Morden

while outshooting the Hawks 37-13 with Gracie Carels and Mackenzie Couling scoring for Pembina Valley. Kaylee Franz stopped 28 of 32 shots through 40 minutes. Tria Enns allowed one goal on five shots in 20 minutes of play.

The Hawks took control Sunday afternoon in Morden with four unanswered second period goals in what became a wide open game.

Enns made 48 saves for Pembina Valley, which outshot Central Plains, 55-49. Abbey Bourdeaud'hui scored twice with other goals from Caitlin Anderson, Erica Fijala, Cambree Martens, and Quinn McLaren, while Mya Pearce contributed three assists.

The Hawks return to action in the new year starting with a home game against the Winnipeg Ice Jan. 2.



STANDARD PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH

The Pembina Valley Hawks U18 team downed the visiting Central Plains Capitals Sunday to close out 2021.

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SUDOKU

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Fun By The Numbers

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

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Here's How It Works:

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

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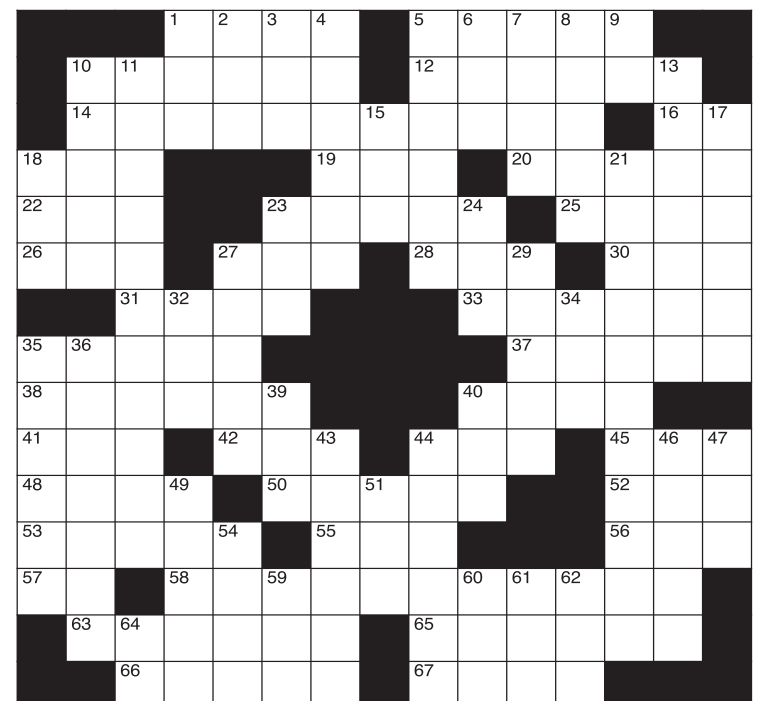
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CLUES ACROSS

1. Chinese Muslim group
5. Alternative name
10. Resounds
12. Supporter
14. Furnishes anew
16. Beloved Hollywood alien
18. Supervises flying
19. Ballplayer's tool
20. Coarse edible red seaweed
22. Former CIA
23. Basketball player
25. Travel necessities
26. Honey producer
27. Military analysis (abbr.)
28. Diego, Francisco, Anselmo
30. Mental sharpness and inventiveness
31. Popular Easter meal
33. Man (Spanish)
35. ___ de la ___
37. Counterweights
38. Made a harsh, grating noise
40. Monetary unit
41. Commercial
42. Cool!
44. Partner to cheese
45. Expression of creative skill
48. Unit of angle
50. Transported
52. N. American people of Kansas
53. Computer game character Max
55. Moved swiftly
56. Everyone has one
57. Tin
58. A mole is one
63. Nocturnal hoofed animals
65. Oppositional to
66. Monetary units
67. Not on time

CLUES DOWN

1. Hogshead (abbr.)
2. Misery resulting from affliction



3. Defunction European group
4. Line on a map
5. Becomes less intense
6. Back muscle
7. Frosted
8. Ethiopian town
9. Midway between south and east
10. Wipe from the record
11. In a continuous way
13. Breathe
15. Cleaning device
17. Male organ
18. Tab on a key ring
21. Criminals
23. Taxi
24. Cheer of encouragement
27. Wartime American escort carrier
29. Polish river
32. Current unit

34. Life form
35. Painful contractions
36. Glowing
39. Press against lightly
40. Melancholic
43. Something you can be under
44. Of the mind
46. E. Indian cereal grass
47. Couple
49. Sharpshoot
51. A baglike structure in a plant or animal
54. ___ Blyton, children's author
59. Human gene
60. Data mining methodology (abbr.)
61. Examines animals
62. Mineral
64. Cools your home

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> MEAL IDEAS



Cheesy Spinach Ravioli

To make dough: Place 2 1/2 cups flour in bowl and make hole in center. Add salt, garlic powder, olive oil, eggs and egg yolks to hole. Slowly bring flour into middle and knead into ball. Cover with bowl and let rest 20 minutes.

To make filling: In pan over medium heat, add olive oil; add spinach, salt and pepper then saute until spinach is wilted. Let cool then mix in ricotta cheese; set aside.

Cut dough in half. Sprinkle remaining flour on large cutting board and roll dough to 1/8-inch thickness. Cut into rectangle then cut into 2-3-inch squares. Set scraps aside. Brush water on squares then spoon 1 teaspoon spinach-ricotta filling in center of every other square. Top with remaining squares. Use fork to crimp edges. Repeat with remaining dough. Form scraps into ball and repeat.

Put ravioli in boiling water, 8-10 minutes; they will rise to top when done.

In saucepan over medium heat, heat sauce until simmering.

Place ravioli on plate and top with warm sauce, mozzarella cheese, basil and rosemary. Grate Parmesan cheese on top, if desired.

Prep time: 10 minutes
Total time: about 1 hour
Yield: 17-20 ravioli

Dough:

3 cups all-purpose flour, divided
1 pinch salt
1/4 teaspoon garlic powder
1/2 teaspoon olive oil
4 whole eggs
2 egg yolks
water

Filling:

1/2 teaspoon olive oil
2 cups chopped spinach, fresh or frozen
1 pinch salt
1 pinch pepper
1 container (15 ounces) ricotta cheese

Toppings:

1 jar (24 ounces) Spaghetti Sauce
shredded mozzarella cheese
2 chopped basil leaves
2 chopped sprigs rosemary
grated Parmesan cheese (optional)



Baked Camembert Wreath with Navel Orange and Cranberry

Add jellied cranberry sauce and red pepper flakes; mix. Store in airtight container in refrigerator until ready to use.

Cover baking sheet or round pizza stone with parchment paper.

Using cheese wheel as guide in center, arrange rolls around cheese leaving about 1/4-inch space between rolls.

Create two concentric circles of rolls around cheese then place cheese back in refrigerator and let dough rise 2 hours.

Heat oven to 325 F.

Remove top of rind from cheese wheel and place in center of dough. Bake 7-8 minutes.

Remove from oven and add orange cranberry sauce. Bake 7-8 minutes until bread is golden and cheese is melted and bubbly.

Garnish with sprigs of rosemary and thyme.

Recipe courtesy of Brandi Milloy on behalf of Sunkist

Prep time: 2 hours
Cook time: 15 minutes
Servings: 6

1 Sunkist Navel orange
1 can (8 ounces) jellied cranberry sauce
1/2 teaspoon red pepper flakes
1 camembert cheese wheel
1 bag (25 ounces) frozen Parker House style rolls, thawed
sprigs rosemary, for garnish
sprigs thyme, for garnish
In bowl, add zest and juice from orange.



Christine Ibbotson

Dear Money Lady, could you tell me how I could leave a legacy for my grandchildren when I die. Peter

Dear Peter,

There really are so many ways to leave a legacy. A legacy is something that is either monetary or meaningful and represents a single person. It speaks to what that person believes in and should reflect all their values over a lifetime, ensuring that their memory has a positive and lasting impression long after they have passed away.

I have written in the past about creating a legacy for grandchildren through the purchase of whole life participating insurance, but today, since you've asked, let's look at all the other ways Canadians can create a legacy, whether it be monetary or meaningful. So here we go.

1. Leadership Legacies: This is a named legacy that supports a public cause. This may be something that you setup in your community to motivate others to evoke change and create goodwill. You most likely would have invested great time, effort, and monetary gifts toward this endeavor before you passed away.

2. Charitable Gifts: There are so many organizations that rely solely on the generosity of people leaving a portion or all their estate to a charity when they die. In Canada, there are just over 85,000 registered charities.

3. Physical Legacies: This type of legacy involves an actual physical location. For example, a farm home or property that has passed on through each generation, never being sold and always staying within the family.

4. Business Legacies: Rather than selling a business at retirement, business owners will change the structure to either have their children carry on the company or even have their employees take over the business.

5. Reflective Legacies: This is your opportunity to tell your story – literally. Reflective legacies are usually done by video, voice recording, or as a written journal to capture the history and life story of the person(s) to be remembered. This can be done by adult children, capturing their parents in conversations that describe their parent's lives as children, how



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they met, and all the experiences they had during their lifetime.

6. Community Legacies: This legacy is built around a cause you believe in or a community goal you support. For example, you may decide to leave a portion of your estate to a worthy cause. This could be based on a family member that has suffered, a special need child or even to support a beloved pet.

7. Gift of Life Legacies: This legacy is done by donating your organs or your body to either another person or to Canadian science.

8. Memory Legacies: This type of legacy is to be done while you are living and should be a shared memory with those you love. For example, you may want to take all your family, on a European cruise. This could really be anything that you as the legacy giver want to share with your family such as: a trip to your birth place/country, a picnic that you have catered for all your family (with it being mandatory for all to attend), a weekend get away at a small country inn, a wine tour, a horse ride, etc. Pick something that you would like to do; an event that represent you, and of course something that gives your family a lasting memory.

9. Monetary Legacies: There are many different types of legacy building products that you can setup for your family or grandchildren. These would include RESPs, Non-Registered Investment Accounts, Trusts, or life insurance.

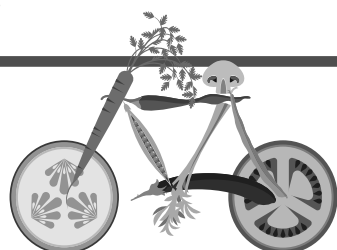
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Everyone should live their life in a way that creates lasting memories to become a meaningful legacy to their family. Planning for your death is a necessity. Please remember that you must have a Will and two Powers of Attorney because you should want to ensure you have your say over your life and your assets. If you die without an estate plan, the Canadian government will make one for you – guaranteed to not be the way you would have wanted.

Good Luck & Best Wishes,
ATML - Christine Ibbotson

Written by Christine Ibbotson, Author of 3 finance books and the Canadian Best-Selling Book "How to Retire Debt Free & Wealthy" www.askthemoneylady.ca or send a question to info@askthemoneylady.ca

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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 RM of Grey Municipal Office – Council Chambers
LOCATION: 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.

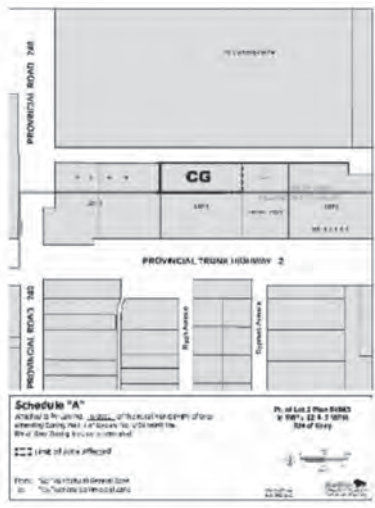
3. That the Rural Municipality of Grey Zoning By-law No. 5/03 be amended so that:

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
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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 Kim Arnal, Chief Administrative Officer
CONTACT: 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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- Read a story together
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