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Long-time physician marks 50 years of medical practice

By Jennifer McFee

Celebrations are in order for a Carman-based physician who is marking multiple milestones in his medical career.

In January 2024, Dr. Gerry Clayden is celebrating 25 years of service in the Carman community, where he is a senior partner in the Carman Medical Group.

This noteworthy achievement follows closely behind the 50th anniversary of when Clayden earned his medical degree in November 1973.

Clayden's career aspirations initially took root two generations prior when his grandparents immigrated as Jewish refugees to England from Poland in the 1890s. They had high hopes for their children, including Clayden's dad, who was born in England in 1914.

In 1938, Clayden's dad became a doctor, paving a new pathway for the family.

"He was the first in the family not to push a barrow around a market," he said. "He had high hopes for his three children too. I'm the youngest of three, and he wanted us all to become doctors."

Clayden's older brother and sister

took other paths, so he was the only one to follow in their father's footsteps — albeit reluctantly at first.

"I didn't want to be a doctor at all. I dropped out of medical school for a year," recalled the 74-year-old. "When I went back again, I was a very reluctant medical student."

That perspective shifted after about two years of study when Clayden and his classmates worked with a surgical unit for three months.

"Suddenly, I thought this is fun. I like doing things with my hands and mending things. So from that moment on, I had a burning ambition to do surgery," he said.

"I got my medical degree in November 1973. Then I studied like crazy to get my surgical diploma — and I got it first try in 1978."

Living in a small town near Oxford, Clayden worked with the National Health System as a surgical trainee.

"Once I finished med school, I had no ambition to do anything but surgery," he said.

"In the 1980s, there were four times as many surgeons trained than could be accommodated by the system in England, so a staff job in the National Health Service just never came my



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Dr. Gerry Clayden is celebrating 25 years of service in Carman and 50 years since earning his medical degree in 1973.

way."

Once his stint as a surgical trainee ended, Clayden applied for family practice jobs to make ends meet.

"I worked for two years in family practice, but I knew I couldn't do that exclusively and never go back into an operating room again," he said.

"A good friend suggested that I look in the British Medical Journal to see if there was a job abroad that I could do. The very first time I looked, there was a job advertised in Flin Flon for a general practitioner surgeon."

He responded to the ad and was sent a plane ticket to Manitoba. He spent a week in Flin Flon but wasn't convinced he wanted to work there, so he returned to England and spent the next year looking for something

better.

"Nothing came up, so I rented out my house, packed a few things into a suitcase and went to Flin Flon. I expected to be there for a year and earn enough money to pay off my debts," he said.

"After a year, I actually liked it really well, and I was busy as all get-out in the operating room. A surgeon up there taught me how to do hysterectomies, Caesarean sections, take out tonsils and screw bones together. I doubled my repertoire in a year and there was endless work to do. I made lots of friends, and it was fun."

While he was there, he also got his pilot's licence and bought a small

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Floral Fixx on display at Fleurs de Villes

By Ty Dilello

Carman's Julie Pritchard and her Floral Fixx design business were recently selected to participate in last week's Fleurs de Villes floral show at The Leaf in Assiniboine Park in Winnipeg. Fleurs de Villes is the world-renowned floral show behind exhibitions across Canada, the United States, Australia and the United Kingdom.

Participating in the Fleurs de Villes was a prestigious invitation-only event, so getting selected for the show was a big thing.

"I recently received a communication from Fleurs de Villes informing me that I have been selected to participate in their upcoming event," said Pritchard. "They mentioned that they choose designers based on their social media and website designs."

Mexico is the country that Pritchard chose to interpret, and the festival she chose is Dia de los Muertos, or Day of the Dead, a deeply rooted Mexican celebration honouring deceased loved ones.

Pritchard's display has just over 1500 stems of flowers. The varieties include Craspedia, Dianthus, Roses, Carnations, Strawflowers, Ti leaves, Magnolia, Erynigum, Button Mums, Delphinium, and Hypericum berries.

"Once you have made your selection, the next

challenge is to create a design board featuring sketches of the dress along with the materials you intend to use," said Pritchard. "This design board must be submitted for approval before proceeding further."

Apart from the creative aspect, additional responsibilities are also involved in participating.

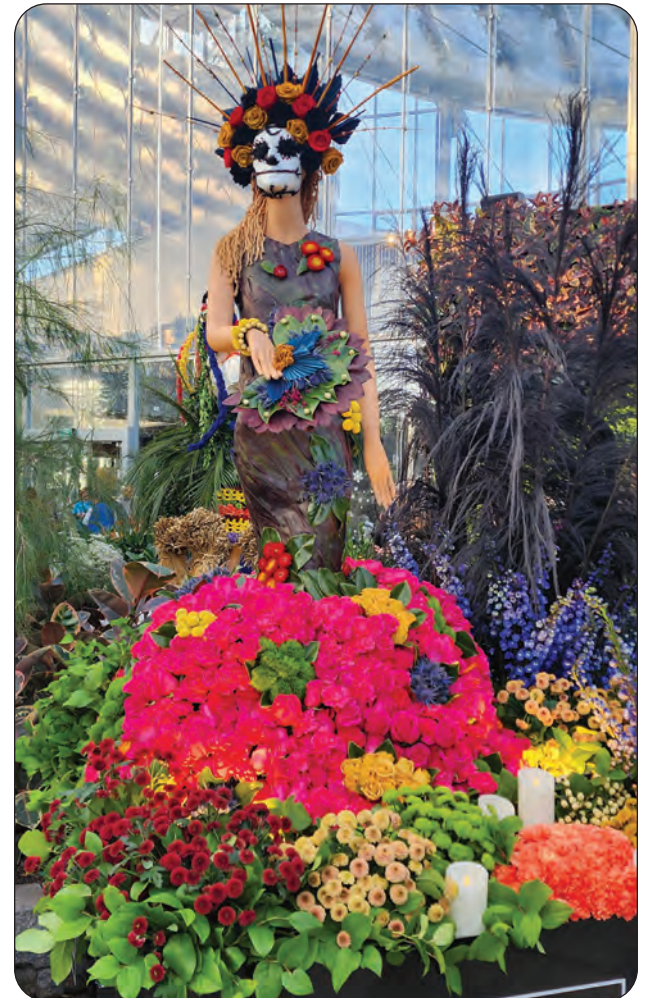
"One of them is developing a watering system to keep the flowers alive throughout the event, which can be time-consuming. Additionally, there is a commitment to refresh the display every two days to ensure its continued beauty and vibrancy for the entire 11-day duration. Overall, the participation process involves both the creative elements of designing and sketching and the practical aspects of maintaining the floral display."

Pritchard notes that the reception to the Fleurs de Villes show from Jan. 11-21 has been overwhelmingly positive.

"I'm thrilled by the response from the attendees, as it's been such a joy to see people excited and eager to view the displays. Every time I refresh my designs, there are always people in attendance who approach me, wanting to discuss the flowers, my creative process, and the specific designs I've cho-

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"IT'S AMAZING TO SEE THE GENUINE INTEREST AND ENTHUSIASM THEY HAVE FOR THE FLOWERS AND THE THOUGHT THAT WENT INTO THE OVERALL DESIGN."



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Carman's Julie Pritchard and Floral Fixx were recently chosen to take part in the invitation-only Fleurs de Villes floral show at Assiniboine Park in Winnipeg



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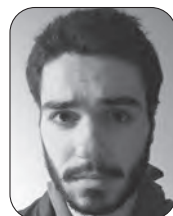
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Don't make truckers break the law for a double-double

Last week no parking signs went up along Tim Hortons and Syls here in Carman along the both sides of the highway.

I understand that having a big truck parked for a bit makes it a bit more difficult pulling in and out of Tim's, but the idea of blocking off the 1/4 mile both directions is frustrating as a trucker and as an owner of a local trucking company. All we (truckers) want to do is stop for a coffee and sandwich and be on our way.

The high school has placed a lit cross walk 1/4 mile west of Tim's and the kids are to use that for crossing safety.

The people running all these trucks are delivering grain, and all kinds of freight and goods that the rest of us rely on daily at our local stores and such. The government is constantly making more rules and regulations

on the trucking industry making life more difficult daily.

Give truckers a break, and remove some of the no parking signs and let them stop for 5 minutes. There is no where else to park around the area and I'm certain the business affected can always use the additional income in the times that we are facing currently with the high cost of everything. Don't make them break the law for a Double Double !!

- Rod Winkler

We need Manitoba's leadership to reform the tobacco industry

It's National Non-Smoking Week, and Manitoba has a historic opportunity to reduce healthcare costs and reform the tobacco industry.

Over many decades, Big Tobacco has engaged in deception and targeted marketing that has addicted youth and resulted in immense suf-

fering, disease and premature death for so many people. The devastating impacts of tobacco use in Manitoba is extensive and undeniable - 130,000 Manitobans 12% still smoke tobacco, with 1,500 tobacco-related deaths and \$189 million in healthcare costs every year.

All 10 provinces have filed lawsuits against the tobacco industry collectively seeking more than \$500 billion in damages, and right now the Manitoba government is negotiating a settlement with Big Tobacco.

To prevent disease and save lives, it's vital that the settlement implement strict new controls on the tobacco industry, and establish substantial long-term funding for tobacco control through an independent fund. We must protect future generations. As such, the Canadian Cancer Society (CCS) urges Premier Wab Kinew to use this monumental opportunity to hold Big Tobacco accountable and prevent future harm to Manitobans.

- Andrea Seale
CEO, Canadian Cancer Society

Myrtle Bulk Water Plant is closing after nearly 50 years

By Ty Dilello

The RM of Roland has notified the public that the Myrtle Bulk Water Plant will be closing permanently on Jan. 31 after nearly 50 years of supplying water to local communities.

The water plant was for residents in the area to fill bulk water tanks for personal or farm use. Located right in the hamlet of Myrtle, the Myrtle Bulk Water Plant wasn't staffed other than the RM of Roland staff doing water samples and maintenance as required. It has been in operation since approximately 1978.

"It was being used sparingly, so it is not being replaced as we have another facility for the same purpose in the Town of Roland," said Jodi Gaultier, Reeve of the RM of Roland. "We are closing it because it required significant upgrades to continue meeting requirements, and with another facility four miles away, we could not justify the cost of the upgrades."

The RM apologizes for any inconvenience with the closure, and if anyone has any additional questions, they are encouraged to contact the RM of Roland office.

ROLAND RINK IS OPEN

Gaultier also notes that the Roland Rink is open for public use and has been well-attended this winter.

The current Roland Rink schedule includes open hockey from 7-9 p.m. on Mondays, public skating from 7-9 p.m. on Tuesdays, 12 and under open hockey on Wednesdays from 7-9 p.m., over 13 open hockey from 7-9 p.m. on Thursdays, and 1-4 p.m. public skating on both Saturday and Sunday.

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Vintage sled races coming back to Miami

By Ty Dilello

The upcoming Miami Power Toboggan Vintage Sled Races, hosted by the Miami Power Tobogganing Club, are scheduled for Feb. 24 at 12 noon at the Miami Fairgrounds.

The Miami Power Tobogganing Club promotes trails and looks after their snowmobile shack in the Pembina Valley Escarpment.

The Vintage Sled Races are a family fun event with free admission for everybody. Food and drinks will be made available.

The cost to enter is \$10 per class entry fee, with a 100 per cent payout of the entry fees going towards the racers. Trophies will be awarded.

"We are expecting upwards of sixty snow machines aged 1985 and older," said organizer John Friesen. "Last year's event was an amazing success,

and this year seems to be gearing up to surpass it."

Friesen notes that competitors are lined up to be coming from all over Manitoba, Ontario, Minnesota, Wisconsin, North Dakota and Saskatchewan.

Registration ends Feb. 24 at 11:00 a.m., so get your entries in as soon as possible.

"This is one of our biggest events we put on during the year," said Friesen. "This is a nonprofit event from a nonprofit organization passionate about snowmobiling. We also host a truck and tractor pull with the famous mud bog on June 1 that we are looking forward to down the road."

More info on the event can be found on the website: <https://miamipowertoboggan.com>.



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Vintage Sled Racing will be coming back to Miami for some fun races on Feb. 24 at the Miami Fairgrounds.

> DR. CLAYDEN, FROM PG. 2

Mooney airplane so he could make quick weekend jaunts to Winnipeg for concerts and other cultural excursions.

Then in 1998, Clayden got a phone call asking if he'd consider relocating to Carman, where the community needed a surgeon.

"I drove down and had a look around and thought maybe I've been in the wilder-ness long enough after 11 years," he said. "It was close enough to Winnipeg for me to be able to go to the theatre, concerts, bookshops and things I really like to do."

After wrapping up his role in Flin Flon, Clayden began working in Carman in January 1999. He lived in the community for a short while before moving to St. Francois Xavier and then eventually to Winnipeg.

In 2007, Clayden was instrumental in launching a colonoscopy program in Carman. Since then, he's done about 7,000 of the procedures, averaging 10 per day. Colonoscopies continue to make up about two-thirds of Clayden's practice.

Over the years, Clayden has also been involved with training about 60 to 70 inter-national doctors within the Canadian medical system. One of those international doctors is gearing up to join the Carman Medical Group this summer.

When he reflects on his 50 years as a physician and 25 years practising in Carman, Clayden notes many changes over the decades.

"Things are so different from

what they were. When I qualified in 1973, nobody had invented ultrasound. There was no CT scanning. There were no MRIs or PET scanners," he said.

"Medicine is almost completely unrecognizable after 50 years. If you look at other technological advances, the labs don't look anything like they did 50 years ago. Everything is digital now, so I can pull a patient's X-ray up on the computer anywhere in the world."

Looking ahead, Clayden is preparing to scale down his workload but he's not ready to retire yet. Next year, the building lease for the medical practice will be up for renewal. At that time, Clayden will likely step back to become an associate rather than a partner in the practice. As an associate, Clayden expects he'll continue working about two days per week.

With more time on his hands, he also hopes to travel more with his wife Sandy, particularly to see family in far-flung parts of the globe. Clayden's daughter from a previous marriage lives in England, while Sandy has one son living in Norway and another in Vancouver. The couple visits their children and grandchildren whenever they have the chance.

Overall, Clayden's five-decade career has been a fulfilling journey, both personally and professionally.

"The only downside is commuting to Carman on a snow day," he said. "All in all, it's a very satisfying job."

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Genesis House is hosting another puzzle night

By Lorne Stelmach

It proved popular enough the first time around that Genesis House is putting on another puzzle night fundraiser this month.

The event returns Jan. 29 at the Morden Activity Centre with an entrance fee of \$100 for a team of four and a prize up for grabs for the winning team.

The organization's first puzzle night fundraiser last October brought in about \$2,200 for the shelter for the victims of domestic violence.

That night, 16 of the 20 teams finished their 500-piece puzzles in the allotted two hours. The winning team finished in just over 52 minutes.

Genesis House community and resource development co-ordinator Sophie Gerbrandt was thrilled with the response.

"We weren't sure how it would be received, but it was wildly popular, and at the event people were already asking when are you doing this again," she said, noting the event was so successful they actually had a wait list once the team spots filled up.

This time around the evening takes

place on National Puzzle Day.

"We're having 20 teams again because that's what the space allows for ... but it feels like a good amount of people," Gerbrandt said, noting a puzzle night is a fun activity that is accessible to all ages. "One thing that I noticed about our October event was that it was multi-generational. I think our youngest participant was 12 years old and the oldest was in her 90s ... so it was really neat to see families coming out.

"It's a good way to socialize with friends and in a maybe more low key way," she added. "And I think we just have a lot of closet puzzlers in the area. I know a few folks who were at our puzzle event who have actually gone all the way to Winnipeg for puzzle competitions, so it's fun to offer this idea locally.

"I think there's the added benefit of knowing your money is going for a donation for Genesis House," Gerbrandt noted. "I'm hopeful maybe this is something we can do at least twice a year. I think it may be better in fall and winter months. And on our end too, it's relatively simple to plan,



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The first Genesis House puzzle night fundraiser was such a success last fall that the shelter is putting on another one in Morden on Monday, Jan. 29. Space is limited, so book your team as soon as possible.

so that's always an added bonus." or call or text 204-362-0082 to secure your team's spot.
If you're interested in participating, email resource@genesis-house.ca

CMU graduates chosen for prestigious Manitoba Legislature internships

by Myles Tiessen

Two Canadian Mennonite University (CMU) graduates from the class of 2023 were recently accepted into the highly competitive Manitoba Legislature Internship Program. Willms and, both graduates of 2023, will be a part of the prestigious 10-month internship from September to June.

Open only to six Manitoban students each year, the program provides opportunities for recent university graduates to experience firsthand the legislative process within the Manitoba legislature.

Interns are assigned to work with the incumbent or opposition caucuses, where they participate in various government operations, seminars, and many other legislative processes.

"I'm excited to get wrapped up in the whole energy of the place," says Nicholas Harder. "I'm excited to do this because interns do a lot of different things in a day, and it's very important to me that I have a job that has a variety of tasks."

Kyla Willms is also excited to embrace the consistency of a high-paced full-time position. "I've heard that sometimes the interns will get to the legislature and have a half-hour to write something for the MLAs to say [during legislative assembly]," she says. "I think it'll be a challenge, but also a good challenge."

Regardless of the swirling nerves, Harder and Willms say they feel prepared for the role.

Harder spent his CMU practicum placement with the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives-Manitoba Office, which he says helped him develop skills that will transfer to the internship program. "During [my practicum], I started picking up what other community activists and community researchers are doing and what the socio-political ecosystem is like in Manitoba."

In conversation, Harder and Willms were vocal about their initial skepticism about the political process. As political studies majors, they spent years analyzing, evaluating, and often judging the form and function of government. However, as they thought more about their desire to make a difference in their community, they became increasingly drawn to the internship program.

In Willms's instance, an independent study at CMU led her to conceptualize and draw political cartoons satirizing government officials. "In a way, I was doing critique from the public's view, so it'll be interesting to see the process from the inside," says Willms. "It'll be nice to feel like I'm a part of this large process. And thankfully, I wasn't drawing any MLAs," jokes Willms.

Harder and Willms aren't the first CMU graduates to participate in the program. Hannah Drudge (CMU '22) was among the select few chosen this past year. "Getting to be a part of the important work done in the Legislature was amazing," says Drudge. "I really felt like I was contributing—in a very small way, of course—to the democratic process."

She says that between the policy, research, communications, outreach, and legislative business, she was able to try on different vocational hats and fully explore, in-depth, what she learned through her time at CMU.

Nathan Dueck (CMU '21)—currently in law school and went through the internship just a few short years ago—says, "CMU prepared me by setting consistently high expectations for my writing throughout my degree. As a result, I went into the internship with a much more refined ability to write well and quickly than I would have had, I suspect, had I undertaken my undergraduate studies at any other school in the province."

"I really enjoyed the stress of [the program] and am now better equipped to work in high-pressure environments going forward. It was also really fun to hear MLAs deliver speeches that you played a role in drafting," says Dueck.

Harder says he's excited to see the tangible evidence of his hard work. He says, "It's cool to think that all these skills you build up can actually be used for something, to propel movements forward, create certain policies, and make a difference in people's lives. I'm excited to see the impact."

Jonathan Daman (CMU '17), a graduate of CMU's Redekop School of Business, was also selected to participate in the Manitoba Legislature Internship Program in 2018/19.

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Government announces new accessibility regulations for transit providers

By Becca Myskiw

The Manitoba government is making transit more accessible, and Carman's new taxi service is one step ahead.

On Jan. 10, the provincial government announced improvements to the Accessibility for Manitobans Act that "address barriers to public transportation." Under the accessible transportation standard regulation, conventional transportation providers, paratransit providers, school bus services, and vehicles for hire are required to meet the eight new requirements as set out by the government:

- Transit and paratransit operators must create accessibility measures, policies, and practices documents that are publicly available
- Transit operators must be trained on the safe use of accessibility equipment, emergency preparedness, and response procedures
- Providers must ensure accessibility equipment (such as ramps and kneeling entrances) are in good working order and communicate publicly when they are not functional

- Providers must hold annual public consultation meetings for feedback on review measures, policies, and practices

- Providers must offer the same fare for similar transportation services

- Bus service providers must keep bus stops clear of obstacles and snow, and publicly communicate when they are inaccessible

- Manitoba school boards and independent schools must provide accessible school transportation services for all students

- Municipalities with vehicles-for-hire bylaws must not refuse or deny service to persons with a disability or a person using a service animal

Among the businesses needing to follow these regulations are taxi services. Carman's new taxi service, Access Transit, is aware of the new rules and owner Joe Janzen said they're prepared to offer the community whatever they need.

Right now, Access Transit has two



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Access Transit Inc. is in the process of making sure that all of their transit vehicles meet the provincial standards.

vehicles stationed in Carman, each a regular vehicle. They're currently working on bringing a wheelchair accessible van to the area, but because they can only have two vehicles per-

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YFC Carman has lots on the go



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The YFC Carman Boys program took a trip to Dustyridge Equine Centre for a horse-drawn sleigh ride over the Christmas break.

By Ty Dilello

Youth For Christ (YFC) Carman had a busy time over the Christmas holidays as students were on a break from school and able to participate in some YFC activities.

"YFC Carman was open for Drop-in evenings as much as we could be over the Christmas break," said Kristina Wilton of YFC Carman. "It is always great to provide something for the students to do over the Break."

Over the past months, some activities included a Christmas Dinner on Dec. 11, when the YFC community provided a Christmas-style dinner with all the fixings for the students to come out and enjoy.

"We opened early that night and served the meal, listened to live Christmas music, and handed out Christmas gifts," said Wilton.

YFC Carman's Girls and Boys programs also took a trip to Dustyridge Equine Centre near Winkler for a horse-drawn Christmas sleigh ride and hot chocolate over the Christmas break.

Wilton notes to watch for students wearing YFC logo sweaters with a scene inspired by the Manitoba license plate.

"The generosity of the community through our 'Sponsor a Sweater Campaign' helped pay for these gifts to the students."

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Carman's Museum board recaps year of activities

Submitted by Dufferin Historical Museum

The Dufferin Historical Museum had a busy 2023.

There was a Volunteer Appreciation event in April, they participated in the Town Wide Garage Sale in June and held their First Annual Duck Race fundraiser in July.

Volunteers organized a Halloween Carnival in October, which was well received by the community, and Christmas at the Museum in December.

The museum was open daily for July and August, with over 700 visitors worldwide. Visitors came from Alberta, B.C., Saskatchewan, Ontario, Yellowknife, Wichita, Kansas, Japan and Thailand. Elm Creek and Carman Elementary Schools students visited in June, while three classes from the Carman High School held a lesson in the Boyne School in September. TLC Daycare, the Carman-Dufferin Recreation Day Camp and a couple of groups from Boyne Lodge also visited during the summer.

The museum received a Carman Area Foundation grant in 2023, which was used to purchase a new water cooler, a hand-held vacuum for cleaning artifacts and a cupboard to store event supplies, including coffee, tea, hot chocolate, dishes, plates, etc. The cupboard and water cooler were recently used with the Christmas at the Museum event. The museum thanks Wayne Hiebert for building the cup-



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Pictured left to right, end of storage cabinet, hand held vacuum and cabinet and water cooler.

board and the Carman Area Foundation for their support.

A Community Museum Project Support Program grant was received from the Province of Manitoba, which was used to purchase clothing storage boxes and to build a cabinet to store maps. The cabinet has been placed in the Boyne School, and the maps were moved out of the workroom area and are now accessible to the public.

Various grants have been received over the last several years, and storage cupboards have been built for the workroom area are now. Volunteers are organizing this space so items can be rotated and new items can be displayed.

For 2024, the museum will hold the 2nd Annual Duck Race fundraiser on July 10.

"Duck" tickets are available for \$5 each and can be purchased from the board members.

Other fundraisers are being discussed to cover

the costs of renovating the current bathroom and storage area.

A sub-committee is working on collecting stories to create a sequel to the *Memorable Stories, Carman and Area* book that was done in 2017. After that book was published, many stories were received, and the sub-committee has been collecting more with hopes to publish the next book in 2024. Stories about how families or businesses came to be part of the Carman area are still being accepted.

Dufferin Historical Museum also signed up to be part of the Musetoba database through the Association of Manitoba Museums. Information regarding each artifact is entered into a database, which is stored electronically. Items can be made public so that anyone can see the items at the museum on-line with the Musetoba website. This database will also provide an easier way to search for items within the museum. For example: Visitors can find out what their grandfather had donated to the museum and see it. This project is just starting and will be ongoing, with almost 6,000 pieces in the museum.

In the summer, there was a special display on loan of some Original First Nation jingle capes. These capes were

more than 100 years old and were displayed in August.

During the winter, work will be underway to find places for new acquisitions received during the summer, including items and information from the Dufferin Agricultural Society and the Carman Bar 8's Square Dance Club, a Telidon machine and a hand-made wagon and horse display.

In 2023, volunteers donated over 1,000 hours of their time to the museum, serving on the board, volunteering on Sundays, helping out with events or just doing it all.

"We are fortunate that we have all of the board positions filled but we could always use more volunteers to help us with our events, be on sub-committees, or staff the museum on Sundays when our paid staff are not working," said Lori Keith. "We also use volunteers to help out with guiding and supervising when we have large groups visiting. There are many ways that people can help. If you are interested in the history of our area and would like to help out in some way, please let us know."

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mitted in Carman at a time, the accessible van will be based elsewhere.

"We do definitely get phone calls periodically asking if we have wheelchair accessibility," said Janzen. "I just felt like if I bring the service, people will just learn that it's right there."

Access Transit does annual safeties on all their vehicles, in-house maintenance and repairs every 5,000 km, and has new winter tires on them each year. The accessible van is currently being worked on in the shop, and though Janzen wanted to make it available for the beginning of

2024, he expects it to be ready for use in a few months. Once ready, the van will be available for hire in all the communities Access Transit serves, including Carman. Janzen said they plan to ensure all the new regulations laid out by the provincial government are followed before the final compliance date of Jan. 1, 2027.

The new accessible transportation standard regulation is the fourth standard under the Accessibility for Manitobans Act. To learn more about the act and its regulations, go to <https://accessibilitymb.ca/accessibility/act-standards/the-accessibility-standard-for-transportation.html>.

SCRL stats have bounced back to pre-COVID levels

By Lorne Stelmach

The past year largely marked a return to normal for the South Central Regional Library.

The library network with branches in Winkler, Morden, Altona, Miami and Manitou of course did face controversy around protests concerning certain content on their shelves, but they otherwise saw library use rebound post-pandemic.

"We're finally back to our pre-COVID numbers ... it's good to see," director of library services Cathy Ching shared last week.

She noted there were approximately 280,500 check-outs overall in 2023, an increase of about 9,000 from the previous year.

"A lot of that was due to a tremendously successful summer reading program," Ching said. "We had about 2,200 kids participating, so that's a good thing to see as well."

"With all the stuff going on in the past year where people were concerned about what was in our libraries, it didn't scare people away," she added. "We've had almost 1,200 new members get cards ... so people are still coming, and especially our newcomers in our communities are using our libraries."

Ching wondered if people perhaps were recognizing the importance of supporting their local library.

"I think when it was threatened, it really brought people in, first of all, to see what all the fuss was about and then ensure that things didn't get removed," she said.

"What we are finding as well though is that some branches are really benefiting from the newcomer communities," continued Ching, while noting the Morden branch perhaps has seen some lower numbers particu-

larly related to newcomers now going more to the 500 Stephen Community Centre right next door. "I think it has given newcomers a place to go when it perhaps used to be the library. It's definitely changed what's been going on in the Morden branch, but having 500 Stephen is a good thing for the community."

Ching also highlighted how all of their branch staff have been doing a great job of trying to really boost programming again.

"I think, across the board for all of our branches, we do an amazing job with programming and stuff, but we've kind of lost our connection with some of our home school families ... we need to set up stuff for them," she said. "So a direction we might go for is to try to encourage them to come use our libraries as a field trip day of sorts."

"It's not anything outside the box. It's more going back to the basics," Ching continued. "Give them what they maybe use to have ... we need to show we have stuff to offer again."

"We've had some great programming," she noted of the past several months. "We had a lot of local authors who are contacting us to do readings, which is great. What a great way to get to know your communities and people to get to know the authors."

The Winkler branch has also promoted a new astronomy club led by a local resident with a high quality telescope who has led several sky viewings for the public. Another unique initiative has been the Nerf battles held once a month at the branch.

"I think, just before Christmas, they had 22 people in there, and I think the adults had more fun than the kids," said Ching.

She also noted how they have added

to their diversity of material that can be loaned out, including some 700 puzzles across the five branches.

"We have a huge board game collection. We purchased about 150 new board games, and we bought some locally," Ching added. "We have the expensive ones that everybody has wanted to try but doesn't want to put the money out, so you can check out a board game for three weeks."

Looking ahead, Ching noted they are beginning to think of plans to mark SCRL's 60 anniversary in 2025.

"We are going to work throughout the year to start working towards a celebration of some sort for a big event. That's something we are looking forward to," she said.

"We are thinking maybe we can have some sort of fundraiser and possibly by ourselves a van or something that we can move books around in," Ching added. "Right now, when we need to move books, we haul them in our little vehicles and drive back and forth."

As well, they will partner with Morden Fire and Rescue on the large annual book sale this spring.

"We're going to have the book sale on the same weekend as the quilt show this year ... so we're looking forward to that as well."

CRAFTERS & CO. PROGRAM AVAILABLE AT MIAMI LIBRARY

The South Central Regional Library Miami Branch has a new program called Crafters & Co. that takes place every second Tuesday of the month from 7-8:30 p.m. No registration is required.

Crafters & Co. is a program that the Miami Library began in the fall of 2023. It aims to bring people of all ages together to work on varying handicraft projects in a communal setting. Crafters & Co. offers a space to work on your projects, no matter your level of expertise.

Folks are encouraged to come out and enjoy the company of fellow crafters and maybe even learn a new hobby along the way.

"People can bring along any sort of project to work on like knitting, crocheting, embroidery, painting, sketching, writing, scrapbooking, origami, photo editing and more," said Miami Library clerk Charlize Pearson. "So far, we've seen some beautiful knitting projects that patrons have been working on. It is great to see people sharing their knowledge and assisting others in learning a new hobby."

Pearson notes that attendance numbers are small so far, but that they hope to see them grow this winter.

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Manitoba government. Alex enjoys working in rural communities and articulated with MMJS before being called to the Bar in 2023. He and his girlfriend are excited to move to Carman and make it their home. In his spare time, Alex enjoys playing a variety of sports, the piano, and fishing at the family cottage.

> FLORAL FIXX, FROM PG. 3

sen. It truly has been a wonderful and fulfilling experience for me."

"I'm grateful that my design choices have captured the attention and sparked conversations among the attendees. It's amazing to see the genuine interest and enthusiasm they have for the flowers and the thought that went into the overall design. The opportunity to engage with them and share my insights has been incredibly rewarding."

Pritchard is also incredibly grateful for the support and contributions of her team at Floral Fixx that have made this event possible for her.

"Their talent and expertise played a fundamental role in the success of

the show. Without their collaboration, this project wouldn't have been as extraordinary as it turned out to be."

Floral Fixx is located at 1585 Kenaston Blvd. in Winnipeg.

Julie Pritchard grew up with a passion of blooms, beginning at a young age growing flowers on the family farm. Now she is the owner of Floral Fixx Design Studio, a high end luxury boutique specializing in all thing flowers from weddings to workshops, and events to everyday. She and her staff pride themselves on always being a step above the rest by finding new local products and searching out unique blooms.

Maryna Krut to perform in Morden next week

By Lorne Stelmach

An acclaimed young Ukrainian musician is coming to Morden as part of her first Canadian tour.

Maryna Krut is a renowned Ukrainian singer and songwriter who plays the traditional bandura but also writes and performs her own original material with a contemporary feel.

She is making three stops in Manitoba including a Jan. 31 performance in Morden as part of the tour which is raising funds to support Ukraine, and local organizer Yevgeniya Tatarenko is overjoyed to have Krut coming here.

"It will be an unbelievably cool concert," said Tatarenko, who noted the plan is for the show to be a candlelight concert. "This is really something unique coming to Morden, so I am super excited about it."

Krut is originally from Khmelnytskyi, Ukraine. Her whole family had a talent for singing, but she is the only one who has pursued music professionally.

Her musical path began playing in places like garages before going on to play in bands and perform at a myriad of smaller events.

She was a finalist in a Eurovision Ukrainian contest, placing third in 2020 and second in 2023. She has also participated in the Ukrainian TEDx KyivWomen program, speaking about the fateful choices in her life and revealing her greatest passion.

Krut's live album made a shortlist of

10 best Ukrainian albums of the year. She is working on her third album and has released multiple singles, including collaborations with various Ukrainian artists.

The Voice of Ukraine and The X Factor participant delivers a unique combination of an atmospheric voice and the extraordinary musical elegance of the bandura, a stringed instrument widely considered the national musical instrument of Ukraine.

"She is amazing and unforgettable in what she does because she plays a traditional Ukrainian folk instrument, but she creates her own songs," said Tatarenko. "People have opened their hearts to this music because of her voice and the words she puts together ... and she has performed for the defenders on the front lines which is something you don't experience in your life."

Tatarenko noted Krut's music connects with a wide range of people because it is rooted in tradition but is also contemporary.

"The audience who can enjoy her music is so wide," she suggested. "It's from young kids like my oldest son, who loves to listen to her music, and to older people who actually know more about the bandura and the classic musical education. They also love her."

"That's why she is so popular in Ukraine ... she does it everything all together."

The concert is raising funds for the



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Ukrainian musician Maryna Krut brings her show to Morden Jan. 31 to raise funds to support troops in Ukraine.

Second Front Ukraine Foundation to help buy medical supplies and other supports.

It takes place at St. Pauls United Church at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 31. Tickets are available for \$35 plus fees

and can be purchased through Eventbrite. Tickets will also be sold at the door, space allowing.

Manitoba stroke patients to benefit from intensive rehabilitation

By Lana Meier

Specialized care and intensive rehabilitation tailored to individual needs will soon be available for stroke survivors in Manitoba, as the province's acute stroke unit is set to open next week at Health Sciences Centre (HSC) Winnipeg. This important announcement was made by Health, Seniors and Long-Term Care Minister Uzoma Asagwara in December.

Asagwara expressed that the people of Manitoba deserve top-quality medical care that enhances patient outcomes and expedites recovery. The new stroke unit at HSC will meet this expectation, offering treatment, management, and rehabilitation for Manitoba stroke patients within days of their stroke. The specialized care provided will aid in their recovery process and ultimately improve their overall quality of life.

Located on the fourth and fifth floors of 735 Notre Dame Ave., previously referred to as the Women's Pavilion, the freshly revamped facility will greet its inaugural patients on Monday, unveiling an initial dozen beds. This centralized unit spans about 18,400 sq.-ft. and features contemporary private rooms with generous room for family members, a well-equipped kitchen designed for occupational therapy evaluations regarding a patient's post-discharge mobility, and a workout area where physiotherapists guide individuals within hours of suffering a stroke.

Each year, around 3,500 strokes take place in Manitoba. Currently, patients have access to two out of three standard treatments while hospitalized: clot busting and clot removal therapies. However, the minister pointed out that the newly opened stroke unit

will provide inpatients with better access to intensive rehabilitation. Clinical experts believe this is essential in expediting recovery times.

Dr. Esseddeeg Ghrooda, a stroke neurologist at HSC Winnipeg, announced that the recently opened acute stroke unit will offer comprehensive care for stroke patients. The team of specialists including neurologists, psychiatrists, nurses, and rehabilitation experts will provide a range of therapies aimed at preventing further health complications and reducing the chances of a second stroke. The team is excited to offer this enhanced level of care to patients in the near future.

The minister also mentioned that the unit's close location to the HSC's Diagnostic Centre of Excellence, equipped for interventional angiography and stroke care, will be advan-

tageous.

According to Christine Houde, director of health policy and systems in Manitoba for Heart & Stroke, the creation of this facility is truly excellent news for all Manitobans. By bringing together a comprehensive team of stroke experts, we know that individuals who receive care here will have a higher chance of survival, experience fewer complications, and ultimately regain their independence. This unit is committed to delivering the best evidence-based care for those suffering from stroke in our province.

The minister highlighted that the unit's capacity of 28 beds will soon be fulfilled by hiring more nursing staff over the next three to four months. The initial postings have attracted a significant number of applicants, according to HSC officials.

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Ballantyne wins gold at wrestling tournament

By Ty Dilello

A trio of Carman wrestlers recently won gold at the WAMMA Nextgen Tournament at the Dakota Fieldhouse in Winnipeg.

Brady Hassel, Stefan Hoffman, and Kyle Ballantyne, all members of the Pembina Valley Wrestling Club, all won gold in their respective categories.

Kyle Ballantyne will be 11 years old at the end of January. At a recent tournament, he competed against another boy in his age and weight bracket to win gold. And he won two straight matches in a best-of-three series.

"I want to try my best and have fun at the tournaments and in wrestling in general," said Ballantyne. "I want to learn from my mistakes and from my coaches at the matches. I have two wrestling practices every week and a weekly strength training goal that help me get better."

Ballantyne only started wrestling last year as he was looking for an activity to get involved with. He loved



Carman's Kyle Ballantyne recently won a gold medal in wrestling at the WAMMA Nextgen Tournament at the Dakota Fieldhouse in Winnipeg.

wrestling from the start, as the coaches who worked with him and the other young wrestlers were fantastic. The Pembina Valley Wrestling Club



STANDARD PHOTOS BY ALICIA BALLANTYNE Pembina Valley Wrestling Club athletes and coaches along with gold medalists, (middle three front row), Brady Hassel, Stefan Hoffman and Kyle Ballantyne.

practices twice a week on Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Carman Community Hall. The club's contact email is pembinavalleywrestling@gmail.com.

There is an upcoming home tournament on Feb. 17 at the Carman Collegiate. Community members are welcome to check out the sport and cheer on the athletes.

Pembina Valley falls to Thrashers, Wild in U18 AAA hockey



STANDARD PHOTO BY RICK HIEBERT Hawks goalie Ryler Gates secures the puck despite efforts to free it by Thrasher players in last Wednesday's game, which Winnipeg won 4-1.

By Lorne Stelmach

The male U18 Pembina Valley Hawks dropped a pair of games to Winnipeg teams this past week.

After suffering a 4-1 loss to the Winnipeg Thrashers last Wednesday in Morden, the Hawks fell 6-3 to the Wild in Winnipeg Sunday.

Pembina Valley fell behind 3-0 in the first period against the Thrashers and couldn't recover from that deficit.

Ryler Gates stopped 31 of 35 shots on goal for the Hawks, who only managed to score once on their 23 shots, with Cohen Pilkington getting the lone Pembina Valley goal.

The Hawks then trailed 2-1 and 4-1 at the intermissions against the defending champion Wild.

Cade McCallum, Kam Thomas and Liam Goertzen did the goal scoring for the Hawks, while Haiden Friesen assisted on all three markers. Shots on goal were 40 to 27, with Bryson Yaschyshyn taking the loss with 34 saves.

Pembina Valley has slipped to ninth place now on a record of 11-14-3-4 for 29 points. They sit four and five ahead of Parkland and Yellowhead and one and two back of Norman and Eastman.

The Hawks have a busy weekend ahead with three games against the always tough Winnipeg teams. It starts with the Bruins in Winni-

peg Friday then continues with the Thrashers Saturday and the Wild Sunday, with those games both happening in Morris.

Flyers' win streak continues

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler Flyers added three more games to their win streak last week. The MJHL team hasn't lost a match since before Christmas.

Wednesday's home game against the Winnipeg Freeze saw Winkler take a 4-0 lead in the first period. Tanner George, James Richard, Marek Miller, and Dalton Andrew did the honours.

Winnipeg's Elliot Perreault managed a hat-trick in the second to get his team in the game.

The third period saw Avery Anderson and Zach Nicolas respond for Winkler to make it 6-3 for the home team. The visitors managed just one more, giving the Flyers the win 6-4.

Liam Ernst made 10 saves off 13 shots during his 40 minutes in net for Winkler. Malachi Klassen played 20 minutes and gave up one goal on the eight shots that came his way.

It was a much closer match two nights later when the Flyers welcomed the Selkirk Steelers to town.

The Steelers were up 1-0 after the first period; that scored held through to midway through the third when Nicolas finally got Winkler up on the board. A goal from George with less than two minutes left on the clock gave the Flyers the win 2-1.

Winkler outshot Selkirk 27-22. Klassen made 21 saves in net.



STANDARD PHOTOS BY RICK HIEBERT
Goatender Malachi Klassen stops the initial shot and Will Brophy tries to stop Selkirk's Joel Purdom from getting the rebound in Friday's 6-4 Winkler win. Right: Fans celebrate with Flyers Zach Nicolas and his teammates after he scores the tying goal midway through the third period.



The team then hit the road Sunday to play the Wolverines in Waywayseecappo.

Winkler took it 4-3 thanks to a pair of goals from Dalton Andrew and singles from George and Jakob Jones. Klassen made 25 saves in net off 28 shots. His teammates fired 31 the other way.

The Flyers are in second place in the MGEU East Division with a record of 28-5-2-2 for 60 points. That puts them five points behind the first-place Steinbach Pistons and five points ahead of the third-place Portage Terriers.

Coming up this week, the Flyers play the Terriers in Portage Wednesday night and then host the Pistons on Friday. On Sunday, they welcome the Wolverines to town.

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Hawks struggle with losses against Yellowhead, Westman in U18 AAA weekend action

By Lorne Stelmach

It was a tough weekend on the road for the female U18 Pembina Valley Hawks as they dropped a pair of games to a couple of the league's top teams.

A 5-1 loss to second-place Yellowhead Saturday was followed by a 6-1 defeat against third-place Westman Sunday.

Pembina Valley trailed 3-0 and 4-1 at the intermissions against Yellowhead in Shoal Lake.

Sophie Armit had the only goal for the Hawks, while Ka-

sia Rakowski made 39 saves as the Hawks were outshot 44 to 34.

Pembina Valley was tied at one with Westman after 20 minutes but then gave up five unanswered goals the rest of the way.

Ava Dalebozik had the lone goal for the Hawks, and Rakowski did her best to keep Pembina Valley in the game in facing 58 shots, including 29 in the third period alone. The Hawks managed 24 shots on goal.

Pembina Valley remains stuck

in seventh place at 6-14-4 for 16 points. They are eight ahead of last-place Central Plains and three behind Interlake.

The Hawks have a break from regular league play this week as they take part in a tournament in Headingley. It includes games against Rocky Mountain Riders Thursday followed by Rink Hockey Academy and the Winnipeg Ice Friday.

Their next regular season game is Feb. 3 when they visit the Winnipeg Avros at Seven Oaks.

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Twisters tie franchise record with 12th consecutive victory

By Ty Dilello

The Pembina Valley Twisters tied their franchise record with their 12th consecutive win over the weekend. With the victories, the Twisters are staying firm into second place in the MMJHL's standings with a record of 20-8-2.

On Jan. 19, the Twisters were 5-2 winners at home over the St. Boniface Riels. Derek Wiebe led the charge for Pembina Valley with a pair of goals, while Merek Degraeve, Mike Hepner and Ryan Orchard had the other Twisters' tallies. Logan Enns stopped 32 shots in net for the win.

A few nights later, on the road on Jan. 21, the Twisters blasted the Stonewall Jets by a 5-1 count. The offence was spread out as the Twisters' goals were scored by Orchard, Degraeve, Josh Guilford, Wiebe and Riley Goertzen. Owen LaRocque stopped 22 shots in the win.

"This weekend we were able to get two huge wins, as I think Friday night with St. Boniface was some of the best hockey we've played all year," said Twisters' head coach Braeden Beernaerts. "Sunday in Stonewall with a short bench I thought that we stayed patient, played our game and was able to open the game up in the third period with our powerplay scoring twice."

The Twisters recently added goaltender Larocque, who had been a member of the MJHL's Virden Oil Capitals for the past season and a half, into the fold. Larocque is 3-0-0 since joining the Twisters.

"We are extremely happy having Owen and Logan Enns on our team, and we are satisfied with both of our goaltenders in net," said Beernaerts.

Twisters' sniper Wiebe remains in third in the MMJHL's scoring race with 52 points in 30 games and De-



STANDARD PHOTOS BY EMMA GISTI

Twisters' defenceman Kyle VanDeynze battles Jets' Cohen Cheung in front of the net last Sunday in MMJHL action. Pembina Valley won the game 5-1.



Forward Ryan Orchard scored against the Stonewall Jets to help his team to a 5-1 road victory.

Beavers having season to forget

By Ty Dilello

The Carman Beavers continue their losing ways as they fell 5-3 to the Winkler Royals over the weekend. With the loss, the Beavers stay in last place in the SEMHL standings with a record of three wins and twelve losses.

On Jan. 20, Carman went up against Winkler and once again was unable to come up with a

winning performance. Tyler Park was the lone bright spot for the Beavers on the evening as he scored a hat trick. Ben Dalke had three assists, while Noah Skorpada had two assists.

Winkler's Phil Letkeman matched Tyler Park with a hat trick of his own. Former professional hockey player Remi Laurencelle also had a big night

with a goal and three assists. The other Royals' goal was scored by Brett Harder.

Carman's netminder Luke Zacharias made 46 saves in the loss.

The Carman Beavers are back in action with a home game on Jan. 25 against the Ile des Chenes North Stars. The puck drops at 7:30 p.m.

graeve is in sixth with 48 points in 31 games, while Enns is currently fourth in the goalie rankings as he boasts a 2.98 goals-against average and a .913 save percentage.

The Twisters are back in action with a road game on Jan. 26 against the first-place St. James Jr. Canucks. The puck drops at 7:30 p.m.

"We are looking forward to our toughest test of the year on Friday and hope to keep the wins going."

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Community Public Engagement Notice

Dear Rural Municipality of Dufferin Community Members, We are excited to invite you to participate in an upcoming public engagement initiative hosted by the Rural Municipality of Dufferin Council. Your input and involvement are crucial to the success of our efforts, and we value the diverse perspectives that make our community vibrant.

**Date & Time: Wednesday,
February 7th, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.**
**Location: Carman Community Hall,
60 1st Ave NW, Carman, Manitoba**

We aim to gather feedback on awareness, understanding, satisfaction, and suggestions for improvement related to the v-plowing policy, ensuring a comprehensive understanding of community perspectives.

Come in person for an interactive session to engage in discussions, share your ideas, and provide feedback to gather insights from community members about the v-plowing policy. If you are unable to attend in person then feel free to follow the link to our website or scan the QR codes to participate in the survey. <https://carmanmanitoba.ca/duf-by-laws-policies/>

V-plowing Policy



Survey to gather insights from community members.



Please confirm your attendance by February 5th, 2024, via email to info@rmofdufferin.com or call 204-745-2301. If you require any accommodations to participate in this event, please contact us at 204-745-2301 in advance. The Council of the Rural Municipality of Dufferin looks forward to your valuable contributions and meaningful discussions!

Sharla Murray, CLGM, CMMA
Chief Administrative Officer

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Come help us celebrate
Neil Unger's 90th birthday!
Saturday, January 27th
from 2 p.m. until 4 p.m.
at the Carman Legion Ladies Auxiliary Hall
Come and Go Tea!

CARD OF THANKS

The Carman and District Christmas Cheer Board is grateful to everyone who supported our communities in 2023. Donations of time, money and gifts made 175 homes happier! Thank-you for caring for your neighbours.

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NURSERY EMPLOYEE

We are hiring Nursery Employees and Delivery Drivers for the 2024 season. No experience needed, we will train. Please email resume to Kristina@aubinnurseries.ca

OBITUARY



Frances Jean McCutcheon (nee Kingdon)

Frances Jean McCutcheon (nee Kingdon) died in the Boyne Lodge on January 1, 2024, at the age of 89 years.

Frances grew up on a farm near Basswood with her parents, Elsie and William Kingdon, and seven brothers and sisters. After high school, Frances attended business college and worked in several businesses in Vancouver, Winnipeg, and Brandon. She met her future husband, Jim, at Camp Wannakumbac, near Onanole, Manitoba, and they married on August 8, 1959. Frances and Jim farmed at Homewood. They raised three children, Allan, Robert, and Gaylene, and participated in church and community organizations.

Frances loved nature and working outdoors. She took her commitments seriously and was a conscientious community member and friend.

Frances was predeceased by her husband, Jim McCutcheon, and her two sons, Robert Ian and Allan Glen.

Frances leaves to mourn her daughter, Gaylene and son-in-law Mark, as well as three grandsons, Sam, Luke, and Robert (Allan).

Frances also leaves to mourn her siblings and their spouses, Betty (Alf), Edith (Albert), Ray (Doreen), Ron (Gaileen), and Karen, as well as numerous nephews and nieces.

Mourners on the McCutcheon side include Arnold McCutcheon (Ilace), Marion Muldrew (Fraser), Deanna Mutcher (Wilf), David McCutcheon and Fred Vankoughnet, as well as nieces and nephews.

Many thanks and gratitude to the caring staff at Boyne Lodge, to Mark Reimer at Doyle's Funeral Home, to Reverend Harold Kenyon, to Rose Ediger, to Marnie Fry and her team, and to all the people who visited Frances over the years.

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

OBITUARY



Jake A. Wieler

With great sadness we announce the sudden passing of our husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle, son and friend Jake A. Wieler. Otherwise known as "The Pool Table Man".

Left to mourn is his beloved wife Debbie (of 47 years); daughter Cynthia (James), son Vance (Michelle), daughter Connie (Jordan); and grandchildren Emily, Jesse, Benjamin, Damian, Noah and Angelica. Jake also leaves behind his brother Ed (Connie), Sisters Carol, Kathy (Eldon), Nancy (Randy) and numerous nephews, nieces, cousins and friends. Jake is predeceased by his beloved son Andy, brother Kenneth, father Cornelius, mother Agnes and sister Martha.

Jake was born and lived in the Winkler area before his family moved to Stephenfield. There he grew his passion for nature, gardening and fishing. At a young age Jake was taught the value of hard work and the foundation of his faith. Jake met Debbie in Winnipeg and went on to have four children. Jake had a passion for travelling and adventure that he enjoyed with Debbie and his children. In Jake's younger days he sold farm machinery and farmed. His true calling came as a hobby that turned into his life long career of pool tables. This took him and Debbie all over North America.

Family would like to thank the health care teams at Boundary Trails, HSC and the amazing staff at Carman Memorial Hospital that gave him comfort and care for his final days.

Donations to be made to the Palliative Care department at the Carman Memorial Hospital.

Funeral service was held on Saturday, January 20, 2024 at the Carman United Church. Interment took place in Greenwood Cemetery, Carman.

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Carman Family Resource Centre ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Thursday, February 8, 2024 @ 7:00 pm
120 - 4th Ave SW
Boyne Lodge
Memberships: \$5
Everyone Welcome!



The Redboine Watershed District is currently seeking applicants for the position of

Watershed Assistant (Summer 2024)

The Watershed Assistant will work directly with the District Technician in seasonal projects and follow direction of any other tasks/jobs assigned by the District Manager or Administrator.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Preferably enrolled in post secondary programs surrounding earth sciences. (ie. Land and water Management, GIS/Geomatics, Agriculture etc.)
- Experience with GPS and GIS would be looked upon greatly.
- Must hold a valid class 5 drivers license.
- Agriculture background is a definite asset.
- Able to work alone, or with a team safely.

DUTIES:

- Assist in daily and summer projects such as dam building, well sealing, erosion protection etc.
- Work directly with landowners in the district.
- Assist in all GPS surveying and GIS analysis.
- Attend and assist with workshops, seminars, education days etc.
- Help with advertising the Watershed Districts.
- Daily housekeeping duties as needed.
- Follow safety guidelines.

Because the RBWD receives partial funding from the Hometown Green Team program and the Canada Summer Jobs program, priority will be given to applicants that are:

- students or unemployed youth aged 16 to 24
- living in rural Manitoba and legally entitled to work in Canada
- finished their studies for the year if in high school
- returning to an educational institution in the fall

If you are interested in applying for the position, please submit your resume before 4:00 pm, Friday, February 23rd, 2024 to:

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If your schedule leaves you walking at dawn, dusk, or after dark, you should learn to do so safely. Whether you find yourself walking in the dark due to the short days of winter, the need to beat the summer heat, or because of an overnight walking event, use these strategies to stay safe.

Wear Reflective Gear

Black may be slimming, but you need to be reflective so you can be seen in the dark. The more you reflect a human shape, the quicker motorists will recognize you and the safer you'll be. Cars may not recognize you as a human if you have only a couple of small reflective patches.

Your walking clothes should have reflective stripes in the front, back, and down the sides. Many packs

and shoes have reflective patches or stripes. Wearing a reflective safety vest is a very good choice to ensure you'll be seen when walking at night.

Light Your Way

Even if you are walking in an area with streetlights, you may encounter some dark patches. A lightweight flashlight can come in handy. Or, you can wear a headlamp to keep your hands free and not stress your wrists. An LED headlamp has a much longer battery life compared to one with a standard bulb. Look for a model that allows you to adjust the angle of the beam so it will focus where you need it.

A few companies make hats with LED lights built into the front or brim, or individual units that can

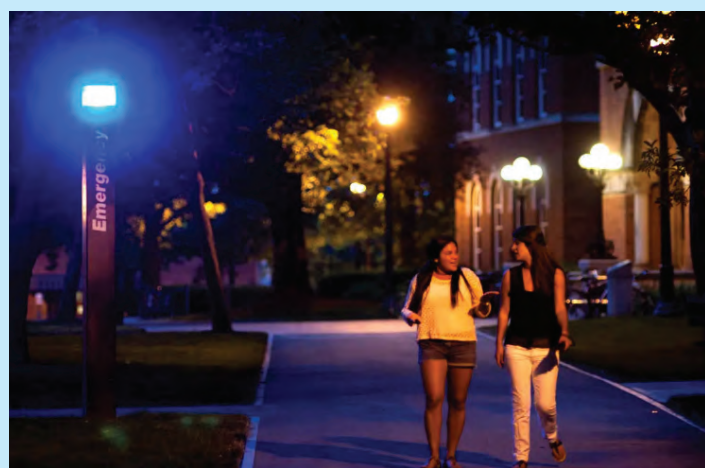
clip onto the bill of a hat. These can work well, but the angle might be off depending on how you wear the hat and carry your head.

Choose Your Route Wisely

Picking a location that you're familiar with can make you feel more comfortable walking at night when it's harder to see where you're going.

Choose routes that are well lit, allow you to walk away from traffic, and don't have a lot of shrubbery or dark areas. Outdoor shopping centers can be a good option for nighttime walking because they usually have lots of lighting and there are other people around so you'll feel safer. Always let someone know where you're going when you head out for a walk.

- **Use sidewalks and off-road paths, rather than the street.**
- **Walk facing traffic so you can see and react to vehicles.**
- **Use extra caution when crossing streets. Drivers do not expect pedestrians to be out walking at night.**
- **Avoid deserted routes. Use the same routes used by other walkers and runners.**
- **Don't be blinded by light. Headlights can make it difficult for you to see for a while after they've passed.**



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