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KidDance instructors keeping the love for dance virtual

By Becca Myskiw

Though virtual dance classes can seem lonely, the instructors at KidDance Physical Arts are going beyond their job description to make them more fun.

Laura Doerksen is the main dance instructor and manager at the studio. She teaches 14 dance classes, all of which are happening through a screen right now. She was teaching classes online in March, so it isn't new to her, but Doerksen said Zoom dance classes have their challenges.

"My biggest challenge is the perception you get with video," she said. "So, in order for my students to follow along with me, I need to relearn all 14 recital dances on the opposite side from which I taught in class."

When she records her dances backwards, her students don't get confused on which sides they should be travelling to and which directions their pirouettes should be.

Zoom isn't all negative for Doerksen, though. She said the students being able to dance at home is a huge upside because it helps them build confidence and become more creative as a dancer.

"When I was a student, I never felt comfortable dancing at home," she

said. "I felt embarrassed."

Another dance instructor at KidDance, Jillian Livingston, said her biggest challenge is the delay in online classes. She agrees with Doerksen, however, that dancing at home is great for one's confidence as they feel more comfortable in their own space.

Getting the students to stay focused in class is not a huge issue for either instructor, but KidDance owner, Michelle Carrillo, has given them a way to make classes more fun. Now, KidDance has Zoom Dance Challenges, where the students have to do weekly classes like taking a selfie — a selfie during class — or participating in dance bingo. There are prizes at the end of each week for whoever participated.

Doerksen also takes her students' opinions into consideration by asking which moves they want to see in the recital dance. As Livingston also teaches preschoolers, she has found a way to make stretching more fun by including their teddy bears.

"It's important for us to stay committed like our dancers like they have stayed committed to us," said Livingston.

Doerksen and Livingston are both putting more time into their online



STANDARD PHOTO BY LAURA DOERKSEN

KidDance Physical Arts primary hip hop classes continue with lessons using Zoom. From top left to bottom right: Laura Doerksen, Fernanda Yanez Meza, Vada Kafka-Wolfe, Eden and Byron Leep, Layla Frost, Auden Crampton, Lexie Morgan, Charlize Woodhouse, and Teya Courcelles.

classes for the sake of their students. Doerksen creates tutorials for them so they can practice specific moves on their own time and Livingston makes printable activities for her students to

do between classes.

Both say they owe it to their dancers and those dancers' parents for bringing them joy and dedication.

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Graham Construction crew wins first place in company contest



STANDARD PHOTO BY BECCA MYSKIW

A 24-foot tree constructed on the site of Boyne Lodge won first place in Graham Construction's holiday decorating contest.

By Becca Myskiw

When driving past Carman's Boyne Lodge, one can see a 24-foot tall, 16-foot wide Christmas tree shining in the distance.

From the back, the tree doesn't look like a tree at all, but from the front, it glows with festive lights and a decorative star. This massive tree isn't

real — it's made from recycled wooden materials that weren't used in the construction of Boyne Lodge. It was designed and built by the construction workers on sight.

Leanne Webster of Graham Construction said the tree was built as part of a company holiday decorating contest. All of the Graham Construction crews in Manitoba participate by creating a decorative piece of sorts that gets scored based on design, creativity, decoration placement, recycling use, and the theme, which was Cheerfulness for 2020.

The crew in Carman decided last minute that they would do a Christ-

mas tree. Webster said they whipped up a hand drawn tree on a whiteboard in the office, took the measurements of it, and made a list of the materials they would need. There were four people working on the tree from the office and seven men on the crew.

"We all kind of came together as one team and finally came up with this

tree very quickly," she said.

In the time span of a day, the workers had created a wooden tree as tall as a half of a standard semi-trailer. They started by pouring a 1,500 lb concrete block which was used for the base. They then did the skeleton-like back of the tree by connecting 2x4 boards, and then put plywood on the front.

The workers used an aerial lift to reach the taller parts of the tree when painting it green and cutting it to shape and, of course, when putting the star on. Webster said the contest is a way for crews to win prizes, but there's more to it than that.

"This also gives us the chance to spread some cheer to our workers,

clients, and the communities we work in," she said.

And cheer was spread. She got countless calls from people saying how much the residents of Boyne Lodge enjoyed the tree as they could see it from their rooms.

The residents weren't the only people who were pleased with the tree because the Carman crew took home first place for it. The first place finish wins the crew a holiday-themed catered lunch plus stocking stuffers, which each of them is looking forward to, said Webster.

The tree should be up until the middle of January when the holiday season is over.

Outdoor rink coming to Carman once weather permits

By Becca Myskiw

In a winter where many will be stuck at home, there are plans for an outdoor rink to open once the weather permits.

Facility manager at Carman-Dufferin Recreation Jordan Riddell said this will be the first year the Public Works Committee isn't in charge out outdoor rink. After taking down the skate park, Riddell said there was a large empty area and with 2020 leaving many people bored, they figured a rink would be the perfect addition.

"We decided it would be a good op-

portunity for people to go out and skate," he said.

As of now, there are boards that are about half a foot high up in the area. The weather, however, has not allowed Carman-Dufferin Recreation to put water on the area.

Riddell said it has been too warm for the water to freeze and allow skates to glide on it smoothly. He's hoping it'll be cold enough in January once the continued restrictions are over. Then, they'll decide on the outdoor rink rules and COVID-19 restrictions residents will have to follow.

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Province declares Santa an essential worker

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Province of Manitoba has deemed Santa Claus an essential worker, which means he'll be able to make his stops this Christmas Eve without any problems.

Manitoba's top doc Dr. Brent Roussin announced last week that St. Nick has been given the green light to deliver his gifts unimpeded.

"Santa Claus is certainly an essential worker, which means that he is allowed to travel to Manitoba and able to come to anyone's house," he said, explaining the government is making special allowances for the jolly old elf.

Speaking directly to Manitoba's children, Roussin said he knows the past several months haven't been easy for them.

"We know that this year there's

been a lot of new rules. We have to wear masks, we have to continue to wash our hands, we have to keep our distance from friends and others," he said. "You can't play with your friends as much, maybe you haven't been able to visit grandparents or other family members."

"We needed these rules to protect ourselves and the people around us, but we know they've been hard."

He reminded Manitobans of all ages of the importance of celebrating only with members of their households this Christmas, staying connected virtually with other loved ones.

"Right now I need to remind everyone to stay safe at home with the people you live with," Roussin stressed. "We can't have people visit right now, even over the holiday season. We have



to stay safe.

"These rules have been very difficult, but they're not going to be forever. We can see right now, with a vaccine here in Manitoba, that it's not going to be forever. We are going to get back to the things we love doing, but right now we have to stay very safe."

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ACU amalgamation has been a team effort: CEO

By Lorne Stelmach

Access Credit Union is set to be officially merged with the Winnipeg-based Crosstown Civic Credit Union as of Jan. 1.

There has been months of planning involving many people from both organizations to prepare for the amalgamation "so that we're fully ready on day one," said CEO Larry Davey.

There have been 30 to 40 teams of staff involved in various aspects of the planning for the merger, said Davey, adding there has been the additional challenge of doing all of it remotely as a result of the pandemic.

"We have had numerous people from both sides on various teams that have been working to make the process as seamless as possible," he said. "The other area that we have focused on a lot is bringing both sets of employees together and the type of culture we're going to have going forward. We've also brought the boards together in various meetings to deal with all the governance side and the

policies."

After being delayed earlier in the year, member voting on the merger took place in June. The proposal passed with a thumbs up from 87 per cent of Crosstown members and 77 per cent of ACU members.

The two institutions stressed that amalgamating provides the opportu-

nity to take advantage of shared technology and member service channels while continuing to invest in technological enhancements to continue to deliver local, personalized financial services to members.

The merged credit union will have a combined \$5.5 billion in assets, over 89,000 members, more than 400 employees, and 26 full-service branch locations.

The Access Credit Union name remains and there will be no impact on staffing in terms of people having to relocate, Davey said.

"Probably one of the biggest aspects staff were concerned about early on was, 'I might be reporting to somebody that isn't in the same location,'" he said. "Once COVID hit and so many people had to work from home, that went totally by the way-side. Through the team approach, everybody got to know everybody, and everybody has become so much more comfortable with it."

"It also fell by the way-side in terms of where the corporate office is going to be; it didn't really matter," he said, while noting offices will be maintained in both Winnipeg and the Morden-Winkler highway corridor.

"So it's going to be good to go, and it's going to be truly beneficial for the membership," said Davey. "There's been a lot of support from both sides to maintain support for our communities. All of that will continue un-



Correction

Staff

In the Dec. 17 edition of the *Carman-Dufferin Standard*, an article entitled "Carman Dufferin Fire Department applies for \$300,000 training grant" contained incorrect information. The article states that the executive committee provided grants to various community groups. However, the process is in the initial stages and the grants have not yet been approved. The *Standard* apologizes for the error.

abated."

"Our shared values and approach to member experience is part of what made this merger such a good fit," added ACU vice-president of marketing Adam Monteith, who suggested ACU's new logo and colour scheme "represents who we are, what we stand for and who we work for," he wrote by email.

"Going forward, the new Access Credit Union will continue to keep members at the centre of everything we do by communicating, building relationships and being there when they want, how they want."

Baseball back in the Day ... The Carman Cardinals 1954

By Dennis Young

So the last article printed re the Man-Dak Carman Cardinals, was the 1953 season which ended with the Cards losing the finals vs Brandon 4 games to 1. Off the diamond the executive was still trying to pay the bills that were piling up. The 9 directors were out to find 41 new directors to cough up \$100 each. No easy task.

As teams met to reorganize for the next season in September, the main topic as always was financial especially for Carman and Brandon. To solidify the league an arrangement to share gate receipts was brought forward and approved. Visiting teams would receive 7 cents per adult and 3 cents per child admissions. Carman figured it would get about \$200 for every \$100 it out under this plan. The salary cap was set at \$6000/month.

Well that was a start for the Carman Company but bigger things had to happen before thoughts of fielding a team. At the annual meeting in October, the shareholders were informed that unless \$5000 (\$47,000 today) is forthcoming

to pay bank loans due, bankruptcy would be the only answer. The directors themselves have put up \$5125 to date and some felt the overdue amount could come from fans if they were told how desperate the situation was.

However there was an elephant in the room. Although notices of this meeting were mailed out 10 days prior, only 23 of the 350 shareholders showed. That was a good indication to the others as to the interest of the general public. So before anything can be decided regarding the team's future, another meeting will be arranged and a new executive will be formed.

A month later after a survey was circulated to those believed most likely to assist financially and explaining the dilemma, all of 30 attended this mayday meeting. Hence the Carman Baseball Company Ltd. would begin 1954 with an almost entirely new slate of directors. Les J Bennett was the new President, sole returning members Fred Garnett was the Vice while Hilt Drake did the secretary duties assisted by

Abe Loeppky. The remaining members were J.A.C. Cleghorn, Elvin Swanton, Len Swanton, Hav Sylvester, Fraser White-side, Ben Reynolds and George Loeppky. Fred and Dog Woods would head the player committee.

Although directors were willing to shell out again they believed there were enough Carman people willing to donate \$100 (\$967 today) and they just had to go out and find them. Knowing full well a 3 team league would not be feasible, Man-Dak was doing all in its power to keep the Carman franchise operating. Even offering Carman a late start, choice home game dates and up to 20 home games in Winnipeg since there was no team inside the perimeter this year. The thought being Carman could possibly get a larger fan base there.

Season tickets went on sale with a reduced price after Carman accepted the offer to play a portion of their home dates at Osborne Stadium. For 18 games it was \$12 or \$8 in the grandstand. The popular souvenir

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Carman United Church gives goodies to essential workers

By Becca Myskiw

Muffins, cookies, and pastries upon pastries are covering the counter-tops of many kitchens, so the Carman United Church is clearing them off for a good cause.

The church has been making care packages for the many essential workers in the community, filled with individually wrapped pieces of baking. Aluminum turkey roasters full of the pastries were handed out over the last four weeks, each one going to a smiling face underneath a mask.

Betty Park is a member of the church. She said the idea of doing this came from the church office.

“We were realizing the pandemic isn’t going away anytime soon,” she said. “And people were encouraging to frontline workers at the beginning, but overtime the work was still going on but maybe we weren’t expressing our thanks as much as we should’ve — or could’ve — been.”

As the church is well known for their hospitality and good food, Park said the idea of care packages was a no brainer. So, she called church members and each one was more than happy to bake for someone other than

themselves.

There was “copious amounts of baking” to fit into the turkey roasters. Park said the bakers went over the top and turned one batch of cookies into three dozen or more, all donating more than what was asked for. By the time they were all filled, the care packages were abundant and overflowing with sweet treats.

In the first week of their initiative, the church gave packages to the Boyne Lodge and the Carman Memorial Hospital. The next week they went to the two schools, the bus drivers, and the administration office to give them some goodies. Next was EMS Fire and the RCMP and they finished off with giving Homestead Co-op some packages on the fourth week.

“We just appreciated the accommodations that various groups have been making for our community,” said Park.

In total, the Carman United Church handed out around 15 care packages to the essential workers in town. Park said the reactions were all positive and some were even shocked. She reminds residents they can do things like this one their own and they don’t need an organization to do it.



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The Carman United Church gave away 15 care packages to essential workers this month.

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Manitoba opens first COVID-19 immunization clinic

Winnipeg doctor becomes first Manitoban to receive COVID-19 vaccine

By the Manitoba government

The Manitoba government launched its first COVID-19 immunization clinic this morning to deliver the life-saving vaccine to the first priority group of health-care providers, Premier Brian Pallister announced last Thursday.

"Today is a monumental day in Manitoba and a long-awaited day of hope as we begin to deliver the first doses of the COVID-19 vaccine nine months after our first positive case in the province," said Pallister. "Our front-line health-care workers have been stepping up throughout this pandemic and we know that stepping up now to protect them first is the right thing to do, so that we can protect them and the patients they look after. I want to express my sincere gratitude to all those involved in our immunization campaign, as well as our health-care system and the immunization task force for its hard work to prepare for this historic challenge."

This morning, the clinic opened its doors at the University of Manitoba's Rady Faculty of Health Sciences on Bannatyne campus adjacent to the Health Sciences Centre (HSC) Winnipeg. The first Manitoban to be immunized was Dr. Brian Penner, who works in internal medicine at HSC.

"I am now safer for my friends and colleagues, and I hope everyone does their part to stop the spread," said Penner.

"I'm old, I work in a hospital, I work in a clinic and I do a lot of house calls on people in assisted living sites," said Dr. Brian Sharkey, a family physician who also works in urgent care at Victoria General Hospital. "I've been worried about the vulnerability of those sites and the possibility of bringing the virus to someone who is unprotected."

"It's important for me because I'm a front-line worker,

I work in the emergency room," said Sherry Plett, a registered nurse from the Southern Health-Santé Sud health region. "I just feel like I need to be there, I need to be healthy so I can be there and look after people in the community."

Over the next three days, the province expects to immunize 900 health-care workers who fall into the first priority group and booked appointments in advance.

Individuals eligible to be vaccinated at this time include health-care workers who have direct contact with patients and also meet one of these criteria:

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Additional doses of vaccine are ex-

pected to be delivered to this province later this month and more appointments to be immunized will become available at that time. As details about the type and amount of vaccine are confirmed, the province will provide further updates to Manitobans.

This will include the opening of the province's first 'super-site' at RBC Convention Centre, followed by other locations in Winnipeg, Brandon, Thompson, Steinbach, Gimli, Portage la Prairie and The Pas beginning in the new year. Mobile clinics and other targeted outreach is being planned as a supply of more easily stored and transported vaccines becomes available.

For more information, visit www.manitoba.ca/covid19/vaccine.

A number of employment opportunities are available for Manitobans who want to be a part of the COVID-19 vaccine rollout. For a current list of job postings, visit: www.gov.mb.ca/covid19/vaccine/jobs.html.

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Asian grocery store opens in Winkler

By Ashleigh Viveiros

A new grocery store in Winkler aims to provide a more accessible taste of home to our area's growing Asian population.

The Stop & Shop Continental Grocery and Convenience Store opened its doors to the public at 600 Memorial Drive (just west of Tim Hortons) last week.

"We have lived in Canada for 10, 11 years now ... and it is kind of a struggle when you come here and then every

weekend or every other weekend you have to go to Winnipeg or to Brandon to get your basic Indian groceries," said Bosky Patel, who runs the family shop alongside husband Deven and brother-in-law Kunal Patel and his wife Urvi.

The pandemic has made that situation even worse, she noted, and it became clear a more local option was needed for the area's ever-growing community of immigrants from Asia.

"We are growing so fast here," Patel

said. "It was time for this."

Stop & Shop's shelves are packed full of all manner of Asian grocery and convenience products—everything from everyday snacks and beverages to spices, dry beans, rice, and flours. They also offer the usual convenience store basics, including milk, eggs, and



STANDARD PHOTOS BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS

Winkler Mayor Martin Harder cuts the ribbon and congratulated the Patel family as they celebrated the grand opening of the Stop & Shop Continental Grocery and Convenience Store last week. The shop offers a wide selection of Asian groceries.

cheeses.

"We also have a lot of frozen stuff, such as samosas, naan, ready-to-go vegetarian meals and, coming soon, meat ones too," Patel said.

The response in just the first few days of operation has already been overwhelmingly positive, with customers eager to make requests for products they've long had to go without in the area.

"We will try our best to get everything we can," Patel said.

At the store's grand opening last Wednesday, Mayor Martin Harder welcomed the Patels to the Winkler business community.

"This is going to be a great addition to our community," he said, "to be able to service a culture we appreciate in Winkler. Congratulations."

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Walter Johnson was Santa Claus for 40 years!

By Dennis Young

To follow through with their promise of Santa making an appearance, Carman and surrounding districts were fortunate in having the assistance of Walter Johnson to fulfill that promise. I mean what would Christmas be without Santa Claus right?

Starting in 1949 Walter donned his red suit and bells to bring joy to thousands of children and of course entertainment to the adults. He was in increasing demand over an ever widening territory sporting his neutrally endowed healthy intensions padded up for the occasion, his radiant personality and strong cheery voice. All those attributes enabled him to give a top performance in what could have been a difficult role.

Walter grew up in Neepawa, married Ila in 1939 and moved to Carman in 1948 to work on the construction of Carman Memorial Hospital. Eventually he took on the role as maintenance engineer and ambulance driver until retirement in 1974.

People were very important to Walter as he devoted his life to the general interest of the young and elderly. He was a leader of Scouts for 16 years, President of Little League ball for



eight and a 35 year member of the Carman Legion. For 50 years he was a member of the Oddfellows Lodge as well as an active member of the United Church. He was a 100 per cent Carman promoter but still a family man always taking his family of three (Lloyd, Judith and Hal) on fishing or camping trips.

The arrival of Santa had been by various means with the shortage of reindeer being what it is. He came, always on time, by sleigh drawn by horses, once by mules, in a fire truck, by an automobile and once on a power to-



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Santa, Walter Johnson, made his annual visit to Carman Saturday giving out treats to a capacity crowd of children attending the free matinee shows sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce at the Boyne Theatre. Not all youngsters are too happy to greet Santa to tell him what they want for Christmas, but Santa enjoys the work and gets particular enjoyment out of visiting the senior citizens at the Boyne Lodge and at the Legion Lodge following his visit to the show.

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boggan.

"We were selling Polaris at the Co-op so I picked him up at the Coffee Pot north of Town for the annual Christmas Saturday. He got a real kick out of that!" Larry Stout tells me.

For years, too many to count, the



Boyne Theatre and the Chamber hosted the annual Santa Day complete with movies, Santa and candy." I was the Chairman for some of those years and for about 12 years my daughters, after packing oranges and candy in the Safeway, would pick up Walter and take him to the south exit door. When the show was over we would open the door and Santa handed out the bags as the kids left" Ron Stanger informed me. Once that show was over we went to the front and repeated the feat for the second showing."

"Walter was not done there as my girls took him to the Hospital, the Lodge and then to 8-10 shut-ins. The whole evening would take about three to four hours. Walter was a big man with a big heart" Ron continued.

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> BASEBALL 1954, FROM PG. 5

fundraising booklet was recreated after being dropped last year with hopes it would defer the 1954 light bill.

On the field the big announcement was Ed Albosta as manager. A former big leaguer with Chicago White Sox and Brooklyn Dodgers who managed Minot to a pennant last year, he can still pitch in relief too. Catcher Almer McKerlie will play games in Carman only giving way to Morden's Weldon Ridley who had progressed over the last year. Meanwhile at the annual local tryout camp John Murray, Jim Swanton, Wayne Phelps, Edwin Kletke and John Gitzel proved worth the look.

The new team Williston Oilers were the opposition on opening day May 24th but not before attending the Shamrock Tea Garden's annual luncheon. Hosted by Les Bennett, all were introduced followed by banter from both clubs on how to defeat Minot Mallards. The entertainment at the diamond was well known country musicians Ray Little and Porky Charbonneau who played for 60 minutes prior to the first pitch by Porky. Over 1400 paid to see this show.

By July 22 the Cards had 3rd spot at 24-23 behind Brandon and Minot. The Oilers were a distant 4th. In July John Murray got the call to finish the season with the club and on July 29th pitched in relief. In his 5 and 1/3 innings he held the opposition to 4 hits, 2 runs, walked 2 and stroke out 1. His season record was found on line as being 43 IP 0 W 3 L 35 H 41 BB 11 SO. By finishing 4th they drew the top club Minot Mallards. On August 22 Minot Mallards trounced Carman Cardinals 11-5 in the opening game of their best of seven semi-final series. Benny Lott belted a homer, two triples and a single driving in six runs to lead Carman to a 12-5 victory over Minot to even their semi-final series at a game apiece. Chick Longest and Almer McKerlie added three hits apiece as the Cardinals belted out 17 hits.

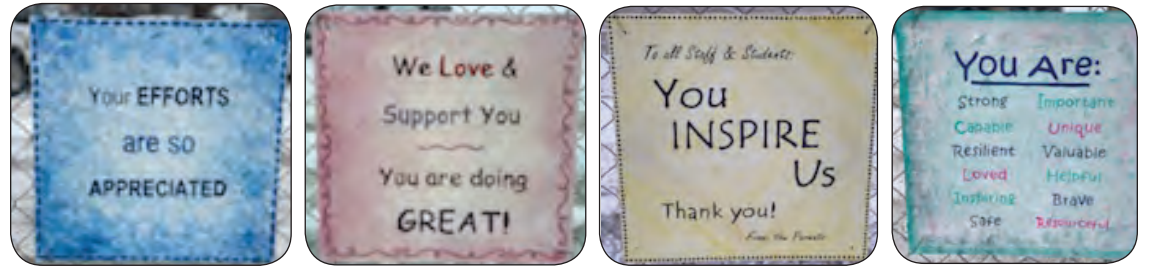
Duke Bowman then drove in seven runs with a homer, double and single to lead Minot to a 13-6 victory and a 2-1 game lead in their semi-final series. Carman evened its semi-final with Minot at two games apiece with a 6-2 win over the Mallards at Carman. Bob Miller fired a four-hitter for the Cardinals. Cardinals surprised Minot with a 4-3 win to move to within one victory of a berth in the ManDak League final. Almer McKerlie's 4th inning homer stood up as the winning run. Minot Mallards downed Carman 12-8 at Carman to even their semi-final series at three games apiece then whipped Carman 11-3 Saturday in the deciding game of their best-of-seven semi-final series. Carman players headed off to their homes or the Mexican league.

Roster: Albosta Ed RHP, Day Leon RHP/OF (also Brandon), Douglas Jesse 2B, Drake Sammy 3B, Garrett Benny, Jimenez Felipe P (also Brandon), Lockett Lester 2B/OF, Longest Bernell Chick, Lott Benjamin 2B, Mazur Ed LHP/OF, McCoy Walter RHP, McKerlie Almer, Miller Bob RHP/OF, Murray John P, Pantel Gus, Phelps Win, Rhodes Harry Lefty LHP, Ridley Weldon, Robinson Norm OF, Swanton Jim, Thomas Walt C/P, Washington John 1B, Woods Sam(Buddy) RHP

The Company let the dust settle but it was announced that losses were in the amount of \$14,347 (\$138,789 today). Expenses totaled \$33,447 with just \$19,100 in receipts. Largest single item was \$19,088 in salaries but there was \$3,841 in away game incidentals, \$3808 for transportation, ump's were \$1200, outstanding light bill of \$1247, equipment and booklet both around \$800. On the positive side there was \$14,571 of gate receipts, the booth produced \$500, the car auction \$1900, booklet \$1035 while various other funds came to \$545. Directors advanced loans totalling \$12,296.22 to help finance the 1954 season but the company still has \$2000 still to be paid in payables.

A shareholders meeting was called for Feb 18, 1955 but was postponed due to only 10 people including 3 directors showed! No business was transacted and no decisions made. Could this put an end to a five year run of pro ball in Carman?

Elm Creek families celebrate education staff



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Elm Creek School staff showed up to work on Tuesday, Dec. 15 to a bunch of encouraging and positive signs put up by anonymous parents.



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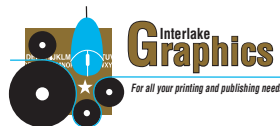
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Cutest pooches in holiday pet photo contest

By Ashleigh Viveiros

What better way to put a smile on the faces of pandemic-weary pet-lovers this holiday season than with a cute pet photo?

That's the idea that prompted dog trainer, groomer, and pet-sitter Carol Derksen of JCA Canine Inn in Miami to host a Christmas pet photo contest this month.

"With everything going on, so many people are just not in the Christmas spirit this year," Derksen says. "So we decided to put on a Christmas pet photo contest ... just to get something out there that might make people smile and not feeling so down and by themselves."

Judges poured through the 32 entries that came in from all over the region and last week crowned three winners, each of whom received a prize pack of pet supplies and gift cards for their efforts.

Taking first place was Pebbles and owner Nancy Rempel from Clearwater for their snowman-themed shot.

Second went to Miami's Nicole Parisien and her pooch Max, who donned a Santa costume.

And third place went to a bow tie wearing dog named Hunter from Morden, owned by Tannis Col-



STANDARD PHOTOS SUBMITTED

Max donning in a Santa costume placed second.

lins.

Derksen said they also got a few cat photos and even one bird photo in the contest.



Clearwater dog Pebbles won his owner Nancy Rempel first place in JCA Canine Inn's Christmas pet photo contest last week.

> WALTER JOHNSON, FROM PG. 10

Debbie and Donna added their thoughts of those days.

"Being a teenager, driving Santa around, wasn't something we wanted to spend our Saturday doing but it ended being the most fun day ever. He was the best Santa and we were in awe because it was such a jam packed day and he was jolly and happy all day long! We remember being exhausted and we were just the chauffeurs."

"I had a special connection with Walter" so Karen "Hansen" Van Duyvendyk confessed to me.

"He was MY Santa. Every year my Santa would knock on our front door in late December and drop off little stockings of chocolate coins, candy canes and Christmas oranges. He

would always slip me a special gift of a small star, a charm! It made me feel extremely special and as I got older he continued to dress up as Santa and surprise my little sisters. But he always had a tiny gift for me too.

"Then, while working at Stevens drug store, I was tasked with dropping RX off to some of the senior homes residents. Walter was one of my drops and once a week I would have a cup of tea and a cookie with him. He would tell me stories about his early life, his wife, the town... it was kind of like listening to Mr Claus himself as Walter had a magical presence. It became something I looked forward to each week. He was kind and charismatic and a huge influence on me as a child

and a teen. I think of him often especially during the holidays.

"When I graduated High school he gave me a handmade blanket and recipe books filled with his handwritten recipe, which I still have.

"Our Elf on the Shelf is named Walter too lol. My visions of Santa will forever be the memories I have of Walter. For me and I'm sure many others he was the spirit of Christmas."

In February of 1984 he was named the Citizen of the Year then in 1990 was honoured for 40 years of service to the community by the Chamber where he confirmed "I quite enjoyed every minute in my role and I don't entertain any idea of quitting in my foreseeable future."

Sadly just a year later on Sept. 14,

1991 Walter and Santa bellered their last HO HO HO at the Hospital he worked faithfully at for 26 years.

You all have had your own memories of the "man in the suit" either at concerts or in your living rooms over the years. It could even have been one of these impersonators: Cliff Loree, Reg Dunn, Henry Wiebe, Jacob Thiesen, Larry Jeffers or Ron Bartley who has been suiting up for the last eight years. Oh and you must also recall those difficult kids with Santa pix? Well Ron Stanger bravely took them for the Chamber from 1987-2010.

Please feel free to send me your Santa memories and name your masked Santa.

Ho-Ho-Ho Merry Christmas Everyone!

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Canada West cancels swimming and track and field championships

Staff

Canada West announced the cancellation of its 2020-21 swimming and track and field championships on Dec. 17.

The conference deferred a decision on the 2020-21 curling championships to a later date.

Calgary was slated to host the swimming championships while Manitoba was scheduled to host the track and field

championships. The conference's 17 members formally made the decision to cancel the two championships and defer a decision on curling following recommendations from the Canada West Board of Directors.

"Unfortunately, it's another difficult decision that our members have had to make," said Canada West president Cur-

tis Atkinson. "Cancelling any competition, including championships, is not a decision that is taken lightly. We understand and share the disappointment from everyone involved in these sports and hope that today's announcement provides clarity for our student-athletes and coaches."

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> MEAL IDEAS



One Terrific Turkey

Centering your holiday meal around a turkey cooked to golden perfection is the ideal way to serve a feast. Without the right preparation and execution, however, your bird could fall short. To ensure your holiday dinner centerpiece lives up to expectations, follow these simple tips, from purchase to plate:

1. Buy the right bird. Finding a turkey that's just the right size for your expected party is the start to a successful gathering. One common rule of thumb is the buy 1 pound of turkey per person – so, for a 10-person meal, purchase a 10-pound turkey. Don't forget that nearly everyone loves leftovers, so you may consider buying a few pounds more

than necessary.

2. Be patient. If you opt for a frozen turkey, don't rush the thawing process. For larger turkeys, it can take days to defrost properly.

3. Timing is everything. Finding the right amount of time for your turkey to spend in the oven is crucial but not always the easiest thing to do. For an 8-12-pound bird, aim for 2.5-3.5 hours; 12-16 pounds for 3.5-4 hours; 16-20 pounds for 4-4.5 hours, and so on. The key is bringing the turkey to a temperature reading of 170 F.

4. Let it rest. Instead of pulling the turkey out of the oven and immediately carving it, give it a chance to rest for 20-30 minutes, which allows the juices to soak into the meat and moisten it up.



Cheeseball

1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
1/8 teaspoon pepper
2 packages (4 ounces) Buddig Beef or Ham, chopped, divided
1 package assorted crackers
In large bowl of mixer on medium speed, beat cream cheese and cheddar cheese until creamy.

Mix in black olives, green onion, red bell pepper, Worcestershire sauce, pepper and 2 ounces chopped beef until well combined.

Form into ball. Wrap in plastic wrap. Chill at least 2-3 hours to allow flavors to blend.

Just before serving, roll in remaining chopped beef until completely coated. Serve with assorted crackers.

Total time: 30 minutes
Servings: 10
1 package (8 ounces) cream cheese, softened
2 cups (8 ounces) finely shredded cheddar cheese
1 can (2 1/4 ounces) sliced black olives, drained
2 tablespoons minced green onion
2 tablespoons minced red bell pepper



Gingerbread Cookies

In large bowl of electric mixer fitted with paddle attachment, cream butter and sugar about 2 minutes on medium speed until light and fluffy. Add egg and molasses; mix until well incorporated.

In separate bowl, whisk flour, baking soda, salt, ginger, cinnamon, nutmeg and cloves. Use mixer on low speed to add to butter mixture until combined and dough is formed.

Divide dough in half, wrap with plastic film and refrigerate at least 1 hour.

Preheat oven to 350 F and line baking sheets with parchment paper.

Flour clean work surface. Roll dough 1/8-1/4 inches thick. Cut out shapes with desired cookie cutters.

Transfer cookies to lined baking sheets and bake 10-12 minutes, or until firm. Let cookies cool on baking sheets 2-3 minutes then transfer to cooling rack. Cool completely.

Decorate cookies with royal icing.

Recipe courtesy of Bernice Baran
Prep time: 30 minutes
Cook time: 10-12 minutes
Yield: 24 cookies
1/2 cup (1 stick) unsalted butter, softened
1/2 cup C&H® Dark Brown Sugar
1 large egg
1/4 cup molasses
1 3/4 cups all-purpose flour
1/2 teaspoon baking soda
1/8 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon ground ginger
1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg
1/8 teaspoon ground cloves
royal icing

Ask the Money Lady

To My Money Lady Readers,

This time I wanted to ask you a question – something that I have discussed with readers many times through email.

Have you ever noticed how we encourage, support, and tell others to “go for it” yet we let fear hold us back and never take the advice we so freely give out? Why is it that we often don't apply the same encouragement to our own situations; or is it, we just have trouble “practicing what we preach?”

By the time you reach your mid-fifties you have probably suffered greatly with either personal, financial or career challenges. Have you ever noticed how you can see the problems, or more importantly the solutions for others due to our own life experiences; but often cannot recognize it for ourselves? Perhaps it is our own personal or perceived insecurities about how to address difficult decisions that many Canadians today are selling themselves short, especially when it comes to saving for retirement.

Yes, I know that life is expensive and there are a lot of demands on your wallet. However, to become debt-free and wealthy the solution is very simple: set a goal, make a plan, work your plan, reassess your outcome and have the courage to make the necessary changes to achieve your goal. Consistent determination is the only way people have improved their lives and become financially successful.

I meet people all the time that I am overwhelmingly amazed at how they have overcome hardships, started a business (maybe failed more than once) and then triumphed to success.

I have helped clients who have lost everything after a divorce or career failure and have seen their unwavering desire to get back on top and be successful again. I have clients that are in their 70's who have saved too much money to spend in retirement, who never made a large income during their working careers but simply saved consistently and lived below their means. In contrast, I also have tried to help many people that look like they have it all on the outside with the fancy cars, expensive homes and clothing, yet underneath it all, they are racked in overwhelming debt and are facing a negative net worth situation. Money is emotional. To save for retirement you can either make excuses why not to, or you can find a way to make life changes and sacrifices to ensure your independence and security as you age. Remember that true success is not measured by material things that you have purchased, but instead should be defined by what you have overcome in your life. It is about how many times you got back up after you've been knocked down and never stopped trying to succeed to accomplish the things that other people said you could never do. Take back your inner power and control. Refuse to settle for less and make sure you retire debt-free and wealthy!

Good Luck and Best Wishes,
Money Lady

Written by Christine Ibbotson, Author of the best-selling book “How to Retire Debt Free & Wealthy” and a new book Don't Panic – How to Manage your Finances and Financial Anxieties During and After the Coronavirus” available at all bookstores across Canada. If you have a money question, please email on website: www.askthemoneylady.ca



Orange Eggs Benedict

eggs into water to poach. Cook 3-4 minutes until whites are cooked through and yolks are still runny. Using slotted spoon, remove eggs and drain on paper towels.

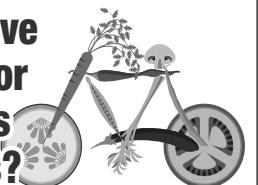
Spread butter on one side of bread slices. Place bread in skillet and cook until golden brown. Add ham to same skillet and cook until browned on both sides.

To assemble, spread bread slices with orange marmalade. Top each with one slice cooked ham and one poached egg. Pour hollandaise over eggs and garnish with orange zest.

Photo courtesy of Getty Images (Holiday table)

Serves: 6
Orange Hollandaise:
2 egg yolks
1 orange, juice only
1/2 teaspoon kosher salt
1/2 cup unsalted butter, melted water
1 tablespoon white vinegar
8 eggs
1/2 cup butter, softened
6 French baguette slices, 3/4-inch thick each
6 thick slices ham
1/2 cup orange marmalade
orange zest, for garnish
To make Orange Hollandaise: In small bowl, blend egg yolks, orange juice and salt until combined. Gradually add melted butter into egg mixture while blending. Set aside.
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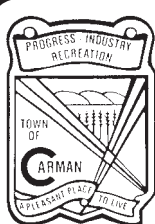
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JOIN US IN WORSHIP ON CHRISTMAS DAY!

The Canadian Reformed Church of Carman East is livestreaming our Christmas Day service.

The service starts at 9:30 A.M. on
December 25th, and the livestream
can be found at <http://bit.ly/34EoEyz>

The service will focus on *Isaiah 9:6*, with the theme *"To us a child is born who will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."*

The congregation of the Canadian Reformed Church of Carman East would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas, and a Blessed New Year.

CARD OF THANKS

We would like to thank Craig and Mark at Doyle's for their excellent care. Also the Carman Fire Department, Police, Ambulance/Paramedics and Stars for their quick response in the loss of our precious husband, father and grandpa, Albert Penner. We would also like to thank our family, friends and neighbours for the many cards, flowers and food.

-Sincerely, Judy, Sylvia, Phyl and Rob, Brandi, Jodi and Kevan, Amanda and Derrick, Lehla and Anthony, Samantha, Hailey, Jesse and Chelsea, and Logan

CARD OF THANKS

The Carman Health Auxiliary, as did most charitable organizations, found it very hard to have any kind of fundraiser event this year. We, because of the COVID virus, were unable to have our spring luncheon, our fall tea and as well were unable to sell tickets at the Co-op. So, to those people who did manage to buy tickets and to those people who gave us donations, a BIG thank you. The winners of our three cash draws were; Susan Mooney - \$150, Brad Johnston - \$150 and Bensa Allison - \$150. Congratulations to these people and again, thanks for buying tickets and supporting us.

IN MEMORIAM

Henrietta Driedger
passed December 28, 2010 and
Jacob Driedger
passed December 21, 2004
Time cannot heal the heartache
Or stop a silent tear.
It won't take away the memories
Of ones we loved so dear.
Missing you always...

BIRTHDAY



Wishing Olive Foote a
Very Happy 99th Birthday
on December 29th!!

OBITUARY

Veenendaal, Gijsbert (Gus)

December 25, 1937 - December 15, 2020

On Tuesday, December 15, 2020, Gijsbert (Gus) Veenendaal, our dear husband, father and grandfather, was called Home by his Lord and Saviour at the age of 82 years.

Gus was born in Leusden, the Netherlands to Gijsbertus and Aalbertha Veenendaal on December 25, 1937. He immigrated to Canada with his parents and siblings in 1956, and settled in the Homewood area. In 1966 Gus moved to Ontario, and the following year he married Frederika (Freddie) VanSydenborgh. In 1979 they decided to move back to Carman where he was employed at Vanderveen's Greenhouses. They purchased a small acreage where Gus was able to enjoy his love for farming, animals, and gardening for many years.

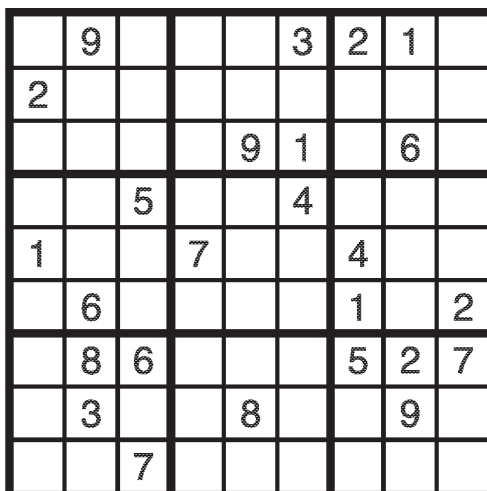
Together Gus and Freddie were blessed with five children, Alan (Colleen) Veenendaal, Jeanette (Ronald) Werkman, Aileen (Jason) Raap, Carole (Mark) Vanderveen, and John (Miranda) Veenendaal, as well as 24 grandchildren who brought Gus much joy. He will be missed by his family, including his brothers (in-law) and sisters (in-law) across Canada, and his many nieces and nephews.

Family was very important to Gus, and he always showed a keen interest in what each of his children and grandchildren were doing. As a family, we are thankful to God for the blessing Gus was to us, and for instilling in us a love for our Heavenly Father. In all things, he reminded us often that everything is in the Lord's hands. This was such a comfort for us after he suffered the effects of a stroke during the last few weeks of his earthly life.

Our sincere thank you goes to the medical staff at Health Sciences Centre and Boundary Trails Health Centre, who went above and beyond in caring for Gus. For those who wish, a donation may be made to Boundary Trails Health Centre, Hwy 3 and Manitoba 14, Winkler MB, R6W 1H8.

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

SUDOKU



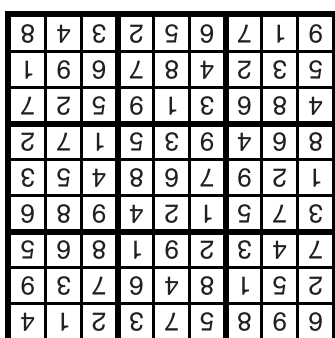
Fun By The Numbers

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!

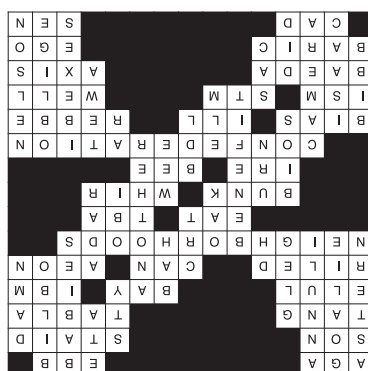
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Here's How It Works:

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!



Sudoku Answer



Crossword Answer



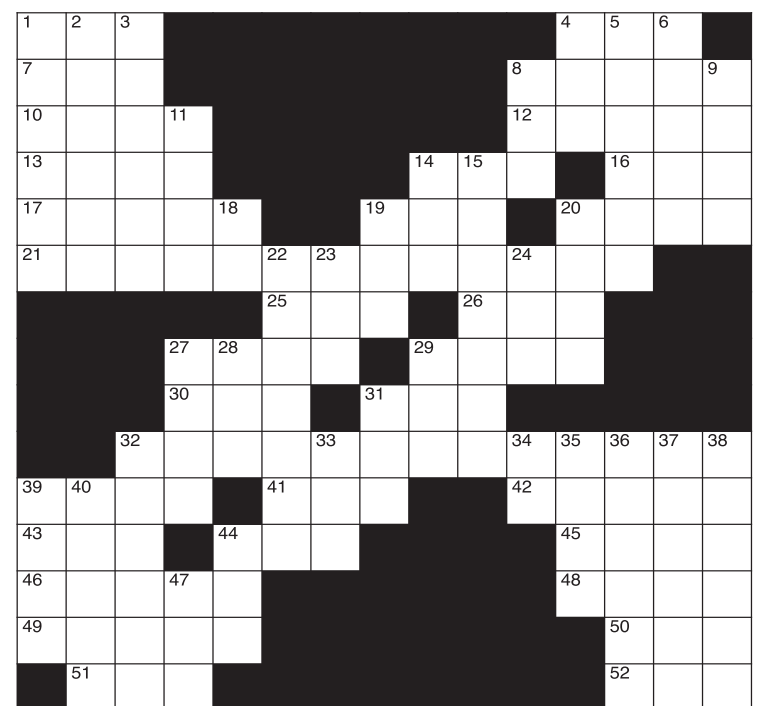
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CLUES ACROSS

1. Crow species
4. Partner to flow
7. Male offspring
8. Sedate
10. Orange beverage
12. Pair of small hand drums
13. 12th month of Jewish civil year
14. Former Pirates star Jason
16. Computer company
17. Made angry
19. Beverage container
20. Charlize Theron film "___ Flux"
21. Localities
25. Consume
26. Don't know when yet
27. Bed style
29. Make a low, continuous sound
30. Wrath
31. Pollinates flowers
32. Association
39. Prejudice
41. Unhealthy
42. Hasidic religious leader
43. Distinctive philosophy
44. Short-term memory
45. In a good way
46. Emperors of Ethiopia
48. Imaginary line
49. Of barium
50. One's sense of self-esteem
51. Man who behaves dishonorably
52. Monetary unit

CLUES DOWN

1. Rear of (nautical)
2. He minds the net
3. Ring-shaped objects
4. When you hope to get there
5. Young children
6. Beloved hobbit



8. Pigpen
9. Wish harm upon
11. Quick-eyed (Scottish)
14. Scrooge's phrase "___ Humbug"
15. One more
18. A ballplayer who only hits
19. Once vital TV part
20. Sixth month of Jewish civil year
22. Advantage
23. Type of tree
24. Luke's mentor ___-Wan
27. Life stories
28. Vase
29. Tiny

31. Package (abbr.)
32. A photog's tool
33. Wood
34. One of the six noble gases (abbr.)
35. Pueblo people of New Mexico
36. Wild goats
37. A way to comply
38. Horatio ___, British admiral
39. Actress Leslie
40. Sir ___ Newton
44. Pouch
47. Have already done



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