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Manitoba government offers free winter family fishing weekend

By Manitoba government

Manitobans are encouraged to get outside and explore fishing opportunities throughout the province during this year's Winter Family Fishing Weekend, Natural Resources and Northern Development Minister Greg Nesbitt announced Monday.

"Everyone can enjoy ice fishing for free this weekend without requiring an angling licence," said Nesbitt. "There's no better way to spend a winter day in Manitoba than ice fishing with family and friends, while also enjoying free admission to provincial parks during the month of February."

From Feb. 18 to Feb. 20, anglers may fish without a licence in the province, except in national parks where a federal angling licence is still required.

Anglers may retain up to a conservation licence limit of fish, which

includes four walleye/sauger, four northern pike, two smallmouth bass, one lake trout, one channel catfish and two stocked trout. Regular limits apply for those who already have a regular angling licence and all other angling regulations apply during this weekend, including regulations for individual waters.

For more information on all provincial angling regulations, refer to the 2022 Manitoba Anglers' Guide at www.manitobafisheries.com.

To ensure ice fishing is safe and enjoyable, anglers should always check ice conditions before travelling onto ice, wear weather-appropriate clothing and advise someone where they will be fishing.

Anglers are also reminded that aquatic invasive species (AIS) requirements are in effect year-round. To re-

view the winter (ice-covered) season checklist, a step-by-step resource to ensure compliance with AIS regulations, visit: <https://www.gov.mb.ca/stopais/checklist/winter.html>.

Anglers cannot remove live bait from aquatic invasive species control zones and retain for future use.

Bait taken into an AIS control zone must be discarded before leaving shore, if it:

- is live bait,
- has been handled (e.g. hooked), or
- has come into contact with surface water from the control zone.

The requirements apply even with a valid three-day live bait fish transfer and use receipt. Additionally, all water from bait containers must be drained before leaving shore. For more information, visit: www.Manitoba.ca/StopAIS.

Carman Area Foundation now accepting grant applications

By Autumn Fehr

The annual grant application for the Carman Area Foundation (CAF) is back again this year with some minor changes.

The start date to start submitting grant applications to the foundation was pushed back. The granting window for this year is from Monday, Feb. 13, to Thursday, Mar. 9, 2023.

New this year, the board has invested in modern software for the granting process.

As the foundation understands that it may take some people a little bit of time to get fully comfortable with the new software, they hosted an informative granting software seminar on Feb. 9 at the Legion Auxiliary Hall, for anyone to attend.

All local non-profits in the community are welcome to apply for the grant for funds to start planning their projects for the communities they serve.

For more information on the grant application process, contact Caddie Crampton, the community foundations coordinator at CAF, or visit their website to apply, starting on Feb.13.

letter to the editor

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During August, 2022 I had a lengthy phone conversation with the general manager of Manitoba Beef Producers (MBP) regarding the announcement by Keystone Agriculture Producers (KAP) that it intended to apply a \$ 262.50 plus \$13.12 GST membership levy to Manitoba cattle producers sales. I offered that I would study the issue with the intent of drafting a resolution for presentation at the MBP, district 5 annual fall meeting.

While researching the issue I

found that the Agricultural Producers Funding Act empowers KAP to apply its levy to cattle sales. This is not debatable. The Act also provides balance by guaranteeing individual producers the right to be exempted from paying the KAP levy. I noted that diversified cattle operations, marketing gain, oil seeds and pulse crops had the KAP membership levy deducted from the sale of those products. KAP's initiative appears to be focused at collecting its membership

levy from those producers who's entire income is derived from cattle sales. The number of producers that fall into this category is hard to determine. One thousand, cattle only operations, paying the \$262,50 KAP membership levy would contribute an additional \$262,500.00 to KAP's annual revenue. I assume that in many cases these new contributors

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