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Painting for fun

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The charming interior of Crazy Lady's Cafeteria and Country Style Catering in Carman was the setting for Paint Night on Feb. 28 with owner Susi Keck (right) instructing her guests in basic techniques using acrylic paint. Keck hosts these fun and relaxing evenings throughout the winter at her restaurant.

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Solo exhibit at GPAC features artist Callen Froese

Art on display until March 31

By Autumn Fehr

Winnipeg artist Callen Froese will have a solo show, titled, 'The God Concept,' on display at the Golden Prairie Arts Council (GPAC) until March 31.

"I specifically explored what God and what divinity look like to me and redefining that for myself in an inclusive and loving way," said Froese.

The exhibit is a compilation of Froese's works from 2017 to 2022.

This is Froese's first exhibit at GPAC, but she has been showing her work professionally since 2017.

It's safe to say that for most of us creativity has been a big part of our lives since we were kids, said Froese.

There are approximately 25 framed works and one installation piece, which is an ongoing project and a special feature happening at the show this month.

During COVID-19, Froese created sweaters that she calls the Infinity Crochet Sweater.

"The concept was to create a playful way to connect with loved ones while we were in quarantine," said Froese.

The sweaters have extra length in the arms to make it so individuals can have a COVID hug, so to speak, and have two people wearing these sweaters, so they can be socially distanced, with six feet between them when the sweaters are connected.



Froese's piece titled, "Flowers of Silk."

"I created them with the intention of dismantling them at some point, and now that we're at a point where we can gather in person, and art and music and all that is happening again, I thought it would be a good time to unravel them," said Froese.

At the show opening on March 10, Froese finally unravelled her pandemic project as an ode to the end of an era.

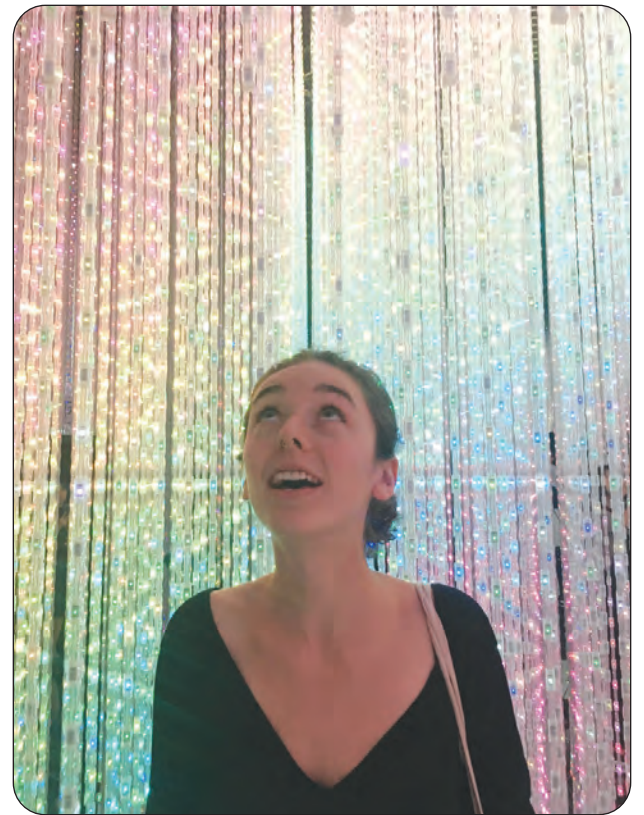
As the show is a compilation of her works over a number of years, there is no strict theme to the show. Instead, there is a common theme that runs through her work.

"I'm often exploring whatever is going on in my personal life through art. Whether it's relationship

to nature or to other people. Social justice movements are really important to me, so considering different ethnicities, gender identities, and sexuality," said Froese.

The main mediums used within the pieces are ink illustration, pencil illustration, and collages.

In her collage work, Froese likes using natural materials such as dry flowers, leaves, and naturally dying papers.



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Winnipeg artist, Callen Froese has been selling her pieces professionally since 2017. Her work will be displayed at the Golden Prairie Arts Council until March 31.

She uses various forms in pieces on display, such as Japanese washi and Indian cotton paper. Then, using other techniques, she layers the papers into her works.

"It's impossible not to (create). It's inherent to my being and helps me figure things out. It makes me feel alive and connected to other people and my surroundings," said Froese.

Over the coming month, Froese's work will be up at the Millennium Library in Winnipeg during May and at the art gallery in Altona from August to September.

To check out Froese's work or request a commissioned piece, you can reach out to her through her website at callenfroese.ca or her Instagram at [callen_creates](https://www.instagram.com/callen_creates).

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Infinity Crochet Sweaters were one of Froese's COVID projects.



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Giant Pumpkin Growers seminar coming to Carman

By Ty Dilello

The Manitoba Giant Growers Association (MGGA) invite all pumpkin growers to a seminar about the intricacies of growing giant pumpkins. The seminar will be from 1-3 p.m. on March 25 at the Carman Legion Hall.

The MGGA is pleased to organize a seminar again following the two-year COVID hiatus. The seminar will include a PowerPoint presentation by Milan Lukes, a two-time Roland Pumpkin Fair winner.

"This is an excellent opportunity for new growers to learn the many challenges of growing giant pumpkins," said Art Cameron of the MGGA.

In his presentation, Lukes will cover all aspects of growing a giant pumpkin, from selecting good quality seed

to getting the seed started in the house and transplanting it out to your garden. Once established outside, he will touch on pruning the plant, pollinating the flowers, watching for disease or insect damage, providing good wind protection as the plants are quite fragile, and also discuss many ways to encourage good growth.

He will also discuss things to watch out for when the pumpkin grows and how to avoid problems. Finally, Lukes will show how to carefully remove your pumpkin from the vine and take it to a weigh-off.

After Milan's presentation, Laverne Wojciechowski, the western Canadian representative for the Great Pumpkin Commonwealth (GPC), will report on the recent conference held in Boston.

The GPC is the governing organization that establishes the rules for over 100 weigh-offs around the world, and the rules are designed to ensure that all growers are treated fairly.

Finally, a short discussion about the rules will be held to ensure all new growers know their responsibilities. There will be four door prizes of seeds from the 2537 lb. pumpkin grown by Mr. Don Crews of Lloydminster.

"Since the MGGA hasn't charged a membership since 2017, it will be necessary to charge in 2023 to pay for the cost of holding the seminar," said Cameron. "Memberships are \$10 per person, or \$15 per family, and it's cash only."

Good seeds will be available for anyone new to the hobby. Coffee and



snacks will also be included. For further information, please contact Art Cameron at 204-343-2314 or artcam@mymts.net.

Miami, Morden community celebrations receive funding

Staff

Two local community celebrations are receiving funding boosts from the Manitoba government.

The province last week announced the recipients of \$323,000 in grants through the Arts, Culture and Sport in Community Fund's Community Celebrations program.

A total of 67 community celebrations

received funding, including Morden's Multicultural Winterfest (\$5,000) and Miami Recreation & Playspaces for a community social in fall celebrating the legacy of the Miami Fun and Fiddle Festival (\$5,000).

The government is pleased to be able to support these important community celebrations, Sport, Culture and Heritage Minister Obby Khan

said in announcing the grants.

"From winter and seasonal celebrations to feasts, fairs and festivals to cultural concerts and performances, community-based events offer Manitobans exciting opportunities to come together to celebrate their own heri-

tage and experience their neighbours' heritage."

Khan noted department staff evaluated grant applications based on project goals and eligibility, feasibility, and community impact.

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letter to the editor

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A life-saving message

This is written in reference to the article in the Feb. 16, 2023 edition of the *Carman Dufferin Standard*, "Volunteer firefighter on duty for I Love to Read Month." This article needs a 'slight' correction.

I did read "Stop Drop and Roll" by Margery Cuyler – and indeed it is a pretty neat book and the children seemed to enjoy it. It has good fire safety messages – such as having working smoke alarms – and making sure that they keep working. I have been on the fire department for over 30 years – and I know that smoke alarms save lives and that we should have fire drills at home too – including an escape plan and meeting place, so everyone will know what to do if there would be a fire. You have to get out – but can you? Upstairs? Basements? A really good thing to find out, before an incident!

However, I did not read the book as it is written, as it does have a few errors. "Stop, Drop and Roll", should read, "Stop, Drop and Rock". If our

clothing catches fire, we are to stop where we are, drop to the ground and roll over and over until we smother the flames – that does not work. Fire needs air to stay alive– just as children do. Choke off the air and fire is out. So, if your clothing catches fire, and you do Stop – which is correct– and Drop to the ground, you want to be on top of the fire to keep it from getting fresh air. If you start to Roll – the fire gets back on top again – gets fresh air and keeps on burning. Instead ROCK – back and forth on the fire – keep it down and choke it out. This is what the C.D.F.D has been teaching for the past many years – STOP DROP & ROCK.

Also, another safety tip in the book that does not make sense, but is still taught by many today, needed to be changed. In the book, it is written that if there is a fire in the house, before opening your door, in order to get out, you must feel or touch the door. If it is warm or hot, there is a fire on the other side and you cannot get out. That does not work since Wood – and most interior doors are made of wood - does not transfer

heat. Even if there is a raging fire in the next room, the door will still be cool. I have tried it – and one almost has to burn the door through before the heat can be felt. So, telling the children that it is just fine on the other side of the door as long as it feels cool is simply not true! The only safe way is to stop by the door, listen closely – fire makes noise – you may hear it. Hot air also creates pressure – so there will be a strong push on the door. Lean up against it – open it, just a wee bit – if there is smoke or fire on the other side you will see it right away - and you can shove the door shut again, and escape by you second way out (and you should have one as that is what your escape plan is for) or if there is only some smoke it will be up against the ceiling and you can crawl low under the smoke to get out.

Questions concerning fire safety, smoke alarms or escape plans, contact: martin.dewit7@gmail.com

- Martin Dewit
Public Education Safety Officer,
Carman Dufferin Fire Department

Don't let food insecurity cost you a pretty penne

With the cost of living continuing to grow, and the average salary staying the same, it's no surprise that Canadians are struggling with finances. More and more communities across the nation are experimenting with new ways to battle the ongoing food insecurity crisis.

According to reports from Second Harvest a national food rescue organization- food banks and other food-related programs across Canada served 5,141,481 people per month last year. They expect that number to

climb to 8,208,679 in 2023, a roughly 60 per cent increase. That's compared to 2,196,238 per month before the pandemic.

At the same time, Canada's Food Price Report has stated that grocery prices will continue to rise. The report predicts that food inflation will rise a steep five to seven per cent in 2023.

At an acute level, people struggling with food insecurity, are at higher risk of infectious diseases, injury, chronic conditions (heart disease, chronic pain and hypertension). The inability to access healthy food can trickle down to a person's mental health as well.

While you may think that your reliable sources of nutrition are out the window, you may find many of your

daily vitamins and minerals in your grain products, like pasta!

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With over 60 per cent of vulnerable Canadians turning to food banks as a resource to feed their families each month, making pasta a regular part of your diet will be sure to keep your tummy and wallet full.

Hannah Magee, registered dietitian, is available to discuss the health benefits of pasta and ways you can incorporate it into your meals during inflation.

- Warmly, Emma Gostovic

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MPs take pay raise same day they take more from taxpayers

By Franco Terrazzano

In less than a month, members of Parliament will take more money out of your wallet and stuff more into their own.

On April 1, the federal government is increasing carbon and alcohol taxes while MPs take their fourth pay raise since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic.

This year's pay raise will range from an extra \$5,100 for a backbench MP to an extra \$10,200 for Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, based on contract data published by the government of Canada.

A backbencher currently collects a \$189,500 salary. Ministers take home \$279,900. Trudeau gets \$379,000 from taxpayers. Do they really think they should take thousands more from their constituents, many of whom are struggling to fill the fridge?

But this year's changes alone downplay the pay raises politicians took during the pandemic.

As of April 1, MPs will receive an annual salary \$15,700 higher than they did pre-pandemic, while the prime minister will take home an extra \$31,400.

Politicians don't deserve pay raises when they make life unaffordable with higher taxes.

The federal carbon tax will be cranked up to 14 cents per litre of gas and 12 cents per cubic metre of natural gas on April 1.

The Trudeau government claims "families are going to be better off" with its carbon tax and rebates. The government expects you to believe it can raise taxes, skim some off the top

to pay for hundreds of new bureaucrats and still make you better off.

The Parliamentary Budget Officer's math shows Canadians shouldn't swallow that spin.

The carbon tax will cost the average family between \$402 and \$847 this year even after the rebates, according to the PBO. And this will be the fourth time Trudeau has increased his carbon tax since COVID-19 touched down.

While Ottawa sticks Canadians with higher bills, other countries have provided relief. The Canadian Taxpayers Federation identified 51 national governments that cut taxes during the pandemic and as inflation took off. That includes more than half of G7 and G20 countries and two-thirds of the countries in the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development.

Many of our peers were also offering relief at the pumps.

Australia cut its gas tax in half. India cut its gas tax to "keep inflation low, thus helping the poor and middle classes." The United Kingdom announced billions in fuel tax relief. South Korea cut its gas tax by 30 per cent. Germany, the Netherlands, Italy, Israel, Peru, Poland, 25 Indian states and union territories, Alberta, Ontario, Newfoundland and Labrador, New Jersey, and Florida also cut gas taxes.

You could be forgiven if all this drives you to drink. But Trudeau will also be reaching further into your wallet every time you pick up a case of Keith's, a bottle of Pinot or a micky of rum.

Canadians already pay about half of the price of beer, 65 per cent of the price of wine and three quarters of the price of spirits in taxes. And in April, the federal excise tax will be going up by another 6.3 per cent.

First passed in the 2017 budget, the federal escalator tax automatically increases excise taxes on alcohol with the rate of inflation each April. This undemocratic tax hike allows MPs to take more money from your wallet every year without having to vote on the increase.

After April's hike, the federal government's alcohol excise taxes will

have increased by about 18 per cent since the automatic annual increase was introduced in 2017.

Politicians shouldn't be raising taxes and giving themselves pay raises when Canadians are choosing between the jug of milk or the package of beef at the grocery store. All MPs should oppose April's tax and pay hikes.

Franco Terrazzano is the Federal Director of the Canadian Taxpayers Federation

HISTORIC HELP FOR MANITOBANS

Budget 2023 provides tax breaks, education property tax rebates and carbon tax relief fund cheques. That's more than \$5,000 more in the pockets of the average family.

Budget 2023 also remains on track with deficit reduction, due to higher than expected economic growth.

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THE LONG WAY HOME

By Tristen Fehr, age 14 years, St. Claude School Complex

I left school after a long day of ninth grade. I got bored of walking the same route so I decided to take the long way home.

I started my walk past the pond and as I passed behind the tree line I saw an amphibious monster enter the water. We learned that an amphibian is a creature

that can walk on land and swim in the water. I was frightened so I let out a guttural scream and ran as far and as fast as I could. I looked behind me and saw the creature was as tall as a tree running on its eight legs chasing after me faster than anything I've ever seen. I kept running until I kicked a tree root, tripping. Finally the monster caught up to me and everything went black waking up in my room.

Conservatives loosen purse strings in election-year budget

By Lorne Stelmach

The new provincial budget was touted last week as delivering both historic help for Manitobans and record levels of funding for services.

It delivers \$1.8 billion in affordability and tax measures while bolstering vital programs and services with a record-setting investment of \$2 billion, said Premier Heather Stefanson and Finance Minister Cliff Cullen.

"I think this is a significant and very bold step in the right direction ... in fact, this is historic in our province. We have never before seen the kinds of tax relief that we have in this budget," said Stefanson. "We are getting back to our roots as progressive conservatives—progressive on social issues and conservative on fiscal issues."

"This budget is about doing everything possible for Manitobans at a time when they need it most," said Cullen.

He went on to stress that the spending increases were not coming at the expense of fiscal responsibility.

"I wouldn't say it's out the window at all. I think the focus initially when we came into office was on the bottom line," he said. "We're in a pretty good place economically from our recovery ... that allows us additional money to make additional investments."

"It's really finding a balance. We only have so much money to deal with."

The budget projects a \$363 million deficit, which would be down \$15

million from the current 2022-23 forecast of \$378 million.

It will leave more than \$5,500 in the pockets of the average family by 2024 while delivering across-the-board funding increases in all 19 government departments, officials say.

The budget includes the largest personal income tax reduction in Manitoba history. Changes to the provincial basic personal amount will ensure Manitobans do not pay tax on the first \$15,000 they earn in 2023.

This measure alone will save the average two income family over \$1,000 and will remove 47,400 low-income Manitobans from the tax rolls, the government says.

At the same time, the government says its redoubling efforts to help heal the health care system with an investment of \$7.9 billion. It is an increase of \$668 million to help shorten wait times and rebuild the front lines. The budget also initiates a \$1.2 billion multi-year capital campaign that will add capacity to nine health care facilities.

"Budget 2023 is making significant investments to heal health care in our province to help people get the care they need, when and where it's needed," Cullen stressed. "We're making foundational investments to reduce diagnostic and surgical backlogs, hire more health professionals and support health infrastructure needs, but we're also expanding coverage for diabetes insulin pumps and glucose monitors and creating a new hearing



SCREENSHOT

Premier Heather Stefanson and Finance Minister Cliff Cullen unveiled the Conservative government's 2023 budget last week in Winnipeg.

aid program for Manitobans."

The budget provides funding of more than \$100 million to address the challenges of violent crime and homelessness and \$1.7 billion for public schools.

The Manitoba government says it is also well on its way to creating 23,000 affordable child care spaces and will invest \$76 million this year to introduce affordable child care three years ahead of plans in other provinces.

The budget will also provide more help for Manitobans with disabilities, as funding increases there to \$640 million. Municipal operating funding is also increasing \$47 million to a total of \$217 million.

The financial plan will also invest \$65 million more into post-secondary institutions and cap university tuition increases at 2.75 per cent, and it assists

small business growth and supports the creation of new made-in-Manitoba jobs by increasing investments in loans and guarantees by \$27 million to spur private-sector investment. It also includes \$15 million for the community economic development fund and \$20 million to support economic development.

"Our message to investors is simple: Come grow in Manitoba," Cullen said. "We are investing more than \$2.5 billion in trade-enabling highway infrastructure over the next five years and making investments to spur economic development opportunities and generate well-paying jobs."

"Combined, the opportunities that lie ahead will support vital services, strengthen the government's fiscal position and provide historic help for Manitobans."

Critics slam Tory budget as too little, too late

By Lorne Stelmach

The provincial budget introduced last week delivered a range of measures touted by the government as historic, but the tax relief and investments, though welcomed, also had critics suggesting the government didn't go far enough in providing

more relief after years of falling short.

"I recognize where they're coming from; we recognize, sure, there's more to do, but I think that today this is a historic day in giving and providing much needed relief to Manitobans," Premier Heather Stefanson emphasized after unveiling the budget.

The Canadian Taxpayers Federation supported the much touted income tax cut but was calling on the government to speed up its timeline and immediately provide more full relief.

"Today's tax relief is good news and will let Manitobans keep more of their money when it's needed the most,"

said prairie director Gage Haubrich. "But families are struggling to afford groceries today, so why is the government waiting until after the election to provide the full tax cut?"

"The government needs to balance the budget and stop throwing more debt on the backs of future Manitobans."

Dougald Lamont and the Manitoba Liberals observed that the PCs were trying to buy back trust from Manitobans with a big promise budget that will not make up for their seven years of cuts and freezes to health care, education, municipalities, and people in need.

"The PCs seem to think they can foul up as badly as they want, and

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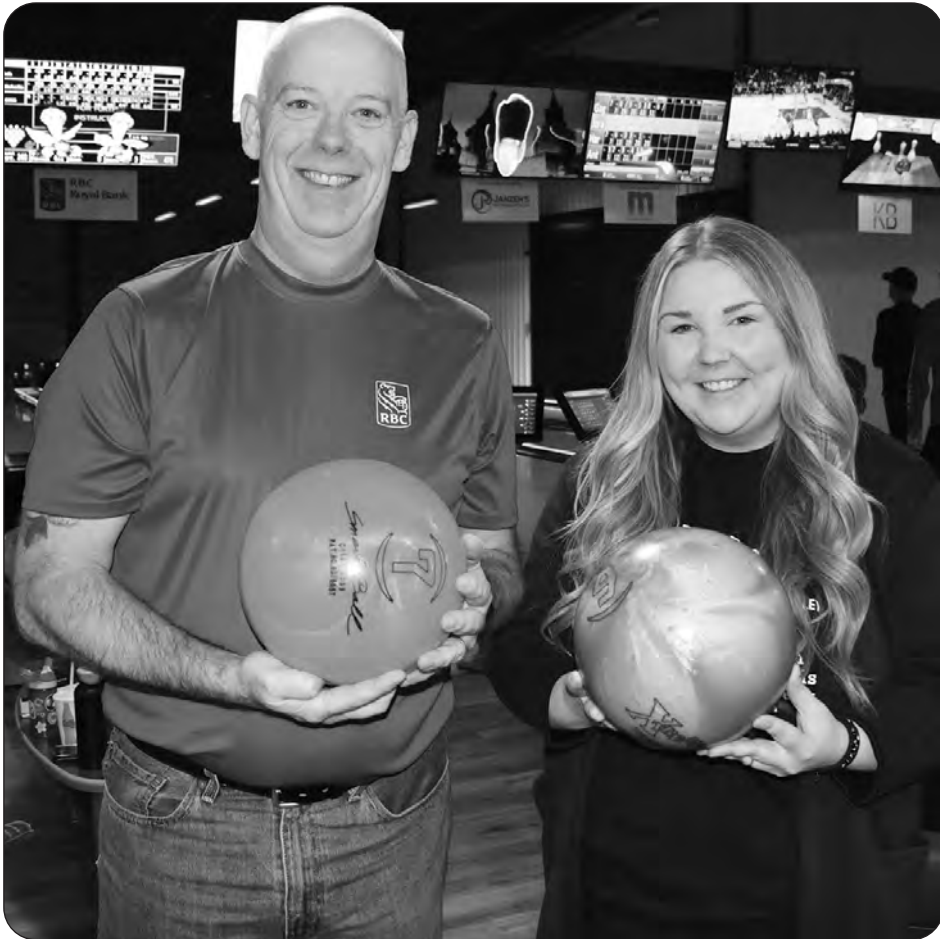
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Bowl for Kids raises \$25K for Big Brothers Big Sisters



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RBC's Brad Poole and Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Pembina Valley executive director Jennelle Neufeld at Bowl for Kids Sake in Winkler Saturday, which raised \$25,000 for the mentoring agency.

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Bowl for Kids Sake made a triumphant return at VB's Entertainment Center in Winkler last weekend.

The pandemic has foiled Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Pembina Valley's plans for their biggest annual fundraiser for the past three years, making the 2023 edition extra special, said executive director Jenelle Neufeld.

"We're so thrilled to be able to have it again," she said, noting they had over 30 teams sponsored, with only a few not able to make it in due to the weekend storm.

Financially, the day was a solid success, bringing in over \$25,000 before expenses.

"Considering the weather and the fact it was our first year back, I'm very happy with it," Neufeld said. "It's so

great to be able to have events in person again and to see people that have been supporting our organization all through the pandemic."

The funds go to support the agency's various mentoring programs, which include one-on-one community matches between adult volunteers and kids, in-school mentoring between teens and younger students, and various group mentoring sessions.

"All of the funds that we raise in any of our fundraising, especially Bowl for Kids, goes right back into our programming," Neufeld stressed.

If you'd like to support Big Bros. or get involved as a volunteer, head to peminavalley.bigbrothersbigsisters.ca to learn more.

> CRITICS SLAM BUDGET, FROM PG. 6

it doesn't matter because they'll just buy their way out of trouble," Lamont said. "Even where the budget makes big promises, how can you trust the PCs to fix health, education or infrastructure when they just spent seven years trashing these sectors?"

"Manitoba needs a plan to rebuild and recover after a pandemic and decades of neglect by both the PCs and NDP. This is more of the same that we've heard for decades, and it hasn't worked," he added. "If we're really going to tap into Manitoba's potential, we need to invest in our own people, our own businesses, our own public services and in environmental renewal for the long-term."

An increase in funding for universities is a step in the right direction, but it fails to repair the damage inflicted on the post-secondary education sector since 2016, suggested the Manitoba Organization of Faculty Associations.

"After seven years of cuts, this has left Manitoba's universities struggling to recruit and retain faculty, support student success and invest in the future of our province. One year of good news will not fix seven years of bad

choices," said vice-president Allison McCulloch. "Public funding for higher education has been cut by nearly a quarter in real dollars, shifting the burden on to the backs of students."

Manitoba's largest union was also not convinced the budget is anything more than an attempt to bury the harm the Conservatives have caused to public services.

"After two terms of active attacks on public services, the Conservatives think that they can buy themselves the next election," said Gina McKay, president of CUPE Manitoba.

"The damage that Stefanson's government has done to our public services isn't going away because of an election-year budget," she emphasized. "People are struggling across Manitoba to make ends meet, and this government has spent its time in office cutting health care, privatizing services and failing to meet the needs of our schools and universities."

"The government tried to freeze workers' wages and push Manitobans further behind. How can anyone trust them to provide real support that keeps up?"



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Morden's Katia Peters shoots for the skies

By Lorne Stelmach

It may have seemed predestined for Katia Peters to end up flying in her life and for a living.

Now that her career path is taking flight with a commercial licence, the daughter of a Morden pilot fondly remembered by many people feels her father would be proud of what she's accomplished.

"Being the best in our field was what he wanted us to do," Peters said recently during Women of Aviation Week, an event where aviation enthusiasts across the globe celebrate the 113th anniversary of the world's first female pilot licence and encourage more women to get into the field.

Having recently graduated from the highly regarded aviation program at the University of North Dakota (UND), where Peters now serves as a flight instructor, she thinks often of her father Jim Peters, who operated Mountain City Aviation in Morden until he died in a crash last year.

She very much grew up around aviation and flying, but it wasn't necessarily something she at first saw herself taking up.

"I definitely remember as a kid my dad encouraged me and all of my siblings ... not just to get at least a private pilot's licence, he wanted us to be involved in aviation at least a little bit and do it for fun.

"I remember being the kid who went no, dad, I'm not going to do it," she recalled. "And now, I'm the kid who is actually pursuing it as a career, so I thought that is kind of ironic.

"He always encouraged us to at least hang out at the flight school ... and he always even recruited us just to be summer workers," said Peters, who then recalled one summer going through a bunch of flying magazines and seeing photos of a HondaJet that got her attention.

"I thought that would be kind of cool to fly one of these," she said. "So it was then maybe I will go into aviation."

Peters then discovered that UND was known for having a top aviation school, so it seemed like a perfect opportunity.

"It was kind of a no-brainer. Even though it's in the States, it was only a few hours away from Morden, so I could easily come home to visit or my family could come to see me."

It quickly became a passion for her, and she often thinks of her father now as she takes to the skies.

"My dad drew me to flying, so it makes me feel connected to him," said Peters. "I also just thought it's something different ... it's liberating just to be able to go up in the air and have that skill that I have now, and I can take people up. I love going for flights with my friends.

"I love showing that it's really not that difficult ... that anybody can be a pilot, and I just love sharing that with other people.

"Also travelling is another thing that I really want to do," added Peters, who now has a number of career options ahead of her, including flying for an airline or for another corporate company. For now, she's enjoying being a flight instructor.

"Typically before you go to an airline, you need about 1,500 hours. But UND, since it is such an accredited program, they'll make us have about a thousand hours," she noted. "Once I get about 2,000 hours, that's when I can be looking at air-



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Katia Peters, shown above with her late father and fellow pilot Jim Peters, recently completed her aviation training at the University of North Dakota, where she now works as a flight instructor.



lines or some sort of corporate job."

Peters didn't necessarily encounter a lot of barriers to getting into the industry, but she did observe that she was clearly in the minority as a woman.

"There's definitely challenges ... there definitely is a bit more of a focus for women," she suggested. "When I started at UND, the percentage of women who were involved in aviation program was maybe five per cent, and now it's up to about 13 per cent.

"There are some struggles. It's a balance between

am I being hired by this company because of my skill or is it because I am a woman and they need more diversity," she observed. "We want it to be because we're skilled."

Peters would encourage any girl or woman with an interest to give aviation consideration.

"I know the cost always is something that might turn people away ... but if you can, I would recommend to anyone who has even the slightest interest to go for it."

Charitable raffle licence fees reduced

Lower fees will help Manitoba charitable sector

Submitted by Manitoba government

The Manitoba government is introducing regulatory changes to the Licensing and Appeals Regulation that will allow the Liquor, Gaming and Cannabis Authority of Manitoba (LGCA) to restructure its licence fee model for charitable raffles, Justice Minister Kelvin Goertzen announced Thursday.

"Manitobans are the most charitable people in all of Canada," said Goertzen. "Lowering raffle fees will ensure that more of Manitobans generosity will go to the charities and causes they are choosing to support."

Under the new model, the fee

for major raffles – with anticipated gross revenues over \$10,000 – will be reduced to one per cent from 1.5 per cent of the actual gross revenue, calculated and due after the event. The change represents a 33 per cent fee reduction for raffle licensees, noted Goertzen.

"We're so grateful for community champions who choose to use raffles to help raise funds for sick and injured children," says Stefano Grande, president and CEO, Children's Hospital Foundation of Manitoba. "We welcome the news of a reduction in raffle licence fees because it will help fundraisers be even more successful in supporting families in hospital."

Charitable raffles with anticipated gross revenues between \$2,000 and \$10,000 will pay a nominal licence fee, while char-

itable raffles with anticipated gross revenues under \$2,000 – which typically operate for recreational purposes rather than fundraising – will continue to be eligible for a free licence.

"It is important for public agencies like the LGCA to continually review our fee structures to ensure they are appropriate and not an impediment for our regulated industries. This amendment is a positive step in supporting Manitoba charities and their hard work in our communities," said Kristianne Dechant, executive director and CEO, LGCA.

The minister noted regulatory changes related to charitable raffle fees were introduced alongside Manitoba government measures to modernize liquor service in the province.

Building a microgreen business, one tray at a time

By Raegan Hedley

Five years ago, Kurtis Bouskill walked into his 4,000 sq. ft. barn and thought, “what a waste.” His family farm near Stonewall stopped shipping milk 17 years ago, and they hadn’t done much with the dairy barn since.

“It’s a very good building, and I wanted to use it for something other than just storage,” he says. “I felt it was a shame.”

Bouskill went to YouTube for an answer. He noticed people were using spaces like his for indoor growing. Inspired, he turned to books, YouTube and experience to get started.

“There’s plenty of information out there, obviously, and I just kind of follow what people have already done and succeeded at,” says Bouskill. “I had a wealth of knowledge in my back pocket even before I started, and I farm too, so there’s that business as well. I lean on that a lot.”

Bouskill owned an automotive business for a long time until he recently sold it, so building something from the ground up wasn’t new to him.

“With my other business, I’d been at it for 25 years, so I couldn’t learn any more there. I wanted to try something new, and it just made sense for how things are now,” says Bouskill. “To keep this farm rolling...I had to come up with a different plan.”

And that’s how Jackfish Creek Gardens, a local microgreens business, came to be. Named after the river that runs through the family farm, Bouskill says Jackfish Creek Gardens is his passion project. Over a five-year period, Bouskill slowly retrofitted the barn to make it more efficient for indoor growth. His wife, Camille, works on the business, but he didn’t hire any other help, opting instead to do all the work himself on a “shoe-string budget.” He was experimenting and trying to figure out what to grow during this time.

“I just started chipping away at it... until I got good at it,” says Bouskill. “I know how to fail and I try not to let it discourage me.”

Indoor growing is all about the environment, which Bouskill says he learned quickly after experimenting with buttercrunch lettuce and basil and “failing miserably.”

“The lights are one thing, but the temperature and humidity is everything. You have to have that dialed in. So that was a big part of my learning curve. It was always cool in the barn, and I thought it would be alright. Nah. Stuff just wouldn’t grow.”

He saw online that microgreens, the edible seedlings of vegetables and



Microgreens are a great garnish and lettuce alternative for tacos, soups, sandwiches and salads.

herbs, were easier to grow, so he gave them a shot. To reach the temperature the plants need to grow properly (about 75 degrees) without heating the entire 4,000 sq. ft. barn, Bouskill grows in tents, so he only has to heat a fraction of the barn.

“As I grow, I’m going to lose the tents and have the heat up in the whole barn. The scalability is there. I just need more clients.”

Bouskill keeps Jackfish Creek Gardens’ environmental footprint low. Compared to traditional farming methods, he describes microgreens as “wildly efficient.”

“You’re able to get so much more out of a small piece of land and a small amount of water,” says Bouskill. “My microgreens don’t even require fertilization...I water them about three times a cycle, and I’m done.”

2022 was the first year Bouskill did Jackfish Creek Gardens full-time.

“This being my first year, I realized we do still farm here...we do 250 acres of hay and alfalfa — so from July to September, I was very busy.”

Despite having a full-on farm schedule, it didn’t stop him from doing the farmers market circuit throughout the summer, then continuing through the fall and winter. He says he recently purchased some new software to sell fresh microgreens directly to local consumers through his website.

“I’m not going to grow until I get the order through my website. So you’d go on my website, order what you like... and in 7-10 days, you’ll pick up your very fresh food.”

Jackfish Creek Gardens has four options: pea shoots, radish, broccoli and a blend of all three. Because his products are so fresh, Bouskill says his will last in the fridge for up to two weeks.

Dr. Victoria Baldwin, Naturopathic Doctor, says microgreens are great for people with busy lifestyles because they’re very nutrient-dense, even in small quantities.

“Aside from vitamins and minerals, they contain plant substances that



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Camille and Kurtis Bouskill. The Jackfish Creek Gardens logo pays homage to the barn where the microgreens are grown and shows Jackfish Creek, which runs through the farm and is what the business is named after.



Indoor grow tents help maintain the temperature and humidity for microgreens to thrive.

benefit health. They provide antioxidants and polyphenols that can lower heart disease risk, help control blood sugar, support a healthy microbiome and are great for your digestive system health.”

Bouskill explained that his 143-year-old family farm is “small by today’s standards,” but he says niche is the way to go when you can’t compete against the big 4,000-acre farms.

“You have to be specialty. I’m looking for things people aren’t doing and take the non-traditional route,” he says. “I saw microgreens five years ago, and they weren’t a big thing, but all of a sudden, in today’s day in age, with supply chains and all the shipping issues...I just thought, why can’t we grow this right here in our backyard?”

Even though growing basil and buttercrunch lettuce didn’t work initially, he’s “happy to report I do grow them both now.”

“I now have a machine called an



Jackfish Creek Gardens has four options of microgreens to purchase: pea shoots, radish, broccoli and a blend of all three.

Omega Garden — it’s a rotary garden that circles around a bright light. So on top of the microgreens, they’re now part of my offering.”

Customers in Stonewall, Teulon and Selkirk will soon be able to pick up their orders from a partner restaurant in each respective town. Bouskill calls this “the next chapter for this small farm.”

“My goal is to fill the other nine months with growing indoors throughout the rest of the season,” says Bouskill. “If I become successful, it will be a year-round venture.”

Find Jackfish Creek Gardens on Instagram: @jackfishcreek.

Carman's twist on Twist



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Carman Collegiate students put their own twist on the Charles Dickens' classic novel, 'Oliver Twist' last Friday at the Carman Community Theatre. The playwright written by Mickey Coburn is a mischievous comedy adaptation of Oliver Twist, an orphan boy who runs into the wrong crowd of juvenile pickpockets called Fagin's gang. The story illustrates the seriousness of how poverty nurtures crime yet included some modern day humour, singing and dancing.



Dufferin Agricultural Society ready to put on show at Carman Fair

By Ty Dilello

The Dufferin Agricultural Society (DAS) is ready to make 2023 a banner year and incorporate some changes to make this year's Carman Fair one of the best.

The DAS is an integral part of the local community as it has a history which spans back to 1889. The DAS's banner for 2023 to its supporters is, "We are giving the fair back to the community."

There is a new board for the DAS that consists of Bernie Townsend as president, Trish Aubin (vice president), Elaine Owen (finance director) and Melissa Cruickshank (secretary/manager).

"As President, I am thrilled that we have a board of volunteers who are committed to expanding the Carman Fair to be inclusive of all people from within and outside our community," said Bernie Townsend. "Our initiative to waive entry fees allows everyone the opportunity to attend the Carman Fair."

Some new events introduced at this year's Carman Fair include the Drone Light Show, remote control off-road races, interactive remote-control racing car circuit, the English-style

street fair, and the increased livestock events. A new animal farm incorporating interactive displays for young children and a petting zoo are also significant features of the 2023 Carman Fair.

Dufferin Agricultural Society will also provide funding for the Carman Handi-Van to enable community members who have difficulty getting to the Carman Fair to access safe and friendly transport with advertised pickup times and a welcome to the fair area as well as drop-off at homes after their visit to the fair-grounds.

"We are welcoming all members of the community, including seniors, low-income families, and citizens with accessibility issues, by contracting the handi-van to provide a pickup and drop off service to any person/s who cannot get to the fair by their own means."

Additionally, this year the DAS is committed to providing an Education Endowment Fund to local Collegiate students through a major 50/50 draw. And another initiative is a nursing mother's rest area that will be set up in a vacant concession booth with the guidance of Michelle Bergsma from



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The Dufferin Agricultural Society is ready to make 2023 a banner year and incorporate some changes that will make this year's Carman Fair one of the best ever.

Carman Family Resource Centre.

"We have events that have never before been seen at Carman Fair," said Townsend. "And we are catering for all ages by having interactive events, so it's going to make for an amazing weekend of fun."

The Carman Fair will be held from July 13-15. For more info, please check out the website at www.carmanfair.ca or visit the Carman Fair page on Facebook or Instagram. You can also email them at Carmfair@mymts.net.

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GrainFox launches game-changing agtech platform

By Raegan Hedley

The future of grain and commodity marketing is personalized. On Feb. 21, GrainFox launched a new virtual platform that will help producers keep up with the markets, plan and track their cash flow, tabulate expenses, calculate returns, track sales and inventory, and make sales decisions.

“The process of grain marketing is very complex. There’s a lot on the line and a lot of factors that go into making that selling decision,” said Liz Pham, Chief Growth Officer at GrainFox. “We’re really there to guide them through that complexity, and remove the emotion of that selling decision.”

GrainFox doesn’t sell or broker the sale of grain or commodities. According to the company, the platform uses machine learning and AI, input from analytical teams, and insights from

their network of Customer Success Managers to provide recommendations. It all came about because Lepp said they identified a gap in the market: small-to-medium-sized farms were being under-served

when it came to marketing support for their operations.

“In these times of heightened volatility and uncertainty in the markets, personalization has never been more important to a producer’s sales strategy,” said Mark Lepp, Founder and CEO of GrainFox.

“We wanted to create a platform

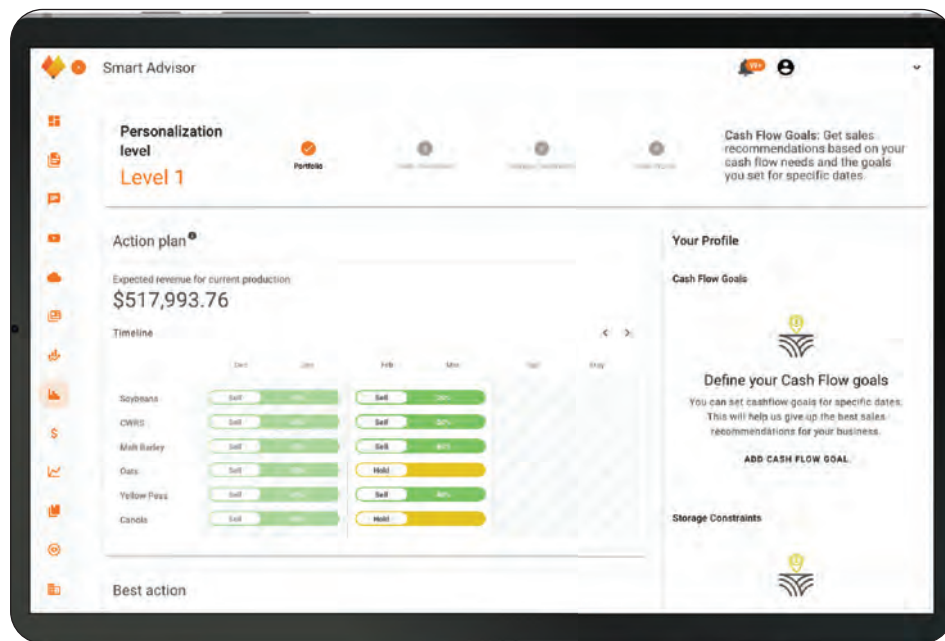
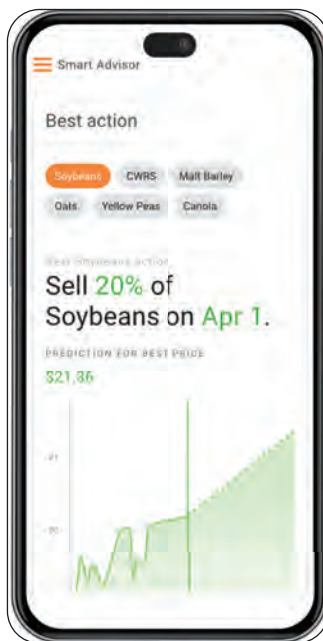


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The Smart Advisor will help producers keep up with the markets, plan and track their cash flow, tabulate expenses, calculate returns, track sales and inventory, and make sales decisions.

that’s cost-effective and has a self-serve option to bring more value and support to help producers make more informed grain selling decisions as they go through their journey on their operation of taking their crop from the bin to the bank.”

Lepp said the goal with GrainFox is to offer a “single source of truth for all things grain marketing,” where pro-

ducers can connect all their data that are relevant to the grain marketing decision to help them make the best strategies possible.

“Farmers typically have at least a dozen different apps and different data silos within their operation,” said Lepp. “What we’re working on is bringing all those data silos together

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Canada's farmland values continued to climb in 2022, FCC reports

Submitted by FCC

The average value of Canadian farmland increased by 12.8 per cent in 2022, amid strong farm income, elevated input prices and rising interest rates. The demand for farmland remained robust and the supply of farmland available for sale continues to be limited, according to the latest FCC Farmland Values Report.

Farmland values saw the highest increase since 2014 and follow gains of 8.3 per cent in 2021 and 5.4 per cent in 2020.

In Manitoba, average farmland values increased by 11.2 per cent in 2022, following gains of 9.9 per cent in 2021 and 3.6 per cent in 2020.

"Challenging economic conditions could have been expected to slow the demand for farmland and the resulting price buyers paid for land in 2022," said J.P. Gervais, FCC's chief economist. "But the underlying fundamental factors in the farmland market tell another story."

FCC estimates that receipts of grains, oilseeds and pulses in Canada have increased 18.3 per cent in 2022, and are projected to grow 9.4 per cent in 2023.

"Higher farm revenues are driving the demand for farmland, but higher borrowing costs and increased input prices are expected to lead to declines in the number of sales in 2023," according to Gervais.

The highest average provincial increases in farmland values were observed in Ontario, Prince Edward Island and New Brunswick, with increases of 19.4, 18.7 and 17.1 per cent, respectively. Saskatchewan followed with a 14.2 per cent increase. Five provinces had average increases below the national average at 11.6 per cent in Nova Scotia, 11.2 per cent in Manitoba, 11.0 per cent in Quebec and 10.0 per cent in Alberta.

British Columbia is the only province to have recorded a single-digit increase at 8.0 per cent, but it is also a market where land values are the highest on average.

There was an insufficient number of publicly reported sales in Newfoundland and Labrador, Northwest Territories, Nunavut and Yukon to fully assess farmland values in those regions.

"It's good practice to have and

maintain a risk management plan that takes into account possible economic changes," said Gervais. "When producers ensure their budgets have room to flex if commodity prices, yields or interest rates shift, they're better off in the long run." FCC also suggests producers to exercise caution, especially in regions where the growth rate of farmland values exceeded that of farm income in recent years, which was the case in most provinces.

Gervais acknowledges that higher farmland values pose a challenge for young producers, new entrants and other operations that are looking to expand.

"Land is more expensive now relative to income than it's ever been. The ability to service debt and overall equity in the operation are critical factors of success going forward," he said. "The good news is that farmland value increases reflect a positive outlook for the demand of agriculture commodities and the quality food we produce in Canada."

"Producers have a long track record of making strategic investments in land, even before agriculture and

food was identified as one of six sectors with the highest potential for growth by the Advisory Council on Economic Growth in 2016," Gervais said. "These long-term investments in food production have spurred growth and create a bright future for Canada's agriculture and food industry."

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so if the producer wants to use that information from their operation to help power their wealth management tools, they can."

At the core of the GrainFox platform

is a tool called Smart Advisor. The first of its kind in North America, it provides personalized sales recommendations based on how the sale of each crop in a farmer's portfolio interacts with one another. It synthesizes historical and current market data, along

with producers' cash flow goals, storage constraints and risk tolerance to deliver advice that helps growers get their bins empty by harvest.

"There are literally dozens of key features that producers take into consideration when they make that decision to sell," said Lepp. "The amount of data that we're able to synthesize and bring to each individual operation is incredible."

Richard Surendrakumar, Chief Product Officer of GrainFox, said Smart Advisor pulls from an ever-growing bank of over 20,000 data sets.

"Every day we discover new data sets that could be potentially relevant to the trends, the prices, and some of the decisions that we make in the algorithms. Now, these data sets could be things like your macroeconomic data trends, data events, news articles, financial data and more" said Surendrakumar.

"It's the algorithm that's really doing the heavy lifting here. It finds patterns, correlations and causality relationships between all of these types of information and marries them to the farm's operational constraints."

Surendrakumar said they are always striving to make their algorithms better.

He said they're always asking, "what are some of the ways in which we can understand the user better, understand the user's farm op-

erations better, and then integrate that into the algorithms and the decision-making?"

Pham said they often get asked about data privacy and security, and clarified that they do not sell or solicit individual client data.

"We know that clients are inputting that data to get the most out of the tools in GrainFox, and we know they're entrusting us with protecting it," said Pham.

"GrainFox clients own their data. The farm data information that is inputted is really for the benefit of the client. The more specific the information, the deeper the personalization."

GrainFox (formerly FarmLink) acquired DePutter Publishing in 2022. Lepp said they were excited to bring together two of the leading brands in Canada that provide farmers grain marketing strategies. GrainFox features analysis from two in-house teams that work together: FarmLink and DePutter Publishing.

"Those two different strategies are fed into GrainFox and pushed out to our clients, making it a really efficient channel for real-time information gathering," said Lepp.

GrainFox is currently only available to Canadian growers, but they have plans to expand to the U.S. in the near future.

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Every year, the Earth yields billions of tons of natural resources and at some point, in the not too distant future, it will run out.

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The last decade has been the hottest on record, and we are now facing a climate emergency of unparalleled proportions. If we don't make significant and rapid changes, we will see continued rising global temperatures, the melting of icecaps, continents on fire and rapid deforestation.

This directly affects humanity with increased poverty, immigration from displaced communities, job losses, waste mountains and natural habitats disappearing. We have the power to make lasting changes to combat this, and with recycling being recognized in the UN's Sustainable Development Goals 2030, we are already seeing many individuals, governments and organisations taking direct action to support the global green agenda.

Recycling is a key part of the circular economy, helping to protect our natural resources. Each year the 'Seventh Resource' (recyclables) saves over 700 million tonnes in CO2 emissions and this is projected to

increase to 1 billion tons by 2030. There is no doubt recycling is on the front line in the war to save the future of our planet and humanity.

The Global Recycling Foundation is pleased to announce the theme of Global Recycling Day 2021 as #RecyclingHeroes. This will recognise the people, places and activities that showcase what an important role recycling plays in contributing to an environmentally stable planet and a greener future which will benefit all.

Global Recycling Day was created in 2018 to help recognise, and celebrate, the importance recycling plays in preserving our precious primary resources and securing the future of our planet. It is a day for the world to come together and put the planet first.

The mission of Global Recycling Day, as set out by the Global Recycling Foundation, is twofold:

1. To tell world leaders that recycling is simply too important not to be a global issue, and that a common, joined up approach to recycling is urgently needed.
2. To ask people across the planet to think resource, not waste, when it comes to the goods around us – until this happens, we simply won't award recycled goods the true value and repurpose they deserve.



To help celebrate Earth Day, here are a few Recycling Do's and Don'ts:

Do Recycle:

- Any plastic container with a recycling triangle on the bottom (except with the #6 includes bottles, pails, tubs and jugs) and any steel food and beverage containers: soup and pet food cans
- Drink cans & bottles, juice boxes
- All paper products including cardboard boxes, newspapers magazines

Don't Recycle:

- Products containing multiple material types packaged together, like most coffee pods or toys containing both plastic and metal
- Takeout containers or pizza boxes with food remnants
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The Flying Froebes...getting off the ground Part 1

By Dennis Young

Homewood may not be the first place that comes to mind when people think of Canadian aviation landmarks, but it should be. It was here that the first Canadian-made rotary-wing aircraft took flight. The story behind that flight, which took place in the winter of 1939, is the story of three brothers: Doug, Nicholas, and Theodore (Deed) Froebe.

The Froebe brothers were living near an Air Force base in Illinois where they were mesmerized by the constant flights overhead as young boys. The family immigrated to Canada to farm in 1921 and while they experimented with many projects on the farm (more on those in later issues), they continued to follow developments of their real passion of flying machines.

In 1927 they sent for blueprints to construct a plane and in 1931 rebuilt another (more on those in later issues). These 2 projects gave them the confidence to move forward with other plans. After an evening of drawing designs together, the 3 boys and their Mother headed to the U.S.A. to find out all they could on rotorcraft design and their dynamics or helicopters.

Several U.S. engineers/designers were less than helpful as helicopters had a bad reputation with the lack of success being made for the money being spent. Doug recalled meeting with aviation pioneer William Stout who was thought to be an “outside-of-the-box” sort of thinker too. When asked for his recommendations on building a helicopter, Stout reportedly gave him a dollar and told him to go back home.

This and other deterrents did not stop them and before heading home bought a de Havilland Gipsy 98-horsepower Cirrus engine for \$100. They also picked up wheels and shock absorbers, then with great enthusiasm hauled everything back to Canada in the house trailer (which they had built for this trip too).

While the Americans and the Germans were working on similar projects using corporate and government monies, these three 20 year olds were working in their small farm shop during the height of the depression with very little money, an oxy-acetylene welder, a used lathe and several small tools. This all done with their limited education as none of them had finished high school.

But between them, they had skills in design, mechanics, and welding (and an obvious ambition) so



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Doug Froebe in the pilot seat during a run-up test of the original Froebe helicopter during the fall of 1938.

the construction proceeded smoothly using scavenged parts. The transmission was assembled from available farming machinery components such as a Ford truck flywheel, the rudder pedals from Model T Ford, a tractor gas tank and the crown gears and a pinion were from a Chevrolet truck. The frame and gear case were constructed of chrome molybdenum steel bought in Winnipeg which had to be bent and welded to shape.

The engine was bolted down and to provide the aircraft's lift, a coaxial design with two main rotors turning in opposite directions was used. This would solve anti-torque problems. The rotor blades were constructed of 18-gauge metal for four feet out from the hub, then 20-gauge out to the tip covered with a fabric. They provided lift and directional control.

The helicopter was 13 feet and seven inches long with the pilot's single seat at the rear with the main rotor mast and engine in front of him. The undercarriage had a two-wheel arrangement up front with a single tail wheel at the back. The fuel tank was located in the front of the fuselage.

The Gipsy Moth engine was started by pulling the lower rotor blade around and disengaging the clutch when the engine started. The speed was in-

creased and the clutch eased in, thus turning the rotor blades once the engine was up to the required speed. In terms of controls, the helicopter had a stick for directional control.

By the late fall of 1938, with Doug selected as the pilot, ground run ups began and by mid-December, they were ready for air tests. On Dec. 20 Doug made the first attempt at flight after reaching about 1,400 rpm. Working the controls, the tail rose up about three feet resulting in the two front wheels leaving the ground.....Doug was in the air. He was able to fly a short distance and settled to the ground after about 20 minutes.

Team Homewood was extremely excited. History had been made — the first man-controlled vertical flight in Canada and believed to be the second successful helicopter flight in the world.

However, there were a few problems that required attention. One was that the helicopter was nose-heavy so the gas tank was moved to the back. Another was the severe vibration continuing to be a problem. Tinkering yielded later flights reaching five to six feet off the ground for distances over 50 feet but that vibration remained.

A few months into 1939, after trying to refine the helicopter into a reasonably safe aircraft to fly, they abandoned their project. They had carried out a series of short flights for a total of four hours and five minutes of flight time by March 2, 1939. All this was during the Great Depression, when money was hard to come by and the world was on the brink of war. Disappointed, the helicopter was stored in a granary and forgotten.

The original coaxial helicopter was found in a granary intact except for the tires, on the farm in the 1970s in surprisingly good shape. Arrangements were made with the family to have it moved for display at the Royal Aviation Museum of Western Canada in Winnipeg. Doug would comment of their helicopter: “I don't know if it amounts to much — maybe an interesting object of art, I suppose you might say.”

Despite this modesty, the Froebes had a lot to be proud of. They had made history in the Canadian aviation industry. Out of their minds and through their hands came a flying instrument that still, to this day, amazes aeronautical engineers with its futuristic mechanisms. Their success goes to show that a little confidence and determination can accomplish the impossible.

Benefit concert for Türkiye and Syria March 19 in Gretna

By Ashleigh Viveiros

A group of concerned citizens are doing what they can to help people in desperate need half a world away.

A benefit concert has been organized to help the survivors of the earthquake that devastated Türkiye and Syria earlier this month.

Co-organizer Ashley Wiens explains she and some friends from church wanted to do something to help in the wake of the disaster.

“I emailed Garry [Klassen] and said is there something we can do? A

prayer vigil? A concert?”

They latched on to the concert idea and reached out to singer-songwriter Steve Bell to see if he'd be keen to get involved.

Bell jumped on board without hesitation, Wiebe says, and generous local sponsors have stepped up to cover the costs of renting Buhler Hall in Gretna for him to perform on Sunday, March 19 at 7 p.m.

There's free admission to the show, but donations (a suggested minimum of

\$25) will be accepted on behalf of the Canadian Foodgrains Bank.

“All our costs are covered, so 100 per cent of the proceeds are going right to the Canadian Food Grains Bank,” Wiens says, noting they really hope to see the 463-seat hall full that night. “It's really a regional effort. We're hoping we can reach people in Winkler, Morden, Gretna, Emerson—all over.”

Raising funds for CFGB, which Bell has performed benefit concerts on be-

half of in the past, just made sense, Wiens says, as it's an established Christian relief agency that mobilizes all over the world.

“They already have people on the ground there [in Türkiye and Syria],” she says.

There will be donation forms available at the concert supplied by Canadian Foodgrains Bank. Donations can be made by cash or cheque that night or online at foodgrainsbank.ca/donate/turkiye-syria/.

Remembering the great Tom Rockey

By Ty Dilello

Many sportspeople in the Carman area probably knew the name Tom Rockey. He was an iconic figure in Carman hockey circles for most of his life. But, perhaps people didn't know the tale of Rockey's greatest hockey triumph – the 1946 Memorial Cup.

The Winnipeg Monarchs of the 1940s was primarily a South Winnipeg team. The group's core was Kelvin High School, as nine players (including Rockey) attended that school and played hockey at nearby Lord Roberts or Sir John Franklin Community Clubs.

The 1945-46 season became a special year for Rockey and the Monarchs.

The Monarchs rolled through the Manitoba league all season long, and after winning the Manitoba championships, they moved on to the Western Canadian playdowns. They defeated the Port Arthur Flyers four games to one and then the Edmonton Canadians in five games to advance to the Memorial Cup final against the St. Michael's College Majors.

The 1946 Memorial Cup series between the Winnipeg Monarchs and the St. Michael's College Majors at the Maple Leaf Gardens was nothing short of an absolute spectacle. The Memorial Cup finals ended the first season following the end of the Second World War. Canada lost a lot of young men, many of them hockey players, on the battlefields of Europe. As the season was winding down, it was as though a country had decided to rediscover itself in its arenas. Legendary broadcaster Foster Hewitt later said it was the most remarkable series he had ever called.

When the Monarchs got off the train arriving early one morning in Toronto, they grabbed a newspaper and read in the Toronto Globe and Mail that they were the 20-1 underdogs for the series. Of course, this was a star-studded St. Mike's lineup that boasted future NHL stars such as Red Kelly, Tod Sloan, Fleming Mackell, Ed Sandford and was coached by none other than the Hall of Famer Joe Primeau. Still, that 20-to-1 may have been a little high and had I been alive back then, this writer probably would have put some money down on the Monarchs.

Before the start of the series, Monarchs coach Walter Monson, a former gold medal-winning hockey player for Canada at the 1932 Olympics, said that he expected the series to go close to seven games while confident that he had a squad capable of winning the prized mug. Coming into this final, both teams had previously

hoisted the Memorial Cup twice. St. Mike's doing so in 1934 and 1945; the Monarchs in 1935 and 1937.

The series started with a big surprise as the Monarchs won the first game 3-2, sending shockwaves throughout Toronto. It seemed to spark the St. Mike's squad as they swiftly won the next two games 5-3 and 7-3. Winnipeg found a way to win Game 4 in a tight 4-3 affair, but after dropping Game 5 by a lopsided 7-4 score in a game where the Monarchs looked shaky at best, it looked like the series was all but over. So much so that Maple Leaf Gardens owner Conn Smythe got a little cocky, perhaps when he went on Foster Hewitt's broadcast after Game 5 saying all kinds of things. Because it was just after the Second World War, and there were thousands of soldiers, sailors and Air Force guys in Toronto coming back from Europe, Smythe proclaimed on the radio that if there was a seventh game, any serviceman in uniform could come to watch the game for free. After what he saw in Game 5, Smythe did not doubt that St. Mike's would close out the Monarchs in Game 6.

But the Monarchs wouldn't die. They dug deep and won 4-2 to force that seventh game. The announced attendance for Game 7 was 15,819, the largest crowd to watch an amateur hockey game in Canada, breaking a previous record of 15,659 set at Maple Leaf Gardens for a 1938 Memorial Cup game between the St. Boniface Seals and Oshawa Generals. It was a bigger crowd than any Toronto Maple Leafs contest, as the Maple Leaf Gardens official capacity in those years was 12,627. And even though the announced attendance was 15,819, the crowd was much larger than that. It was way above the fire regulations. There were no aisles. Fans were crammed along the boards and hanging from the rafters. There might have been 23,000 people in the Maple Leaf Gardens that night, which would be one of the biggest crowds ever, at that time, to watch a hockey game, period.

With Game 7 knotted at 2-2 after two periods, speedy George Robertson took the series into his own hands. At the 7:51 mark of the third period, he flip-flopped off the Winnipeg bench and promptly stole the puck from Fleming Mackell at centre ice. Robertson raced in on St. Mike's defence alone and, just as he hit the blueline, put on an extra burst of speed, which shifted the two-man defence out of position and fired a waist-high shot from 15-feet out to the top right-hand corner of the net. St. Mike's goalie, Pat Boehmer, never touched it. Team-

mates quickly swarmed him after the goal, hugging and patting him on the back and even going so far as Harry Taylor and Tom Rockey planting a kiss on Robertson's cheek.

Robertson added an insurance goal with 47 seconds remaining just as it looked like St. Mike's might tie the game. The timekeeper had just announced, "one minute to play," when Robertson, Taylor and the sturdy defenseman Rockey broke away on a three-person rush. Catching St. Mike's with only one man back, Rockey, carrying the puck, slipped a pass to Robertson just inside the blue line as the lone defencemen tried containing Taylor instead. Robertson proceeded to skate in close, drew Boehmer to one side and flipped the puck into the net. Cheers went through the building as fans knew the series was now over, and after the goal, a pair of pink corsets were flung onto the ice surface by a Monarchs supporter. The Winnipeg Monarchs won the game 4-2 to win the Memorial Cup. The hero was George Robertson, who had six goals and four assists for ten points throughout the seven-game final, including the series clincher.

All in all, the series drew "officially" 102,575 fans, which was a record for a seven-game amateur series in Canada. Newspaper reports say it was good that Robertson was the hero of the series because he worked his heart out in every game and, along with his team's netminder, Jack Gibson, was the steadiest player. St. Mike's outscored the Monarchs 28 to 25 over the seven games due to their two big 7-3 and 7-4 wins earlier in the series. Another fun fact is that Game 7 was the only game in the series in which the team who scored the game's first goal failed to win.

Back home in Winnipeg on the Saturday night of Game 7, every sports fan in the city was glued to the radio listening to Foster Hewitt call the big game. Downtown on Portage Ave. after the final whistle sounded, there was a parade of supporters marching about with a sign held high in the air proclaiming, "Monarchs Did It."

You might wonder how Rockey and the boys celebrated such a monumental victory for Manitoba hockey? Well, there was no reception after the game or anything of that nature to celebrate the Monarchs triumph. Instead, they passed the hat amongst themselves, raised a cool \$28 bucks and got a cabbie to get them some bootleg beer. So I'm sure the Monarchs had some fun that night, and then it was back on the train the following day to return to Winnipeg.

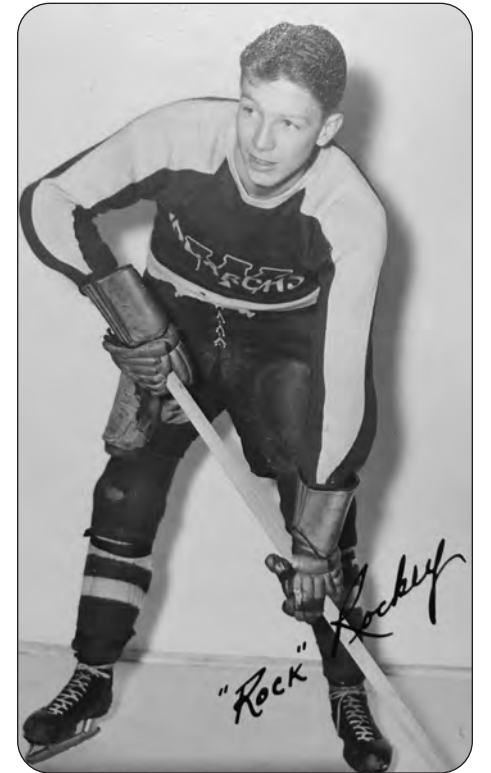


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Carman's Tom Rockey was a member of the 1946 Winnipeg Monarchs squad that reached great heights, winning the Memorial Cup as the top junior hockey team in Canada.

The hero of the series, George Robertson was the last remaining player alive from that 1946 Monarchs team before he passed away from COVID-19 in 2021 at the age of 93.

Robertson humbly said when recalling the series, "We might have been 20-1 underdogs in the final against St. Mike's, but we had a hell of a team. They said we were the finest team out of the west, but we still went in as massive underdogs. One of the things that put us where we were had to be the play of Red McRae and Harry Taylor. That's what carried us, and guys like Bill Tindall and Tom Rockey were pretty good too."

I had to remind George that he did pretty well himself and, with a wry smile, said, "Yeah, I guess I scored a few in the finals against St. Mike's."

From that championship, the Monarchs team, George Robertson, Clint Albright, Gord Fashoway, Al Buchanan and Harry Taylor went on to play in the National Hockey League. Taylor even won a Stanley Cup with the Toronto Maple Leafs in 1949.

Tom Rockey never reached the NHL, but he came oh so close, even playing in a couple of exhibition games with the Montreal Canadiens. Instead, he enjoyed a successful career in the minor leagues before returning to Manitoba and settling in the Carman area.

Rockey became a long-time fixture in the Carman senior and minor hockey ranks, playing and coaching. He passed away in Roland on March 25, 2019, at 93.

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Makes: 2 pies (9 inches each)
3 3/4 cups heavy whipped cream, divided
8 ounces cream cheese, softened
1 1/4 cups, plus 2 tablespoons, powdered sugar, divided
5 drops green food coloring
1 1/4 teaspoons vanilla extract, divided
1/4 teaspoon mint extract
1 bag mint chocolate candies, chopped, divided
2 chocolate cookie crusts (9 inches each)
1 bag mint chocolate candies

To make filling: In bowl of stand mixer, whisk 2 1/2 cups heavy cream until stiff peaks form. Transfer to bowl.

In separate stand mixer bowl, beat cream cheese on high 2 minutes. Gradually add 1 1/4 cups powdered sugar and green food coloring; mix until smooth. Add 1/4 teaspoon vanilla and mint extract; mix well.

Fold prepared whipped cream into cream cheese mixture. Fold 1 cup

Luck o' the Irish Mint Pie

chopped mint chocolate candies into filling.

To make frosting: In bowl of stand mixer, whisk remaining heavy cream and remaining powdered sugar. Add remaining vanilla extract and mix until stiff peaks form.

Pour filling into crusts and smooth tops. Fill decorating bag with frosting and pipe thick band around edges of pies. Then pipe circle dollops evenly around edges of pies.

Scatter 1 cup chopped mint chocolate candies in middle of pies. Place whole mint chocolate candies into each dollop of frosting around edges of pies.

Refrigerate until firm, 5-6 hours.



Serves: 1

1 cup whipping cream
1/2 teaspoon peppermint extract
2 teaspoons powdered sugar
1/2 cup milk
1 3/4 ounces Baileys Irish Cream liqueur
3 scoops mint chocolate chip ice cream
chocolate syrup

Minty Shake

chopped sugar cookies, for garnish (optional)

pistachios, for garnish (optional)
mint chocolate candy, for garnish (optional)

Using mixer, whisk whipping cream until soft peaks form. Add peppermint extract and powdered sugar; mix until well blended. Set aside.

In blender, blend milk, liqueur and ice cream until smooth.

Drizzle chocolate syrup inside soda glass. Pour ice cream mixture into glass. Top with whipped cream and garnish with cookies, pistachios and mint chocolate candy, if desired.



Yield: 8 sandwiches

8 ounces plain cream cheese spread, softened
1 cup finely shredded mozzarella cheese salt
4 English muffins
24 slices cucumber
8 thin slices green pepper

St. Patrick's Day Sandwiches

fresh cilantro leaves
lemon juice
lemon slices, for garnish (optional)
In bowl, mix cream cheese spread, mozzarella cheese and salt well.

Split English muffins in half. Cut each muffin half into shamrock shape.

Spread cheese mixture over each muffin half.

Place three cucumbers on each "shamrock," one on each "leaf." Use green pepper slice as stem. Place cilantro leaf on top of each sandwich.

Sprinkle sandwiches with lemon juice and add lemon slices, for garnish, if desired.

Ask the Money Lady

Dear Money Lady: I can't believe the high price of groceries nowadays. Any advice? Grace.

Dear Grace, you are so right – the cost of groceries has gone up 12.4% according to Stats Canada from January 2022 and with the continued trend that we are to experience a "mild recession" this year, we can expect the costs to rise a little more. Let's go through five quick tips that will help lower your food expenses.

1. Go back to the old way of shopping – clip those coupons.

There are many coupons on-line that you can print off and use from retailers or product manufacturers. I just went on-line to: "Kellogg's Coupons Canada" and found many printable coupons for all their products. Why not try this with other items you always buy. It's like getting free money with a few clicks on your laptop.

2. Use points cards to redeem cash towards your next grocery bill.

A lot of grocery stores these days have incentives to shop with them. Some examples are using your cash back credit cards, Scene cards, Air Miles cards, or even proprietary shopping cards to earn points and redeem as cash towards groceries. Why not make the store help you pay?

3. Try not to shop with those giant silver "wheelbarrow carts" designed to get you to spend more. Instead opt for the much smaller carts – not the two-tiered monsters that make you feel like a chariot driver. Subconsciously when you see very few items in those giant shopping carts, we tend to easily say "yes" to an extra few items not on our shopping list.

4. Stay out of the boutique sections of the grocery store. The outer aisles will always have the produce, dairy and meat sections you need with all the inner aisles favouring more expensive favorites that entice you to spend more. There is a science to grocery store layouts. Popular food brands pay more to be shelved at eye level to get you to easily spot them. Often cheaper options are on the lower shelves out of your line of sight. This is the case for everything except food and snacks for kids, especially cereal. Often you will find the more expen-



Christine Ibbotson

sive foods catered towards children on the lower shelves at a child's eye level. Some stores may even put colourful stickers on the floor or on the shelves to capture the attention of your little shopping helpers. Aisle endcaps are another prime location to lure you in with more expensive name brands always on display to entice you to pick up just one more item before you leave.

5. Lastly, I want you to consider starting a DIY plan in your kitchen. Make fresh bread: throw 3-5 ingredients into a bread machine and viola you have bread healthier and cheaper than buying it. Plant a garden of indoor pots with herbs, lettuce, or small vegetables. Make cookies from scratch instead of buying them, (your kids will love it). Buy larger servings (like a whole chicken) or produce and meats in bulk to save more and then divide food up into single or family meal portions.

Remember, paying for convenience and ambiance is the easiest way to overspend. If you spend a little more time and effort in planning your groceries, you most likely will be a lot healthier with less on your waistline and more in your wallet.

Good Luck & Best Wishes,
Christine Ibbotson

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Hasell golded at wrestling provincials

By Ty Dilello

Local wrestler Brady Hasell recently won a gold medal at the Manitoba Amateur Wrestling Provincials on March 4 at Canadian Mennonite University (CMU) in Winnipeg.

The Grade 5 student at Carman Elementary School has been wrestling for two seasons, and this recent title win is the biggest highlight of his career.

"I like WWE and thought that wrestling would be good exercise, so that's why I got into it," said Hasell.

A young man of few words, Hasell was confident of his chances at the recent Provincials and was quite pleased after his final match when he came away with the gold medal in his

age category.

"It was pretty exciting to compete at Provincials. I did expect to win, so it was sweet when it happened."

Hasell is done for this wrestling season and plans to get back into it in the fall. He would like to win more gold medals at future Provincials.

"Brady wrestled well in competition all season," said local wrestling coach Jacob Sailer. "It was also fun to see him take advice and apply it to later matches. His work ethic and attention to detail in practice definitely paid off at the provincial tournament. He dominated the tournament pinning one opponent and beating another by technical fall (10-0)."



STANDARD PHOTO BY MARLA HASELL

Local wrestler Brady Hasell recently won the gold medal at the Manitoba Amateur Wrestling Provincials, which were held on March 4 at the Canadian Mennonite University (CMU) in Winnipeg.

Zone 4 hockey league hands out season-end awards

Staff

As the Morden Thunder and the Portage Collegiate Trojans battle it out to see who will be the Zone 4 High School Hockey League champs, the regular season's award winners have been announced.

Tanner Anderson of the Pembina Tigers was named the Heavy Metal Designs Most Valuable Player. The Tigers' team captain is their leading goal scorer and current points leader. He had four hat tricks in five games in the regular season.

Receiving the Lew Mueller Defenseman of the Year Award is Portage's Maddox Shindle. Shindle is both the highest point producing defenseman in the league as well as the primary penalty killer and shut down defenseman for his team.

The Top Goaltender Award went to Logan Mazinke of the Morris Mavericks for his .941 save percentage (among the best in the league). He's allowed just 31 goals in 15 games, which at 2.01 GAA puts him at fourth best in the league.

The Lloyd C. Orchard Most Sportsmanlike Player Award winner is Ethan Wilde of the Carman Cougars. Wilde was lauded as a hard worker and a positive mentor for younger players.

Taking home the Top Scorer Award

is Portage's JJ Oke, who finished the regular season with 37 goals and 23 assists for a total of 60 points in 23 games.

The Morris Mavericks were named the Top Defensive Team for having the least goals scored against them in the regular season.

The Morden Thunder received the Charlie Maykut Fair Play Award for accumulating the least penalty minutes.

Official of the Year is Johl Swedlo.

Finally, the Morden Thunder's

coaches received the Coaching Staff of the Year honour, as voted on by each member team in the league.

The league also announced its All-Star roster for the game taking place in Altona this Saturday, March 18. The top Zone 4 players will be taking on the Winnipeg Elite.

The Morden Thunder coaching staff will lead a team made up of forwards Alex Van Deynze (PCI), JJ Oke (PCI), Owen Vanrobaeys (Morden), Josh Ryckman-Guilford (Morden), Rylan Keck (Morris), Awstin Suwala (Mor-

ris), Ty Tarnick (WC Miller), Tanner Anderson (Pembina), Brayden Froese (GVC), Ryan Orchard (Carman), Brett Lesage (Mountain), and Noah Bergen (NPC); defencemen Maddox Shindle (PCI), Nick Wiebe (Morden), Noah Maynard (Morris), Xander Dyck (WC Miller), James Young (Pembina), and Hudson Friesen (GVC); and goaltenders Logan Mazinke (Morris) and Rowan Cherkas (PCI)

Puck drops at 3 p.m.

Twisters fall to Hawks, down Riels

By Lorne Stelmach

The Pembina Valley Twisters had mixed results this past weekend as the MMJHL regular season draws to a close.

Pembina Valley fell 7-1 to the Charleswood Hawks Friday but rebounded for a 7-2 victory Sunday over the St. Boniface Riels.

With two games remaining, the Twisters are at 21-16-3-3 for 48 points and are guaranteed to finish at least sixth but with a chance to possibly edge past Fort Garry Fort Rouge,

which had one game left and were at 51 points.

Against third place Charleswood, the Twisters gave up five unanswered second period goals and then a pair of power play markers in the third period. Merek Degraeve scored the lone Pembina Valley goal while Logan Enns made 22 saves as the Hawks outshot Charleswood 29-28.

The Twisters connected for three power play goals and held period leads of 1-0 and 4-0 against St. Boni-

face.

Caelen Russell scored twice while Degraeve, Cody Clark, Kyle VanDeynze, Nico Vigier, and Slade Sotheran contributed singles.

Shots on goal were 36-31 for the Twisters, who got a 29 save performance from Enns.

The regular season concludes this weekend with Pembina Valley visiting Transcona Friday and then hosting the Raiders Sunday.

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Carman returns home with U11 Rural A2 Provincial bronze medals

By Annaliese Meier

The Carman U11 team played exceptionally at the Hockey Manitoba Rural A2 Provincials held in Hazelridge and Oakbank from March 3-5, bringing home bronze medals. The team exhibited excellent teamwork and sportsmanship throughout the tournament, securing four victories and enduring only one loss.

The winning journey of the team commenced on Friday, March 3, when they played their first game against Morden, emerging victorious with a score of 4-3. Brooks Falk led the team to a triumphant start by scoring three goals, with Quinn Froebe contributing one goal. In addition, goaltender Sergei Lubkiwski displayed a brilliant performance, adding to the team's success.

In their second game of the day against Niverville White, Carman's players scored ten goals, defeating their opponents 10-5. The game witnessed various players contributing to the game sheet, with Noah Friesen registering four goals, Carla McKnight and Falk scoring two goals each,

and Froebe scoring one. In addition, Lubkiwski again demonstrated his excellence as the goalkeeper, making valuable saves for the team.

On Saturday, March 4, the team displayed their proficiency again, beating Springfield 8-1. Falk continued his exceptional performance, scoring four goals, with Friesen adding two goals and Alex Unger and Zeke Kaminsky registering one goal each. Lubkiwski's contribution to the team's success was again remarkable.

Despite the team's unbeaten run in the tournament, Sunday proved to be a challenging day for the team, as they faced their first defeat in the semi-finals against Mitchell by 6-5. Falk scored three goals, with Friesen and Everett Armishaw contributing one goal each. However, the team displayed resilience by returning from the loss and securing a 4-3 victory against Niverville Blue in the bronze medal game. Falk again led the team's scoring, registering three goals, with Unger adding one. Lubkiwski displayed his skills in the net, leading the



STANDARD PHOTO BY TRACEY FALK

Carman recently won the bronze medals at the U11 A2 Provincials in Oakbank finishing with 4 wins and 1 loss. Pictured back row, left to right, coaches Murray Froebe, Chad Lubkiwski, Matt Falk; middle row, Carla McKnight, Bekka Bartley, Zeke Kaminsky, Alex Unger, Quinn Froebe, Brooks Falk, Everett Armishaw, Kate Dunn; front row, Lauryn Weir, Ava Nordquist and Sergei Lubkiwski. Missing from the photo is Noah Friesen and Miller Vanderveen.

team to win the bronze medal.

The team's success in the tournament was well-deserved, and the

bronze medal was a testament to their hard work.

Allison enjoys first full NHL season

By Ty Dilello

Myrtle's Wade Allison has made a big step forward in his hockey career this year, as he is currently wrapping up his first entire season in the National Hockey League with the Philadelphia Flyers.

Allison originally made his NHL debut on April 15, 2021, against the Pittsburgh Penguins. He scored his first NHL goal two nights later in his second career game. After recovering from numerous injuries over the past couple of seasons, Allison has stayed relatively healthy for most of the 2022-23 campaign.

In his rookie season with the Philadelphia Flyers, Allison has made his mark on the team as a dynamic winger who can play tough and score when needed. To date, Allison has played 45 games this year and scored 13 points (eight goals and five assists).

The Philadelphia Flyers organization is not having a good season, which is good and bad news for Allison. They are far from being a playoff team and, as a result, fired their general manager Chuck Fletcher last week.

The Flyers will likely be going through a rebuild over the next few years, which means trading assets and rebuilding their team depth through the NHL Entry Draft.

Young players in the club, such as Allison will be big beneficiaries of this as it means he will be getting a chance to develop over the next few seasons with an increase in ice time.

It's exciting for local hockey fans in the Carman area as one of their own; Allison will continue to be an NHL player for many years as he carves out his path in the world's top league.



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Myrtle's Wade Allison has made a big step forward in his hockey career by making the NHL's Philadelphia Flyers out of training camp.

2023 Western Canadian Ringette Championships to be held in Winnipeg

Submitted

In just under two weeks, Winnipeg will be hosting the 2023 Western Canadian Ringette Championships.

Taking place from March 29 to April 1, the Western Championships will bring together teams from Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia at the U14AA, U16A, U19A, and 18+ A levels.

The event will feature 500 athletes across 25 teams as they represent their provinces as the "best in the west". The total estimated attendance for the annual championship is anticipated to be around 800 to 900 attendees.

The U16A and U19A teams representing Team Manitoba are the Eastman Heat which include athletes

from the Eastman Ringette Association (Beausejour, Springfield, Lorette, Steinbach, Niverville/Red River, etc.)

Opening ceremonies will be at 4 p.m. on March 29 at the Selkirk Recreation Complex and will be hosted by LTI (Virgin 103.1) and include opening remarks from The Honourable Obby Khan Minister of Sport, Culture

and Heritage. It will be immediately followed by the skills competitions for U14AA, U16A and U19A. Attendance to the opening ceremonies is free. Games begin on March 30 and will be taking place at both Seven Oaks Arena and East End Arena. Attendance at the door is \$35 for the weekend or \$15 for the day.

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

Sudoku Answer

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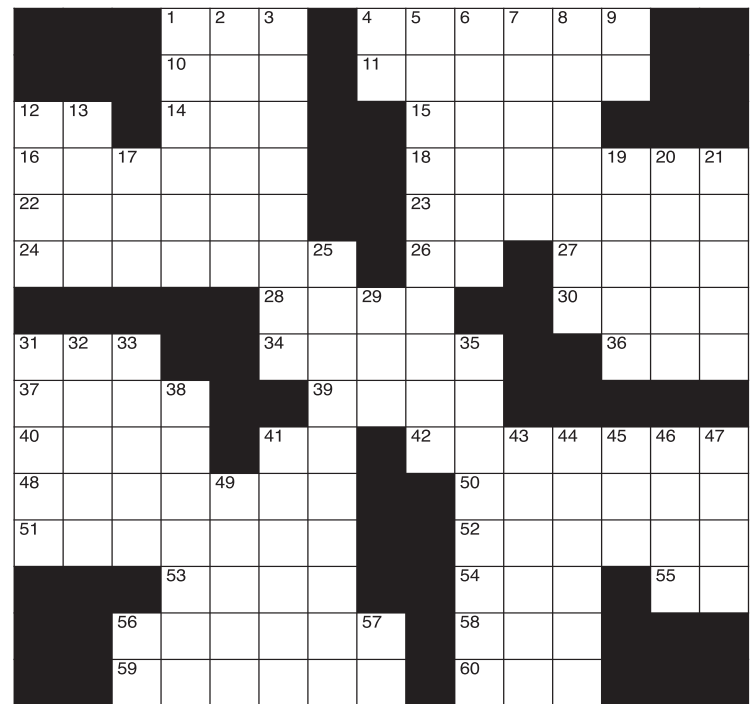
Crossword Answer



CROSSWORD

CLUES ACROSS

- Belonging to a thing
- Pass or go by
- Partner to cheese
- Subjects
- U.S. State (abbr.)
- Bits per inch
- Forest-dwelling deer
- Illinois city
- A salt or ester of acetic acid
- Wholly unharmed
- Cuddled
- Bane
- Global investment bank (abbr.)
- Oh my gosh!
- Arrive
- Famed Spanish artist
- Home of "Frontline"
- Group of quill feathers
- Keyboard key
- Army training group
- Detail
- Pole with flat blade
- Football play
- Makes unhappy
- Island in Hawaii
- Back in business
- Of an individual
- Painful chest condition
- Tropical American monkey
- Matchstick game
- For instance
- Even again
- Popular beverage
- Evaluate
- Time units (abbr.)



CLUES DOWN

- Stain one's hands
- Nocturnal hoofed animals
- Back condition
- Popular movie alien
- City of Angels
- Peaks
- Infantry weapons
- Left
- Atomic #99
- Told a good yarn
- Vale
- Resistance unit
- Aquatic plant
- Bluish greens
- About some Norse poems
- Reinforces
- Egyptian mythological goddess
- Supportive material
- Subatomic particle
- Expired bread
- Cereal grain
- Goes against
- Walkie
- One who does not accept
- Beliefs
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On Saturday March 4, 2023 a farewell/birthday celebration was held for me at the Carman Legion. It was so wonderful to see so many people come and enjoy the afternoon. I would like to thank everyone for coming to celebrate with me. Special thank you to Karen Maxwell and Donna Kohut for organizing the afternoon in conjunction with the Carman Legion and Ladies Auxiliary. Thanks to my son Brian and his wife Heather, from Calgary who were in attendance.

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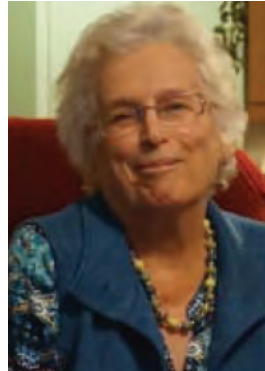
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OBITUARY



Grace Eleene Neufeld

Born May 22, 1930 on the family farm south of Treherne, Manitoba, Mom was the fourth of eight children. Her mother Lena Irene (Harrison) passed away in 1942 when Mom was 12. Her dad, Gordon Gerald Gorrie, worked hard to keep the family and the farm going. Mom and her sisters, Shirley and Lena, took over all of their mother's chores. Mom was also assigned to raise the geese and the turkeys for market.

Once out of school, Mom decided on a career in teaching. She soon caught the eye of a young man named John Neufeld. They were married in Winnipeg on July 28, 1956, and John began working as a truck driver for his brother Herman. After one year of marriage they moved to Elm Creek, Manitoba and raised a family of four. The youngest was Lana and the other three were boys: John Jr, Randy and Lance.

John passed away on October 26, 1988.

Mom subsequently moved to the Vancouver area where she met Alex Clelland. They were married in 1997.

Alex passed away in August of 2009.

Mom then moved back to Carman in 2011 and took up residence in the Carman Meadowood Estates, a senior's complex for independent living. Her last move was to the Carman Boyne Lodge.

Mom died peacefully in the Boyne Lodge on March 10, 2023.

She is survived by her children: John Jr (Susan), Randy (Debbie), Lance (Gayla), Lana; her grandchildren: Richelle (Robert), Steven, Tanner, Ariel, Kristyn, Janelle (Andy); her great-granddaughter Olivia; her brother Winston and sisters-in-law Alice, Irma, Betty (Don), as well as many nieces and nephews.

We would like to extend our deepest thanks to the staff of Boyne Lodge and, in particular, the memory care unit where she lived two years and the palliative care staff who made her comfortable in her last days.

Mom will be buried in the Beaconsfield cemetery beside her first husband John; not far from the family farm where she was born 92 years earlier.

OBITUARY

Jim Campbell Feilde

Jim Campbell Feilde passed away March 7, 2023 at the age of 79.

He is survived by partner Carole Burnett, sister Susan Bethune (Ed), nephew James Buchanan, nephew Robert Buchanan and family.

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